



Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

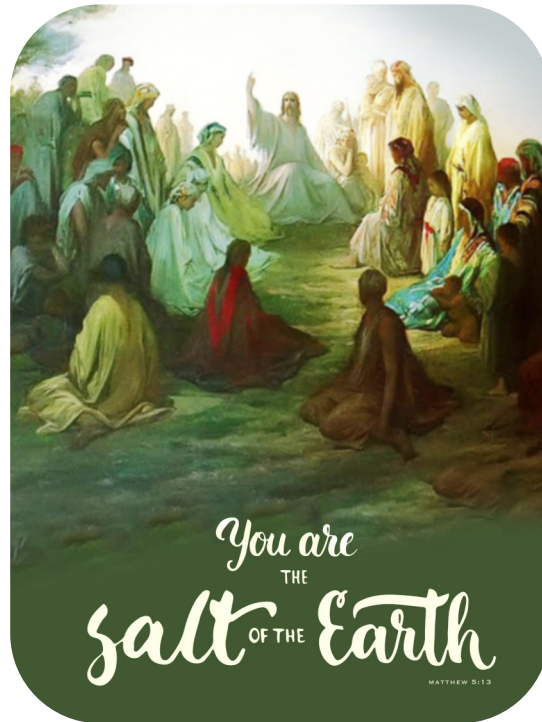
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Web Site: www.stmariagoretti.net

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.



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
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. **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.**

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

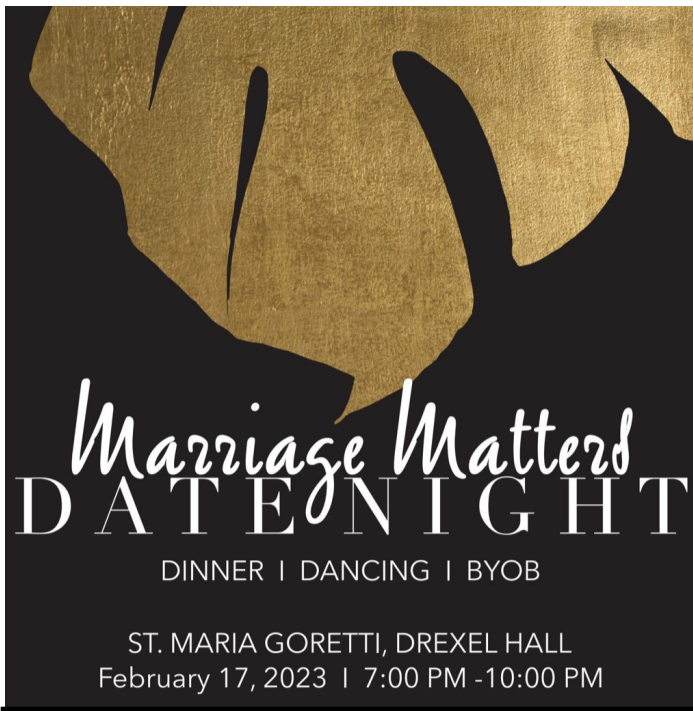
Following the directive of Pope Francis, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is offering annulments without cost to the petitioners. There are additional changes which would make annulments easier to obtain. Contact the Parish Center to speak with Fr. Chung for more information on the annulment process.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION

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



Marriage Matters
DATE NIGHT
DINNER | DANCING | BYOB

ST. MARIA GORETTI, DREXEL HALL
February 17, 2023 | 7:00 PM -10:00 PM

You're invited.....Marriage Matters ~ Date Night on February 17, 2023 from 7:00 PM- 10PM

All married couples are invited to enjoy an evening connecting with your spouse. Come enjoy a fine dining experience. Wine will be provided or BYOB. This is cost free, a semi-formal event to encourage and support spouses in their marriage. Seating is limited. Please call the parish office to reserve your seat. RSVP to Tyler Grant: (215) 721-0199



**SAVE THE DATE
SMG ANNUAL GOLF
OUTING**

Mark your calendar for **Monday, June 19th** for the SMG Golf Outing to be held at Lederach Golf Club. More details to follow in upcoming bulletins. If you would like to help on the Golf Outing Committee, please join us on Sunday, February 26th at 7pm in the Parish Center.



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.

THANK YOU!

To My SMG Family and Friends,
Thank you for the cards, gifts and homemade treats that you gave me at Christmas. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated. I consider myself blessed to be your pastor at such an awesome parish. May God bless you and your families in 2023.

Gratefully,
Father Chung

**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 years behind us and make our travel plans! The dates for the trip are October 17 to 27, 2023 with an optional 3-Night Journey to Rome Post Tour Extension. The tour includes 11 days and 19 meals. Some of the highlights of the trip are: Athens, Taverna Dinner Show, Corinth, The Acropolis, Mars Hill, 3-Night Cruise, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Kavala, Philippi, Meteora and more! For more information contact Father Chung at fr.chung@stmariagoretti.net or call the parish center at 215-721-0199.

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 8:30 AM mass (for those who are able) and then begin the lesson at 9:30 AM 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!

Reuniones de los Retiristas del Movimiento



Juan XXIII Hatfield PA. Todos los Martes a las 7:00 PM Aquí en la Capilla de La Iglesia. Para más información Contactar a Carlos Zuluaga Presidente Parroquial Juan XXIII Hatfield . Al 954-309-1771. Acércate al Grupo para que tengas un Encuentro Personal con Jesús



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., Feb. 5** 7:30 A.M. Glen Garis
Req. by Jim & Barbara Braun
9:30 A.M. Henry Baker
Req. by The Family
11:30 A.M. Diane Durso
Req. by Theresa Miller
- MON., Feb. 6** 8:30 A.M. Harry Grear
Req. by Kathleen Grear
- TUES., Feb. 7** 8:30 A.M. Dolores Flynn
Req. by Edie Hardnock
- WED., Feb. 8** 8:30 A.M. Marianne Dougherty
Req. by Louise Hotte
- THURS., Feb. 9** 8:30 A.M. John Glynn
Req. by The Family
- FRI., Feb. 10** 8:30 A.M. Christopher & Dick Nolan
Req. by Connie Nolan
- SAT., Feb. 11** 8:30 A.M. The Namiotka Family
Req. by Mary Namiotka
4:30 P.M. Jimmy Fedirko
Req. by Donna Dougherty
- 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

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit for **Francis Byrnes** requested by The Family.



BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week is lit for **SMG Parishioners** requested by Father Chung.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

OPPORTUNITY FOR STEWARDSHIP

Temple Cleaners— 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. To find out more about this ministry please call Cheryl at 215-721-0199.

PRAYER LINE

Our Parish Prayer Line consists of five adult prayer groups. Requests for prayers for the prayer line may be given by calling the **Parish Center at 215-721-0199**. Your prayer request is mentioned in the prayers of those on the line for 2 weeks and then included in their prayers for the following weeks in an inclusive prayer.



PLEASE KEEP IN MIND the following people who at this time need your prayers and support: Carol Algrogge, Lori Aiello, Baby David, Suki Borowski, Edward Buchinski, James Caprioli, Debbie Cassel, Rob 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.

CATECHESIS 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 Catechesis 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 dotbern@verizon.net / 215-290-1175

PRE-JORDAN CLASS

Pre-Jordan classes are offered the second Wednesday of each month in the Parish Library at 7pm. The next class will be held on **Wednesday, February 8th**. Pre-Jordan is required for parents wishing to have their child baptized and optional for godparents. You must attend Pre-Jordan prior to having your first child baptized. It is not necessary to attend if you have attended a session within the past 3 years. Please call the parish center at 215-721-0199 to register for the class and you are welcome to bring your little one. The class is approximately one hour.

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

Sign up today!

Cost of \$15.00 includes a workbook – sponsorship available where needed. Registration forms are in the narthex and on the parish web site. 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



Senior Luncheon



The CHOSEN—SEASON 2

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

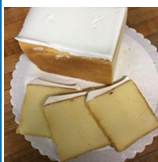
ADULT FAITH FORMATION
WINE & CHEESE DISCUSSION GROUP

Watch episodes prior to attending
February 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



**AFF FUNDRAISER
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 FRENCH HOST PROGRAM FOR TEENS

Inspired Gateways is looking for families with teens to host a French teen for a few weeks in the spring or summer. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your Catholic values, build lifelong friendships, and enjoy a great cultural experience. The French teens are fluent in English, having studied the language for six or more years. And, if desired, your teen will have the opportunity to do an exchange in France. For more information, please visit: www.inspiredgateways.us or contact: mcpopa@inspiredgateways.com.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

SMG VIRTUAL CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP



EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT ON ZOOM
7:30 pm—Register one time only at
<https://stmariagoretti.net/virtual-charismatic-prayer-meeting/>

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

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 \$\$

CONNECTED! Register Now!

For Middle School Teens and High School Leaders
Tuesdays -March 7th to April 4th, 2023
Registration forms are on line 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 7-8:30 SMG Basement

Jan 30th – Feb 17th we The Sacraments

We will feature a video presentation a discussion

For Lent Starting Feb 23rd Mysteries of The Rosary

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.

Seven Powerful Episodes
Rediscover the Power
The Agony in the Garden
The Scourging at the Pillar

The Crowning of Thorns
The Carrying of the Cross
The Crucifixion of Our Lord
The Pathway to Paradise

Email : Bigpeoplechurchschool@gmail.com
Call: Bill Wynne 267-471-7758
Substack: bigpeoplechurchschool.substack.com



MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th

E.M. of Holy Communion

- 4:30pm – Sacristan, P. Pinkston, *Volunteer Needed*
- 7:30am – Sacristan, M. Rosenberger, M. Haluska
- 9:30am – Sacristan, S. Sabia, D. Mischak
- 11:30am – Sacristan, S. Nagele, C. Friel

E.M. Home Visits

- A1–S. Steklenski, A2–K. Staudt, A3–J. Naab, A4–*Volunteer Needed*, A5–K. Clapper

Lectors

- 4:30pm – M. Hilsey, M. O’Pella
- 7:30am – A. & R. Whitley
- 9:30am – M. McCormick, R. Miller
- 11:30am – E. Gallagher, P. Shelly

Altar Servers

- 4:30pm – J. & M. Berial, E. Sharp
- 7:30am – A. & L. Wertz, J. Kuduk
- 9:30am – G. Sabia, T. McGann, *Volunteer Needed*
- 11:30am – R. Hernandez, B. Brennan, A. DeSiro

Cantors

- 4:30pm – Chelsea
- 7:30am – Joe B.
- 9:30am – Jenna
- 11:30am – Katie

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, February 7th
Adult Bell Choir—6:45 to 7:30pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:
Saturday, February 11th
4:30am – Adult Choir

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



Providing meals for children at school in Sierra Leone through the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service "Food for Education" program does more than feed a child. We nourish a bright future. We feed a future leader. We sow the seeds of knowledge that go on to build strong communities. Visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!

"No one must say that they cannot be close to the poor because their own lifestyle demands more attention to other areas. This is an excuse commonly heard in academic, business or professional, and even ecclesial circles. None of us can think we are exempt from concern for the poor and for social justice." ~ Pope Francis

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!

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$321.44**

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!**

SVDP MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul at St. Maria Goretti Parish will collect groceries for local charities next weekend, February 11-12. Please take a bag from the Church vestibule and return it next weekend with groceries for one of the charities listed below.

Manna on Main Street operates a soup kitchen and food pantry that last year served nearly forty thousand meals. It needs diapers sizes 4, 5, and 6; baby wipes, toilet paper, paper towels; flour, sugar, baking powder; baking soda, pasta sauce, body wash; dried fruit, ketchup, mayonnaise; powdered milk, boxed milk (shelf stable), honey; applesauce, low-sugar cereals (Cheerios, Chex, etc.), cooking oil; dish soap, laundry soap, cleaning supplies; trash bags, plastic wrap, and foil.

Shepherd’s Shelf is an emergency food cupboard. Its goal is to provide enough groceries and household items to feed households for three days. It serves households living in the Souderton Area School District, as well as Kulpville, Lansdale, and Towamencin. It needs scalloped and/or mashed potatoes (boxed), condiments, coffee; napkins, paper towels, toilet paper; shower gel, shampoo, conditioner; deodorant, and other personal care items.

Hatfield Church of the Brethren operates a food pantry for residents of Hatfield Borough and Township. It needs cereal, tomato sauce, canned vegetables; canned pineapple, canned mandarin oranges, white rice; pasta, dish detergent; canned salmon, canned tuna, baby food; laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper; deodorant, toothpaste, and other personal care items.

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

15th ANNUAL MAN UP PHILLY Men’s Spirituality Conference

The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic 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**

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. 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!

	<u>Sunday, January 29th</u>	
2022	2023	Difference
\$19,998.04	\$23,798.19	\$ 3,800.15

May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!

WAYS TO GIVE & SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

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

Gifts from Retirement Plans - Gifting assets accumulated through retirement plans can be a practical way to support SMG. Tax-free IRA rollover up to \$100,000 per year is now permitted by the IRS and counts toward your "Required Minimum Distribution" (RMD) if you are over age 70 1/2. Consider a charitable gift using all or a part of your RMD.



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 Al 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

Support your parish...
Purchase SCRIP!



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS
2012-2022
Mary, Cause of Our Joy,
We Celebrate

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 Thursday, February 16, 2023 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Tours will be given for families with children entering Pre-school, 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



OPEN HOUSE

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.



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

Mater Dei Catholic School has raised \$132,784 thus far for their newly renovated gymnasium. It is absolutely beautiful and will be able to be used very soon by our school children and the parish community.

Many of the improvements accomplished are a new gym floor, new retractable basketball nets, renovated ceiling, new sound and lighting equipment, new storage space, and much more! Help us continue to fund these improvements by donating at materdeicatholic.com. We have thousands more to go, but we are counting on alumni of our legacy schools, parishioners, and friends of Mater Dei to help. Please contribute today! Tours of the gym are available upon request by calling Mater Dei's school office at 215-368-0995. Thanks for your support of our school children!