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 month from October through May) **Closed for Repairs**.

Holy Days: **Upper Church**

Holyday Masses: 6:30, 8, 10 AM; 7 PM

(Schedule revised January 2018 & no Vigil Mass)

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 Lower Chapel, 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.

**PRAYER DEVOTIONS**

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 and every Tuesday at Noon, Lower Chapel

**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 Fall & 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 Rectory on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM.
Please pray for all our deceased Parishioners and Benefactors, especially Rita Cifelli, that they may know God’s eternal love of Heaven.
**Weekly Events Calendar**

**Monday, January 14**
8:30 AM: Adoration, Lower Chapel, with Benediction after 6:30 PM Rosary
5 PM: Jr. CYO Basketball, Parish Hall
7 PM: 150th Social Committee, Rectory Meeting Room 2
7 PM: Girl Scout Leaders, Rect. Mtg. Rm. 1
8 PM: H.S. CYO Basketball, Parish Hall

**Tuesday, January 15**
Noon: Rosary, Lower Chapel
5 PM: Jr. CYO Basketball, Parish Hall
6:30 PM: 150th Communications, Rectory Meeting Room 2
6:45 PM: PREP, School
7 PM: Choir, Upper Church
8 PM: H.S. CYO Basketball, Parish Hall

**Wednesday, January 16**
5 PM: Jr. CYO Basketball, Parish Hall
8 PM: H.S. CYO Basketball, Parish Hall

**Thursday, January 17**
1:30 PM: Legion of Mary, Rectory Meeting Room 2
5 PM: Jr. CYO Basketball, Parish Hall
7 PM: RCIA, Convent
7 PM: Boy Scouts, Cafeteria
7 PM: H.S. CYO Basketball, Parish Hall

**Friday, January 18**
Noon: School dismissal
1 PM: HASA Set up for Designer Bag Bingo, Parish Hall

**Saturday, January 19**
3-4 PM: Confessions, Lower Chapel
6 PM: HASA-sponsored Designer Bag Bingo, Parish Hall

**Sunday, January 20**
9:30 AM: Grades 4 and 5 Class Mass, Upper Church

**Thank You For Keeping Christ in Christmas at Maternity B.V.M. Church!**

Special thanks to all who decorated our Churches, to those who prepared for the Tree-Lighting Service and Pageant at the 4 PM Christmas Vigil Mass, and to all our Liturgical Ministers. Your time and talent helped make a Special Manger for the Christ Child here at our Parish.

Thanks too for all the wonderful goodies and gifts given to the Priests during this special Sacred Season!

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**

**Monday, January 21**
School, SCRIP Office and Rectory Office are closed. There will be no Adoration and the evening Rosary will be prayed privately.

**For Engaged Couples**

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

**Our Spring Pre-Cana Day is Saturday, February 23, in the Parish Hall.**

Advance registration is necessary. Please call the Rectory at 215-673-8127 during Office Hours.
Helping Other Parishioners in Emergencies
For help during the week of January 14, call Lillian Volpe, 215-676-5064, or Anne Thomas, 215-742-4956.

All Project H.O.P.E. Dispatchers
Please call Joan Lambert, 215-677-2794, or Jim and Claire Ritzheimer, 215-673-7877, with the number of Parishioners for whom you provided transportation to medical appointments during the calendar year. Please call by January 31. Thank You!

Parishioners Helping Parishioners Get to Church for Sunday Mass
If you need a ride to Mass or can volunteer to drive (HELP STILL NEEDED!), please call Cheryl Vozzelli at 215-725-1360.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
9:30 AM Sunday Mass
Young school-age children experience the Readings from the Children’s Liturgy and can share their thoughts while doing an activity that relates to the Readings. They return to Mass and their families after the Prayer of the Faithful.

Little Church School
For 3-year olds through Kindergarten
The program includes religious story time and activities based on Sunday’s Gospel.
9:15 AM: Drop off children at the Convent; parents attend 9:30 AM Sunday Mass and pick up their children promptly after Mass.

Share Your Faith
Adults and high school and college students are needed as teachers and aides for these programs.

This is not a weekly commitment. Volunteers will be scheduled throughout the school year.

Sr. Mary Beth also needs volunteers to help with the PREP Program. Please consider sharing your time and faith. Contact Sr. Mary Beth at 215-673-4010.

RCIA Class Continues
Classes for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) are held every Thursday at 7 PM in the Convent. If you or a friend is interested in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation or want to learn more about the Catholic Faith, call Sr. Mary Beth Geraghty, 215-605-5664, or Deacon Lindsay, 267-266-2201, or Father Joseph Sundaram, 215-673-8127.

March For Life: Friday, January 18
Mass for the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who are attending the March for Life will be celebrated by Archbishop Chaput at 10 AM at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. For more information, call the Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500 or visit www.phillycatholiclife.org.

Maternity B.V.M. Parish
1870-2020
150th Parish Anniversary
October 2019-October 2020
MANY SOCIAL AND LITURGICAL EVENTS ARE BEING PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR-LONG CELEBRATION!

We are gathering memorabilia, pictures and articles from past years to be used for our Anniversary Book, Power-point Presentations and other displays.

May we borrow more? Or interview you?
Drop off all items at the Rectory. Please put your name on them to be returned. Pictures and all information may also be E-mailed to dvoisard@maternitybvm.net.

For more details, please contact the Rectory at 215-673-8127 during regular Office Hours.
CARNIVAL RAFFLE

Grand Prize is $10,000!!!
Each ticket is only $5 and there are 3 more Early-Bird Specials!

January's Early-Bird #2 Winners are Buyer and Seller: The Alampi School Family. Congratulations! You've won $200!

MANY MORE SELLERS ARE STILL NEEDED!!!

Please sign up at the Main Church Entrance or call the Rectory during Office Hours.

'SPONSOR-A-STUDENT' Program
Maternity B.V.M. School

Consider a much-needed gift of Catholic Education for a child in this Parish!

Sponsor-A-Student is a program that provides tuition assistance for deserving children of our Parish who desire a Catholic Education.

Gifting Levels Include:

- Full Tuition Sponsorship $2,400
- Half Tuition Sponsorship $1,200
- Partial Tuition Sponsorship $600
- Additional assistance
  - $400
  - $200
  - Other $ 

All donations are tax-deductible and can be made monthly, quarterly or annually. For more, call the Rectory at 215-673-8127.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

SCRIP is sold in Rectory Meeting Room 1.

Sunday: 8:45 AM to 12:30 PM
(Drop-off forms are available for quicker pick-up);
Monday-Thursday: 9-11 AM;
Friday: 8-11 AM; Saturday: 9:30-11:30 AM;
Thursday evenings: 6:30-8:30 PM.

ATTENTION, ALL PARISHIONERS

All financial contribution statements for the year 2018 will be forwarded to you only on request. If you would like a copy of your contributions for the year 2018, call the Rectory during Office Hours (215-673-8127) and request it by leaving your name and address.

Practicing Good Stewardship!

Contributions can also be made online at www.maternitybvmchurch.net.

Most important of all: Keep living your Faith every day and at Mass each Sunday. And many thanks for your great goodness and generosity!

Weekend of December 22/23, 2018

| Regular Collection | $11,971.83 |
| Second Collection  | $ 2,475.76 |
| E-Giving Collection | $ 603.00 |
| Total Parish Collection | $15,050.59 |

Weekend of December 29/30, 2018

| Regular Collection | $12,747.33 |
| Second Collection  | $ 2,128.77 |
| E-Giving Collection | $ 689.00 |
| Total Parish Collection | $15,565.10 |

The results of the Christmas, Holyday and other Collections will appear in future Bulletins.

Old Church Update

Repairs have begun and are proceeding well. The finished product promises to be outstanding. If you would like to make a contribution to our OLD CHURCH FUND, send your gift directly to the Rectory c/o Fr. Quinter. Many thanks for all!
CHRISTMAS FROM THE HEART OF OUR STUDENTS

The 6th- and 7th-Grade Students enact the Birth of Jesus at the 4 PM Christmas Eve Mass.

Our PREP Students celebrate their Christmas Tableau for family members during Class.

Pre-K and K perform their Christmas Program for their parents.

Our Advanced Band performs during the Christmas Band and Choir Concert.
SAVE THE DATE!
Maternity B.V.M.’s
2nd Annual Golf Outing
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8:30 AM Shotgun Start

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3rd ANNUAL ALUMNI HALL OF HONOR
M A S S & C O M M U N I O N B R E A K F A S T
Sunday, January 27
9:30 AM Mass, Upper Church
10:30 AM Breakfast/Ceremony, Parish Hall

2019 INDUCTEES:
Major Michael Williams
Deacon Charles Lindsay
The B.V.M. Golf Committee: John Mauro,
Tim Fahy, Mike Rosiak, Gary McFadden

Tickets are $12 Adults;
$7 children under 12.

For more information or tickets, call Mike
McDonough at 215-908-3329 or the Rectory
during Office Hours at 215-673-8127.

All are invited to attend!
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The GEATOR, Jerry Blavat,
Is Coming Back to B.V.M!
Saturday, April 27
7 to 11 PM, Parish Hall

Tickets are $35 in advance,
$40 at the door (21 and older)
and include a buffet dinner,
soda, coffee and water.

Cash bar for beer and wine;
50/50s and chances on baskets.

For Tickets, call: Denise at the
Rectory, 215-673-8127,
or Cathy Boyle at 267-446-0482.

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Calling all 1969 Graduates of Maternity
B.V.M. Your 50th Reunion is being held
in our Parish Hall on Saturday, April 6.
More details soon!

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Show an Attitude of Gratitude. Make a sacrifice for families and children in the Missions during this Extraordinary Year of Mission!
Learn more about Missionaries supported by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Pontifical Mission Societies by going to www.phillymissions.org.

Catholic Social Services Needs Foster Parents for Its Unaccompanied Children Program
Catholic Social Services is recruiting foster-care parents to welcome unaccompanied children from Mexico and Central America into their homes. These pre-adolescent children have come here alone or been separated from their families at the border, and many have experienced significant trauma. What they need are caring individuals or families willing to provide a supportive foster care home environment for two to three months, while the children attend a daily educational and counseling program located at the former St. Bernard School on 7340 Jackson Street in Northeast Philadelphia. Households within a half-hour commuting distance to the program would be preferable. Ability to speak some Spanish would be helpful but is not required. Please contact Robert Montoro at rmontoro@chs-adphila.org or call 267-331-2443 for more information.

The Tomb of St. Katharine Drexel at the Cathedral-Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul
The Tomb of St. Katharine Drexel is now open for visits and prayer during Basilica hours. Information about these hours can be found on the Cathedral-Basilica Web Site, http://cathedralphiladelphia.org/.
You are welcome to present intentions and petitions to be placed at the Tomb of St. Katharine, asking her heavenly assistance. You may place these intentions and petitions in the offering basket at Mass at the Basilica or send them to the Cathedral Parish Office, 1723 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.
The Cathedral Shop is open on Sundays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. The shop carries religious and devotional articles of St. Katharine Drexel as well as biographies of our Philadelphia Saint.
Check out the Web Site, saintkatharinedrexel-shrine.com, for informational updates on activities surrounding the Tomb of St. Katharine Drexel, catechetical information or media resources.

Our fifth- and sixth-grade Choir perform at the School Concert.

Thank You and Best of Luck!
Mrs. René Oliveti is relocating to Florida. Mrs. Oliveti has been the Pre-K 4 Teacher’s Aide and CARES Assistant for 13 years. She has brought sunshine to many children; now we wish her much enjoyment and sunshine!

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Philadelphia, PA 19195-5315.

Or if you would like to make your donation online, please visit their secure site: www.stcharlesseminaryappeal.org.
Please call the Rectory when your loved ones have recovered so we can remove their names from our Prayer List. Thank you!

Helping Our Homebound: Stay Connected
Please take extra copies of our Parish Bulletin to our sick or homebound parishioners unable to attend Mass on the weekends, especially during bad weather. They love to read the Parish news and keep connected with their Church Family.

Police Service Area-2 Meeting
Monday, January 14
7 PM at Randi’s Restaurant
The PSA-2 meetings are the forum for having one-on-one conversations with a representative from the 7th Police District. Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month. All are welcome!
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