



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 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

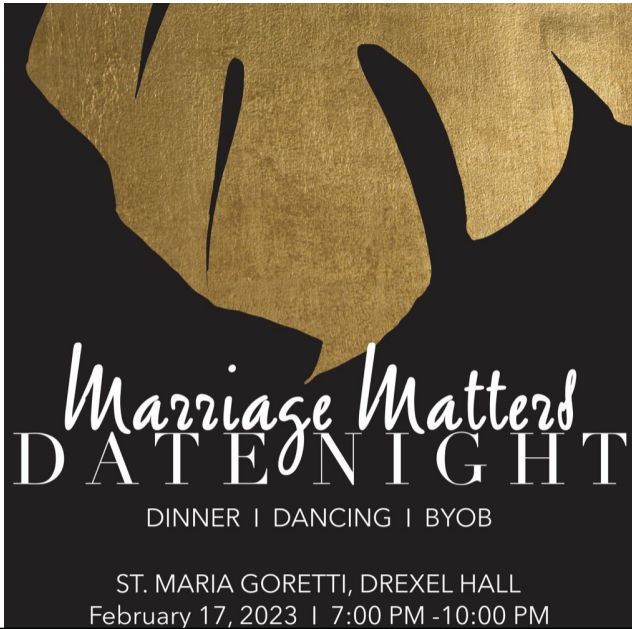
Following the directive of Pope Francis, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is offering annulments without cost to the petitioners. There are additional changes which would make annulments easier to obtain. Contact the Parish Center to speak with Fr. Chung for more information on the annulment process.

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.



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.




USE THIS QR CODE TO REGISTER FOR DATE NIGHT ON FEBRUARY 17TH OR BY CALLING TYLER AT THE PARISH OFFICE AT 215-721-0199.

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

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. 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
- MON., Jan. 23** 8:30 A.M. Stanley Soltys
Req. by Harriet Soltys
- TUES., Jan. 24** 8:30 A.M. Margaret Rankin
Req. by The Keenan Family
- WED., Jan. 25** 8:30 A.M. Michael E. Kulp
Req. by The Huber Family
- THURS., Jan. 26** 8:30 A.M. Mary Gorman Joyce
Req. by Deacon Steve & Mary Jo
Vondercrone
- FRI., Jan. 27** 8:30 A.M. James Kennedy
Req. by Marian Kennedy
- SAT., Jan. 28** 8:30 A.M. Barbara Schoener
Req. by Betty & Jerry Dieckhaus
4:30 P.M. Living & Dec'd Member of
the Borusiewicz Family
Req. by The Family
- SUN., Jan. 29** 7:30 A.M. Frank Roberto
Req. by The Gunn Family
9:30 A.M. Joseph Ragus, Sr.
Req. by The Ragus & Spallina
Families
11:30 A.M. Mary & Ernest Sharella

SANCTUARY LIGHT
The Sanctuary Light for this week
is lit for **Jeanne Gallagher**
requested by The Bimson Family.



BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL
The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week
is lit for **Michelle Rose Hoffman**
requested by Mary Serratore



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 be held on Thursday, February 2, 2023 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, 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 & Veanness 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.

15th ANNUAL MAN UP PHILLY

**Men's Spirituality Conference -
Saturday, March 4, 2023—The
Road to Emmaus- Finding
Christ in the Breaking of the
Bread**



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

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**

WE NEED YOUR HELP

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. To find out more about this ministry please call Cheryl at
215-721-0199.

CATHOLIC FRENCH HOST PROGRAM FOR TEENS

Inspired Gateways is looking for families with teens to host a
French teen for a few weeks in the spring or summer. This is a
wonderful opportunity to share your Catholic values, build life-
long friendships, and enjoy a great cultural experience. The
French teens are fluent in English, having studied the language
for six or more years. And, if desired, your teen will have the
opportunity to do an exchange in France. For more information,
please visit: www.inspiregateways.us or contact: mcopa@inspiregateways.com.

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th

E.M. of Holy Communion

- 4:30pm – Sacristan, J. Gressang, D. Blanche
- 7:30am – Sacristan, M. & K. Staudt
- 9:30am – Sacristan, B. Braun, M. Reynolds
- 11:30am – Sacristan, B. Smith, T. McGann

E.M. Home Visits

- A1–D. Johnson, A2–M. Rosenberger, A3–J. Naab,
- A4–M. Collis, A5– *Volunteer Needed*

Lectors

- 4:30pm – A. Caffarini, R. Jones
- 7:30am – A. & R. Whitley
- 9:30am – R. Miller, M. Faymore
- 11:30am – M.J. Vondercrone, J. MacFarland

Altar Servers

- 4:30pm – B. Mazerowski, E. Walsh, *Volunteer Needed*
- 7:30am – A. DeSiro, A. Kunjachen, *Volunteer Needed*
- 9:30am – M. & N. Cugini
- 11:30am – T. McGann, D. Engel, J. Kuduk

Cantors

- 4:30pm – Joe D.
- 7:30am – Donna
- 9:30am – Andrew
- 11:30am – Ugochi

MUSIC NOTES

Rehearsals for Tuesday, January 24



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

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Sunday, January 29th
9:30am – Adult 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: **\$452.11**

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 15th</u>		
2022	2023	Difference
\$20,969.00	\$28,153.55	\$7,194.55

May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!

WAYS TO GIVE & SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Each week check this column for ideas to support your parish (some that will cost you nothing)

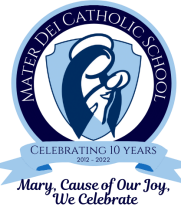
Savings Bonds—If you have savings bonds that have stopped earning interest and that you plan to redeem, you will owe income tax on the appreciation. Leaving them to loved ones means they will owe income tax and potentially estate taxes. In the end, your heirs will receive only a fraction of the value of the bonds in which you so carefully invested. You can leave your savings bonds to your favorite charity, such as SMG Parish, in your will. By doing so, your estate and your heirs will avoid taxes on the interest. To do this, you write a provision in your will that the savings bonds belong to the charitable organization when you die. Your estate administrator distributes the bonds to SMG for redemption. The bonds never count as part of your estate so there is no tax liability for your heirs. SMG reports the interest when it redeems the bonds, but because SMG is tax-exempt there will be no tax due. See your financial planner for details.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



Thousands of people have been displaced after the recent violent clashes in Pibor. Together with our partner WFP South Sudan, Catholic Relief Services is responding with food assistance and has already distributed food to more than 2400 people. Visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!

"With war everything is lost, everything. There is no victory in a war: everything is defeated." ~ Pope Francis



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 Preschool, 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