



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.



**ASH WEDNESDAY—
February 22nd**

The beginning of Lent is right around the corner, Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. **Please join us for Mass and distribution of ashes at 7am, 8:30am, 12 noon and 7pm Vietnamese Mass.** Also, for your convenience there will be two daily Masses held during Lent in the main church at 7am and 8:30am Monday through Friday.

MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS



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

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

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

THE HATFIELD COMMUNITY ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERIES IS BACK!



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

Please join us each Wednesday at 7:30pm.

March 1st **Father Chung** will preach at Grace Lutheran Church

March 8th Reverend Robert Tufton will preach at Heidelberg United Church of Christ

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

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

March 29th Rev. Glenn Lambert will preach at Hatfield Church of the Brethren

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!

**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.

Calling all parishioners...

In honor of the upcoming Mother's day, and in celebration of Life, we ask for any of our parishioners who wish to participate to send a family photo, or a photo of when their child was born to be included in a video slideshow with your family last name in the subject line.

Send to: autumnvalley@juno.com

Sincerely, St. Maria Goretti's Respect Life Ministry

The Parish Office will be closed and there will NOT be Adoration on Monday, February 20th in observance of the Presidents Day holiday.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., Feb. 19** 7:30 A.M. Felix Molettiere
Req. by Bob & Deb Garges
9:30 A.M. Helen & Carmine Vernachio
Req. by Carman Vernacchio & Family
11:30 A.M. Dolores & Joseph S. Yemola
Req. by Joe & Gemma Assicurato
- MON., Feb. 20** 8:30 A.M. Dick Eckard
Req. by Dottie Eckard
- TUES., Feb. 21** 8:30 A.M. Beverly Kleason
Req. by The Family
- WED., Feb. 22** 7:00 A.M. Frank Dougherty, Sr.
Req. by The Dougherty Family
8:30 A.M. Nancy Mutscher
Req. by Cindy & Matt Shepardson
12 noon Angelo Franciosa
Req. by Sandra Watson
7:00 P.M. Vietnamese Mass
- THURS., Feb. 23** 7:00 A.M. Maher Abo Seif
Req. by Anthony & Donna Razzano
8:30 A.M. Edward Morawski
Req. by Edna Callaghan
- FRI., Feb. 24** 7:00 A.M. Joseph Gressang
Req. by Joanne Gressang
8:30 A.M. Thomas Schaeffer
Req. by Tom Concannon
- SAT., Feb. 25** 8:30 A.M. Kathleen Karmanski
Req. by Carole Coughlin
4:30 P.M. Alfred Rotelle
Req. by Anne O'Reilly
- SUN., Feb. 26** 7:30 A.M. Al Kondracki
Req. by Bill & Linda Hudak
9:30 A.M. John & Evelyn Grabowski
Req. by The Ericsson Family
11:30 A.M. Grace Hilbert
Req. by Dottie Eckard



SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit for **William Wiler** requested by Bernard & Alice Nagel.



BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week is lit for **Licia Butera** requested by The Butera Family.

PRAYER LINE

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



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 215-290-1175 or dotbern@verizon.net .



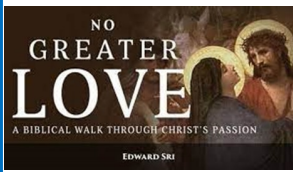
Online registration may be done using the QR code.

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

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 website. For more information contact:

Susan Gallen at suegallen79@verizon.net
or 215-370-6824.

CLUB 50+ LUNCHEON

Education Center 12:00 Noon
Followed by Game Day 1PM to 3PM
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



**SAVE THE DATE FOR
MOSES**
Sight and Sound Theatre
Great Seats!
Lancaster, PA
May 23, 2023

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

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



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

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 \$\$ Also available at the Parish
Center on Monday through Friday.

CONNECTED! Register Now!

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



Children's Youth Ministry
A Walk Through Holy Week
March 29, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the church
narthex.
Teen Leaders Needed! Registration on
line and in the narthex.

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

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



On February 6th, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake devastated large areas of central Turkey and northwest Syria. Later that day, the region experienced a second 7.7 magnitude quake. The death toll has surpassed 21,000 and continues to climb. The earthquake is the worst to strike Turkey this century. Across affected areas in both countries, apartment buildings and schools have been leveled. For Syrians, the damage took place in areas already devastated by years of war. In Turkey, the airports and the high roads of Anatolia are closed and most hospitals are unusable. Schools have been closed across the country.

Catholic Relief Services will support emergency relief efforts led by local partners in both Syria and Turkey. Already in Turkey, Caritas Internationalis, in coordination with authorities, is bringing displaced people to safe, open spaces and distributing hot meals and clothing. Please consider donating today - your gift will help us to provide safe shelter and access to food, clean water and hygiene supplies. Please visit www.crs.org today to see how you can help!

BIG PEOPLE CHURCH SCHOOL

Thursdays in Lent 7-8:30 SMG Basement

ENTER INTO THE MYSTERIES AND REDISCOVER THE POWER OF THE ROSARY

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

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 26th

E.M. of Holy Communion

- 4:30pm – Sacristan, L. & V. Lelii
- 7:30am – Sacristan, D. Grant, M. Rosenberger
- 9:30am – Sacristan, M. & M. D'Elia
- 11:30am – Sacristan, T. McBride, S. Sabia

E.M. Home Visits

- A1–C. Friel, A2–J. McNally, A3–J. Naab, A4–S. Steklenski, A5–P. O'Hara

Lectors

- 4:30pm – F. Filler, M. Faymore
- 7:30am – K. Luther, B. Braun
- 9:30am – M. Mays, T. Mazzeo
- 11:30am – S. Nagele, P. Shelly

Altar Servers

- 4:30pm – S. Filler, E. & K. Walsh
- 7:30am – T. McGann, A. & L. Wertz
- 9:30am – N. & J. Boell, B. Brennan
- 11:30am – G. Sabia, E. Sharp, R. Hernandez

Cantors

- 4:30pm – Donna
- 7:30am – Bruce
- 9:30am – Andrew
- 11:30am – Connor

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, February 21st

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

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

- Saturday, February 25th**
- 4:30pm – Adult Bell Choir



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE**



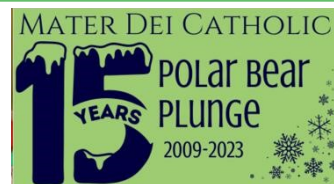
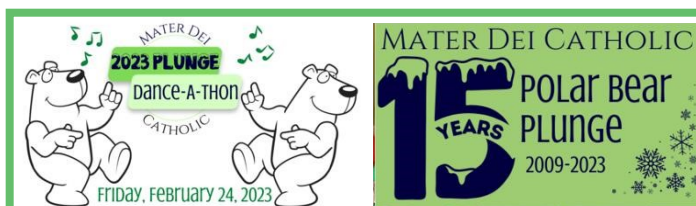
In case of inclement weather, please contact Nancy Boak to confirm whether Adoration will take place. If the Souderton or North Penn School District is closed or on a delayed opening due to weather, there will **NOT** be Eucharistic Adoration. Thank you to all of our Adorers!

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: \$234.76

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!**



5 years of supporting tuition assistance
GOAL - \$60,000

2023 Polar Bear Plunge Dance-A-Thon

The Polar Bear Plunge has been a long-standing tradition supporting Catholic Education for the families of Mater Dei Catholic School. For the past 14 years, our school has participated in the **Polar Bear Plunge** to help families give their children the gift of Catholic Education. A team of 8 original Plungers began this tradition in 2009. They gathered sponsors who supported their plunge into the chilly Atlantic Ocean to raise funds for Tuition Assistance. Each year, our plunge team grew bigger and better. In 2020, our Mater Dei Plunge Team included over 112 members who gathered in Sea Isle City for a memorable day. Despite Sea Isle canceling their plunge event, we are deeply committed to raising funds for Tuition Assistance. Mater Dei will host their first **Polar Bear Plunge Dance-A-Thon** this year. Their goal is to raise \$60,000, and we need your help. Parents, teachers, and students will be outside Church on Saturday, February 25, and February 26 to "can." Mater Dei is grateful to you for your generous support for Catholic Education.

**IT'S NOT TOO SOON TO START
PLANNING FOR GORETTIFEST**

Please join us for the first planning meeting for the 2023 Gorettifest event. Everyone is welcome. We would love to have some new ideas and members to join in the fun of planning. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 28th at 7pm in the parish center. For more info contact Tom Coughlin at sahs01@comcast.net

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



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



Helping Our Parish Grow

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Thank you to the parishioners of SMG that are able to continue to support the parish. Your generosity makes it possible to continue the wonderful ministries and programs within our parish. We are also able to continue to help those in need through our very generous Saint Vincent DePaul ministry. May God continue to bless all of you for your continued support!

<u>Sunday, February 26th</u>		
2022	2023	Difference
\$20,738.03	\$22,908.19	\$ 2,125.16

May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!




KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL CRAB CAKE SALE

CRAB CAKES – On Sale Now – stock up for lent! Knights of Columbus Pius IX council annual Crab Cake Sale featuring Capt'n Chucky's famous Smith Island Crab Cakes, Maryland Crab Soup, Crab Critter Appetizers and More! Your orders must be placed and received no later than MONDAY, February 20th. Orders must be picked up on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm at the MATER DEI SCHOOL GYM (St. Stanislaus Church School, Lansdale, PA). Visit www.kofc4396.org to download an order form and contact 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



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




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 gsmanns@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 gsmanns@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 Gymnasium

Mater Dei Catholic School has raised \$141,062 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!

CONGRATULATIONS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Knights of Columbus, Pius IX Council are very pleased to announce the following recipients of the annual Knights of Columbus scholarship at the Lansdale Catholic High School: Tyler Woods of St. Luke, Carlton (CJ) Hackett of Corpus Christi and Francesca Craig of St. Rose of Lima. We hope that you will join us in congratulating all of these outstanding students and wish them well with their continuing Catholic education. To learn more about this and other work done by the Knights of Columbus here in your parishes and communities, please visit us on our website at www.kofc4396.org, or reach out to one of our members

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.