



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

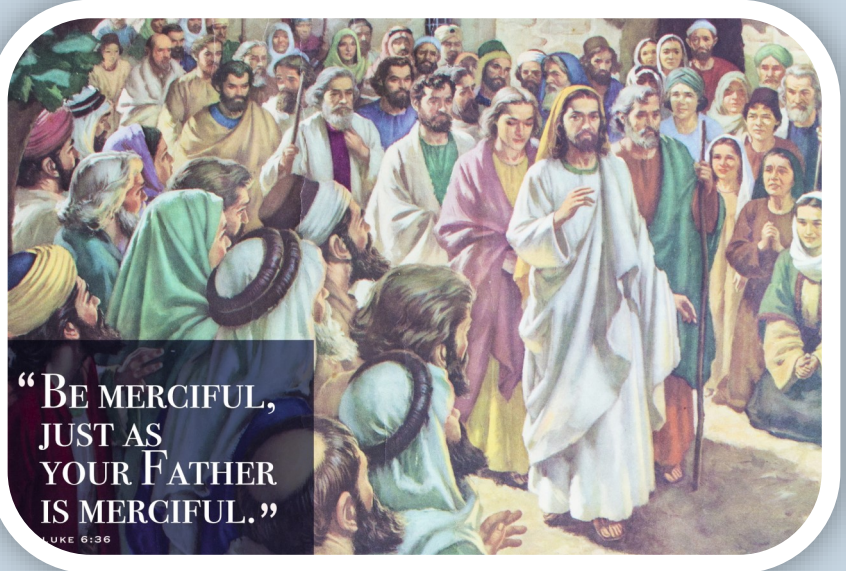
Archbishop Charles Chaput, following the directive of Pope Francis, is offering annulments without cost to the petitioners. There are additional changes which would make annulments easier to obtain. Contact the Parish Center to speak with Fr. Chung for more information on the annulment process.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY—MARCH 6th



The beginning of Lent is right around the corner on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. **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 chapel at 7am and 8:30am. What a beautiful way to prepare yourself for the joyous season of Easter!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

In preparation for the joy of the Easter season, please join with your parish each Friday night during Lent for Stations of the Cross at 7pm. **The first Stations will be held this Friday, March 8th.**

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!

HATFIELD COMMUNITY LENTEN SERIES

On the Wednesdays during Lent you are invited to the Lenten Services. **Each week, worship begins at 7:30pm and ends with a time for fellowship.** The theme this year will be "Sermon on the Mount." The dates are as follows:

March 13th – Father Robert Tufton at Emmanuel Evangelical Congregation;
Salt & Light: Matthew 5:13-16

March 20th – Rev. Marianne Unger at Hatfield Church of the Brethren;
Prayer & Fasting: Matthew 6:5-18

March 27th – Pastor Glenn Lambert at Saint Maria Goretti;
Do Not Worry: Matthew 6:25-34

April 3rd – Deacon Phuong Nguyen from SMG at Heidelberg United Church of Christ;
Judge Not: Matthew 7: 1-5

April 10th – Pastor Clay Moyer at Grace Lutheran Church;
Build on Rock: Matthew 7:24-27

REFRESHMENTS NEEDED AT THE LENTEN SERVICE

Saint Maria Goretti will be hosting our neighboring churches on Wednesday, March 27th at 7:30pm. The service will be followed by a social in the narthex. We are in need of snacks and baked goods. If you are able to help please call Mary or Cheryl at the Parish Center at 215-721-0199 . Thank You!

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Do you visit our chapel on Mondays to spend time with our Eucharistic Lord? Share your experience with us. How has spending time in Eucharistic Adoration had an impact on your spiritual life? What has it meant to you? What's your story? Send your comments to our Director of Adult Faith Formation at Angela.McClellan@stmariagoretti.net. If you would like, share a photo of yourself, as well. Your comment may be posted in our parish bulletin or on our parish Facebook page. Please type "What's Your Story?" in the e-mail subject line. We'd love to hear from you!

This Is My Story: A Message from the Heart of Nancy Boak



My journey with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration began when I was a young working mother raising two teenage daughters under very challenging circumstances. Of course, like so many of us it was when I hit a low point, a time of despair when I didn't know where or to whom to turn, that Jesus called me to come to him in Eucharistic Adoration.

Thankfully, even at 10 PM I knew where I could go to seek him out. The parish in the next town had Eucharistic Adoration 24/7. What a blessing that would become for me! I returned to the chapel time and again to confide in Him all my cares and concerns. I went from being overwhelmed and not sure how I would get it all done to someone who trusted in the Lord and relied on him with renewed confidence. In fact, things just seemed to fall into place. There were so many times, on my way home from work, when I would think "I really don't have the time to stop at the chapel". But I stopped in anyway, even if it was for only 5 or 10 minutes. Some how my time with Jesus centered the rest of my day. God is so good!

I have been the guardian coordinator for Eucharistic adoration at Saint Maria Goretti since 2010 when Fr. Peterson asked me to take up that function. It is a privilege for me to serve the Lord and SMG in this way. I invite you to come and join us in the chapel every Monday whether it be for 15 minutes or an hour. Seek His comfort and His counsel. He is waiting.

In Christ, Nancy Boak

SAINT MARIA GORETTI PANCAKE BREAKFAST & EASTER EGG HUNT



Mark your calendar to celebrate SPRING with your parish family at our **Annual Pancake Breakfast and an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 31st** from 8:30am to 11:30am in Drexel Hall. Weather permitting the Egg Hunt will be held outside. Please see next Sunday's bulletin for more details and a reservation form. Feel free to drop your form in the collection basket or at the Parish Center. Tickets will be sold after all Masses March 23/24 or anytime by stopping at the Parish Center. If you would like to help with the planning of this fun event, please attend the meeting on Tuesday, February 26th at 7pm or call Cheryl at 215-721-0199. Thank you!



DON'T MISS THE EASTER BUNNY AFTER THE 9:30AM MASS. BRING YOUR CAMERA TO CATCH THESE MEMORIES!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- 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
- MON., Feb. 25** 8:30 A.M. Mary Licheniak
Req. by The Gianfrancesco Family
- TUES., Feb. 26** 8:30 A.M. Grace Hilbert
Req. by Dottie & Dick Eckard
- WED., Feb. 27** 8:30 A.M. John & Evelyn Grabowski
Req. by The Grabowski Family
- THURS., Feb. 28** 8:30 A.M. Ann & Liam Moloney
Req. by The Schussler Family
- FRI., March 1** 8:30 A.M. Dottie McNally
Req. by James & Claudia McNally
- SAT., March 2** 8:30 A.M. Frank Dinga
Req. by Anh Dinh
5:00 P.M. David J. Lee
Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Harvey J. Lee
- SUN., March 3** 7:30 A.M. Walter Zamorski
Req. by Dorothy & Ted Zamorski
9:30 A.M. Wedding Anniversary of
Gary & Louise Hotte
Req. by The Hotte Family
11:30 A.M. Paul Bennett
Req. by Dot & Family

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Jackson Hall** requested by The Faymore Family.



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.**

PRECIOUS BLOOD



The distribution of Precious Blood will be discontinued for the winter months and will resume following Easter to help to prevent the spreading of winter illnesses. The faith of the Church teaches that Christ, whole and entire, is received even under only one species.

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: 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 Gardener, 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 Prahler, 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 Wetzel, Paula Wayne White, John Willstaudt, Arlene Wyatt, Salem Yabut, Joe Zdun & Jack Zampirri, Ted Ziegler.



ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH
HATFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA



Youth Ministry Update

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



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

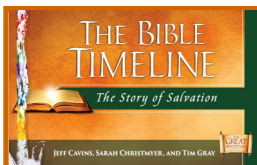
Chapel

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



**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.

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



**OPEN WIDE OUR HEARTS:
THE ENDURING CALL TO LOVE**

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**

**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



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.

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 3rd

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, M. Reynolds

7:30am – Sacristan, C. Friel

9:30am – Sacristan, M.Lee-Nippins

11:30am – Sacristan, T. McGann

E.M. Home Visits

A1–C. LeBrocq , **A2**-S. Steklenski, **A3**-A. Russo, **A4**-K. Hay, **A5**–T. Nguyen , **B1**-S. Sabia, **B2**– P. O'Hara, **B3**-D. Fuse, **B4**-Sub Needed, **B5**-M. D'Elia

Lectors

5:00pm – B. Smith, J. Gressang

7:30am – A. & R. Whitley

9:30am – R. Miller, M.J. Vondercrone

11:30am – K. Luther, P. Villucci

Cantors

5:00pm – Ugochi

7:30am – Michele

9:30am – Tara

11:30am – Katie

Altar Servers

5:00pm – A., E. & J. Kuduk

7:30am – A. Braun, R. & V. McLaughlin

9:30am – A. Berdel, J. DeFazio, B. Lare

11:30am – J. Franek, T. & G. McGann

Children's Liturgy

9:30am – P. Fiore, K. Shaughnessy

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, February 26th

Adult Bell Choir—6:30 to 7:30pm

Adult Choir—7:30 to 8:45pm

Rehearsals for Saturday, March 2nd

Children's Choir—4pm to 4:30pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Sunday, March 3rd

9:30am – Adult Bell Choir

**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. Please arrive by 10:00 AM. Accessible parking on the premises. Contact Amy Juarez with the Eldercare Assistance Program at 215-721-0199 x225 with any questions.

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: \$277.28

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!**



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES SPOTLIGHT

Climate change and poverty are closely intertwined. The people who suffer most from climate change are our brothers and sisters living in the poorest countries. Facing the loss of crops, livestock, shelter and income, the challenges are immense. CRS is working tirelessly with communities to support their efforts to adapt to new realities.

As Catholics and Americans, it's time to address global warming and poverty. Together, let's take concrete actions that could stop this disastrous trajectory and achieve lasting results. Urge your legislators to address climate change in the new Congress. Visit www.crs.org to find out how you can help. "Climate change is a global problem with grave implications... It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day." ~ Pope Francis

C.R.S. 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. Rice Bowls can be found in the pews, as well as in a basket in the Narthex at the back of the church, starting today. And don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app from www.crsricebowl.org!

50/50 TICKET WINNER 2019



Dear Fr. Chung & the parishioners of St. Maria Goretti,

Thank you very much for your support for the Vietnamese Children Program of Our Lady of La Vang Community at St. Maria Goretti. The 50/50 ticket winner is **Dorothy Eckard**, with ticket # 7203150. **She won \$270, but Dorothy gave 100% back to the Vietnamese Children Program.** Thank you very much for your generous donation, Dorothy! God bless you. Sr. Teresa Nha Trang Nguyen, r.a.

SUNDAY OFFERING



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COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

	Feb. 18, 2018	Feb. 17, 2019
Sunday Offering	\$15,372.66	\$14,676.76
Online Parish Giving	\$ 2,542.00	\$ 2,362.00
TOTALS:	\$17,914.66	\$17,038.76
Total # of contributors	562	
Misc. Offerings February 17, 2019		
Heat & Energy Offering:	\$680.40	
Poor Box Offering:	\$277.28	
Pew Repair Offering:	\$201.00	
Aging Priest Collection:	\$2,673.00	

WAYS TO GIVE & SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

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

Facility Rentals – The SMG Education Center has affordable, comfortable, functional spaces for rent in our Drexel Hall and the classrooms for daily, evening, weekend, weekly, or longer-term rentals. We have spaces for all occasions—events, parties, receptions, classes, meetings, exhibits, musical rehearsals and performances, etc. We rent to individuals, nonprofit organizations, and businesses with a sliding scale of rental rates. If you have a need and would like to support the Parish by using our facilities, please contact Geri Salanik at 215-721-0199.



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.

Stay 'n' Play at Mater Dei

Preschool age children, accompanied by a parent/caretaker, are welcome to "Stay and Play" at Mater Dei in February. You can enter for Stay and Play in the rear yard of the school. There will be balloons where you should enter. Activities will be different each week and include crafts, stories, singing, and play. Parking is available in the back lot of school, side lot of school, or St. Stan's parking lot. Parking in the school yard is not permitted. Only one date remaining:

Wednesday, February 27 (10:00 to 11:00 AM)

There is no cost for Stay and Play ... we are happy to have your child and you as our guests! Stay and Play will be cancelled if the school is closed due to weather. Please contact the Advancement Office to let us know if you will be attending at 215-368-9787 or gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com.

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

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



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.



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.

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. 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.