

Saint Maria Goretti Parish

Hatfield, PA

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LOVE



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!

SAVE THE DATES FOR DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Tonight, 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 fosters parish family togetherness. Thank you!

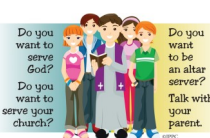
CAMINO de SANTIAGO PILGRIMAGE

Thank you very much for all the prayers, love, and support you gave us while we were away! God greatly blessed us in being able to complete our recent pilgrimage in Spain. We walked for 41 days, on average 15 miles per day, from Seville to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where St. James’ remains are. Your intentions were prayed for and physically and spiritually carried the entire 625 mile journey. They were brought to many churches along the way and to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela to the crypt of St. James, the first Apostle to be martyred. We are all pilgrims journeying each day, and we thank you for being such an important part of our pilgrimage! If you are interested in learning more about the Camino de Santiago or know someone else who is, please don’t ever hesitate to reach out to us.

May God bless you all!
Cindy & Matt Shepardson
(719) 482-6645 cell
cmshepfam@gmail.com



ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS ~ HELP NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES



We need your help serving at Christmas Eve and Christmas morning Masses. The Mass schedule is Christmas Eve at 4pm, 7pm and 9pm. Christmas morning at 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am. If you are able to help please stop in the ministry room at the parish center to sign up. You may also call Cheryl Ryan at the parish center at 215-721-0199. Thanks for any help you can provide.

There will not be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday, December 26th. Merry Christmas!

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!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- 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
- MON., Dec. 19** 8:30 A.M. Jean Richard Brook
Req. by Carollyn & John Heary
- TUES., Dec. 20** 8:30 A.M. Harry Gear
Req. by Kathleen Gear
- WED., Dec. 21** 8:30 A.M. Jean-Paul LeBrocq
Req. by The LeBrocq Family
- THURS., Dec. 22** 8:30 A.M. Jeff Keffer
Req. by Sally & Charlie Keffer
- FRI., Dec. 23** 8:30 A.M. Marie & John McKinn
Req. by Sally & Charlie Keffer
- SAT., Dec. 24** 4:00 P.M. The Hotte Family
Req. by Louise Hotte
7:00 P.M. Helen Nebrotski & Karen Yozallinas
Req. by The Family
9:00 P.M. Suzanne McCorry
Req. by Kevin & Mary McCorry
- SUN., Dec. 25** 7:30 A.M. Leonard & Caroline Karas
Req. by Ted & Dot Zamorski
9:30 A.M. Jack McGann
Req. by The McGann Family
11:30 A.M. Gemma & Luigi Rosmini
Req. by The Cavacini Family

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit for **The Butera Family** requested by The Family.



BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week is lit in celebration of the **80th birthday of Carol E. Heter** requested by Ruth Ann & Mark Petrosky

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: 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 of 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 activities! 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 .

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

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

PIZZA & SALAD FOR LENT FUNDRAISER

February 11th & 12th, 2022 after all Masses



CONNECTED!

For Middle School Teens and High School Leaders

Tuesdays March 7th - April 4th, 2022

Go to www.stmariagoretti.net for a registration form.



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

RIDE TO CHURCH NEEDED FOR AN ELDERLY PARISHIONER

A ride to church is needed by Janet LaFarciola (86), from the Hatfield area. She would be grateful for a ride to any Mass including daily Masses whenever you can help. If you are interested in lending a hand please call Janet directly at 215 260-8871. Thank you for your consideration.

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th

E.M. of Holy Communion

4pm – Sacristan, D. Blanche, P. Walsh
 7pm—**Sacristan**, M.K. Ramsey, B. Smith
 9pm—**Sacristan**, M. & M. D'Elia
 7:30am – Sacristan, D. Johnson, J. O'Brien
 9:30am – Sacristan, **Volunteers Needed**
 11:30am – Sacristan, P. O'Hara, C. Zuluaga

Lectors

4pm – M.J. Vondercrone, F. Filler
 7pm— **Volunteer Needed**, M. Hilsey
 9pm— F. Stumpo, R. Miller
 7:30am – **Volunteer Needed**, R. Whitley
 9:30am – R. & N. Boak
 11:30am – J. MacFarland, B. Malley

Altar Servers

4pm – N. & J. Boell, **Volunteers Needed**
 7pm—I. & F. Sirianni, J. Kudak
 9pm— D. Engle, R. Hernandez, A. Boyle
 7:30am – L. & A. Wertz, **Volunteer Needed**
 9:30am – O. Watters, **Volunteers Needed**
 11:30am – **Volunteers Needed**

Cantors

4pm – Isabella 7pm—Andrew
 9pm— Janna
 7:30am – Michele 9:30am – Donna
 11:30am – Katie

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, Dec. 20th
 Youth Bell Choir—6:45 to 7:30pm
 Adult Choir—7:30pm

Music Ministry for Christmas:

Saturday, December 24

4pm – Youth Bell Choir & Instrumental Ensemble

Sunday, December 25

9:30am—Adult Choir

CALLING ALL PARISH CHILDREN
A new session of Children's Music Ministry is beginning in January! Please consider singing for the Lord!

Session 2—Children's Singing Choir—Grades 1 through 7
 January Rehearsals 6 to 6:45pm on the 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st in church.
 Sing at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, February 5th. Please arrive at 8:45am.

Session 3—Children's Chime Choir—Grades 2 through 7
 February Rehearsals 6 to 6:45pm on the 14th, 21st and 28th in church.
 March rehearsals from 6 to 6:45pm on the 7th, 14th and 21st in church.
 Play Chimes on March 26th at the 9:30am Mass on March 26th. Please arrive at 8:45am.

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$662.51**

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!**



St. Mary's
 Franciscan Shelter
 For Homeless Families

THANK YOU FROM SAINT MARY'S SHELTER

Dear SMG Parishioners,

We are so grateful for the donation of \$4,933.35 from your parish. We appreciate that St. Mary's was designated the recipient of the Poor Box donations. We are grateful for your thoughtfulness and are touched by the parish's generosity.

St. Mary's mission is to create a safe, peaceful community for homeless families, while supporting their journey towards housing stability. We can provide food, shelter, case management and resources to more than 30 families each year because of the generosity of others. Without people like you our mission would not be possible. We are one of two family shelters in Chester County and the need is growing rapidly. Currently, in those families experiencing homelessness, 46% of the children are under the age of six. This is a terribly sad statistic.

Currently we have a total of 7 families at St. Mary's, including 11 children. The children are eagerly awaiting Santa's arrival on Christmas morning and thanks to other generous people like you, we have gifts coming in for everyone.

As this Christmas season is now upon us, we offer our heartfelt greetings of peace and love to the parishioners of SMG. Thank you again.

Gratefully,
 Deidre Wood

SMG GOLF OUTING REVIVAL



Father Chung would like to form a committee to plan an annual golf outing for SMG parish. Fred Cicacci ran the golf outing for many years but stepped down before the pandemic. Thanks, Fred, for so many years of dedication to organizing such a great event. We feel now is the time to bring it back. With so many golfers in the parish, it would make a great community-building event. If this is something you would be interested in helping out with, please let Father Chung know by stopping him after Mass, calling the parish office or via e-mail at fr.chung@stmariagoretti.net. Many hands make light work. Please prayerfully consider joining the team.



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 11th</u>	
2021	2022	Difference
\$26,030.03	\$28,595.47	\$ 2,565.44

May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Communities are so full of strength, even during difficult times. In Liberia, Ma-Korto Clarke had a business selling charcoal until a flash flood wiped out her entire inventory. While she's working hard to start up again, cash from CRS allows her to feed her family. Visit www.crs.org to find out more information and to see how you can help!

"My grandchildren have food to eat for now while I look for ways to rebuild my business." Ma-Korto Clarke, Liberia

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
LOTTERY CALENDAR SALE**



This weekend...get your last minute Christmas gifts!

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! It's a 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.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Blood Helps 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.



Mater Dei Students Remember
Our Community this Advent



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!

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.



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