



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
Weekdays & Saturday 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
Closed Saturday & Sunday: through the summer 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 Peter Niche
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
Admin. Assist. of Religious Education: JoAnn Prahler & Pat Kendig
Director of Adult Faith Formation: Angela McClellan
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.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., August 23** 7:30 A.M. Frank Menta
Req. by Linda & Joseph Benischeck
9:30 A.M. MaryRita & Stanley Golazeski
Req. by Theresa Golazeski
11:30 A.M. Charles & Elizabeth Dabagian
Req. by The Fernes Family
- MON., August 24** 8:30 A.M. Irene & George Schappet
Req. by The Children
- TUES., August 25** 8:30 A.M. Joseph W. Gallen
Req. by Mary McNulty Lansdale Rural Mail Carriers
- WED., August 26** 8:30 A.M. Wesley & LeeAnn Pinkston
Req. by Pat Pinkston
- THURS., August 27** 8:30 A.M. Joseph Gallen
Req. by The Gallen Family
- FRI., August 28** 8:30 A.M. Donna Lee
Req. by Mele Lee-Nippins
- SAT., August 29** **No Morning Mass**
5:00 P.M. Robert Graham
Req. by The Graham Family
- SUN., August 30** 7:30 A.M. Mark Caruso
Req. by Eileen, Keira & Kinsey
9:30 A.M. Dani Brosious
Req. by Lou Anne Brosious
11:30 A.M. Special Intention
Req. by Dick & Dottie Eckard

2021 MASS BOOK

The St. Maria Goretti 2021 Mass Book will open on **Monday, September 14th** 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. For the safety of all our parishioners, please wear a mask and allow 6 feet from others while in line. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Pandemic the Annual Parish Retreat on October 6th is cancelled.

The Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress on Saturday, October 10th is postponed. The rescheduled date will be published in upcoming bulletins.

Please continue to pray for an end to the Coronavirus and for those personally effected by it. God bless and protect our First Responders, those in the medical field and all essential workers.

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**.



PLEASE KEEP IN MIND the following people who at this time need your prayers and support: Josephine Albert, Warren Allison, Ruth Adams, Jennifer & Kimberly Agnew, Mark Altroggi, Matthew Arrow, Christina Augustine, Paul

Baril, Ray Baril, Joey Berical, Jerilyn Bowler, Patricia Britton, Linda Burbank, Mary Callaghan, Ron Cariola, Aldo Carnara, Danny Catts, Joanna Cavacini, Aura Chaustre, James Chrissy, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Helen Curren, Susan & Anthony Dalesio, Joanne Daum, Loretta Deller, Leo Dennis, Karen Diana, Peter Fallon, Marybeth Hentschel Fiorelli, Carol Galinski, Joe Gallant, Erin Gilbert, Lianessa Gonzalez, Abby Graham, Andrew Green, Dionne Greim, Sharon, Fernando & Ian Griffin, Frank Holloway, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Ron Hoffman, Jeanette Hoy, Kevin Iavecchia, Richard Jedlicka, Jean Kerr, Charles Kline, Sue Kunze, Peg Krempf, Jama Lecore, Curt Lecrone, Angelique, Gina & Keenan Lee, Dorothy Lougee, Dina Lukasko, Patti Maguire, Joe Martin, Sean McKelvey, William & Kristen Morrow, John McLaughlin, Bridget Micshener, Diane Moll, Frank Monroe, Munson Family, Debbie Murray, John Mye, Terry Shields Neumann, Joan Nickerson, Regina Nimmo, Ernest & Mele Lee-Nippins, Bill O'Brien, Matt Page, Anthony & Michael Paone, Kathy Paone, Catherine Pagano, Al Palatucci, Robert Pauloski, Flocerfida & Salvador Penganon, Connie Perrong, Michael Prahler, Marian Quinn, Marlin Raber, Dolores Radicioni, Michael Rafter, Joan Ramsher, Scott Randall, Frank Reiner Jim Richardson, Vanessa Rivera, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Barbara Scally, Helen Shekalis, Melissa Shelly, Mary Smith, Anthony Smith, Rukiatu Smith, Valerie Somma, Lawrence Stempel, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Peg Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzel, John Willstaudt, Salem Yabut, Jack Zampirri, Joe Zdun & Joan Ziegler.

SANCTUARY LIGHT



The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Bart Brownholtz**
Requested by Dottie Blanche.

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY FOR AUGUST 30th



CANTORS

5pm— Janna 7:30am—Michele
9:30am—Katie 11:30am—Michale

VOLUNTEER SORTERS & DRIVERS NEEDED

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Maria Goretti Parish collects groceries for nearby charities. Please help sort the groceries one Sunday each month, or help deliver the groceries one Monday each month. For more information or to volunteer, call Donald Baldino at (267) 625-8642.

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED



Please remember in your prayers the all who lost their lives to COVID-19 and the following parishioners who have passed in the past 15 weeks. May they rest in peace.

Terry & David Ray, Sue Drop, Ray Peacock, Glenn Pinkston, Jim Sinz, Gloria Nolen, Joan Davis, Jerry Coshin, Vincent Vozzo, Francis Hurley, Charles Minquez, Rose Gotowski, Nancy Schwoyer, Eliseo Saldivar, Stephen Evalt, Charles Simpson, Charles Middleton, James McCook, Caridad Carlos, Catherine McCauley, Ronald Chieffe, Mary Beatty, Michael Saylor, John Groller, Joseph Murphy, Francis Coyne & Edward Broderick.



FIRST THURSDAY BREAKFAST CLUB



The Breakfast Club is held on designated First Thursdays of the year and provides a way for people to build relationships and community and 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 conversation. There is no cost to participate in the Breakfast Club and no registration is required. Non-parishioners are always welcome. **Thurs.: October 1, November 5, December 3, 2020. Following the 8:30 AM Mass—Church Narthex**

Our Breakfast Club this year is dedicated to the memory of Kathy Yucha who enjoyed baking for our Breakfast Club and for many of our Adult Faith events. May she forever rest in God's loving embrace.

PRAYER TO END CORONAVIRUS

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick. We pray that the coronavirus that has affected so many in our world can be contained, controlled, and cured. We lift up to your mercy all those affected, all those working hard to study and cure this illness, and all health care professionals and emergency management teams that are working day and night to keep us safe. Help us, Lord, to trust in your merciful care. Our Blessed Mother, pray for us, Saint Joseph, pray for us, Lord Jesus, hear our prayer. Amen



PRO- LIFE NEWS Spiritual Adoption Program

What is the Spiritual Adoption Program? It is very simple. Participants in the Spiritual Adoption Program promise to pray for nine months for a baby in danger of abortion. While this child will remain unknown to his or her 'spiritual parent', God knows who the child is. Many people have found that naming 'their child' helps to keep them focused on the reality that their prayers are helping to save a particular baby from the harm of abortion. This can be done in a parish or school setting, with age appropriate materials. To learn more, visit www.spiritualadoption.org



FRIENDS NEEDED:

Since 1994, Family Services of Montgomery County has helped seniors (ages 60+) remain safe and independent at home. We have achieved this through volunteer programs that provide many services including home repairs and organization, transportation, errands, and companionship.

At this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, Project HEARTH (Helping Elderly Adults Remain in Their Homes) is looking for people who can provide senior clients with transportation to scheduled appointments, grocery shopping, or running errands or yard work. Our Telephone Reassurance Program is looking for volunteers to connect with seniors by phone for one-on-one scheduled calls to promote meaningful conversation and to ensure their safety and well-being.

Once restrictions are lifted, Project HEARTH will need volunteers to meet with clients for friendly visits and companionship, help with organizing things in their homes, in addition to the above activities. Project HEARTH will also be in need of a handyman volunteer for minor house repairs.

Volunteer hours are flexible and variable. If you have one hour a week or two hours a month to volunteer and want to get involved, please contact: Anita Coffey at 610-213-0771 or acoffey@fsmontco.org.



SAINT MARIA GORETTI ELDERCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Providing Guidance, Supporting Choice

A Geriatric Care Manager can be helpful in the following situations:

- Concerns about elderly parent, spouse, or neighbor's safety
- Transitions from a hospital stay or to a nursing home setting
- Learning what options are available for you or your loved one
- Discovering services available in your community

For more information on this FREE service, call Amy Juarez at the Parish Center at 215-721-0199 x225 or email at ajuarez@chs-adphila.org



WELCOME BACK—WE MISSED YOU!

Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we make our way back to the in person celebration of the Mass.

While it is great to be together to celebrate Mass as a parish family once again, our main concern is to keep the people of SMG parish safe. The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation continues to be lifted during the "Green Phase". You are not required to attend Mass at this time. If you are at high risk or not feeling well please stay home. We will continue to offer Mass live streamed through the Saint Maria Goretti Facebook page and a link on the parish website at www.stmariagoretti.net.

Many precautions have been put in place for your safety such as; all high touch areas will be sanitized between each Mass, the missals have been removed from the pews, Communion lines and seating is socially distanced, hand sanitizers are available, masks are strongly encouraged for everyone except those under 2 years old or with health issues that prevent you from wearing a mask, doors will be propped open so entering and exiting the church is easy. Every other pew is open for seating, remember to leave 6 foot space between your household and members of a different household. There will be no sign of peace or Precious Blood during the "Green Phase".

We all need to do our part to make sure that our return to Mass is a peaceful and safe experience for all. May God Bless you and keep you safe!



ARE YOU READY TO VOTE IN NOVEMBER?

Voter registration applications and mail-in ballot applications will be available after Masses on Saturday & Sunday September 12/13. Application will be on a self serve table in the narthex for your convenience, sponsored by the **SMG Pro-Life Committee**.

Deadline for voter registration for the November 3rd election is October 19, 2020. Deadline for mail-in ballot applications must be received by the county election office by 5pm on October

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



As East Africa experiences the worst desert locust invasion in 25 years, swarms are damaging crops and land. The lives of countless farmers in Kenya have been turned upside down. CRS has begun responding in Kenya with support from USAID. Please say a prayer for these men and everyone impacted by this crisis, and visit www.crs.org to see what you can do to 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. We all have to think if we can become a little poorer, all of us have to do this. How can I become a little poorer in order to be more like Jesus, who was the poor teacher?" ~ Pope Francis

**POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP
BENEFITS ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY
The total collected last week was: \$1,303.00**

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** 2020, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. The SMG Conference of the Society was newly formed in 2007 and meets each Monday evening in the Parish Center to review the needs of individuals within our community. The Society works in collaboration with other organizations to provide person-to-person service, recognizing Christ in the face of those in need. The Society also supports the initiatives of the International Society, including clothing and food drives, as well as other special projects. This collection will provide much needed funding to fulfill our mission to serve the poor and needy. As quoted in the Society's motto... "No form of charity is foreign to the Society." ***If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!***

ONCE AGAIN THE GENEROSITY OF SMG SHINES THROUGH

Dear Fr. Chung and SMG Parishioners,

Many thanks for your recent gift to Mitzvah Circle Foundation in the amount of \$3,401.78 in June, 2020. You stepped up and we could not be more grateful! As you will see below, we have been able to put your gifts to use immediately. The need is ongoing and only grows as the crises we face continue and families' realities evolve.

Your gift to MCF speaks volumes about your kindness and compassion – we are so thankful to have donors like you who prioritize helping families in crisis.

Yesterday I spoke with Maria, who said, "My husband worked in a factory that was forced to close because of the virus. We have four kids under the age of six and we need him to work. We have no unemployment and two kids in diapers. I don't know how we are going to make it." Your gift provided Maria with diapers for her children as well as soap and other critical items. Your gift told Maria that someone cares and gave her some peace of mind during these difficult times.

Not only does your gift provide immediate help to families who have been heavily impacted by the coronavirus, but it also ensures that we are better equipped to meet the changing needs, as we go forward, of the families and organizations we serve. As we all navigate these uncharted waters, I appreciate your generosity. Thank you for your commitment to MCF and our Mission.

With Gratitude,
Fran Held
Founder and Executive Director

JOB OPENING

Pope John Paul II High School in Royersford is looking for an experienced facilities/maintenance person to join our team. Staff waiver (tuition) included. Please send a cover letter and resume to Ron Williams at rwilliams@pjphs.org.

GRATITUDE

Your Parish Community is

GRATEFUL

for your consistent contributions.

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 support financially by calling our St. Vincent DePaul Society at 215-721-0199 ext. 224. All calls are confidential.

2020 Weekly Total	2019 Weekly Totals	Difference
March 15th: \$11,745.00	March 15th: \$19,720.29	(\$ 7,975.29)
March 22nd: \$ 6,354.00	March 22nd: \$22,312.97	(\$15,958.97)
March 29th: \$14,319.47	March 29th: \$19,365.14	(\$ 5,045.67)
April 5th: \$12,847.67	April 5th: \$20,299.07	(\$ 7,451.40)
April 12th: \$14,605.00	April 12th: \$27,807.36	(\$13,202.36)
Easter: \$51,026.60	Easter: \$57,479.16	(\$ 6,452.56)
April 19th: \$ 9,497.00	April 19th: \$18,728.96	(\$ 9,231.96)
April 26th: \$18,922.00	April 26th: \$21,545.99	(\$ 2,623.99)
May 3rd: \$14,583.67	May 3rd: \$23,575.02	(\$ 8,991.35)
May 10th: \$21,400.00	May 10th: \$18,739.97	\$ 2,660.03
May 17th: \$15,981.24	May 17th: \$17,169.62	(\$ 1,188.38)
May 24th: \$12,184.00	May 24th: \$16,106.92	(\$ 3,922.92)
May 31st: \$14,857.00	May 31st: \$21,110.84	(\$ 6,253.84)
June 7th: \$27,902.62	June 7th: \$24,990.84	\$2,911.78
June 14th: \$25,258.75	June 14th: \$18,767.72	\$6,490.28
June 21st: \$18,677.44	June 21st: \$16,393.92	\$2,283.52
June 28th: \$25,159.00	June 28th: \$19,820.00	\$5,339.00
July 5th: \$18,515.42	July 8th: \$23,302.92	(\$4,787.50)
July 12th: \$27,409.00	July 15th: \$19,157.01	\$8,251.99
July 19th: \$16,469.00	July 22nd: \$17,458.16	(\$ 989.16)
July 26th: \$21,674.00	July 29th: \$20,892.59	\$ 781.41
August 2nd: \$18,835.68	August 5th: \$19,157.01	(\$ 321.33)
August 9th: \$20,273.04	August 12: \$20,533.00	(\$ 259.96)
August 16th: \$22,506.00	August 19th: \$15,608.75	(\$ 6,897.25)
	TOTAL:	(\$59,041.29)

May God Bless you for your generosity to our parish!



BACK TO SCHOOL

It is Back To School time and the Knights of Columbus are collecting supplies for **Mater Dei Catholic School**. There will be bins for donations located at the entrances to the churches, and they will have with them a listing of the most needed items

(like cleaning and disinfecting supplies). In addition, anyone wishing to make a monetary donation may do so directly at: <https://www.materdeicatholic.com/giving>.

Also you can visit www.koc4396.org for more information on this and all activities of our local Pius IX Council 4396



MATER DEI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Seeking an Aide for Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4

We are happy to announce that Mater Dei Catholic School is opening a three and four year old program at Saint Maria Goretti in September. We are looking for part-time aides to assist in the classrooms. Please contact Diane McCaughan 215-368-0995 or dmccaughan@materdeicatholic.com for more details about this new and exciting program.



Great news! We are expanding our Preschool! Mater Dei continues to accept New Registrations for Fall 2020 at our Hatfield campus...

Exciting News! We have added another Preschool classroom at our Lansdale campus to accommodate our waiting list, so we have limited space available in both the Pre-K Three-Year-Old and Four-Year-Old Programs at our Hatfield Campus, as well as some space in Kindergarten through Grade 8 in Lansdale. Secure your child's place in the classroom while spots are still available. New applications can be submitted at <https://www.materdeicatholic.com/admissions/registration-re-registration>. Please contact Grace Samanns at 215-368-9787 for a virtual look of both our campuses and more information so that you can guarantee your child a spot for the 2020-21 school year!

A reasonably priced childcare program and a nurturing, safe environment for your child while you work

The Mater Dei Childcare Center, located at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Hatfield, watches over the youngest members of our community. Your child, ages 6 weeks to 36 months, 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 is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM to accommodate the working parent. If you would like information about future availability for this wonderful program, please contact Katherine Stansbury, Center Director, at childcare@materdeicatholic.com or 215-799-2211. Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.