



Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

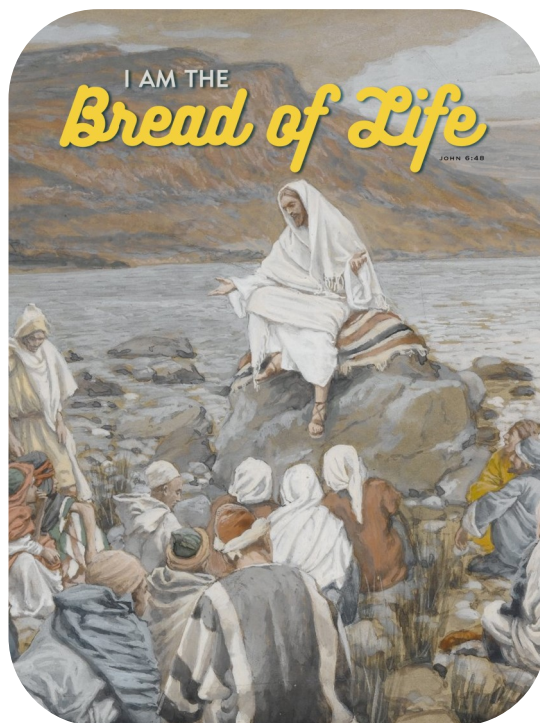
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
 Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, & 11:30 am
 Vietnamese Mass: 2:30 pm
 Weekday Mass: 8:30 am
 Holy Days: Vigil 7:00pm, 7:00am, 8:30am
 & noon, Vietnamese Mass at 7pm
***Mass Live Streamed on SMG Face-book page or a link on the parish website Sundays at 9:30am and daily at 8:30am.**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday: 9am to 4:00pm
 Saturday & Sunday by appointment only
 during the pandemic.



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 Stephen Vondercrone
 Mater Dei Regional Catholic School President:
 Ms. Diane McCaughan
 Mater Dei Principal: Ms. Beth Waltrich
 Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education &
 Parish Services: Maria Richardson
 Sacristan & Asst. to Director of Family Faith Formation:
 Tyler Grant
 Admin. Assist. of Religious Education: JoAnn Prahler
 Director of Music: Eileen Ericsson
 Pastoral Assistant: Patricia Conroy
 Office Manager: Cheryl Ryan
 Parish Secretary: Mary Faymore
 R.C.I.A. Coordinator: Al Pandolfo
 Elder Care Assistance Program: Amy Juarez
 Business Manager: Douglas Smith
 Asst. Business Mgr.: Geri Salanik

DEVOTIONS:

Adoration: Mondays after the 8:30 am Mass -
 Concludes at 5pm with Benediction
 Marian: Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass.
 Saint Maria Goretti: Monday during the 8:30 am Mass.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday at 12:45 pm (except the first Sunday of each month). 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 **ONE CHILD** 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

Following the directive of Pope Francis, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia 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.

ANOIDTING 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.

Mission Coop Thank You!

Fr Emeka Okwuosa, SDV on behalf of the Vocationist Fathers wish to thank you all for your generous support last week-end. Your donation to the Missions Appeal will help ensure that the Gospel is spread and our seminarian formed. Be assured that you will be always remembered in the Masses and daily prayers of our priests and brothers.

SERVERS NEEDED



Altar Servers

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 soon. 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 in grades 5 through 12 and interested in signing up or would like more information, please pick up a registration form in the narthex. For more information please call Deacon Steve or Cheryl Ryan at 215-721-0199. Thank you!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION



With the difficulty of the pandemic mostly behind us, we are making preparations of bringing back our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to in person Mass and bringing the Eucharist to the homebound of our parish. If this is a ministry that you feel called to, please contact the parish office at 215-721-0199 and leave a message for Deacon Steve or Father Chung. They will get back to you with more information. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

A meeting for current and new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will take place on Wednesday, August 18th at 7pm in church. More detail to follow in the bulletin or via e-mail.



The first annual Pennsylvania March for Life will be held on Monday, September 27th in Harrisburg. At 11:00 AM, marchers will rally at the steps of the state capitol to call on legislators to protect unborn children, followed by the March at noon.

The National March for Life is partnering with the pro-life state organization, Pennsylvania Family Institute, to help inaugurate the first ever Pennsylvania March for Life. For more information, please check the website at: Marchforlife.org/Pennsylvania-March-for-Life.

NOTHING
COMPARES
to Being There



**"I have greatly desired to eat this Supper with you."
Luke 22:15**

All of us know instinctively that nothing compares to "being there" in person. Whether it's being at a friend's wedding, sitting down to have a heart-to-heart conversation, comforting a family member while she is grieving or watching as your baby takes his first steps, we all know that being physically present makes all the difference. The same logic applies to our life as Catholics. Especially when it comes to the Mass, truly, nothing compares to being there.

Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez

WELCOME BACK—WE MISSED YOU

Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez, and all Catholic Bishops in Pennsylvania will reinstate the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days beginning on Sunday, August 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This obligation, as is always the case, does not apply to those who are seriously ill, have a serious health risk, as well as those who have serious anxiety about being a part of large groups at this time. Likewise, the obligation does not apply to those who care for those who cannot attend Mass in person (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2181). Those who are legitimately excused from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days are encouraged to spend time in prayer, meditating on the Death and Resurrection of the Lord, reading the Sacred Scriptures, and uniting themselves to Christ in his worship of the Father of us all. Those who are legitimately excused are also encouraged to view a broadcast of the Mass which is intended for those who cannot participate in person.



SMG PREP PROGRAM

Catechists
are Needed



The SMG Parish Religious Education Process NEEDS YOU to help lead our children to Jesus! Please consider being a volunteer Catechist on Monday Evenings or Sunday Mornings. Contact: Maria Richardson, Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education and Parish Services, 215-721-0199.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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| SUN., August 1 | 7:30 A.M. Ron O'Driscoll Req. by Joe & Sue Rydzewski 9:30 A.M. Shirley Finkelston Req. by The Finkelston Family 11:30 A.M. William Ciccoli, Sr. Req. by Tom & Rita Miller |
| MON., August 2 | 8:30 A.M. Marta Carreras Req. by Angel Carreras |
| TUES., August 3 | 8:30 A.M. Leon Moyer Req. by Marlene Hangey |
| WED., August 4 | 8:30 A.M. Richard Eckard Req. by Rusty & Cheryl Ryan |
| THURS., August 5 | 8:30 A.M. John Senay Req. by Kathy Senay |
| FRI., August 6 | 8:30 A.M. James & Helen Conroy Req. by Pat Conroy |
| SAT., August 7 | No Morning Mass 5:00 P.M. Edward Yadzinski Req. by The Murphy Family |
| SUN., August 8 | 7:30 A.M. Frank Phillipeck Req. by The Patterson Family 9:30 A.M. Helen & Carmine Vernachio Req. by Carman Vernachio & Family 11:30 A.M. Jeffery Keffer Req. by Sally & Charlie Keffer |

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Robert McCormick, Sr.** requested by Bob & Maddy Haluska.



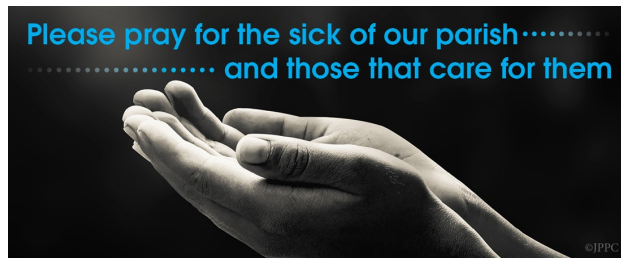
BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week is lit for the intentions of the **Parishioners of SMG.**

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 pray for the sick of our parish.....
..... and those that care for them



PLEASE KEEP IN MIND the following people who at this time need your prayers and support: Josephine Albert, Ruth Adams, Jennifer & Kimberly Agnew, Mark & Carol Altrogge, Zoe Andrade, Matthew Arrow, Christina Augustine, Paul Baril, Ray Baril, Joey Berical, Chuck Biehn, Jerilyn Bowler, Patricia Britton, Linda Burbank, Ron Cariola, Aldo Camara, Danny Catts, Joanna Cavacini, Marguarita Caval, James Chrissy, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Susan & Anthony Dalesio, Joanne Daum, Loretta Deller, Leo Dennis, Karen Diana, Peter Fallon, Christine Fandozzi, Marybeth Hentschel Fiorelli, Carol Galinski, Joe Gallant, Erin Gilbert, Lianessa Gonzalez, Abby Graham, Andrew Green, Dionne Greim, Sharon, Fernando, Ian Griffin, Frank Holloway, Janet Hampton, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Bunny Heim, Ron Hoffman, Jeanette Hoy, Kevin Iavecchia, Richard Jedlicka, Joseph Kane, Charles Kline, Sue Kunze, Peg Kreml, Jen Kunkle, Jama Lecore, Curt Lecrone, Angelique, Gina & Keenan Lee, Dorothy Lougee, Dina Lukasko, Patti Maguire, Joe Martin, Jack McGill, William & Kristen Morrow, John McLaughlin, Bridget Micshener, Diane Moll, Frank Monroe, Munson Family, John Mye, Terry Shields Neumann, Joan Nickerson, Regina Nimmo, Mele Lee-Nippins, Deborah Nungesser, Bill O'Brien, Lisa O'Driscoll, Matt Page, Anthony & Michael Paone, Kathy Paone, Catherine Pagano, Al Palatucci, Robert Pauloski, Floccerida & Salvador Penganon, Connie Perrong, Michael Prahler, Marian Quinn, Marlin Raber, Dolores Radicioni, Michael Rafter, Joan Ramsher, Scott Randall, Frank Reiner Joanne Reube, Jim Richardson, Vanessa Rivera, Marguerite Roth, Sheila Rothenberger, Baby Jacob Ryan, Linda Santana, Barbara Scally, Helen Shekalis, Melissa Shelly, Mary Smith, Rukiatsu Smith, Terry Solokek, Valerie Somma, Lawrence Stempel, Judy Stangl, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Jessica Trexler, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Sheila Wehrenberg, Charles Wetzels, Betti Wilson, John Willstaedt, Salem Yabut, Jack Zampirri & Joan

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 4pm. **The next Holy Hour will take place on Thursday, August 5th.**

TURNING TAXES INTO SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are paying Pennsylvania state income taxes, why not turn your tax dollars into need based scholarships for schools? Pennsylvania provides a 90% tax credit to individuals who donate funds for Catholic School Education. The gift of a Catholic Education is an investment in our youth, our future and, our faith. To learn more, please call Grace Samanns at Mater Dei, 215-368-9787.

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WORSHIP | NIGHT PRAYER | FELLOWSHIP

We look forward to worshipping and fellowship on August 19th.

Join us in worship and communal praying of Liturgy of the Hours before the Blessed Sacrament, followed by outdoor fellowship (weather permitting). This is a prayer & fellowship event for parishioners of all ages, children are welcome!

Liturgy of the Hours will take place in the main church to allow for spacing and to observe all current COVID precautions.

ELDER CARE CORNER

Montgomery County **Homebound Persons** Covid Vaccine Registration:

Call 1-833-875-3967 and a representative will assess if the person is homebound and then add them to the registration. Please call Eldercare Program Manager, Amy Juarez at 215-853-7676 for any assistance or questions.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

First Friday Devotion Short teaching on Saints & Breakfast! September, 2021 through May, 2022 8:30 AM in Church Questions: Contact Maria Richardson maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-6559



JOIN NOW!!

St. Maria Goretti Parish Virtual Charismatic Prayer Meeting on ZOOM every Thursday Night at 7:30 pm.

Take the time to thank the Lord for all He has done, offer

your special intentions and petitions and so much more! **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Register at

<https://stmariagoretti.net/virtual-charismatic-prayer-meeting/>



SAVE THE DATES

September 19, 20, & 21, 2021

FORTY HOURS

The celebration of the annual Forty Hours Devotion provides a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of each person and for the parish as a whole by nurturing love for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. If you are longing to find peace in your heart, you will find it in the heart of Jesus! For more information, please contact the parish center at 215-721-0199. Non-parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend. Evening Service with Benediction 7:00pm.



GORETTIFEST

Food Trucks & Beer Garden Friday, September 24th—5pm to 10pm

Children's games • Live music • Cornhole tournament

Plan to join fellow parishioners and our entire community for a variety of Food Trucks something for everyone, beer, wine, live music by the well known band Rollin' & Tumbler, Cornhole Tournament, raffles, children's games and so much more. Keep following us to see the food trucks highlighted here prior to Goretifest.



Dog Bites Hot Dogs

Serves all beef Hebrew National Hot Dogs, grilled not boiled, with a variety of toppings for everyone, sweet and spicy sausage, and fresh squeezed regular or strawberry lemonade, made with strawberries www.facebook.com/DogBitesHotDogs/



MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, August 8th

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, D. Misczak, J. O'Brien

7:30am – Sacristan, **2 Volunteers Needed**

9:30am – Sacristan, M. Haluska, V. Lelii

11:30am – Sacristan, **2 Volunteers Needed**

E.M. Home Visits

B1-M. D'Elia, B2-C. Zuluaga, B3-C. Friel,

B4-K. Hay, B5-B. Hudak

Lectors

5:00pm – J. Gressang, P. Villucci

7:30am – M. McCormick, C. McNally

9:30am – M. D'Elia, F. Stumpo

11:30am – B. Braun, P. Shelly

Cantors

5:00pm – Michael

7:30am – Michele

9:30am – Ugochi

11:30am – Janna

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$591.77**

BENEFITS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF MONTDELCO

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 2021**, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to **Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery and Delaware Counties, Norristown, PA**. The mission of Habitat is to bring people together to build homes, communities and hope. They envision a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Habitat has helped thousands of families repair their homes, become financially stable, live in improved neighborhoods, and get furnishings and building materials at huge savings. Will you help other families in our community? A gift today goes toward their next project, safe and affordable homes for four families in Hatfield (2714 Cowpath Road). Construction will begin in October 2021 and go through October 2022. **If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!**

RIDE NEEDED

We need your help...a newly registered parishioner from Derstine Run would like to be able to come to Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning but needs transportation from Derstine Run community right down the road from church. If you are able to help out on a regular basis or once in a while please call Cheryl for details at 215-721-0199. Thanks for your consideration.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



Happy. Relieved. Safe. How would you feel moving into your own home after being displaced? Gambai Mangontra Amintao, his wife and 7 children have a place to call home now. With support from USAID, CRS built homes for families displaced from Marawi City in the Philippines. Visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!

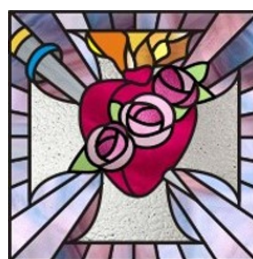
"Poverty in the world is a scandal. In a world where there is so much wealth, so many resources to feed everyone, it is unfathomable that there are so many hungry children, that there are so many children without an education, so many poor persons. Poverty today is a cry." ~ Pope Francis

KOC ~ FOOTBALL SWEEPSTAKES



It is July – so of course it is time for FOOTBALL! The Knights of Columbus, Pius IX Council have your 2021 football season Football Sweepstakes tickets for all who would like to play. Tickets are \$10 for 10 weeks of play. More information can be found on our website, from our front page at

www.koc4396.org. Call Bill Steigerwalt at 215-880-4200 or stag6988@gmail.com with questions or orders – Good luck to all and FLY, EAGLES, FLY! “



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

**CATHOLIC
WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE**

STRONG & Beautiful

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, October 23, 2021

**National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
654 Ferry Road - Doylestown, PA**

We are pleased to announce our speakers and the opening of registration for the 2021 Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, October 23!

CWC2021 will be a highly modified version of our usual event due to continued pandemic limitations. This year, for the conference in English, you are invited to attend one, 2-hour, in-person mini-conference – morning or afternoon – and then enjoy four video talks at home at your leisure. All talks in English will be interpreted in American Sign Language. The Spanish Track will be in a different location, Holy Innocents Parish in Philadelphia, in order to keep crowd sizes smaller.

Full details are on our website, catholicwomensconference.org.

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.



COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Thank you to the parishioners of SMG that are able to continue to support the parish through this 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, July 25th</u> | |
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| 2020 | 2021 | Difference |
| \$18,462.75 | \$21,446.18 | \$ 2,983.43 |

May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!

Used Uniform Give Away

Lansdale Catholic gently used uniforms are available to incoming and current students. A table is set up down the left hallway in the Narthex. The church is open daily from 8am to 4pm.



Items include and are stacked by size:

- Girls - kilts and knee-high green socks
- Boys - pants
- Unisex - sweaters, polos, and white button-down shirts

Browse through and help yourself. Any free - will donations are greatly accepted, but not necessary and should be dropped off at the parish center. All monies donated will go to a Saint Maria Goretti Program TBD at a later date.

****Anyone else wishing to donate items to the table are**

MATER DEI CYO FALL SPORTS

FALL SPORTS



The 2021 Mater Dei fall CYO sports season will be here before we know it! Are you interested in coaching or helping out? Soccer, volleyball, cross country and cheerleading coaches will be needed and clearances are re-

quired. If interested, please contact Jeff Benner subzerodj@verizon.net or Joe Campbell ststansym@gmail.com. Player registrations open on July 1, 2021.



MATER DEI
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2018 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Exciting News!!!

Mater Dei has a large waiting list for Pre-K 4 and is hoping to add an additional classroom at our Hatfield campus. If you have a Four Year Old and would like your child to begin pre-school in September, please contact the Advancement Office today to reserve your space in the classroom at 215-368-9787 or gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com



Registration 2021-22 at Mater Dei

Still some spots left in K through 8 but several classrooms are beginning to close! New families can still register their child for the 2021- 22 school year at Mater Dei Catholic School's Lansdale campus. **175 new registrations** have already been accepted! So if you have a child who will be eligible for Kindergarten through Grade 8 in September of 2021 and would like more information about registration or our programs, please contact Grace Samanns in the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com

Designate Your PA Taxes

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 Childcare 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 Katherine Stansbury, Center Director, at childcare@materdeicatholic.com or 215-799-2211.



Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.

