



Saint Maria Goretti Parish

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Web Site: www.stmariagoretti.net

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

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.

“
Strive to enter through
the narrow gate, for many,
I tell you, will attempt
to enter but will not
be strong enough.
”

LUKE 13:24



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 President:
Ms. Diane McCaughan
Mater Dei Principal: Ms. Beth Waltrich
Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education & Parish Services: Maria Richardson
Admin. Assist. of Religious Education: JoAnn Prahler & Pat Kendig
Director of Adult Faith Formation: Angela McClellan
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 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.

ANOIDTING 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.



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 at 7pm with Benediction.



GORETTIFEST

Food Trucks & Beer Garden Friday, September 27th—5pm to 10pm

Children's games • Live music • Cornhole tournament

Plan to join fellow parishioners and our entire community for an evening with something for everyone - a variety of Food Trucks, beer, wine, live music by the well known band Rollin' & Tumblin", Cornhole Tournament, raffles, children's games and so much more. Check the bulletin each week for information about the highlighted Food Trucks.



DUMP 'N' ROLL

Our concept is to utilize the art of making dumplings and spring/egg rolls as a springboard for our culinary approach. We search the world's spice rack and take inspiration from all around the globe

Our menu will take you on a journey to taste the past and future. We aim to bring multi-ethnic culinary delights unlike any other establishment, while keeping it convenient and fun for all. Encapsulating a nostalgic feeling that is truly familiar, yet unique and refined, creating one culinary bliss at a time.

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

2020 MASS BOOK

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.

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 the successes of our past drives. For an appointment please call

Eleonore Duch at 215-855-9017.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., Aug 25** 7:30 A.M. Frank Menta
Req. by Linda & Joseph Benischeck
9:30 A.M. Mary Wynne
Req. by Barbara Wynne
11:30 A.M. James Smith
Req. by Monica & Mike D'Elia
- MON., Aug. 26** 8:30 A.M. Wesley & Leann Pinkston
Req. by Glenn & Pat Pinkston
- TUES., Aug. 27** 8:30 A.M. Donald Bailey
Req. by Dottie & Dick Eckard
- WED., Aug. 28** 8:30 A.M. Alice Scullin
Req. by Lorraine Scullin
- THURS., Aug. 29** 8:30 A.M. Irene & George Schoppet
Req. by The Children
- FRI., Aug. 30** 8:30 A.M. Diedre & Maura McIlhenney
Req. by The Schussler Family
- SAT., Aug. 31** **No Morning Mass**
5:00 P.M. John Wehrenberg
Req. by The Yadzinski Family
- SUN., Sept. 1** 7:30 A.M. Donna Zampirri Bowen
Req. by Linda & Joseph Benischeck
9:30 A.M. Mary Parsons
Req. by The Parsons Family
11:30 A.M. Mary Wynne
Req. by Kate & Aaron Noorigian

Please Note: The Saturday morning Mass at 8:30am will resume on September 7th.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Alice Scullin** requested by Lorraine Scullin.



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.

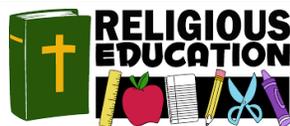
A Guardian helps to ensure that the Holy Eucharist is never left alone by committing to spend thirty minutes or more each Monday with the Holy Eucharist. You share this holy commitment with a partner so that if something unforeseen occurs in your schedule you can feel confident that Jesus will not be left alone.

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

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**.

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, Joanne Daum, Loretta Deller, Leo Dennis, Ernest Doherty, Sally Esbensen, Peter Fallon, Marybeth Hentschel Fiorelli, Sebastian Fillion, Terry Foley, 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 Kreml, Jama Lecore, Angelique Lee, Keenan Lee, Curt Lecrone, Dina Lukasko, 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, Flocerfida & Salvador Penganon, Michael Prahler, Marian Quinn, Michael Rafter, Scott Randall, Jim Richardson, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Barbara Scally, Helen Shekalis, Melissa Shelly, Lawrence Stempel, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Peg Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzel, Paula Jayne White, John Willstaudt, Arlene Wyatt, Salem Yabut, Jack Zampirri, Joe Zdon & Joan Ziegler.



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!

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

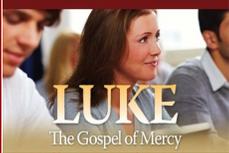
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Find details and registration at <https://stmariagoretti.net/prep/>

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

Download the registration form at www.stmariagoretti.net or pick up a registration form on the AFF table in the narthex.



PARISH RETREAT

The staff of Saint Maria Goretti Parish in Hatfield invites you to join them on their annual retreat: "Look what God can do if we only let Him." This year, we will travel to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Conference Center on the grounds of the gorgeous Wooten Mansion in Bryn Mawr, PA. Our retreat includes a continental breakfast, a spiritual conference, opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, hot lunch, and quiet time to pray. Come away and rest awhile in His loving embrace. Cost is \$60.00 per person and includes bus transportation and meals.

Thursday, October 24, 2019

Bus Departure: 7:30 AM from the parking lot of Saint Maria Goretti Church, Approximate Return Home: 4:00 PM
Retreat Director: Father Robert Ianelli, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
Please register using the form that can be found on the Adult Faith Events page of our parish website at www.stmariagoretti.net

For more information contact: angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-0199 (ext. 202).



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 is 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

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 there 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.



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 29 at 11:30 AM



Support our teens!!!
Adult Trivia Night
Friday, October 11, 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, SEPTEMBER 1st

E.M. of Holy Communion

- 5:00pm – Sacristan, D. Blanche, C. Talaga, S. Sabia
- 7:30am – Sacristan, D. Grant, V. & L. Lelii
- 9:30am – Sacristan, D. Zobel, B. Smith, M. Lee-Nippins
- 11:30am – Sacristan, L. Arkens, B. Santulli, M. Niche

E.M. Home Visits

- A1–S. Steklenski, A2-P. Niche, A3-M. Collis,
- A4-M. Rosenberger, A5–M. D’Elia, B1-J. Burke,
- B2-Sub Needed, B3-D. Misczak,
- B4-K. Hay, B5-E. McBride

Lectors

- 5:00pm – M. Mays, M.J. Vondercrone
- 7:30am – M. McCormick, R. Jones
- 9:30am – A. LeBrocq, B. Bataille
- 11:30am – J. MacFarland, T. Prykowski

Cantors

- 5:00pm – Kristen
- 7:30am – Donna
- 9:30am – Michael
- 11:30am – Katie

Altar Servers

- 5:00pm – I. Sirianni, K. Kudes, G. Sabia
- 7:30am – A. Baran, A. Craig, K. Grant
- 9:30am – C. & B. O’Reilly, G. Zobel
- 11:30am – S., N. & T. Burr

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: \$178.87

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 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 appreciated. ***If donating by check, please make payable to Saint Maria Goretti. Thank you!***

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

SMG MUSIC MINISTRY

Parishioners, here is a personal invitation to feel great about yourself in as little as one hour a week! The new season of SMG Music is starting in September, and your voice, your ability to read music, your love of God and music are needed to complete our ministry. Please consider joining the team and just see what serving God in His Church will do for you!

CHILDREN

1. Children’s Chime Choir - for boys and girls in grades 3-6. Rehearsals Tuesday 5:50 to 6:30 PM September 17 through November 26. We play at three Masses during that period. No previous ringing experience necessary. It’s a short season with abundant blessings!
2. Children’s Singing Choir - for boys and girls in grades 1-7. Rehearsals Tuesday 5:50-6:30 PM December 3 through April 7. We sing at one Mass per month.

YOUTH

1. Youth Bell Choir - for boys and girls in grades 6-12. Music reading skills preferred. Rehearsals Tuesday 6:30-7:30 PM October 1 through December 17. The YBC plays at four Masses including Christmas Eve at 7:00 PM.
2. Cantors - for students in grades 8-12. If you sing in your school choir, your parish would love having you as a cantor a few times a year!

ADULTS

1. Adult Choir - high school age students and adults are invited to join! Rehearsal Tuesday 7:30-8:45 PM September 17 through April, although not the first Tuesday of each month.
2. Guitar Ensemble - instrumentalists and singers needed. Rehearsal is first Tuesday of month at 7:30 then we play at one Mass the following weekend.
3. Men’s Ensemble - low commitment, high reward group sings periodically through the year. Rehearsals are select Tuesdays at 8:45 PM.
4. Adult Bell Choir - music reading skills preferred. Rehearsals Tuesday 6:30-7:30 PM January 7 through April 7. The ABC plays at four Masses during that period.
5. Octet - this group sings several times throughout the year.
6. Acoustic Wind Ensemble - very good instrumentalists are called upon occasionally to provide special music for Liturgy.

RINGERS NEEDED Children in grades 3-6 are still needed in the Children’s Chime Choir. Youth in grades 6-12 are needed for the Youth Bell Choir. Please see additional information in the Music Ministry announcement. Thank you!

Please direct questions to Eileen Ericsson, parish music director, at eileen.ericsson@stmariagoretti.net. Thank you!!!

SUNDAY OFFERING



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COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

	Aug. 19, 2018	Aug. 18, 2019
Sunday Offering	\$16,140.03	\$13,405.75
Online Parish Giving	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 2,755.00
TOTALS:	\$17,880.03	\$16,160.75
Total # of contributors	521	
Misc. Offerings		
Capital Improvement Offering:	\$260.00	
Poor Box Offering:	\$178.87	
Catholic University Collection:	\$1,251.00	
Assumption Collection:	\$3,036.33	

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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES SPOTLIGHT



To assist displaced civilians in North East Nigeria to access urgently needed clean drinking water and hygienic sanitation, Catholic Relief Services with the support of United States Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance is renovating existing water sources, installing latrines, undertaking hygiene promotion sessions and providing households with female hygiene kits, particularly important for adolescent girls.

Support of water, sanitation and hygiene, saves lives by lowering instances of diarrhea and other sicknesses and diseases. The severity and impact of malnutrition is also reduced. Visit www.crs.org for more information!

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU!



Thank you to all who have donated material, lace, buttons, etc., etc. I was overwhelmed with the generosity of so many of you. My goal is at least another 500 dresses—75 are already completed.

If at any time you come across any other donations, please feel free to drop them off at my home, down the street from church. My address is 1640 Bergey Road, Hatfield. If I'm not home, they can be left on the porch.

Just thinking of the possible smiles the dresses will bring on the girls faces makes it all worthwhile. You will have played a big part in this. Please know that you will be in my prayers.

Thank you, thank you!!
RoseMary Gerhart—267 402-8411



REGISTER TODAY

Enroll at Mater Dei

We **ADDED** a **SIXTH** Preschool classroom due to high demand! Only 2 spots left! 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, we have a few spots left!** 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 gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com

Save the Date...Mater Dei's First Annual "Color Run"...SUNDAY, October 13th



Mater Dei Catholic School will host its first annual "Color Run" at St. Maria Goretti Parish during Tech Week to support our celebrated Technology Program. Please save the date now and register for the Color Run on our website at www.materdeicatholic.com

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 215-799-2211 for immediate consideration.
Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.

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!

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