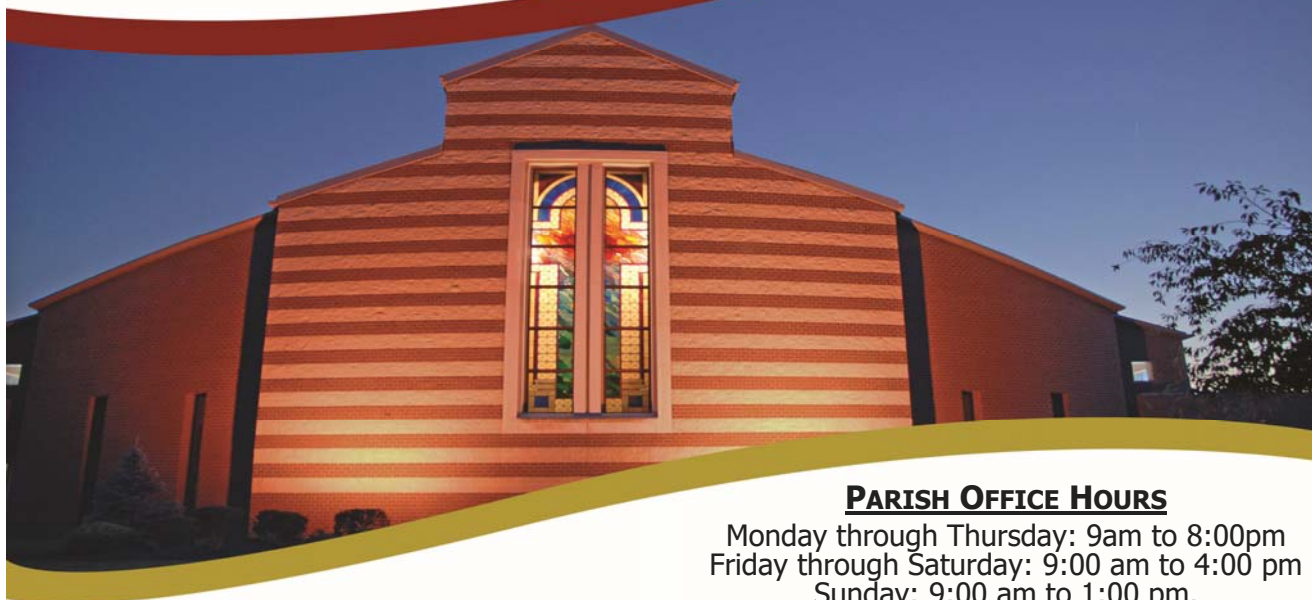


Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

Phone: 215-721-0199
PREP Phone: 215-721-6559
Web Site: www.stmariagoretti.net



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 9am to 8:00pm
Friday through Saturday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. John C. Nguyen
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Leonard N. Peterson
Vietnamese Apostolate: Rev. John C. Nguyen
Transitional Deacon: Rev. Mr. Quy Pham
Permanent Deacons: Deacon Peter Niche
Deacon Stephen Vondercrone
Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education
& Parish Services: Maria Richardson
Admin. Assist. of Religious Education: JoAnn Prahler
Director of Adult Faith Formation: Angela McClellan
Director of Music: Eileen Ericsson
Pastoral Assistant: Patricia Conroy
R.C.I. A. Coordinator: Al Pandolfo
Elder Care Assistance Program: Amy Juarez
Office Manager: Cheryl Ryan
Parish Secretary: Mary Faymore
Business Manager: Douglas Smith
Asst. Business Mgr.: Geri Salanik

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 at 8:30 am
Holy Days	Vigil 7:00pm, 7:00am, 8:30am & Noon, Vietnamese Mass at 7pm

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 after the 8:30 am Mass.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday at 12:45 pm (except the first Sunday). 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

Archbishop Charles Chaput, following the directive of Pope Francis, 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.

**GET YOUR RSVP IN TODAY!!!
THE OPENING MASS & DINNER IN CELEBRATION OF SAINT MARIA GORETTI
PARISH'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY**

Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 4pm Vigil Mass



Can you believe it? Sixty-five years ago this year our community of founding members began our Parish in a humble setting and we have grown to enjoy the gift of God's love and share our faith and treasures with many within and around us. Please join us in kicking off the 65th Anniversary of SMG Parish with an opening Mass celebrated by **Bishop John J. McIntyre** at 4pm on Saturday, January 27th. Following Mass will be a simple dinner in Drexel Hall free of charge. Please get your reservation form in



TODAY since we need a count for the caterer. We can only seat 300 people in Drexel Hall so we will be taking RSVP's on a first come first serve basis. This is the first of many events to take place throughout the year to commemorate the parish's 65th Anniversary. Hope you can make it!

THAT MAN IS YOU—TMIY

Saint Maria Goretti Parish, Hatfield
www.stmariagoretti.net



TMIY is a morning program for men organized around a central theme each year and presented through the lens of 7 steps that make it simple for men to follow. Each morning session has three components: a social gathering over breakfast refreshments, a

30 minute DVD presentation, and opportunity for discussion. The program honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers, although single men benefit, as well. For more information or to register contact: Bill Wynne at TMIYSMG@gmail.com or 215-721-0199 (ext. 254).

Wednesdays: Spring and Fall Semesters
6:00 AM to 7:30 AM
OR

Saturdays: Spring and Fall Semesters
7:00 AM to 8:30 AM

Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center: Lower Level



LITURGY SERIES

This three part series includes the history of Liturgy and the Introductory Rite of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Each session will include time for questions and discussions. There is no cost to attend these presentations, but a free will offering is greatly appreciated. Refreshments will be served. Registration is recommended at
angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net.

**Mondays, February 5, 12, and 19, 2018
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**

**Saint Maria Goretti Chapel
Guest Presenter: Father Louis Bellopede
Pastor, Saint Mary Parish, Schwenksville**

R.C.I.A. ~ RITE OF SENDING



Please join us at the 9:30 Mass on February 11th when we celebrate the Rite of Sending for our parish's Catechumens and Candidates that we will send to the Cathedral on Feb 17 for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion with Archbishop Chaput. These individuals will be coming into full communion with the Catholic Church this Easter season. All are invited to Mass on the 11th to support them and get to know them.



OUR PARISH HAS A FACE

If you have a **Facebook** account, please check out our Facebook page at Saint Maria Goretti Catholic Church Hatfield for prayers and devotions, inspirational quotes of the saints, and the latest news and announcements from our parish and archdiocese. Look in the mirror, its face is you!

Connect with us to be informed about....

- ◆ Emergency situations that may arise on campus
- ◆ Cancellation of events and programs due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances
- ◆ The latest news and announcements from our parish and archdiocese
- ◆ Upcoming events
- ◆ The Liturgical Calendar
- ◆ Saints, Solemnities, and Special Feasts

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS



Lent is quickly approaching. Ash Wednesday is **February 14, 2018**. St. Maria Goretti Parish will be offering the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7 PM during Lent.

Every Service requires three Altar Servers. Please use the Sign Up Sheets in the Altar Server's room to volunteer your Time and Talent if available. The dates are **February 16 & 23, March 2, 9, 16 & 23**. Thank you in advance for signing up!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., January 21** 7:30 A.M. Kathleen Stagliano
Req. by Dr. & Mrs. Shawn Hennigan
9:30 A.M. Rosa & Stanislaus Vernachio
Req. by The Family
11:30 A.M. William Fitzgerald
Req. by His Children
- MON., January 22** 8:30 A.M. Devon Duch's Birthday
Req. by Ron & Eleonore Duch
- TUES., January 23** 8:30 A.M. Genovese & D'Aramo Families
Req. by The Family
- WED., January 24** 8:30 A.M. The Kelly Family
Req. by Sally & Edd Murphy
- THURS., Jan. 25** 8:30 A.M. John Edward Schone
Req. by Ann Clayton
- FRI., January 26** 8:30 A.M. Marcie Magee
Req. by Lorraine Cohen
- SAT., January 27** 8:30 A.M. James Kennedy
Req. by The Family
5:00 P.M. Ernest Sharella
Req. by The Family
- SUN., January 28** 7:30 A.M. Thomas W. Dillon
Req. by Phyllis Dillon
9:30 A.M. Jenna Burleigh
Req. by Tom & Rita Miller
11:30 A.M. Marie Anderson
Req. by The Family

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit for the intentions of the

Parishioners of Saint Maria Goretti Parish.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE

In case of inclement weather, please contact the Parish Center to confirm whether Adoration will take place. If the Parish Center is closed due to weather, there will not be Eucharistic Adoration.



PRECIOUS BLOOD

The distribution of Precious Blood will be discontinued for the winter months and will resume following Easter to help to prevent the spreading of winter illnesses. The faith of the Church teaches that Christ, whole and entire, is received even under only one species.



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: Warren Allison, Immaculata Antonucci, Ruth Adams, Jennifer & Kimberly Agnew, Paul Baril, Ray Baril, Joey Berical, Jerilyn Bowler, Angelo Butera, Mary Callaghan, Caridad Carlos, Aldo Carnara, Danny Catts, Allen Chapman, Kristen Chipollini, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Helen Curran, Regina DeFeo, Leo Dennis, Frank Dougherty, Ceferina Eusubio, Sally Esbensen, Peter Fallon, Steven Flynn, Patrick Gardenier, Rita Gildea, Lianessa Gonzalez, Andrew Green, Dionne Greim, Sharon, Fernando & Ian Griffin, Frank Holloway, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Michelle Heacock, Ron Hoffman, Kevin Iavecchia, Carrissa Jakobe, Gerald Kenny, Emily Keiser, Charles Kline, Bernadette Kubej, Sue Kunze, Peg Krempf, Trish Lavelle, Curt Lecrone, Keenan Lee, Kori Lee, Angelique Lee, Mele Lee, Dina Lukasko, Mary Magnarella, Patti Maguire, William & Kristen Morrow, Rita Martin, John McLaughlin, Bridget Michener, Helen Millar, Diane Moll, Frank Monroe, Munson Family, John Mye, Terry Shields Neumann, Joan Nickerson, Ernie Nippins, Bill O'Brien, James O'Neill, Catherine Pagano, Robert Pauloski, Flocefida & Savador Penganon, Michael Prahler, Marian Quinn, Michael Rafter, Jim Richardson, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Susan Schmidt, Helen Shekalis, Gerry Sicinski, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Peg Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzell, Paula Jayne White, John Willstaudt, Molly Worner, Arlene Wyatt, Salem Yabet, Rita & Joe Zdun.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

This Weekend- January 20/21

As we start the new year the need goes on. The folks of St. Maria Goretti have been wonderful and there are many in need hoping they will continue. Listed below are the organizations that will benefit from the SMG - St. Vincent dePaul Society's January Food/Pantry Drive (Saturday, January 20 and Sunday, January 21). They are shown along with their wish lists.



Prolife/Birthright: Baby wipes; plastic baby bottles; crib sheets; receiving blankets; hooded bath towels; baby shampoo, lotion, and wash; 12-18 month winter jackets; 0-3 month girl & boy outfits; socks, 18-36 months; dresses, newborns-to-18 months; maternity clothes or sweatshirts, sizes XL - XXL

Catholic Social Services - Norristown: General groceries; personal care items; household cleaners; laundry detergent; paper products.

Thank you so much for all you do for the needy who benefit greatly from your help!



BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club is held on designated First Thursdays of the year in the church narthex and provides a way for people to gather together in friendship following their time spent together in worship and prayer. Coffee, tea, juice, and nutritious breakfast refreshments are served along with lots of laughter and conversation. There is no cost to

participate in the Breakfast Club and no registration is required. Non-parishioners are always welcome. **Mark your calendar for our next Breakfast Club on February 1, 2018 following the 8:30 AM Mass!**

RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES



WOMEN'S TEA All women are invited to a Women's Tea, Sunday, February 4 from 2-4PM at Malvern Retreat House, Main Dining Room to enjoy an afternoon of delicious tea sandwiches and tea, Meghan Cokeley, Director, Office for the New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia on the topic: "What's All This About Feminine Genius?" It's a beautiful, joyful afternoon of sharing time with women of faith in learning about your unique giftedness. Cost: \$25.00 per person. Register at www.malvernretreat.com or 610-644-0400.



VALENTINE EVENING FOR COUPLES at Malvern Retreat House, February 11 from 5PM-9PM. A romantic dinner, renewal of marriage vows, a talk by Paul & Miriam Isenberg. Fr. John Meyers, Rector will celebrate a special Mass for all attendees. This is noted as a unique evening, a time for reflection on your marriage and relationship. Register early since it is so popular. www.malvernretreat.com

JOSEPH'S PEOPLE CHAPTER MEETING

ARE YOU UNEMPLOYED OR LOOKING FOR FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT?

Do you want a place to network and meet others who are sharing a similar experience as you? At Joseph's People we offer both spiritual and emotional support to those who are unemployed or underemployed. We also provide tools and resources in order to pursue a successful job search. Stop in and see what we are about. We are a very friendly and welcoming group.

Join us at our next meetings on **February 1st and 15th** at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center Library. All are welcomed! For more information contact Nancy Boak at nancyboak@aol.com

PRE-CANA WORKSHOP AT ST. JUDE PARISH



St. Jude Parish offers a fun, engaging and instructional one day Pre-Cana marriage preparation day for engaged couples.

Our day is designed to assist couples prepare for a strong, successful, lifelong marriage in a joy-filled, welcoming, environment. The sessions are held at St. Jude School located at 323 West Butler Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914. Our next session is scheduled for **Saturday, February 17th, 2018**. Please contact St. Jude Rectory 215-822-0179 office@stjudechalfont.org

ELDERCARE CORNER

Upcoming Events:

Wellness Wednesdays will continue on Wed., Feb. 7th at 9:30 AM. Stephanie McDougal, DPT, OCS from The Physical Therapy & Wellness Institute will be at SMG to speak about Vestibular Health (vertigo and other inner ear and brain functions that control balance) and Winter Slips & Trips. Please join us in the Church Library for a complimentary breakfast and presentation. For any questions or to RSVP, call Amy Juarez, SMG Elder Care Program, at 215-721-0199 x225 or ajuarez@chs-adphila.org.

Tip of the Week:

To prevent slips, trips, and falls, employers should clear walking surfaces of snow and ice, and spread deicer, as quickly as possible after a winter storm. In addition, the following precautions will help reduce the likelihood of injuries:

- ◆ Wear proper footwear when walking on snow or ice is unavoidable, because it is especially treacherous. A pair of insulated and water resistant boots with good rubber treads is a must for walking during or after a winter storm. Keeping a pair of rubber over-shoes with good treads which fit over your street shoes is a good idea during the winter months.
- ◆ Take short steps and walk at a slower pace so you can react quickly to a change in traction, when walking on an icy or snow-covered walkway. (www.osha.gov)

YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS

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 ministry includes: Theology on Tap, faith based meetings, community service, retreats, and outdoor events. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted. Our upcoming events are listed below, contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com for more information, or visit our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults) for more details.

January 2018

Tuesday, January 23: Holy Hour @ MMR Parish, N. Wales

February 2018

Friday, February 2: Movie Night (Wreck It Ralph) @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales; 7:30 pm

Tuesday, February 13: Bible Study @ St. Rose of Lima, North Wales @ 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20: Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegetown; Doors at 7:00pm, Talk Starts at 7:30pm Speaker: Megan Mastroianni

Tuesday, February 27: Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales; 7:30pm

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. Bulletin inserts are due 2 weeks prior to the publication. Thanks for your cooperation.

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: \$248.63

BENEFITS PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO

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** 2018, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to the **People of Puerto Rico** and the devastation of our country. The Archdiocese has asked each parish to take up collections for Puerto Rico. The SMG parishioners have always been so generous to help in the past by donating to the second collections for both Texas and Florida hurricanes that we are asking for any support to those still suffering by the devastation of hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico by contributing to the Poor Box over the next two months. **If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you for your consideration!**

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th

E.M. of Holy Communion

4:00pm – Sacristan, P. Pinkston
 7:30am – Sacristan, B. Braun
 9:30am – Sacristan, M. Lee-Nippins
 11:30am – Sacristan, M. Rosenberger

E.M. Home Visits

A1– G. Salanik, A2–M. Collis, A3–J. Forbes, A4–C. LeBrocq,
 A5–S. Carp , B1–C. Friel, B2–K. Hay , B3–B. Hudak,
 B4–D. Mischzak, B5–J. McNally

Lectors

4:00pm – F. Filler, R. Jones
 7:30am – M. D’Elia, B. Healy
 9:30am – B. Smith, F. Stumpo
 11:30am – T. Prykowski, R. Miller

Cantors

4:00pm – Donna
 7:30am – Joe
 9:30am – Kathy
 11:30am – Tara

Altar Servers

4:00pm – S. & T. Butler, A. Craig
 7:30am – B. Braun, K. Grant, B. Lare
 9:30am – J. & J. Hier, M. Steen
 11:30am – G. Christie, V. Kirk, M. Rosenberger

Children’s Liturgy

9:30am – E. Adamo, R. Hier

Parish Ministry Update!

CLUB + 50 GAMES DAY
The first Wednesday of the month
1PM – 4PM
Parish Library

Coming Soon

Spring Trip to Longwood Gardens!

Parish Religious Education Program

NEWS UPDATE:

Are you receiving our e-mail updates? If not please email maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net

Did your child miss the Mid-Term Assessment?
 Please contact JoAnn or Pat at 215-721-6559 to schedule it before February 15, 2018!

First Holy Communion Information

The First Holy Communion Parent Meeting will be Thursday, **February 1, 2018** at 6:00 pm in the church

First Penance is **February 7th** at 7:00 pm in church

First Holy Communion Retreat is **March 24th** at 9:00 AM in Drexel Hall

First Holy Communion is **April 28th** at 10:00 AM Mass

CONTACT

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 maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net
 215-721-6559

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, January 23rd

Bell Choir—6:30 to 7:30pm
 Adult Choir—7:30 to 8:45pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Saturday, January 27th
 4pm – Adult Choir, Adult Bell Choir & Instrumentalists
Sunday, January 28th
 11:30am—Acoustic Wind Ensemble



JOIN IN THE FUN AT PLAY & PRAY MOMS & TOTS GROUP

Join us! Moms/Grandmothers and their little ones infant through age 5 are most welcome to join our weekly playgroup! We gather for simple crafts, Bible stories and songs, as well as a chance for free play and socialization. What a great way to find support in other moms as well! We hope you will join us on Thursdays from 9:30am-11am in the Parish Library for fellowship and fun. There is no need to register, but for more info please contact Janna at jlkerr8@gmail.com

SUNDAY OFFERING



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Stewardship Offering January 14, 2018
 Total # of contributors (env, checks & EFT) 683
 Total to SMG: \$24,352.00
 Total Diocesan collection: \$58.00



MATER DEI
 CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Take a Tour and Register for 2018-19!

New families with children in Preschool (Three and Four Year Olds) and Kindergarten to Grade 8 are welcome to tour Mater Dei Catholic School. 440 students are already registered for the 2018-19 school year, so call now to schedule a tour while space is available. Appointments are flexible and can accommodate your work schedule. Please contact the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com to schedule your visit today!

Mater Dei Child Care Center...immediate acceptance of infants to 36 month old children!

The Mater Dei Childcare Center located at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Hatfield currently has immediate openings for children ranging in age from 6 weeks to 36 months. Your child 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 will be open Monday through Friday from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm to accommodate the working parent. Full and part time care will be offered. If you would like information or would like to schedule a visit, please contact Katherine Stansbury, Center Director, at childcare@materdeicatholic.com or 215-799-2211. Space is available now!

Mater Dei Childcare Center
 2980 Cowpath Road
 Hatfield, PA 19440

Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.

Save the Date! Trolls Pancake Breakfast

"Troll Pancake Breakfast," Sunday, February 4, following the 9:30 mass at St. Maria Goretti! Wear your favorite Troll shirt or pajamas. Reservations are needed by January 26th. Take a flyer on the poster in church or check out details at our website at www.materdeicatholics.com



Piano Concert with Mater Dei Students

Recently, some of our students took part in the Christmas Piano Concert at St. Maria Goretti. Lessons in piano and guitar are given weekly at Mater Dei to interested students! Congratulations to our Mater Dei students. We are Mater Dei Proud!



GIRL SCOUT COOKIES ARE BACK!!



Girl Scout Cookies will be available in the Narthex the weekend of January 20th & 21st after all Masses. We have all your favorites and the Gluten Free Trios. You can also purchase Girl Scout Cookies at the Character Breakfast in Drexel Hall on February 4th. Please support your Parish Girl Scouts. For more information contact Kris Antenuci @ 215-721-7419.

SAVE THE DATE ~ IRISH NIGHT



Sponsored by AOH Division #4 & SMG CYO
Saturday, March 3rd at 7pm

Music by Reilly's Daughter with Tommy Conwell
Irish Dancers and Vendors Too!

St Maria Goretti Drexel Hall (Doors open at 6:30)

Cost is \$35pp or reserve a table of 8 for \$250

Tickets on sale in Narthex after Masses or at the Parish Center
 For more info please contact John Cashley (267) 467-0441

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MONTHLY BREAKFAST



On **Sunday January 28th, 2018** from 8 am to 12:00 Noon, the Knights of Columbus, Pius IX Council will be hosting their monthly Breakfast with the Knights. It is a Pancake and Sausage breakfast. \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 for a family of 4 or more. Breakfast is held at the St.

Stanislaus Mater Dei Cafeteria located at Mater Dei Catholic School, 493 East Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446. Additional parking right next to the Cafeteria is just beyond the white fence on East 3rd Street. Please look for our signs. Visit www.koc4396.org for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

November 5 through 15, 2018



In celebration of the 65th Anniversary of our parish, please join Fr. Chung and fellow parishioners on a trip to Italy including the Saint Maria Goretti Shrine, Assisi, Florence and so much more!



More details will follow in upcoming bulletins. Questions please call Pat Conroy at 215-260-5480.

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