

Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

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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 website archdiocesan 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.

ANOINTING 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.

Love God, Love one another

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 Prahler & 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: Amy 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 FORTY HOURS: A Time to Find Peace in Your Heart September 22, 23, and 24, 2019

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 (ext. 202). Non-parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend. Evening Service with Benediction 7:00pm.



Retreat

JULY 21, 2019

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).



GORETTIFEST Food Trucks & Beer Garden Friday, September 27, 2019—5pm to 10pm

Children's games · Live music · Cornhole tournament

GORETTIFEST SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please support our 2nd Annual Gorettifest with a personal or corporate spon-

sorship. Promote your business and help make this event a success!

Registration and Logo Deadline: September 7, 2019

Please submit logos in JPEG format via email to cheryl.ryan@stmariagoretti.net Name:_____

Address:_____

Cell:

Email:

- ___Presenting Sponsor \$2,500
- Beer Garden Sponsor—\$2,000
- Band Sponsor—\$1,500
- ___Cornhole Tournament Sponsor—\$1,000
- Parking Sponsor—\$500
- ___Cardinal Sponsor—\$300
- ___Bishop Sponsor—\$200
- ___Monsignor Sponsor—\$100

JULY 21, 2019



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN., July 21	7:30 A.M. Robert E. Pagan Req. by The Salanik Family 9:30 A.M. Gary Hotte Req. by The Hotte Family 11:30 A.M. Adam Fox Req. by Beth Lentz	
MON., July 22	8:30 A.M. Patricia Klause Req. by The Klause Family	
TUES., July 23	8:30 A.M. Richard Genovese Req. by The Genovese Family	
WED., July 24	8:30 A.M. Deb Ford Req. by Michelle Beck	
THURS., July 25	8:30 A.M. Joe O'Sullivan Req. by The Family	
FRI., July 26	8:30 A.M. Gary Hotte Req. by Sally & Edd Murphy	
SAT., July 27	No Morning Mass 5:00 P.M. Leonard Karas Req. by Ted & Dorothy Zamorski	
SUN., July 28	7:30 A.M. Eleanor Kavaleski Req. by Mary Beth McCourt 9:30 A.M. Rita & Ralph Severini Req. by The grandchildren, Nicholas, Marco and Lucia Cugini 11:30 A.M. Joseph Bolacker Red. by Nancy & Ron Boak	

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, Kristen Chipollini, Joanna Cavacini, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Helen Curren, Leo Dennis, Ernest Doherty, Sally Esbensen, Peter Fallon, Marybeth Hentschel Fiorelli, Sebastian Fillion, Carol Galinski, Patrick Gardenier, Lianessa Gonzalez, Andrew Green, Dionne Greim, Sharon, Fernando & Ian Griffin, Frank Holloway, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Ron Hoffman, Jeanette Hoy, Kevin lavecchia, Lindsay Jaso, Richard Jedlicka, Gerald Kenny, Emily Keiser, Charles Kline, Bernadette Kubej, Sue Kunze, Peg Krempl, Jama Lecore, Angelique Lee, Keenan Lee, Curt Lecrone, Dina Lukasko, Mary Magnarella, Patti Maguire, Barbara Masser, William & Kristen Morrow, John McLaughlin, Bridget Micshener, Diane Moll, Frank Monroe, Munson Family, John Mye, Terry Shields Neumann, Joan Nickerson, Mele Lee-Nippins, Ernie Nippins, Zachery Bill O'Brien, Anthony Paone, Catherine Olberholzer, Pagano, Al Palatucci, Robert Pauloski, Flocerfida & Salvador Penganon, Michael Prahler, Marian Quinn, Michael Rafter, Scott Randall, Jim Richardson, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Barbara Scally, Susan Schmidt, Helen Shekalis, Melissa Shelly, 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, Joe Zdun & Jack Zampirri.

Youth Ministry Update

Wildwood Beach Retreat for High School Teens in 9th to 12th grade—August 1-4, 2019





Coming This Fall For all Jr. High Teens High School Leaders Needed September 17 - November 12, 2019

Tuesdays 7:30pm to 8:30pm

Maria Richardson, Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education and Parish Services <u>maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net</u> 215-721-6559 Find details and registration at <u>http://stmariagoretti.net/maria-2/</u>



SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Anthony Bucci** requested by the Misczak Family.

ADORATION—GUARDIAN PARTNER



Guardian Partner needed at the following time: 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.

WINNING PRO-LIFE ESSAY

Congratulations Julianna Jones! 1st Place Winner in the Senior Division

A Heartbeat Brings a Change of Heart

The gift of life is a right given to each and every human being created by God. As soon as the sperm penetrates the egg, a brand new individual is formed. This new life is completely unique and will grow into a beautiful and wonderful human being if given the chance. Unfortunately, the CDC reports that over 850,000 American babies each year are deprived of that opportunity because of abortion. Abortion is the reason mothers never get the chance to look into their child's eyes or hold their newborn baby in their arms. Abortion is the reason they never get the chance to wrap their baby up in warm blanket and shower them with kisses. They never even get the chance to tell their child, "I love you." These women lose those precious opportunities that mothers' enjoy and value the most when raising their offspring. Instead, the decision to end the life inside their womb all too often becomes their "choice". Why would a woman choose abortion over carrying her baby to term? According to data reported by the CDC, unmarried women account for 86% of abortions. A survey conducted by the Guttmacher Institute in 2004 revealed some insight into the reasons women have for aborting their babies. Of the women surveyed, 23% indicated financial difficulties as the main reason to abort. Health problems of the baby (3%), and maternal health complications (4%) were other reasons listed. However, the main reason expressed by these postabortive women was that they were "not ready for a child." Armed with this data, the Pro-Life movement can work to foster assistance programs for women that both support her financially and foster her self-esteem and confidence as a parent.

Since abortion became legal in 1973, the Pro-Life movement has been working tirelessly to provide assistance to women facing crisis pregnancies. Additionally, much work has been done to foster a culture of life in our society. One of significant importance is the Heartbeat Bill, a bill that prohibits abortion after a heartbeat is detected. This is a wonderful achievement and a huge step in our movement. Lives may still be lost to abortion before a heartbeat is heard, but hopefully, the message will resonate within our culture that the unborn baby is a person deserving the right to life. Hearing her baby's heartbeat for the first time is often the catalyst for a mother's instinct to protect and nurture the innocent child living and growing inside of her. A heartbeat is the reality that life exists.

Many times in stories and movies, hearing a heartbeat is a celebratory victory. When a character is shot or injured, another character typically rushes over to listen for a pulse. Once a pulse is felt, the characters erupt in joy and relief. In the world today, hearing a heartbeat is not as victorious for abortion supporters as it is for pro-life supporters. Now, when a woman desiring an abortion hears her baby's heartbeat, she cannot legally kill it and must turn to other measures or perhaps travel out of her state to terminate its life. Instead of rejoicing in the reality that her baby is alive and well, her thoughts may sink to despair and, "Now what do I do?" The Pro-Life movement must grow in its capacities to meet the needs of these women and offer them alternatives to the out-of-state or "back alley" abortion.

As many abortion supporters could chant, it is "her choice" and the human life can be terminated if the mother cannot support it or her own life becomes threatened. I am proud to say that my mother's life was threatened during her first pregnancy but she trusted in God's plan and refused to have an abortion. Her doctors warned her that she could ultimately die from this pregnancy and the baby would have less than a 1% chance of surviving. Nineteen years later, the baby born from that ectopic pregnancy is my older brother Kevin, a perfectly healthy Division I football player standing at six feet, seven inches tall and weighing three hundred pounds. If my mother had listened to her doctors and taken his life to protect her own, perhaps myself or my two younger siblings may have not even been born. But most tragically, he would have been deprived of the wonderful life he now has and my mother would have to live with her decision. In my opinion, under no circumstances is murdering an innocent life ever acceptable. No matter what obstacles the mother has to face during her pregnancy, there is always a way to seek help and guidance. So many women struggle with infertility and pray each and every day that God blesses them with a child. For many, this does not happen. While they are mourning the possibility of going through life without any children, other women are mourning because they are pregnant with a perfectly healthy baby and do not necessarily want it. What an unfortunate dilemma that exists in our culture!

As much as we would like it to, the heartbeat bill will not end abortion. The law passed in Alabama which went further in punishing the abortionist and providing no exceptions for rape or incest will also not bring an end to the killing of children. In order for abortion to completely cease forever, mankind must have a change of heart. Women must be willing to fully recognize that if they become pregnant, they become the mother to a being that is truly human, just as they are. That human child, even though small and unable to speak, deserves the right to live no matter what the circumstances around them are. As my own mother said after refusing her abortion, "If the life of your child isn't worth risking your own life for, what is?"

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." (Jeremiah 1:5)



HOSPITALITY NEEDED

The sisters from Saint Elisabeth Convent, Belarus will be visiting our parish the weekend of August 24/25 to set up a small sale of religious articles and souvenirs from their Convent to support vulnerable people who they take care of. If you would be interested in providing hospitality for 2 sisters for a night or two while they are in our area please call Cheryl for more details at 215-721-0199.

PREP NEWS

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.

If you are able to serve as a Catechist or Assistant, please let us know! For more information call the Religious Education office at 215-721-6559.

UNTIL SEPTEMBER, HAPPY SUMMER!

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JULY 28th

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, J. Yandoli, M. Reynolds, S. Lynam
7:30am – Sacristan, T. McGann, K. Staudt, Sub Needed
9:30am – Sacristan, J. Forbes, K. Hay, C. Friel
11:30am – Sacristan, C. LeBrocq, B. Smith, M. Niche

E.M. Home Visits

A1–D. Fuse, A2-J. Burke, A3-C. Talaga, A4-S. Steklenski, A5–C. Opdyke , B1-A. Russo, B2-E. McBride, B3-D. Grant, B4-M. Rosenberger, B5-J. Gressang

Lectors

5:00pm – C. Amuso, E. Murphy 7:30am – A. & R. Whitley 9:30am – M. D'Elia, F. Stumpo 11:30am – C. McNally, A. LeBrocq

<u>Cantors</u>

 5:00pm – Kristen (w/sub)
 7:30am – George (w/sub)

 9:30am – Joe V. (w/sub)
 11:30am – Donna (w/sub)

Altar Servers

5:00pm – S., T. & N. Burr 7:30am – T. & G. McGann, M. Robison 9:30am – V. Forbes, B. Mazeroski, O. Watters 11:30am – A. Berdel, S. Butler, A. Craig

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, Ž15-721-0199 (ext. 202) please contact or angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net.

Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2019 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Saint Maria Goretti 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



"Looking after the common good means making use of the new opportunities for the redistribution of wealth among the different areas of the planet, to the benefit of the underprivileged that until now have been excluded or cast to the sidelines of social and economic progress." ~ Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP The total collected last week was: \$350.21

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 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!



Sight and Sound Theatre on May 19, 2020

In an effort to keep the Donut Social going we need ministries to volunteer to run them. Please check with your Ministry Leader to help on one of these dates: November 3rd and December 1st 2019



Are you interested in going to see the Life Size Noah's Ark in Kentucky? Let us know, we are thinking about it!

> Contact Maria Richardson 215-721-0199 maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net

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 extention 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!

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY OFFERING



COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS			
	July 16, 2018	July 14, 2019	
Sunday Offering	\$18,634.42	\$16,322.01	
Online Parish Givir	ng \$ 1,645.00	<u>\$ 3,012.00</u>	
TOTALS:	\$20,279.42	\$19,334.01	
Total # of contributors		568	
Misc. Offerings			
Capital Improvements Offering:		\$1,089.00	
Poor Box Offering:		\$350.21	
Census Collection:			

WAYS TO GIVE & SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

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

Offering Plate - SMG provides an opportunity in its weekly worship services to honor God with financial gifts to the church. Weekly offering envelopes are available upon request. Please contact the church office.

Mail a Payment - You can mail a check payable to St. Maria Goretti Parish to 1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield, PA 19440.

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.

LIVING U

Living U, the lifelong learning institute of Living Branches, offers classes for residents, future residents, and seniors in the local community. Our fall semester includes topics of a fall wreath decorating workshop, eating right for older adults, opera appreciation, the first Amendment and freedom of religion, climate change, advances in farm technology, music of Christmas, and more! For more information, go to www.livingbranches.org/ livingu or call Maribeth Benner at 215-368-4438. Registration is open until Friday, August 9, 2019.



FREE MOVIE NIGHT

On Wednesday, July 31 at 7pm, St. Jude Parish, Chalfont is having a movie night, showing BREAKTHROUGH, the true story of a boy who drowned in icy waters, was without a pulse for 45 minutes, then came back to life! Doctors declared it a miracle. FREE MOVIE, appropriate for ages 8 and up.



Enroll at Mater Dei

Additional space for your Three-Year-Old or Four-Year-Old has just been made available and vou 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. We are officially taking registrations for our fifth Pre-K classroom. This class will fill up soon, so register now while space is available! 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 Ad-215-368-9787 vancement Office at or gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com

Employment Opportunity

REGISTER TODAY

The Mater Dei Childcare Center 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, should be energetic, patient, friendly and nurturing, and should 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.

A reasonably-priced childcare program and a nurturing, safe environment for your child while you work

The Mater Dei Childcare Center, located at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Hatfield, watches over the youngest members of our community. Your child, ages 6 weeks to 36 months, is welcome to participate in an amazing program where he or she will learn and develop socially, emotionally, academically, and spiritually in a nurturing environment. Mater Dei Child Care Center is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM to accommodate the working parent. If you would like information about future availability for this wonderful program or would like to schedule a visit, please contact Katherine Stansbury, Center Director, at childcare@materdeicatholic.com or 215-799-2211.

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SUMMER CLEAN OUT



Help us to make dresses for poorer countries. Check out your drawers and closets for: new or gently used pillow cases, material, lace or other trim, appliques. Over 500 dresses were sent this year to various countries. If you would like to learn how to make these dresses at your convenience, please contact RoseMary Gerhart at 267-402-8411.

A box with samples will be in the narthex from July 13th through August 4th. Thank you and God Bless!