

Saint Maria Goretti Parish

Hatfield, PA

www.stmariagoretti.net


CHRISTMAS

BEGINS WITH

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Dear SMG Family, Friends and Guests,
 Wishing you a very blessed Christmas and the joy of this season throughout
 the New Year! May God bless you and your families.
 Sincerely,
 Father Chung, Deacon Phuong, Deacon Steve
 and the Parish Staff



ALTAR FLOWERS
 The flowers on the altar for Christmas are
 donated in loving memory of
Dr. Thomas J. Hipp, MD
 requested by Lynne and The Hipp Family.
 Anyone interested in donating flowers
 on the Altar in memory of a loved one,
 celebration of a special anniversary
 or birthday...Please call the parish
 office to reserve your special date.

**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 ex-
 citing 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 Jour-
 ney 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, Myko-
 nos, Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Kavala, Philip-
 pi, Meteora and more!

New Year's Schedule
Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God
Mass Schedule
 Saturday, December 31st at 4:30pm
 Sunday, January 1st at 7:30am,
 9:30am, 11:30am &
 2:30pm Vietnamese Mass



RCIA SPONSORSHIP



St. Maria Goretti is pleased to have a terrific
 group currently participating in our RCIA pro-
 gram. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
 (RCIA) provides teaching and small group dis-
 cussion for those who want to grow in their re-
 lationship 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, sac-
 raments 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!




**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
 INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE**
 In case of inclement weather, please contact Nan-
 cy Boak to confirm whether Adoration will take
 place. If Souderton or North Penn School District
 is closed or on a delayed opening due to weather,
 there will **NOT** be Eucharistic Adoration. Thank
 you to all of our Adorers!




MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- 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
- MON., Dec. 26** 8:30 A.M. John Schickling
Req. by Sally & Charlie Keffer
- TUES., Dec. 27** 8:30 A.M. Frank Phillipeck
Req. by The Patterson Family
- WED., Dec. 28** 8:30 A.M. Antonino Lombardo
Req. by The Family
- THURS., Dec. 29** 8:30 A.M. Therese Ickinger
Req. by Edie Hardnock
- FRI., Dec. 30** 8:30 A.M. Raymond Miller
Req. by Tom & Rita Miller
- SAT., Dec. 31** 8:30 A.M. Carol Venezia
Req. by The Martin Family
4:30 P.M. The Borusiewicz Family
Req. by The Family
- SUN., Jan. 1** 7:30 A.M. George Brown
Req. by Bill & Judy O'Brien
9:30AM Sabine Parker & Rose Hoermann
Req. by The Girard Family
11:30AM Sabine Parker & Rose Hoermann
Req. by Gwen, Tom and Kerri Diamond

SANCTUARY LIGHT
The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit for **the Frank Menta** requested by Linda & Joseph Benischeck.




BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL
The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week is lit for the **Luigi & Gemma Rosmini** requested by The Family



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

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.



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.

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: _____

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

AFF FUNDRAISER 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 .



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, February 15, March 15, 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!**

BIG PEOPLE CHURCH SCHOOL

Weekly Adult Faith Formation

The program is suspended for the holidays and will resume on
Thursday, January 12, 2023 in the IHM Room of the Parish
Center from 7 to 8:30pm.

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

**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**



OUR PARISH HAS A FACE

If you have a **Facebook** account, please check out our Facebook page at Saint Maria Goretti Catholic Church Hatfield for prayers and devotions, inspirational quotes of the saints, and the latest news and announcements from our parish and archdiocese. Look in the mirror, its face is you! Connect with us to be informed about...

- ◆ Emergency situations that may arise on campus
- ◆ Cancellation of events and programs due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances
- ◆ The latest news and announcements from our parish and archdiocese
- ◆ Upcoming events
- ◆ The Liturgical Calendar
- ◆ Saints, Solemnities, and Special Feasts

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, JANUARY 1st

E.M. of Holy Communion

4:30pm – Sacristan, B. Wynne, S. Sabia
 7:30am – Sacristan, J. O'Brien, D. Fuse
 9:30am – Sacristan, **Volunteer Needed**, P. Walsh
 11:30am – Sacristan, L. & V. Lelii

E.M. Home Visits

A1–,C. Kirkwood A2-J. Gressang, A3-J. McNally,
 A4-T. McGann, A5–**Volunteer Needed**

Lectors

4:30pm – M. Mays, B. Healy
 7:30am – D. Grant, B. Braun
 9:30am – M. D'Elia, C. Friel
 11:30am – C. Amuso, P. Shelly

Altar Servers

4:30pm – G. Sabia, I. & F. Sirianni
 7:30am – A. & T. Baran, D. Engle
 9:30am – J. & M. Barical, N. Barrales
 11:30am – A. Kunjachen, C. Murphy, O. Watters

Cantors

4:30pm – Chelsea 7:30am – Bruce
 9:30am – Michele 11:30am – Janna

MUSIC NOTES



No Rehearsals for Tuesday, December 27th
 No Music Ministry for Next Weekend

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:

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!**



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 at 215-721-0199 or via e-mail at fr.chung@stmariagoretti.net. We will meet to begin the planning in January. Many hands make light work. Please prayerfully consider joining the team.

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 or cmshepfam@gmail.com



Visit the parish website today to find out how the consistency of signing up for Parish Giving™ helps our community prosper.



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!

Sunday, December 18th is not available in time for publication

May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!

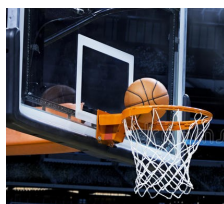
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—AMERICAN LEGION—ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS SPAGHETTI DINNER IS BACK!



On Saturday, January 14th, 2023 from 5 PM to 9 PM, at Drexel Hall located at St. Maria Goretti Parish, the American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Knights of Columbus Pius IX 4396 Council will be hosting a Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner fundraiser. Dinner is all you can eat and includes salad, desert and non-alcoholic beverage. Fixed Price donation of \$10 for adults and kids 6 and up, Children 5 and under are FREE. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit Code Blue, Manna on Main Street and Coats for Kids. Pre-Register with Rich Mazur (rsomebunny@gmail.com or 215-939-2418) or see www.kofc4396.org for a reservation flier. You can also always visit www.kofc4396.org for more details of this and other Knights of Columbus events.

**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.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the students and staff of Mater Dei Catholic School. Our school family will remember our parish families in prayer during the 2023 school year! Blessings this Christmas Season!



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 gsamanns@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!

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.