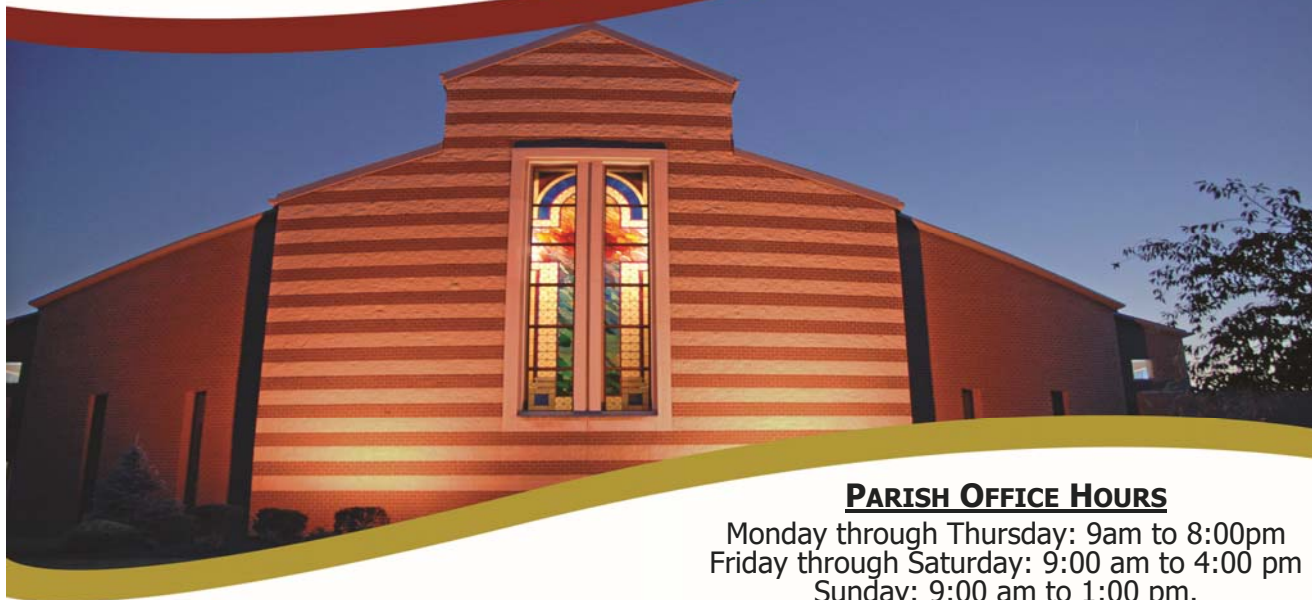


Saint Maria Goretti Parish

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 Prahler
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: Jennifer Rose
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 THE OPENING MASS & DINNER IN CELEBRATION OF SAINT MARIA GORETTI PARISH'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 4pm Vigil Mass



Can you believe it? Sixty-five years ago this year our community of founding members began our Parish in a humble setting and we have grown to enjoy the gift of God's love and share our faith and treasures with many within and around us. Please join us in kicking off the 65th Anniversary of SMG Parish with an opening Mass celebrated by **Bishop John J. McIntyre** at 4pm on Saturday, January 27th. Following Mass will be a simple dinner in Drexel Hall *free of charge*. Please see the insert and reservation form in today's bulletin and get your reservation in early since we can only seat 300 people. This is the first of many events to take place throughout the year to commemorate the parish's 65th Anniversary. Hope you can make it!

PRO-LIFE MARCH ~ WASHINGTON D.C.
Friday, January 19, 2018



Bus departs from SMG parking lot at 5:45am.

Join Pro-Life members from all over the country in the fight to end abortion. We will leave at 5:45am (with a stop for a quick break) to participate at Mass at 10am at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. After Mass there will be time to visit all of the beauty of the Shrine.

The March will begin between 12—1pm and all participants will be supplied with Metro passes to the March. The bus will leave the Shrine parking lot at 4pm and we will stop at Old Country Buffet in Newark, DE for dinner. The bus, metro pass and dinner are included in the cost of \$30. Family discounts are available.

Anyone who cannot make the March but would like to donate to help with expenses can drop your check in the collection basket payable to St. Maria Goretti marked Pro-Life March or mail to 1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield. For more information, please call Bob McCormick at 215-362-1247 or bobmcc52@verizon.net.

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Send your name, address, phone number, number of tickets along with your check to SMG attention Pro-Life March.

JANUARY IS DONOR MONTH
Give the Gift of Life



Saint Maria Goretti Parish Blood Drive is Tuesday, January 16 in Drexel Hall from 2 to 7pm. One of our parish nurses will be in the Narthex this weekend and next for those who would like to sign up. For more information please contact Eleonore Duch at 215-855-9017 or by e-mail at ellieron@comcast.net.

THAT MAN IS YOU—TMIY

Saint Maria Goretti Parish, Hatfield

www.stmariagoretti.net



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



REGISTRATION SUNDAY

Registration Sunday will take place **TODAY, January 14th**. Please stop by the Parish Center between the hours of 10am and 1pm to be officially welcomed into the parish. No paperwork is necessary from your previous parish. The process will take no longer than 15 minutes.



Mass Schedule

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., January 14** 7:30 A.M. Aralyn
Req. by Gram & Pop
9:30 A.M. Jenna Burleigh
Req. by The Lelii Family
11:30 A.M. The Anonia Family
Req. by Teresa Golazeski
- MON., January 15** 8:30 A.M. Marie Murphy
Req. by Zora Denderian
- TUES., January 16** 8:30 A.M. Charles & Dorothy Rath
Req. by Judy & Jerry Liebas
- WED., January 17** 8:30 A.M. Greg Walsh
Req. by His God Parents
- THURS., Jan. 18** 8:30 A.M. Dorothy Reckner
Req. by Sally & Edd Murphy
- FRI., January 19** 8:30 A.M. Souls in Purgatory
Req. by Elvira Musso
- SAT., January 20** 8:30 A.M. John Senay
Req. by Kathy Senay
5:00 P.M. Mary Beauchamp
Req. by Donna Beauchamp
- SUN., January 21** 7:30 A.M. Kathleen Stagliano
Req. by Dr. & Mrs. Shawn Hennigan
9:30 A.M. Rosa & Stanislaus Vernachio
Req. by The Family
11:30 A.M. William Fitzgerald
Req. by His Children



SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Margaret Guarino** requested by John Guarino.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE

In case of inclement weather, please contact the Parish Center to confirm whether Adoration will take place. If the Parish Center is closed due to weather, there will not be Eucharistic Adoration.



PRECIOUS BLOOD

The distribution of Precious Blood will be discontinued for the winter months and will resume following Easter to help to prevent the spreading of winter illnesses. The faith of the Church teaches that Christ, whole and entire, is received even under only one species.

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.



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, Angelo Butera, Mary Callaghan, Caridad Carlos, Aldo Carnara, Danny Catts, Allen Chapman, Kristen Chipollini, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Helen Curran, Regina DeFeo, Leo Dennis, Frank Dougherty, 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, Keenan Lee, Kori Lee, Angelique Lee, Mele Lee, Dina Lukasko, Mary Magnarella, Patti Maguire, William & Kristen Morrow, Rita Martin, John McLaughlin, Bridget Michener, Helen Millar, Diane Moll, Frank Monroe, Munson Family, John Mye, Terry Shields Neumann, Joan Nickerson, Ernie Nippins, Bill O'Brien, James O'Neill, Catherine Pagano, Robert Pauloski, Flocefida & Savador Penganon, Michael Prahler, Marian Quinn, Michael Rafter, Jim Richardson, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Susan Schmidt, Helen Shekalis, Gerry Sicinski, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Peg Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzler, Paula Jayne White, John Willstaudt, Molly Worner, Arlene Wyatt, Salem Yabet, Rita & Joe Zdun.

ONCE AGAIN THE GOODNESS OF SMG PARISHIONERS SHINES THROUGH

Over 2,500 gifts were generously provided by the parishioners of SMG for those less fortunate. Without your support they may not have had the opportunity to celebrate Christmas this year. Thank you to everyone for your generosity and for those who came out to help with gift sorting and delivering. You are all the BEST!





BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club is held on designated First Thursdays of the year 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 our next Breakfast Club on February 1, 2018 following the 8:30 AM Mass!**

LITURGY SERIES

This three part series includes the history of Liturgy and the Introductory Rite of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Each session will include time for questions and discussions. There is no cost to attend these presentations, but a free will offering is greatly appreciated. Refreshments will be served. Registration is recommended at angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net.

Mondays, February 5, 12, and 19, 2018
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Saint Maria Goretti Chapel
Guest Presenter: Father Louis Bellopede
Pastor, Saint Mary Parish, Schwenksville

OUR PARISH HAS A FACE



If you have a **Facebook** account, please check out our Facebook page at Saint Maria Goretti Catholic Church Hatfield for prayers and devotions, inspirational quotes of the saints, and the latest news and announcements from our parish and archdiocese. Look in the mirror, its face is you!

Connect with us to be informed about....

- ◆ Emergency situations that may arise on campus
- ◆ Cancellation of events and programs due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances
- ◆ The latest news and announcements from our parish and archdiocese
- ◆ Upcoming events
- ◆ The Liturgical Calendar
- ◆ Saints, Solemnities, and Special Feasts

Parish Religious Education Program

The 1st Holy Communion Parent Meeting will be Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 6:00pm in the church

If you have any questions, please contact the Religious Education office at 215-721-6559 or Maria at maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net JoAnn at Joann.prahler@stmariagoretti.net

ELDERCARE CORNER

Upcoming Events:

Wellness Wednesdays will continue on Wed., Feb. 7th at 9:30 AM. Stephanie McDougal, DPT, OCS from The Physical Therapy & Wellness Institute will be at SMG to speak about Vestibular Health (vertigo and other inner ear and brain functions that control balance) and Winter Slips & Trips. Please join us in the Church Library for a complimentary breakfast and presentation. For any questions or to RSVP, call Amy Juarez, SMG Elder Care Program, at 215-721-0199 x225 or ajuarez@chs-adphila.org.

Tip of the Week:

To prevent slips, trips, and falls, employers should clear walking surfaces of snow and ice, and spread deicer, as quickly as possible after a winter storm. In addition, the following precautions will help reduce the likelihood of injuries:

- ◆ Wear proper footwear when walking on snow or ice is unavoidable, because it is especially treacherous. A pair of insulated and water resistant boots with good rubber treads is a must for walking during or after a winter storm. Keeping a pair of rubber over-shoes with good treads which fit over your street shoes is a good idea during the winter months.
- ◆ Take short steps and walk at a slower pace so you can react quickly to a change in traction, when walking on an icy or snow-covered walkway. (www.osha.gov)

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 next meeting on January 18th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center Library.

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

YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS

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. Our ministry includes: Theology on Tap, faith based meetings, community service, retreats, and outdoor events. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted. Our upcoming events are listed below, contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com for more information, or visit our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults) for more details.

January 2018

Tuesday, January 16: Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville; Doors at 7:00pm, Talk at 7:30pm

Tuesday, January 23: Holy Hour @ MMR Parish, N. Wales

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: \$135.45

BENEFITS PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO

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 **January** and **February** 2018, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to the **People of Puerto Rico** and the devastation of our country. The Archdiocese has asked each parish to take up collections for Puerto Rico. The SMG parishioners have always been so generous to help in the past by donating to the second collections for both Texas and Florida hurricanes that we are asking for any support to those still suffering by the devastation of hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico by contributing to the Poor Box over the next two months. **If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you for your consideration!**

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL
MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE**

Saturday, January 20 and Sunday, January 21



As we start the new year the need goes on. The folks of St. Maria Goretti have been wonderful and there are many in need hoping they will continue. Listed below are the organizations that will benefit from the SMG - St. Vincent dePaul Society's January Food/Pantry Drive (Saturday, January 20 and Sunday, January 21). They are shown along with their wish lists.

Prolife/Birthright: Baby wipes; plastic baby bottles; crib sheets; receiving blankets; hooded bath towels; baby shampoo, lotion, and wash; 12-18 month winter jackets; 0-3 month girl & boy outfits; socks, 18-36 months; dresses, newborns-to-18 months; maternity clothes or sweatshirts, sizes XL - XXL

Catholic Social Services – Norristown: General groceries; personal care items; household cleaners; laundry detergent; paper products.

Thank you so much for all you do for the needy who benefit greatly from your help!

TIRED OF WORRYING?

Are you tired of worrying? After struggling to overcome anxiety for many years, Gary Zimak has learned that Jesus Christ is the ultimate answer to winning the battle. Gary will be speaking on **Tuesday, January 16th at 7:00 pm** in the **Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Chapel**. All are welcome to attend. This talk, based on his best-selling books "A Worrier's Guide To The Bible" and "From Fear To Faith", Gary will share his step by step approach for moving from anxiety to peace!

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. Bulletin inserts are due 2 weeks prior to the publication. Thanks for your cooperation.

**MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st**

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, S. Lynam, D. Blanche, M. Rosenberger
7:30am – Sacristan, D. Trotter, M. & M. D'Elia
9:30am – Sacristan, M. Nyce, T. Hipp, P. O'Hara
11:30am – Sacristan, T. McGann, M. Niche, J. McNally

E.M. Home Visits

A1– B. Hudak, **A2**-E. McBride, **A3**-D. Fuse, **A4**-J. Burke, **A5**–J. Forbes , **B1**-M. Collis, **B2**-J. Gressang , **B3**-D. Grant, **B4**-C. Friel, **B5**-C. Opdyke

Lectors

5:00pm – C. Amuso, R. Jones
7:30am – B. Jellen, B. Malley
9:30am – J. & L. Fleming
11:30am – C. McNally, P. Shelly

Cantors

5:00pm – Chelsea
7:30am – Michele
9:30am – Tara
11:30am – Kathy

Altar Servers

5:00pm – S. Holland, B. Mazerowski, T. Orndorff
7:30am – J. Byrnes, G. Quinones, A. Wertz
9:30am – L. & S. O'Leary, T. Paul
11:30am – J. Franek, G. & T. McGann

Children's Liturgy

9:30am – K. Moody, S. Brodsky

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, January 16th

Bell Choir—6:30 to 7:30pm
Adult Choir—7:30 to 8:45pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Saturday, January 20th
 5pm – Adult Choir



**JOIN IN THE FUN AT PLAY & PRAY
MOMS & TOTS GROUP**

Join us! Moms/Grandmothers and their little ones infant through age 5 are most welcome to join our weekly playgroup! We gather for simple crafts, Bible stories and songs, as well as a chance for free play and socialization. What a great way to find support in other moms as well! We hope you will join us on Thursdays from 9:30am-11am in the Parish Library for fellowship and fun. There is no need to register, but for more info please contact Janna at jlkerr8@gmail.com

SUNDAY OFFERING



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 Total to SMG: \$24046.74

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MATER DEI
 CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Mater Dei Child Care Center...immediate acceptance of infants to 36 month old children!

The Mater Dei Childcare Center located at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Hatfield has currently immediate openings for children ranging in age from 6 weeks to 36 months. Your child is welcome to participate in an amazing program where he or she will learn and develop socially, emotionally, academically, and spiritually in a nurturing environment. 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!

Mater Dei Childcare Center
 2980 Cowpath Road
 Hatfield, PA 19440

Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.

Take a Tour and Register for 2018-19!

New families with children in Preschool to Grade 8 are welcome to tour Mater Dei Catholic School. Over 400 students are already registered for the 2018-19 school year, so call now to schedule a tour while space is available. Appointments are flexible and can accommodate your work schedule. Please contact the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com to schedule your visit today!

Trivia Night at Mater Dei Catholic School

Gather a table of friends and have a night of fun! Trivia Night is Saturday, January 20th in the Mater Dei gym. Doors open at 6:30pm; trivia starts at 7:30pm. Guests must be 21 years of age or older to attend. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the school office for \$20 OR tickets can be purchased day of event at the door for \$25. Beer, soft drinks and light snacks are included. Teams of 8-10 people per table are ideal. Teams of 5 or less may be combined with other tables. Questions? Please contact Karen Verderame at tpxav311@gmail.com. For more information, please see the Trivia Night flyer on our school web site. www.materdeicatholic.com



Save the Date! Trolls Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 4th after the 9:30 Mass at St. Maria Goretti Parish, Drexel Hall. More details to follow in upcoming bulletins.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES ARE BACK!!



Girl Scout Cookies will be available in the Narthex the weekend of January 20th & 21st after all Masses. We have all your favorites and the Gluten Free Trios. You can also purchase Girl Scout Cookies at the Character Breakfast in Drexel Hall on February 4th. Please support your Parish Girl Scouts. For more information contact Kris Antenuci @ 215-721-7419.

SMG CYO ...FROM THE HAWK'S NEST



Hello Parishioners,
 Now that our basketball is in full swing, I would like to thank all the teams for their generous Thanksgiving meal donations we put together for needy families in our area with help from the St. Vincent DePaul Society. It was a great kick-off of our basketball season.

Please look for the following events and service projects to happen over the next few months.

Service Projects

- ◆ CYO Basketball Coaches vs. Cancer Donation—January 22 & 29, 2018
- ◆ Sports Equipment Donation—February 3, 2018 from 9am to 12 noon. (Time to clean out your kids sports equipment)

Upcoming Events/Fundraisers

- ◆ Irish Night—Details below
- ◆ Year End Sports Banquet—June 3rd at Family Heritage Restaurant

Lastly, if you have any questions or concerns in regards to SMG CYO please e-mail me at subzerodj@verizon.net or my cell at 215-692-2180.

Sincerely, Jeff Benner, President

SAVE THE DATE ~ IRISH NIGHT



**Sponsored by AOH Division #4 & SMG CYO
 Saturday, March 3rd at 7pm**

**Music by Reilly's Daughter with Tommy Conwell
 Irish Dancers and Vendors Too!**

St. Maria Goretti Drexel Hall (Doors open at 6:30)

Cost is \$35pp or reserve a table of 8 for \$250

Tickets on sale in Narthex after Masses or at the Parish Center
 For more info please contact John Cashley (267) 467-0441

**ST. JUDE SCHOOL
 OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 11:15 am—1:30 pm

Pre School - 8th Grade

Meet our students and faculty

Chat with the principal

Experience what makes St. Jude School
 the place for your family!

www.stjudeschool.com

or call 215-822-9225

323 W. Butler Ave. Chalfont, PA 18914