



Lent

Saint Maria Goretti
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Preparation
REFLECTION
Sacrifice
Temptation

Fastening



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 our 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 530 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 important project!



SCAN ME

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 9:45pm.

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

EASTER EGG HUNT & DONUT SOCIAL TODAY

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



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. Even if you haven't registered, please plan to join us. There is no cost to participate. We hope you can make it!

EASTER FOUNTAIN & DECORATING OF CHURCH



We are going to build the Easter Fountain this year. If you can lift stones, or arrange them or just gab, come help with the construction at **9:15 am, Tuesday, April 12.**

We will decorate with flowers on Saturday, **April 16 at 9:15 am.** Thank you in advance for your help. Any questions, contact Lynne at lrhapp@gmail.com.



MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

- 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
- MON., April 4** 7:00 A.M. Restito Henrmendez
Req. by Rolly Rhabi & Rhylie Hernandez
8:30 A.M. Kathleen Murphy
Req. by Jason Gear
- TUES., April 5** 7:00 A.M. Bill & Francesca Filler
(28th Wedding Anniversary)
Req. by The Family
8:30 A.M. Marie Glynn
Req. by Angie & Tom Kane
- WED., April 6** 7:00 A.M. All Priests & Religious
Req. by Bill & Francesca Filler
8:30 A.M. Dolores Bond
Req. by Ed & Joan Delassandro
- THURS., April 7** 7:00 A.M. Therese Ann Ickinger
Req. by Jessica & Anna Lavicia
8:30 A.M. Marta Carreras
Req. by Angel Carreras
- FRI., April 8** 7:00 A.M. Robert W. Fiorillo
Req. by Todd & Jen Huber
8:30 A.M. Mary Ellis
Req. by Roseanna Sigwart
- SAT., April 9** 8:30 A.M. Michael Inglese
Req. by Bill Filler
5:00 P.M. Frank Menta
Req. by Linda & Joseph Benischeck
- SUN., April 10** 7:30 A.M. Evelyn Grabowski
Req. by The Ericsson Family
9:30 A.M. Mendler & Moll Families
Req. by Catherine Wolfgang
11:30 A.M. Mary Rita & Stanley
Golazeski
Req. by Theresa Golazeski



SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week
is lit in memory of **Marie Glynn**
requested by Pat & Jim Petro.



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, Theresa Hoffman, Tim Huelsman, Mary Isban, Luba Jackson, Maria Kardash, John McLaughlin, Greg & Kathy McCloskey, Madeline McGinley, Tom Miller, 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, 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: Isaiah 43: 16-21

Yahweh is identified by a series of actions He performed in Israel's past at the first exodus. Now the prophet tells the Babylonian exiles that a greater exodus is coming.

Reading II: Philippians 3: 8-14

Paul's "knowing" Christ, that means 1n an intimate and personal way, fosters his involvement. He hopes that this identification with Christ and trust in His resurrection, will be his salvation on Judgment Day.

The Gospel: John 8: 1-11

Scholars tell us that this story was added late to the text, only coming in at the 3rd century. It certainly illustrates the statement of Jesus that comes a few verses later, namely: "I pass judgment on no one." (8:15)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

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

September, 2021 through May, 2022
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's activities!

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

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, 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



Your help is needed in Ukraine where there are already more than 2.9 million people in need of assistance. There is great risk of additional suffering both within Ukraine and for those who are fleeing to neighboring countries for safety. CRS and our partners continue to need immediate support to meet both ongoing needs as the situation intensifies. Years of conflict along the eastern border have already displaced 1.3 million people from their homes and claimed 14,000 lives, and now 2.3 million people have fled Ukraine. Almost 90% of the refugees are women and children.

Throughout this time, Caritas Ukraine, with support from CRS, has been providing emergency relief and recovery. CRS and Caritas partners on the ground are preparing across Ukraine and in bordering countries, providing safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, transport to safe areas, counseling support and more. The situation there is rapidly unfolding, and we could not do this work without your help. When you donate, you provide immediate assistance for your Ukrainian sisters and brothers affected by this crisis. Your prayers and support will make so much difference. Please consider a gift at www.crs.org.

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Hunger impacts millions of women, men and children around the world. Throughout Lent we have encountered communities in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda that are overcoming this problem so their residents can have brighter futures. How is your community working to address hunger or other injustices locally and globally? Visit crsicebowl.org to learn more

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 10th

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, V. Lelii, K. Hay
 7:30am – Sacristan, P. Walsh, M. Rosenberger
 9:30am – Sacristan, P. Pinkston, M. Reynolds
 11:30am – Sacristan, C. Zuluaga, D. Mischak

E.M. Home Visits

A1–M. D'Elia, A2–M. D'Elia, A3–J. Naab, A4–B. Wynne,
 A5–P. O'Hara

Lectors

5:00pm – J. MacFarland, J. Gressang
 7:30am – K. Luther, D. Grant
 9:30am – B. Malley, F. Stumpo
 11:30am – C. Friel, M. O'Pella

Cantors

5:00pm – Isabella 7:30am – Michael
 9:30am – Choir 11:30am – Ugochi

Altar Servers

5:00pm – S. Filler, B. Mazeroski
 7:30am – T. McGann, N. Barrales
 9:30am – D. Engle, E. Sharp
 11:30am – C. Murphy, J. Kuduk

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, April 5th

Adult Bell Choir—6:45 to 7:30pm
 Adult Choir—7:30pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Sunday, April 10th

9:30am – Adult Choir

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$405.00**

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!***



SVDP MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul at St. Maria Goretti Parish will collect groceries for local charities next weekend, April 9-10. Please take a bag from the Church vestibule and return it next weekend with groceries for one of the charities indicated below.

Martha's Choice Marketplace, sponsored by Catholic Social Services, is the largest, most visited food pantry in Montgomery County. It needs personal care items such as shampoo, deodorant, feminine hygiene pads; tampons, diapers sizes 5 and 6, small bottles of dish detergent; adult nutritional drinks such as Ensure, healthy lunchbox fillers for kids, household cleaners; and laundry detergent.

Lamb Foundation provides affordable housing and support services to senior citizens and adults with mental, physical, and developmental difficulties. It needs canned or instant soup, canned vegetables (no beans), shampoo; Dial soap, Depends (men's or women's), feminine pads and laundry detergent.

Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational Church helps low-income families, senior citizens, single parents, unemployed individuals, the working poor, adults with mental, physical, and developmental disabilities, and others in need of assistance. It needs sugar, flour, cold cereal (no oatmeal); ground coffee, salad dressing, cooking oil; mayonnaise, ketchup, olives (green or black); canned mushrooms, dry pasta (especially lasagna noodles but not spaghetti), plain white rice (20-lb. bags are OK); 1-gallon zip-lock bags, 13-gallon trash bags, dishwashing liquid; laundry detergent, body wash, hair conditioner, razors and shaving cream.

The Society cannot distribute opened packages, expired items, perishables, or religious articles. Cans and plastic containers are preferable to glass.

May God bless you for your generosity!



Dear Saint Maria Goretti Parishioners,

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I write this letter of thanks for financially supporting Along the Way. Un-

doubtedly, we have felt the strain imposed by COVID-19, and making an incredibly generous donation of \$3,271.30 is a testament to your commitment to our call to love our neighbors as ourselves. Your donation will allow us to provide 234 hours of childcare to the mothers in our program, and ultimately it contributes to helping these families get out of poverty and gain economic self-sufficiency because single mothers who do not have child care cannot work at all or enough.

Along the Way provides low-income single mothers with in-home, reliable child care during nights and weekends so mothers can invest in their families through work and /or school, knowing that their children are safe and loved when they are out working hard. This would not be possible without your kind support.

Kind Regards,
 Kristina Valdez, MSW
 Executive Director



Helping Our Parish Grow

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Thank you to the parishioners of SMG that are able to continue to support the parish through the pandemic. We understand that this unprecedented health emergency has also had a negative affect financially on so many and because of your generosity we are able to stay current on our parish financial obligations, as well as help those who need.

	<u>Sunday, March 27th</u>	
2020	2021	Difference
\$31,644.98	\$36,644.72	\$ 4,999.74

May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!



The generosity of SMG parishioners shines though once again with your kindness towards the needs of the people in Ukraine. SMG parish collected \$14,965 to be sent to the people of Ukraine. May God bless you for your generosity!

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.

**For more information, please contact
Bob McCormick at
bobmcc52@gmail.com or 215-362-1247.**



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!



Mater Dei Supporting Ukraine

We all want to do something to help the Ukrainian people. It is difficult as adults to imagine being uprooted from our home and being fearful for the safety of our family. Our Mater Dei children pray daily for the people in Ukraine and it's nice for them to know that we can help in small ways through our donations. Our Mater Dei family came through once again with so many generous donations such as diapers, medical equipment, socks, and personal hygiene items. It is so good for our children to see that we can help families in need so far away from us. We will continue to remember Ukraine in prayer each morning.



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 Child Care Center 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.