

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 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.



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:

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

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 the annulment process.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Office.

<u>Reconciliation</u> Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm or any time upon request. Call the Parish Center.



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

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.



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 accom-

plished 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 lshudak@yahoo.com



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 Depart from Harrisburg at 2:30pm 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

LIVE MUSIC FROM THE WELL KNOWN AND FOLLOWED BAND "ROLLIN & TUMBLIN" YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!



HELP US SPREAD THE NEWS...WITH A YARD SIGN

The Gorettifest Committee is asking if you have a property that would get some exposure and are willing to place a yard sign promoting Gorettifest in your yard, please stop by the parish office Monday through Friday to sign out a yard sign. Help us to make this another successful event!



FOOD TRUCK HIGHLIGHT— WAFFLE MAMA

SURE, WAFFLES ARE DELICIOUS WITH BUT-TER AND SYRUP, OR STRAWBERRIES AND WHIPPED CREAM,

WHICH IS JUST HOW MOMMA USED TO MAKE THEM. BUT WHAT IF A PHILLY CHEESESTEAK COULD BE A WAF FLE? OR BUTTERMILK BISCUITS? AND THEN WHAT IF THOSE BISCUIT-WAFFLE HYBRIDS COULD BE THE BUNS FOR YOUR FRIED CHICKEN SAND-WICH? THAT'S WHERE THE WAFFLE MA-MAS COME IN. WE TAKE COMFORT FOOD TO A NEW LEVEL BY TRANSFORM-ING IT INTO INNOVATIVE "WAFFLED" CRE-ATIONS!

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AUGUST 29, 2021

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN., Aug. 29	7:30 A.M. Frank Menta Req. by Linda & Joseph Benischeck 9:30 A.M. Sean O'Connell Req. by The Hoffner Family 11:30 A.M. Henry J. Davis Req. by Maude Lee
MON., Aug. 30	8:30 A.M. Helen Kauffman Req. by Patrick & Susan Gillen
TUES., Aug. 31	8:30 A.M. Jenna Burleigh Req. by The Family
WED., Sept. 1	8:30 A.M. Charles Pilley Req. by The Family
THURS., Sept. 2	8:30 A.M. Bernie Phillipeck Req. by The Patterson Family
FRI., Sept. 3	8:30 A.M. Jeff Miller, George & Bob Olden Req. by Holly Miller
SAT., Sept. 4	No Morning Mass 5:00 P.M. Gemma Stumpo Rosmini Req. by The Caracini Family
SUN., Sept. 5	7:30 A.M. Elizabeth Lisi Req. by Pete & Bette Jellen 9:30 A.M. Dec'd Members of the Daddario Family Req. by Carman Vernachio & Family 11:30 A.M. Lawrence & Dorothy O'Connor Req. by Gary & Barbara Smith & Family

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of *Alice Russo* requested by Louise Hotte.





BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week is lit in memory of *Robert Massaro* requested by Linda & Joseph Benischeck.

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.

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 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 lavecchia, Luba Jackson, Richard Jedlicka, Joseph Kane, Charles Kline, Sue Kunze, Peg Krempl, 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, Frank Moran, 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, Flocerfida & 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, Mike Scienaro, Helen Shekalis, Melissa Shelly, Mary Smith, Rukiatu Smith, Debbie Zuech-Smyrl, Terry Solokek, Valerie Somma, Lawrence Stempel, Judy Stangl, Claude Taylor, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Jessica Trexler, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Sheila Wehrenberg, Charles Wetzel, Paul Wheeler, Betti Wilson, Jack Zampirri & Joan John Willstaudt, Salem Yabut,

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.

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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.

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

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maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-6559

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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!



WELCOME BACK—WE MISSED YOU

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

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 reevaluated 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 largegroup 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

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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm - Sacristan, J. Gressang, Volunteer Needed 7:30am – Sacristan, T. McGann, K. Staudt 9:30am - Sacristan, S. Steklenski, B. Smith 11:30am - Sacristan, 2 Volunteers Needed

E.M. Home Visits

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

Lectors

5:00pm – J. O'Brien, T. Mazzeo 7:30am - R. & A. Whitley 9:30am - R. & N. Boak 11:30am - B. Smith, P. Shelly

Cantors

5:00pm - Michael 7:30am - Michele 9:30am – Janna 11:30am - Volunteer Needed

MUSIC NOTES

A new season of singing and ringing the Lord's praises will begin in September! The SMG Music Ministry is happy to welcome new members to the fall music groups: Children's Chime Choir (grades 3-6), Youth Bell Choir (middle school and high school), as well as Guitar Ensemble, Men's Ensemble, Adult Choir. After Christmas we begin Children's Singing Choir and Adult Bell Choir. Please stay tuned for more information!

Contact eileen.ericsson@stmariagoretti.net if you would like to join one of our groups!

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS



The Celebration of the annual Forty Hours Devotion is scheduled for September 19, 20 & 21 at 7 P.M. Four Altar Servers are needed on the evenings of the 19th & 20th. Tuesday Sept. 21st we will close 40 Hours with outdoor Eucharistic Procession and Benediction, all servers are strongly encouraged to at-

tend. This is a wonderful opportunity to show your love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and dedicate this school year to Him. Please sign-up in the Altar Servers room. Thank you!!

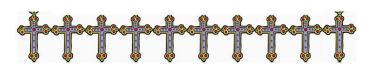
Reuniones de los Retiristas del Movimiento



Juan XXIII Hatfield PA. Todos los Martes a las 7:00 PM Aquí en la Capilla de La Iglesia. Para más información Contactar a Carlos Zuluaga Presidente Parroquial Juan XXIII Hatfield . Al 954-309-177 Acércate al Grupo para que tengas un Encuentro Personal con Jesús

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!





WORSHIP | NIGHT PRAYER | FELLOWSHIP

We look forward to worshiping and fellowship on September 16th.

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



On August 14, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit the western side of Haiti, HOLIC RELIEF SERVICES faith. results. causing what could be a significant number of deaths and damage. The cities of Les Cayes and Jeremie were particularly hard hit. In the six hours

following the initial 7.2 magnitude earthquake, there were 10 more aftershocks at 4.0 and above.

Catholic Relief Services is on the ground in Haiti, ready to provide immediate and effective emergency relief while assessing the damage and determining what families most need in the coming days, weeks and months after the earthquake. You can donate to our emergency efforts to bring families immediate relief by visiting www.crs.org. Thanks for your support!

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COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS THROUGH THE PANDEMIC

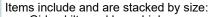
Thank you to the parishioners of SMG that are able to continue to support the parish through this pandemic. We understand that this unprecedented health emergency has also had a negative affect financially on so many and because of your generosity we are able to stay current on our parish financial obligations as well as help those who need.

Sunday, April 11th			
2020	2021	Difference	
\$27.017.31	\$21.397.00	\$ 5.620.31	

May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!



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



- Girls kilts and knee-high green socks
- Boys pants
- Unisex sweaters, polos, and white buttondown 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



ner subzerodj@verizon.net or Joe Campbell ststansym@gmail.com. Player registrations open on July 1, 2021.



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 preschool 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.

