



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.

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.

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.

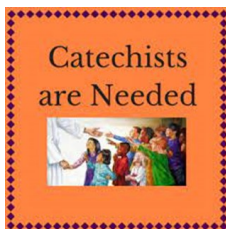
As previously announced, the Catholic Bishops of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are reinstating the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and holy days beginning on Sunday, August 15, 2021. However, by longstanding Church law, this obligation does not apply:

- ♦ 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

SMG PREP PROGRAM



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.

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!

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

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 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
MON., August 23	8:30 A.M. Mary Campagna Req. by The Gianfrancesco Family
TUES., August 24	8:30 A.M. Luella Schrum Req. by Karen & Joe Pinder
WED., August 25	8:30 A.M. Francesco & Guiseppe Marciano Req. by The Family
THURS., Aug. 26	8:30 A.M. James Creehan Req. by Al & Mary Faymore
FRI., August 27	8:30 A.M. Irene & George Schoppet Req. by Kathleen Gear
SAT., August 28	No Morning Mass 5:00 P.M. Edward Yadzinski Req. by Bridget Murphy
SUN., August 29	7:30 A.M. Frank Menta Req. by Linda & Joseph Benischek 9:30 A.M. Sean O'Connell Req. by The Hoffner Family 11:30 A.M. Henry J. Davis Req. by Maude Lee

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week
is lit in memory of **Frank Menta**
requested by Joseph & Linda Benischek.



BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week
is lit in memory of **Edward & Patricia McKelvey**
requested by the McKelvey Family.



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 Praher, 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, 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.

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.

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.



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!



JOIN PARISHIONERS FROM SMG & LOCAL PARISHES IN HARRISBURG

Bus is filling quickly, reserve your spot TODAY!

Date: Monday September 27th

Bus leaving SMG parking lot: 8:30am

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

FEATURED FOOD TRUCK—URBAN'S WOOD FIRED PIZZA

Our story begins with a profound respect for the time honored methods and traditional ingredients that can make food truly great – especially pizza.

Years ago, we began experimenting with sourdough bread, and it became immediately clear that the final product was superior in every way. The flavor and texture we can get from breads and other baked goods made with wild yeast are no contest to breads made with commercial yeast — the flavors are more complex and interesting, the texture is sturdier and more enjoyable to chew. Our sourdough starter is the beating heart of Urban's and serves as a constant reminder of why we do what we do: better tasting pizza that's better for you.

Having more than a decade in combined experience in the restaurant industry, we believe in our ability to deliver memorable food and experiences in any venue.

Urban's Team: A family-owned and operated business.

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RAFFLE BASKETS

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. Anything you would like to donate will be greatly accepted and much appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Marta Rosenberger at cmrosy@verizon.net.

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 29th

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, M.J. Vondercrone, S, Lynam

7:30am – Sacristan, D. Johnson, D. Grant

9:30am – Sacristan, **2 Volunteers Needed**

11:30am – Sacristan, Volunteer Needed, C. Zuluaga

E.M. Home Visits

A1–J. Gressang, A2–K. Clapper, A3–S. Steklenski, A4–K. Hay,
A5– S. Sabia

Lectors

5:00pm – M. D'Elia, B. Malley

7:30am – M. McCormick, D. Smith

9:30am – R. & N. Boak

11:30am – C. Friel, T. Prykowski

Cantors

5:00pm – Chelsea 7:30am – Joe

9:30am – Bruce 11:30am – Isabella

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: \$

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!**



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**

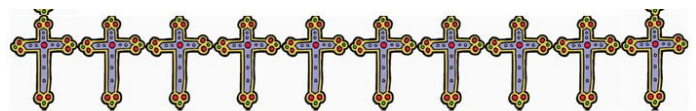
We are pleased to announce our speakers and the opening of registration for the 2021 Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, October 23!

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.

ELDER CARE CORNER

ELDERLY PARISHIONER NEEDS A RIDE TO MASS FROM THE HARLEYSVILLE AREA.

If you are coming to Mass from the Harleysville area on a Sunday morning and can help an elderly parish get to Mass please call Cheryl Ryan at the parish office at 215-721-0199 for more information. Thank you for your consideration.



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WORSHIP | NIGHT PRAYER | FELLOWSHIP

**We look forward to worshipping and fellowship
on September 16th at 6pm.**

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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



Did you know that August is the perfect time to reach out to your members of Congress to advocate on behalf of the world's poor? During the August recess, we have 7 ways you can advocate for our sisters and

brothers around the world. Join our movement of advocacy and action to transform our world! Visit www.crs.org for more information. Thanks for your support!

7 Ways to Advocate During August Recess: 1) Write to your Senators and Representatives! 2) Call your Senators and Representatives! 3) Use Social Media. 4) Attend a Town Hall. 5) Meet In-Person! 6) Write a letter to the editor of your local paper! 7) PRAY!



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 15th</u>	
2020	2021	Difference
\$23,006.79	\$23,120.50	\$ 113.71

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 required.

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.

