



Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

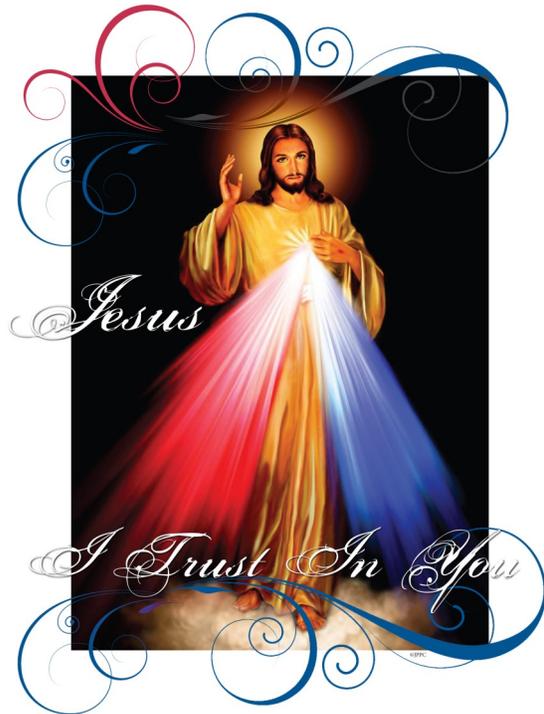
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, & 11:30 am
Vietnamese Mass: 2:30 pm
Weekdays & Saturday Mass: 8:30 am
Holy Days: Vigil 7:00pm, 7:00am, 8:30am
& noon, Vietnamese Mass at 7pm
***Mass Live Streamed on SMG Facebook page or a link on the parish website Sundays at 9:30am and daily at 8:30am.**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday: 9am to 4:00pm
Saturday & Sunday by appointment only during the pandemic.



PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. John C. Nguyen
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Leonard N. Peterson
Vietnamese Apostolate: Rev. John C. Nguyen
Permanent Deacons:
Deacon Phuong Nguyen
Deacon Stephen Vondercrone
Mater Dei Regional Catholic School President:
Ms. Diane McCaughan
Mater Dei Principal: Ms. Beth Waltrich
Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education & Parish Services: Maria Richardson
Sacristan & Assist. to Director of Family Faith Formation:
Tyler Grant
Admin. Assist. of Religious Education: JoAnn Prahler
Director of Music: Eileen Ericsson
Pastoral Assistant: Patricia Conroy
Office Manager: Cheryl Ryan
Parish Secretary: Mary Faymore
R.C.I.A. Coordinator: Al Pandolfo
Elder Care Assistance Program: Amy Juarez
Business Manager: Douglas Smith
Asst. Business Mgr.: Geri Salanik

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 during the 8:30 am Mass.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday at 12:45 pm (except the first Sunday of each month). 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 **ONE CHILD** 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

Following the directive of Pope Francis, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia 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
PARISH MAY PROCESSION
MONDAY, MAY 2nd AT 6PM**

Please join Fr. Chung, our Deacons, and 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 2nd. 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.

Everyone is invited. Hope you can make it!



**THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION
OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA**

**&
The SMG Assistance Fund**

In the very near future, St. Maria Goretti Parish will be sharing with you an exciting new opportunity that we are currently pursuing with the Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia to maximize the impact of your generous Parish donations. The SMG Assistance Fund will be the means by which our parishioners can directly partner with the Parish to support, sustain and expand the numerous assistance programs and ministries that benefit our church families, children, youth, young adults, adults and seniors.

Please keep an eye out and an ear open for upcoming Narthex displays, Mass announcements, website link and page, and other informational outreach that will describe in more detail as SMG shares this exciting opportunity for you to cost-effectively partner with your Parish in supporting and benefitting our Parish families and community. Please keep this initiative in your prayers. Thank You!



St. Faustina's Prayer for Sinners

O Jesus, eternal Truth, our Life, I call upon You and I beg Your mercy for poor sinners. O sweetest Heart of my Lord, full of pity and unfathomable mercy, I plead with You for poor sinners. O Most Sacred Heart, Fount of Mercy from which gush forth rays of inconceivable graces upon the entire human race, I beg of You light for poor sinners. O Jesus, be mindful of Your own bitter Passion and do not permit the loss of souls redeemed at so dear a price of Your most precious Blood. O Jesus, when I consider the great price of Your Blood, I rejoice at its immensity, for one drop alone would have been enough for the salvation of all sinners. Although sin is an abyss of wickedness and ingratitude, the price paid for us can never be equalled. Therefore, let every soul trust in the Passion of the Lord, and place its hope in His mercy. God will not deny His mercy to anyone. Heaven and earth may change, but God's mercy will never be exhausted. Oh, what immense joy burns in my heart when I contemplate Your incomprehensible goodness, O Jesus! I desire to bring all sinners to Your feet that they may glorify Your mercy throughout endless ages (Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, 72).

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

THE MISSION OF OUR PARISH

We, the faithful of St. Maria Goretti Roman Catholic Parish, exist to give thanks and praise to God, acknowledging the saving action of Jesus Christ and the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit, strive to proclaim the message of Christ by embracing the Stewardship Way of Life.

We therefore commit ourselves to: Seeking to see the face of Christ in one another by **welcoming** all into our church as members of our parish **community**.

Striving to become a **sacramental** parish by creating a community centered on prayer and worship, especially of the Holy Eucharist.

Appreciating our God given gifts and sharing them with others, we provide resources, programs and ministries to assist the community in its life long journey of Faith.

Attending to the spiritual and physical needs of our parishioners, the surrounding and global community, we spread God's message through **service**.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., April 24** 7:30 A.M. Thomas D. O'Neill
Req. by John & Jane Rossi
9:30 A.M. Scott Spicuzza
Req. by Matt & Cindy Shepardson
11:30 A.M. Robert Reinhardt
Req. by The Family
- MON., April 25** 8:30 A.M. Joe & Millie Sheridan
Req. by Terry McBride
- TUES., April 26** 8:30 A.M. Sanford & RoseAnn
Shepardson
Req. by Matt & Cindy Shepardson
- WED., April 27** 8:30 A.M. Jay Beauchamp
Req. by Donna Beauchamp
- THURS., April 28** 8:30 A.M. Anne Souder
Req. by Theresa Miller
- FRI., April 29** 8:30 A.M. Susie Noonan
Req. by Rita Jones
- SAT., April 30** **10 A.M. First Holy Communion Mass**
5:00 P.M. Nancy Maialetti Owen
Req. by Her Family
- SUN., May 1** 7:30 A.M. Dominic Mazzeo
Req. by Lisa Steen
9:30 A.M. Joseph Flynn
Req. by Dolores Flynn
11:30 A.M. Ernie Forchetti
Req. by Maria Richardson

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit for **Al Keane** requested by Dottie Keane.



BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week is lit for **Frank Menta** requested by Linda & Joseph Benischeck.

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 4pm. **The next Holy Hour will be on Thursday, May 5th.**

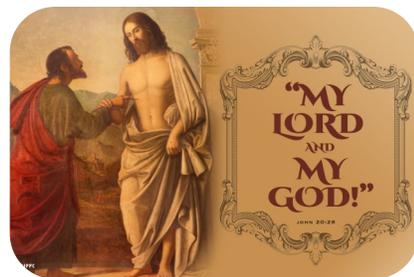
PRAYER LINE

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.



PLEASE KEEP IN MIND the following people who at this time need your prayers and support: Carol Algrogge, Lori Aiello, Baby David, Chuck Biehn, Suki Borowski, Regina Cardillo, Joseph DeVito, Joe Direnzi, Carol Eells, Tom Fetter, Kelly Gargan, Rosario Gombola, John Gunder, Sr., Ali Herron, Theresa Hoffman, Tim Huelsman, Mary Isban, Luba Jackson, Maria Kardash, John McLaughlin, Greg & Kathy McCloskey, Madeline McGinley, Tom Miller, Frank Moran, Tom Murphy III, Patricia Naab, Bridget and Colleen, Michael Rafter, Joanne Reube, Don Robberstad, Linda Santana, Mike Scienaro, Debbie Zuech-Smyrl, Judy Stangl, Lawrence Stempel, Ron Szewczak, John Tulley, Paul Wheeler, Salem & Valerie Yabut.

IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR LIST CURRENT WE ARE ASKING YOU TO CALL THE PARISH CENTER WITH ANYONE CURRENTLY IN NEED OF PRAYERS OR THAT SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM OUR LIST.



TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Acts 5: 12-16

The miracles featuring St. Peter represent such cures as performed by all the Apostles in these early days of the Church. They drew many new people to Christ.

Reading II: Revelation 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

This scene is a type of epiphany given to John. It included a message. Jesus, having been exalted to divine status, gives the Apostle John a command to preach about what he has seen and heard.

The Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Jesus suddenly appears to the barricaded Apostles and sends them on mission. The once doubting Thomas makes a profound profession of faith, encapsulating the entire New Testament theme and purpose.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Join us for Mass, short teaching on Saints & Breakfast!

September, 2021 through May, 2022
May 6

After 8:30 AM Mass in the IHM Room

According to this devotion, the first Friday of each month was designated by Jesus himself as consecrated to honoring his Sacred Heart, to increase our love for him and to make reparation for past and present offenses against his love. Go to <https://stmariagoretti.net/news-events/> to see these 12 promises of the Sacred Heart to those who attend Mass and receive Holy Communion for 9 consecutive First Fridays according to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690)

CLUB 50+ LUNCHEON

IHM Room at 12 Noon



Senior Luncheon

Followed by Game Day 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 PM to 3:15 PM

Come for part or all of the afternoon activity!
Cost: \$9.00 Per Person for lunch. Please sign up one week in advance.

Wednesday, May 11

Questions: Contact Maria Richardson
Maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-6559

MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

Change is coming!

Starting in May, we have moved our monthly pantry drive to the left side of the narthex. Please put your bags on the tables and larger items under the tables. We are doing this to accommodate the funeral arrangements needed by our parishioners. Thank you for your generous donations, St Vincent de Paul society

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED OUR PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER



The Sisters of Life and Our Lady of Guadalupe Respect Life Ministry would like to thank all you participated, sent gifts, or provided refreshments for our Baby Shower. Pictures show members of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Maria Goretti parishes

and representatives of A Baby's Breath and the Bucks County Pro-Life Coalition who attended this shower.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT FIELD DAY

SMG Ballfield—Join us for Volleyball, Cornhole, Spikeball, Slip'n'Slide and more...

Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 7:00 PM



Contact Tyler Grant, 215-721-6559 or tyler.grant@stmariagoretti.net

YOUTH MINISTRY



FIRE PIT HOT TOPICS

Come to one session or all of them!
Tuesday, April 19, 2022

Save the Date

Family / Teen Bowling!

Tuesday, May 17, 2022
More details to follow in upcoming bulletins.



Flyer and registration available at <https://stmariagoretti.net/maria-2/> Contact Maria Richardson, Maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-6559

QUO VADIS

Monday, June 27 - Thursday, June 30, 2022



VOCATION OFFICE FOR THE
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
HEED THE CALL

This 4-day camp for high school men is held at Black Rock Retreat Center in Quarryville is filled with inspirational talks, time for prayer, daily Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and activities such as ropes course, basketball, and the all-time-favorite, Gaga Ball. Run by the Vocation Office and Philadelphia Seminarians, Quo Vadis is a great opportunity for young men to grow and remain active in their faith and interact with other faithful young men from diverse backgrounds. Activities and talks will be centered around our theme of 'To the Heights' where we will explore the life and teachings of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. For more information or to register visit <https://heedthecall.org/events/quo-vadis/>

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Global hunger is steadily on the rise for the seventh year in a row. Bill O'Keefe, President of CRS, is testifying in front of the House Agriculture Committee to request reforms to enhance international food aid programs as work begins to reauthorize the 2023 Farm Bill. Visit www.crs.org to see how you can help!

"We want to ensure our work remains grounded in market-based analyses that address the needs of the communities we are serving with a more proportionate balance of, when appropriate, food sourced from the United States, food sourced locally and regionally, mobile money, vouchers and cash alongside an increased mix of supporting activities." ~ Bill O'Keefe, *Catholic Relief Services, testifying before the House Committee on Agriculture*

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, MAY 1st

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, M. Wrubel, B. Wynne
 7:30am – Sacristan, D. Johnson, S. Lynam
 9:30am – Sacristan, P. O'Hara, C. Opdyke
 11:30am – Sacristan, J. O'Brien, B. Pollock

E.M. Home Visits

B1-B. McCormick, B2-E. Perez, B3-J. MacFarland,
 B4-M. D'Elia, B5-M. D'Elia

Lectors

5:00pm – C. Friel, R. Miller
 7:30am – A. & R. Whitley
 9:30am – F. Stumpo, B. Malley
 11:30am – P. Shelly, M. McCormick

Altar Servers

5:00pm – F. & I. Sirianni
 7:30am – A. Kunjachen, T. McGann
 9:30am – J. Kuduk, D. Engle
 11:30am – G. Sabia, N. Barrales

Cantors

5:00pm – Katie
 7:30am – Raegan
 9:30am – Bruce
 11:30am – Connor

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, April 26th
 Adult Choir—7:30pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Saturday, April 30th,
 5:00pm – Adult Bell Choir

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$488.47**

BENEFITS ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

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 2022**, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. The SMG Conference of the Society was newly formed in 2007 and meets each Monday evening in the Parish Center to review the needs of individuals within our community. The Society works in collaboration with other organizations to provide person-to-person service, recognizing Christ in the face of those in need. The Society also supports the initiatives of the International Society, including clothing and food drives, as well as other special projects. This collection will provide much needed funding to fulfill our mission to serve the poor and needy. As quoted in the Society's motto... "No form of charity is foreign to the Society." ***If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!***

BAPTISMS

Welcome to the newest members of our parish:



Brielle Grace daughter of Daniel & Kendra Luther, **Jacob Ryan and Logan Thomas** sons of Thom- as & Denise Killen, **Everly Layne** daughter of Jo- seph & Kathleen Bennett, **Molly Rose** daughter of Robert & Elizabeth Wideman, **Dominic Roy** son of Lawrence & Christine Roy, **Jayce Joel** son of Jared & Amanda Martin, **Rhys Anthony** son of Frank & Melissa Hansen, **Luke Henry** son of Robert & Natalie Kulik.

CONGRATULATIONS!

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. Thanks for your cooperation.



**THEY'RE BACK!!!
 VIETNAMESE EGG ROLL SALE ~ MAY 7/8
 Get Your Eggrolls for Mother's Day!**



The Vietnamese Community will be holding an Egg Roll Sale on Saturday and Sunday, **May 7/8**. Don't miss out on the opportunity to purchase these delicious homemade egg rolls. Treat Mom to a delicious egg roll or two for Mother's Day. They freeze well and make a great snack. If interested please fill out the form below and drop it off in an envelope marked "Egg Roll Sale" to the parish center or in the collection basket with cash or check payable to St. Maria Goretti Parish no later than **Monday, May 2nd**. **Thank you for your support.**

Cost is \$2 per egg roll or 3 for \$5

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of Egg Rolls: _____

Cash: _____

Check #: _____

The cost is \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and they will be available for pick-up on May 7th or 8th after all Masses.

Please circle the Mass you will be picking up your order: 5pm 7:30am 9:30am 11:30am



Helping Our Parish Grow
WEEKLY OFFERTORY

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Thank you to the parishioners of SMG that are able to continue to support the parish through the pandemic. We understand that this unprecedented health emergency has also had a negative affect financially on so many and because of your generosity we are able to stay current on our parish financial obligations as well as help those who need.

	<u>Easter Sunday</u>	
2021	2022	Difference
\$60,248.50	\$49,313.41	(\$10,935.50)

May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!

WAYS TO GIVE & SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Each week check this column for ideas to support your parish (some that will cost you nothing)

Online Banking - Set up automatic payments or manually initiate payments through your bank's online bill pay service. Your bank will mail your donation to the church. Contact your financial institution for details.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"Let the Children Come to Me"
 Matthew 19:13-15



Parish Religious Education Process Update!

First Holy Communion Reminders

April 27, 2022– First Communion Practice at 6:30pm in church.

April 30, 2022 – First Holy Communion 10:00 AM in church

May 1, 2022 – FHC Blessing of gifts after Mass

Save the Date

May 2, 2022 – May Procession 6:00 PM

All children and families are invited to the Parish May Procession to end our PREP year! **Confirmandi should wear their robe and First Holy Communion children are asked to wear their whites!**



Passion of Our Lord

On Tuesday, April 12, Mater Dei's Seventh Graders and choir members remembered the Passion of our Lord with prayer and song. It was a wonderful way to prepare for Easter Sunday!

Enrollment 2022-23 at Mater Dei Catholic School

Mater Dei is NOW accepting new Pre-K 3 through Grade 8 applications for the 2022-23 school year! 112 new applicants have already been accepted! We have a waiting list for Pre-K 4 at both campuses, but we have availability in Pre-K 3 at both our Hatfield and Lansdale campuses for September. Please contact Grace Samanns in Advancement at gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com or 215-368-9787 for more information about registering your child for the 2022-23 school year.



And you can use the QR code below to register your Pre-K 3 through Grade 8 student now by completing a 2022-23 New Student Registration Form!

BLOCS, Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools

helps Mater Dei do just that with their Tax Credit Program. Through the EITC and OSTC Programs, donors (individuals or businesses) can receive up to a 90% tax credit against their personal PA state tax liability by making their scholarship designation to Mater Dei through BLOCS. There is minimal cost to you to participate in this program but the impact you make by participating helps Mater Dei families in a big way. Would you like to know more? Please email Grace Samanns at gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com

Childcare Space is Available... Mater Dei Child-care Center has room for your infant to 36 month old...CALL TODAY!

Mater Dei Child Care Center is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM to accommodate the working parent. Please contact the Center's Director, Julie Townsend at childcare@materdeicatholic.com or 215-799-2211.

The Mater Dei Childcare in Hatfield is currently searching for Lead Teachers and Assistants to join our team. Candidates should be energetic, patient, friendly, nurturing and enjoy working with young children and their families. Looking for candidates passionate about working with infants and toddlers. Please contact the Center's Assistant Director, Mary Whittam at mwhittam@materdeicatholic.com or 215-799-2211 if you are interested.

Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.