



Saint Maria Goretti Parish

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday at 12:45 pm (except the first Sunday). Please call the Parish Office to set up an appointment to meet with a priest or deacon to complete the necessary paperwork. Pre-Jordan classes required for parents and optional for godparents, they are offered the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted in the bulletin. 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.

ANOIDNTING 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.

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 Peter Niche

Deacon Stephen Vondercrone

Mater Dei Regional Catholic School

Principal: Ms. Diane McCaughan

Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education & Parish Services: Maria Richardson

Admin. Assist. of Religious Education: JoAnn Praher & Pat Kendig

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:

Amey 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: 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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

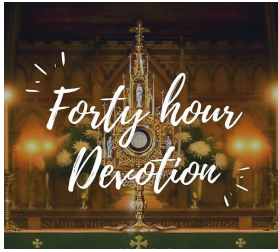
Monday through Thursday: 9am to 8:00pm

Friday and Saturday:

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm



**SAVE THE DATES****September 22, 23, 24, 2019****FORTY HOURS: A Time to Find Peace in Your Heart**

The celebration of the annual Forty Hours Devotion provides a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of each person and for the parish as a whole by nurturing love for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. If you are longing to find peace in your heart, you will find it in the heart of Jesus! We welcome Father Matthew Brody as the guest preacher for this year's devotion at Saint Maria Goretti Parish. For more information, please contact angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-0199. Non-parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend. Evening Service with Benediction 7:00pm.

REAL SUFFERING

Why do we suffer so much in this life? What is the purpose and meaning of our trials? How can we find hope and healing amidst our sorrow? This four week study at Saint Maria Goretti Parish seeks to answer these difficult questions. Suffering is something that touches everyone from the poor to the powerful. It can lead to doubts about God's love and can leave hearts unhappy for a lifetime. But it doesn't have to be this way. We will explore the underlying purpose of our sorrows and learn how to bear our crosses with faith as we begin to view them as a means for drawing closer to God. For more information, please contact 215-721-0199 (ext. 202) or angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net.

Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, and 25- 7 to 8:30 PM
SMG Parish Center: Upper Level- Cost: \$15.00

Please register using the form that can be found on the Adult Faith Events page of our parish website at www.stmariagoretti.net



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 15th—Holy Day of Obligation**Mass Schedule**

Wednesday, August 14th—vigil Mass at 7pm
 Thursday, August 15th—7am, 8:30am, 12 noon & 7pm
 Vietnamese Mass
 Please join us!

**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**

There will be a Respect Life Committee meeting on Tuesday, **September 10th** at 6:30pm in the Parish Library. The meeting is for current members and any one who is interested in taking an active part in fighting for all life. All are welcome to ask questions or give ideas. Pray to end abortion. For any questions contact Bob McCormick at bobmcc52@verizon.net.

**REGISTRATION SUNDAY**

Registration Sunday will take place **TODAY, August 11th**. 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.

**GORETTIFEST****Food Trucks & Beer Garden Friday, September 27th—5pm to 10pm***Children's games • Live music • Cornhole tournament*

**CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT SPONSORED BY
 GEORGE'S TOOL RENTAL**

REGISTRATION: September 7th and 8th

After all Masses in the narthex or anytime at the parish center during regular office hours on a "First Come First Serve" to reserve a spot. 20 ten spots available. Double Elimination, cash prizes for 1st and 2nd places.

ALL AGES WELCOME - TOURNAMENT STARTS AT 6PM SHARP!
\$50 entry fee per team – includes unlimited beer, wine, soda and water.





- SUN., August 11** 7:30 A.M. Botch Nolan
Req. by Barbra & Ray Masser
9:30 A.M. Dorothy Pauloski
Req. by Stanley Pauloski
11:30 A.M. Leonard Petro, Jr. & Sr.
Req. by Pat & Jim Petro
- MON., August 12** 8:30 A.M. Jack Senay
Req. by Kathy Senay
- TUES., August 13** 8:30 A.M. Bob Radicioni
Req. by The DiAntonio Family
- WED., August 14** 8:30 A.M. The dec'd members of the
Flowers family
Req. by The LeBrocq Family
7:00 P.M. Jane Baker
Req. by The Family
- THURS., August 15** 7:00 A.M. John Grabowski
Req. by The Grabowski Family
8:30 A.M. Intentions of Maria Richardson
Req. by Maria Richardson
12 noon Randy Rosenberger
Req. by Angela Rosenberger
7:00 P.M. Vietnamese Mass
- FRI., August 16** 8:30 A.M. Fran Romano
Req. by Eve Romano
- SAT., August 17** **No Morning Mass**
5:00 P.M. Jackson Hall
Req. by Mary & Al Faymore
- SUN., August 18** 7:30 A.M. Wedding Anniv. of
Barbara & Ray Masser
Req. by The Family
9:30 A.M. MaryRita & Stanley Golazeski
Req. by Theresa Golazeski
11:30 A.M. Michael Benson
Req. by His Mother

2020 MASS BOOK

It's finally here! The St. Maria Goretti 2020 Mass Book will open on **Monday, September 9th** from 9AM to 4PM. In order to give all our parishioners a chance to obtain Masses, there will be a limit of **5 Masses** per person. Hopefully this will allow for Masses during the year for our recently deceased parishioners and family members. Thank you.

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.

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: Josephine Albert, Warren Allison, Immaculata Antonucci, Ruth Adams, Jennifer & Kimberly

Agnew, Mark Altroggi, Christina Augustine, Paul Baril, Ray Baril, Joey Berical, Jerilyn Bowler, Linda Burbank, Mary Callaghan, Mary Campagna, Caridad Carlos, Aldo Carnara, Danny Catts, Joanna Cavacini, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Helen Curren, Loretta Deller, Leo Dennis, Ernest Doherty, Sally Esbensen, Peter Fallon, Marybeth Hentschel Fiorelli, Sebastian Fillion, Carol Galinski, Patrick Gardenier, Lianessa Gonzalez, Abby Graham, Andrew Green, Dionne Greim, Sharon, Fernando & Ian Griffin, Frank Holloway, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Ron Hoffman, Jeanette Hoy, Kevin Iavecchia, Lindsay Jaso, Richard Jedlicka, Gerald Kenny, Emily Keiser, Charles Kline, Bernadette Kubej, Sue Kunze, Peg Krempf, Jama Lecore, Angelique Lee, Keenan Lee, Curt Lecrone, Dina Lukasko, Mary Magnarella, Patti Maguire, Joe Martin, Barbara Masser, William & Kristen Morrow, John McLaughlin, Bridget Micshener, Diane Moll, Frank Monroe, Munson Family, John Mye, Terry Shields Neumann, Joan Nickerson, Regina Nimmo, Mele Lee-Nippins, Ernie Nippins, Zachery Olberholzer, Bill O'Brien, Anthony Paone, Catherine Pagano, Al Palatucci, Robert Pauloski, Floccerida & Salvador Penganon, Michael Praher, Marian Quinn, Michael Rafter, Scott Randall, Jim Richardson, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Barbara Scally, Helen Shekalis, Melissa Shelly, Lawrence Stempel, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Judy Turner, Peg Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzel, Paula Jayne White, John Willstaudt, Arlene Wyatt, Salem Yabut, Jack Zampirri, Joe Zdun & Joan Ziegler.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Albert & Rosalie Sirianni**
Requested by the Family



ADORATION—GUARDIAN PARTNER

Guardian Partner needed at the following time: 2:30 to 3pm & 3:30 to 4 p.m



Each Monday in the chapel, after the 8:30 a.m. 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.

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

**BASILICA OF THE
NATIONAL SHRINE
OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**



ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Embark on a spiritual journey with other parishes from across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as we make our way as pilgrims to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Our pilgrimage includes the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass. Time will be allotted for personal prayer and visits to the upper and lower churches, the book store, and gift shop. A cafeteria is also available on site. Following our time at the basilica, we will visit the Saint John Paul II National Shrine where his first-class relic can be venerated and the self-guided tour of the nine gallery exhibit on his life and legacy can be viewed. Bus cost is \$50.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child (pack your own snacks and lunch; cost of dinner on your own).

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Bus Departs Saint Maria Goretti Parking Lot: 7:00 AM

Approximate Arrival Home: 7:30 PM

Download the registration form at www.stmariagoretti.net or pick up a registration form on the AFF table in the narthex. For more information, please contact Angela McClellan at 215-721-0199, ext.202

**CELEBRATE THE ASSUMPTION AT
SAINT MARY CENTER & VILLA**



The residents of Saint Mary Center & Villa in Lansdale extend an invitation to join them for an outdoor Mass with our own version of the "Blessing of the Sea" celebrating the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Thursday, August 15, 2019 beginning at 11 a.m. Folding chairs in the shade will be provided (or bring your own beach chair) and refreshments will be served following Mass. All are welcome to attend. Saint Mary Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare & Saint Mary Villa, part of Catholic Health Group, are located at 701 Lansdale Avenue, Lansdale.

The custom of "blessing the sea" on the Feast of the Assumption is said to have originated in Italy in the 15th century when a bishop traveling from Venice during a storm at sea on the Feast of the Assumption prayed and threw his pastoral ring into the sea from a ship and the waters were calmed. Some ceremonies today include throwing a ring or wreath of flowers from a boat into the water, symbolizing the union of the earth and the sea and giving rise to the name, "wedding of the sea."

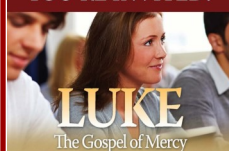
OUR HOUR: Emotional Support Group

Our Hour is an emotional support group that fosters unconditional and nonjudgmental support through sharing, listening and healing. Our mission is to create a safe environment for individuals to talk about their emotions with one another. Our Hour is an open group, and here are no dues, fees or pre-registration. All are welcome! Participants must be 18 years or older. Meetings are on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm in the Matthew Walsh Teen Center at Mary Mother of the Redeemer Church, 1325 Upper State Road, North Wales, PA 19454. For more information, please contact our group facilitator, Jackie Nucero at ourhour6519@gmail.com.

SUNDAY EVENING SCRIPTURE STUDY

Discover Luke: The Gospel of Mercy

YOU'RE INVITED!



Join us for the final 9 sessions of our 18 week study on the Gospel of Saint Luke. Each session includes a powerful world-class video presentation shot on location in Rome and Assisi, a life application video, and discussion. Immerse yourself in the parables of mercy found in Luke, uncover God's mercy in His own words, and see how His mercy is still active in the world today. Discover Luke: The Gospel of Mercy. Participation in this study is free; however, if you would like to purchase the workbook the cost is \$40.00.

Sundays

September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27,

November 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2019

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center: Lower Level

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**ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH
HATFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA**



Youth Ministry Update



Teen Service Opportunity—SMG Gorettifest Kid Games
Friday, September 27, 2019



Coming This Fall
For all Jr. High Teens
High School Leaders Needed
September 17-November 12, 2019
Tuesdays 7:30pm to 8:30pm

Mass and Blessing of New Drivers
Sunday, September 30 at 11:30 AM



Support our teens!!!
Adult Trivia Night
Friday, October 11, 2019

Thank God For Good Friends
Teen Game Night
November 20, 2019



Maria Richardson, Director of
Family Faith Formation, Religious Education
and Parish Services—215-721-6559

maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net

Find details and registration at <http://stmariagoretti.net/maria-2/>

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 18th

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, P. Pinkston, D. Blanche, S. Lynam
7:30am – Sacristan, T. McGann, A. Russo, B. McCormick
9:30am – Sacristan, D. Zobel, V. & L. Lelii
11:30am – Sacristan, M. Niche, C. Talaga, B. Santulli

E.M. Home Visits

A1–M. D'Elia , **A2**–D. Johnson, **A3**–K. Hay, **A4**–J. Forbes,
A5–J. Gressang, **B1**–C. Opdyke, **B2**–D. Mischak, **B3**–D. Fuse,
B4–S. Sabia, **B5**–K. Clapper

Lectors

5:00pm – M. Mays, A. LeBrocq
7:30am – D. Smith, D. Grant
9:30am – M. Faymore, P. Villucci
11:30am – T. Prykowski, E. Gallagher

Cantors

5:00pm – Chelsea
7:30am – Michele
9:30am – Kristen
11:30am – Teresa

Altar Servers

5:00pm – M. & J. Franek, D. Farzetta
7:30am – K. Grant, T. & G. McGann
9:30am – J. & J. Hier, G. Zobel
11:30am – A. Craig, A. Fabro, A. Moore

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$284.12**

BENEFITS ST. LUCIA MISSION

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 **July through August 2019**, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to **St. Lucia Mission**. The Redemptorist community, serving the poor and most spiritually abandoned, staff a large parish in the Caribbean island-nation of Saint Lucia. While faith is strong, financial resources are minimal. Their current project, on which they have been working on for the past 3 years, is building an addition on their Catholic elementary school, where over 200 children attend and adequate space limited. Their focus is to house a classroom for special needs children. Most of the structure of the school has been done voluntarily by a college group, parish members, and others within the community. The projected budget for the completion of the school is \$10,000. Your consideration of the completion of this project and the needs of these economically challenged children is greatly appreciation. **If donating by check, please make payable to Saint Maria Goretti. Thank you!**

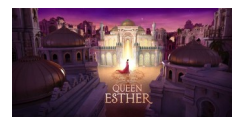
Parish Ministry Update!

CLUB + 50 GAMES DAY

The first Wednesday of the month! Cards, Rummikub, Mexican Train,... 1PM – 4PM in the Parish Library



Save the Date: **May 19, 2020**
“ESTHER” at Sight and Sound Theatre



Are you interested in going to see the Life Size Noah's Ark in Kentucky? Let us know!

Something else you would like us to provide? Please let us know!

Ministry Contact: Maria Richardson

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 215-721-6559



SVDP MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

Listed below are the organizations that will benefit from the SMG - St. Vincent dePaul Society's August Food/Pantry Drive (Saturday, August 17 and Sunday, August 18). They are shown below along with their wish lists.

Catholic Social Services: Most needed - Backpacks for students ages 5 thru 13. Other Items - Backpacks for high school students, calculators, rulers, tape, glue sticks, markers, pens, pencils, mini staplers & staples, pocket folders, loose leaf paper, composition notebooks, book covers, Post-it-notes, flash drives.

Shepherd's Shelf: Men's deodorant, hearty/chunky soups, coffee, canned pasta, bath tissue, paper towels, canned and dried dog and cat food.

Hatfield Community Churches: Lunch box fillers for children ages 2 to 5 years - granola bars, fruit packs, pudding packs, Jello packs, juice boxes, raisin boxes, squeeze applesauce, cracker sandwich packs, snack-size goldfish packs, teddy-grams or cookie packs, healthy soups for kids

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

Reuniones de los Retiristas del Movimiento

Juan XXIII Hatfield PA. Todos los Martes a las 7:00 PM Aquí en la Capilla de La Iglesia. Para más información Contactar a Carlos Zuluaga Presidente Parroquial Juan XXIII Hatfield . Al 954-309-177 Acércate al Grupo para que tengas un Encuentro Personal con Jesús



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES SPOTLIGHT

The U.S. State Department estimates there are 24.9 million human trafficking victims worldwide. That's more than the entire population of Shanghai, China. The causes of human trafficking are complex and interlinked, and include economic, social and political factors. Poverty alone does not necessarily create vulnerability to trafficking, but when combined with other factors, these can lead to a higher risk for being trafficked. Some of those other factors include: corruption, civil unrest, a weak government, lack of access to education or jobs, family disruption or dysfunction, lack of human rights, or economic disruptions. Visit www.crs.org to find out how you can help.

"The trade in human beings, a modern form of slavery, ... violates the God-given dignity of so many of our brothers and sisters and constitutes a true crime against humanity." —Pope Francis

SUNDAY OFFERING



COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

	Aug. 5, 2018	Aug. 4, 2019
Sunday Offering	\$18,782.08	\$15,724.96
Online Parish Giving	\$ 3,710.00	\$ 3,777.00
TOTALS:	\$22,492.08	\$19,501.96
Total # of contributors	538	
Misc. Offerings		
Heat & Energy Offering:	\$1,009.50	
Poor Box Offering:	\$284.12	
Census Collection:	\$225.00	

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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE DONOR ALERT



Our next drive is on **Wednesday, September 18th** from 2 to 7pm. Let's try to match or surpass all of our last drives successes. For an appointment please call Eleonore Duch at 215-855-9017.



All children returning to the SMG PREP Program should be registered on-line through Parish Giving. Look for your e-mail from info@parishgiving.org.

New parishioners and 1st Grade parents, please contact us to register as soon as possible.

All sessions are available on a first come first served basis. Some Monday 4:30pm classes are now full!

If you are able to serve as a Catechist, Assistant, or Hall Monitor you will receive a discount! Please let us know!

UNTIL SEPTEMBER,

HAPPY SUMMER

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Find details and registration at <https://stmariagoretti.net/prep/>



REGISTER TODAY

Enroll at Mater Dei

We may be adding a **SIXTH** Preschool classroom due to high demand! You can now schedule a Tour at Mater Dei Catholic School and Enroll for the **2019-20 School Year!** All families with Preschool to Grade 8 children are welcome to visit Mater Dei. **And if you have a three year old you would like to send to Preschool in September, please let us know and we will try to accommodate you!** Tours are available and the Advancement Office can accommodate your schedule. **Our Preschool and Kindergarten Programs have both Half and Full Day options!** Learn more about giving your child the gift of an exceptional Catholic education from a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School. For more information, please contact the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or gsmann@materdeicatholic.com



Save the Date...Mater Dei's First Annual "Color Run"...Saturday, October 12

Mater Dei will host its first annual "Color Run" during Trek week to support our celebrated Technology Program. Please save the date now and details about registration will follow soon!

Employment Opportunity

The Mater Dei Childcare is currently searching for a high-energy Lead Toddler Teacher to join our team. Our Lead Toddler Teacher will need to provide and maintain a positive and appropriate educational program that meets the social, emotional, and physical needs of the children within their care. Candidates should have experience as well an educational background in the field and 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 contact the center director Katherine Stansbury at kstansbury@materdeicatholic.com or 217-799-2211 for immediate consideration.

Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO JOIN FATHER CHUNG AND FELLOW PARISHIONERS ON A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND



November 8 to 16, 2020

with optional 3-night post tour extension to Jordan. A special travel presentation will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 6:30pm in the parish center to get more trip details. For more information please call Fr. Chung at 215-721-0199 or e-mail at fr.chung@stmariagoretti.net.

BOOK NOW AND SAVE \$200 PER PERSON!

support SMG... purchase SCRIP