

Blessed Are the Pure of Heart

In joyous celebration of our parish's 65th Anniversary and the Feast Day of our beloved parish patroness, Saint Maria Goretti, join us for a special breakfast following morning Mass. During breakfast we will view a brief DVD presentation that examines how Saint Maria Goretti exemplified the Beatitude, *"Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God."* Hopefully, we will be motivated and inspired by her life and spirituality to live the Beatitudes in our everyday life, as well.



Friday, July 6, 2018
Following the 8:30 AM Mass
Church Narthex

"In the last few hours of her life, when the priest came to administer the Last Rites, he asked her, "And you, Maria, do you pardon your murderer?" Little Maria, dying and in great pain, said to the priest, "Yes, for the love of Jesus, I pardon him. And I desire that he may come with me to heaven." This declaration of forgiveness reflected the purity of Maria's heart. Even as she lay dying as a victim of a horrible assault, she could see goodness in Alessandro and wished salvation upon him. Maria sought no vengeance, wanted no evil, and spoke no curses. She loved with a pure heart, welcomed grace, and remained a light in the midst of darkness."

Excerpted from *Kingdom of Happiness*
by Father Jeffrey Kirby, STD