



Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

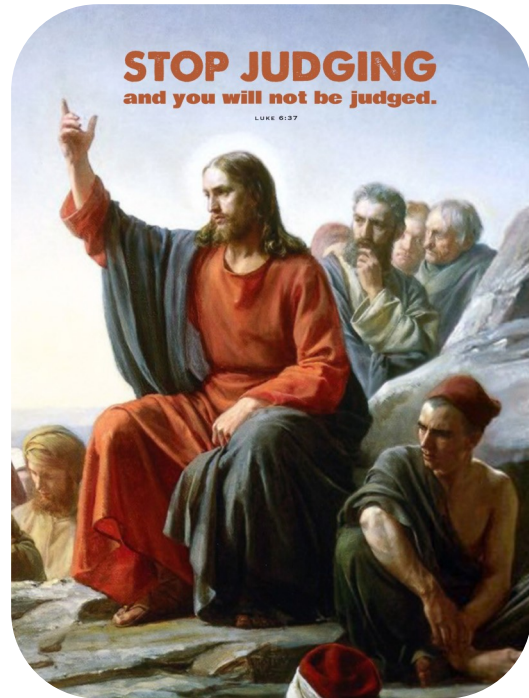
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MASS SCHEDULE

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
***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
R.C.I.A. Coordinator: Al Pandolfo
Elder Care Assistance Program: Amy Juarez
Business Manager: Douglas Smith
Asst. Business Mgr.: Geri Salanik

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 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. Baptisms are limited to **ONE CHILD** per Sunday. **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

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.

ANOIDING 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.

Saint Maria Goretti will be participating in a PARISH-WIDE SURVEY!

We want to hear from YOU!

Saint Maria Goretti Parish will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed through an online link from **March 2 to April 4, 2022** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on your parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Father Chung and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you prefer a paper copy you may pick up a paper copy of the survey after daily and Sunday Masses. They will be located on a table in the narthex. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop off at the parish center or in the collection basket in a sealed envelope clearly marked "SURVEY". To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact Cheryl Ryan at 215-721-0199.

Thank you for helping with this important project!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

PRAYER FOR THE 2022 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

God, our Father,
we thank you for all the gifts and blessings
that you give out of your love for us all.
You call us to open our hearts to share what we have
been given.
Grant that through giving to the Catholic Charities Appeal,
we may bring joy, hope and strength to those most in
need.
Our charity towards those in need is a real way in which
we show our gratitude and love for you.
Through this year's Catholic Charities Appeal,
may we help as many people as we can, including
a young person striving to learn and grow in Faith;
a deaf child receiving a quality Catholic Education;
a veteran who is struggling with homelessness;
a parish carrying out vital local missionary work;
a retired priest who has dedicated his life to the needs of
the faithful.
Help us to do all we can to make sure
the "poor have their fill" of your blessings.
We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God forever and ever. Amen.



TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: I Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

David refuses to harm the sleeping Saul, which bespeaks of David's justification and underlines Saul's evil.

Reading II: I Corinthians 15: 45-49

St. Paul presents Christ as the new and last Adam. He became Lord of all through His resurrection. In this way, He became a giver of life with the old Adam as its receiver.

The Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

"The Sermon on the Plain" continues. Jesus teaches would-be disciples how to respond to hurts and indeed persecution. He rejects the natural human tendency to place self-protection first. Thus does He offer a radical idea to all.

Pro-Life Marchers Huddle Together Before the March in Front of the Basilica of Immaculate Conception on January 22.





MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN., Feb. 20	7:30 A.M. Dec'd members of the Stengeland & Nazarek Families Req. by Tom & Patty Nazarek 9:30 A.M. Richard Eckard Req. by The Family 11:30 A.M. Fran Casinella Req. by Maria Richardson
MON., Feb. 21	8:30 A.M. Raymond & Margaret Bednanski Req. by Mike & Judy Scalfaro
TUES., Feb. 22	8:30 A.M. Al Faymore, Sr. Req. by The Salanik Family
WED., Feb. 23	8:30 A.M. George Fantuzzo Req. by The Cariola Family
THURS., Feb. 24	8:30 A.M. Jack Zampirri Req. by Don & Sherry Gehman
FRI., Feb. 25	8:30 A.M. Mary & John Licheniak Req. by The Gianfrancesco Family
SAT., Feb. 26	8:30 A.M. Stanley Szpindor Req. by Vic & Linda Lelii 5:00 P.M. John & Evelyn Grabowski Req. by The Ericsson Family
SUN., Feb. 27	7:30 A.M. Lauren Spencer Req. by Glenn & Tammy Ibarguen 9:30 A.M. Frank & Grace Hilbert Req. by The Family 11:30 A.M. David J. Lee Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Harvey J. Lee

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week
is lit in memory of **Matthew Greene**
requested by The Zollo Family.



BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week
is lit for the intentions of the SMG parishioners
requested by Father Chung.

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. **The next Holy Hour will be held on Thursday, March 3rd.**

ASH WEDNESDAY—March 2nd



The beginning of Lent is right around the corner, Ash Wednesday is March 2nd. **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.

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 pray for the sick of our parish.....
..... and those that care for them**



PLEASE KEEP IN MIND the following people who at this time need your prayers and support: Mark Algrogge, Carol Algrogge, Lori Aiello, Baby David, Chuck Biehn, Suki Borowski, Rita Marie Denning, Joseph DeVito, Tom Fetter, Kelly Gargan, Rosario Gombola, John Gunder, Sr., Ali Herron, Ron Hiltbold, Tim Huelsman, Mary Isban, Luba Jackson, Maria Kardash, John McLaughlin, Greg & Kathy McCloskey, Frank Moran, Tom Murphy III, Patricia Naab, Kristine Nolan and her twin babies Bridget and Colleen, Michael Rafter, Joanne Reube, Linda Santana, Mike Scienaro, Debbie Zuech-Smyrl, Judy Stangl, Lawrence Stempel, Fran & Ron Szewczak, John Tulley, Paul Wheeler, Bette Wilson, 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.

HELP NEEDED

OPPORTUNITY FOR STEWARDSHIP

Temple Cleansers— This team of parishioners rotates through a six-week schedule to do light housekeeping of the church. These tasks include dusting, vacuuming, wiping of furnishings and renewing of the holy water font as well as the holy water reservoir. Each group sets its own time for gathering to clean, usually on a Friday or Saturday for an hour or so. To find out more about this ministry please call Cheryl at 215-721-0199.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Join us for Mass, short teaching on Saints & Breakfast!

September, 2021 through May, 2022
March 4th, April 1st and May 6th
 After 8:30 AM Mass in the IHM Room

According to this devotion, the first Friday of each month was designated by Jesus himself as consecrated to honoring his Sacred Heart, to increase our love for him and to make reparation for past and present offenses against his love. Go to <https://stmariagoretti.net/news-events/> to see these 12 promises of the Sacred Heart to those who attend Mass and receive Holy Communion for 9 consecutive First Fridays according to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690)

WINE & CHEESE DISCUSSION GROUP

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

The Third Wednesday of the Month
 January, 2022 through April, 2022
 March 16th
 April 20th
 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. Watch it on web player: <https://studios.vidangel.com/the-chosen/player>. Purchase the DVD/BluRay: <https://thechosengifts.com/collections/best-sellers>.

CLUB 50+ LUNCHEON

IHM Room at 12 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.

Wednesday, March 9th
 Wednesday, April 13th
 Wednesday, May 11th

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

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.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



HIKE TAMMANY MOUNTAIN!

Kittatinies Region Lower Parking Lot
 Hardwick Township, NJ 07825
When: 9:00AM March 19, 2022

YOUNG ADULT FIELD DAY

SMG Ballfield—Join us for Volleyball, Cornhole, Spikeball, Slip'n'Slide and more...
Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 7:00 PM



Contact Tyler Grant, 215-721-6559 or
tyler.grant@stmariagoretti.net

YOUTH MINISTRY



FIRE PIT HOT TOPICS

Come to one session or all of them!
Wednesday, February 23, 2022
Tuesday, March 22, 2022
Tuesday, April 19, 2022

Flyer and registration available at <https://stmariagoretti.net/maria-2/> Contact Maria Richardson, Maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-6559

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Tropical Cyclone Batsirai made landfall on February 5, just two weeks after Tropical Storm Ana hit Madagascar, affecting thousands of families. Over a foot of torrential rain and fierce winds reaching 103 miles per hour have wiped away many homes, schools, and churches, wreaking havoc not just on physical structures but entire livelihoods

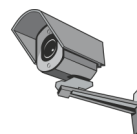
Catholic Relief Services is currently on the ground with our local partners, evaluating needs, connecting with affected communities and providing urgent relief. Families desperately need safe temporary places to stay, food and water. They also need support to repair their damaged homes. Your gift today will help provide critical emergency supplies, including tarps, emergency shelter materials, clean water, food and hygiene kits. Families affected by this cyclone need you now. Please visit www.crs.org to make a donation and see how you can help!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Are you looking for a part-time job with full-time impact? Come work with youth at the North Penn Valley Boys & Girls Club in Lansdale! We have openings after school as a Learning Center Coordinator and a Learning Center Aide in our 5th grade classroom. Email parishioner Michele Haytko at mhaytko@npvclub.org for more information

LIVE-STREAMING HELP NEEDED

We need volunteers to live-stream the 9:30am Sunday morning Mass and the 8:30am weekday Masses. We also need help occasionally with live streaming weddings and funerals. A small stipend will be paid. Training will be provided. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Bruce Pollock at bdpollock@outlook.com or 610-326-7388.



MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27th

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, J. Gressang, P. Pinkston

7:30am – Sacristan, M. & K. Staudt

9:30am – Sacristan, D. Mischak, K. Hay

11:30am – Sacristan, C. Zuluaga, V. Lelii

E.M. Home Visits

A1–M. Collis, A2–E. Perez, A3–J. Naab, A4–B. Wynne,

A5–M. D'Elia

Lectors

5:00pm – F. Filler, J. O'Brien

7:30am – C. McNally, B. Healy

9:30am – T. Mazzeo, B. Malley

11:30am – C. Friel, B. Smith

Cantors

5:00pm – Chelsea

7:30am – Joe V.

9:30am – Jenna

11:30am – Michele

Altar Servers

5:00pm – S. Filler, D. Engle

7:30am – A. Pawling, A. Kunjachen

9:30am – T. McGann, L. Lowden

11:30am – D. Farzetta, J. Kuduk

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, February 15th

Children's Chime Choir—6:00 to 6:45pm

Adult Bell Choir—6:45 to 7:30pm

Adult Choir—7:30pm

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS



Lent is quickly approaching. St. Maria Goretti Parish will be offering the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7 PM during Lent.

Every Service requires two 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 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 & 8**. Thank you in advance for signing up!



EUCCHARISTIC 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!



POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: \$337.83

BENEFITS GOD'S TREASURE HOUSE

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, 2022**, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to **God's Treasure House, Souderton, PA**. God's Treasure House is a Christ-centered transitional living center for women and their children built on a firm foundation of God's love. The ministry provides a comprehensive aftercare program targeted to a carefully selected number of women returning from prison to the community. Their goal is to minister to the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the women, and their children, that God sends to them. **If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!**

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL ANNUAL WALK

Please Consider Getting Involved



Hello, my name is Cecelia Pawling. I am a member of SMG church and I am heading The Saint Vincent DePaul Walk for the first time. The committee plans on a successful walk and to build more awareness in our neighborhood, church, and community.

I am looking to gather helpers to be part of the walk committee. I thank you in advance for your time and talents. Please notify me if you are interested at cecilia.pawling@comcast.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"Let the Children Come to Me"
Matthew 19:13-15



Parish Religious Education Process Update!

Sacrament of Confirmation Reminders

Monday, February 21, 2022 - Confirmation Penance Service 6:30 PM in Church—Confirmation Candidates, Sponsors (who are local) and Parents

This includes the sacrament of confession

Thursday, March 17, 2022 - Confirmation

Arrive 3:00 PM Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors. Mass at 4:00 PM - Family seating TBD based on COVID guidelines in February

Sacrament of First Penance and First Holy Communion Reminders

April 30, 2022 – First Holy Communion 10:00 AM in church

May 1, 2022 – FHC Blessing of gifts after Mass

Save the Date

May 2, 2022 – May Procession 6:30 PM

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Thank you to the parishioners of SMG that are able to continue to support the parish through the pandemic. We understand that this unprecedented health emergency has also had a negative effect financially on so many and because of your generosity we are able to stay current on our parish financial obligations as well as help those who need.

	<u>Sunday, February 13th</u>	
2021	2022	Difference
\$17,004.00	\$20,738.03	\$ 3,734.03

May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!

CYO SPRING SPORTS

Registration for CYO Spring Sports is now open and includes the following:



- ◆ Volleyball (Coed HS)
- ◆ Baseball (Varsity: Grades 7th/8th; JV: Grades 5th/6th)
- ◆ Softball (Varsity: Grades 7th/8th; JV: Grades 5th/6th)
- ◆ Track (Novice: 3rd graders born in 2012 or earlier through 8th grade; Sub Novice: K, 1, 2, and 3rd graders born in 2013 or later)

Go to materdeicyo.sportssignup.com to register.

Avoid the late fee and register as soon as possible. Coaches are also needed and if anyone is interested in coaching, please contact Joe Campbell at jocampbell22@verizon.net for more information. Practices may start as early as March 1st.

Mater Dei CYO is open to all registered parishioners of Saint Maria Goretti Parish youth who attend catholic school or are enrolled in our PREP program.

JENNA'S BLESSING BAGS BINGO



Jenna's Blessing Bags is hosting a fundraiser event and we would love for you to join! Join us on **March 11th** for a fun night of Bingo with celebrity host, Richard Curtis. Winners will receive their choice of a designer hand-bag.

We also will have special Jenna inspired prizes throughout the evening! Looking for another shot to win? Donate deodorant, reusable water bottles, canned goods (with pop top) or granola bars at the event to be entered to win a special raffle prize! The event will be held at Saint Maria Goretti, Drexel Hall. Doors open at 6:00 PM and let the games begin at 7:00 PM.

Buy your tickets before the event to save money and secure your spot. Tickets are \$40 pre-sale or \$45 at the door. Last event we sold out ahead of time, so be sure to buy now!

Get your tickets here: <https://bit.ly/3Atr0Pf>. You must be 21 to enter and please wear a mask. We look forward to seeing you there!



Great job Mater Dei students!
Your Valentine cards will bring smiles to friends at Abington Hospital Day Center in Lansdale



Enrollment 2022-23 at Mater Dei Catholic School

Mater Dei is NOW accepting new Pre-K 3 through Grade 8 applications for the 2022-23 school year! 52 new applicants have already been accepted! Please contact Grace Samanns in Advancement at gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com or 215-368-9787.

And you can use the QR code to register your Pre-K 3 through Grade 8 student now by completing a 2022-23 New Student Registration Form!



LOCAL TAP



Local Tap located at 527 S. Broad Street in Lansdale is donating \$1.00 to Mater Dei for each pint of their house beer purchased during the month of February.

Stop by Local Tap, enjoy their house beer or pick up a to go pint or two, and support Mater Dei. Make sure you mention you are from Mater Dei! Special thanks to the Modestine Family for their generosity!

Childcare Space is Available... Mater Dei Childcare Center has room for your infant to 36 month old... CALL TODAY!

Mater Dei Child Care Center is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM to accommodate the working parent. Please contact the Center's Assistant Director, Mary Whittam at mwhittam@materdeicatholic.com or childcare@materdeicatholic.com or 215-799-2211.

Employment Opportunities

The Mater Dei Childcare in Hatfield is currently searching for Lead Teachers and Assistants to join our team. Candidates should be energetic, patient, friendly, nurturing and enjoy working with young children and their families. Looking for candidates passionate about working with infants and toddlers. Please contact the Center's Assistant Director, Mary Whittam at mwhittam@materdeicatholic.com or 215-799-2211 if you are interested.

Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.