

Saint Maria Goretti Parish

Hatfield, PA

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Christmas Schedule

Confessions

Monday, December 12th –
4:30 to 5:15pm & 6:30 to 7:15pm
Tuesday, December 13th—
1 to 2pm

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00pm-Children’s Mass,
7:00pm, 9:00pm

Christmas Day Masses

7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am &
2:30pm Vietnamese Mass



Have a Blessed Christmas and A Happy & Healthy New Year!

ADVENT CONFESSIONS



Mark your calendar to prepare yourself for holiness of the Christmas Season by attending confession on the following dates:
Monday, December 13th—4:30 to 5:15pm & 6:30 to 7:15pm
Tuesday, December 14th—1 to 2pm

REGISTRATION SUNDAY



Registration Sunday will take place **TODAY, December 11th**. Please stop by the Parish Center between the hours of 10am and 1pm to be officially

welcomed into the parish. No paperwork is necessary from your previous parish. The process will take no longer than 15 minutes.

RCIA SPONSORSHIP

St. Maria Goretti is pleased to have a terrific group currently participating in our RCIA program. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) provides teaching and small group discussion for those who want to grow in their relationship with Jesus as they consider coming into full communion with the Catholic Church.

These good people need your sponsorship! Your faith will be strengthened as you share your experience and encourage them on their journey. Your joy will increase as you celebrate sacraments and rites with them. You will be a witness to the Holy Spirit’s work! Sponsors must be at least 16 years old and meet the requirements for Catechists regarding marriage, sacraments received, attendance at Mass, and commitment to pay special attention to the catechumen or candidate assigned to them.

Those interested should contact Father Chung or Deacon Steve to discuss the expectations for this important role. Please prayerfully consider this invitation. We are blessed in our own walk with God as we bless someone else in theirs!

OUTREACH GIVING TREE



The Outreach Giving Tree will continue to provide for the needy of our community as we have the past two years with gift cards. **We still desperately need your generosity for families who need our help.** We are accepting monetary donations, grocery or Walmart gift certificates only.

- Sadly, since the Pandemic, we have not be able to do things as we did in the past. We agreed food certificates and Walmart gift cards would be best. Please consider using our Scrip program to purchase these. Scrip can be purchased by calling the Parish Center and your order can be filled and ready for pick-up. The Parish Center is open Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm.
- We are also accepting cash donations and checks made out to “Outreach SMG”, which can be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Center.
- Parishioners who have Parish Giving accounts may donate to Outreach-Giving Tree that way. Parishioners who would like to open an account to donate electronically can go to the parish website at stmariagoretti.net & click Parish Giving.
- Thank you for your generosity! Any questions, please call Maripat Shelly at 215-256-0273

SAVE THE DATES FOR DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

On Sunday, **December 18 at 6:30 pm**, we will be putting up the trees with lights and other decorations for Christmas week. On **Thursday, the 22nd**, we will be putting on the finishing touches with the poinsettias at 9 am. Your help makes the season bright and parish family togetherness. Thank you!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., Dec. 11** 7:30 A.M. William Randall
Req. by Bob & Carol Witt
9:30 A.M. Vincent DeVito
Req. by Carole Coughlin
11:30 A.M. Rose & Dominic Vicoli
Req. by The Family
- MON., Dec. 12** 8:30 A.M. Ryan & Geiger Families
Req. by The Schussler Family
- TUES., Dec. 13** 8:30 A.M. Rosaria E. Giuseppe Sirchia
Req. by The Family
- WED., Dec. 14** 8:30 A.M. Therese Ickinger
Req. by SVDP Members
- THURS., Dec. 15** 8:30 A.M. Marta Carraras
Req. by Angel Carraras
- FRI., Dec. 16** 8:30 A.M. Cass Pilarski
Req. by Edd & Sally Murphy
- SAT., Dec. 17** 8:30 A.M. Mary Lou & Martin
Westermann
Req. by Lisa Westermann
4:30 P.M. Shirley Finkelston
Req. by Robert Finkelston
- SUN., Dec. 18** 7:30 A.M. William Randall
Req. by Catherine Carroll
9:30 A.M. Dec'd members of the Kelly
Family
Req. by The Family
11:30 A.M. Bernard & Margaret Coyle
Req. by Al & Peg Perry

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit for **Patricia Burkett** requested by The McKelvey Family.



BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week is lit for **Bill Randall** requested by Rosemarie Randall.



WORSHIP | NIGHT PRAYER | FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, December 15th from 6PM-8PM

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

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: Carol Algrogge, Lori Aiello, Baby David, Chuck Biehn, Suki Borowski, Edward Buchinski, James Caprioli, Debbie Cassel, Rob Daum, Ted DeMarino, Frank DeVito, Joseph DeVito, Joe Direnzi, Carol Eells, Ted Fernes, Tom Fetter, Kelly Gargan, Rosario Gombola, Ilianessa Gonsalez, Tanner Gower, Pamela Guld, John Gunder, Sr., Ali Herron, Theresa Hoffman, Tim Huelsman, Mary Isban, Luba Jackson, Maria Kardash, Barb Ladley, Troy Landis, Mary Jane McCann, John McLaughlin, Ted Malinchak, Ed Malley, Greg & Kathy McCloskey, Madeline McGinley, Tom Miller, Mary Moses, Tom Murphy III, Bill O'Brien, Patricia Naab, Marianne Peters, Bridget and Colleen, Michael Rafter, Alice Rau, Joanne Reube, Antonio & Veanessa Rivera, Linda Santana, Rose Santulli, Mike Scienaro, Debbie Zuech-Smyrl, Judy Stangl, Gary Stark, Lawrence Stempel, John Tulley, Frank Vallone, Paul Wheeler, Carmella Wheeler, Salem & Valerie Yabut.
IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR LIST CURRENT WE ARE ASKING YOU TO CALL THE PARISH CENTER WITH ANYONE CURRENTLY IN NEED OF PRAYERS OR THAT SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM OUR LIST.

WINE & CHEESE PARISH TRIP INFORMATION NIGHT



Mark your calendar to join Father Chung and your fellow parishioners for **Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 6pm** to learn more about the exciting trip planned to Greece: In the Footsteps of Saint Paul the Apostle.

It's time to put the past couple years behind us and make our travel plans! The dates for the trip are October 17 to 27, 2023 with an optional 3-Night Journey to Rome Post Tour Extension. The tour includes 11 days and 19 meals.



Some of the highlights of the trip are: Athens, Taverna Dinner Show, Corinth, The Acropolis, Mars Hill, 3-Night Cruise, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Kavala, Philippi, Meteora and more!

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

BIG PEOPLE CHURCH SCHOOL

Weekly Adult Faith Formation

Please Join us Any Thursday

7:00 – 8:30 PM SMG IHM Room

(Parish Center Basement)

Contact the Big People Church Team @
bigpeoplechurchschool@gmail.com

Sign up for our Weekly Newsletter
<https://bigpeoplechurchschool.substack.com/>

[See Newsletter on SMG Facebook page](#)



CLUB 50+ LUNCHEON

Education Center 12:00 Noon

Followed by Game Day 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 PM to 3:15 PM

Come for part or all of the afternoon activity! Cost: \$ 9.00 Per

Person for lunch. Please sign up one week in advance.

January 25, 2023

February 15, 2023

March 15, 2023

April 26, 2023



The Chosen Season 2

Come one and all! Come and see what they saw!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

WINE & CHEESE DISCUSSION GROUP

Watch episodes prior to attending

January 4, 2023 - Season 2 (5&6)

February 1, 2023 - Season 2 (7&8)

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM – IHM Room

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Mass, short teaching on Mass Confusion!

Held the First Friday of each month from November, 2022 through March, 2023

After 8:30 AM Mass in the IHM Room

No registration is necessary
~ Free Will Donations are Appreciated!



Questions: Contact Maria Richardson
Maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-6559

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

AFF FUNDRAISERS FAMOUS STOCK'S POUND CAKE SALE

\$16.00 Per Cake

Vanilla pound cake with vanilla icing

Pre-Order before February 1st

Pick-Up following the Masses on February 11th and 12th .



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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

SMG VIRTUAL CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT ON ZOOM

7:30 pm—Register one time only at

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



Contact Maria Richardson,
Maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-6559

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Luminary Fundraiser

Luminaries to be put on the church grounds for Christmas Eve in honor of a loved one can be purchased in the Parish Office until December 19th



Luminary Placement and Cleanup

December 24th at 8:30 AM

December 26th at 10:00 AM

We will meet at the Education Center ramp.

GREAT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!



Children's Youth Ministry

Gingerbread House/Tree Family Service Project

December 13 & 14, 2022

Must Pre- Register to reserve a spot!

Contact Maria Richardson or Tyler Grant @
Maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net
tyler.grant@stmariagoretti.net—215-721-6559



Purchase SCRIP
for all your Christmas
shopping needs!

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th

E.M. of Holy Communion

4:30pm – Sacristan, S, & K. Clapper
 7:30am – Sacristan, M. & K. Staudt
 9:30am – Sacristan, M. Raynolds, D. Grant
 11:30am – Sacristan, L. & V. Lelii

E.M. Home Visits

A1–T. McGann, A2–M. Collis, A3–J. Naab, A4–B. Hudak, A5–D. Fuse

Lectors

4:30pm – A. Caffarini, J. Gressang
 7:30am – K. Luther, C. McNally
 9:30am – M. D’Elia, B. Smith
 11:30am – E. Gallagher, T. Mazzeo

Altar Servers

4:30pm – 2 Volunteers Needed, B. Mazerowski
 7:30am – A. & L. Wertz, A. Kunjachen
 9:30am – M. & N. Cugini
 11:30am – E. Sharp, C. Murphy, N. Barrales

Cantors

4:30pm – Chelsea 7:30am – Joe D.
 9:30am – Ugochi 11:30am – Katie

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, December 13th

Children’s Chime Choir—6 to 6:45pm
 Youth Bell Choir—6:45 to 7:30pm
 Adult Choir—7:30pm

KOC COATS FOR KIDS THANK YOU!

Thanks to Saint Maria Goretti parishioners and others, as we were able to drop-off about 850 coats to the following: Sacred Heart in Pennsboro in South Philadelphia, St. Helena in Olney, Brother House in Norristown and Sacred Heart/Sunday Promise in Kensington. They are grateful for your generosity!

CRS faith. action. results. CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

The sharply worsening conflict in the Central Sahel, the mass displacement it’s caused, and a new global hunger crisis have created a humanitarian catastrophe in Mali, Burkina Faso, and Niger in 2022. It has caused more than 2,000 civilian deaths in the first 8 months of 2022, which is more than all of 2021. As a result, 3 million people have fled from the violence. The Sahel Crisis requires a well-coordinated, rapid, and robust humanitarian response to save lives, reduce suffering, build resiliency, and support social cohesion and peacebuilding.

As outlined in the Humanitarian Response Strategy, CRS and local partners are attempting to address both shocks and longer-term precarity. Layered, sequenced, holistic programs respond to shocks with life-saving rapid assistance where and when it is most needed, while supporting dignified recovery in face of the unknown so families can construct a foundation on which to build a future. Visit www.crs.org to learn more about our plan and to see how you can help!

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$248.73**

BENEFITS ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY

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 **November through December 2022**, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to **St. Vincent dePaul 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!**

PRO-LIFE MARCH

WASHINGTON, D.C.—January 20, 2023



Join Pro-life members from all over the country in the fight to end abortion. **We will leave St. Maria Goretti parking lot at 5:45am** (with a stop for a quick break) to participate at Mass at 10am at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. After mass we will take the Metro to the rally sight.

A rally will begin at noon. The March will begin at 1:00 P.M. The destination is The Capitol, where more speakers will speak out in support of life.

The bus will leave the Shrine parking lot at 4:00 P.M. We will make a stop for a quick meal on the way home.

We suggest you pack any food and drinks you might need for the day. The cost is \$25.00. Drop off payment to the parish office.

 Name(s): _____
 # of seats: _____ Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Parish: _____

PRE-JORDAN CLASS

Pre-Jordan classes are offered the second Wednesday of each month in the Parish Library at 7pm. The next class will be held on **Wednesday, December 14th**. Pre-Jordan is required for parents wishing to have their child baptized and optional for godparents. You must attend Pre-Jordan prior to having your first child baptized. It is not necessary to attend if you have attended a session within the past 3 years. There is no need to register for the class and you are welcome to bring your little one. The class is approximately one hour.



Helping Our Parish Grow

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Thank you to the parishioners of SMG that are able to continue to support the parish. Your generosity makes it possible to continue the wonderful ministries and programs within our parish. We are also able to continue to help those in need through our very generous Saint Vincent DePaul ministry. May God continue to bless all of you for your continued support!

	<u>Sunday, December 4th</u>	
2021	2022	Difference
\$32,134.85	\$27,900.22	(\$ 4,,234.63)

May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!



Registration for 2023-24 at Mater Dei Catholic School
 Believe it or not, Registration for the 2023-24 school year at Mater Dei Catholic will begin on November 17, 2022. For a tour or more information, please contact the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or gsmanns@materdeicatholic.com. When you are ready to register your child, please visit the Admissions page of our website materdeicatholic.com to access the link for a New Registration Packet.




Mater Dei Catholic School Gymnasium

Mater Dei Catholic School has raised \$114,000 thus far for their newly renovated gymnasium. It is absolutely beautiful and will be able to be used very soon by our school children and the parish community. Many of the improvements accomplished are a new gym floor, new retractable basketball nets, renovated ceiling, new sound and lighting equipment, new storage space, and much more! Help us continue to fund these improvements by donating at materdeicatholic.com. We have thousands more to go, but we are counting on alumni of our legacy schools, parishioners, and friends of Mater Dei to help. Please contribute today! Tours of the gym are available upon request by calling Mater Dei's school office at 215-368-0995. Thanks for your support of our school children!

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

Wreaths Across America Ceremony



Please come and join us during this very special time of year to embrace the precious memories of our loved ones and to honor our veterans. Please come and join us for our all-inclusive, remembrance community event on December 17, 2022 at 12 noon— St. John Neumann Cemetery, County Line Rd. Chalfont, Pa. Remembrance Prayer Service by Father Chung and VFW post 3258

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LOTTERY CALENDAR SALE

December 17 & 18, 2022



The Knights of Columbus, Pius IX Council 4396 is once again offering its Annual Lottery Calendars for sale. \$15 per calendar number lets you play all year! Great holiday gift for those hard to buy for people on your list. Knights will be selling these after the masses on December 17th and 18th, or Visit KofC4396.org to learn more about this and other Knights of Columbus activities.

KOC FREE THROW COMPETITION

January 11th, 2023



The Knights of Columbus, Pius IX Council 4396 is hosting the 2023 Basketball Free Throw competition on Wednesday, January 11th starting at 6:30 PM in the St. Maria Goretti – Drexel Hall Gym. This is open to all boys and girls ages 9 through 14 (Please bring a photocopy of birth certificate to leave with registration). Free to compete! Visit KofC4396.org to learn more about this and other Knights of Columbus activities.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Blood Help Save Lives

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 from 2pm to 7pm

To schedule an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: St. Maria Goretti

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



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