



Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

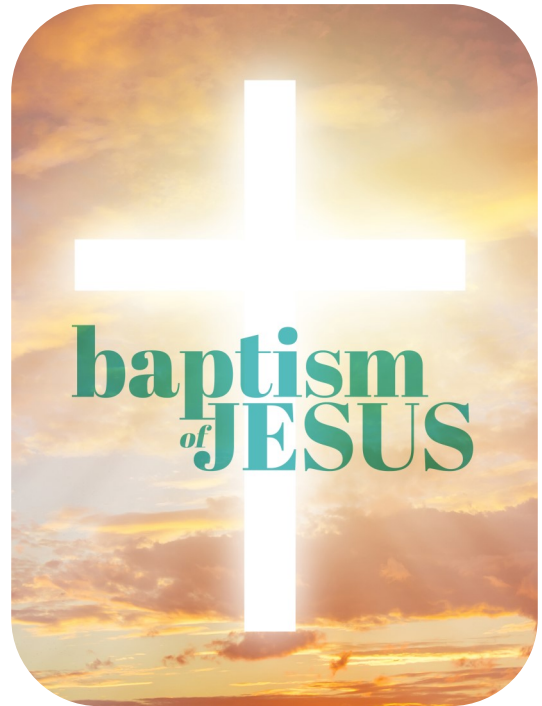
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, & 11:30 am
Vietnamese Mass: 2:30 pm
Weekdays & Saturday Mass: 8:30 am
Holy Days: Vigil 7:00pm, 7:00am, 8:30am
& noon, Vietnamese Mass at 7pm
***Mass Live Streamed on SMG Facebook page or a link on the parish website Sundays at 9:30am and daily at 8:30am.**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday: 9am to 4:00pm
Saturday & Sunday by appointment only during the pandemic.



PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. John C. Nguyen
In Residence: Rev. Joseph Lap Le
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
Admin. Assist. of Religious Education: JoAnn Prahler & Pat Kendig
Director of Music: Eileen Ericsson
Pastoral Assistant: Patricia Conroy
Office Manager: Cheryl Ryan
Parish Secretary: Mary Faymore
R.C.I.A. Coordinator: Al Pandolfo
Elder Care Assistance Program: Amy Juarez
Business Manager: Douglas Smith
Asst. Business Mgr.: Geri Salanik

DEVOTIONS:

Adoration: Mondays after the 8:30 am Mass -
Concludes at 5pm with Benediction
Marian: Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass.
Saint Maria Goretti: Monday during the 8:30 am Mass.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday at 12:45 pm (except the first Sunday of each month). Please call the Parish Office to register for Baptism. Pre-Jordan classes required for parents and optional for godparents, are offered the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted in the bulletin. Baptisms are limited to **ONE CHILD** per Sunday. **Letters of eligibility are due at the Parish Center before a date can be given for Baptism.**

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made with a priest at least six months in advance. You must speak to a priest before making arrangements for a reception hall. Scheduling, rescheduling or cancellation MUST be done by a priest. Pre-Cana classes are required for all couples. Please visit the archdiocesan website at <http://phillycatholiclife.org/marriage-and-family/preparing-for-marriage/>

ANNULMENTS

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

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm or any time upon request. Call the Parish Center.

Thank you!

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

Thank you for your generosity to me this Christmas Season. Every gift, delicious snack, baked good, cards and kind wishes meant so much to me. I pray for your good health and continued faith in 2021! God Bless you.

*Gratefully,
Father Chung*



SVDP MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul at St. Maria Goretti Parish will collect groceries for local charities next weekend, January 16-17th. Please take a bag from the church vestibule and return it next weekend with groceries for one of the charities indicated below.

Martha's Choice Marketplace, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, is the largest, most visited food pantry in Montgomery County, serving more than one thousand families and thirty-five hundred individuals each month, while distributing more than one million pounds of food annually. It needs feminine hygiene products, diapers sizes 4-6, cooking oil; adult nutritional items such as Ensure, healthy breakfast items for kids, lunchbox fillers; personal care items, household cleaners, laundry detergent; paper products, and general groceries.

Hatfield Church of the Brethren operates a food pantry for residents of Hatfield township and borough. It needs canned mandarin oranges, pineapple, tuna; canned salmon, diced tomatoes, whole tomatoes; cereal, spaghetti sauce, pasta; cake mixes, icing, shampoo; deodorant, diapers sizes 5-6, and feminine hygiene products.

Pro-Life/Birthright needs diapers, newborn through size 3; baby clothing, newborn through eighteen months; maternity clothing (especially leggings); baby linens: towels, crib sheets, and swaddlers. It does NOT need gear such as bathtubs and strollers.

May God bless you for your generosity!




GORETTIFEST NEWS

The first planning meeting for the 2021 Goretifest is set for **Tuesday, January 26, 2021**. For those who are not comfortable with meeting in person at this time, but would like to help, we will also hold the meeting via Zoom. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please send an email to smggoretifest@gmail.com letting us know if you are interested in serving on the committee and can attend the meeting either in person or virtually.

As you are all aware we, unfortunately, had to cancel the 2020 Goretifest due to COVID concerns but with the intent to reschedule the event for **Friday, May 7, 2021** with a Cinco de Mayo theme. We hope that the many dedicated volunteers and donors that helped make past Goretifest events a success will be able to help make this event an even bigger success. For those that have not been involved in the past, why not consider helping out this year and make this event a fun and successful event for our Parish community.





PRO-LIFE MARCH WASHINGTON, D.C.
Friday, January 29, 2021

Bus Departure from St. Maria Goretti Parking Lot at 7am
Join Pro-Life members from all over the country in the fight to end abortion. We leave SMG parking lot at 7am (with a stop for a quick break) to Metro Center in Washington DC—Cost is \$10.

We will need to walk from the Metro Center to the rally point on 12th Street—approximately 1 mile. Rally is at 12 noon. The March will begin at 1pm. The destination is the Supreme Court, where more speakers will speak out in support of life.

The bus leaves the Metro Center at 4pm. There will not be a dinner stop due to Covid. There will be a quick rest stop on the way home. We suggest you pack any food and drinks you might need for the day.

Any questions, please contact Bob McCormick at 215-362-1247 or bobmcc52@verizon.net.

Tickets must be purchased in advance, please mail the registration form to Saint Maria Goretti Parish, Pro-Life March, 1601 Derstine Rd., Hatfield, PA 19440

Name(s): _____

of tickets: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., Jan. 10** 7:30 A.M. Dec'd members of the Topley Family
Req. by The Family
9:30 A.M. Patty Quittle
Req. by Kevin & Mary McCorry
11:30 A.M. Raymond & Margaret Smith
Req. by Gary & Barbara Smith & Family
- MON., Jan. 11** 8:30 A.M. Naomi McWilliams
Req. by Teesha & Jim Rudder
- TUES., Jan. 12** 8:30 A.M. Luella Schrum
Req. by Tom & Rita Miller
- WED., Jan. 13** 8:30 A.M. Gregory Walsh
Req. by His Godparents
- THURS., Jan. 14** 8:30 A.M. Nishitha & Bijo
Req. by Vipin & Merin
- FRI., Jan. 15** 8:30 A.M. Maura & Deirdre McInerney
Req. by The Schussler Family
- SAT., Jan. 16** 8:30 A.M. Debrah Murray
Req. by The Ciccarelli Family
5:00 P.M. The Murphy Family
Req. by Sally & Edd Murphy
- SUN., Jan 17** 7:30 A.M. Thomas Galle
Req. by Janna Kerr
9:30 A.M. William Peters
Req. by Marianne & Bob Peters
11:30 A.M. Karen Sullivan
Req. by Gary & Barbara Smith & Family

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **the Ricciardi Family** requested by Joe & Rose Bondi.



BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week is lit in memory of **Annette Souther** requested by Linda & Joseph Benischeck.

HOLY LAND TRIP WITH FR. CHUNG

Have you ever dreamed of going to the Holy Land?



Due to the worldwide pandemic the parish trip to the Holy Land with Fr. Chung and Fr. Brody has been postponed until **November 6 through 14, 2021**. For more information call Father Chung at 215-721-0199 or pick up a brochure in the narthex. Consider traveling with

us in 2021, it will be something to look forward to as we get through the uncertainty of the pandemic!!

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: Josephine Albert, Ruth Adams, Jennifer & Kimberly

Agnew, Mark Altroggi, Matthew Arrow, Christina Augustine, Paul Baril, Ray Baril, Joey Berical, Jerilyn Bowler, Patricia Britton, Linda Burbank, Mary Callaghan, Ron Cariola, Aldo Carnara, Danny Catts, Joanna Cavacini, James Chrissy, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Helen Curren, Susan & Anthony Dalesio, Joanne Daum, Loretta Deller, Leo Dennis, Karen Diana, Peter Fallon, Christine Fandozzi, Marybeth Hentschel Fiorelli, Carol Galinski, Joe Gallant, Erin Gilbert, Lianessa Gonzalez, Abby Graham, Andrew Green, Dionne Greim, Sharon, Fernando, Ian Griffin, Frank Holloway, Janet Hampton, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Ron Hoffman, Jeanette Hoy, Kevin Iavecchia, Richard Jedlicka, Charles Kline, Sue Kunze, Peg Krempf, Jen Kunkle, Jama Lecore, Curt Lecrone, Angelique, Gina & Keenan Lee, Dorothy Lougee, Dina Lukasko, Patti Maguire, Joe Martin, William & Kristen Morrow, John McLaughlin, Bridget Micshener, Diane Moll, Frank Monroe, Munson Family, John Mye, Terry Shields Neumann, Joan Nickerson, Regina Nimmo, Ernest & Mele Lee-Nippins, Bill O'Brien, Lisa O'Driscoll, Matt Page, Anthony & Michael Paone, Kathy Paone, Catherine Pagano, Al Palatucci, Robert Pauloski, Flocefida & Salvador Penganon, Connie Perrong, Michael Prahler, Marian Quinn, Marlin Raber, Dolores Radicioni, Michael Rafter, Joan Ramsher, Scott Randall, Frank Reiner Jim Richardson, Vanessa Rivera, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Barbara Scally, Helen Shekalis, Melissa Shelly, Mary Smith, Anthony Smith, Rukiatu Smith, Valerie Somma, Lawrence Stempel, Judy Stangl, Joseph & Michael Thomas, John & Kathleen Thinnes, Jessica Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzel, John Willstaudt, Salem Yabut, Jack Zampirri, Joe Zdun & Joan Ziegler.

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.

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.

ARE YOU MISSING OUT...



on the many graces waiting for you in our chapel? Jesus is waiting. All you need to do is just come and sit with Him. There are no special prayers or readings just your time and a commitment. By becoming a Guardian, you tell Jesus that spending time with Him is a priority in your life.

You are willing to even arrange your schedule for Him! Imagine how happy this makes our Lord and Savior. The following times are in need of a second Guardian partner:

12 noon to 12:30pm, 1:30pm to 2pm or 2pm to 2:30pm

Come and receive the peace that only He can give. Please contact Nancy Boak by phone 215-393-3763 or email nancyboak@aol.com to sign-up or inquire.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE



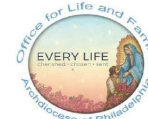
In case of inclement weather, please contact Nancy Boak to confirm whether Adoration will take place. If Souderton or North Penn School District is closed or on a delayed opening due to weather, there will **NOT** be Eucharistic Adoration. Thank you to all of our Adorers!

WHERE DID 2020 GO?

It's Christmas undecorating time after The Baptism of Christ. So, Tuesday, January 12 at 9:00 am will be taking down the Christmas decorations and need your help.. At that time the poinsettias can be adopted. Thanking you in advance!.

PHILADELPHIA 2021 MARCH FOR LIFE

Saturday January 23rd, 2021



*We will be practicing social distancing, and we ask that everyone wear a mask while at the event.

9:00AM Roman Catholic Mass (*All are Welcome!*)

Archbishop Nelson Perez will kick off the day by celebrating mass at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul (parking will be available at the Cathedral).

10:30AM Let the March Begin!

The march will begin at the Cathedral and proceed to Independence Mall with several stops along the route, including Philadelphia Women's Center, where 6,500 abortions are committed each year.

12:00PM Rally

We will conclude the day with a rally at Independence Mall!

For more information please contact Bob McCormick at 215-362-1247 or email at bohmcc52@verizon.net

RISE UP & JOURNEY WITH JESUS

Are you discerning religious life? The Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity will be hosting a virtual discernment retreat January 29th and 30th for single women, ages 18+ that are considering religious life. Join MSBT sisters in prayer, reflection and hear MSBT sisters share their stories on mission. To register go to msbt.org/rise-up-journ... or for more information email voc@msbt.org.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GIVE THE GIFT OF A NEW HYMNAL

We are halfway there...600 of 1200 hymnals are already gifted!

With Christmas coming right around the corner, we all have that hard to buy for person, please consider the gift of a hymnal in their honor. This gift will last for years to come. While helping the parish to defray the cost with a donation of \$25 per hymnal. Consider this opportunity to honor loved ones or to commemorate a special event such as an anniversary, birthday...! Stop at the table in the narthex to pick up a reservation form or fill put the form below and drop or mail to the Parish Center, attention: Cheryl Ryan. Thank you for your consideration and support of this project for our parish! See the sample hymnals at the display in the narthex.

Number of Hymnals: _____

In Honor of: _____

Requested by: _____

In Loving Memory of: _____

Requested by: _____

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 17th

Lectors

5:00pm – F. Filler, J. Gressang
 7:30am – B. Healy, B. Hudak
 9:30am – N. & R. Boak
 11:30am – P. Shelly, M.J. Vondercrone

Cantors

5:00pm – Ugochi
 9:30am – Andrew
 7:30am – Donna
 11:30am – Chelsea

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, January 12th

Mini Bell Choir—6:45pm
 Mini Choir—7:30pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Sunday, January 17th
 9:30am – Mini Choir



MASS LIVE STREAMED

If you haven't logged onto SMG Mass being Live Streamed through Facebook, or by clicking on the link on the home page of our website at www.stmariagoretti.net in a while, you may want to **give it another try!** Through the generosity of a very giving parishioner, we have the capability to Live Stream Mass in which the audio and video are top quality. Much research for the best equipment (all donated) and many hours of hard work over the past few weeks by a couple very dedicated parishioners have made this all possible as we continue to be dispensed by Archbishop Nelson Perez to attend Mass in person. Thank you for your patience over these past months as we finally are able to provide Live Streamed Mass at a quality that is worth watching. **Many thanks to the gentleman who made this possible! Mass will be Live Streamed Monday through Saturday at 8:30am, Sunday at 9:30am and Adoration all day on Mondays with Benediction at 5pm.**

PRE-JORDAN CLASS

Pre-Jordan classes are offered the second Wednesday of each month in the IHM Room of the Parish Center at 7pm. The next class will be held on **Wednesday, January 13th**. 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. There is no need to register for the class and you are welcome to bring your little one. The class is approximately one hour.

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected in November & December for St. Vincent DePaul was: **\$4,462.79**

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 2021**, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to **"Along The Way"** located in Souderton, PA. Along The Way is a non-profit faith-based organization that provides affordable, reliable, high-quality childcare services to the children of single mothers working or attending school/training during non-traditional business hours. Mothers qualify for these services based on financial need. They also offer and/or partner with other organizations to provide: parenting skills training, after school care for children, counseling, mentoring and/or training to help women navigate life's challenges. **If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!**

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



In Uganda, CRS is equipping youth with knowledge, skills, cell phones and even bicycles so they can help their communities combat the ongoing threats of desert locusts and food security. Visit www.crs.org for more information.

Thanks for your support!

"We are trained and in turn pass on this knowledge and information to the farming communities. If you walk around now, the communities are well equipped with knowledge regarding the desert locusts." ~ Beatrice Adukuran, Uganda

THE ANNULMENT PROCESS

If your marriage ended in divorce, you can petition the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for a Declaration of Nullity. The Tribunal is looking to see if something was lacking in the intentions of the parties in regards to children, fidelity and permanence, and/or in their understanding of marriage, and/or in their ability to enter into and fulfill marriage.

Anyone can begin the process now from the ease of their own computer. Go to www.archphila.org. On the top right of the webpage, under the heading, "How do I", click on the tab "Start the Annulment Process." Follow the instructions, fill out the form on the computer, print out the form, obtain the proper documents and send everything to the Tribunal.

When your application is received you will be contacted to begin your case with formal testimony. The normal annulment process takes 6 to 8 months.

In accord with the wishes of Pope Francis, the annulment process now exists without cost. Parishes across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia contribute to the Metropolitan Tribunal in order to absorb the \$800.00 administrative fee. Petitioners are only asked to donate something out of charity according to their means.

If you are seeking spiritual and pastoral support concerning your divorce, please contact our pastor or one of our permanent deacons at 215-721-0199. We are here for you!

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS THROUGH THE PANDEMIC

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

	Christmas Collection	
2019	2020	Difference
\$71,248.40	\$62,131.00	(\$9,117.40)
	Sunday, January 3rd	
\$30,541.74	\$25,399.78	(\$5,141.96)




GIVING TREE

OUTREACH GIVING TREE

Thank you so much to all who donated to our Giving Tree this year! Thanks to your generosity, we were able to purchase enough food gift cards and Walmart gift cards for all the needy families that we received from Saint Vincent dePaul, local school counselors, VNA, struggling families who called our church, and families whom we helped in the past.


God bless you and may your New Year be filled with many blessings!

Sincerely,
Maripat Shelly
Outreach



Registration 2021-22

It's time! New families can now register their child for the 2021- 22 school year at both Mater Dei Catholic School's Lansdale and Hatfield campuses. 63 new registrations have already been accepted! Many of our classrooms will be filled by December of 2020 for the 21-22 school year. So if you have a child who will be eligible for Pre-school through Grade 8 in September of 2021 and would like more information about registration or our programs, please contact Grace Samanns in the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com.



A reasonably priced childcare program and a nurturing, safe environment for your child while you work...

The Mater Dei Childcare Center, located at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Hatfield, watches over the youngest members of our community. Your child, ages 6 weeks to 36 months, is welcome to participate in an amazing program where he or she will learn and develop socially, emotionally, academically, and spiritually in a nurturing environment. Mater Dei Child Care Center is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM to accommodate the working parent. If you would like information about future availability for this wonderful program, please contact Katherine Stansbury, Center Director, at childcare@materdeicatholic.com or 215-799-2211.
Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.

METANOIA ~ CATHOLICS IN THEIR 20'S & 30'S

Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County, PA. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Our upcoming events are listed below and begin at 7:30pm on most Tuesdays unless otherwise noted.

As the current gathering restrictions in our area are frequently changing, please be sure you are subscribed to our newsletter to receive access to our virtual meetings and our latest information by heading to <http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org>. Questions? Contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com for more information, or visit our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults).

January 2021

- ◆ Tuesday, January 5: Virtual Rosary to Begin the New Year
- ◆ Tuesday, January 12: Virtual Bible Study: The Year of St. Joseph
- ◆ Tuesday, January 19: Virtual Bingo Night with Prizes
- ◆ Tuesday, January 26: Holy Hour at Mary Mother of the Redeemer Parish, Montgomeryville

TURNING TAXES INTO SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are paying Pennsylvania state income taxes, why not turn your tax dollars into need based scholarships for schools? Pennsylvania provides a 90% tax credit to individuals who donate funds for Catholic School Education. The gift of a Catholic Education is an investment in our youth, our future and, our faith. To learn more, please call Grace Samanns at Mater Dei, 215-368-9787.

*support your parish...
purchase SCRIP*

Available Monday to Friday between the hours of 9am to 4pm.