



# Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

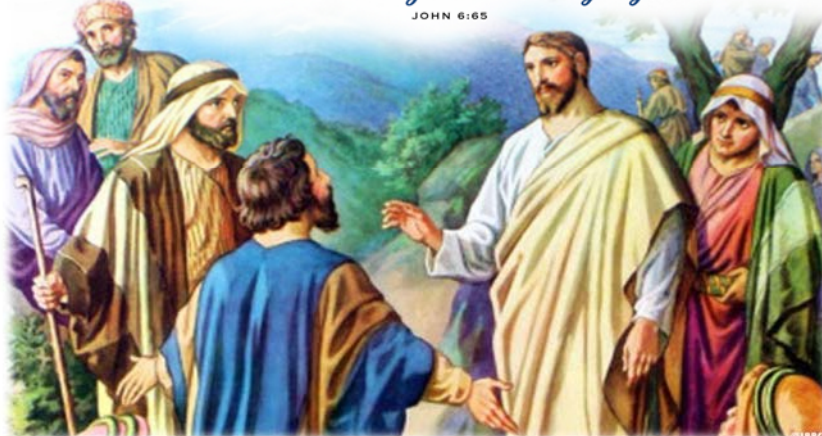
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## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Thursday: 9am to 8:00pm  
 Friday through Saturday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
 Sunday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

*"For this reason I have told you that no one can  
 come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."*

JOHN 6:65



## **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                    Mass at 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

## **BAPTISM**

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday at 12:45 pm (except the first Sunday). 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.

## **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.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR &  
GRAB YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS &  
NEIGHBORS FOR SMG's 1st ANNUAL  
GORETTIFEST ~ FOOD TRUCK &  
BEER GARDEN**

**Date:** Friday, September 28, 2018

**Time:** 5 to 10pm

**Where:** St. Maria Goretti Parking Lot,  
Cowpath & Derstine Roads, Hatfield

Plan to join fellow parishioners and our entire community for Food, Beer, Live music by the well known band Rollin' & Tumblin', Cornhole Tournament and so much more.



**CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT SIGN UPS  
AFTER MASSES THIS WEEKEND**

Don't miss the opportunity to play in our first annual cornhole tournament at "GORETTIFEST". Sign-ups will take place after all Masses this weekend in the narthex. There are 20 team spots available (2 people per team). Cash prizes awarded for first and second place. Cost is \$20 per person or \$40 per team. Cost of entry includes 4 tickets for beer, soda or water. We will accept teams on a first come first serve basis. **SIGN UP TODAY!**



**THAT MAN IS YOU**

The TM I Y program will be coming back again this fall to Maria Goretti. There are now two opportunities to attend the TM I Y program. TMIY is an interactive men's program focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world. One session will begin on Wednesday, September 12th and the second separate TM I Y session will begin on Saturday, September 15th. These sessions were implemented last year so that both retired and working men would be able to attend these sessions. Although there will be separate themes for the Wednesday and Saturday sessions, all men, married or single are invited to participate in one

or the other program. There is no requirement to have attended TMIY in the past. For more information or to register, contact us by email at TMIYSMG@gmail.com or 215-721-0199, ext. 254.

**DO YOU WANT to HELP MORE  
YOUNGSTERS ATTEND  
CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL at LITTLE  
COST to YOU ?**

Our state tax code permits individuals to redirect some of your PA state taxes for tuition assistance as "needs base scholarships" for Catholic School Students including our Mater Dei Regional Grade School. This law is known as "Educational Improvement Tax Credit" or E.I.T.C. Your annual PA tax liability must be at least \$5,000. E.I.T.C. philanthropy will cost you only pennies on the dollar. Would you like to find out more details? Please call Cheryl at the parish office at 215-721-0199 or e-mail Joe Wilkens at joe15PBC@gmail.com.

**INFORMATION NIGHT FOR THOSE  
INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY  
COMMUNION**



*Do you have a calling to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? Would you like to help at Mass with the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ? Would you like to bring the Eucharist to the homebound parishioners of SMG? St. Maria Goretti Parish is in great need of additional EM's to join in this most important ministry.*

Please join Deacon Steve for an information night on Monday, September 17th at 7pm in the Parish Library. The requirements to become an EM are: you must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, if married, your marriage must be recognized by the Catholic Church, 18 years of age or older and attends Mass regularly. Prayerfully consider joining this wonderful team of ministers. We will gladly work around your preferred Sunday Mass schedule.

**PRO LIFE COMMITTEE**

Please consider joining our Pro Life committee, to help those most vulnerable. Please contact Father Chung at 215-721-0199 or fr.chung@stmariagoretti.net or Bob McCormick at 215-362-1247 or bobmcc58@verizon.net.



**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO  
MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN  
BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

Please encourage them to contact Al Pandolfo at 267-688-9475 or the parish center at 215-721-0199 or email RCIA@stmariagoretti.net as soon as possible. We would love the opportunity to tell him or her about the wonderful process for spiritual growth called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - RCIA. In this process adults learn with other adults about Church teachings and prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Baptized Catholics who have not completed their Sacraments are also welcome. Don't delay !



## Mass Schedule

### MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>SUN., August 26</b>	7:30 A.M. Scott Unlig Req. by Deborah Fuller 9:30 A.M. Donna Lee Req. by Mele Lee-Nippins 11:30 A.M. Wesley & LeeAnn Pinkston Req. by Glenn & Pat Pinkston
<b>MON., August 27</b>	8:30 A.M. Walter Boak Req. by Ron & Nancy Boak
<b>TUES., August 28</b>	8:30 A.M. Donna Lee Req. by Mele Lee-Nippins
<b>WED., August 29</b>	8:30 A.M. Irene & George Schoppet Req. by The Children
<b>THURS., August 30</b>	8:30 A.M. Alice Scullin Req. by Lorraine Scullen
<b>FRI., August 31</b>	8:30 A.M. Natalie & Joseph Rydzewski Req. by Sue & Joe Rydzewski
<b>SAT., Sept. 1</b>	<b>No Morning Mass</b> 5:00 P.M. Skip Lentz Req. by Beth Lentz
<b>SUN., Sept. 2</b>	7:30 A.M. Bernie Phillipeck Req. by The Patterson Family 9:30 A.M. Henry J. Davis Req. by Maude Lee 11:30 A.M. Jenna Burleigh Req. by The Family

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Donna Lee** requested by Mele Lee-Nippins.



### MONTHLY HOLY HOUR

#### A great opportunity for stewardship!

Holy Hour gives the parish an opportunity to pray for the needs of the church especially vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Holy Hour will include public prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) and private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is welcome. Holy Hour is held the Thursday evening before First Friday at 7pm. **The next Holy Hour is September 6th. Please join us!**

### HOPE IN CHRIST

#### Spiritual Support for Addictions

**"I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security." ~ Jeremiah 33:6**

Seeking solace and spiritual support in the journey towards recovery? Many local parishes are offering ways to experience Christ's extended hand of love and mercy in your time of need. Find Catholic resources for addiction for you or a loved one at [www.archphila.org/hope](http://www.archphila.org/hope)

### 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: Warren Allison, Immaculata Antonucci, Ruth Adams, Jennifer & Kimberly Agnew, 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, Christy Ceferina Eusubio, Sally Esbensen, Peter Fallon, Marybeth Hentschel Fiorelli, Patrick Gardenier, Rita Gildea, Lianessa Gonzalez, Andrew Green, Dionne Greim, Sharon, Fernando & Ian Griffin, Frank Holloway, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Michelle Heacock, Ron Hoffman, Kevin Iavecchia, Gerald Kenny, Emily Keiser, Charles Kline, Bernadette Kubej, Sue Kunze, Peg Kreml, Trish Lavelle, Angelique Lee, Keenan Lee, Curt Lecrone, Dina Lukasko, Mary Magnarella, Patti Maguire, William & Kristen Morrow, John McLaughlin, Bridget Micshener, Helen Millar, Diane Moll, Frank Monroe, Munson Family, John Mye, Terry Shields Neumann, Joan Nickerson, Mele Lee-Nippins, Ernie Nippins, Zachery Olberholzer, Bill O'Brien, Catherine Pagano, Robert Pauloski, Floerfida & Savador Penganon, Michael Prahler, Marian Quinn, Pat Raber, Michael Rafter, Scott Randall, Jim Richardson, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Susan Schmidt, Helen Shekalis, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Peg Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzel, Barbara Wetzel, Paula Jayne White, John Willstaudt, Arlene Wyatt, Salem Yabet, Joe Zdun & Jack Zampirri.

### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program is a Montessori based parish religious formation/education program for children age 3 to 6 (Kindergarten) in LEVEL 1 and age 6 to 9 (grades 1 & 2) in LEVEL 2 with a primary goal to nurture a relationship with God. This is accomplished by the use of manipulative/child-interactive materials, prayer, song, listening to the Bible and preparation for full participation in the liturgy. This unique experience provides the foundation for a life-long relationship with God to be lived out in the Church community.

Both Levels are offered September through May/June

- ◆ **Level 1** (age 3-6) sessions are held Sunday mornings 9:15 to 10:45am. An additional session (11:15 to 12:45) would be added as needed.
- ◆ **Level 2** (grades 1 & 2) sessions are held Mondays 4:30pm to 5:45pm. CGS Level 1 attendance is required before Level 2.

Registration form may be found at the Parish Center or at [stmariagoretti.net/prep/forms](http://stmariagoretti.net/prep/forms). For more information please contact Linda Hudak 215-593-5903 or [lhudak@yahoo.com](mailto:lhudak@yahoo.com)





## Join us for Part II of Church History

### Dates, Times, Location

Friday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30AM  
September 7 through November 16

St. Maria Goretti Parish Library  
1601 Derstine Road  
Hatfield, PA 19440

### Cost/Registration

\$35 per person, payable at the first session on Sept. 7  
Make checks payable to St. Maria Goretti Parish

### For More Information

Contact Kim Staudt to register 215-272-9016 or  
kimstaudt@me.com

## CATHOLIC WOMENS CONFERENCE

Join us for a day of friendship, prayer and growth in your faith at the 2018 Catholic Women's Conference. This year's theme is "Daughters of the King" and the day will be devoted to helping women discover their foundational identity as daughters of the King of Heaven and Earth. Saturday, October 27, 2018, 9am-4pm, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. Talks will be offered in English, Spanish and American Sign Language.

**A mid-September sellout is expected.** Register today at:  
[catholicwomensconference.org](http://catholicwomensconference.org).



## CRS SPOTLIGHT

13 yrs ago, Mustefa Hafiz was not able to grow enough food for his family to eat. In Ethiopia, his land sat at the bottom of a hill which would flood every year. This forced him to rely on wheat provided by the government for 3 months out of the year. Things needed to change.

Things started to change for Mustefa in 2005 when CRS piloted a new program with 1,323 community members. The goal was to rehabilitate land that was bare, eroded and unfit for farming. The goal was achieved and then some! Read more about Mustefa's story, and find out how you can help our brothers and sisters in third world countries, by visiting [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org).



The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month at 1 o'clock in the basement of the parish center. New members welcome. Experience not necessary. Many helping hands to get you started. Yarn and needles provided. Contact Barbara Krummert at 440-655-0650 if you know anyone in need of a prayer shawl.

## FIRST THURSDAY BREAKFAST CLUB



The Breakfast Club is held on designated First Thursdays of the year at Saint Maria Goretti Parish and provides a way for people to gather together in friendship following their time spent together in worship and prayer. Coffee, tea, juice, and nutritious breakfast refreshments are served along with lots of laughter and conversation. There is no cost to participate in the Breakfast Club and no registration is required. Non-parishioners are always welcome. Next Breakfast Clubs: Thursdays, **September 6th** and October 4th in the narthex following the 8:30am Mass.

**The Breakfast Club is automatically cancelled when a funeral is scheduled for the same morning.**

## TEA TIME WITH OUR LADY OF MERCY

Enjoy hot or iced tea and tea sandwiches in the company and companionship of our Mother Mary as we honor her under the title of Our Lady of Mercy. Have fun with a game of "Tea with Our Lady" BINGO. Cost is \$8.00 per person and includes a chance to win door prizes.

**Monday, September 24, 2018**

**11:30 AM to 1:00 PM**

**Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center: Lower Level**

**[www.stmariagoretti.net](http://www.stmariagoretti.net)**

**215-721-0199 (ext. 202)**

Please register using the form that can be found on our parish website at [www.stmariagoretti.net](http://www.stmariagoretti.net) or on the Adult Faith Formation table in our church narthex. Please mail form along with payment of \$8.00 per person. Payment is transferable to another person but is not refundable.

## WHAT'S ON THE BOOKSHELF?

Join us for conversation and discussion on the personal reflections of Cardinal Timothy Dolan on Saint John Paul, Pope Benedict, and Pope Francis in his e-book entitled, Soul, Mind, and Heart. Download it for free at <https://www.osv.com/Shop/Ebooks/dolanebook.aspx> or pick up a free copy at Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center once you register for the book club. Please register at [angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net](mailto:angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net) or by calling 215-721-0199 (ext. 202) if you plan on attending.

**Monday, October 22, 2018, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

**Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center: Lower Level**

**[www.stmariagoretti.net](http://www.stmariagoretti.net)**

## 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

## PRE-JORDAN CLASS

Pre-Jordan classes are offered the second Wednesday of each month in the Parish Library at 7pm. The next class will be held on **Wednesday, September 12th**. Pre-Jordan is required for parents wishing to have their child baptized and optional for godparents. You must attend Pre-Jordan prior to having your first child baptized. It is not necessary to attend if you have attended a session within the past 3 years. There is no need to register for the class and you are welcome to bring your little one. The class is approximately one hour.

**POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP**

The total collected last week was: \$288.82

**BENEFITS BLESSED SARNELLI COMMUNITY**

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** and **August** 2018, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to **Blessed Sarnelli Community, Kensington, PA**. Blessed Sarnelli Community is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing for the needs of people who are poor and abandoned with an emphasis on empowering young adults to share in this commitment through prayer, hospitality and service. Sarnelli House is not just a food cupboard and soup kitchen, but a loving and giving community. Relationships are formed, food is shared, and evangelization takes place. **If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!**

**MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd****E.M. of Holy Communion**

**5:00pm** – Sacristan, M. Reynolds, M. & M. D'Elia  
**7:30am** – Sacristan, T. McGann, A. Russo, K. Staudt  
**9:30am** – Sacristan, M. Nyce, **2 Subs Needed**  
**11:30am** – Sacristan, B. Santulli, P. O'Hara, M. J. Vondercrone

**E.M. Home Visits**

**A1**– C. LeBrocq, **A2-Sub Needed**, **A3**-J. Forbes, **A4**-D. Niche,  
**A5**– B. McCormick, **B1-Sub Needed**, **B2-Sub Needed**,  
**B3**-K. Hay, **B4**-E. McBride, **B5**-J. Burke

**Lectors**

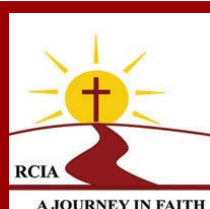
**5:00pm** – F. Filler, B. Smith  
**7:30am** – L. & J. Fleming  
**9:30am** – B. Hardnock, R. Jones  
**11:30am** – B. & C. McNally

**Cantors**

**5:00pm** – **Volunteer Needed**  
**7:30am** – Michele  
**9:30am** – Michael  
**11:30am** – Chelsea

**Altar Servers**

**5:00pm** – G. Christie, J. Franek, V. Kirk  
**7:30am** – T. & G. McGann, L. O'Leary  
**9:30am** – A. Mazzeo, O. Watters, A. Wertz, **S. & C. Heim**  
**11:30am** – T. Beveridge, J. Deeney, T. Paul



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**CHRISTIAN INITIATION**  
**ADULT CATECHESIS**

Our weekly adult catechetical sessions will begin Saturday Sept 8, at 10:00 am in the Parish Center Building. Attendance is mandatory for our incoming Catholics and we also welcome with open arms any current parishioners who would like to sit in. Any questions contact Al Pandolfo at RCIA@stmariagoretti.net or call the parish center.

**SMG MUSIC MINISTRY**

Parishioners, here is your 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 music and God 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. NEW THIS SEASON- Children's Chime Choir** for boys and girls in Grade 3-6. Rehearsals Tuesday 5:50-6:30 PM September 18 through November 27. Three weekend Masses during that period. No previous ringing experience necessary. Eleven children needed to make this happen. Short season, abundant blessings!
- 2. Children's Singing Choir** - boys and girls in grade 1-7. Rehearsals SELECT Saturdays 4:00-4:30 December through April.

**YOUTH**

- 1. Youth Bell Choir** - boys and girls in grade 6-12. Rehearsals Tuesday 6:30-7:30 PM September 11 through December 18. The YBC plays at four Fall Masses including Christmas Eve at 7 PM.
- 2. Cantors** - boys and girls in grade 8-12 who sing in school /community choirs are encouraged to learn to be a cantor at SMG!

**ADULTS**

- 1. Adult Choir** - high school age students and adults are invited to join! Rehearsals Tuesday 7:30 - 8:45 PM, September 11 through April, although not the first Tuesday of the month.
- 2. Guitar Ensemble**- instrumentalists and singers needed. Rehearsals first Tuesday of the month 7:30 PM then one Mass the following weekend.
- 3. Men's Ensemble** - low commitment, high reward group sings three Masses per year with rehearsals Tuesday at 8:45 PM prior to the scheduled Mass.
- 4. Adult Bell Choir** - rehearsals Tuesday 6:30-7:30 PM January through April.
- 5. Octet**- this group sings three or four times per year at special occasions.
- 6. Acoustic Wind Ensemble** - very good instrumentalists are called upon occasionally to provide special music for Liturgy.

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

## SUNDAY OFFERING



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Stewardship Offering .....	August 19, 2018
Total # of contributors (env, checks & EFT) .....	668
Total to Sunday Offering: .....	\$16,224.53
Total Parish Giving Offering: .....	\$2,326.00
Total Assumption Offering: .....	\$3,288.10
Total Poor Box Offering: .....	\$288.82
Total Catholic University collection: .....	\$2,204.78

## JOSEPH'S PEOPLE CHAPTER MEETING ARE YOU UNEMPLOYED OR LOOKING FOR FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT?

Do you want a place to network and meet others who are sharing a similar experience as you? At Joseph's People we offer both spiritual and emotional support to those who are unemployed or underemployed. We also provide tools and resources in order to pursue a successful job search. Stop in and see what we are about. We are a very friendly and welcoming group. Our next meetings will be held on September 6th and 20th in the Parish Center Library at 7:30 p.m. No pre-registration is required! All are welcomed! For more information contact Nancy Boak at nancyboak@aol.com

## A COAT FOR EVERY CHILD- ANNUAL HATFIELD COMMUNITY COAT DRIVE:

With our extremely hot and humid summer, it is difficult to imagine we will see cold weather any time soon. No matter the current temperature, the H3C is looking ahead to the Annual Winter Coat Drive.

The H3C is once again planning the Annual Coat Drive for this coming Fall. The churches and members of the Hatfield Community are collecting NEW Winter Coats for children who need them. We need sizes Infant to youth 16/18. The collection will begin September 9th and continue until Sunday, October 28th. Distribution of the coats will be held at Grace Lutheran Church on Tuesday, October 30th from 3:00pm-7:00pm. Please drop off your donation of new coats in the box clearly marked in the narthex.

The Hatfield Community Christian Coalition (H3C) is a group of local pastors, food cupboard directors, representatives of Manna, NAVICATE, St. Vincent De Paul, and concerned persons of the Hatfield Community. The purpose of this group is to provide, through donations and networking, supplementary services to those persons who use the Hatfield food cupboards, local Elementary Schools and Hatfield Community preschools. Help the Hatfield Community Christian Coalition give coats to the needy children of the Hatfield Community. Together we can take care of our children by providing them the warmth and protection of coats this winter.

## PARISHIONER IN NEED OF RIDE TO MASS



Parishioner Deborah Nero, parishioner who lives in Hatfield would love to be able to attend Mass at our parish but unfortunately cannot drive. Deborah would be willing to come to any Mass you are willing to take her to. If you think you can help out please call her at 215-565-5709.



## Mater Dei Childcare Open Houses

The Mater Dei Childcare Center located at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Hatfield will be holding two open houses in August. The center will be open on **August 28th from 6-7:30pm**. Come see how our new center helps each child develop socially, emotionally, academically, and spiritually in a nurturing environment. Please stop by or RSVP to Katherine Stansbury the Center Director at 215-799-2211 or by e-mailing [kstansbury@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:kstansbury@materdeicatholic.com).

## Lunch Bunch is Back by Popular Demand at Mater Dei in Lansdale!

On Wednesdays, we are inviting students in our half day Three and Four Year Old and Kindergarten Programs to participate in our new Lunch Bunch program! What a great way to give our morning friends an opportunity to eat lunch and interact with their peers in a different setting. This program, offered on Wednesday's, is purely optional and you may pick one Wednesday or all four, depending on what your schedule looks like that month. Class size will be limited, please contact Grace Samanns at 215-368-9787 to sign up!

## Kindergarten Space is Still Available

Space is still available in our third Kindergarten classroom. If you are in need of a half or full day program, Mater Dei can help! Please contact the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or [gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com) as soon as possible to secure a spot for your child!

## Mater Dei's Imagination Playhouse

Our newest program, Imagination Playhouse, will be offered at our Lansdale campus, where imaginative play and multi-sensory learning will be emphasized. Your child must be 2 1/2 to start this two day a week program (the program will accept 2 1/2 and 3-year-old children and your child does not have to be potty trained to begin). Space is still available for 2018-19. Please contact Grace Samanns at 215-368-9787 to RSVP.

## North Wales Library Partnership Announced

Mater Dei will be visiting the North Wales Library this summer with crafts and STREAM activities for preschoolers. Join us if you can! Story Hour is first and then Mater Dei activities follow! Tuesday, August 28 10:00 AM

## We Are Hiring!

Our brand new **Mater Dei Childcare Center** is growing and so, additions to our staff are needed. Currently, we are searching for a loving full-time teacher older toddler to join our team. Our teachers will need to provide and maintain a positive and appropriate Catholic educational program that meets the social, emotional, and physical needs of the children within their care. Candidates should have an education degree and experience in the field, 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 send your resume for immediate consideration to Katherine Stansbury, Center Director at [kstansbumaterdeicatholic.com](mailto:kstansbumaterdeicatholic.com)

## Calling All Legacy and Mater Dei Alumni

If you are an alum from any of our legacy schools or Mater Dei, please contact Grace Samanns in Advancement to be part of a great opportunity! A Legacy School/Mater Dei Alumni Committee is being formed and your help is needed with social media, planning events, graphic design etc. If you are only able to work remotely, we can work that out. Friends are welcome so ask one to join with you! A summer meeting will be planned.