



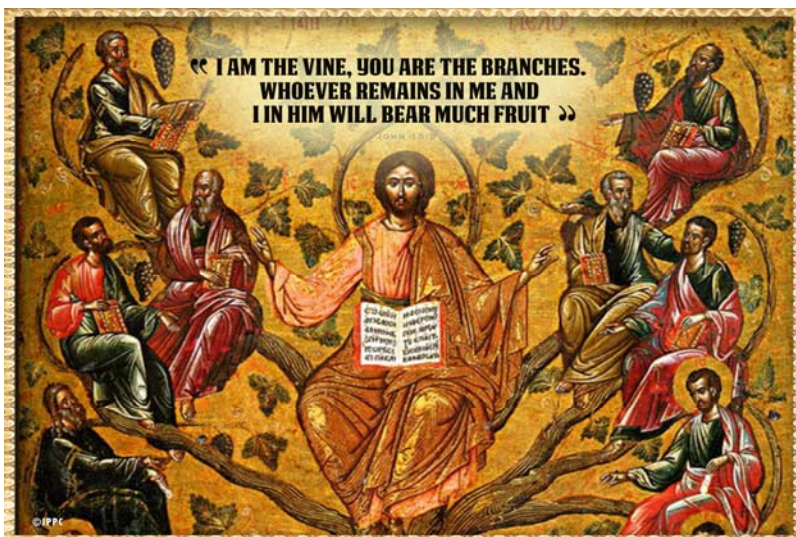
Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

Phone: 215-721-0199
PREP Phone: 215-721-6559
Web Site: www.stmariagoretti.net

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.



PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. John C. Nguyen
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Leonard N. Peterson
Vietnamese Apostolate: Rev. John C. Nguyen
Transitional Deacon: Rev. Mr. Quy Pham
Permanent Deacons: Deacon Peter Niche
Deacon Stephen Vondercrone
Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education
& Parish Services: Maria Richardson
Admin. Assist. of Religious Education: JoAnn Prahrer
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 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
Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass.
Marian: Monday after the 8:30 am Mass.
Saint Maria Goretti:

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.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
PARISH MAY PROCESSION
TUESDAY, MAY 1st AT 6PM**



Please join Fr. Chung, Deacon Peter and Deacon Steve, 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 1st. 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 will be light refreshments. I

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL
April 29-Fifth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Indeed, by helping the poor we can "bear much fruit" and we find that with Jesus we can do everything.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are hungry. (215) 721-0199 ext 224

**~ MONDAY ADORATION ~
GUARDIANS NEEDED**



Each Monday in the chapel, after the 8:30am 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.

**We are in need of Guardians at the following times:
2:30pm to 3pm**

Substitute Guardian positions are also available.
Contact: Nancy Boak nancyboak@aol.com or 215-393-3763.

GOT SACRAMENTS?



Are you or perhaps someone you know seeking Baptism or Full Communion with the Catholic Church? Please accept our invitation to discern God's call to full membership in the Catholic Church through the RCIA ministry. Adults interested in full participation in the Church and learning more about Jesus, Sacred Scripture, the Sacraments, Prayer and much more are openly welcome. For further info call Al Pandolfo at 267-688-9475, the parish center at 215-721-0199 or email RCIA@stmariagoretti.net.

**SAVE THE DATE!
SMG Vacation Bible School**



Join us for a fun filled week with games, crafts, snacks and songs, all while we learn about how much Jesus loves us!

June 25th -29th, 9AM- 12noon

For children entering Preschool through 5th grade. We need middle school, high school, college and parent volunteers too!

More information on how to register your child or sign up as a volunteer will be coming soon in the bulletin and on the SMG website!



EVERYONE

May Procession, May 1st 6pm in church with a procession to the outdoor Blessed Virgin Mary statue outside (weather permitting)

Forty Hours Procession—September 25th at 7:00 PM in church

CONTACT

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

Did You Know...?

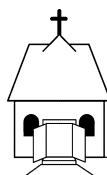


Regular exercise prevents bone loss and incidence of fractures; it increases the muscle strength and hence your balance and coordination.

Many health insurances will supplement the cost of an exercise program or gym membership. Call Amy Juarez with the Eldercare Assistance Program for help! Amy can be reached at 215-721-0199 x225 or at ajuarez@chs-adphila.org

REGISTRATION SUNDAY

Registration Sunday will take place **Sunday, May 6th**. Please stop by the Parish Center between the hours of 10am and 1pm to be officially welcomed into the parish. No paperwork is necessary from your previous parish. The process will take no longer than 15 minutes.



Welcome to Our Parish



Mass Schedule

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN., April 29	7:30 A.M. Loretta Alspack Req. by Bill & MaryAnne Hildenbrand 9:30 A.M. Dave Smith Req. by Pat Conroy 11:30 A.M. Mary & Jim Hardnock Req. by Edie & Bill Hardnock
MON., April 30	8:30 A.M. Nancy Maialetti Owen Req. by The Family
TUES., May 1	8:30 A.M. Joseph Flynn Req. by Dolores Flynn
WED., May 2	8:30 A.M. Frank & Bernie Phillipeck Req. by The Patterson Family
THURS., May 3	8:30 A.M. Mary Gianfrancesco Req. by The Family
FRI., May 4	8:30 A.M. Joseph Scullin Req. by Lorraine Scullin
SAT., May 5	No Morning Mass 5:00 P.M. Shirley Finkleston Req. by The Family
SUN., May 6	7:30 A.M. The Ladies of the Pew Req. by A Friend 9:30 A.M. Maragret Krauss Req. by Beth Lentz 11:30 A.M. Marie Polacek Req. by 2nd Grade Class at Mater Dei

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Helen Heyges** requested by Yvonne & Eleonor Heyges.



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 will be held on May 3rd. Please join us!**

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning April 28th through the summer months there will not be a Saturday morning Mass. The Mass will resume on September 8th. Thank you.

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. Anyone wishing to become a member of the parish prayer line ministry can join at any time by calling the Parish Center.



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, Mary Callaghan, Mary Campagna, Caridad Carlos, Aldo Carnara, Danny Catts, Kristen Chipollini, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Helen Curren, Regina DeFeo, Leo Dennis, Ceferina Eusubio, Sally Esbensen, Peter Fallon, Steven Flynn, 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, Carrissa Jakobe, Gerald Kenny, Emily Keiser, Charles Kline, Bernadette Kubej, Sue Kunze, Peg Krempl, Trish Lavelle, Curt Lecrone, Dina Lukasko, Mary Magnarella, Patti Maguire, William & Kristen Morrow, Rita Martin, John McLaughlin, Bridget Micshener, Helen Millar, Diane Moll, Frank Monroe, Munson Family, John Mye, Terry Shields Neumann, Joan Nickerson, Ernie Nippins, Bill O'Brien, Catherine Pagano, Robert Pauloski, Flocerfida & Savador Penganon, Michael Praher, Marian Quinn, 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, Patty Wiley, John Willstaudt, Molly Worner, Arlene Wyatt, Salem Yabet, Rita & Joe Zdun.

SAINT JOHNS HOSPICE NEEDS:

Jeans, Khakis, & Underwear

After a brutal winter, hundreds of our homeless brothers have come to Saint John's Hospice for fresh, clean clothing. Because of this high demand, we are in great need of jeans and khakis in sizes 30 to 42, (inseam 30 to 34) and new underwear in sizes L, XL, & 2XL. **Any and all donations are helpful!**

Thank you for your ongoing support of Saint John's Hospice. Your generosity enables SJH to continue to provide life-sustaining services to the homeless men of our city. If you are able to make a donation, please place in a clearly marked bag and leave in the ministry room at church. Thank you.

FREE MONEY FOR SMG MINISTRIES

Wondering how you can donate some free money towards your favorite St. Maria Goretti ministry? Think of purchasing some SCRIP gift cards to buy your groceries, or get gifts with cards from Kohl's, Walmart, or other major stores. Eat at your favorite local restaurants using cards purchased from SCRIP. We even have Visa gift cards and there is no \$5.95 Activation Fee. You pay no fees for any of the cards and you would be helping our Parish! Try it for a few weeks and see if it works for you or your family. See our SCRIP volunteers after Mass.

BREAKFAST CLUB—MAY 3rd



The Breakfast Club is held on designated First Thursdays of the month in the church narthex 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. **Mark your calendar for May 3, September 6, and October 4 following the 8:30 AM Mass!**



THAT MAN IS YOU—TMIY

TMIY is a morning program for men organized around a central theme each year and presented through the lens of 7 steps that make it simple for men to follow. 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. For more information or to register contact: Bill Wynne at TMIYSMG@gmail.com or 215-721-0199 (ext. 254).

Wednesdays: Spring and Fall Semesters
6:00 AM to 7:30 AM OR

Saturdays: Spring and Fall Semesters
7:00 AM to 8:30 AM

Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center: Lower Level

CATHOLICS IN THEIR 20'S & 30'S

Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County, PA. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted.

May 2108

Tuesday, May 8: Bible Study @ St. Rose of Lima, North Wales @ 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15: Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegetown; Doors at 7:00pm, Talk Starts at 7:30pm

Tuesday, May 22: Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales; 7:30pm

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!!



Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been strengthening marriages for 50 years. Join the millions of couples around the world who have made a weekend. The next weekends in the Philadelphia Area are July 13-15, 2018 and October 19-21, 2018, both at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA.

For more information or to register go to www.wmme-philly.org or call 484-393-1645. Help us celebrate 50 years by experiencing a Weekend of Discovery and a Lifetime of Love!

READY, SET READ!!

On October 22nd, our parish will host a Book Club on the personal reflections of Saint John Paul, Pope Benedict, and Pope Francis written by Cardinal Timothy Dolan 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 copy at our parish center once you register for the book club. Spring and Summer are great times to begin your reading in preparation for this Fall Book Club. Register for this Book Club at angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net.

BLESSED ARE THE POOR OF HEART

In joyous celebration of our parish's 65th Anniversary and the Feast Day of our beloved parish patroness, Saint Maria Goretti, mark your calendar and save the date for a special breakfast following the 8:30 AM morning Mass on Friday, July 6th. During breakfast we will view a brief DVD presentation that examines how Saint Maria Goretti exemplified the Beatitude, "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God." Hopefully, we will be motivated and inspired by her life and spirituality to live the Beatitudes in our everyday life, as well.

Parish Ministry Update!

Hospitality Ministry

Greeters needed for the Saturday Vigil Mass
Joe Pekala— joe.pekala@insurancejpa.com

CLUB + 50

Longwood Gardens Day Trip

May 22, 2018

For more information on the trip or to register for the trip to Longwood Gardens, please call Maria Richardson at 215-721-0199.

GAMES DAY

The first Wednesday of the month
1PM – 4PM Parish Library – Mark your

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.

Join us at our upcoming meetings on **May 3rd and May 17th at 7:30 pm** in the Parish Center Library. No prior registration is needed! All are welcomed! For more information contact Nancy Boak at nancyboak@aol.com

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was \$503.75

BENEFITS "ALONG THE WAY"

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** 2018, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to **"Along The Way"** located in Souderton, PA. Along The Way is a non-profit faith-based organization that provides affordable, reliable, high-quality childcare services to the children of single mothers working or attending school/training during non-traditional business hours. Mothers qualify for these services based on financial need. They also offer and/or partner with other organizations to provide: parenting skills training, after school care for children, counseling, mentoring and/or training to help women navigate life's challenges. **If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!**

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, MAY 6th

E.M. of Holy Communion

- 5:00pm – Sacristan, B. Santulli, V. & L. Lelii
- 7:30am – Sacristan, P. Nguyen, M. & M. D'Elia
- 9:30am – Sacristan, D. Trotter, T. McGann, K. Staudt
- 11:30am – Sacristan, P. O'Hara, T. & E. McBride

E.M. Home Visits

- A1–B. McCormick , A2-C. Opdyke, A3-E. Duch, A4-J. Burke,
- A5–J. McNally , B1-M. Collis, B2– J. Gressang,
- B3-D. Johnson, B4-P. Niche, B5-G. Salanik

Lectors

- 5:00pm – F. Filler, D. Smith
- 7:30am – B. Malley, C. Friel
- 9:30am – M.J. Vonderdrone, F. Stumpo
- 11:30am – E. Gallagher, T. Mazzeo

Cantors

- 5:00pm – Guitar Ensemble
- 7:30am – Michele
- 9:30am – Teresa
- 11:30am – Kathy

Altar Servers

- 5:00pm – J. DeFazio, A. Ericsson, V. Kirk
- 7:30am – G. Christie, J. Franek, L. Nguyen
- 9:30am – T. & G. McGann, M. Steen
- 11:30am – A. Antenuci, A. Mazzeo, T. Paul

ATTENTION BOYS & GIRLS GRADES 5 THRU 12 INTERESTED IN BECOMING A NEW ALTAR SERVER



If you are interested in assisting Fr. Chung and other Priests at Mass or liturgical gatherings this would be the ministry for you. Practice for new servers will start in the fall. On average you would be scheduled to serve Mass every 4 to 6 weeks. Servers are also needed for funerals and weddings in which a stipend is paid. If you are interested in signing up or would like more information, please pick up a registration form in the narthex and drop it in the collection basket or at the parish center. Sign-up forms will be given out at PREP this week. For more information please call April LeBrocq at 215-721-4967 or Cheryl Ryan at 215-721-0199. Thank you!

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, May 1st
Guitar Ensemble—7:30pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Saturday, May 5th
5pm – guitar Ensemble



Youth Ministry Update

May 20, 2018 at 11:30am Mass of Blessing for all Graduates of all ages!



LAST CHANCE:
Reserve Your Spot NOW:
Steubenville High School Conference
June 22-24, 2018



Catholic Heart Workcamp
July 21 – 28, 2018

CONTACT

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Family Faith Formation, Religious Education
and Parish Services

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215-721-6559

Details and to register at <http://stmariagoretti.net/maria-2/>

MARCH INTO SPRING AT PLAY & PRAY MOMS & TOTS GROUP!



Our Mom and Tots group has had lots of fun chasing the winter blues away these past couple of months. Now it is time to March into Spring! We will continue to journey through Lent and learn of God's tremendous love for us. So pop over on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11 AM in the Parish Center basement. What a wonderful opportunity to meet others in the parish as we support each other and our children in the Catholic faith. For more information, email Kendra at atpmentor209@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY OFFERING



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Stewardship Offering April 22, 2018
Total # of contributors (env, checks & EFT) 631
Total to SMG: \$25,298.40



Take a Tour and Register for 2018-19 at Mater Dei while space is available!

Registrations are now being accepted for PK4 through Grade 8 and we have started a waiting list for PK3. New families with children in Preschool (Three and Four Year Olds) and Kindergarten to Grade 8 are welcome to tour Mater Dei Catholic School. Call now to schedule a tour while space is available. Three preschool and two kindergarten classrooms are already filled, but there is still space available throughout the grades! Appointments are flexible and can accommodate your work schedule. Please contact the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com to schedule your visit today!

Imagination Playhouse

Mater Dei is excited to share our latest news! Imagination Playhouse, a two year old multi-sensory program, will begin in September of 2018! This two day a week program will be a perfect introduction for your two year old and will emphasize socialization and imagination. Inquiries are welcomed...please contact the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Concert of Excellence at the Kimmel Center



Six Mater Dei students were chosen to be members of the Archdiocesan Festival Choir, Honor Choir, or Honor Band. From left to right Mater Dei students, Shae Sawyer-St. Claire, Allison Macartney, Rose Mazeo, Christina Williamson, Dominic Verzilli, and Madeleine McGovern were among 528 Archdiocesan students

in Grades 4 through 12 to earn this prestigious honor and were able to share their talent at the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Concert of Excellence at the Kimmel Center on April 17th. We are Mater Dei Proud of these students!



STREAMING at Mater Dei...

Fifth Graders have been studying energy and movement. Thursday's STREAM activity, "Walk the Spool" had fifth grade students collaborating and tinkering until they created a model that moved! Lots of fun and hands-on learning took place! Great job Fifth Grade!



Register Now! Immediate acceptance of infants to 36 month old children...Mater Dei Child Care

Center will be open Monday through Friday from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm Full and part time care will be offered. If you would like information or would like to schedule a visit, please contact Katherine Stansbury, Center Director, at child-care@materdeicatholic.com or 215-799-2211.



SAVE THE DATE Wine & Cheese Info Night June 5th at 7pm

Trip dates: November 5 through 15, 2018

To celebrate the 65th Anniversary of our parish, please join Fr. Chung and fellow parishioners on a trip to Italy including the Saint Maria Goretti Shrine, Assisi, Florence and so much more! Join us for wine and cheese to learn more about this wonderful trip. For questions, please call Pat Conroy at 215-260-5480.



HELP WANTED

TEMPLE CLEANSERS

Looking for a way to get involved in your parish? This might be the stewardship opportunity for you. Low time commitment by joining a team of Temple Cleansers that meets once every 5 weeks to do light housekeeping of the church. If this sounds like a ministry for you or you would like more information, please call Cheryl at 215-721-0199. Thanks for your consideration.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

The Jordan Ministry is charged with making the white Baptismal robes for the newest members of our Faith Community. Once a year the committee gathers together to cut the material for the robes. Other members sew the robes at home.

The material and ribbon has been cut and packed up into 10 robe packages waiting to be sewn. It is simple straight stitch sewing. Placing ribbon on the front, hemming all the sides, and sewing bias tape around the neck opening. No fancy stitching. You can work on them when your time allows.

Interested in helping with the sewing? We would love to have you! Please contact Alice Murphy murphylcea@verizon.net or 215-368-6324

Red Cross Blood Drive announcement framed with hearts. Text: Life is a GIFT...Give more of it. Wednesday, May 16, 2018 from 2 to 7pm in Drexel Hall. Please match our last drive or supersede it by DONATING. To schedule an appointment please call Eleonore Duch at 215-855-9017. Watch for us in the narthex after Mass for signups.

HUMOR CORNER

Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney. 'Did you see the paper?' asked Gallagher. 'They say I died!!' 'Yes, I saw it!' replied Finney. 'Where are ye callin' from?'