

Saint Maria Goretti Parish 1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

Phone: 215-721-0199 PREP Phone: 215-721-6559 Fax: 215-721-4320 Web Site: www.stmariagoretti.net

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, & 11:30 am

Vietnamese Mass: 2:30 pm

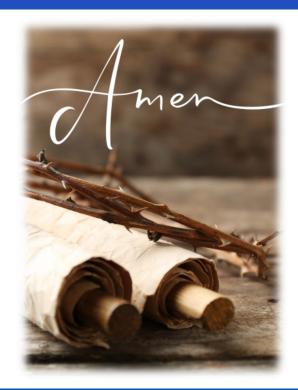
Weekdays & Saturday Mass: 8:30 am Holy Days: Vigil 7:00pm, 7:00am, 8:30am

& 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.



PARISH STAFF

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 & Assist. 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

Elder Care Assistance Program: Amy Juarez

Business Manager: Douglas Smith

DEVOTIONS:

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

Saint Maria Goretti: 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. Please call the parish office to register for Pre-Jordan. Baptisms are limited to four children per Sunday. Letters of eligibility are due at the Parish Center before a date can be given for Baptism.

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.

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RECONCILIATIONSaturdays 3pm - 4pm or any time upon request. Call the



REGISTRATION SUNDAY

Registration Sunday will take place on Sunday, **February 12th.** 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.



ASH WEDNESDAY— February 22nd

The beginning of Lent is right around the corner, Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. Please join us for Mass and distribution of ashes at 7am, 8:30am, 12 noon and 7pm Vietnamese Mass. Also, for

your convenience there will be two daily Masses held during Lent in the main church at 7am and 8:30am Monday through Friday.

MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS



In preparation for the joy of the Easter season, please join our parish each Friday night during Lent for Stations of the Cross at 7pm in the church.

<u>The Hispanic Movement of Parochial Retreats John XXIII</u> will be Praying the Stations of the Cross devotion every **Tuesday at 7:00pm** during Lent.

<u>Our Respect Life Ministry</u> will pray the Pro-Life Stations of the Cross during the six weeks of Lent. Stations of the Cross will start after the 8:30am Mass on Ash Wednesday and continue after the 8:30am Mass for the following five Wednesdays .The Pro-Life Stations will be prayed after Mass on the Blessed Mother side of the church. All are welcome to join us!





EUCHARISTIC ADORATION INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE

In case of inclement weather, please contact Nancy 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!

LITTLE LAMBS MOTHERS' GROUP



Are you a mom looking to build authentic, Christ-centered friendships for both yourself and your little ones? Each week, Little Lambs Mothers' Group offers a simple, faith-based preschool lesson, a time of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and playtime with hot coffee and conversation.

We meet each Wednesday from September to May for 8:30am Mass (for those who are able) and then begin the lesson at 9:30am in the IHM Room of the Parish Center. Our activities are focused on preschool-aged children, but all ages are welcome. Please reach out to us at littlelambs.smg@gmail.com with any questions or for more information. We look forward to praying and playing with you!

THE HATFIELD COMMUNITY ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERIES IS BACK!



Our Ecumenical Lenten Series this year focuses on the "I AM" statements in the Gospel of John for the sake of intentional reflection on and proclamation of God becoming flesh. The Gospel of John reminds us — which, during Lent, is an especially important thing to remember — that to believe in Jesus is to hold the fullness of Jesus' humanity and Jesus' divinity together. This Lenten series helps us imagine that what Jesus puts after "I AM"

in the Gospel of John shapes our reality.

<u>March 1st</u> Father Chung will preach at Grace Lutheran Church

<u>March 8th</u> Reverend Robert Tufton will preach at Heidelberg United Church of Christ

March 15th Rev. Marianne Unger will preach at Saint Maria
Goretti Church

March 22nd Rev. Nancy Raabe will preach at Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational Church

<u>March 29th</u> Rev. Glenn Lambert will preach at Hatfield Church of the Brethren

PARISH TRIP TO GREECE October 17 to 27, 2023 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 Acroplis, Mars Hill, 3-Night Cruise, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Kavala, Philippi, Meteora and more! For more information contact Father Chung at fr.chung@stmariagoretti.net or call the parish center at 215-721-0199.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN., Feb. 12
7:30 A.M. William Santulli
Req. by SMG PREP Staff
9:30 A.M. Fran & John Casinelli
Req. by David & Maria Richardson
11:30 A.M. Geraldine Roth
Req. by Her Children

MON., Feb. 13 8:30 A.M. Antonino Lombardo Reg. by The Family

TUES., Feb. 14 8:30 A.M. Richard & Helen Stengel Req. by Patty & Tom Nazarek

WED., Feb. 15 8:30 A.M. Trish Lavelle Req. by Mary Faymore & Family

THURS., Feb. 16 8:30 A.M. Rebecca K. Vondercrone Req. by Deacon Steve & Mary Jo Vondercrone

FRI., Feb. 17 8:30 A.M. Restito Hernandez Req. by Rhabi, Rolly & Rhylie

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SAT., Feb. 18
8:30 A.M. Licia Butera
Req. by The Butera Family
4:30 P.M. Alfred Rotelle
Reg. by Marilyn Noll

SUN., Feb. 19 7:30 A.M. Felix Molettiere Reg. by Bob & Deb Garges

9:30 A.M. Helen & Carmine Vernachio

Req. by Carman Vernachio & Family 11:30 A.M. Dolores & Joseph S. Yemola Req. by Joe & Gemma Assicurato

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit for *Frank Menta*



requested by Linda & Joseph Benischeck.

BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL The Blessed Mother vigil light for this wee



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 made 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.

PRAY for the SICK

Please pray for the sick & those that care for them

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND the following people who at this time need your prayers and support: Carol Algrogge, Lori Aiello, Baby David, Suki Borowski, Edward Buchinski, James Caprioli, Debbie Cassel, Bob Daum, Ted DeMarino, Frank DeVito, Joseph DeVito, Joe Direnzi, Carol Eells, Ted Fernes, 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, 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, Caroline Niesley, Heather Parsons, Marianne Peters, Michael Rafter, Alice Rau, Joanne Reube, Antonio & Veanessa Rivera, Linda Santana, Rose Santulli, Mike Scienaro, Debbie Zuech -Smyrl, Judy Stangl, Gary, Lia & Sadie Stark, 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.

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CATECHISIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS)

Level One Adult Formation

St. Maria Goretti is very happy to host this training opportunity.

The course provides a spiritual formation experience for adults as well as instruction in this method of catechesis for children ages 3 to 6. It is the foundation for all three levels of the Cat-

echesis of the Good Shepherd. The course begins Summer 2023, June 19-25, and completes in 2024.

For additional information and registration please contact Dottie Blanche at 215-290-1175 or dotbern@verizon.net .

On-line registration may be done using the QR ode.



LOST & FOUND ITEMS

Have you been wondering where you left that favorite scarf, gloves, reading glasses... If you think you have left any items in church over the past year, please stop by the table in the narthex to claim them on the weekend of *February 18 and 19*. After that all items that have not been picked up will be donated. Thank you!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

SATURDAYS 2/11/23 THROUGH 3/11/23 IHM ROOM IN THE PARISH CENTER AFTER 8:30 AM **MASS**

Senior Luncheon

Sign up today!

Cost of \$15.00 includes a workbook - sponsorship available where needed. Registration forms are in the narthex and on the parish website. For more information contact: Susan Gallen at suegallen79@verizon.net or 215-370-6824.

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. February 15, March 15, April 26, 2023



The CHOSEN—SEASON 2

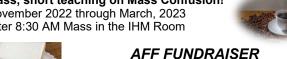
Come one and all! Come and see what they saw!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION WINE & CHEESE DISCUSSION GROUP

Watch episodes prior to attending March 1, 2023 - Season 2 (7&8) 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM - IHM Room

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Mass, short teaching on Mass Confusion! November 2022 through March, 2023 After 8:30 AM Mass in the IHM Room





FAMOUS STOCK'S POUND CAKE PICK -UP

Pick-Up following the Masses on February 11th and 12th. Thank you for your support!

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

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



We frequently tell stories from our programs, but now it's time to let you hear from some of our pronow it's time to let you liear from come some gram participants in their own words. This week we're spotlighting people from Cameroon. First up

is Elise WAIGUAY, a member of our community microfinance group. Visit www.crs.org for more information!

"Before, whenever I had any profit, I would just spend and waste the money. Now I have a place to keep it safe and no pressure to use it. And when I need a loan to buy ingredients for my business, I have access to credit. Buying in bulk saves me money and increases my profit." ~ Elise WAIGUAY, Cameroon

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-charismaticprayer-meeting/

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

Youth Ministry

PIZZA & SALAD FOR LENT FUNDRAISER





February 11th & 12th, 2023 after all Masses PIZZA and SALAD FOR LENT FUNDRAISER \$15.00 each for a large plain pizza or 2 salads A GREAT DEAL! SAVE \$\$ Also available at the Parish Center.

CONNECTED! Register Now!

For Middle School Teens and High School Leaders Tuesdays -March 7th to April 4th, 2023 Registration forms are online and in the narthex



Children's Youth Ministry A Walk Through Holy Week

March 29, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the church narthex.

Teen Leaders Needed! Registration on- line and in the narthex.

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

BIG PEOPLE CHURCH SCHOOL

Thursdays in Lent 7-8:30 SMG Basement

ENTER INTO THE MYSTERIES AND REDISCOVER THE POWER OF THE ROSARY

An authentic encounter with Christ leads to our transformation and sanctification. Mysteries of the Rosary integrates deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories.

Rediscover the Power

Seven Powerful Episodes The Crowning of Thorns The Carrying of the Cross The Agony in the Garden The Crucifixtion of Our Lord The Scourging at the Pillar The Pathway to Paradise

Email: Bigpeoplechurchschool@gmail.com

Call: Bill Wynne 267-471-7758

Substack: bigpeoplechurchschool.substack.com



MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19th

E.M. of Holy Communion

4:30pm – Sacristan, S. & K. Clapper
7:30am – Sacristan, B. Pollock, B. Braun
9:30am – Sacristan, M. Rosenberger, M. Reynolds
11:30am – Sacristan, C. Zuluaga, J. O'Brien

E.M. Home Visits

B1-Volunteer Needed, B2-J. McNally, B3-P. Walsh, B4-Volunteer Needed, B5-D. Johnson

Lectors

4:30pm – A. Caffarini, R. Jones 7:30am – B. Hudak, D. Grant 9:30am – R. Thawley, R. Miller 11:30am – B. Smith, M. J. Vondercrone

Altar Servers

4:30pm – B. Mazeroski, *Volunteer Needed*, N. Barrales 7:30am – A. & T. Baran, A. Kunjachen 9:30am – M. & N. Cugini, D. Engle 11:30am – J. Kuduk, A. DeSiro, C. Murphy

Cantors

4:30pm – Joe V. 7:30am – Michele 9:30am – Janna 11:30am – Ugochi

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: \$293.88

BENEFITS GUIDING STAR MINISTRIES

Before leaving our church building each weekend, please consider stopping by one of our poor boxes, located in the narthex, with your contributions. For the months of *January and February 2023*, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to *Guiding Star Ministries*. This organization provides shelter and assistance to pregnant women and their children. The staff and residents of Guiding Star Ministries work together to provide a welcoming community. Residents receive practical and material assistance as well as spiritual and emotional support empowering them to make a better life for themselves and their children. *If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!*

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, February 14th

Children's Chime Choir—6 to 6:45pm Adult Bell Choir—6:45 to 7:30pm Adult Choir—7:30 to 8:45pm

No Music Ministry for Sunday, February 19th

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDNARY TIME ~ Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



From a grade school playground to the graduate seminar to the corporate boardroom we know there are rules to follow. Not always appealing but necessary. Otherwise there is chaos small and large. It takes a certain maturity to decode the logic inherent in those rules, and then the admission that they must be obeyed even if we don't like it. It takes a good dose of maturity and wisdom to realize that compliance with the rules is the only way to be fully human, cooperative with others, making for a civil society. However, once you and I accept Jesus as the only genuine Way, Truth and Life, we consequently can build a faith-based society. It's that simple.

Early on in His ministry, Jesus told His disciples that He had not come to destroy the Law that they knew so well, but to fulfill it. The gospel passage we hear today shows us what that fulfillment looks like. From the basic command "Do not kill," meaning bodily death, comes the much more expansive meaning of the term to include the "murder" of a per-

son's good reputation; or the "killing" of a person's self-esteem by using slander and insult against them. Another clear development, or "fulfillment" is the case of literal adultery expanded to mental adultery found in lust.

I find Our Lord's interesting instruction added at the end of this weekend's passage: "Let your 'yes' be yes and your 'no' meaning 'no'." We are so inundated these days by public figures whose speech is deceitful so often. Their words are so often prone to equivocation, that is, using ambiguity to mislead or hedge the truth.

In light of today's Gospel selection, I believe it would be fair to ask: "Did Jesus know that what He was asking of His hearers would be difficult to obey? That it would be tantamount to heroism to live His way in 2023?" Surely He did then and certainly now. That's the cost of discipleship.

I might confidently add that while the price is high nowadays, so it really was the same back then. But, as experience proves, the inner peace that observance brings is priceless. Just ask any of the saints.

There was once a popular expression among seminarians of my time that went like this: "Keep the rule and the rule will keep you." I hesitate to admit that often it was said with a dash of cynicism. But objectively speaking, the slogan is no less than salvific. What do you think?

God love you and give you His peace.



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Our Respect Life Ministry will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, February 21st from 6:30pm to 8pm in the parish center conference room. A number of topics will be discussed. Included in our topics will be updated information on our local pharmacies carrying the abortion pill and action needed by our parish. All are encouraged and welcome to join in ideas and discussions. For more information please contact Bob McCormick at bobmcc52@gmail.com or 215-362-1247.



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, February 5th

2022 \$26.336.01

2023 \$27,709.90

Difference \$ 1.373.89

May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL CRAB CAKE SALE



CRAB CAKES – On Sale Now – stock up for lent! Knights of Columbus Pius IX council annual Crab Cake Sale featuring Capt'n Chucky's famous Smith Island Crab Cakes, Maryland Crab Soup, Crab Critter Appetizers

and More! Your orders must be placed and received no later than MONDAY, February 20th. Orders must be picked up on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm at the MATER DEI SCHOOL GYM (St. Stanislaus Church School, Lansdale, PA). Visit www.kofc4396.org to download an order form and contact AI Perry: (215) 822-0683 or Chuck McNevin: (215) 622-1773 for more information. You can also always visit www.kofc4396.org for more details of this and other Knights of Columbus events

15th ANNUAL MAN UP PHILLY Men's Spirituality Conference

The men of our parish are invited to join CathoPHILLY lic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the
15th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference
on March 4th at Cardinal O'Hara HS. Speakers include Timothy Cardinal Dolan, acclaimed speaker, author, and Archbishop of New York City, Jim Wahlberg, writer and producer of
Mother Teresa - No Greater Love, Deacon James Mahoney,
instructor at St Charles Seminary. Mark Houck, pro-life champion, will offer our reconciliation talk. And back by popular
demand, Mark Forrest, internationally recognized Irish tenor,
who will lead our Eucharistic Adoration. The Sacrament of
Reconciliation will be available, and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by our archbishop Most Reverend
Archbishop Nelson Perez. For more information and to
register go to the website: www.manupphilly.com



Open House at Mater Dei Catholic School's Lansdale Campus

Mater Dei's next Lansdale campus Open House for the 2023-24 school year will take place on Thurs-



day, February 16, 2023 from 5:30 to 7:00

PM. Tours will be given for families with children entering Preschool, Kindergarten, and Grades 1 through 8. Registration information will be available for those grades that do not have a waiting list. All are welcome! Please RSVP to Grace Samanns at 215-368-9787 or gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com

Mater Dei's Hatfield Campus

Did you know that we have a Mater Dei Catholic campus in Hatfield on the grounds of St. Maria Goretti Parish? We have Preschool classrooms for three and four year olds and are currently taking registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Please contact Grace Samanns at 215-368-9787 or gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com for more information and to arrange a tour of the campus.



What a Fun Catholic Schools Week Celebrating Catholic Education at Mater Dei!

Activities included MD Games, Donuts with Dad, Muffins with Mom, Faculty vs. 8th Grade Volleyball Game, Prayer Partner Activities, Religion Bee, Around the World Feast, Canned Goods Drive, and Opposite Day!

Registration for 2023-24 at Mater Dei Catholic School

Registration for the 2023-24 school year at Mater Dei Catholic is in full swing and Preschool through Grade 8 availability is filling up quickly! 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 Gym We have raised \$141,062 thus far for their newly renovated gymnasium. 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 215-368-0995. Thanks for your support of our school children!