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May 31/June 1, 2025
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Welcome All 2025 Graduates
to the 11 AM MASS!

Divine Mercy Devotions
Next Sunday, 1:30 PM, Lower Chapel

2026 Mass Book Opening
Wednesday, June 11 Page 4.

*Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Pray for Us! and for Peace!*



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-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.

When You Get Caught Between the Ascension and Pentecost

With today's celebration of the Seventh Sunday of Easter, we find ourselves between the time when Jesus has left His mission completely up to His Apostles and before they were fully empowered by the Spirit to accomplish that mission. That will not come until Pentecost. For now it is good for us to reflect on what Jesus says to us today: "Holy Father, I pray not only for my disciples, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in You, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory You gave Me, so that they may be one, as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be brought to perfection as one; that the world may know that You sent Me, and that you loved them even as You loved Me." It seems to me as if the Lord is saying, that if His teaching and presence to us on this earth are to be of any enduring value, they must be put at the service of the Lord's Will to bring all people together in faith in God, the Father, so that the world may know that the Father has sent the Son, and that the Father loves all of us just as He loves His own Son. Right here, right now, we need to ask ourselves in a very practical way, how the Lord's gift to us can help us to accomplish the mission that the Lord has put before us. To help us answer this question, we need to look no further than the Words that Jesus will speak to us next week on Pentecost Sunday: "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always." "Whoever loves me will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and we will come to Him and make our dwelling with Him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words." Yes, it always comes down to this: loving Jesus means keeping His commandments. Any accomplishment that we achieve through the grace of God is fulfilled when we give to it the purpose of helping us to better keep His commandments and love Him, which by definition means to love all people as one in union with the Father and the Son. We do need to ponder this truth, and even be awestruck by it, but at the same time we need to understand one of the lessons of the Ascension. Of course, the apostles were completely dazzled and utterly speechless as they saw Jesus

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Mass Intentions for the Week



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

Monday, June 2: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter

- 6:30 AM +Elisa and Antonio Vacca
8:00 AM +Vince Berreca

Tuesday, June 3: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

- 6:30 AM +Bill and Irene Keenan
8:00 AM +Karen Curtis

Wednesday, June 4

- 6:30 AM +Maryann Ferrari, 10th Anniv.
8:00 AM Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet

Thursday, June 5: St. Boniface

- 6:30 AM +Alphona "Dolly" Zysk, 1st Ann.
8:00 AM +Vera Busatto

Friday, June 6: St. Norbert

- 6:30 AM +Sylvester Muthanay-agam
8:30 AM UC +Eugene and Franchina Costanzo

Saturday, June 7

- 8:00 AM +Patricia Quinter (birthday)
4:30 PM +Ruth Mursch

June 8: Pentecost Sunday

- 8:00 AM +Paula Drazul, 10th Anniversary
9:30 AM +Deceased Members of the Burke, Davis and Geraghty Families
11:00 AM +Jose N. Carvalho
12:30 PM +Daniel Szylejko
7:00 PM +Cora Mari



**Sanctuary Candles
Bread and Wine Offerings
Week of June 1, 2025**

Sanctuary Candle, Upper Church:
*In Loving Memory of
Rosemary Maloney, 7th Anniv.*

Sanctuary Candle, Lower Chapel:
*In Loving Memory of
Bill and Irene Keenan*

Sanctuary Candle, Rectory Chapel:
*In Loving Memory of
Our Deceased Parishioners*

Bread and Wine Offerings:
Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet

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

**Please pray for all our
deceased Fathers,
Parishioners and
Benefactors, especially
Michael Knowles, that they
may know God's eternal
love of Heaven.**



***Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament***

***Adoration on Mondays is discontinued
during the Summer as of June 9.***

Due to a Technology Up-grade, our Bulletin Publisher has requested early submittals of our bulletins. The normal schedule will return with the June 8th Bulletin. Thank you for your patience.

Pastor's Corner Continues

ascend into heaven, but they were soon brought back to earth by the words of the angels who said to them: "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking up at the sky?" While we must reflect on the awesomeness of God and His message and His commands and how they relate directly to our accomplishments; we must not fall into the trap of admiring and marveling at Jesus so much that we forget to follow Him; that we forget that we must do what He does. As Jesus forgives, we must forgive; as Jesus heals, we must be agents of healing; as He loves, we must love. When we get caught between the Ascension and Pentecost, we cannot allow ourselves to become so awestruck by the glory of God that it prevents us from doing His Will. Instead of just "standing there" we need to do His Will in the faith that the Spirit of Pentecost is right around the corner.

Weekly Events Calendar

Monday, June 2

Noon Dismissal for School

8:30 AM: Adoration, Lower Chapel, with

Benediction after 6:30 PM Rosary

7 PM: Girl Scout Leaders, Rect. Mtg. Rm. 1

Tuesday, June 3

Noon Dismissal for School

7 PM: Graduation Dance, Parish Hall

7 PM: Fr. Judge Baccalaureate Mass, U. C.

Wednesday, June 4

Noon Dismissal for School

7 PM: 8th Grade Graduation Mass, Upper Ch.

7 PM: Pre-Jordan, Rectory Meeting Room 1

Thursday, June 5

Noon Dismissal for School

1:30 PM: Legion of Mary, Rect. Mtg. Room 1

7 PM: Scouts, Cafeteria

Friday, June 6

8:30 AM School Mass, Upper Church

10:30 AM: School Dismissal

Saturday, June 7

3-4 PM: Confessions, Upper Church

Big Raffle Drawing after 4:30 PM Mass

June 8: Pentecost Sunday

1:30 PM: Divine Mercy Devotions, Lower Chapel

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**Divine Mercy
Devotions:
Sunday,
June 8,
Lower Chapel**

**1:30 PM Divine
Mercy Adoration
and Confessions**

**3 PM Chaplet and
Benediction**

**The Most Holy Body
and Blood Of Jesus
Christ
Corpus Christi Sunday
June 22, 12:30 PM Mass
and Procession
to the Lower Chapel
Concluding with
Benediction**



**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!



Bringing Forth the Offertory Gifts

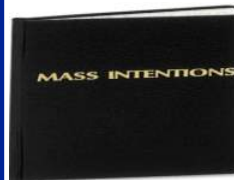
Family and friends whose Mass is being offered for a loved one are invited to bring up the Offertory Gifts at that Mass. At least a week before the Liturgy, please notify the Rectory Office during Office Hours, so all involved can be informed.

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**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.



**2026 Mass Book
Opening
Wednesday, June 11,
from 9 AM to Noon
in the Lower Chapel
Meeting Area**

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 big "thank you" to all who keep current with your Weekly Offerings each and every week of the year. Your goodness is a blessing, as are you! Know that you can also contribute on line via our Parish Website: www.maternitybvmchurch.net.

One day at a time with the Lord!

Parish Bulletins went to press early; therefore, no collection figures for the weekends of May 17/18 and 24/25 were available. They will appear in future Bulletins.



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: 9-11 AM;

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

Friday: 9:00-11 AM;

Saturday: 9:30-11:30 AM.

Summer hours begin on Sunday, June 1.

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

Wednesday: 9-11 AM;

Thursday: 9-11 AM & 6:30-8:00 PM

Friday: 9-11 AM.

***SCRIP is closed on Sunday, June 15,
in celebration of Father's Day.***

Try the SCRIP App. It's great and easy to use. Speak with one of our SCRIP personnel during SCRIP hours.

2025 B.V.M. RAFFLE

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

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1 Winner receives \$2,500

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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!**

**2025
Campaign**



**Please be
Generous!**

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18.15% of our goal.
Share your blessings from God.**

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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. 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.

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is amazing.***

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.**

Volunteers Needed

Where: Catholic Social Services Food Cupboard, 7340 Jackson Street (19136)

When: Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 9 AM-12 Noon

Requirements: Clearances & Trainings are required; must be able to lift 25 lbs.

If interested, call Rebecca Thompson, 215-624-5920, or email: rthompson@chs-adphila.org

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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.***

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, SUNDAY, APRIL 27



OUR PARISH MAY PROCESSION, TUESDAY, MAY 7



*The School put on a performance of Disney's Moana in May.
Special thanks goes out to all who made the play a success!*





*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	

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

Welcoming Committee: Nancy Toland

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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.

Join us on Facebook: [maternitybvmphilly](https://www.facebook.com/maternitybvmphilly).

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;

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[Maternity BVM School](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMaternityPhilly).



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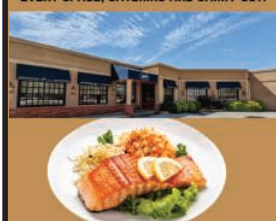
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