

Maternity B.V.M. Church

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June 28/29, 2025

**Solemnity of
Saints Peter and Paul**

Independence Day

**July 4, Mass at 9 AM, Upper Church
Vets are being called
for Active Duty! Page 4**

**8th Grade Graduation Awards
Pages 7/8**

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

Who Do You Say That I Am?

The more I think about it, what an amazing question. I mean, really, why on earth or in heaven for that matter, why would Jesus, the Lord, the Messiah ask the disciples who they say that He is? Does He not know who He is? Why does it matter who they say He is? Does their answer to the question change who He is? Does their answer change anything at all? And, by the way, who else ever asks us who we say they are? Don't people pretty much always make their best effort to tell us who they are and not the other way around? As we all know, we are about to head into the midst of an election year as politicians all over the country fend for all kinds of political offices. And I bet that no politician is asking us who we say they are? To the contrary they are spending huge sums of money to try to tell us who they say they are (and who they say their opponents are so they might win the election.) With their campaigns they are doing exactly the opposite of what Jesus is doing in today's Gospel. Jesus asks us who we say He is because He knows that the way we answer that question will determine the kind of person we will become and ultimately go along way in determining whether or not salvation will be ours. Political candidates spend all kinds of money to try to tell us who they are so that they might achieve some kind of office. I'd say that there is pretty much a dichotomy here wouldn't you? So, is there a lesson here—I think there is. As we decide who we are going to vote for when it comes time, let's make sure that we don't vote for a political candidate based on who they say they are, but on who we, after a lot of research, prayer and reflection say they are. Obviously, if we don't take the time to do that we will suffer the consequences after the election. How much more, however, do we need to pay attention to the question that Jesus poses. If we make a mistake on a political candidate for a few years, it affects us somewhat for a few years. If we make a mistake on who Jesus is, it affects our entire being for all eternity.

Mass Intentions for the Week



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

Monday, June 30: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

6:30 AM +Carolyn S. Tolan D'Attilio
8:00 AM +Dorothy Boyle

Tuesday, July 1: St. Junipero Serra

6:30 AM +Patricia A. Cullen
8:00 AM +Walter Howard Jones

Wednesday, July 2

6:30 AM +Bridget Cino, 20th Anniversary
8:00 AM +Bishop Joseph A. Galante

Thursday, July 3: St. Thomas, Apostle

6:30 AM The Intentions of Fr. Joseph Sundaram
8:00 AM +Dorothy Righter

Friday, July 4: Independence Day

9:00 AM Living and Deceased Parishioners and Benefactors

Saturday, July 5: St. Elizabeth of Portugal

8:00 AM +Anne Tarsa
4:30 PM +Angelina Rossi, 50th Anniversary

July 6: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Ray Walsh, Jr.
9:30 AM +Giustino and Maria Siravo
11:00 AM +Charles Petosa, 11th Anniversary
12:30 PM +Anna Orth, 1st Anniversary
7:00 PM +Maria T. DiCicco

**Sanctuary Candles
Bread and Wine Offerings
Week of June 29, 2025**



Sanctuary Candle, Upper Church:
*For God's Blessings on the
United States of America*

Sanctuary Candle, Lower Chapel:
*In Loving Memory of
Raymond Walsh, Jr.*

Sanctuary Candle, Rectory Chapel:
*For Our 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, that they may know
God's eternal love of Heaven.**



**Please note: Beginning Monday, July 7,
there will only be one daily Mass
scheduled during the summer: 8 AM.**

***Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament CONTINUES***

**on Mondays after the
8 AM Mass until the Monday
evening Rosary at 6:30 PM
in the Lower Chapel.**

Our world needs prayers for peace!

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**Welcome
Father Robert
Bollinger
to Maternity
B.V.M. Parish!**

*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!*

**Welcome Permanent
Deacon Chris Mars
to Maternity B.V.M.!**

*Archbishop Perez informed
Father Maloney that he has
assigned Permanent Deacon
Chris Mars to serve here at
Maternity B.V.M. Parish.*



Deacon Chris grew up in Ambler/Maple Glen area and attended St. Alphonsus School. After graduation from LaSalle High School, he went on to LaSalle University where he was a collegiate wrestler.

He and his wife, Jenny, just celebrated their 35th Wedding Anniversary. They live in Willow Grove and have been members of St. David Church for 30 years, raising their six children. Deacon Chris was ordained a Permanent Deacon in 2017 by Arch. Chaput and was assigned to St. David's for the past 8 years. After 35 years, he retired from the Steamfitters Union and now works as an Account Manager at General Asphalt Paving Co. Deacon Chris expresses how he and Jenny are very happy to become part of the B.V.M. family. "God continues to bless us!"

**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!***

**A Prayer Asking
for the Help
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary for
Our Country**



O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life.

Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. Amen.

***Oh Mary, conceived without sin,
pray for us who have recourse to thee!***



For All Engaged Couples

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

***Our only 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, Monday-Friday.
See page 9 for Summer Hours.



**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.



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 21/22, 2025

Regular Collection	\$ 9,031.13
Second Collection	\$ 2,524.00
E-Giving Collection	\$ 1,169.63
Total Collection	\$12,724.76

322 Envelope Users

Collection Total on 6/22/2024: \$11,471.53

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 one, please call Betty Ann at 215-964-7125.

Tropicana: Blockbuster Broadway

Monday, November 17; \$80.

For info please call Connie at 215-338-9141.

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.

Dear Parishioners,

I am sure you remember that at the beginning of the month of May, I began my "final push" from the pulpit in support of raffle ticket sales. My goal was to sell 800 additional tickets during the last few weeks before the drawing and I promised that I would stop bothering you once you bought that number of tickets. Well guess what? We (well actually, you!!) far exceeded that goal. In support of my plea, you purchased 1500 tickets—which of course means 15,000 more dollars for our school during the last 4-5 weeks before the drawing. This means that our profit from the raffle this year was \$88,021 as compared to \$73,361 last year. Please know that I am both amazed and very thankful for your tremendous response! It is a wonderful sign to me of what we can accomplish together in the future. *Again, thank you very, very much!*

— Fr. Maloney

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.

2025
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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.**

7-Day Directed, Silent Retreat

with Maria DiBello, RSM and Mary Trainer, RSM

Friday, July 18, 2025, 5pm to Friday, July 25,
2025 11:00am EST

Cranleith Spiritual Center

Fee: \$650

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 Mac-book. 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 SMART-board 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.

Joined By Bishop Efren Esmilla:

FIRST SATURDAYS WITH CARLO

At the Malvern Retreat House

July 5th
9am-11am

Saint Carlos Acutis Shrine and
Center for Eucharistic
Encounter

We would love for you to join us for all or part of the morning!

9:00-9:20 Rosary

9:30-10:30 Mass

10:30-11:00 Adoration and Confession

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MATERNITY B.V.M. SCHOOL
CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!
EIGHTH-GRADE GRADUATION AWARDS



The Maternity B.V.M. Award for Excellence in Social Studies is awarded to *Erica Bedoya and Michael Cosmo*.

The Maternity B.V.M. Award for Excellence in Science is awarded to *Erica Bedoya and Lucas Santoro*.

The Maternity B.V.M. Award for Excellence in Math is awarded to *Rubilynn Torralvo and Jack Szychulski*.

The Maternity B.V.M. Award for Excellence in Math Matters is awarded to *Michael Cosmo and Aislinn Borja*.

The Maternity B.V.M. Award for Excellence in English Language Arts is awarded to *Erica Bedoya and Aidan Casem*.

The Maternity B.V.M. Award for excellence in Religion is awarded to: *Leah James and Michael Cosmo*.

The Maternity B.V.M. Award for Outstanding Effort is awarded to *Leah James and Kenneth Oliveira*.

The Maternity B.V.M. Award for Outstanding Achievement in all Subject Areas is awarded to *Leah James and Michael Cosmo*.

The Altar Server Award is presented to *Erica Bedoya, Aislinn Borja, Aidan Casem, Anna Lombardo and Sofia Mariquinhos*.

The Councilman Brian J. O'Neill Future Leader Award is given to *Leah James and Kenneth Oliveira*.

The State Representative Sean Dougherty Good Citizenship Award to a student who has public service, charity, or volunteer endeavors is awarded to *Kassidy Lewis*.

The Bustleton Civic Association for Community and School Service is awarded to *Jason Lui*.

The C.Y.O. Awards for Time, Service and Sportsmanship are given to *Emma Garcia, Shane LoMastro and Jack Szychulski*.

The Alumni Association Award for Exemplary Service to the School is presented to *Marabella Torrente*.

The Principal's Award for Outstanding Service and School Spirit is presented to *Sofia Mariquinhos*.

The Pastor's Award for Academic Excellence, Service and Outstanding Practice of the Catholic Faith is presented to *Anna Lombardo*.

8TH-GRADE GRADUATION SCHOLARSHIPS



Erica Bedoya

The Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd Scholarship to Nazareth Academy for \$12,500 per year for a total of \$50,000.

The In Vite Mane Scholarship for \$4,000 a year for a total of \$16,000.

Aislinn Borja

The In Vite Mane Scholarship to Archbishop Ryan for \$3,500 per year for a total of \$14,000.

The Cardinal Dougherty Alumni Band Music Scholarship to Archbishop Ryan for \$1,500 per year for a total of \$6,000.

An Academic Scholarship to Archbishop Wood for \$2,000 per year for a total of \$8,000.

Chloe Campbell

The Archbishop Ryan Art Scholarship for \$2,000 per year for a total of \$8,000.

Michael Cosmo

The Saint Francis DeSales Academic Scholarship to Father Judge for \$6,200 per year for a total of \$24,800.

Shane LoMastro

The Friends of Bishop McDevitt Gold and White award to Father Judge for \$1,000.

A LASTING TRIBUTE TO Mr. Michael McDonough

In January 2025, The Maternity B.V.M. School community lost Mr. Michael McDonough. When we remember Mr. McDonough, we remember his dedication and loyalty to Maternity B.V.M. and its community. Mr. McDonough was dedicated to Maternity B.V.M. in many ways. In his work as Advancement Director, he worked to grow our school community by bringing in new families. Mr. McDonough was always willing to answer your questions at Open Houses and registration events or even a quick phone call. During the school day, he helped to keep the students safe. Everyday you would find him in the car line with a smile making sure that the students arrived and were dismissed safely.

Through the generosity of the Class of 2025, we have established a scholarship that will be awarded to a 7th-grade student who exemplifies Mr. McDonough's willingness to serve the Maternity B.V.M. community, who possess a love for others and demonstrates a willingness to continue to **SHINE OUR LIGHT** everyday.

We hope that this award, which will be given annually, will keep the legacy of Mr. McDonough alive for all future students of Maternity B.V.M.

The first recipient of the **Michael McDonough Award** is presented to **Brook Walton**.



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

Alessa Abruzzo	James Griffith	Joan Oetzel
Katelyn Allen	Peggy Guckin	Michael Pence
Mary Beth Bareis	Sherry Hanlon	Patricia Pence
Greg Bentz	Raymond Harrison	Pat & Tom Pilkington
Joseph Brown	Margaret Horbury	Cynthia Pinto
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Linda Carman	Albert Iannacone	Andy Rehr
Petrina Ciaccia	Thomas Kelly	Veronica Reichardt
Edward Colfer, Jr.	Baby Claire G. Kessler	Elizabeth Richards
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Lisette Giron Erace	Doris Londer	Jeff Scott
Gina Feldman	Robert Londer	Margaret Sheedy
Peter Fischer	Patricia Longenecker	William Slater
Trish Fisher	Marie Mauro	Mark Snow
Bernard Gerasimas, Jr.	Gary McElvaney	Armondo Suarez
Gerry Glasgow	Raymond McGrath, III	Pamala Suarez
Linda Glasgow	Joan Morris	Debora Szafran
Frank Gmaz	Charlotte Mroz	Rita Talotta
Shirley Gmaz	Olga Cath. Nimchuk	William Weir

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 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;

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[Maternity BVM School](https://www.youtube.com/user/MaternityPhilly).

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

Deacon Chris Mars

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

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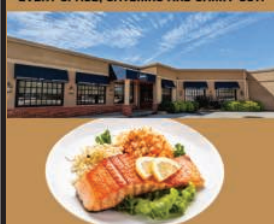
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