

Saint Maria Goretti Parish

Hatfield, PA



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PARISH LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday from 3:30 to 4:30pm
Please join us on **Monday, April 4th** from
4:30 to 5:15pm & 6:30 to 7:15pm
Tuesday, April 5th from
1 to 2pm.

We will have many priests here to assist Father Chung with confessions. Please take advantage of the opportunity to prepare yourself for the joy of the Easter season.



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.

Pro-Life Stations of the Cross will be held every Thursday during Lent following the 8:30am Mass in church. Please join us!



LAST CHANCE ~ WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! SURVEY IS ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL 4TH

Paper surveys are due TODAY! Thank you to the 497 parishioners that have already filled out the survey.

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

Go to <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/yabtt3>

The link above can also be found on the Home page of our parish website at www.stmariagoretti.net or scan the QR code and fill out the survey right on your phone.

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. Thank you for helping with this im-



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Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY—No Morning Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm—Adoration ends with Night Prayer at 10pm.

GOOD FRIDAY—No Morning Mass

Church opens for Adoration at 8:30am—Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord at 3pm
Vietnamese Liturgy at 7pm

HOLY SATURDAY

No Morning Mass—No Confessions

Blessing of Food at 11am
Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

Masses: 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am
Vietnamese Mass at 2:30pm

SAVE THE DATE – EASTER EGG HUNT & DONUT SOCIAL

Sunday, April 3, 2022, after the 9:30am Mass



Mark your calendar to celebrate SPRING with your parish family at our parish Easter Egg Hunt & Donut Social on Sunday, April 3rd following the 9:30am Mass. Weather permitting the Egg Hunt will be held outside on the church grounds. We will also have a special visit from the Easter Bunny. For planning purposes, please call the parish center at 215-721-0199 or e-mail Cheryl at Cheryl.ryan@stmariagoretti.net to let us know how many children will participate in the Easter Egg Hunt. There is no cost to participate. We hope you can make it!



FOURTH WEEK OF LENT DRIVEN BY A DREAM

Malnutrition is widespread in Rwanda, but Glorioso and her husband are doing everything they can to keep their children healthy and set them up for success. From learning to grow a kitchen garden to participating in a micro-savings group, Glorioso and Karekezi know it takes many resources to help their children thrive. How have you helped others access what they need this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN., March 27	7:30 A.M. Josephine & Phil Pisano Req. by The Fantuzzo Family 9:30 A.M. Philomena & Frank Daddario & Family Req. by Carman Vernachio & Family 11:30 A.M. Ralph & Rita Severini Req. by The Cugini Family
MON., March 28	7:00 A.M. Gladys Abbuzese Req. by Nancy & Mike McCleary, Maria & Randy Vanderkluet & Family 8:30 A.M. Dolores Hall Req. by Mary Faymore & Family
TUES., March 29	7:00 A.M. Harry LaSorda Req. by Maria Elena & Ted Skrzat 8:30 A.M. Mary Jane Rydzewski Req. by The Family
WED., March 30	7:00 A.M. Simon & Diane Mazur Req. by Helena Czepulkowski 8:30 A.M. Catherine O'Brien Req. by Bill & Judy O'Brien
THURS., March 31	7:00 A.M. William J. Randall Req. by Carol Janson 8:30 A.M. Sandy Slater Req. by Edie Hardnock
FRI., April 1	7:00 A.M. Gene McDonnell Req. by Bill Bradshaw & Family 8:30 A.M. The Gianfrancesco & Licheniak Families Req. by The Gianfrancesco Family
SAT., April 2	8:30 A.M. Ann Kramer Req. by Edd & Sally Murphy 5:00 P.M. Edward & Anne Krause Req. by Chris & Patty Gray
SUN., April 3	7:30 A.M. Robert Graham Req. by The Graham Family 9:30 A.M. John Curran Req. by Mary & Kevin McCorry 11:30 A.M. Andy Werlein Req. by Edie Hardnock

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit for **Bill Filler** requested by The Filler Family.



BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week is lit for the intentions of 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: Carol Algrogge, Lori Aiello, Baby David, Chuck Biehn, Suki Borowski, Joseph DeVito, Tom Fetter, Kelly Gargan, Rosario Gombola, John Gunder, Sr., Ali Herron, Tim Huelsman, Mary Isban, Luba Jackson, Maria Kardash, John McLaughlin, Greg & Kathy McCloskey, Madeline McGinley, Theresa Hoffman, Frank Moran, Tom Murphy III, Patricia Naab, Bridget and Colleen, Michael Rafter, Joanne Reube, Don Robberstad, Linda Santana, Mike Scienaro, Debbie Zuech-Smyrl, Judy Stangl, Lawrence Stempel, Ron Szewczak, John Tulley, Paul Wheeler, 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.



TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12

This celebration of Passover in the promised land closes the time of Moses and the Israelites' wandering in the desert. The end of that era is signified by the cessation of the miraculous manna.

Reading II: II Corinthians 5: 17-21

Anyone who belongs to the believing community is immediately entrusted with the ministry of reconciliation. Only when members are restored to God can they claim authenticity as Christians.

The Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Our Lord's listeners knew of many "Two brothers" stories. Ones in which the younger brother triumphs over the older one. Not so with this masterful parable. The usual title given to it tends to obscure its main purpose: to illustrate God the Father's great mercy toward sinners.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

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

September, 2021 through May, 2022
April 1 and May 6

After 8:30 AM Mass in the IHM Room

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

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
April 20

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, April 13

Wednesday, May 11

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!

Kittatinny 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

Save the Date Family / Teen Bowling!

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

More details to follow in upcoming bulletins.



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

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



Please consider giving to The Catholic Relief Services Collection at Mass or through your parish online giving platform. The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless.

Funds donated to the collection support vital Catholic programs that share in the Church's mission to promote the sanctity of human life and the dignity of the human person. Please consider giving today at www.crs.org. Thanks for your support!

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 Thursday, March 31st. Please join us!**

**MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR
SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd**

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, M.J. Vondercrone
7:30am – Sacristan, M. Haluska, B. McCormick
9:30am – Sacristan, K. Hay, D. Grant
11:30am – Sacristan, M. & K. Staudt

E.M. Home Visits

B1-E. Perez, B2-S. Steklenski, B3-S. Nagele,
B4-M. Wrubel, B5-T. McGann

Lectors

5:00pm – A. Cattarini, B. Braun
7:30am – C. Friel, R. Jones
9:30am – B. Hudak, R. Miller
11:30am – P. Shelly, E. Gallagher

Altar Servers

5:00pm – F. & I. Sirianni
7:30am – A. & L. Wertz
9:30am – O. Watters, A. DeSiro
11:30am – G. Sabia, A. Kunjachen

Cantors

5:00pm – Jenna
9:30am – Michele
7:30am – Joe V.
11:30am – Janna

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, March 29th

Children's Chime Choir—6 to 6:45pm
Adult Bell Choir—6:45 to 7:30pm
Adult Choir—7:30pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Sunday, April 3rd

9:30am – Children's Chime Choir

**GOOD FRIDAY YOUTH & YOUNG
ADULT CHOIR**

Parishioners age 14-25 are invited to be part of a choir for our 3:00 PM Good Friday church service on April 15. Please contact Mrs. Ericsson (eileen.ericsson@stmariagoretti.net) for more information. Thank you for sharing your gifts with our parish!



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

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 recently held a membership drive at and we may have missed you. If you would like to join today simply go to www.kofc.org/joinus and enter our council # 4396 for local information.

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$1,133.00**

BENEFITS ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

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

**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**



Parish Religious Education Process Update!

First Holy Communion Reminders

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

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

May 1, 2022 – FHC Blessing of gifts after Mass

Save the Date

May 2, 2022 – May Procession 6:30 PM

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

YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

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.

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Thank you to the parishioners of SMG for your generosity to our parish. Without your continued support we would not be able to continue with the special liturgies, events and programs in support of your spiritual journey.

	<u>Sunday, March 20th</u>	
2021	2022	Difference
\$19,053.94	\$24,784.68	\$ 5,730.74

May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!

WAYS TO GIVE & SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

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

Paper Recycling – SMG is involved with The Paper Retriever program, a free revenue-generating service for churches and other community-based organizations designed to increase recycling. The program pays the Parish based on volume and the market, benefiting both the environment and the Parish. The more you recycle using the large green containers located in the parking lot, the more you will support your Parish.

Console the Heart of Jesus

BY PRAYING FOR THE
UNBORN AND THEIR
MOTHERS



Join us on Good Friday at the Warminster Planned Parenthood as we bear witness to the beauty of life.

- The morning begins at Nativity of Our Lord Church at **9 AM**. From there we will process in prayer to the clinic's location on Louis Drive: **610 Louis Drive in Warminster, PA 18974**
- Recitation of and reflection on the rosary, Stations of the Cross, and the Passion of Jesus.
- Please contact Karly Harney of the Bucks County Pro-Life Coalition for additional details:

karly.b.harney@gmail.com
(267) 337-5060

HELP THE PEOPLE IN UKRAINE 2nd Collection on March 26/27



The proceeds from this year's Collection for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is earmarked to **help the people in Ukraine**. We will use the 2nd collection on March 26 & 27th to go specifically to those in the suffering country of Ukraine.

Please be as generous as your means allow. Continue to keep them in your prayers. May God bless you.



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!

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

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

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

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 opportunity employer.

CAN YOU HELP WITH A RIDE TO MASS?

We have a parishioner, Madeline that would love to be able to come to Mass but needs a ride. Madeline is willing to come to any Mass on Saturday or Sunday. She lives at Derstine Run right on Derstine Road, if you can help please contact Madeline at 215-932-8825.