



Saint Maria Goretti Parish

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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 Facebook 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.

ANOIDING 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.

NOTHING COMPARES *to Being There*



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.

Statement of Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez Regarding Safety As Mass Obligation Resumes

"Ensuring the health and welfare of those entrusted to the pastoral and temporal care of our Church, especially as we navigate a global pandemic, is a paramount priority as the Archbishop of Philadelphia. During this time of acute hardship and struggle, I have worked in conjunction with the Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania and the senior administration of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to implement best practices intended to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and protect those most vulnerable.

As the COVID-19 landscape evolved, we continuously re-evaluated those efforts in consultation with public health officials and based on data.

As your Shepherd, I am called to provide the Eucharist in a safe environment. To that end, I ask that you prioritize your own health and the health of your neighbors and faith communities.

As previously announced, the Catholic Bishops of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are reinstating the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and holy days beginning on Sunday, August 15, 2021. However, by longstanding Church law, this obligation does not apply:

- ♦ to those who are sick;
- ♦ have a serious health risk;
- ♦ live in a household with those at risk;
- ♦ serve as primary caregivers to those at risk;
- ♦ have serious anxiety or concerns about being in a large-group setting due to COVID-19; or are unable to attend Mass in person

As an act of charity, all who are able should become fully vaccinated. Anyone who believes they might have COVID-19 or one of its variants should seek testing and take every precaution for the preservation of public health. As a people of hope, let us pray for an end to this health crisis."

+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez
Archbishop of Philadelphia

Assumption



MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION



Would you like to follow in the footsteps of Jesus? What better way to experience the love of Jesus than to bring Him to our homebound parishioners? The happiness you bring them will reflect back into your heart. Consider this ministry which in return will bring you closer to Jesus. 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.

PLEASE NOTE DATE CORRECTION—A meeting for current and new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will take place on Wed., August 18th at 7pm in church.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD 2021-2022 Registration



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program is a Montessori based parish religious formation/education program for children age 3 to 6 (Kindergarten) in LEVEL 1 and age 6 to 9 (grades 1 & 2) in LEVEL 2 with a primary goal to nurture a relationship with God. This is accomplished by the

use of manipulative/child-interactive materials, prayer, song, listening to the Bible and preparation for full participation in the liturgy. This unique experience provides the foundation for a life-long relationship with God to be lived out in the Church community.

Levels 1 will again be offered at St Maria Goretti beginning September 12/13 through May/June

Level 1 (age 3-6) sessions are held Sunday mornings 9:15am to 10:45am and 11:15am to 12:45pm as well on Mondays 4:30pm to 5:45pm.

If you have an interest in or questions concerning Level 2, please contact Linda Hudak.

Registration forms may be found at the Parish Center or at stmariagoretti.net/prep/forms

Contact: Linda Hudak 215-593-5903 or Ishudak@yahoo.com



MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., August 15** 7:30 A.M. Aden & Anula
Req. by Vipin & Merin
9:30 A.M. Intentions for the IHM Sisters
Req. by The Braun Family
11:30 A.M. Intentions of Maria Richardson
Req. by Maria Richardson
- MON., August 16** 8:30 A.M. Jane Baker
Req. by The Family
- TUES., August 17** 8:30 A.M. Jackson Hall
Req. by Mary & Al Faymore & Family
- WED., August 18** 8:30 A.M. Rosalie & Albert Sirianni
Req. by The Sirianni Family
- THURS., August 19** 8:30 A.M. Barbara Moore
Req. by Peggy Hoffner
- FRI., August 20** 8:30 A.M. Bill Filler
Req. by Francesca Filler
- SAT., August 21** **No Morning Mass**
5:00 P.M. Charles & Elizabeth Dabagian
Req. by Ther Fernes Family
- SUN., August 22** 7:30 AM Stanley & Mary Rita Golazeski
Req. by Theresa Golazeski
9:30 A.M. Evelyn Grabowski
Req. by The Family
11:30 A.M. Luella M. Schrum
Req. by Lisa, Mary, Beth, Joyce & Cheryl

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **John Grabowski** requested by His Children.



BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week is lit in memory of **Randy Rosenberger** requested by Angela Rosenberger.



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, Matthew Arrow, Christina Augustine, Paul Baril, Ray Baril, Joey Berical, Chuck Biehn, Jerilyn Bowler, Patricia Britton, Linda Burbank, Ron Cariola, Aldo Carnara, Danny Catts, Joanna Cavacini, 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 Krempf, 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, Susan O'Connell, Bill O'Brien, Lisa O'Driscoll, Matt Page, Anthony & Michael Paone, Kathy Paone, Catherine Pagano, Al Palatucci, Robert Pauloski, Rebecca Pecore, Flocefida & Salvador Penganon, Connie Perrong, Michael Prahl, 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, Rukiatu Smith, Debbie Zuech-Smyrl, Terry Solocek, Valerie Somma, Lawrence Stempel, Judy Stangl, Claude Taylor, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Jessica Trexler, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Sheila Wehrenberg, Charles Wetzel, Betti Wilson, John Willstaudt, Salem Yabut, Jack Zampirri & Joan Ziegler.

2022 MASS BOOK

The St. Maria Goretti 2022 Mass Book will open on **Monday, September 13th** from 9AM to 4PM. In order to give all our parishioners a chance to obtain Masses, there will be a limit of **5 Masses** per person. Hopefully this will allow for Masses during the year for our recently deceased parishioners and family members. Thank you.

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.

**SAVE THE DATES****September 19, 20, & 21, 2021****FORTY HOURS ~ FR. DAVID O'BRIEN**

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.

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

**KOC ~ BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Back to School Time is almost here! The Knights of Columbus, Pius IX Council are sponsoring a Back to School Drive for Mater Dei. There will be bins for donations of school supplies located in the entrances to the church from now until September 6, 21. Some of the most needed items include: Pencils/Pens; Colored Pencils; Markers; Crayons; Notebooks and Folders/Binders. In addition, anyone wishing to make a monetary donation may do so directly at: www.materdeicatholic.com/ giving. Thank you for your generosity!



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.

JOIN PARISHIONERS FROM SMG & LOCAL PARISHES IN HARRISBURG**Date: Monday September 27th**

Bus leaving SMG parking lot: 8:30am

Rally begins at 11am in front of capitol

March begins at noon around capitol building

Cost: \$10

Please drop off payment at parish center Attention Bob McCormick or drop in the collection basket with your name phone number and e-mail. For more info please contact Bob McCormick 215-362-1247 or bobmcc52@gmail.com

This march does not replace Washington DC March in January but is another stand against the sin of abortion.

**GORETTIFEST****Food Trucks & Beer Garden Friday, September 24th—5pm to 10pm***Children's games • Live music • Cornhole tournament*

The Gorettifest Committee is asking for donations of baskets or raffle items to be raffled off at Gorettifest. We are asking each ministry or individual parishioners to possibly donate some type of raffle basket or to donate items to make baskets. Listed below are just a few ideas of what we are looking for, however anything will be greatly accepted and much appreciated.

- Gardening (seeds, tools, etc.)
- Relaxation (candles, lotions, etc.)
- Toys (any kind)
- Sports (tickets, equipment, etc.)
- Entertainment (movie passes, restaurant gift cards, etc.)
- Italian (pasta, oils, wine, etc.)
- Holiday (Christmas, July 4th, etc.)
- Cooking (spices, utensils, etc.)
- Basket (or wheelbarrow) of Cheer (wine and liquor)
- Wall of beer (cases of beer)
- Lottery Tickets

When putting your basket together or purchasing your raffle item, don't forget that you can **DOUBLE** your donation by purchasing gift cards through Scrip! Baskets and raffle items will be on display and everyone will have a chance to get a head start on taking a chance on winning their favorite prize before Gorettifest after all Masses the weekends of September 11th and 12th as well as September 18th and 19th. **We are asking for all baskets or raffle items to be turned in by September 3rd** at the Parish Center or contact Tom Coughlin at 215-450-9662 or smggorettifest@gmail.com. Many thanks in advance for your help in making Gorettifest a fun and profitable event for our Parish.

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, August 22nd

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, S. & K. Clapper
7:30am – Sacristan, T. McGann, **Volunteer Needed**
9:30am – Sacristan, M. Haluska, D. Mischak
11:30am – Sacristan, V. Lelii, **Volunteer Needed**

E.M. Home Visits

B1-C. Friel, B2-B. Hudak, B3-K. Hay,
B4-C. Zuluaga, B5-M. D'Elia

Lectors

5:00pm – M.J. Vondercrone, T. Mazzeo
7:30am – R. Jones, M. McCormick
9:30am – R. Miller, B. Malley
11:30am – J. MacFarland, J. O'Brien

Cantors

5:00pm – Ugochi
7:30am – Sofia
9:30am – Andrew
11:30am – Isabella

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$245.30**

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!**

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



Where María Ana lives, many children cannot study due to hunger or because they cannot afford their school supplies. Because of this, María Ana and her siblings walk a long way to study. Her family lives in Honduras, and even though her family has a small farm, there are times when they only eat once a day – a meal they receive at school through the McGovern Dole program thanks to funding from USDA Foreign Agricultural Services. It's only because her school receives funding from USDA that she receives nutritious meals AND the school supplies she needs. Visit www.crs.org to see what you can do to help support foreign aid.

"Those who are more influential because they have greater share of goods and common services should feel responsible for the weaker and be ready to share with them all they possess... the Church feels called to take her stand beside the poor, to discern the justice of their requests, and to help satisfy them, without losing sight of the good of groups in the context of the common good." ~ Pope John Paul II

KEYSTONE OPPORTUNITY CENTER



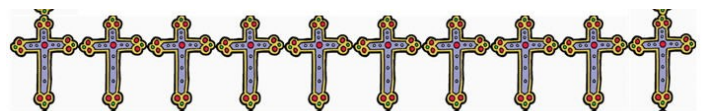
Keystone
Opportunity
Center

Dear Fr. Chung & Mrs. D'Elia,

Thank you for your donation to help families and individuals facing homelessness, food insecurity or literacy issues. Your support means more people received life changing programs.

Your monetary donation of \$3,418.23 and food donations of 1,629 lbs. of food was tremendous and we cannot thank you enough for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Arlene Daily
Executive Director



SERVERS NEEDED



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!

A training for new servers will be held on Tuesday, August 24th at 2pm. Please call the parish center to register.

Acts

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.



COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS THROUGH THE PANDEMIC

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, August 8th</u>	
2020	2021	Difference
\$19,101.71	\$22,795.55	\$ 3,693.84

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.

Support your parish...
Purchase SCRIP!