

Saint Maria Goretti Parish

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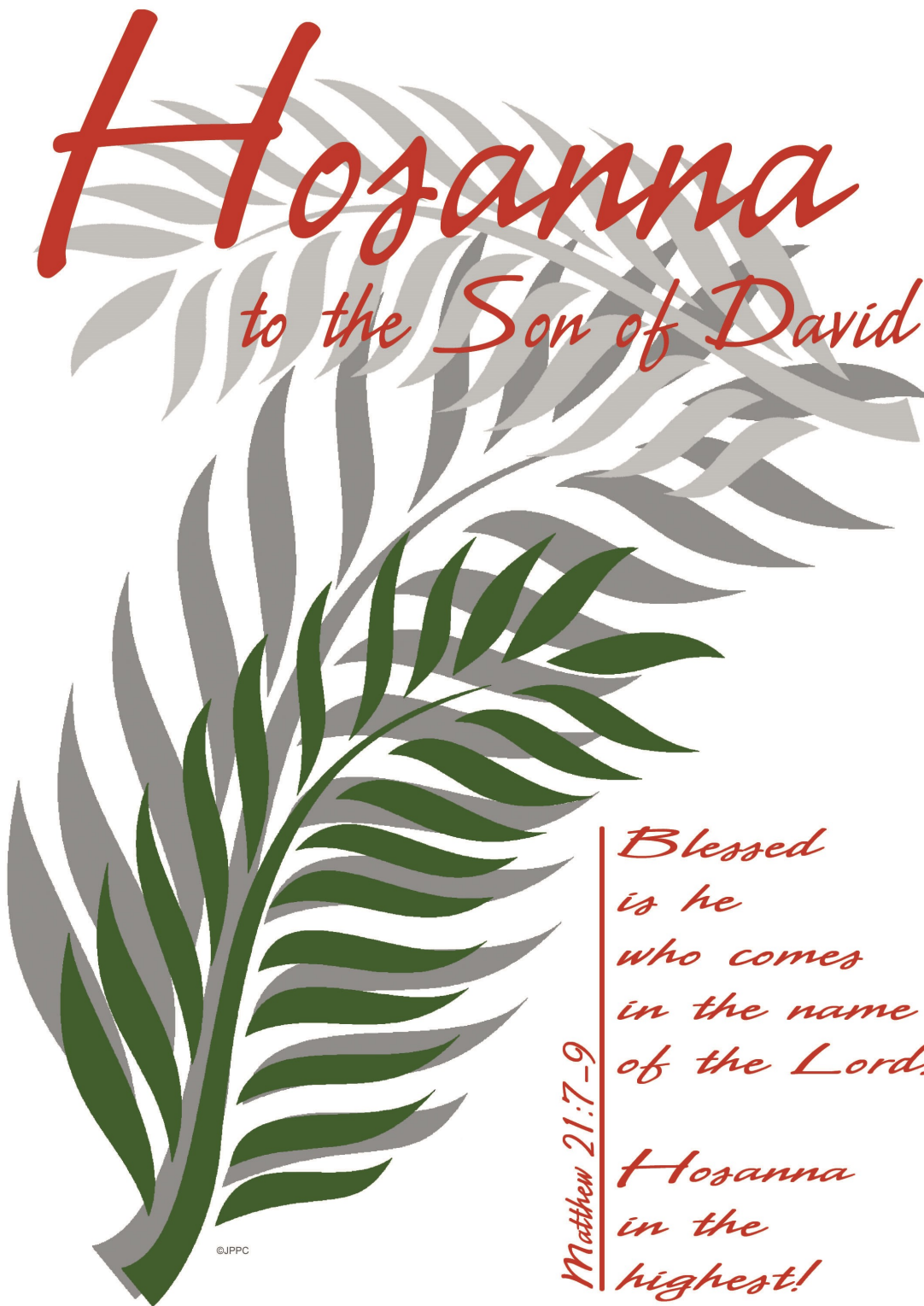
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Hosanna

to the Son of David



*Blessed
is he
who comes
in the name
of the Lord!*

Matthew 21:7-9

*Hosanna
in the
highest!*

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 9pm.

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

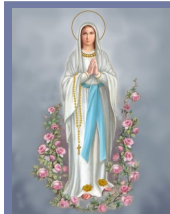
HOLY SATURDAY

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR PARISH MAY PROCESSION MONDAY, MAY 6th AT 6PM

Please join Fr. Chung, Deacon Peter and Deacon Steve, Deacon Phuong, fellow parishioners, PREP students and families, parish ministry volunteers, Knights of Columbus... to honor

Mary at an outdoor procession (weather permitting) at 6pm on May 6th. The children that have received the sacraments this year are invited to wear their Confirmation robes and the First Holy Communion children are asked to wear their special First Communion attire. ***This will be the last night for our PREP students and both Monday and Tuesday night sessions should attend. What a great way to finish out the PREP year.***

Following the May procession there will be light refreshments. If you would like to sign up to help with snacks please contact Cheryl at 215-721-0199.

Everyone is invited. Hope you can make it!

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD



The tradition of blessing the food you will be preparing for Easter dinner will take place on Holy Saturday at 11am in church.

Everyone is invited.

EASTER FOUNTAIN & DECORATING OF CHURCH

The Narthex Easter fountain will be put up on **Monday, April 15 at 9 am** following morning Mass. We are in need of strong arms to gather the stones and build the fountain. Thank you for all who are able and willing to help.

Easter decorating will be done on Easter **Saturday, April 20**, at 9 am. Many hands make light and swift work. Any questions, call Lynne at 267-382-3946. ***Thank you in advance for your help.***

There will not be Adoration on Easter Monday, April 22nd.

The Parish office will also be closed on Good Friday, April 19 and Easter Monday, April 22nd.

Thank you!

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. Thank you for your cooperation.

PRO-LIFE ESSAY CONTEST



Do you need some spending money this summer?

The Respect Life Committee of Saint Maria Goretti Parish is sponsoring an essay contest for area school students. This year's essay question is: "What are your thoughts on abortion after a baby's heartbeat can be detected?" Judging will be based on Judeo-Christian Ethics relevant to this subject. Current Federal law prohibits destroying the egg of a bald eagle with punishment of several thousand dollars or a year in jail. Florida law prohibits taking or destroying the eggs of sea turtles. Express your personal opinion according to your USA constitutional rights of free speech.

There are two divisions: the junior division is any student in grades 6 through 8, the senior division are students in grades 9 through 12. Each division will be awarded the following cash prizes by June 15th:

- 1st prize—\$300
- 2nd prize—\$200
- 3rd prize—\$100

Essays should be no longer than 1,000 words for the senior division and 500 words or less for the junior division. Please include your name, grade and contact information. Mail or deliver your entry to the parish office at Saint Maria Goretti, 1601 Derstine Rd., Hatfield, PA 19440, Attention: Respect Life Committee. Any questions please contact Bob McCormick at bohmcc52@verizon.net.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., April 14** 7:30 A.M. Masser Children & Grandchildren
Req. by Ray & Barbara Masser
9:30 A.M. Jeff Godshall
Req. by Pat & Tom Gallo
11:30 A.M. Katelyn Ann Bonner
Req. by Ron & Theresa Hoffman
- MON., April 15** 7:00 A.M. Robert Pagan
Req. by Bob McCormick
8:30 A.M. James Kennedy
Req. by The Family
- TUES., April 16** 7:00 A.M. Linh Hon Ginse
Req. by An Dihn
8:30 A.M. Mass of Thanksgiving
Req. by Anita Russo & Children
- WED., April 17** 7:00 A.M. Kenneth P. D'Amico
Req. by Diane Maico Taylor
8:30 A.M. Antonina Davi
Req. by The Davi Family
- THURS., April 18** **No Morning Mass**
7:00 P.M. Mass of the Lord's Supper
- FRI., April 19** **No Morning Mass**
3:00 P.M. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
7:00 P.M. Vietnamese Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
- SAT., April 20** **No Morning Mass**
11:00 A.M. Blessing of Food Baskets
7:30 P.M. Christopher Veniero
Req. by The Family
- SUN., April 21** 7:30 A.M. Karen Yozallines
Req. by The Family
9:30 A.M. Dec'd members of the Stengel & Nazarek Families
Req. by Tom & Patty Nazarek
11:30 A.M. Jenna Burleigh
Req. by The Steklenski Family

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Deborah Fick** requested by Bruce & Patty Pollock.



THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, this collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity!

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, 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, Patrick Gardenier, Lianessa Gonzalez, Andrew Green, Dionne Greim, Sharon, Fernando & Ian Griffin, Frank Holloway, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Ron Hoffman, Kevin Iavecchia, Lindsay Jaso, Richard Jedlicka, Gerald Kenny, Emily Keiser, Charles Kline, Bernadette Kubej, Sue Kunze, Peg Krempf, Jama Lecore, Angelique Lee, Keenan Lee, Curt Lecrone, Dina Lukasko, Mary Magnarella, Patti Maguire, Barbara Masser, 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, Anthony Paone, Catherine Pagano, Al Palatucci, Robert Pauloski, Floccerfida & 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 Wetzell, Paula Jayne White, John Willstaudt, Arlene Wyatt, Salem Yabut, Joe Zdun & Jack Zampirri, Ted Ziegler.

Parish Ministry Update!

CLUB + 50 GAMES DAY
The first Wednesday of the month!
Cards, Rummikub, Mexican Train,....
1PM – 4PM Parish Library

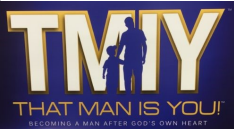


In an effort to keep the Donut Social going we need ministries to volunteer to run them. Please check with your Ministry Leader to pick a date!



Hospitality Ministry will need extra people for Easter as Ushers and Greeters
Contact **Dave Tocci**
david.tocci@jci.com 215-397-8357

Ministry Questions:
Contact **Maria Richardson**
maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net
or by calling 215-721-0199



TMIY: THAT MAN IS YOU!

TMIY is a morning program for men organized around a central theme each year. This engaging content is delivered in 24-26 sessions, divided between fall and spring semesters. Each morning session has three components: a social gathering over breakfast refreshments, a 30 minute DVD presentation, and opportunity for discussion. The program honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers, although single men benefit, as well. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic male leadership. Men who attend That Man Is You! consider the content to be the program's greatest strength, rating it 9.4 on a 10 point scale. There is no cost to attend. For more information or to register, please contact Ron Boak at 215-393-3763 or e-mail him at ron.boak@gmail.com.

Wednesdays-6:00 AM to 7:30 AM-Parish Center
Saturdays-7:00 AM to 8:30 AM-Parish Center: Lower Level



MOVIE AND A MEAL

Celebrate the feast day of Saint Joseph the Worker with a special movie and meal in his honor. "The Staircase" is a film based on a true story that highlights the Chapel of the Sisters of Loretto in Santa Fe, New Mexico that was built without a staircase leading to the choir loft. Due to the confines of the chapel's construction, adding a staircase was now impossible. A mysterious carpenter arrives with an unusual plan to make things right. Our lunch includes sandwiches, chips, beverages, and desserts.

Wednesday, May 1, 2019-11:30 AM to 1:30 PM-Parish Center: Lower Level-Movie Running Time: 96 Minutes
Luncheon Cost: \$10.00

Please register using the form that can be found on the Adult Faith Events page of our parish website at www.stmariagoretti.net or on the Adult Faith Formation table in our narthex. Payment is transferrable to another person but not refundable.

"Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect, and enlighten families." Saint John Paul II



From March 6th through April 14th, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life—40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40 day vigil in the public right-of-way outside of Planned Parenthood, Warminster, and also help to spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information or if you would like to help, please contact Bob McCormick at 215-362-1247 or visit www.40daysforlife.com/warminster

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

The Rights of the Laity in Church Law

Church law is so much more than a list of "do-nots". It is a positive affirmation of the rights of the laity. An emphasis on these rights was an innovation when Saint Pope John Paul II promulgated the new Code of Canon (Church) Law in 1983. Our guest presenter will specifically explore what these rights (and responsibilities) are and how they serve the mission of the Church. A question and answer period will follow this presentation. Please register for this event at 215-721-0199 ext. 202 or angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net. There is no cost to attend this presentation.

Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Saint Maria Goretti Chapel
Guest Presenter: Mr. Adam Dickerson, J.C.L., M.A.

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

DIVINE MERCY AND NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS SHRINES BUS PILGRIMAGE

Travel along with us on this two day excursion to the beautiful Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, the majestic Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, New York, and the National Shrine and Historic Site of Saint Kateri in Fonda, New York. Our pilgrimage includes a delicious dinner at the Cork 'n Hearth Restaurant in Lee, MA and an overnight stay at the Yankee Inn in Lenox, MA.

Sunday, August 18, 2019
Bus Departure St. Maria Goretti Church Parking Lot: 7AM

Monday, August 19, 2019
Approximate Return Home: 7:00 PM
Cost: \$500.00

No parish discounts can be offered for this particular pilgrimage.

Please register using the form that can be found on the Adult Faith Events page of our parish website at www.stmariagoretti.net or on the Adult Faith Formation table in our narthex. Please mail form along with non-refundable deposit of \$100.00. Final Payment is due no later than June 12, 2019. Payment is transferrable to another person but not refundable.



SMG VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 24-28, 2019 Cost: \$35.00

Sign up now! Registration forms are available in the church narthex! And on the parish web site at www.stmariagoretti.net

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090444A5AD22A3FA7-vbs2019>

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 21st

E.M. of Holy Communion

7:30pm – Sacristan, *Volunteer Sign-up*

7:30am – Sacristan, A. Russo, D. Fuse, D. Johnson

9:30am – Sacristan, D. Zobel, S. Steklenski, B. Smith

11:30am – Sacristan, M. Rosenberger, T. McGann, M. Niche

E.M. Home Visits

A1–T. Nguyen , A2-E. McBride, A3-C. Friel, A4-C. Opdyke,
A5–J. Burke , B1-P. O’Hara, B2-M. Collis, B3-C. LeBrocq,
B4-J. McNally, B5-D. Grant

Lectors

7:30pm – M.J. Vondercrone, M. O’Pella, J. MacFarland,
P. Shelly

7:30am – C. Heim, M. McCormick

9:30am – B. Hardnock, B. Bataille

11:30am – T. Mazzeo, D. Smith

Cantors

7:30pm – Adult Choir

7:30am – Michele

9:30am – Lynne

11:30am – Tara

Altar Servers

7:30pm – *Volunteer Sign-up*

7:30am – A. Baran, T. & N. Burr

9:30am – J. & J. Hier, G. Heim

11:30am – T. & G. McGann, M. Rosenberger

Children’s Liturgy

9:30am – *No Children’s Liturgy on Easter*

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, April 16th

Adult Bell Choir—6:30 to 7:30pm

Adult Choir—7:30 to 8:45pm

Octet—8:45pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Saturday, April 20th—Easter Vigil

7:30 pm – Adult Choir

Easter Sunday—April 21st

9:30am—Children’s & Adult Choirs

11:30am—Adult Bell Choir

MARCH INTO SPRING WITH THE MOMS & TOTS PLAY AND PRAY GROUP!



Our Mom and Tots Group has had lots of fun chasing away the winter blues the past few months. Now it’s time to March into Spring! We will continue to journey through Lent and learn of God’s tremendous love for us. Pop on over Thursday mornings from 9:30-11AM in the Parish Center basement. What a wonderful opportunity to meet and support each other and our children in the Catholic Faith. For more information, email Kendra at itpmentor209@yahoo.com.

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: \$274.24

BENEFITS A BABY’S BREATH ~ CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER

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* through *April* 2019, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to *A Baby’s Breath*. This Crisis Pregnancy Center currently has four locations which include Jeffersonville, Collegeville, Bryn Mawr, and Warminster, PA. The center is comprised of caring individuals, who are all volunteers, and provide many free and confidential services which include ultrasound services, pregnancy counseling, parenting classes, natural family planning classes, prenatal classes, post-abortive support, chastity counseling, GED training/tutoring, and the “Loving Our Life Support Group”. The center also offers assistance to those choosing adoption. ***If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!***

PRE-CANA WORKSHOP AT ST. JUDE

St. Jude Parish offers a fun, engaging and instructional Marriage Preparation day for engaged couples. Our day is designed to assist couples prepare for a strong, successful, lifelong marriage. The sessions are held at St. Jude School, Chalfont. Our next session is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th, 2019. Please contact St. Jude Rectory 215-822-0179.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES SPOTLIGHT

12-year-old Kumba attends a CRS-sponsored school in Sierra Leone. Through the nutritious lunch that CRS gives to each student every day, Kumba and her classmates can focus on their studies and not on their hunger. Read her full story online at www.crsricebowl.org

“The preferential option for the poor flows from our understanding of Jesus himself, who became poor himself so that we might be rich in him.” ~ Pope Benedict XVI



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HATFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA



Youth Ministry Update

TEEN FUNDRAISERS

support teens going to Steubenville Conference and National Catholic Youth Congress



Pizza or Salad for Lent Fundraiser Available in the Parish Center until April 20th.

Mass of Blessing of All Graduates
College, High School, 8th Grade, Kindergarten -
Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 11:30 Mass



Family Faith Service Day at Cradles to Crayons June 19, 2019

Maria Richardson, Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education and Parish Services

maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net

SUNDAY OFFERING



COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

	April 8, 2018	April 7, 2019
Sunday Offering	\$17,696.41	\$19,611.09
Online Parish Giving	\$ 5,779.00	\$ 4,902.00
TOTALS:	\$23,475.92	\$24,516.09
Total # of contributors	510
Misc. Offerings April 7, 2019		
Heat & Energy Offering:	\$335.00
Poor Box Offering:	\$274.24
Rice Bowl Collection:	\$2,266.45

WAYS TO GIVE & SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

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

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY
 On **Saturday April 20th, 2019** from 8 am to 11 am, the Knights of Columbus, Pius IX Council will be hosting a special holiday Breakfast with the Knights. It will be a Pancake and Sausage breakfast and cost \$5 per person. Children age 5 and under are Free and Families of 4 or more eat for just \$20! Pictures with the Easter Bunny will take place between 9:30 am and 11 am. The breakfast is held at the St. Stanislaus Mater Dei Cafeteria located at Mater Dei Catholic School, 4. Additional parking right next to the Cafeteria is just beyond the white fence on East 3rd Street. Please look for our signs. Visit www.koc4396.org for more information.



MATER DEI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2018 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Your child in Kindergarten at Mater Dei will ...

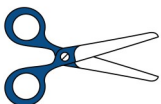
- ◆ Be Nurtured in Faith and Love
- ◆ Learn through Discovery
- ◆ Play Outside in the Morning and Afternoon
- ◆ Be in a Class with 25 or fewer students
- ◆ Have the Choice of Half or Full Day Program

Help Us Spread the Word About Making the Best Choice for a Child ... Kindergarten at Mater Dei



You can now schedule a Tour at Mater Dei Catholic School and Enroll for the 2019-20 School Year!

All families with **Preschool to Grade 8** children are welcome to visit Mater Dei. **We are officially taking registrations for our fifth Pre-K classroom.** Preschool 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 Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com



VIETNAMESE EGG ROLL SALE ~ MAY 11th & 12th
Treat MOM to Eggrolls for Mother's Day!



The Vietnamese Community will be holding an Egg Roll Sale on Saturday and Sunday, **May 11th & 12th.** Don't miss out on the opportunity to purchase these delicious homemade egg rolls. They freeze well and will be a nice treat for Mom. If interested, please fill out the form below and drop it off in an envelope marked "Egg Roll Sale" to the parish center or in the collection basket with cash or check payable to St. Maria Goretti Parish no later than **Tuesday, May 7th.** *Thank you for your support.*

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number of Egg Rolls: _____ Cash: _____ Check #: _____

The cost is \$1 each and they will be available for pick-up on May 11 & 12 after all Masses.

Please circle the Mass you will be picking up your order: 5pm 7:30am 9:30am 11:30am