



Saint Maria Goretti Parish

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday at 12:45 pm (except the first Sunday). Please call the Parish Office to set up an appointment to meet with a priest or deacon to complete the necessary paperwork. Pre-Jordan classes required for parents and optional for godparents, they are offered the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted in the bulletin. Letters of eligibility are due at the Parish Center before a date can be given for Baptism.

MARRIAGE

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

Archbishop Charles Chaput, following the directive of Pope Francis, 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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm or any time upon request. Call the Parish Center.



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 Peter Niche

Deacon Stephen Vondercrone

Mater Dei Regional Catholic School

Principal: Ms. Diane McCaughan

Director of Family Faith Formation,

Religious Education & Parish Services: Maria Richardson

Admin. Assist. of Religious Education: JoAnn Prahler & Pat Kendig

Director of Adult Faith Formation:

Angela McClellan

Director of Music: Eileen Ericsson

Pastoral Assistant: Patricia Conroy

R.C.I. A. Coordinator: Al Pandolfo

Elder Care Assistance Program:

Amy Juarez

Office Manager: Cheryl Ryan

Parish Secretary: Mary Faymore

Business Manager: Douglas Smith

Asst. Business Mgr.: Geri Salanik

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 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

DEVOTIONS

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

Marian: Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass.

Saint Maria Goretti: Monday after the 8:30 am Mass.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 9am to

8:00pm

Friday and Saturday:

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

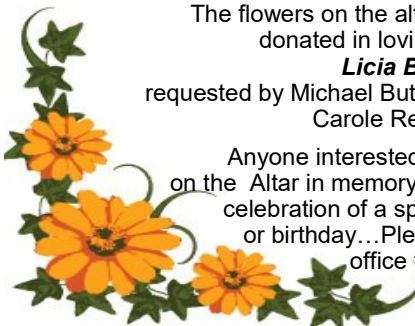
ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar this weekend are donated in loving memory of

Licia Butera

requested by Michael Butera & Family and Paul & Carole Reichwein.

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.



SUNDAY EVENING SCRIPTURE STUDY

Join us in this 18 week study (divided into two nine-week sessions) on the Gospel of Saint Luke. Each session includes a powerful world-class video presentation shot on location in Rome and Assisi, a life application video, and discussion. Immerse yourself in the parables of mercy found in Luke, uncover God's mercy in His own words, and see how His mercy is still active in the world today. Discover Luke: The Gospel of Mercy. Participation in this study is free; however, if you would like to purchase the workbook the cost is \$40.00.

Sundays -March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 28, and May 5, 2019

7 PM to 8:30 PM-St. Maria Goretti Parish Center: Lower Level

Please register using the form that can be found on the Adult Faith Events page of our parish website at www.stmariagoretti.net or on the Adult Faith Formation table in our narthex. Please mail form along with payment. Payment is transferrable to another person but not refundable.

**CHRIST ON THE BATTLEFIELD:
A Heroic Chaplain's Story**



Learn the heroic and virtuous life story of Servant of God, Father Vincent Capodanno and explore the remarkable spiritual journey of this Maryknoll Priest from his childhood to the day he died on the battlefield in Vietnam at the age of 38. A free will offering will be taken up during this presentation to support the efforts of the Capodanno Guild in promoting Father Vincent's cause for canonization.

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Chapel

Guest Presenter: Mr. Donald Campbell
Capodanno Guild Board Member

To learn more about Father Vincent Capodanno go to:
www.capodannoguild.org.

"Everyone fulfills their own special calling better when done in a spirit of discipleship - family duties are lighter, married love is deeper, service to our country more faithful, in short every kind of occupation becomes more acceptable and better performed where this loyal discipleship is the guide."

~Saint Francis de Sales

FIRST THURSDAY BREAKFAST CLUB

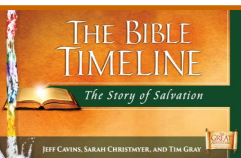


The Breakfast Club is held on designated First Thursdays of the year and provides a way for people to build relationships and community and to gather together in friendship following their time spent together in worship and prayer. Coffee, tea, juice, and nutritious breakfast refreshments are served along with lots of laughter and conversation. There is no cost to participate in the Breakfast Club and no registration is required. Non-parishioners are always welcome.

Thursday, April 4, 2019—with Special Guest Presentation by Father Gabriel O'Donnell, O.P., Rose Hawthorne: Servant of God and of the Poor

All dates are following the 8:30 AM Mass in the church narthex. The Breakfast Club is automatically cancelled when a funeral is scheduled for the same morning.

"Our parishes must be capable of generating a people, that is, of offering and creating relationships where people feel that they are known, recognized, welcomed, listened to, loved-in other words, not anonymous parts of a whole." ~Pope Francis



IF READING THE ENTIRE BIBLE IS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST, YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS OUR NEXT BIBLE STUDY

Friday Mornings, Parish Library from 9:30AM to 11:30AM

Part 1 -**March 15 to June 7**

Part 2 - **Sept 13 to Dec 20**

Contact Kim Staudt at 215-272-9016 or kimstaudt@me.com by March 1 to register. Cost for the study is \$40, payable at the first session. Make checks payable to St. Maria Goretti Parish.

RACISM AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH



In light of the new Pastoral Letter against Racism written by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, our guest presenter will discuss her forthcoming book on African-American Catholic identity and how that identity has been shaped by racism. Free copies of the Pastoral Letter, Open Wide Our Hearts – The Enduring Call to Love will be available for those in attendance while supplies last.

Monday, March 11, 2019

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Chapel
Guest Presenter: Dr. Tia Noelle Pratt

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS



Lent is quickly approaching. Ash Wednesday is **March 6, 2019**. St. Maria Goretti Parish will be offering the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7 PM during Lent.

Every Service requires three Altar Servers. Please use the Sign Up Sheets in the Altar Server's room to volunteer your Time and Talent if available. The dates are **March 8, 15, 22 & 29, April 5 and 12**. Thank you in advance for signing up!

Weekly **MASS** Intentions

- MON., Feb. 18** 8:30 A.M. Joseph Gressang
Req. by Joanne Gressang
- TUES., Feb. 19** 8:30 A.M. Mario & ELizabeth Fala
Req. by The Family
- WED., Feb. 20** 8:30 A.M. Philip & Julia Plappert
Req. by The Family
- THURS., Feb. 21** 8:30 A.M. Mary Dinja
Req. by Anh Dinh
- FRI., Feb. 22** 8:30 A.M. Roseann Shepardson
Req. by The Shepardson Family
- SAT., Feb. 23** 8:30 A.M. Joseph Tropiano
Req. by Theresa Vail
5:00 P.M. Ernest Sharella
Req. by The Sharella Family
- SUN., Feb. 24** 7:30 A.M. John Cleary
Req. by The O'Reilly Family
9:30 A.M. Dora Moyer
Req. by Sheryl Ciotti
11:30 A.M. Fran Casinelli
Req. by Maria & David Richardson

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Lucy DeFrancesco** requested by The Family.



There will not be Adoration on Monday, February 18th due to the President's Day holiday. The Parish Center will also be closed.

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 7pm. **The next Holy Hour will be held on Thursday, February 28th.**

JANUARY WINTER COLD WARMED BY A SUCCESSFUL BLOOD DRIVE

My heartfelt thanks to our faithful donors who "weathered" the unpleasant temperatures to donate 69 units of blood, potentially saving 207 grateful lives with your generous sacrifice. We surpassed our goal by 17 units!!! You are all Gr-r-reat!!!

With Sincere Appreciation,
Eleonore Duch, R.N., B.S.

Mark your calendars for the next Blood Drive to be held on Wednesday, May 15th.

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.



PLEASE KEEP IN MIND the following people who at this time need your prayers and support:

Warren Allison, Immaculata Antonucci, Ruth Adams, Jennifer & Kimberly Agnew, Christina Augustine, Paul Baril, Ray Baril, Joey Berical, Jerilyn Bowler, Linda Burbank, Mary Callaghan, Mary Campagna, Caridad Carlos, Aldo Carnara, Danny Catts, Kristen Chipollini, Joanna Cavacini, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Helen Curren, Leo Dennis, Ernest Doherty, Sally Esbensen, Peter Fallon, Marybeth Hentschel Fiorelli, Sebastian Fillion, Patrick Gardenier, Lianessa Gonzalez, Andrew Green, Dionne Greim, Sharon, Fernando & Ian Griffin, Frank Holloway, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Ron Hoffman, Kevin Iavecchia, Lindsay Jaso, Richard Jedlicka, Gerald Kenny, Emily Keiser, Charles Kline, Bernadette Kubej, Sue Kunze, Peg Krempf, Jama Lecore, Trish Lavelle, Angelique Lee, Keenan Lee, Curt Lecrone, Dina Lukasko, Mary Magnarella, Patti Maguire, Barbara Masser, William & Kristen Morrow, John McLaughlin, Bridget Micshener, Helen Millar, Diane Moll, Frank Monroe, Munson Family, John Mye, Terry Shields Neumann, Joan Nickerson, Mele Lee-Nippins, Ernie Nippins, Zachery Olberholzer, Bill O'Brien, Anthony Paone, Catherine Pagano, Al Palatucci, Robert Pauloski, Flocerfida & Savador Penganon, Michael Praher, Marian Quinn, Pat Raber, Michael Rafter, Scott Randall, Jim Richardson, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Barbara Scally, Susan Schmidt, Helen Shekalis, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Judy Turner, Peg Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzal, Paula Jayne White, John Willstaudt, Arlene Wyatt, Salem Yabut, Joe Zdon & Jack Zampirri, Ted Ziegler.



ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH
HATFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA



Youth Ministry Update

NEW! ALPHA YOUTH for Middle School and High School Teens! Learn the secrets in the bible! Jan. 22nd to Feb. 26th

Join us anytime! FUN!

Registration forms in the narthex or on line.

TEEN FUNDRAISERS

support teens going to Catholic Heart Work Camp and Steubenville Conference



Pizza or Salad for Lent
Sales after all Masses
March 2/3, 2019



Totally Catholic Sale
March 23rd and 24th, 2019

Maria Richardson, Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education and Parish Services
maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net

11TH ANNUAL MAN UP PHILLY
Men's Spirituality Conference-March 9, 2019
Man Shall Not Live By Bread Alone!



The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 11th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference on March 9th at Neumann University. Speakers include **Matthew Kelly**, acclaimed speaker and author of *Rediscover Jesus* and *Rediscover Catholicism*, **Ron Jaworski**, former Eagles star quarterback and TV personality, **Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers**, Catholic author and evangelist, host of EWTN's *Behold the Man-Spirituality for Men*, 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 the Most Reverend Timothy Senior. For more information www.manupphilly.com

MARRIED COUPLES
GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE

Refresh your marriage relationship on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Getting ready for the new year means lots of time spent on everything but your relationship. For early 2019, why not give yourselves some time together? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are: Feb. 8-10 & April 12-14 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more information visit our website at: <https://www.wwme-philly.org/> or contact Al & Mary Liz at Applications@wwme-philly.org or 610-449-1859.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia
OFFICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES &
THE DEAF APOSTOLATE

The Annual Archdiocesan Celebration honoring the Gifts of PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, THE DEAF COMMUNITY, FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND CAREGIVERS CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST and RECEPTION

Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 10:30 A.M.
Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul
Principal Celebrant and Homilist

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

Liturgical Choir—St. Raymond of Penafort-Praise and Gospel Choirs—PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 20, 2019. Online at www.opdarchphilly.org or Email: opd@archphila.org or call: 215-587-3530 with number of attendees and accommodations needed. Please arrive by 10:00 AM. Accessible parking on the premises. Contact Amy Juarez with the Eldercare Assistance Program at ajuarez@chs-adphila.org or 215-721-0199 x225 with any questions.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Todos los Martes a las 7 pm durante la temporada de Cuaresma y comenzando el Martes 12 de marzo, la Comunidad Hispana del Movimiento de Retiros Juan XXIII de Sta Maria Goretti estará rezando El Viacrucis en la Iglesia. Se realizará una recolección especial semanalmente para ser entregados a la parroquia al final de la Cuaresma para ayudar a los pobres". The last Station of the

Cross will be Tuesday April 16th. Únete a nosotros para sumergirte en esta hermosa devoción de la temporada de Cuaresma.

ELDER CARE CORNER
SENIORS TRAVEL FREE ON SEPTA!

UPDATED INFORMATION

With the full transition of the SEPTA KEY fare system, PA issued Senior Citizen Transit ID Cards ARE NO LONGER VALID FOR SEPTA TRAVEL. Senior Citizens age 65 and older must have a new SEPTA KEY ID to ride FREE at all times on all Transit Routes.* Effective September 1, seniors will need a SEPTA Key Senior Photo ID Card or a valid Pennsylvania Driver's Licenses and Non-Driver IDs with a magnetic stripe on the back, which can still be swiped at turnstiles and fare boxes to receive the free Transit and Regional Rail rides. New licenses issued by PennDOT on or after July 2017 do not have magnetic stripes and cannot be used.

*On September 1, 2018, SEPTA eliminated the \$1.00 Cash Fare on Regional Rail for travel within PA. Half Fare (50% of the Weekday Fare) for travel to/from New Jersey and the State of Delaware will remain in effect. You can apply for a free SEPTA KEY card at the following local locations:

The office of Legislator Steven Malagari
 100 W. Main Street, Suite 100
 Lansdale, PA
 267-768-3671

Monday thru Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
 Bring your valid driver's license or state ID

The office of Legislator Liz Hanbridge
 1098 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell
 610-277-3230

Monday thru Friday from 8:30 AM-4:00 PM
 Bring your valid driver's license or state ID

Call Amy Juarez with the Eldercare Assistance Program at 215-721-0199 x225 or email at ajuarez@chs-adphila.org with any questions.



CATHOLIC RELIEF
SERVICES SPOTLIGHT

A new Congress has taken office, which means it's an important time for Catholics to lift our voices on the issues important to our Church. With the debate on-going about the budget, and negotiations for our fiscal year 2020 federal budget beginning in February, we must continue to lift our voices in support of migrants, refugees and the poor.

You can tell the health of a nation by the generosity of its foreign assistance. Foreign assistance promotes leadership and is a strategic, economic and moral imperative for the United States. In Rwanda, Catholic Relief Services and USAID are helping children thrive by supporting regular nutritional screening of almost 200,000 children, ensuring they are hitting their growth milestones, signaling that they are well-nourished and thriving. Visit www.crs.org today to send a message to urge this new Congress to protect foreign aid and support the life-saving programs that reduce hunger, provide shelter and create opportunities for the future.

CRS RICE BOWL

Join more than 14,000 Catholic communities from across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl! You can pick up your own Rice Bowl right here at St. Maria Goretti Parish starting next weekend. Rice Bowls will be placed in the pews, as well as in a basket in the Narthex at the back of the church. In the meantime, don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app from www.crsricebowl.org!

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24th

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, D. Blanche
 7:30am – Sacristan, K. Staudt
 9:30am – Sacristan, J. Forbes
 11:30am – Sacristan, M. Niche

E.M. Home Visits

A1–G. Salanik , A2–M. D’Elia, A3–D. Trotter, A4–T. Nguyen,
 A5–J. McNally , B1–T. McGann, B2–M. Collis , B3–D. Grant,
 B4–J. Burke, B5–P. O’Hara

Lectors

5:00pm – F. Filler, C. Amuso
 7:30am – T. Hipp, B. Hudak
 9:30am – N. & R. Boak
 11:30am – T. Prykowski, C. Friel

Cantors

5:00pm – Donna
 7:30am – Michael
 9:30am – Kristen
 11:30am – Ugochi

Altar Servers

5:00pm – D. Farzetta, I. Sirianni, E. Walsh
 7:30am – A., C. & N. Pawling
 9:30am – N. Cujini, V. Forbes, O. Watters
 11:30am – A. Fabro, B. Mazerowski, A. Wertz

Children’s Liturgy

9:30am – R. Hier, E. Adamo

MUSIC NOTES

Rehearsals for Tuesday, February 19th

Adult Bell Choir—6:30 to 7:30pm

Adult Choir—7:30 to 8:45pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Sunday, February 24th

9:30am – Homeschool Bell Choir

One More Adult Needed for Bell Choir

Our Adult Bell Choir is in need of one more ringer until Easter. If you can read music, even a little, and want to have the time of your life, then please come join us! Rehearsals are Tuesday 6:30-7:30 PM. Contact Eileen for more information at eileen.ericsson@stmariagoretti.net

PLEASE DONATE

PLEASE HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE. One of our second grade students at Corpus Christi School was recently diagnosed with Leukemia. He is undergoing chemotherapy and has required several blood transfusions. In speaking with the American Red Cross they have shared that there is always a shortage of blood in the Philadelphia area. Our school community has decided to host a blood drive and we need your help. Help us celebrate a young boy’s courage and bravery by donating a pint of blood. The Blood Drive will be held on St. Patrick’s Day, March 17th from 8-1 in the school gym. Sign up Online!! Go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: Corpus Christi Lansdale.

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: \$171.54

Sisters of the Visitation of Philadelphia

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 **January and February** 2019, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to **“Sisters of the Visitation of Philadelphia”**. The Visitation Order is a cloistered contemplative religious order of women founded by Saint Frances de Sales and Saint Jane de Chantal. As “Daughters of the Church”, the Visitandines are called to “assist the Holy Church and the salvation of their neighbor by prayer and good example”. They find their first outreach in the hidden apostolate of prayer. Because the Sacred Heart of Jesus appeared to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation Sister, the Sisters of the Visitation also strive to practice and spread devotion to the Heart of Christ. Their everyday life consists of Daily Mass, The Liturgy of the Hours, work, spiritual reading, personal prayer and meditation, community life, silence during most of the day, communal meals, leisure, and recreation. Donations will be offered to the Visitation Sister of Philadelphia to help defray the costs of their everyday expenses, food purchases, and convent maintenance and repairs. **If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!**



MATER DEI
 CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2018 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON
 SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Thank you to all who supported Mater Dei for the Polar Plunge this weekend in Sea Isle. We plunge on your behalf and the families of Mater Dei. Thank you for your belief in Catholic education!

Schedule a Tour at Mater Dei Catholic School and Enroll for the 2019-20 School Year!

All families with **Preschool to Grade 8** children are welcome to visit Mater Dei. **We are officially taking registrations for our third Pre-K Four Year Old classroom. Preschool will fill up soon, so register now while space is available!** Tours are available and the Advancement Office can accommodate your schedule. Our Preschool and Kindergarten Programs have both Half and Full Day options! **Learn more about giving your child the gift of an exceptional Catholic education from a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School.** For more information, please contact the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com.



IRELAND

TRIP TO IRELAND

Please join Deacon Peter & Maureen Niche for a tour of the Treasures of Ireland from **November 4 to 13, 2019**. We'll fly into Dublin and spend 2 days there before seeing the Rock of Cashel, Kinsale, Blarney, the Ring of Kerry, Adare, Galway, Connemara, Clonmacnoise and Malahide Castle before returning to Dublin and home. An informational meeting will be held in the conference room on Tuesday evening, February 19 for anyone interested in joining us. A detailed brochure can be found at http://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/1958748#.XGHkt2eG_cs. We're looking forward to you joining us for this tour.

SUNDAY OFFERING



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COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

	Feb. 11, 2018	Feb. 10, 2019
Sunday Offering	\$17,801.54	\$16,782.80
Online Parish Giving	\$ 2,157.00	\$ 3,347.00
TOTALS:	\$19,958.54	\$20,129.80
Total # of contributors	668	
Misc. Offerings February 10, 2019		
Heat & Energy Offering:	\$1,061.15	
Poor Box Offering:	\$171.54	
Catholic Charities Collection:	\$945.00	

WAYS TO GIVE & SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Each week check this column for ideas to support your parish (some that will cost you nothing)

Clothing Collection Bins – You can support SMG by donating used clothing, footwear, accessories and linens using the clothing collection bins located at the opposite ends of the Parish property, by the shed at Derstine Road entrance and the other side of the Education Center.

- * **Clothes:** T-shirts, blouses, skirts, dresses, pants, sweaters, bras, coats, underwear, etc.
- * **Footwear:** Gym shoes, boots, sandals, leather shoes, socks, etc.
- * **Children’s Clothing:** Pajamas, jeans, dresses, baby clothes, etc.
- * **Accessories:** Hats, handbags, gloves, belts, scarves, backpacks, shawls, etc.
- * **Linens, etc.:** Bedding (sheets, comforters, pillows, cases), blankets, towels, drapes, etc.

You benefit the environment by cleaning out your closet, and the clothing goes to struggling countries as well as local thrifts. At the same time, SMG receives financial compensation for sponsoring the collection bins and part of the proceeds benefit local charities and non-profits. Please consider supporting your Parish, local charities and needy countries by donating your gently used clothing, footwear, linens and accessories.

FROM THE SMG CYO HAWK’S NEST:

Hello SMG Young Athletes & Parents, 2019 Spring CYO Sports Registrations are now open on our website: www.wagdogs.com

Track and Field.....You must be in grades 4th thru 8th to participate this season.

Girls Softball.....JV & Varsity.....grades 5th thru 8th.

Boys Baseball.....JV & Varsity.....grades 5th thru 8th.

High School Co-ed Volleyball.....9th thru 12th grade

Upcoming Events:

Irish Night Fundraiser.....Saturday March 9, 2019.....6:30 to ??

SMG CYO Year End Sports Banquet.....Sunday June 2nd @ Franconia Heritage Restaurant (Details to follow)

Again, special thanks to everyone who participates and donates their time as coaches, volunteers, team parents, snack stand volunteer, etc. etc. Our SMG CYO Program would not exist without all of you. If you have any questions, please contact me anytime. My cell# is 215-692-2180. God Bless and enjoy your sports seasons. Jeff Benner, CYO President

SAVE THE DATE--- SMG 13th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING –FRIDAY JULY 19, 2019



SMG will host its 13th. annual golf outing on Friday July 19 , 2019 at Macoby Run Golf Course in Green Lane, Pa. The outing is open to ALL parishioners and friends. Specific outing details and registration forms will be available in May.



IRISH NIGHT

Irish Night, sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, is coming to Saint Maria Goretti on **Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 7:00pm. Music will be by Reilly’s Daughter with Tommy Conwell.** Cost is \$35.00 per person or reserve a table or 8 for \$250.00, which includes buffet dinner, beer, wine and soda. Tickets are on sale after all 5pm vigil Masses and all Sunday Masses beginning February 2nd through March 3rd or at the Parish Center anytime. For more information or for tickets contact John Cashley 267-467-0441 or Tom Coughlin 215-450-9662. All proceeds from this event will go towards the renovations of Drexel Hall. The committee is seeking donations of bottles of wine, liquor and beer to be used for a basket of cheer raffle. We are also looking for any donation that can be used for a raffle or auction item. If you are able to donate, please drop it off at any Sunday Mass beginning February 2nd through March 3rd at our table in the Narthex or at the parish center anytime or contact Tom Coughlin at (215) 450-9662 sahs01@comcast.net.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL CRAB CAKE SALE

On Sale Now! Knights of Columbus Crab Cake Sale featuring Capt’n Chucky’s famous Smith Island Crab Cakes, Maryland Crab Soup, & Crab Critter Appetizers. And New This Year – Talluto’s Cheese Ravioli and Crab Marinara Sauce. **Your orders must be placed and received no later than SATURDAY, March 2nd.** Orders must be picked up on SATURDAY, MARCH 9th, between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm at the MATER DEI SCHOOL GYM (St. Stanislaus, Lansdale, PA). Visit www.koc4396.org to download an order form or contact Al Perry: (215) 822-0683 or Chuck McNevin: (215) 258-1298 for more information. Profits from this fundraiser help to support Mater Dei School.

CLOTHING DRIVE



The Hatfield Coalition of Churches in Hatfield is running “Sharing the Love” Clothing Drive. Mitzvah Circle Foundation in Harleysville is in immediate need of children’s clothing especially boys’ clothes. The Hatfield Coalition of Churches is sponsoring a clothing drive throughout the month of February. Please bring your donations to church (a box will be set up in narthex) of gently used, clean clothes or new clothing for girls and especially boys, sizes 3-16/18. Help us “share the love” of clothing to needy children in our community.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send your bulletin announcements by 12 noon on the Monday prior to publication. The preferred method is by e-mail to cheryl.ryan@stmariagoretti.net with the word “bulletin” in the subject line. Thanks for your cooperation.