



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 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 Vondercrome
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. 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.

ANOIDNTING 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.

*** PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE ***

WINE & CHEESE PARISH TRIP INFORMATION NIGHT



Mark your calendar to join Father Chung and your fellow parishioners for **Monday, January 16, 2023 at 6pm** to learn more about the exciting trip planned to Greece: 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!



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



WORSHIP | NIGHT PRAYER | FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, January 19th 6PM-8PM

Join us in worship and communal praying of Liturgy of the Hours before the Blessed Sacrament, followed by fellowship in Drexel Hall. This is a prayer & fellowship event for parishioners of all ages, children are welcome! For more info e-mail acts.smg@gmail.com

STOCK'S POUND CAKE SIMPLY THE BEST!

Family Faith Formation Fundraiser—\$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

Stock's Pound Cakes make great gifts and freeze well for future use! No need to travel to Philadelphia to the famous Stock's Bakery! No need to take a ticket! No need to wait in line!

Please support our teens!



Please complete this form and send it to:

Maria Richardson, Director Family Faith Formation, Religious Education and Parish Services at Saint Maria Goretti Parish, 1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield, PA 19440 or drop at the parish center or in the collection basket.

This form will be attached to your pound cake and in the church narthex February 11th & 12th. Please pick it up at that time or call Maria Richardson before Feb. 1st at 215-721-0199 ext. 217 to make other arrangements.

Please write clearly so no one else takes your cake:

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Phone Number _____ E-Mail _____

Number of Pound Cakes _____ @\$16.00 each

Check Enclosed for \$ _____ (Make check payable to Saint Maria Goretti Church (memo: youth group.)



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., Jan. 15** 7:30 A.M. Kathy Perillo
Req. by Jack Walsh & Family
9:30 A.M. George Reinholtz
Req. by The Ragus & Spallina Families
11:30 A.M. Alfred Rotelle
Req. by Beth Lentz
- MON., Jan. 16** 8:30 A.M. Frank Dougherty, Jr.
Req. by The Dougherty Family
- TUES., Jan. 17** 8:30 A.M. Bill Santulli
Req. by Terry McBride
- WED., Jan. 18** 8:30 A.M. Robert & June Barno
Req. by Eileen & Michael Dempsey
- THURS., Jan. 19** 8:30 A.M. Kenny Hoang
Req. by Josephine Iovacchini
- FRI., Jan. 20** 8:30 A.M. Dr. Tom Hipp
Req. by Rudy & Shirley Goetter
- SAT., Jan. 21** 8:30 A.M. Justin Minucci
Req. by Rudy & Shirley Goetter
4:30 P.M. William Fitzgerald
Req. by Tom & Rita Miller
- SUN., Jan. 22** 7:30 A.M. Ruth Heter (40th Anniv.)
Req. by Ruth Ann & Mark Petrosky
9:30 A.M. Williams Peters
Req. by Marianne & Bob Peters
11:30 A.M. Alfred Rotelle
Req. by Sandy & Don Kelly

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit for **Jean-Paul LeBrocq** requested by Mary Serratore.



BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week is lit for **Gregory Walsh** requested by Mary Serratore.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE**

In case of inclement weather, please contact the Parish Center 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!

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 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, Heather Parsons, Marianne Peters, Bridget and Colleen, Michael Rafter, Alice Rau, Joanne Reube, Antonio & Veaneesa 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**

OPPORTUNITY FOR STEWARDSHIP

Temple Cleansers— This team of parishioners rotates
through a six-week schedule to do light housekeeping of the
church. These tasks include dusting, vacuuming, wiping of fur-
nishings and renewing of the holy water font as well as the holy
water reservoir. Each group sets its own time for gathering to
clean. Ito find out more about this ministry please call Cheryl at
215-721-0199.

SMG GOLF OUTING PLANNING MEET- ING—Tuesday, January 17th at 7pm



Father Chung has formed a committee to plan an
annual golf outing for SMG parish. Fred Cicacci ran
the golf outing for many years but stepped down
before the pandemic. Thanks, Fred for so many
years of dedication to organizing such a great
event. We feel now is the time to bring it back. With
so many golfers in the parish, it would make a great
community-building event. If this is something you would be
interested in helping out with, please let Father Chung know by
stopping him after Mass, calling the parish office at 215-721-
0199 or via e-mail at fr.chung@stmariagoretti.net. If you can
make the meeting on the 17th, please just show up!! Many
hands make light work. Please prayerfully consider joining the
team.

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 22nd

E.M. of Holy Communion

4:30pm – Sacristan, S. & K. Clapper
 7:30am – Sacristan, M. Rosenberger, C. Opdyke
 9:30am – Sacristan, D. Mischak, S. Sabia
 11:30am – Sacristan, T. McBride, M.K. Ramsey

E.M. Home Visits

B1-M. D'Elia, B2-M. D'Elia, B3-J. Naab,
 B4-S. Nagele, B5-S. Steklenski

Lectors

4:30pm – F. Filler, M. Mays
 7:30am – M. McCormick, M. Heasley
 9:30am – D. Grant, B. Smith
 11:30am – J. MacFarland, C. Friel

Altar Servers

4:30pm – I. & F. Sirianni, S. Filler
 7:30am – 2 **Volunteers Needed**, A. Boyle
 9:30am – G. Sabia, T. McGann, D. Engle
 11:30am – E. Sharp, J. Kuduk, N. Barrales

Cantors

4:30pm – Donna
 7:30am – Michael
 9:30am – Michele
 11:30am – Connor

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, January 17th

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

Please Note: You will be receiving a small packet of envelopes being sent first class mail until the regular packets that were mailed third class arrive. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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: **\$757.20**

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!**

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 Deepen Your Discipleship • Grow in Mission

Join Archbishop Pérez in his mission to create a culture of missionary disciples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia! Subscribe to receive a weekly text from the Archbishop with one action step you can take that week to deepen your friendship with Jesus or grow in your mission to bring Jesus to others. Texts begin Ash Wednesday, Feb 22, 2023.

To subscribe: Text *goforth* to the number 84576
 Or visit phillydisciples.org/goforth



RCIA SPONSORSHIP

St. Maria Goretti is pleased to have a terrific group currently participating in our RCIA program. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) provides teaching and small group discussion for those who want to grow in their relationship with Jesus as they consider coming into full communion with the Catholic Church.

These good people need your sponsorship! Your faith will be strengthened as you share your experience and encourage them on their journey. Your joy will increase as you celebrate sacraments and rites with them. You will be a witness to the Holy Spirit's work! Sponsors must be at least 16 years old and meet the requirements for Catechists regarding marriage, sacraments received, attendance at Mass, and commitment to pay special attention to the catechumen or candidate assigned to them.

Those interested should contact Father Chung or Deacon Steve to discuss the expectations for this important role. Please prayerfully consider this invitation. We are blessed in our own walk with God as we bless someone else in theirs!



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, January 8th</u>		
2022	2023	Difference
\$25,367.25	\$25,774.00	\$ 496.75

May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY
Institute of Christian Formation**

The School of Theological Studies at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary is beginning its new season for the Institute of Christian Formation (ICF). ICF seeks to provide participants with a chance to enhance their understanding of Catholic doctrine as found in the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" and is an invitation to ongoing conversion of heart in the company of brothers and sisters sharing similar aspirations and values. The Institute has in-person sessions on eight Thursday evenings over the course of four seasons. A new group will begin on January 19, 2023. Please see our ICF webpage at www.scs.edu/ICF to register. Additionally, courses toward the MA in Theology are also available online beginning in the upcoming Spring Semester 2023. Please see our webpage at <https://www.scs.edu/school-of-theological-studies/> for information about the MA program.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



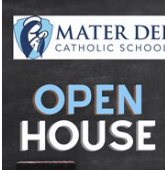
We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and join Catholics around the world in mourning this great loss. We greatly appreciate his frequent calls to action to help the poor and the needy, those that we at Catholic Relief Services are dedicated to assisting. We take comfort in the words of this prayer: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

"The preferential option for the poor flows from our understanding of Jesus himself, who became poor himself so that we might be rich in him... It is alarming to see hotbeds of tension and conflict caused by growing instances of inequality between rich and poor, by the prevalence of a selfish and individualistic mindset which also finds expression in an unregulated financial capitalism." ~ Pope Benedict XVI



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



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 Gymnasium

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!

**An EASY Way to Support Mater Dei Catholic...
Designate Your PA Taxes**

BLOCS, Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools helps Mater Dei do just that with their Tax Credit Program. Through the EITC and OSTC Programs, donors (individuals or businesses) can receive up to a 90% tax credit against their personal PA state tax liability by making their scholarship designation to Mater Dei through BLOCS. There is minimal cost to you to participate in this program but the impact you make by participating helps Mater Dei families in a big way. Would you like to know more? Please email Grace Samanns at gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com