

Maternity B.V.M. Church

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April 26/27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Divine Mercy Devotions

Will Be Held On

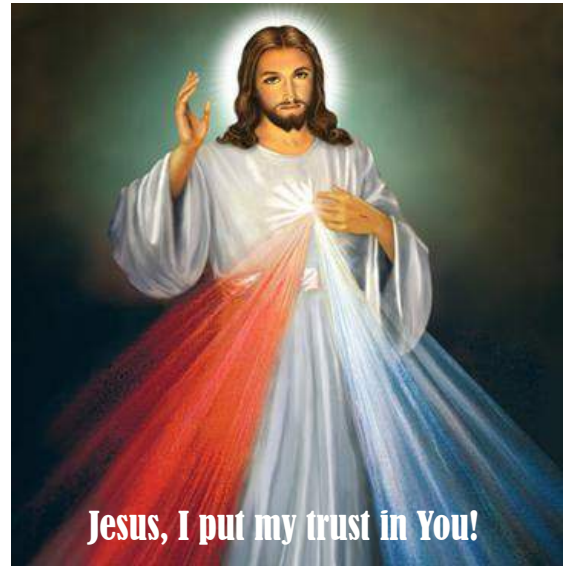
Pentecost Sunday, June 8

Congratulations,

First Communicants!

12:30 PM Mass

PRAY OFTEN FOR PEACE IN OUR WORLD!



Jesus, I put my trust in You!

Worship/Liturgical Schedule

MASS/SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass, Upper Church: 4:30 PM

Sunday Masses, Upper Church: 8, 9:30, 11 AM;
12:30, 7 PM

Old Church: 10:30 AM, First Sunday of the month
in May and October (Cancelled in May)

Holy Days, Upper Church: 6:30, 8, 10 AM; 7 PM

Weekday Masses: Lower Chapel

Monday-Friday: 6:30, 8 AM; **Saturday:** 8 AM

Baptisms: First and Third Sundays of the month

Reconciliation (Sacrament of Penance): Every
Saturday from 3 to 4 PM in the Upper Church and
any time by calling the Rectory

Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament is given to
seriously ill Catholics by calling the Rectory and
arranging for this by appointment or whenever
there is an emergency.

Parish Registration: Welcome all new members
to our Parish. Register at the Rectory; please call
for an appointment during Office Hours, 8 AM to 4
PM, Monday through Friday.

PRAYER DEVOTIONS

Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Every Monday after 8 AM Mass, with Closing
Benediction after 6:30 PM Rosary, Lower Chapel

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Every Monday after 8 AM Mass, Lower Chapel

Recitation of the Rosary:

Before the daily 8 AM Weekday Mass, every
Monday at 6:30 PM

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Pre-Cana Class:

All engaged couples are required to attend a Pre-
Cana Program of Marriage Preparation. Our Parish
offers this Program in the Spring. Call the Rectory
Office for details and to register.

Pre-Jordan Class:

After meeting with a priest and prior to their child's
Baptism, parents are required (God-parents are en-
couraged) to attend this Program, held in the Lower
Level Rectory Meeting Room on the first Wednes-
day of the month at 7 PM.

Are Your Doors Locked?

So here we are, celebrating the Second Sunday of Easter, the Sunday within the Octave of Easter, the Sunday also known as "Mercy Sunday," and as per usual, we hear the story of "Doubting Thomas" and we know how that story goes. The Apostles were locked in the Upper Room for fear of the Jews, the Romans and whatever else might be "out there." But I don't think that's all they were afraid of. I think they were also afraid of what was inside as well. I think they were afraid of what was in their hearts, of the future, of who they were, and how they would go on, even if what was currently "out there" was no longer out there. Remember, each one of them, with the exception of John, had betrayed Jesus, they failed to stand beside Him in His hour of need. I am pretty sure that a lot of soul searching was going on. I am pretty sure that, yes, they were scared, but I bet they also were pretty remorseful, pretty sorry, pretty regretful, pretty down on themselves. And so the doors were locked. Do we ever do that? Do we ever lock the doors of our hearts, of our souls, perhaps because partially we are afraid of what's "out there." But maybe even more so because of the regret that's already in our hearts to the point where we just can't take any more? I am pretty sure that we do, I am pretty sure that many of us have done this, that many of us are doing it right now, and that many of us will do it again. But that's where the lesson of this Second, Sunday of Easter, this "Doubting Thomas" Sunday, this Mercy Sunday comes in. Although the doors were locked we are told that Jesus came and stood in their midst. That's what He did for the disciples, and that's what He does for us. Imagine their amazement, but also imagine their shame and their fear because of their guilt? But what does He bring? "Peace be with you," He says to them. He brings mercy and forgiveness and gives them a mission: to forgive the sins of all. That's what He brings to us, and to our locked hearts. Peace. Mercy. Forgiveness. New Purpose. Amazingly and Unbelievably... Are your doors locked? That might be able to keep the bad guys out there, but take heart, they won't be able to keep Jesus out, not if you long for Him.

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Mass Intentions for the Week



April 26: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 AM +Marie Locher
4:30 PM +Harry Citrino, Jr., 10th Anniv.

April 27: Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM +Keith Mueller
9:30 AM +Francis and Dennis Welsh
11:00 AM +Mario Bucci, 6th Anniversary
12:30 PM +Eileen P. Kelly
7:00 PM +Maria DiCicco

Monday, April 28: St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

6:30 AM +Mario A. Bucci, 6th Anniversary
8:00 AM +Vera Busatto

Tuesday, April 29: St. Catherine of Siena

6:30 AM +Maria Swenson
8:00 AM +Jay III and Sean Bowen

Wednesday, April 30: St. Pius V

6:30 AM +George Bayer, Jr.
8:00 AM +Albert and Dorothy Forster

Thursday, May 1: St. Joseph the Worker

6:30 AM +Dec'd Members of the Kean Fam.
8:00 AM +Elizabeth T. Geraghty

Friday, May 2: St. Athanasius

6:30 AM +Charles W. Zollner
8:30 AM UC +Jean and Bill Stapleton

Saturday, May 3, Sts. Philip and James

8:00 AM +Joseph McGuinness
4:30 PM +Sarah Smith

Third Sunday of Easter, May 4

8:00 AM +Mary Sandusky
9:30 AM +Pasqualina and Francesco Borgia
11:00 AM Joe and +Jeanne Lifested,
62nd Wedding Anniversary
12:30 PM +Thomas A. O'Brien
7:00 PM Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet

+Denotes Deceased



**Sanctuary Candles
Bread and Wine Offerings
Week of April 27, 2025**

Sanctuary Candle, Upper Church:
*In Loving Memory of
John Morris*

Sanctuary Candle, Lower Chapel:
*In Loving Memory of
Keith Mueller*

Sanctuary Candle, Rectory Chapel:
*In Loving Memory of
Susan Marinari*

Bread and Wine Offerings:
Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet

*To participate in our Candles and Gifts
Programs, please call the
Rectory at 215-673-8127.*

***Congratulations,
First***

Communicants!

**Please keep our newest
Communicants in your prayers.
They are receiving their First Holy
Communion at the 12:30 PM Mass.**

*May the Lord Jesus remain
in their hearts forever!*



**Parish May Procession
Tuesday, May 6,**

**7 PM in the Upper Church
Our School and PREP students will be
processing. Everyone is invited to attend.**

In Memoriam

**Our newly blessed Paschal Candle
has been donated in memory of our
deceased Parishioner, Maria Berardi,
by Fortunata Berardi and Family.
Thank you for your generosity!**

Weekly Events Calendar

Monday, April 28

**8:30 AM: Adoration, Lower Chapel, with
Benediction after 6:30 PM Rosary**

Tuesday, April 29

6:45 PM: PREP, School

**7 PM: Bereavement Series, Rectory Meeting
Room 1 (last meeting for the Spring Series)**

Wednesday, April 30

Thursday, May 1

**1:30 PM: Legion of Mary, Rectory Meeting
Room 1**

7 PM: Scouts, Cafeteria

7 P:M: School Play, Parish Hall

Friday, May 2

8:30 AM: School Mass, Upper Church

Noon: School Dismissal

7 PM: School Play, Parish Hall

Saturday, May 3

3-4 PM: Confessions, Upper Church

May 4, Third Sunday of Easter

**After 9:30 and 11 AM Masses: Hospitality,
Lower Chapel Narthex**

1:30 PM: Baptisms, Upper Church

**Divine Mercy Devotions
will take place on the Feast of
Pentecost Sunday, June 8.**

**Please pray for all our
deceased Parishioners and
Benefactors, especially
Pope Francis, Patricia
Paone, Maria Berardi,
Michael Steriotis,
Madeleine Connor and
Rhonda Poore, that they
may know God's eternal
love of Heaven.**



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Tenebrae Service: Friday, April 11



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current with your contributions.

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Weekend of April 12/13, 2025

Regular Collection	\$ 12,049.00
Second Collection	\$ 3,023.00
E-Giving Collection	\$ 769.53
Total Collection	\$ 15,841.53

486 Envelope Users

Collection Total on 4/13/2024:

\$11,141.13

Weekend of April 19/20, 2025

Regular Collection	\$ 10,158.00
Second Collection	\$ 2,364.00
E-Giving Collection	\$ 1,188.92
Total Collection	\$ 13,710.92

435 Envelope Users

Collection Total on 4/20/2024: \$11,385.82

2025 Campaign



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I am very happy to announce that I have hired Mr. Dan McDowell as our new Operations Manager. This is a new position that I have created for our parish and school. The operations manager will tend to needed areas of repair around our campus and coordinate all special projects such as HVAC, parking lot repair, school construction, convent repairs, burglar and fire alarms, security cameras, etc.

Dan became part our team on April 22 and I am very excited for our Parish. Please join me in welcoming him.

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— Father Maloney



2025 B.V.M. RAFFLE TICKETS

**Tickets are available
for only \$10.**

**THE BIG DRAWINGS WILL
BE HELD ON SATURDAY,
JUNE 7, AFTER
4:30 PM MASS,
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Available!**

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your returns!***

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

*SCRIP is sold in
Rectory Meeting Room 1.*



Sunday: 8:45 AM-12:30 PM;

*Drop-off forms are available
for quicker pick-up;*

Monday & Tuesday: closed;

Wednesday: 9:00-11 AM;

Thursday: 9-11 AM; 6:30-8 PM;

Friday: 9-11 AM;

Saturday: 9:30-11:30 AM.

Bereavement Ministry: YOU NEED NOT GRIEVE ALONE!

These meetings are open to anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. This program offers information about the grief process and gives an opportunity to share thoughts and feelings in an environment of understanding and empathy. People of all faiths and neighboring parishes are welcome. Kindly pass this information on to anyone who might be interested in attending. Grief has no time limit. People who attended previously are most welcome to return. Meetings are held in Rectory Meeting Room 1 (lower level of the Rectory) and begin at 7 PM, lasting approximately one hour.

Final Topic for This Series:

April 29: *Spiritual Elements of Grief and Healing.*

Please contact a Bereavement Team Member if you plan to attend or for more information: Eileen Keenan, 215-677-6582, Connie Terzyk, 215-206-1412 or Joanne Peak, 267-560-5909.

Hospitality Sunday

Sunday, May 4

**after 9:30 AM and 11 AM Masses
in the Lower Chapel Narthex**

B.V.M. Class of '75

**Your classmates are planning a
50th Class Reunion!**

Saturday, November 22, 2025

Mass: 4:30 PM, Upper Church

Dinner Reception, Parish Hall, 6-10 PM

Contact dvoisard@maternitybvm.net

with your contact information.

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Seniors Group

Fun Trips For All!

Sight and Sound: Noah

Thursday, September 25; \$180

Sea Watch Resort, Myrtle Beach

October 6 to October 10, 2025

For info on this trip, please call

Betty Ann at 215-964-7125.

Tropicana: Blockbuster Broadway

Monday, November 17; \$80.

**For information on these trips,
please call Connie at 215-338-9141.**

Mother's Day Remembrances

Remembrance envelopes are in your monthly mailing packets. Return them to Church and they will be placed on the Blessed Mother's Altars throughout May. Mothers, living and deceased, will be remembered at all and specific Masses during May.

Mother's Day Cards are available at the Church's Main Entrance, the Rectory Side Entrance of the Lower Chapel, and the Rectory beginning Palm Sunday. There are cards and enrollment envelopes for living Mothers and enrollment envelopes for deceased Mothers.

Please take only what is needed and return your offering in the envelope provided to the Rectory or place it in the Collection. Thank you!



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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Sponsored by Home & School

(Movie has not been announced as of this printing.)

Friday, May 9, 7:30 PM

B.V.M. School Courtyard

This is a free event. Bring your blankets and chairs. Concessions will be sold!

Chairs can be set up beginning at 6:30 PM.

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**Sunday,
May 4, 2025**

9:50am Mass
After Mass until
2pm Coffee,
doughnuts, and
gallery viewing

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50th Year Reunion: 1975

**Friday, May 30, 2025
(7 PM to 11 PM)**

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Maria Berardi	Sherry Hanlon	Cynthia Pinto
Joseph Brown	Raymond Harrison	Jane Pinto
Shirley Callahan	Margaret Horbury	Veronica Reichardt
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Bernard Gerasimas, Jr.	Gary McElvaney	Rita Talotta
Gerry Glasgow	Joan Morris	William Weir
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CONTACT PARISH CLERGY OR OUR RECTORY OFFICE

To leave a message for Rectory Staff:

Call 215-673-8127, 110#; or

VIA E-MAIL: www.church@maternitybvm.net.

Visit our Parish Website:

maternitybvmchurch.net.

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KEEP IN TOUCH WITH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

School Website: www.maternitybvm.net;

Facebook: Maternity BVM School;

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LIVESTREAMING SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday, 4:30 PM;

Sunday, 8 AM and 9:30 AM Masses

**On our website: maternitybvmchurch.net; facebook page: Maternity
B.V.M Catholic Church and on YouTube: @MaternityPhilly**

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Friday: 8 AM-4 PM
(Closed for lunch: Noon-1 PM)**

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 7:30 AM-3:30 PM

Check out Father Maloney's Daily Reflection:

**www.maternitybvmchurch.net;
[maternitybvmphilly](https://www.facebook.com/maternitybvmphilly); www.maternitybvm.net;
[Maternity BVM School](https://www.youtube.com/user/MaternityPhilly).**

PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Joseph L. Maloney, *Pastor*

Fr. Edward T. Kearns, *Senior Priest*

Fr. Dominic Ishaq, *Parochial Vicar*

Fr. Michael Shea, C.M., *Weekend Assistant*

Deacon Charles R. Lindsay

Deacon Raymond Scipioni

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Rectory: 215-673-8127

School: 215-673-0235

**Please contact the Rectory during Office
Hours if you need to get in touch with
any of the organizations listed below:**

Adoration Society: Jemina Oniate

Altar Servers: Lisette Erace

Alumni Association: Cathy Boyle

Bereavement Group: Eileen Keenan,
Connie Terzyk, Joanne Peak

C.Y.O. H.S. (Gr. 9-12): Pending

C.Y.O. Jr. (Gr. 5-8): Mike Gozzi

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors:

Eileen Costantino

Home & School: Maura Collins

Hospitality: Peggy Blank

Legion of Mary: Bridget DeVito

Liturgy Committee: Eileen Costantino

Music Director: Ron Coles

Parish Rectory/Organizations Coordinator:

Colleen Du Beck

Parish Religious Education Director:

Sister Mary Beth Geraghty, R.S.M.

Pre-Cana: Deacon Joseph & Marianne Bernauer

Respect-Life Committee: Ana Carvalho

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Linda Freeman

School Principal: Sally Unger

Scouts (Boys, Troop 174): Steve Thomson

Scouts (Cub Pack 174): Pete Luca

Scouts (Girls): Nancy Smith

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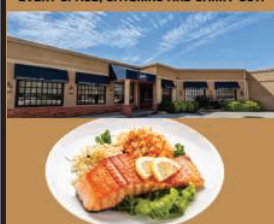
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