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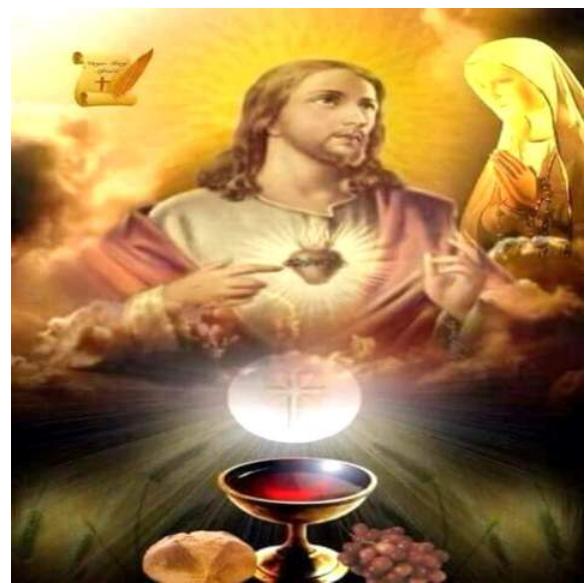
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June 21/22, 2025 The Most Holy Body and Blood Of Christ

Corpus Christi Procession
after 12:30 PM Mass Page 3.

Hospitality: Meet Fr. Bollinger
this Sunday, Lower Chapel Narthex
after all Sunday Morning Masses.

*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 encouraged) to attend this Program, held in the Lower Level Rectory Meeting Room on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM.

We Are Not Alone

My guess is that many of us have found ourselves at one time or another in our lives facing very difficult circumstances, obstacles or challenges. Maybe you are in the midst of one of those chapters in your lives right now. Maybe you've felt like, or you feel right now that there is no way you can ever see yourself coming through whatever it is you were or are facing. Maybe during those times you have had people say something to you — something that you know was meant to be a word of consolation, but those words did not do much consoling. Maybe you have heard those words from close friends, family members or even from Priests or Religious, and maybe you've even said those words to others because you did not know what else to say. The words that I am talking about are certainly well intentioned, but they ring hollow, and they probably accomplish more for the one speaking them than they do for the one hearing them. What are those words? "God does not give you anything that you can't handle." A lot of us have heard those words, haven't we? Probably a lot of us have spoken those words as well. I know that I have spoken them, as a Priest to people who were in need of consolation, but not for many years now. Why? Because my life experience has taught me that they are simply not true, or at least they are not completely accurate. I have learned over and over again that God does indeed present me with challenges, with situations, with problems etc. that I cannot handle by myself. He does so all the time. And why does He do this? Well, I cannot say that I have the absolute answer to this question, but I will offer two of my best thoughts. First, let's honestly look at things in our lives that we have handled completely by ourselves. How did they turn out? Did they turn out the way we wanted them to? More importantly, did they turn out the way God wanted them to? Secondly, and I think this an even better explanation, God wants to be our strength. He wants to be our strength. He wants us to come to Him always and especially in times of great pain, distress and confusion, because He knows that's what's best for us. To make those words true we need to say something like this: God does indeed give us challenges that we cannot handle by ourselves, but we are never by ourselves. He is always there, ready to walk with us side by side, hand in hand to share our pain and burdens with us and even to provide us with Himself as nourishment along the way. That's what we celebrate today, on this Solemnity of Corpus Christi; that Jesus is always there for us, as close to us and essential to us as food and drink. "Take and eat, this is My body; take and drink, this is My blood which will be shed for many." He does indeed give us challenges that we cannot handle alone, but we are never alone.

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Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, June 21: St. Aloysius Gonzaga

- 8:00 AM +Billy Seifert
4:30 PM +James McCarthy

Sunday, June 22: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

- 8:00 AM +William Miller, 30th Anniversary
9:30 AM +Joaquim and Maria Luis
11:00 AM +Jerry Passanante, Jr., 30th Ann.
12:30 PM +Daniel Szylejko
7:00 PM +Michael McDonough

Monday, June 23

- 6:30 AM +Thomas E. Ryan, Sr.
8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of Sandusky and Betteridge Families

Tuesday, June 24: The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

- 6:30 AM +Michael McDonough
8:00 AM +Tony Talotta, 19th Anniversary

Wednesday, June 25

- 6:30 AM Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet
8:00 AM +Gilberto Rivera

Thursday, June 26

- 6:30 AM +Elizabeth Daley
8:00 AM +Ryan Reed

Friday, June 27: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

- 6:30 AM +Bridget Flanagan
8:00 AM +Robert Pacifico

Saturday, June 28: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Irenaeus

- 8:00 AM +Lou Leskiw
4:30 PM +Aida Stymus

Sunday, June 29: St. Peter and Paul

- 8:00 AM +Albert and Dorothy Forster
9:30 AM +Catherine Guckin
11:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Sean Chellantara Family
12:30 PM +Elizabeth Arrighy
7:00 PM +Mary Girmscheid

+Denotes Deceased

**Sanctuary Candles
Bread and Wine Offerings
Week of June 22, 2025**



Sanctuary Candle, Upper Church:
*In Loving Memory of
Michael Steriotis*

Sanctuary Candle, Lower Chapel:
*In Loving Memory of
Mary Wood*

Sanctuary Candle, Rectory Chapel:
*For the Living and Deceased
Parishioners and Benefactors*

Bread and Wine Offerings:
*For All Our Living and
Deceased Fathers*

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, Doris
McDevitt and William J.
Slowey, Jr., that they
may know God's eternal
love of Heaven.



**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 in the Mass would be informed.



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**The Most Holy Body
and Blood of Jesus
Christ**
Corpus Christi Sunday
12:30 PM Mass this weekend
and Procession to the Lower
Chapel Concluding with
Benediction

**All are invited to join in this most
sacred procession!**

**Those not attending the 12:30 Mass,
please gather in the Main Entrance
of Church to join the Procession to
the Lower Chapel.**

EM's please wear your robes!

**Welcome
Rev. Robert Bollinger
to Maternity B.V.M.**

**Parish!
Sunday, June 22:
Please join us in the**



**Lower Chapel Narthex after all
morning Masses for Hospitality
and to meet and welcome
Father Bollinger.**

I am excited to be here! This is my first assignment as a Priest. I grew up going to St. Agnes Church in Sellersville. After high school, I entered the Seminary because I wanted to share the joy that I found in the Lord with as many people as possible.

Fun facts:

I am one of four siblings; my brother is a priest in NJ; and I am currently the youngest Priest in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

I look forward to meeting all of you!

**4th of July Mass
Friday, July 4
9 AM, Upper Church**

**Veterans: Duty Calls!
You are invited to
attend and actively
participate!**

All present Service Personnel and Veterans are invited to take a special part in this Mass. We need Flag Bearers for the Entrance Procession, Readers, Offertory Gift Bearers and Eucharistic Ministers.

If you have any part of your service uniform, please wear it (but do not feel obligated). It may have been a few years ago since your service days.

Please call the Rectory during Office Hours (see page 9) to bravely volunteer or to gather more intel, 215-673-8127.

**Service to God
and Country!**

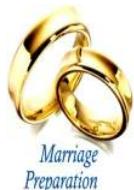
Share Your Faith!

**ADULTS ARE NEEDED
TO BE TEACHERS AND
AIDES FOR PREP!**

Can you share your faith with our children in the PREP Classes beginning in September on Tuesday evenings, 6:45-8 PM.

Classes are small.

For more information, please call Sr. Mary Beth Geraghty at 215-605-5664.



For All Engaged Couples

Attending a Pre-Cana Class is required for all those preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony.

**Our Pre-Cana Day is
Saturday, February 28, 2026
in the Parish Hall.**

Advance registration is necessary.

Please call the Rectory at 215-673-8127 during Office Hours, 8 AM– 4 PM Monday-Friday.

PrayersuniteTheWorld.org

A member of PrayersUniteTheWorld.org submitted a prayer request on our Parish's behalf. This website group is a prayer website which supports the National Eucharistic Revival.

Our petition has been sent to the following groups who will pray for us:

Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne, Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity, Redemptoristine Nuns, Yankton Benedictines, Archcare, Catholic Athletes for Christ, National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia, ThinkHope Foundation, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, St. John Vianney Center.

We are encouraged to visit trustandhope.org and join with Archbishop Pérez and the conversation on a new way forward together as the Catholic Church of Philadelphia.

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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 June 14/15, 2025

Regular Collection	\$ 10,022.00
Second Collection	\$ 4,326.00
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Total Collection	\$ 15,094.27
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Collection Total on 6/14/2024: \$10,589.75

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

DID YOU KNOW...

At Maternity B.V.M., students have access to modern technologies. Every classroom is equipped with an interactive SMART-board and projector controlled by a teacher-assigned Macbook. The entire school has WiFi access at every corner. There are iPads and Chrome Books accessible for assignments and activities. Weekly, students utilize a fully modernized computer lab featuring iMac desktops linked together to the teacher's iMac desktop. The computer lab also features an interactive SMARTboard linked to the teacher's iMac desktop. There are mobile SMARTboard touch monitors that can be utilized wherever needed. Several rooms throughout the school are equipped with Apple TVs linked to projectors.

Sister Monica Needs Your Help To Pick up Food!

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

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

SCRIP is sold in Rectory Meeting Room 1.



Summer Hours:

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 Friday, July 4 and Sunday, July 6.



LEGACY OF LIFE CAMPAIGN

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Saturday, June 28, 2025

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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Program Price: \$35



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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.

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HOME-HEALTH AIDES NEEDED

There is a Part-Time or Full-Time Home Health Aides for the second shift (2:30 - 10:30 PM) available at Mount Nazareth Convent, located at 2755 Holme Avenue. This position starts at \$16 and paid overtime with medical benefits. Shift work at one location so there is no traveling. The schedule is flexible, work is done in teams with shared work load.

Full or Part-Time Housekeeping

Schedule: 7:30 AM-3:30 PM, 5 days a week or
3 days a week (days are negotiable.)

Employee benefit package is accessible.

If interested in scheduling a time for a personal interview, please contact:

Sister Celine Warnilo at 215 543 0176 or
Yanina or Marina at 215-396-8252,
Monday through Friday, 10 AM-4 PM.

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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.

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.

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still like your contact info.

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**The Office for Life and Family
is now searching for a part-time :**

Operations Coordinator

The purpose of the position is to ensure that the Director of the Office for Life and Family is free for higher level strategic planning and execution of the mission of the OLF. Responsibilities include handling a wide range of administrative and operational tasks, including managing correspondence, financial organization, and interfacing with ministry professionals and volunteers on behalf of the Office. This is an on-site position at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center (222 N. 17th Street, Philadelphia) with the possibility of remote work and flexible hours of service, in consultation with the Director. Ideal for a recent college graduate seeking ministerial and office experience, or for a mission-aligned professional in search of supplemental income at the service of the Church. The Office for Life and Family of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia exists to promote, foster, and defend the richness and the gift of the Church's vision of the human being, focusing in particular on the sacrament of marriage, the family as the domestic church, and the sanctity of every human life from womb to tomb.

Full posting here: <https://archdiocese-of-philadelphia.primepay-recruit.com/job/927273/operations-coordinator>.



NEW ALTAR SERVERS INSTALLED

Newly trained Altar Servers are now beginning their service to Jesus on the Altar. They include:

Xavier Azeem, Bianca Davis, Grayson Davis, Dexter Dean, Xavier Franklin, Alexa Garro, Abigail Gill, Christopher Gill, Charlee Meares-Sheets, Adriana Serjani and Carson Smith.

Many thanks to Mrs. Kathy Falcone who instructs these new servers along with her helpers: Joseph Oniate, Santiago Garro, Christian Dean, Matthew Hoppe and Erica Bedoya.

Many Blessings to you as you serve Our Lord in this special way!



Always remember those who helped you get where you are today!





**CONGRATULATIONS,
YOU DID GOOD!**



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**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	Tyler 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	Armando Suarez
Trish Fisher	Marie Mauro	Pamala Suarez
Bernard Gerasimas, Jr.	Gary McElvane	Debora Szafran
Gerry Glasgow	Raymond McGrath, III	Rita Talotta
Linda Glasgow	Joan Morris	William Weir
Frank Gmaz	Charlotte Mroz	
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:
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 SUMMER HOURS

**Monday-Thurs.: 8 AM-4 PM; Fri. 8 AM-Noon
(Closed for lunch: Noon-1 PM)**

SCHOOL OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8 AM-Noon

**Check out Father Maloney's
Daily Reflection:**

**www.maternitybvmchurch.net;
maternitybvmphilly; www.maternitybvm.net;
Maternity BVM School.**

PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Joseph L. Maloney, *Pastor*

Fr. Edward T. Kearns, *Senior Priest*

Fr. Robert T. Bollinger, *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: Jemima 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

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Welcoming Committee: Nancy Toland




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