

Saint Maria Goretti Parish

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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 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 Permanent Deacons: 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:

Marian: Saint Maria Goretti: Mondays after the 8:30 am Mass - Concludes at 5pm with Benediction Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass. 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

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Office.

<u>Reconciliation</u> Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm or any time upon request. Call the Parish Center.

ASH WEDNESDAY—March 2nd

The beginning of Lent is right around the corner, Ash Wednesday is March 2nd. *Please join us for Mass and distribution of ashes at 7am, 8:30am, 12 noon and 7pm Vietnamese Mass*. Also for your convenience there will be two daily Masses held during Lent in the main church at 7am and 8:30am Monday through Friday.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

In preparation for the joy of the Easter season, please join your parish each Friday night during Lent for Stations of the Cross at 7pm.

The Hispanic Movement of Parochial Retreats John XXIII will be Praying the

"Stations of the Cross" devotion every Tuesday at 7:00 pm during Lent. Starting on March 8th to April 5th.



JOIN US FOR A DONUT!

Donut Socials are BACK! Please join us after Masses next weekend, March 6th to reconnect with your parish family and enjoy a donut!

Thank you to the Knights

of Columbus for sponsoring this months

donut social! The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local council Pius IX #4396 will be

holding a membership drive at all Masses the weekend of 3/5-3/6. If you would like to join today simply go to www.kofc.org/ joinus and enter our council # 4396 for local information.



TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Sirach 27: 4-7

Fear of the Lord will keep a person honest in business. Otherwise his or her integrity is lost.

Reading II: I Corinthians 15: 54-58

By humbly admitting our sins, we can persevere in doing the Lord's work. Paul stresses that our victory over death is due to Jesus Christ.

The Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45

Jesus warns those who view their own sins as minor offenses and others' sins as major ones should pay heed to the truth about themselves. The Sermon on the Plain ends with Jesus asserting that where our heart lies is the most significant factor in Godly living.

THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY OPENS THIS WEEK!

It's official! The Disciple Maker Index Survey opens this week and we need your help!

Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible.

Go to https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/yabtt3 There are also opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass and you can obtain a paper copy in the Narthex/Parish Office or by contacting Cheryl Ryan at 215-721-0199.

To make this as simple as possible, we will have representatives in the narthex next weekend (March 5/6) after all Masses to assist anyone who may not be comfortable with technology and would like some help. Another option would be to scan the QR code and fill out the survey right on your phone. The link will be sent out through Constant Contact on Wednesday, so be sure to check your e-mails. If you are not on our Constant Contact list please call the



parish office to add your e-mail. You are an important part of the future of SMG and we want to hear from **ALL** of you! The survey will be open on March 2nd until April 4th.

The survey will only be available from March 2nd to April 4th and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. *All responses will be confidential* and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Father Chung and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/ summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

LENT IS COMING!

Join St. Maria Goretti—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the back of Church TODAY and through-out Lent. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

HELP NEEDED OPPORTUNITY FOR STEWARDSHIP

Temple Cleansers– This team of parishioners rotates through a six-week schedule to do light housekeeping of the church. These tasks include dusting, vacuuming, wiping of furnishings and renewing of the holy water font as well as the holy water reservoir. Each group sets its own time for gathering to clean, usually on a Friday or Saturday for an hour or so. To find out more about this ministry please call Cheryl at 215-721-0199.

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN., Feb. 27	7:30 A.M. Lauren Spencer Req. by Glenn & Tammy Ibarguen 9:30 A.M. Frank & Grace Hilbert Req. by The Family 11:30 A.M. David J. Lee Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Harvey J. Lee
MON., Feb. 28	8:30 A.M. Sam Sacco Req. by Barbara & Frank Freitag
TUES., March 1	8:30 A.M. Dawn Murphy Req. by Pat Pinkston
WED., March 2	7:00 A.M. Guerra & DiMuzio Families Req. by Martha Guerra 8:30 A.M. Patricia Wiley Req. by The Gianfrancesco Family 12 noon Rev. Jerimiah J. Leary Req. by Catherine Wolfgang 7:00 P.M. Vietnamese Mass
THURS., March 3	7:00 A.M. Pauette Ischinger Req. by Donald Bochler 8:30 A.M. Gary Hotte Req. by Louise Hotte
FRI., March 4	7:00 A.M. Ann Kavanugh Req. by Betty & Jerry Dieckhaus 8:30 A.M. The Murphy Family Req. by Edd & Sally Murphy
SAT., March 5	8:30 A.M. Mary Bauer Req. by Jeanne Kerr 5:00 P.M. Walter Zamorski Req. by Ted & Dot Zamorski
SUN., March 6	7:30 A.M. Beatrice Brueninger Req. by Sally & Charlie Keffer 9:30 A.M. Rosa & Stanislaus Vernachio & Family Req. by Carman Vernachio & Family 11:30 A.M. Elizabeth Hanrahan Req. by Kathleen Prokop

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Becky Greene** requested by The Zollo Family.





BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week

is lit for the intentions of the *SMG parishioners* requested by Father Chung.



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: Mark Algrogge, Carol Algrogge, Lori Aiello, Baby David, Chuck Biehn, Suki Borowski, Rita Marie Denning, Joseph DeVito, Tom Fetter, Kelly Gargan, Rosario Gombola, John Gunder, Sr., Ali Herron, Ron Hiltpold, Tim Huelsman, Mary Isban, Luba Jackson, Maria Kardash, John McLaughlin, Greg & Kathy McCloskey, Frank Moran, Tom Murphy III, Patricia Naab, Kristine Nolan and her twin babies Bridget and Colleen, Michael Rafter, Joanne Reube, Linda Santana, Mike Scienaro, Debbie Zuech-Smyrl, Judy Stangl, Lawrence Stempel, Fran & Ron Szewczak, John Tulley, Paul Wheeler, Bette Wilson, 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.

LOSS OF A LOVE ONE~GRIEF SUPPORT

The death of someone important to you—whether it is a spouse, a parent, a sibling, a friend, or a child—is a difficult and highly emotional experience. Your grief journey can be overwhelming or even confusing at times. The Bereavement Ministry of Mary, Mother of the Redeemer (MMR), in conjunction with St. Stanislaus Parish, is here to help you, guide you, and prayerfully support you as you heal. Although the grieving process is different for each individual, the shared experience of pain and loss is the common thread that bonds us.

Monthly grief support sessions are held on the second* Thursday of each month – a morning session at MMR from 10am – 11:30am OR an evening session at St. Stanislaus from 7pm – 8:30pm. NOTE: Effective SEPTEMBER 2021 pre-registration is required to ensure adequate spacing for attendees. Please contact Mary at 215-646-4192 or email her at Mary_Coakley@yahoo.com by the day before to register.

Upcoming sessions are scheduled for: March 10th, April 21st (3rd week due to Holy Thursday conflict) and May 12th.

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 held on Thursday, March 3rd.*

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Adult Faith Formation



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS Join us for Mass, short teaching on Saints & Breakfast! September, 2021 through May, 2022 March 4th, April 1st and May 6th 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)

WINE & CHEESE DISCUSSION GROUP



Come one and all! Come and see what they saw! The Third Wednesday of the Month January, 2022 through April, 2022 March 16th April 20th

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM – IHM Room

Watch at home 2 shows per month and come discuss what YOU saw! Watch in mobile app: www.thechosen.tv/app. You can stream to your TV using another device, such as Roku,

Apple TV, Fire TV, Android TV, Chromecast, etc. Free on YouTube. Watch it on web player: https://studios.vidangel.com/ the-chosen/player. Purchase the DVD/BluRay: https:// thechosengifts.com/collections/best-sellers.

CLUB 50+ LUNCHEON IHM Room at 12 Noon



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, March 9th

Wednesday, April 13th Wednesday, May 11th

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

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.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

HIKE TAMMANY MOUNTAIN!

Kittatinnies Region Lower Parking Lot Hardwick Township, NJ 07825 When: 9:00AM March 19, 2022

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, March 22, 2022 Tuesday, April 19, 2022

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

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



Rice Bowl! Sign up for emails to receive stories from Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda, and learn how your Lenten alms are helping people! After signing up, we'll

send a free, downloadable Lenten calendar to your email with inspiration and activities to practice the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving each day.

Additionally, each week, we'll share stories about our sisters and brothers in need and resources to help you and your family learn more about Lent and how your Lenten journey can impact communities around the world. Visit www.crs.org to sign up today! We hope our weekly Lenten emails help you to pray and reflect throughout this sacred season while connecting you to our global family. Thank you for joining us in changing lives this Lent!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Are you looking for a part-time job with full-time impact? Come work with youth at the North Penn Valley Boys & Girls Club in Lansdale! We have openings after school as a Learning Center Coordinator and a Learning Center Aide in our 5th grade classroom. Email parishioner Michele Haytko at mhaytko@npvclub.org for more information

LIVE-STREAMING HELP NEEDED

We need volunteers to live-stream the 9:30am Sunday morning Mass and the 8:30am weekday Masses. We also need help occasionally with live streaming weddings and funerals. A small stipend will be paid. Training will be provided. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Bruce Pollock at bdpollock@outlook.com or 610-326-7388.



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MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 6th

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, S. & K. Clapper
7:30am – Sacristan, K. Hay, P. Walsh
9:30am – Sacristan, D. & K. Ericsson
11:30am – Sacristan, M. Wrubel, C. Zuluaga

E.M. Home Visits

B1-R. Mazur, B2-S. Nagele, B3-B. McCormick, B4-S. Steklenski, B5-B. Hudak

Lectors

5:00pm – J. Gressang, J. O'Brien 7:30am – M. D'Elia, B. Braun 9:30am – F. Stumpo, C. Friel 11:30am – E. Gallagher, M.J. Vondercrone

<u>Cantors</u>

5:00pm – Janna 9:30am – Andrew **7:30am** – Joe B. **11:30am** – Bruce

<u>Altar Servers</u>

5:00pm – E. & K. Walsh 7:30am – E. Sharp, C. Murphy 9:30am – O. Watters, G. Sabia 11:30am – F. & I. Sirianni





Rehearsals for Tuesday, Children's Chime Choir—6:00 to 6:45pm Adult Bell Choir—6:45 to 7:30pm Guitar Ensemble—7:30pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend: <u>Saturday, March 5th</u>

5pm—Children's Chime Choir Sunday, March 6th

9:30 & 11:30am – Guitar Ensemble

MISSION YOUTH PHILLY



Mission Youth Philly exists to engage young people, adults, and families in spreading Christ's love through serving communities and their specific needs. Mission Youth was inspired by Pope Saint John Paul II's call to action at World Youth Day in 1993 when he proclaimed, "Do not be afraid to go out on the streets and into public places, like the first Apostles who preached Christ and the Good

News of salvation in the squares of cities, towns, and villages." Join us on one of our monthly missions or support the missionaries by providing a financial gift. The Apostle Program in Philly is a ten-month program where missionaries serve those in need on the streets of Kensington full-time. Your prayers and support are needed to bring hope and the joy of the Gospel to those most in need! Check out our website for more details on ways you can get involved! @missionyouthphilly.com.

Thank you for your generous donations to Mission Youth Philly last weekend. A total of \$1,875 was collected in support of their cause. You can still make a donation by dropping it in the collection basket or at the Parish Center marked for Mission Youth Philly.

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP The total collected last week was: \$349.00

BENEFITS GOD'S TREASURE HOUSE

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 *January* and *February 2022*, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to *God's Treasure House, Souderton, PA.* God's Treasure House is a Christ-centered transitional living center for women and their children built on a firm foundation of God's love. The ministry provides a comprehensive aftercare program targeted to a carefully selected number of women returning from prison to the community. Their goal is to minister to the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the women, and their children, that God sends to them. *If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!*

COUNTDOWN TO SVDP TRUCK DAY



Saturday, March 26, the big Green Drop Truck will be back at the Goretti - Cowpath Road parking lot to collect your gently used clothing and small household items. Funds raised go to support the work of the Society of St.

Vincent dePaul in the 5 county Philadelphia Archdiocese, especially for those conferences that lack resources to assist those in need.

The truck will be here from 9 am to 1 pm and member of the Goretti Conference of SVdP will be there to help unload your vehicle and give you a receipt if you plan to take the charitable deduction. For information on what is accepted and what is not, check out the Green Drop website: https:// www.gogreendrop.com.

Any other questions? Call Terry Peck at 215-855-2852. Leave a message, she'll get back to you.

YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER PIZZA OR SALAD FOR LENT! VINNY'S PIZZARAMA & VINNY'S 2



One Certificate for \$13.00 Two for \$25.00 or Three for \$35.00

Certificate is good for 1 plain large pizza OR 2 small salads:



Certificates are available in the parish office

throughout Lent and are good on any day from Ash Wednesday, March 2nd through Holy Saturday, April 16th!

Name: _

of certificates: _____ Cash ____ Check _

Please drop in the collection basket for pick-up at the Parish Center Monday –Friday from 9am to 4pm.

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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.

Sunday, February 20th

2021 \$25,530.45

2022 \$19,864.00

Difference

(\$5,666.45)

May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!

CYO SPRING SPORTS

Registration for CYO Spring Sports is now open and includes the following:

- Y O
- Volleyball (Coed HS)
- Baseball (Varsity: Grades 7th/8th;

JV: Grades 5th/6th) Softball (Varsity: Grades 7th/8th;

JV: Grades 5th/6th)

◆ Track (Novice: 3rd graders born in 2012 or earlier through 8th grade; Sub Novice: K, 1, 2,

and 3rd graders born in 2013 or later) Go to materdeicyo.sportssignup.com to register.

Avoid the late fee and register as soon as possible. Coaches are also needed and if anyone is interested in coaching, please contact Joe Campbell at joecampbell22@verizon.net for more information. Practices may start as early as March 1st.

Mater Dei CYO is open to all registered parishioners of Saint Maria Goretti Parish youth who attend catholic school or are enrolled in our PREP program.

JENNA'S BLESSING BAGS BINGO



Jenna's Blessing Bags is hosting a fundraiser event and we would love for you to join! Join us on **March 11th** for a fun night of Bingo with celebrity host, Richard Curtis. Winners will receive their choice of a designer handbag.

We also will have special Jenna inspired prizes throughout the evening! Looking for another shot to win? Donate deodorant, reusable water bottles, canned goods (with pop top) or granola bars at the event to be entered to win a special raffle prize!

The event will be held at Saint Maria Goretti , Drexel Hall. Doors open at 6:00 PM and let the games begin at 7:00 PM.

Buy your tickets before the event to save money and secure your spot. Tickets are \$40 pre-sale or \$45 at the door. Last event we sold out ahead of time, so be sure to buy now!

Get your tickets here: https://bit.ly/3Atr0Pf. You must be 21 to enter and please wear a mask. We look forward to seeing you there!





The Mater Dei Catholic School Community Celebrating Polar Plunge Fest 2022... Mater Dei is so grateful for our school families!

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! 52 new applicants have already been accepted! Please contact Grace Samanns in Advancement at gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com or 215-368-9787.

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





Local Tap located at 527 S. Broad Street in Lansdale is donating \$1.00 to Mater Dei for each pint of their house beer purchased during

the month of February. Stop by Local Tap, enjoy their house beer or pick up a to go pint or two, and support Mater Dei. Make sure you mention you are from Mater Dei! Special thanks to the Modestine Family for their generosity!

Childcare Space is Available... Mater Dei Childcare 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.

Employment Opportunities

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