

Saint Maria Goretti Parish

Hatfield, PA

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PEACE



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!



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Dec. 8th Holyday of Obligation

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 7th at 7pm

Thursday, December 8th at
7am, 8:30am, 12 noon and
7pm Vietnamese Mass



REGISTRATION SUNDAY

Registration Sunday will take place **Sunday, 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. 4** 7:30 A.M. Bernie Phillipeck
Req. by Pat Patterson
9:30 AM Christine & Anthony Dieckhaus
Req. by Betty & Jerry Dieckhaus
11:30 A.M. The McCrane Family
Req. by The Family
- MON., Dec. 5** 8:30 A.M. Sean Flynn
Req. by The Family
- TUES., Dec. 6** 8:30 A.M. Michelle Hoffman
Req. by The Hoffman Family
- WED., Dec. 7** 8:30 A.M. Pauline Cashimere
Req. by Rita Jones
7:00 P.M. The Ryzewski Family
Req. by Joe Rydzewski
- THURS., Dec. 8** 7:00 A.M. Alfred Rotelle
Req. by The Family
8:30 A.M. Nancy & Joe Hoyle
Req. by Sheila Maialetti
12 noon Stephanie Donahue
Req. by The McKenna Family
7:00 P.M. Vietnamese Mass
- FRI., Dec. 9** 8:30 A.M. The Sweeney Family
Req. by Edd & Sally Murphy
- SAT., Dec. 10** 8:30 A.M. Manuel Malgapo, Jr.
Req. by Corazon Malgapo
4:30 P.M. Intentions of the Tenaglia
Family
Req. by The McGann Family
- 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

SANCTUARY LIGHT

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



BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week is lit in celebration of the 90th Birthday of **Bernadette Trotter** requested by Kathy & Ken Fisher

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, 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, Sadie & 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!

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR

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.

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](#)



Senior Luncheon

CLUB 50+ LUNCHEON

The luncheon is held in the IHM Room at 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.

November 30

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Mass, short teaching on
Mass Confusion!

November, 2022 through March, 2023
After 8:30 AM Mass in the IHM Room

Save these dates: **January 6th, February 3rd & March 3rd**

Gertrude the Great – “For each Mass we hear with devotion, Our Lord sends a saint to comfort us at death.” “Each time we look at The Most Blessed Sacrament our place in heaven is raised forever”

Padre Pio – “Every holy Mass, heard with devotion, produces in our souls marvelous effects, abundant spiritual and material graces which we, ourselves, do not know.”

John Vianney – “If we knew the value of the Mass, we would die for joy.

No registration is necessary ~ Free Will Donations are Appreciated!

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



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:

December 7, 2022 - Season 2 (3&4)

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

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

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM – IHM Room

Watch at home 2 shows per month and come discuss what YOU saw! Watch in mobile app: www.thechosen.tv/app, you can stream to your TV using another device, such as Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV, Android TV, Chromecast, etc. Free on YouTube and AMAZON Prime TV.

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

Luminary Fundraiser after all Masses

December 10th & 11th
Sign up to help!

Luminary Placement and Cleanup
December 24th & 26th



TEEN SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

St. Vincent dePaul Truck Day
November 19, 2022
Contact Edie at 215-855-4919



GINGERBREAD HOUSE FAMILY SERVICE PROJECT

December 13 & 14—SAVE THE DATES!

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

SISTERS IN SPIRIT

Sisters in Spirit are so grateful and would like to thank everyone for their generosity in this fundraiser initiative of new socks and underwear for those less fortunate.



MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th

E.M. of Holy Communion

4:30pm – Sacristan, S. Lyman, D. Blanche

7:30am – Sacristan, R. & R. Mazur

9:30am – Sacristan, D. Misczak, M. Maluska

11:30am – Sacristan, P. O'Hara, T. McBride

E.M. Home Visits

B1-J. McNally, B2-S. Steklenski, B3-D. Grant,

B4-J. Gressang, B5-M. D'Elia

Lectors

4:30pm – M. O'Pella, B. Braun

7:30am – *Volunteer Needed*, R. Jones

9:30am – F. Stumpo, R. Miller

11:30am – M. Faymore, J. Naab

Altar Servers

4:30pm – R. Hernandez, A. Boyle, J. Kuduk

7:30am – N. Barrales, A. DeSiro, A. Kunjachen

9:30am – B. Brennan, *2 Volunteers Needed*

11:30am – T. McGann, O. Watters, *Volunteer Needed*

Cantors

4:30pm – Andrew 7:30am – Joe B.

9:30am – Katie 11:30am – Jenna

MUSIC NOTES

Rehearsals for Tuesday,

Children's Chime Choir—6 to 6:45pm

Youth Bell Choir—6:45 to 7:30pm

Guitar Ensemble —7:30pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Sunday,

9:30am & 11:30am – Guitar Ensemble

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: _____

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was not available in time for publication.

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!**



SVDP MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul at St. Maria Goretti Parish will collect groceries for local charities next weekend, December 10-11. Please take a bag from the Church vestibule and return it next weekend with groceries for one of the charities listed below.

Manna on Main Street operates a soup kitchen and food pantry that last year served nearly forty thousand meals. It needs bottled water, canned fruit in juice (not light or heavy syrup), granola bars; breakfast bars, white rice, brown rice; instant rice, dish soap, laundry detergent; body wash, shampoo, whole grain pasta; honey, apple sauce, low-sugar cereal (Cheerios, Chex, etc.); cooking oil, baking powder, baking soda; shelf-stable liquid milk, powdered milk, dried fruit (raisins, apples, dates, etc.); trash bags, plastic food wrap, aluminum foil; paper towels, toilet paper, soap; gluten free/nut-free/low-sodium foods, condiments (mayonnaise, ketchup), coffee; napkins, and tissues.

Keystone Opportunity Center serves more than 250 households that are dealing with food insecurity. It needs cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix (complete); pancake syrup, canned meals (Spaghetti-Os with meatballs, Beefaroni, ravioli); baked beans; canned meats (tuna, chicken, ham, salmon), spaghetti sauce, canned fruit in juice; condiments (ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard), cooking oil, sugar (one- and five-pound bags); laundry soap, paper towels, toilet paper; gluten-free, sugar-free, and low-sodium foods.

Lamb Foundation provides affordable housing and support services to senior citizens and adults with mental, physical, and developmental difficulties. It needs condiments, coffee, sugar; tea, soup, canned vegetables; canned meat, canned fish, large-sized adult Depends; paper products, and laundry products.

The Society cannot distribute opened packages, expired items, perishables, or religious articles. Cans and plastic containers are preferable to glass.

Please consider helping sort groceries on the second Sunday of every month. We start after 9:30 Mass and finish around 11:30. You'd be performing a corporal work of mercy. To volunteer, call Donald Baldino at (267) 625-8642.



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!

Sunday, November 27th

2021	2022	Difference
\$24,202.92	\$24,685.50	\$ 482.58

May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!



Mater Dei Catholic's Sixth Graders honored our Veterans and led our Mater Dei students in prayer on November 10, 2022 at St. Stanislaus Church. It was a beautiful way to pay tribute to these special men and women!

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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



The global food crisis is getting worse, and communities across the world are experiencing life-threatening levels of hunger and malnutrition on an unprecedented scale. The Global Food Security Reauthorization Act helps small-scale farmers access tools and training to produce more food, improves nutrition and reduces poverty. This hunger-fighting legislation could be passed by the end of the year as an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act.



Purchase SCRIP
for all your Christmas
shopping needs!