

Maternity B.V.M. Church

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May 24/25, 2025
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Memorial Day Celebration
Weekend *Schedule on page 3.*

The Ascension of Our Lord
Thursday, May 29, Holyday of Obligation

All 2025 Graduates!
Next Sunday at 11 AM Mass, see page 5.

2026 Mass Book Opening *Page 4.*
Our Lady of the Americas, Pray for us!



**HAVE A SAFE
MEMORIAL
DAY
WEEKEND!**

*Attend the 9 AM
Mass (UC), on
Monday
to remember
those who died
to keep us free!*

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

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-Caná Class:

All engaged couples are required to attend a Pre-
Caná 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.

Peace I leave with you...

Let's remember the setting. We are at the last supper. Judas, washed feet and all, is on the way back to hand Him over. The cross looms just behind the foreground. Occupying soldiers are ready to flex their Roman muscle at any time, and the disciples are moments away from seeing their friend and leader arrested and running for dear life. So what does Jesus speak to them about? Safety? Protection? Evil? Betrayal? Failure? Defeat? No, He speaks to them of peace. His Peace. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. And He does not speak of a distant peace in a golden age gone by, nor does He speak of a future peace yet to be realized in days to come. Quite the contrary, Jesus speaks in the present tense: He speaks of Peace now. Jesus is doing much more than simply saying goodbye. He is affirming the gift of peace that is made real for the disciples because of His relationship with them. It is a peace that He can give to them now, even in the midst of their unbelievably precarious circumstance. Even in the midst of life's trials and difficulties, Christ's peace can be experienced. The challenge, of course, is to pay attention to our relationship with Christ in the midst of lives that are often hurried, harried, and hassled. In such a context, it is critical for us to engage our world with great energy and vigor, while at the same time carving out priority time for reflection and prayer. No relationship can be healthy if we do not invest time in it. Hence, our need to be intentional and proactive about making time for meditation and prayer in order to cultivate an inner stillness in the midst of busy living. In so doing, we become more able to sense how Christ is present in the midst of the world's need, and thereby become more able to receive the peace of Christ, even in the presence of great turmoil. Also, we need to understand that His understanding of peace is radically different than ours. What we consider peace and what God considers peace are two different things. For us, peace means not to have conflict. But Christ calls us into conflict with the world. Still, He gives us peace. A different peace, a peace within ourselves, a peace that only comes through union with Him.

Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, May 24

8:00 AM +Carol Caristo
4:30 PM +Josephine D'Amico, 32nd Ann.

May 25: Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM +Frederick and Patricia Stopper.
9:30 AM +Giustino and Maria Siravo
11:00 AM +Martin Rossi
12:30 PM +Thomas Solecki
7:00 PM +John M. Kane, Sr.

Monday, May 26: St. Philip Neri Memorial Day

9:00 AM UC Living & Deceased Members of
The Armed Forces

Tuesday, May 27: St. Augustine of Canterbury

6:30 AM +Geri Gregoire
8:00 AM +Edward Sharin

Wednesday, May 28

6:30 AM Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet
8:00 AM +Dorothy Sandusky

Thurs., May 29: Ascension Of Our Lord

6:30 AM UC +Jude Chacko, 2nd Anniversary
8:30 AM UC +Bishop Joseph A. Galante
10:00 AM UC +Marc and Gina Ciaccia
7:00 PM UC +Regina A. Havelin, 7th Anniv.

Friday, May 30

6:30 AM +Theresa Bendzius, 2nd Anniv.
8:00 AM +Joseph Blee, 10th Anniversary

Saturday, May 31: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of
Sean Chellantara Family
4:30 PM +Elizabeth and William Flanagan

June 1: Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM +Vincent and Mary Butler
9:30 AM +Joseph Lodise
11:00 AM +Walter Righter
12:30 PM +Patricia Burns
7:00 PM +Salvatore Family



Sanctuary Candles Bread and Wine Offerings Week of May 25, 2025

Sanctuary Candle, Upper Church:
*In Loving Memory of Living and
Deceased Members of the
Sean Chellantara Family*

Sanctuary Candle, Lower Chapel:
*In Loving Memory of
Geri Gregoire*

Sanctuary Candle, Rectory Chapel:
*For Irene Doris Webb,
Celebrating a Birthday*

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.*



Memorial Day Holiday Schedule

School re-opens on Tuesday, May 27.

*The Rectory Office is closed on Monday,
May 26 for the holiday.*

**SCRIP is closed on Saturday, May 24 and
reopens on Wednesday, May 28, at 9 AM.**

PLEASE NOTE:

Only one Mass will be celebrated on
Monday, May 26, 9 AM in the Upper Church.

No Exposition and Adoration; Evening Rosary is
prayed privately in your homes.

Weekly Events Calendar

Monday, May 26: Memorial Day

Please see complete schedule, upper right.

Tuesday, May 27

Wednesday, May 28

6:30 PM: Daisy Troop, Cafeteria

7 PM: Finance Council, Rect. Mtg. Rm. 2

Ascension Thursday, May 29

Holyday of Obligation (See schedule on right.)

7 PM: Scouts, Cafeteria

Friday, May 30

8:30 AM: Pre-K Closing, Parish Hall

10:30 AM: Kindergarten Closing, Parish Hall

Saturday, May 31

SCRIP last Saturday to be opened for the Summer Schedule.

3-4 PM: Confessions, Upper Church

June 1: 7th Sunday of Easter

11 AM: Graduation Recognition Mass, Upper Church

1:30 PM: Baptisms, Upper Church



Thursday, May 29 ASCENSION OF OUR LORD INTO HEAVEN

*This is a Holyday
of Obligation*

Mass Schedule

**6:30, 8:30, 10 AM and 7 PM
in the Upper Church**

**School is Open; Rectory and
SCRIP Office are closed (for both
morning and evening hours.)**

**Pray for all our deceased Mothers,
Parishioners and Benefactors,
especially, Raymond F. Mc Grath,
Jr., Angelo Rossomando and
Thomas E. Ryan, that they may
know God's eternal love of Heaven.**



LEGACY OF LIFE CAMPAIGN
Sponsored by Our Respect
Life Committee

Beginning Mother's Day Weekend, our Respect-Life Committee invites you to participate in contributing to the *Legacy of Life Campaign*. There will be a bassinet at Mary's Altar with envelopes for your offering.

The Legacy of Life Foundation works to fund three crisis pregnancy centers, located in: Bristol, Philadelphia and Warminster. Every year, hundreds of women walk through their doors seeking an abortion. They are scared, confused, and they have no support. Because of caring supporters like you, **over 3,800 babies got a chance at life since Legacy of Life began!** Their advocacy program empowers women by teaching life skills and job coaching throughout their pregnancy; and **for at least three years after** their babies are born.

Parishioners can drop their donation envelopes in the Church Collection Basket or Rectory at any time from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Please make checks payable to the Legacy of Life Foundation. Write your information on the envelope for tax purposes and bring it back to Church or just mail it in: 25 S. Main Street, #217, Yardley, PA 19067. Or you can donate online at www.legacyoflifefoundation.org.

For more information, visit legacyoflife.org.

***The work they do to save babies
is amazing.***

Thank you for your generosity!

**FATIMA HOLY HOUR
FOR WORLD PEACE**

The World Apostolate of Fatima is sponsoring a Fatima Holy Hour for World Peace.



***Come join us on
Friday, June 13, 7 PM,
here in Maternity B.V.M. Lower Chapel.***

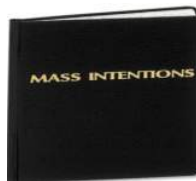
Devotions include procession of the Fatima Statue from Fatima, Rosary and Benediction.

All are welcome!

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Pastor's Corner Continues

We are not to be troubled. We are not to be afraid. Rather we are called to embrace the Lord and His Way. Then the Father and Son will be with us and make their dwelling with us. But we are afraid. We are afraid that if we abandon our pre-conceived notions of happiness, we will be left with nothing. So we work frantically in order to obtain happiness. But happiness cannot be bought, obtained or acquired. It is a huge step for us to trust that only radical union with and surrender to God can bring us true happiness and true peace. An integral part of the struggle of our lives is to come to terms with and live in conformity with the truth that it is only in unity with God and His Will that real happiness and peace can be ours. Once we take that step, once we realize that truth, the peace that Jesus gives can truly be ours no matter what turmoil surrounds us.



2026 Mass Book Opens

***Wednesday, June 11,
9 AM to Noon
in the Lower Chapel***

The 7 PM Sunday Mass will have no Mass Intentions. As in the past, there are no 6:30 AM Masses from Monday, June 8, 2026 through Friday, September 4, 2026.

To ensure everyone has the opportunity to request Announced Masses, the amount of Mass intentions one can request is limited to five Sunday and five weekday Masses. The stipend for an announced Mass on Sunday is \$20 and the stipend for daily Mass is \$15.

You also have an opportunity to request an intention for a Sanctuary Candle to be burned for a designated week in either the Upper Church, Lower Chapel or Rectory Chapel; stipend is \$15.

It is also an honor to make a monetary offering for the Bread and Wine used at Church during a particular week in memory of a loved one or for someone's intention. This offering is \$25.

After Wednesday, June 11, you may come to the Rectory Office anytime during Office Hours to request an intention for a Mass, Sanctuary Candle or Bread and Wine offering.

Your Good Stewardship Is Most Appreciated!

A special 'thank you' to all who are keeping
current with your contributions.

Your goodness is truly appreciated!

And know you can also contribute on line via our

Website: www.maternitybvmchurch.net.

Weekend of May 10/11, 2025

Regular Collection	\$ 9,542.00
Second Collection	\$ 3,280.00
E-Giving Collection	\$ 1,102.84
Total Collection	\$ 13,924.84

367 Envelope Users

*Collection Total on 5/11/2024:
\$12,365.98*



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.

*SCRIP Office is closed Saturday and
Sunday, May 24 and 25 for the
Memorial Day Weekend.*

*SCRIP Office is closed on Ascension
Thursday, May 29, for both morning hours
as well as evening hours.*

Summer hours begin Sunday, June 1.

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

Wednesday: 9-11 AM

Thursday: 9-11 AM and 6:30-8:00 PM;

Friday, 9-11 AM.

Recognition Sunday For All 2025 Graduates

**June 1, 11 AM Mass
in the Upper Church**



All graduating parishioners in elementary school, high school and college or university are invited to participate in this Mass. Please walk in the Entrance Procession and wear your graduation robes if you have them.

2025 B.V.M. RAFFLE

**GRAND PRIZE DRAWING
IS SATURDAY, JUNE 7
AFTER 4:30 PM MASS IN THE
LOWER CHAPEL MTG. ROOM.**

Grand Prize is

\$10,000!!!

*(Seller of Grand Prize
Ticket receives \$500)*

Each tickets is only \$10.

**And there are many
more cash prizes!**

1 Winner receives \$5,000

1 Winner receives \$2,500

5 Winners receive \$1,000

3 Winners receive \$500

**Time is running out for
the big drawings!**

**MAKE YOUR RETURNS
TO THE RECTORY NOW!**

**If you need tickets, they are avail-
able in the Main Vestibule at
Church or in the Rectory during
Office Hours. Thank You!**

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FYI

Due to a Technology Up-grade Schedule at our Bulletin Printing Company, the Publisher has requested early submittals of our bulletins. This will continue for the next couple of weeks. Therefore, some of our Information may not be timely and our offerings will be delayed in printing.

Summer Nurse Needed

Merion Mercy Academy, in Merion Station, PA is looking for a nurse for its summer programs to support the health and safety of students ages 12–18 participating in the Merion Mercy Academy summer programs. This is a part-time, temporary position from June 30 - July 25. Requirements include: current and valid RN, LPN, or equivalent nursing license and CPR and First Aid certification. Contact: Gina Briscella, Summer Programs Director (gbriscella@merion-mercy.com).

Full-Time Administrative Assistant



St. Matthew School, a Catholic elementary school, seeks a full-time Administrative Assistant to support the principal, faculty, and staff. Responsibilities include office management, communication, record-keeping, and assisting with school activities.

Qualifications: Strong organizational and communication skills, proficiency in Microsoft Office, and data systems, ability to maintain confidentiality, and a commitment to Catholic education. School administrative experience preferred. To Apply: Submit a cover letter and resume to stmatthewschooloffice@gmail.com or St. Matthew School: 3040 Cottman Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19149

Father's Day Remembrances (Father's Day is June 15.)

Remembrance envelopes are in your monthly mailing packets. Return them to Church and they will be placed on our Altars throughout June. Fathers, living and deceased, will be remembered at specific and all Masses during June.

Cards are available at the Church's Main Entrance, the Rectory Side Entrance of the Lower Chapel and the Rectory. There are cards and enrollment envelopes for living Fathers and enrollment envelopes for deceased Fathers.

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

B.V.M. Class of '66 Your classmates are planning a 60th Class Reunion!



**Saturday, October 4, 2025
4:30 PM Mass, Upper Church
6-10 PM Parish Hall
More information coming.**

**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
More information will be forthcoming.
If unable to attend, the committee would
still like your contact info.**

**Contact dvoisard@maternitybvm.net
with your contact information.**

**Driver with a SUV or truck is needed on
Tuesday mornings for St. Basil Support
Ministry Food Pantry on Fox Chase
Road in Jenkintown. Please call
Sister Monica, 631-432-9587.**

Habemus Papam! The Archdiocese of Philadelphia joyfully welcomes His Holiness,
Pope Leo XIV

“As a family in faith, our union with Pope Leo XIV is part of God’s plan for His Church on earth. We stand ready to serve as Missionary Disciples for Christ relying upon the Holy Father’s wisdom and pastoral guidance.” ARCHBISHOP NELSON J. PÉREZ



**New recipients of the Shining Light Award
Theme: Role Models**

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- Dressing, bathing, grooming, medication reminders, help walking and transferring to/from chairs or bed

Help with chores:

- Meal prep, laundry, light cleaning, shopping, errands

Companionship:

- Social activities, escort to medical appointments

Supervision for safety:

- Fall prevention, respite care for families, care after hospital stays

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Rachel's Vineyard

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat will help you experience the mercy and compassion of God and discover hope for your future. In a safe, confidential, non-judgmental environment, you can grieve your loss while understanding and releasing any feelings of anger, shame or regret you might have. Retreats also help fathers and/grandparents of an aborted child. Upcoming retreat: October 17-19 in Malvern. Reserve your spot: Susan, 610-716-4795, SusieMcK@comcast.net or Georgeanne, 484-955-4278, geemcgarry@gmail.com.

Miss Cozzi Reports on the School Lenten collection totals....

We raised \$1,010 for our school Lenten collection!

Of that total...

\$275 was used to purchase 25 pairs of socks, 25 hats, 10 blankets, 100 bottles of shampoo, and 100 bars of soap for the needy at *St Francis Inn in Kensington*.

\$225 was used to purchase 100 hygiene care kits and 50 pairs of socks for the homeless at *St. John's Hospice*.

\$200 was donated to *Operation Rice Bowl*.

\$160 was used to purchase food for our *St. Vincent de Paul Society*.

\$100 was donated to the Missionary Childhood Association

\$50 was donated to *Alex's Lemonade Stand*.

We are all so proud of our School Children and Teachers!

Maternity B.V.M. 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.



*Please pray for all our sick parishioners
and benefactors, especially:*

Alessa Abruzzo	James Griffith	Michael Pence
Katelyn Allen	Peggy Guckin	Patricia Pence
Mary Beth Bareis	Sherry Hanlon	Pat & Tom Pilkington
Greg Bentz	Raymond Harrison	Cynthia Pinto
Joseph Brown	Margaret Horbury	Jane Pinto
Shirley Callahan	Bill Hughes	Andy Rehr
Bruce Carbone	Mary Humphries	Veronica Reichardt
Linda Carman	Albert Iannacone	Elizabeth Richards
Petrina Ciaccia	Thomas Kelly	Marisa Rimshaw
Edward Colfer, Jr.	Baby Claire G. Kessler	Claire Ritzheimer
Jane Marie Coyle	Tylor Kilgallen	Regina Ryan
Merry Derham	Matt Kimbrell, Sr.	Bill Ruch
Lisa Dillon	Fran Kowalski	Regina Sands
Lorraine Dimeo	Frank Kowalski	Jeff Scott
Nancy Diaz	Alice Loglisci	Margaret Sheedy
Lisette Giron Erace	Doris Londer	William Slater
Gina Feldman	Robert Londer	Mark Snow
Peter Fischer	Patricia Longenecker	Armondo Suarez
Trish Fisher	Marie Mauro	Pamala Suarez
Bernard Gerasimas, Jr.	Gary McElvaney	Debora Szafran
Gerry Glasgow	Raymond McGrath, III	Rita Talotta
Linda Glasgow	Joan Morris	William Weir
Frank Gmaz	Charlotte Mroz	Mary Wood
Shirley Gmaz	Joan Oetzel	

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:

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KEEP IN TOUCH WITH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

School Website: www.maternitybvm.net;

Facebook: Maternity BVM School;

Twitter: [Maternitybvm1](https://twitter.com/Maternitybvm1).

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

SCRIP: Nancy Smith and Leanne Goodwin

Senior Citizen's Group: Jackie Kubacki

Traveling Madonna: Peggy Blank

Ushers: Jim Gallagher

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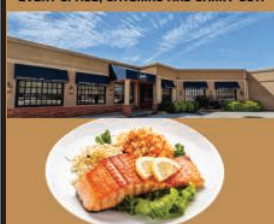
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