



Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

Phone: 215-721-0199
PREP Phone: 215-721-6559
Web Site: www.stmariagoretti.net

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 9am to 8:00pm
Friday through Saturday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.



PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. John C. Nguyen
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Leonard N. Peterson
Vietnamese Apostolate: Rev. John C. Nguyen
Transitional Deacon: Rev. Mr. Quy Pham
Permanent Deacons: Deacon Peter Niche
Deacon Stephen Vondercrone
Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education
& Parish Services: Maria Richardson
Admin. Assist. of Religious Education: JoAnn Prahl
Director of Adult Faith Formation: Angela McClellan
Director of Music: Eileen Ericsson
Pastoral Assistant: Patricia Conroy
R.C.I. A. Coordinator: Al Pandolfo
Elder Care Assistance Program: Amy Juarez
Office Manager: Cheryl Ryan
Parish Secretary: Mary Faymore
Business Manager: Douglas Smith
Asst. Business Mgr.: Geri Salanik

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am, 9:30 am, & 11:30 am
Vietnamese Mass	2:30 pm
Weekdays & Saturday	Mass at 8:30 am
Holy Days	Vigil 7:00pm, 7:00am, 8:30am & Noon, Vietnamese Mass at 7pm

DEVOTIONS:

Adoration:	Mondays after the 8:30 am Mass - Concludes at 5pm with Benediction
Marian:	Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass.
Saint Maria Goretti:	Monday after the 8:30 am Mass.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday at 12:45 pm (except the first Sunday). Please call the Parish Office to register for Baptism. Pre-Jordan classes required for parents and optional for godparents, are offered the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted in the bulletin. Baptisms are limited to four children per Sunday. **Letters of eligibility are due at the Parish Center before a date can be given for Baptism.**

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made with a priest at least six months in advance. You must speak to a priest before making arrangements for a reception hall. Scheduling, rescheduling or cancellation MUST be done by a priest. Pre-Cana classes are required for all couples. Please visit the archdiocesan website at <http://phillycatholiclife.org/marriage-and-family/preparing-for-marriage/>

ANNULMENTS

Archbishop Charles Chaput, following the directive of Pope Francis, is offering annulments without cost to the petitioners. There are additional changes which would make annulments easier to obtain. Contact the Parish Center to speak with Fr. Chung for more information on the annulment process.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm or any time upon request. Call the Parish Center.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR
PARISH MAY PROCESSION
TUESDAY, MAY 1st AT 6PM**



Please join Fr. Chung, Deacon Peter and Deacon Steve, fellow parishioners, PREP students and families, parish ministry volunteers, Knights of Columbus... to honor Mary at an outdoor procession (weather permitting) at 6pm on May 1st. The children that have received the sacraments this year are invited to wear their Confirmation robes and the First Holy Communion children are asked to wear their special First Communion attire. This will be the last night for our PREP students and both Monday and Tuesday night sessions should attend. What a great way to finish out the PREP year.

Following the May procession will be light refreshments. If you would like to sign up to help with snacks please contact Cheryl at 215-721-0199 or e-mail at cheryl.ryan@stmariagoretti.net Everyone is invited. Hope you can make it!

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL
April 15-Third Sunday of Easter**

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness, our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us.

Have you considered answering the call to help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? (215) 721-0199 ext.224

HELP WANTED

TEMPLE CLEANSERS

Looking for a way to get involved in your parish? This might be the stewardship opportunity for you. Low time commitment by joining a team of Temple Cleansers that meets once every 5 weeks to do light housekeeping of the church. If this sounds like a ministry for you or you would like more information, please call Cheryl at 215-721-0199. Thanks for your consideration.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

The Jordan Ministry is charged with making the white Baptismal robes for the newest members of our Faith Community. Once a year the committee gathers together to cut the material for the robes. Other members sew the robes at home.

The material and ribbon has been cut and packed up into 10 robe packages waiting to be sewn. It is simple straight stitch sewing. Placing ribbon on the front, hemming all the sides, and sewing bias tape around the neck opening. No fancy stitching. You can work on them when your time allows.

Interested in helping with the sewing? We would love to have you! Please contact Alice Murphy murphyalcea@verizon.net or 215-368-6324



**~ MONDAY ADORATION ~
GUARDIANS NEEDED**

Each Monday in the chapel, after the 8:30am morning Mass until 5p.m., we have the opportunity to adore Our Lord's body, blood, soul and divinity in the presence of the Eucharist. While adoring Our Lord, we must also ensure that the Holy Eucharist is never left unattended. A Guardian helps to ensure that the Holy Eucharist is never left alone by committing to spend thirty minutes or more each Monday with the Holy Eucharist. You share this holy commitment with a partner so that if something unforeseen occurs in your schedule you can feel confident that Jesus will not be left alone.

We are in need of Guardians at the following times:
10am to 10:30am
2:30pm to 3pm

Substitute Guardian positions are also available.
Contact: Nancy Boak nancyboak@aol.com or 215-393-3763.



First Holy Communion Information

First Holy Communion Retreat for one parent and child is March 24th at 9:00am in Drexel Hall
First Holy Communion is April 28th 10:00 AM Mass

EVERYONE

May Procession, May 1st 6pm in church with a procession to the outdoor Blessed Virgin Mary statue outside (weather permitting)

Forty Hours Procession—September 25th at 7:00 PM in church

CONTACT

Maria Richardson, Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education and Parish Services
maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net
215-721-6559

**SAVE THE DATE!
SMG Vacation Bible School**



Join us for a fun filled week with games, crafts, snacks and songs, all while we learn about how much Jesus loves us!

June 25th -29th, 9AM- 12noon

For children entering Preschool through 5th grade. We need middle school, high school, college and parent volunteers too!

More information on how to register your child or sign up as a volunteer will be coming soon in the bulletin and on the SMG website!





MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., April 15** 7:30 A.M. Simon Mazur
Req. by The Family
9:30 A.M. Dave Smith
Req. by The Family
11:30AM Stanley & Mary Rita Golazeski
Req. by Theresa Golazeski
- MON., April 16** 8:30 A.M. Eileen Jane Browne
Req. by Her Daughters
- TUES., April 17** 8:30 A.M. Robert & Frances Ervine
Req. by Tom & Betty Fetter
- WED., April 18** 8:30 A.M. Dorothy Rogozinski
Req. by The Gallen Family
- THURS., April 19** 8:30 A.M. James Kennedy
Req. by The Family
- FRI., April 20** 8:30 A.M. Rose & Gustav Schmidt
Req. by Rosemary Endrick
- SAT., April 21** 8:30 A.M. Marion Weisel
Req. by Deborah Fuller
5:00 P.M. Ken & Ann Armstrong
Req. by Their Children
- SUN., April 22** 7:30 A.M. Dillon Godwin
Req. by Kathy Goens
9:30 A.M. Amelia Vare Vernachio
Req. by Carman Vare
11:30 A.M. Kirk & Eileen Ericsson
Req. by Their Sons & Daughter

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in celebration of **the 60th Anniversary of Peg & Fran Haley CONGRATULATIONS!**



GIFT PRESENTERS NEEDED



Please see the sign up sheet on the easel in the narthex of church. What a great opportunity for your family to be involved in the Mass by taking the gifts up during the offertory. If you are having a Mass said for a loved one you are able to present the gifts at that Mass by signing up in

the narthex. Is it a special occasion? Consider being a gift presenter. Check out the sign up sheet before leaving Mass today!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send your bulletin announcements by 12 noon on the Monday prior to publication. The preferred method is by e-mail to cheryl.ryan@stmariagoretti.net with the word **"bulletin"** in the subject line. Thank you for your cooperation.

PRAYER LINE

Our Parish Prayer Line consists of five adult prayer groups. Requests for prayers for the prayer line may be given by calling **the Parish Center at 215-721-0199**. Your prayer request is mentioned in the prayers of those on the line for 2 weeks and then included in their prayers for the following weeks in an inclusive prayer. Anyone wishing to become a member of the parish prayer line ministry can join at any time by calling the Parish Center.



PLEASE KEEP IN MIND the

following people who at this time need your prayers and support: Warren Allison, Immaculata Antonucci, Ruth Adams, Jennifer & Kimberly Agnew, Paul Baril, Ray Baril, Joey Berical, Jerilyn Bowler, Mary Callaghan, Mary Campagna, Caridad Carlos, Aldo Carnara, Danny Catts, Kristen Chipollini, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Helen Curren, Regina DeFeo, Leo Dennis, Ceferina Eusubio, Sally Esbensen, Peter Fallon, Steven Flynn, Patrick Gardenier, Rita Gildea, Lianessa Gonzalez, Andrew Green, Dionne Greim, Sharon, Fernando & Ian Griffin, Frank Holloway, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Michelle Heacock, Ron Hoffman, Kevin Iavecchia, Carrissa Jakobe, Gerald Kenny, Emily Keiser, Charles Kline, Bernadette Kubej, Sue Kunze, Peg Krempf, Trish Lavelle, Curt Lecrone, Dina Lukasko, Mary Magnarella, Patti Maguire, William & Kristen Morrow, Rita Martin, John McLaughlin, Bridget Micshener, Helen Millar, Diane Moll, Frank Monroe, Munson Family, John Mye, Terry Shields Neumann, Joan Nickerson, Ernie Nippins, Bill O'Brien, Catherine Pagano, Robert Pauloski, Flocefida & Savador Penganon, Michael Prahler, Marian Quinn, Michael Rafter, Scott Randall, Jim Richardson, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Susan Schmidt, Helen Shekalis, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Peg Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzel, Paula Jayne White, Patty Wiley, John Willstaudt, Molly Worner, Arlene Wyatt, Salem Yabet, Rita & Joe Zduin.

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR

A great opportunity for stewardship!

Holy Hour gives the parish an opportunity to pray for the needs of the church especially vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Holy Hour will include public prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) and private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is welcome. Holy Hour is held the Thursday evening before First Friday at 7pm. The next Holy Hour will be on Thursday, May 3rd at 7pm. Please join us!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!!



Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been strengthening marriages for 50 years. Join the millions of couples around the world who have made a Weekend. The next Weekends in the Philadelphia Area are July 13-15, 2018 and October 19-21, 2018, both at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA.

For more information or to register go to www.wwme-philly.org or call 484-393-1645. Help us celebrate 50 years by experiencing a Weekend of Discovery and a Lifetime of Love!

BREAKFAST CLUB



The Breakfast Club is held on designated First Thursdays of the month in the church narthex and provides a way for people to gather together in friendship following their time spent together in worship and prayer. Coffee, tea, juice, and nutritious breakfast refreshments are served along with lots of laughter and conversation. There is no cost to participate in the Breakfast Club and no registration is required. Non-parishioners are always welcome. **Mark your calendar for May 3, September 6, and October 4 following the 8:30 AM Mass!**

TMIY THAT MAN IS YOU—TMIY

TMIY is a morning program for men organized around a central theme each year and presented through the lens of 7 steps that make it simple for men to follow. Each morning session has three components: a social gathering over breakfast refreshments, a 30 minute DVD presentation, and opportunity for discussion. The program honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers, although single men benefit, as well. For more information or to register contact: Bill Wynne at TMIYSMG@gmail.com or 215-721-0199 (ext. 254).

Wednesdays: Spring and Fall Semesters
6:00 AM to 7:30 AM OR

Saturdays: Spring and Fall Semesters
7:00 AM to 8:30 AM

Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center: Lower Level

RECYCLE YOUR EMPTY PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES

Please assist the Adult Faith Formation Ministry by dropping off the empty ink cartridges from your computer printer. We will use the rebates from these cartridges to purchase items such as colored paper, cases of bottled water, and candy for Adult Faith events. Please place your empty cartridges in the basket under the Adult Faith table in the narthex (the table under the portraits of the popes). This will be an ongoing event; there is no deadline to recycle your cartridges.



JOSEPH'S PEOPLE CHAPTER MEETING

ARE YOU UNEMPLOYED OR LOOKING FOR FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT? Do you want a place to network and meet others who are sharing a similar experience as you?

At Joseph's People we offer both spiritual and emotional support to those who are unemployed or underemployed. We also provide tools and resources in order to pursue a successful job search. Stop in and see what we are about. We are a very friendly and welcoming group. Join us at our upcoming meeting on April 19th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center Library. No prior registration is needed!

All are welcomed! For more information contact Nancy Boak at nancyboak@aol.com

**In His Sign Catholic Radio
Wake Up America Dinner**

**Kathleen McCarthy, along with guest
Fr. Doug McKay, will be the speakers.**

Join us on **Sunday, April 22** at the Malvern Retreat House for our annual **Wake Up America Dinner**.

Cost: \$55 per person or \$400 for table of 8

Please visit our website at www.inhissign.com or call at **610-527-2906** to make your reservation or for additional details.

**PRE-CANA WORKSHOP AT
ST. JUDE PARISH**

St. Jude Parish offers a fun, engaging and instructional one day Pre-Cana marriage preparation day for engaged couples.

Our day is designed to assist couples prepare for a strong, successful, lifelong marriage in a joy-filled, welcoming, environment. The sessions are held at St. Jude School located at 323 West Butler Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914. Our next session is scheduled for **Saturday, April 28th, 2018**. Please contact St. Jude Rectory 215-822-0179 office@stjudechalfont.org

CATHOLICS IN THEIR 20'S & 30'S

Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County, PA. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted.

April 2018

Tuesday, April 17: Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville; Doors at 7:00pm, Talk Starts at 7:30pm

Tuesday, April 24: Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales; 7:30pm

Parish Ministry Update!

Hospitality Ministry

Greeters needed for the Saturday Vigil Mass

Joe Pekala— joe.pekala@insurancejpa.com

CLUB + 50

Longwood Gardens Day Trip

May 22, 2018

GAMES DAY

The first Wednesday of the month

1PM – 4PM Parish Library

maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net

BOY SCOUT TROOP

NOW AT SMG!

deaconniche@stmariagoretti.net

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was \$633.41

BENEFITS "ALONG THE WAY"

Before leaving our church building each weekend, please consider stopping by one of our poor boxes located in the narthex, with your contribution. For the months of **March** and **April** 2018, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to "**Along The Way**" located in Souderton, PA. Along The Way is a non-profit faith-based organization that provides affordable, reliable, high-quality childcare services to the children of single mothers working or attending school/training during non-traditional business hours. Mothers qualify for these services based on financial need. They also offer and/or partner with other organizations to provide: parenting skills training, after school care for children, counseling, mentoring and/or training to help women navigate life's challenges. **If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!**

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 22nd

E.M. of Holy Communion

- 5:00pm – Sacristan, P. Pinkston, D. Trotter, M. Rosenberger
- 7:30am – Sacristan, C. Opdyke, V. & L. Lelii
- 9:30am – Sacristan, C. LeBrocq, B. Braun, M.J. Vondercrone
- 11:30am – Sacristan, B. Santulli, M. & M. D'Elia

E.M. Home Visits

- A1–C. Friel, A2-B. McCormick, A3-J. McNally, A4-D. Johnson,
- A5–G. Salaink, B1-D. Fuse, B2– P. Niche, B3-T. McGann,
- B4-J. Burke, B5-K. Hay

Lectors

- 5:00pm – C. Amuso, *Dominic Farzetta*
- 7:30am – P. Nguyen, D. Grant
- 9:30am – C. Heim, M. Mays
- 11:30am – B. Hardnock, J. Gressang

Cantors

- 5:00pm – Ugochi
- 7:30am – Donna
- 9:30am – Andrew
- 11:30am – Kristen

Altar Servers

- 5:00pm – A. & J. Padva, G. Zobel
- 7:30am – K. Grant, B. Mazeroski, T. Orndorff
- 9:30am – B. Braun, G. Heim, B. Lare
- 11:30am – R., V. & S. McLaughlin

Children's Liturgy

- 9:30am – R. Hier, E. Adamo



ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH
HATFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA



Youth Ministry Update

Youth Ministry Fundraiser
Catholic Items Sale after all Masses
April 21st & 22nd



May 20, 2018 at 11:30am Mass
Mass of Blessing for all Graduates of
all ages!



LAST CHANCE:
Reserve Your Spot NOW:
Steubenville High School Conference
June 22-24, 2018



Catholic Heart Workcamp
July 21 – 28, 2018

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Family Faith Formation, Religious Education
and Parish Services

maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net

215-721-6559

Details and to register at <http://stmariagoretti.net/maria-2/>

MASS FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION

Addiction has touched far too many families and taken far too many of our loved ones. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith. Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Tadeusz Gorka at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Royersford on **Saturday, April 21st** at 11am.

MARCH INTO SPRING AT PLAY & PRAY MOMS & TOTS GROUP!



Our Mom and Tots group has had lots of fun chasing the winter blues away these past couple of months. Now it is time to March into Spring! We will continue to journey through Lent and learn of God's tremendous love for us. So pop over on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11 AM in the Parish Center basement. What a wonderful opportunity to meet others in the parish as we support each other and our children in the Catholic faith. For more information, email Kendra at itpmentor209@yahoo.com.

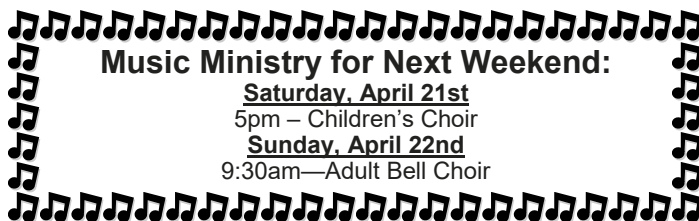
MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, April 17th
Bell Choir—6:30 to 7:30pm
Adult Choir—7:30 to 8:45pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Saturday, April 21st
5pm – Children's Choir
Sunday, April 22nd
9:30am—Adult Bell Choir



SUNDAY OFFERING



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Stewardship Offering April 8, 2018
 Total # of contributors (env, checks & EFT) 669
 Total to SMG: \$26,104.00



MATER DEI
 CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Mater Dei's "Beauty and the Beast Jr."



Mater Dei's Musical Troupe performed beautifully in the production Beauty and the Beast Jr. on April 6, 7, and 8th. Professionalism was evident in the sets that were created, in the sound and lighting, and especially, from our young actors and actresses. Special thanks to our accomplished director, Mr. Jason Strefeler, our dedicated parents, teachers, and friends of Mater Dei, and our talented students who spent long hours preparing and practicing for their performance.

Take a Tour and Register for 2018-19 at Mater Dei!

Registrations are now being accepted for PK3 through Grade 8. New families with children in Preschool (Three and Four Year Olds) and Kindergarten to Grade 8 are welcome to tour Mater Dei Catholic School. Call now to schedule a tour while space is available. Two preschool and two kindergarten classrooms are already filled, but there is still space available! Appointments are flexible and can accommodate your work schedule. Please contact the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or gsmann@materdeicatholic.com to schedule your visit today!



MATER DEI
 CHILDCARE CENTER

Employment Opportunity

Our brand new Mater Dei Childcare Center is growing and so, additions to our staff are needed. Currently, we are searching for a loving full-time teacher to join our team. Our teachers will need to provide and maintain a positive and appropriate Catholic educational program that meets the social, emotional, and physical needs of the children within their care. Candidates should have an education degree and experience in the field, be energetic, patient, friendly, nurturing and enjoy working with young children and their families. We're looking for the best of the best for our childcare program. If that's you, please send your resume for immediate consideration to Katherine Stansbury, Center Director at kstansbury@materdeicatholic.com

Register Now! Immediate acceptance of infants to 36 month old children... Mater Dei Child Care Center will be open Monday through Friday from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm to accommodate the working parent. Full and part time care will be offered. If you would like information or would like to schedule a visit, please contact Katherine Stansbury, Center Director, at childcare@materdeicatholic.com or 215-799-2211. Space is available now!



OUR LADY UNDOER OF KNOTS NOVENA

St. Mary Parish in historic Schwenksville will hold a novena honoring the devotion to Mary, Undoer of Knots, from **Sunday, April 15 through Monday, April 23**. The powerful Undoer of Knots Novena is a means of turning to Mary for assistance in unraveling the knots that inhibit or block the divine action of God's grace in our lives. Each evening, the parish community will gather to say the Rosary at 6:30. Novena prayers and benediction will follow at 7:00. Please join us and entrust the knots in your life—the problems, conflicts, weaknesses, or miseries that bring hardship and struggle—to Mary.

**YOU ARE MADE NEW:
 A Retreat for Women**

We invite you to join us on April 27-28 as we encounter Jesus in a personal, powerful way through praise and worship music, inspiring speakers, healing prayer, personal coaching and reflection, and a time of adoration. The mission of this retreat is to unleash the power of God, through the Holy Spirit, and invite Him to change our hearts and transform our lives! You will leave with tools to help you continue the transformation back home. Location: Pope John Paul II High School, Royersford, PA; Presenters: Father Stephen DeLacy, Megan Mastroianni of Anthem Philly, De Yarrison, CPCC, Mark Griswold, Worship Leader. Visit the website: youaremadenew.com or call De Yarrison at 610.287.2989

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

The **Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH)** is looking for a few good men. Our Motto is Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. If you'd like to live our Motto, learn more about your Catholic faith and your Irish heritage while helping those in need then why not consider joining today. Catholic men with Irish heritage that are interested in joining the AOH can contact Tom McGann at trmcgann22@gmail.com 267-228-1931 or Tom Coughlin at sahs01@comcast.net 215-450-9662. You can also find out more about us on our Website www.aohdivision4.com or find us on Facebook @aohdivision4. We meet on the Third Monday of the month at the Hatfield American Legion - 2100 Koffel Road at 7:30pm.



**SAVE THE DATE
 SMG 12th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
 FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2018**

SMG will host its 12th. annual golf outing on Friday July 20, 2018 at Macoby Run Golf Course in Green Lane, Pa. The outing is open to ALL parishioners and friends. Specific details and registration forms will be available in May.



**Support your parish...
 purchase SCRIP.**