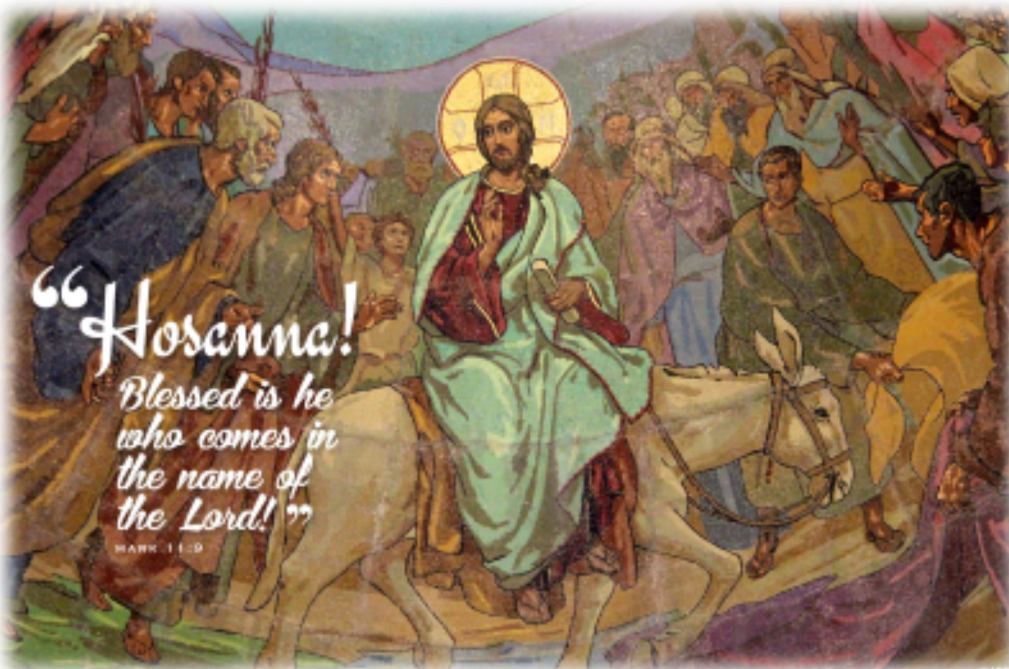




Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield



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: 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.

ANOINTING 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.

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS

Monday, March 26th—1 to 2pm & 7 to 8pm
 Tuesday, March 27th—4:00 to 5:00pm & 7 to 8pm

HOLY THURSDAY—No Morning Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm—Adoration ends with Night Prayer at 10pm.

GOOD FRIDAY—No Morning Mass

Church opens for Adoration at 8:30am—Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord at 3pm
 Vietnamese Liturgy at 7pm

HOLY SATURDAY

No Morning Mass—No Confessions
 Blessing of Food at 11am
 Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

Masses: 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am
 Vietnamese Mass at 2:30pm



PANCAKE BREAKFAST/EASTER EGG HUNT THANK YOU

A special thank you to everyone that helped last weekend at the Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to our cooks, servers, egg hiders, set-up and clean-up crew. SMG is blessed to have all of you! It was a great success with delicious food, fellowship and fun for the kids on a beautiful spring day. We had a special visit from the Easter Bunny following the 9:30am Mass, about 300 people for breakfast and 600 eggs hidden for the children. Thank you to everyone that joined us last weekend! Thank you to **Clemens Food Group** for your donation of delicious sausage!



~ 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.



EASTER FOUNTAIN & CHURCH DECORATING

NARTHEX FOUNTAIN construction time! I invite all strong arms and minds to help with the construction of the Easter fountain in the Narthex the Monday before Easter, **March 26th**, after the morning Mass approximately 9:15am. We will not be decorating it at this time.

EASTER DECORATING will take place Holy Saturday, **March 31st** at 9 am. Any questions contact Lynne Hipp at 215-256-8682.

Thanking you in advance for your help!

THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, this collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute the the Pontifical Good Friday collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity!

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in to Catholic Mass on TV or watch online:

PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER TV MASS

KJWP channel 2 at 7:00 a.m. and WMCN channel 44 at 8:30 a.m.

ONLINE VIDEO

www.HeartoftheNation.org

For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.



Mass Schedule

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., March 25** 7:30 A.M. Joseph Collins
Req. by Dale & Joanne Kratz
9:30 A.M. Dec'd members of the Daddario Family
Req. by The Family
11:30 A.M. Beatrice Brenninger
Req. by Charlie & Sally Keffer
- MON., March 26** 7:00 A.M. Dec'd members of the Topley Family
Req. by The Family
8:30 A.M. John Jones
Req. by Rita Jones
- TUES., March 27** 7:00 A.M. Pam Moyer
Req. by Charlie Neuman
8:30 A.M. Nancy Richards
Req. by Bill & MaryAnne Hildenbrand
- WED., March 28** 7:00 A.M. Licia Butera
Req. by The McGann Family
8:30 A.M. William Mondel
Req. by The Murphy Family
- THURS., March 29** *No Morning Mass*
7:00 P.M. *Mass of the Lord's Supper*
- FRI., March 30** *No Morning Mass*
3:00 P.M. *Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord*
7:00 P.M. *Vietnamese Liturgy*
- SAT., March 31** *No Morning Mass*
7:30 P.M. *Easter Vigil Mass*
- SUN., April 1** 7:30 A.M. Rita Severini
Req. by The Cujina Family
9:30 A.M. Our Parents
Req. by The Steklenski Family
11:30 A.M. Jenna Burleigh
Req. by The Steklenski Family

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in celebration of the birthday of **Deborah Duch** requested by Ron & Eleonore Duch.



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, April 5th.**

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, Allen Chapman, Kristen Chipollini, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Helen Curren, 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 Kreml, 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, James O'Neill, Catherine Pagano, Robert Pauloski, Flocerfida & 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 Zdun.

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

You are invited to attend a Traditional Latin Mass (TLM) at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa.

When: 2nd Sunday of each month

Time: 11:15am

Location: Our Lady's Chapel (downstairs) or Saint Anne's Chapel

~ 2018 Dates ~

April 8th, May 13th, June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, September 9th, October 7th, November 17th, December 9th

For more information please contact Toddason@gmail.com

ELDERCARE CORNER



Did You Know...?

There are a lot of resources for Seniors with low vision. If you have been diagnosed with Macular Degeneration, Glaucoma, or another eye disease that is affecting your daily living activities, contact Amy Juarez with the SMG Eldercare Assistance Program. Amy has lots of tips and tricks and is familiar with many free or low cost devices that can help you if you have any vision loss. Amy can be reached at ajuarez@chs-adphila.org or 215-721-0199 x225.

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 April 5, May 3, September 6, and October 4 following the 8:30 AM Mass!**



THAT MAN IS YOU—TMIY

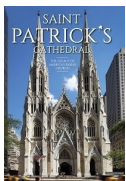
TMIY is a morning program for men organized around a central theme each year and presented through the lens of 7 steps that make it simple for men to follow. Each morning session has three components: a social gathering over breakfast refreshments, a 30 minute DVD presentation, and opportunity for discussion. 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

SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL & SAINT FRANCES CABRINI SHRINE



There is no better way to travel than to travel as a pilgrim! Join fellow parishioners and friends from other parishes across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for this one day pilgrimage to New York City. We will first tour Saint Patrick's and then celebrate the noon Mass at the Cathedral. Following Mass, we will depart for the Saint Frances Cabrini Shrine where we will enjoy lunch and a tour. Free

time will be allotted for personal prayer and visits to the gift shops at each sacred place.

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Bus Departure: Saint Maria Goretti Church Parking Lot

Approximate Return Home: 7:00 PM

Cost: \$70.00 per person (includes lunch)

Register using the form at www.stmariagoretti.net.

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.

RISE™

by Chris Stefanick & Bill Donaghy

Men of Saint Maria Goretti Parish, do you want tomorrow to be better than today? Are you willing to do what it takes to become a better man for yourself, your family, and those around you? When you take the RISE 30-Day Challenge, you will gain the tools you need to take your life and relationships to the next level. Journey with men all over the world as we RISE together. Registration open at www.menriseup.org

Parish Ministry Update!

Hospitality Ministry

Greeters needed for the Saturday Vigil Masses

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



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

NEWS UPDATE:

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED TEENS!

You did a GREAT job!

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 5:00 PM in church

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

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: \$370.91

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 1st

E.M. of Holy Communion

7:30pm – Sacristan
 7:30am – Sacristan, P. Nguyen
 9:30am – Sacristan, M.Lee-Nippins
 11:30am – Sacristan, L. Arkens

E.M. Home Visits

A1– D. Misczak, A2–J. Burke, A3–T. McGann, A4–J. Gressang,
 A5– D. Niche, B1–E. Duch, B2– D. Fuse, B3–M. Collis,
 B4–E. McBride, B5–D. Grant

Lectors

7:30pm – **Volunteer Sign-up**
 7:30am – M. McCormick, **Sub Needed**
 9:30am – B. Hardnock, **Sub Needed**
 11:30am – K. Luther, D. Smith

Cantors

7:30pm
 7:30am – Krista
 9:30am – Donna
 11:30am – Katie

Altar Servers

7:30pm – **Volunteer Sign-up**
 7:30am – L. Nguyen, B. & C. O'Reilly
 9:30am – I. Gonzales, J. & J. Hier
 11:30am – J. Deeney, B. Hughes, C. McColgan

Children's Liturgy

No Children's Liturgy on Easter Sunday

MUSIC NOTES

Rehearsals for Tuesday, March 27th



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

Music Ministry for Easter Sunday:

Sunday, April 1st
 9:30am – Children & Adult Choirs
 11:30am—Adult Bell Choir

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. Then, on March 15th, wear your green and get ready to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! We will not hold Play and Pray on March 29th, which is Holy Thursday, but join us on April 5th for our Easter celebration, complete with a very special egg hunt! 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 ipmentor209@yahoo.com.



Youth Ministry Update

CHOSEN for Jr. High Teens ~ *It's not too late to start!!* High School Leaders needed
 March 13th to April 24th



Youth Ministry Fundraiser
 Catholic Items Sale after all Masses
 April 14th & 15th

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

CONTACT

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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/>



SUNDAY OFFERING



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Stewardship Offering March 18, 2018
 Total # of contributors (env, checks & EFT) 727
 Total to SMG: \$24,480.00
 Total Diocesan collection: \$2,595.00



MATER DEI
 CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Ice Cream with the Cast

After the 2:00 performance on Saturday, April 7th, children ages 6 and under are welcome to meet the Mater Dei cast of *"Beauty and the Beast"*. Ice Cream sundaes will be served. Donation is \$1 per child and reservations are required. Please call the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 to place your reservation. More details to follow!



Save the Date...Spring Open House

Mater Dei will host a spring Open House on Tuesday, April 10 from 6 to 8 PM. All new families are welcome! Your RSVP is helpful. Please call the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or email to gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com to let them know who will be attending

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 gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com to schedule your visit today!



FROM THE HAWK'S NEST:

Hello SMG Young Athletes & Parents,
 2018 Spring CYO Sports Registrations are now open on our website: www.wagdogs.com

Track and Field.....You must be in grades 4th thru 8th grade to participate this season. Coach Dan Sadowski will be coaching this squad again.

Girls Softball.....JV & Varsity.....grades 5th thru 8th.
Boys Baseball.....JV & Varsity.....grades 5th thru 8th.
High School Co-ed Volleyball.....9th thru 12th grade

Again, special thanks to everyone who participates and donates their time as coaches, volunteers, team parents, snack stand volunteer, etc. etc. Our SMG CYO Program would not exist without all of you.

We will be having a year end banquet this year on Sunday June 3rd @ Franconia Family Heritage Restaurant.....details to follow soon. If you have any questions, please contact me anytime. My cell# is 215-692-2180. God Bless and enjoy your sports seasons.
 Jeff Benner. CYO President

PYSANKY EGG MAKING IS BACK!



Come learn and create your own Ukrainian Pysanky Eggs on real egg shells. Additional beeswax, stylus and dyes will be provided by Girl Scout Troop #7656. To reserve your spot and/or questions contact Meg Garner at mgarner7th@yahoo.com or 267-467-5831.

Saturday, April 7th, 2018 in the St. Maria Goretti Parish Center Basement. Check-in: 12 noon and running until 4:30pm. Cost \$20/person and includes two eggs, adult instruction & light snack.

**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.

**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.

JUST 3 WEEKS UNTIL TRUCK DAY



On Saturday, April 14 from 9 am to 1 PM the Green Drop Truck will be in the Cowpath Road Parking lot to accept your donations to benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the people we serve.

Green Drop pays the Society for donations made in the name of the SVdP and the money is used to support conferences that have great need but few financial resources. (Landlords and utility companies won't take used clothing in lieu of money for rent and utility bills.) In addition, Green Drop arranges with 2nd Avenue stores to provide vouchers for our neighbors in need of clothing and household items that were supplied by your donations.

Lists of acceptable items are available in the Narthex, at the Parish Center and on the Green Drop Website (<https://www.gogreendrop.com>). Can't wait until April 14? Green Drop has drop off locations in the area OR if you have a large amount you can arrange a truck pick-up at your home. All this information is also on their website. (Just be sure you say Society of St. Vincent de Paul, so we get the credit.)

On behalf of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and those we serve, thank you in advance for your generosity. We look forward to seeing you on April 14.