



Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

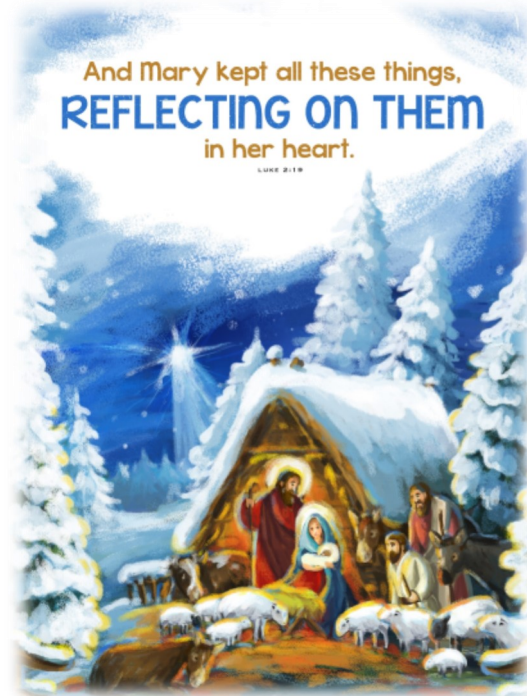
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MASS SCHEDULE

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
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

DEVOTIONS:

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



Dear Parishioners and Friends of the SMG Parish Family,

Wishing you a happy & healthy New Year! As I reflect over the past year I want to thank each of you for your support of Saint Maria Goretti Parish. Whether it was through your prayers, your time, talent or financial support, all of it is so important to the life of our parish.

Saint Maria Goretti Parish is known for its generosity and compassion through your support of the many organizations and people that you have helped throughout 2022. During this past year we have asked for your support of so many groups, such as our Poor Box Ministry, St. Vincent DePaul, monthly food drives, the victims of the many hurricanes, missionaries that visited our parish, The Little Sisters of the Poor, Catholic Charities, the Giving Tree, St. Charles Seminary Appeal and the list goes on. I need to commend all of you for the sacrifice you make to show your care and concern to those less fortunate. Please be assured of my prayers for a blessed and joyful New Year for you and your families. May God bless each of you in 2023!

*Sincerely Yours in Christ.
Father Chung*



**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!



There will not be Adoration on Monday, January 2nd in observance of the New Year's holiday.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., Jan. 1** 7:30 A.M. George Brown
Req. by Bill & Judy O'Brien
9:30AM Sabine Parker & Rose Hoermann
Req. by The Girard Family
11:30AM Sabine Parker & Rose Hoermann
Req. by Gwen, Tom and Kerri Diamond
- MON., Jan. 2** 8:30 A.M. William McGuckin
Req. by The Engler Family
- TUES., Jan. 3** 8:30 A.M. Jane Greene
Req. by Elaine & John Greene
- WED., Jan. 4** 8:30 A.M. Alfred Rotelle
Req. by Rosemarie Randall
- THURS., Jan. 5** 8:30 A.M. Margaret Bowers
Req. by Kathleen Catts
- FRI., Jan. 6** 8:30 A.M. Judy Gow
Req. by James Gow
- SAT., Jan. 7** 8:30 A.M. Anthony Gatto
Req. by Theresa Miller
4:30 P.M. Patty Quittle
Req. by Kevin & Mary McCorry
- SUN., Jan. 8** 7:30 A.M. Roger Bonham
Req. by Jim & Barbara Braun
9:30 A.M. Elizabeth & Joseph Cochrane
Req. by Betty & Gerry Dieckhaus
11:30 A.M. Dick Eckard
Req. by Dottie Eckard

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit for *the Parishioners of SMG* requested by Father Chung.



BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL

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

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 4pm. **The next Holy Hour will take place on Thursday, January 5th at 4pm.**

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, Chuck Biehn, 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 Gonzalez, Tanner Gower, Pamela Guld, John Gunder, Sr., Ali Herron, Theresa Hoffman, Tim Huelsman, Mary Isban, Luba Jackson, Maria Kardash, Barb Ladley, Troy Landis, 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, Marianne Peters, Bridget and Colleen, 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.

PRO-LIFE MARCH

WASHINGTON, D.C.—January 20, 2023



Join Pro-life members from all over the country in the fight to end abortion.

We will leave St. Maria Goretti parking lot at 5:45am (with a stop for a quick break) to participate at Mass at 10am at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. After Mass we will take the Metro to the rally sight.

A rally will begin at noon. The March will begin at 1:00 P.M. The destination is The Capitol, where more speakers will speak out in support of life.

The bus will leave the Shrine parking lot at 4:00 P.M. We will make a stop for a quick meal on the way home.

We suggest you pack any food and drinks you might need for the day. The cost is \$25.00. Drop off payment to the parish office.

Name(s): _____

of seats: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Parish: _____

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



AFF FUNDRAISER FAMOUS STOCK'S POUND CAKE SALE

\$16.00 Per Cake
Vanilla pound cake with vanilla icing
Pre-Order before February 1st
Pick-Up following the Masses on February
11th and 12th .



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.
January 25, February 15, March 15, April 26, 2023

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
January 4, 2023 - Season 2 (5&6)
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!**

Held the First Friday of each month
from November, 2022 through
March, 2023
After 8:30 AM Mass in the IHM
Room



**No registration is necessary ~
Free Will Donations are
Appreciated!**

BIG PEOPLE CHURCH SCHOOL

Weekly Adult Faith Formation

The program is suspended for the holidays and will resume on
Thursday, January 12, 2023 in the IHM Room of the Parish
Center from 7 to 8:30pm.

**Contact the Big People Church Team at
bigpeoplechurchschool@gmail.com**

**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, 2022 after all Masses



CONNECTED!

**For Middle School Teens and High School
Leaders**

Tuesdays March 7th - April 4th, 2022

Go to www.stmariagoretti.net for a registration form.



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



SVDP SECOND SUNDAY GROCERY COLLECTION

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul at St. Maria
Goretti Parish will collect groceries for local
charities next weekend, **January 7-8**. Please
take a bag from the Church vestibule and return it next week-
end 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 5 and 6, baby wipes, deodorant; shampoo,
conditioner, razors; individually packaged toothbrushes, tooth-
paste, dish soap; and feminine hygiene products.

DeSales University students may suffer from food insecurity,
living in dorm rooms while unable to afford meal plans. They
need microwaveable containers of soup, macaroni and cheese,
cereals; applesauce, pudding, pouches of tuna; personal care
items such as soap, shampoo, deodorant; and feminine hy-
giene products.

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

Please consider helping sort groceries on the second Sunday
of every month. We start after 9:30 Mass and finish around
11:30. This could be a fine family activity. To volunteer, call
Donald Baldino at (267) 625-8642.

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 8th

E.M. of Holy Communion

4:30pm – Sacristan, D. Blanche, B. Pollock

7:30am – Sacristan, R. & R. Mazur

9:30am – Sacristan, D. & K. Ericsson

11:30am – Sacristan, C. Zuluaga, S. Nagele

E.M. Home Visits

B1-J. McNally, B2-D. Fuse, B3-J. Naab,

B4-T. McGann, B5-D. Grant

Lectors

4:30pm – M. O’Pella, J. Gressang

7:30am – A. & R. Whitley

9:30am – B. Smith, F. Stumpo

11:30am – B. Hudak, J. McFarland

Altar Servers

4:30pm – D. Farzetta, B. Brennan, B. Mazeroski

7:30am – A. & L. Wertz, A. DeSiro

9:30am – C. Breen, M. & N. Cugini

11:30am – N. Barrales, D. Engle, J. Kuduk

Cantors

4:30pm – Janna

7:30am – Joe B.

9:30am – Katie

11:30am – Isabella

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, January 3rd

Children’s Choir—6 to 6:45pm

Adult Bell Choir—6:45 to 7:30pm

Guitar Ensemble—7:30pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Saturday, January 7th

4:30pm—Children’s Chime Choir

Sunday, January 8th

9:30am – Guitar Ensemble

11:30am—Guitar Ensemble & Youth Bell Choir

CALLING ALL PARISH CHILDREN

A new session of Children’s Music Ministry is beginning in January! Please consider singing for the Lord!

Session 2—Children’s Singing Choir—Grades 1 through 7
January Rehearsals 6 to 6:45pm on the 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st in church.

Sing at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, February 5th. Please arrive at 8:45am.

Session 3—Children’s Chime Choir—Grades 2 through 7
February Rehearsals 6 to 6:45pm on the 14th, 21st and 28th in church.

March rehearsals from 6 to 6:45pm on the 7th, 14th and 21st in church.

Play Chimes on March 26th at the 9:30am Mass on March 26th. Please arrive at 8:45am.

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was not available in time for publication.

BENEFITS ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY

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 **November through December 2022**, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to **St. Vincent dePaul Society**. The SMG Conference of the Society was newly formed in 2007 and meets each Monday evening in the Parish Center to review the needs of individuals within our community. The Society works in collaboration with other organizations to provide person-to-person service, recognizing Christ in the face of those in need. The Society also supports the initiatives of the International Society, including clothing and food drives, as well as other special projects. This collection will provide much needed funding to fulfill our mission to serve the poor and needy. As quoted in the Society’s motto...“No form of charity is foreign to the Society.” **If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!**



SAINT MARIA GORETTI ELDERCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Providing Guidance, Supporting Choice

A Geriatric Care Manager can be helpful in the following situations:

- Concerns about elderly parent, spouse, or neighbor’s safety
- Transitions from a hospital stay or to a nursing home setting
- Learning what options are available for you or your loved one
- Discovering services available in your community

For more information on this FREE service, call Amy Juarez at the Parish Center at 215-721-0199 x225 or email at ajuarez@chs-adphila.org

BAPTISMS

Welcome to the newest members of our parish:



Leon Thomas son of Christopher & Jessica Hunkler, **Juliette S. and Nicholas Patrick** children of Andria & Michel Boulanger, **Lewis Bernard** son of Lewis & Morgan Palmer, **Mariana Lopes** daughter of Odair & Titiana Santos, **Emilia Antoinette** daughter of Konrad & Anna Sobilo, **Lucas John** son of Zachary & Ashley Calhoun, **Baker Francis** son of Stephen & Christine Smaglio, **Caroline Rose** daughter of Vinoo & Megan Jankie.

CONGRATULATIONS!



This time of year, as we reflect on the migration of the Holy Family, we encourage you to say a prayer for families everywhere, especially those who are on the move, seeking safety. Visit www.crs.org to see how you can help!

Visit the parish website today to find out how the consistency of signing up for Parish Giving™ helps our community prosper.



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!

Sunday, December 25th not available in time for Publication.

May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!

RCIA NEWS

Congratulations to our catechumens who were accepted and our candidates who were welcomed at the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, December 18th. Fr. Chung and Deacon Steve formally recognized Ken Claar, Megan Borell, Michelle Vito, and John Harrigan into the RCIA process. Please keep them in your prayers as they journey in their faith formation on the road to becoming full members in the Catholic Church.



KOC FREE THROW COMPETITION

January 11th, 2023



The Knights of Columbus, Pius IX Council 4396 is hosting the 2023 Basketball Free Throw competition on Wednesday, January 11th starting at 6:30 PM in the St. Maria Goretti – Drexel Hall Gym. This is open to all boys and girls ages 9 through 14 (Please bring a photocopy of birth certificate to leave with registration). Free to compete! Visit KofC4396.org to learn more about this and other Knights of Columbus activities.

RIDE TO CHURCH NEEDED FOR AN ELDERLY PARISHIONER

A ride to church is needed by Janet LaFarciola (86), from the Hatfield area. She would be grateful for a ride to any Mass including daily Masses whenever you can help. If you are interested in lending a hand please call Janet directly at 215 260-8871. Thank you for your consideration.



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS
1993-2023
Mary, Cause of Our Joy, We Celebrate

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the students and staff of Mater Dei Catholic School. Our school family will remember our parish families in prayer during the 2023 school year! Blessings this Christmas Season!



Registration for 2023-24 at Mater Dei Catholic School

Believe it or not, Registration for the 2023-24 school year at Mater Dei Catholic is in full swing! 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 Gymnasium

Mater Dei Catholic School has raised \$114,000 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!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Blood Help Save Lives
Tuesday, January 10, 2023 from 2pm to 7pm

To schedule an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: St. Maria Goretti

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.