

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. Leónard 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 Prahler 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

7:30 am, 9:30 am, & 11:30 am Sunday

2:30 pm Vietnamese Mass

Weekdays & Saturday Mass at 8:30 am

Vigil 7:00pm, 7:00am, 8:30am & Holy Days Noon, Vietnamese Mass at 7pm

DEVOTIONS:

Saint Maria Goretti:

Adoration:

Marian:

Mondays after the 8:30 am Mass -Concludes at 5pm with Benediction Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass. Monday after the 8:30 am Mass.

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 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.

RECONCILIATIONSaturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm or any time upon request. Call the Parish Center.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR 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 Confir-

mation 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. If you would like to sign up to help with snacks please contact Cheryl at 215-721-0199 or e-mail at cheryl.ryan@stmariagoretti.net Everyone is invited. Hope you can make it!

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL April 8-Second Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!"

During Mass we turn to each other and say "Peace be with you!" As you give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you say "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.

SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE



Listed below are the organizations that will benefit from the SMG - St. Vincent dePaul Society's April Food/Pantry Drive (Saturday, April 14 and Sunday, April 15). They are shown along with their wish lists.

<u>Catholic Social Services</u> – Norristown: General groceries; personal care items; household cleaners; laundry detergent; paper products

Emmanuel E.C. Church – Hatfield: Tomato soup (low salt); chunky soup (low salt); canned fruit (29-30 oz. size); 100% fruit juice; toothpaste; toothbrushes; tissues; women's deodorant, 13 gallon kitchen trash bags; dish liquid; toilet paper (individually wrapped)

<u>Lamb Foundation</u> (North Wales): Soup; instant soup; cereal; canned fruit; canned vegetables; white socks; pads; Depends (men's and women's); shampoo; Dial soap; laundry detergent

Thank you so much for all you do for the needy who benefit greatly from your help.

~ MONDAY ADORATION ~ GUARDIANS NEEDED Each Monday in the chapel, after the 8:30am r



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: 10amto 10:30am 2:30pm to 3pm

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



NEWS UPDATE: CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED TEENS!

You did a GREAT job!

First Holy Communion Information

First Holy Communion Retreat for one parent and child is March 24th at 9:00am in Drexel Hall First Holy Communion is April 28th 10:00 AM Mass

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 maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net

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.



"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven."

~Pope Francis



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN., April 8 7:30 A.M. Robert Spellman

Req. by Robert & Doris Lanouette

9:30 A.M. Frances Boak Req. by Ron & Nancy Boak 11:30 A.M. Evelyn Grabowski Req. by The Grabowski Family

MON., April 9 8:30 A.M. Joseph Bintner

Req. by Ron, Theresa, Zach, Lauren,

Jake & Trisha Hoffman

TUES., April 10 8:30 A.M. Michael Duch's Birthday

Req. by Ron & Eleonore Duch

WED., April 11 8:30 A.M. Maureen Unger

Req. by Bob & Marie Ryan

THURS., April 12 8:30 A.M. 60th Wedding Anniv. of

Rudy & Shirley Goetter

Req. by The Family

FRI., April 13 8:30 A.M. Lena Vaccaro

Req. by The Jaso Family

SAT., April 14 8:30 A.M. Joe & Millie Sheridan

Req. by Ed & Terry McBride 5:00 P.M. John Black (25th Anniv.)

Req. by Chris & Patty Gray

SUN., April 15 7:30 A.M. Simon Mazur

Req. by The Family 9:30 A.M. Dave Smith Req. by The Family

11:30AM Stanley & Mary Rita Golazeski

Req. by Theresa Golazeski

SANCTUARY LIGHT



The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of *Henry & Madelyn Matzinger* requested by The Family.



REGISTRATION SUNDAY

Registration Sunday will take place **TODAY**, **April 8th**. 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.

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, Frank Dougherty, 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, James O'Neill, Catherine Pagano, Robert Pauloski, Flocerfida & Savador Penganon, Michael Prahler, Marian Quinn, Michael Rafter, Scott Randall, Jim Richardson, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Susan Schmidt, Helen Shekalis, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Peg Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzel, Paula Jayne White, Patty Wiley, John Willstaudt, Molly Worner, Arlene Wyatt, Salem Yabet, Rita & Joe Zdun.

WELCOME TO THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sandor
Mr. and Mrs. Matt Fischer and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Zea

Miss Stephanie Tobin

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Irwin and Family

Chris Kent and Erin Smrzley

Miss Megan Wetzel

Mr. and Mrs. W. Todd

Miss Rachel Brandel

Mr. and Mrs. Denis O'Leary and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Radzicki

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Klaus and Family

Carly Barker and Kevin Reinhard

Mr. and Mrs. William Wilcox and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Gebrehiwot Radi and Family

Catherine Piechoski

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dieckhaus

BREAKFAST CLUB



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 conversa-

tion. 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 THAT MAN IS YOU! and presented through the lens of 7 steps that make it simple for men to fol-

low. 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

RECYCLE YOUR EMPTY PRINTER **INK CARTRIDGES**

Please assist the Adult Faith Formation Ministry by dropping off the empty ink cartridges from your computer printer. We will use the rebates from these cartridges to purchase items such as colored paper, cases of bottled water, and candy for Adult Faith events. Please place your empty cartridges in the basket under the Adult Faith table in the narthex (the table under the portraits of the popes). This will be an ongoing event; there is no deadline to recycle your cartridges.



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 meeting on April 19th 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

In His Sign Catholic Radio Wake Up America Dinner

Kathleen McCarthy, along with guest Fr. Doug McKay, will be the speakers.

Join us on Sunday, April 22 at the Malvern Retreat House for our annual Wake Up America Dinner.

Cost: \$55 per person or \$400 for table of 8

Please visit our website at www.inhissign.com or call at 610-527-2906 to make your reservation or for additional

PRE-CANA WORKSHOP AT ST. JUDE PARISH

St. Jude Parish offers a fun, engaging and instructional one day Pre-Cana marriage preparation day for engaged couples. Our day is designed to assist couples prepare for a strong, successful, lifelong marriage in a a joy-filled, welcoming, environment. The sessions are held at St. Jude School located at 323 West Butler Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914. Our next session is scheduled for Saturday, April 28th, 2018. Please contact St. Jude Rectory 215-822-0179 office@stjudechalfont.org

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.

April 2018

Tuesday, April 10: Bible Study @ St. Rose of Lima, North Wales @ 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17: Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville; Doors at 7:00pm, Talk Starts at 7:30pm Tuesday, April 24: Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales: 7:30pm

Parish Ministry Update!

Hospitality Ministry Greeters needed for the Saturday Vigil Masses Joe Pekala— joe.pekala@insurancejpa.com

CLUB + 50

Longwood Gardens Day Trip

May 22, 2018

GAMES DAY

The first Wednesday of the month 1PM – 4PM Parish Library maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net

BOY SCOUT TROOP NOW AT SMG!

deaconniche@stmariagoretti.net

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was \$283.85

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!







Youth Ministry Fundraiser
Catholic Items Sale after all
Masses
April 21st & 22nd

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

LAST CHANCE:
Reserve Your Spot NOW:
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MASS FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION

Addiction has touched far too many families and taken far too many of our loved ones. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith.

Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Tadeusz Gorka at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Royersford on Saturday, April 21st at 11am.

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR **SUNDAY, APRIL 15th**

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm - Sacristan, D. Blanche, B. Santulli, S. Lynam 7:30am - Sacristan, B. Braun, R. Pacheco, T. Hipp 9:30am - Sacristan, M.J. Vondercrone, 2 subs needed 11:30am - Sacristan, M. Rosenberger, V. & L. Lelii

E.M. Home Visits

A1- K. Hay, A2-J. Forbes, A3-M. D'Elia, A4-D. Grant, A5-E. McBride, B1-D. Johnson, B2-B. Hudak, B3-C. LeBrocq, B4-D. Trotter, B5-T. McGann

Lectors

5:00pm - R. Jones, S. Archambault 7:30am - A. & B. Whitley 9:30am - M. O'Pella, F. Stumpo 11:30am - C. McNally, M. Faymore

Cantors

5:00pm - Kathy 7:30am - George 9:30am - Teresa 11:30am - Emily

Altar Servers

5:00pm - A., E. & J. Kuduk 7:30am - A., C. & N. Pawling 9:30am - T. & N. Burr, J. DeFazio 11:30am - S. & L. O'Leary, T. Paul

Children's Liturgy

9:30am - S. Brodsky, K. Moody



ALTAR SERVER THANK YOU

A special thank you goes out to our Altar Servers who volunteered their time to assist at the Holy Triduum and Easter Sunday Services. You did a wonderful job and your entire parish family is grateful to you. May God bless you always.



MUSIC NOTES

Rehearsals for Today, April 8th <u>Children's Ringing & Singing Choir</u> – 10:30am Rehearsals for Tuesday, April 10th Youth Bell Choir—6:30 to 7:30pm Adult Choir-7:30 to 8:45pm

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 itpmentor209@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY OFFERING



Stewardship Offering Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018 Total # of contributors (env, checks & EFT) 762 Total to SMG: \$56,977.00



The "Passion" Play

On Wednesday, March 28th, students in Grade 7 depicted the Passion of Jesus with character, reverence, and faith. Thank you to all who attended this beautiful presentation.



Save the Date...Spring Open House

Mater Dei will host a spring Open House on Tuesday, April 10 from 6 to 8 PM. All new families are welcome! Your RSVP is helpful. Please call the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or email to gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com to let them know who will be attending

Take a Tour and Register for 2018-19 at Mater Dei!

Registrations are now being accepted for PK3 through Grade 8. 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. Two preschool and two kindergarten classrooms are already filled, but there is still space available! 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!

CHILDCARE CENTER

Employment Opportunity

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 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 kstansbury@materdeicatholic.com

Register Now! Immediate acceptance of infants to 36 month old children...

The Mater Dei Childcare Center, located at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Hatfield, has immediate openings for children ranging in age from 6 weeks to 36 months. Your child is welcome to participate in an amazing program where he or she will learn and develop socially, emotionally, academically, and spiritually in a nurturing environment. Mater Dei Child Care Center will be open Monday through Friday from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm to accommodate the working parent. 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 childcare@materdeicatholic.com or 215-799-2211. Space is available now!

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN



The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) is looking for a few good men. Our Motto is Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. If you'd like to live our Motto, learn more about your Catholic faith and your Irish heritage while helping those in need then why not consider joining today. Catholic men with Irish heritage that are interested in joining the AOH can contact Tom McGann at tmc-

gann22@gmail.com 267-228-1931 or Tom Coughlin at sa-hs01@comcast.net 215-450-9662. You can also find out more about us on our Website www.aohdivision4.com or find us on Facebook @aohdivision4. We meet on the Third Monday of the month at the Hatfield American Legion - 2100 Koffel Road at 7:30pm.

JUST 1 WEEKS UNTIL TRUCK DAY



On Saturday, April 14 from 9 am to 1 PM the Green Drop Truck will be in the Cowpath Road Parking lot to accept your donations to benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the people we serve.

Green Drop pays the Society for donations made in the name of the SVdP and the money is used to support conferences that have great need but few financial resources. (Landlords and utility companies won't take used clothing in lieu of money for rent and utility bills.) In addition, Green Drop arranges with 2nd Avenue stores to provide vouchers for our neighbors in need on clothing and household items that were supplied by your donations.

Lists of acceptable items are available in the Narthex, at the Parish Center and on the Green Drop Website (https://www.gogreendrop.com). Can't wait until April 14? Green Drop has drop off locations in the area OR if you have a large amount you can arrange a truck pick-up at your home. All this information is also on their website. (Just be sure you say Society of St. Vincent de Paul, so we get the credit.)

On behalf of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and those we serve, thank you in advance for your generosity. We look forward to seeing you on April 14.

SAVE THE DATE SMG 12th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2018



SMG will host its 12th. annual golf outing on Friday July 20, 2018 at Macoby Run Golf Course in Green Lane, Pa. The outing is open to ALL parishioners and friends. Specific details and registration forms will be available in May.

