



# Saint Maria Goretti Parish

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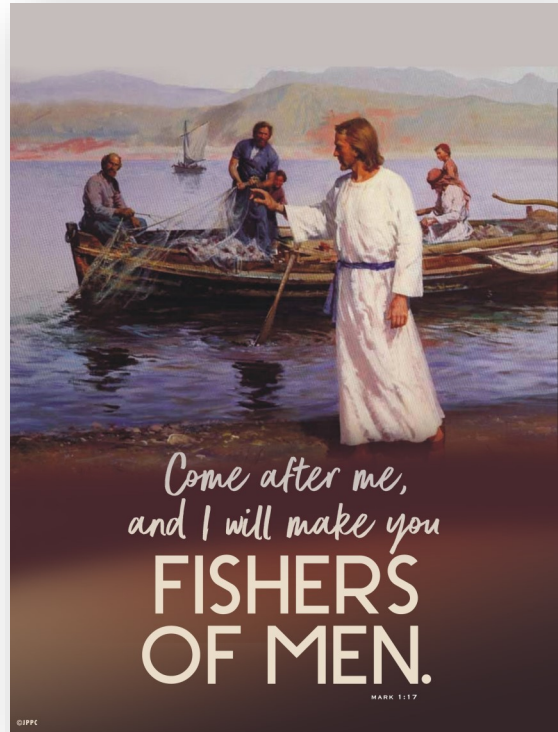
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## MASS SCHEDULE

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.




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

**SAINT MARIA GORETTI PARISH WILL NOT BE TAKING A BUS TO THE PRO-LIFE MARCH IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THIS YEAR.** If you have reserved a spot on the bus you will be refunded. Please join us in the main church on Friday, January 29th, following morning Mass until 5pm for Adoration, praying in solidarity with the March for Life pilgrims in Washington DC. Let's gather together to pray for an end to abortion in our country!

Join us for **Mass in Philadelphia** in solidarity with the **National March for Life**

**Celebrated by Archbishop Perez**  
**Friday, January 29th 10 AM**  
Cathedral Basilica SS. Peter & Paul  
18th & Benjamin Franklin Pkwy  
Philadelphia, PA 19103





**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](mailto: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.



**PLEASE NOTE:** The January and February envelope packets were mailed but unfortunately due to the USPS mail delivery back-up many of you have not received them yet. Feel free to use a plain envelope with your name and your parish ID (if you know it) and all contributions will be posted to your account. Thank you for your continued support of SMG parish!



**YEAR OF SAINT JOSPEH  
December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021**



On the 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. Catholics around the world rejoice over the Holy Father's proclamation of the Holy Year of St. Joseph, which began on December 8, 2020 and ends December 8, 2021. The entire Archdiocese of Philadelphia is encouraged to spend this year growing closer

to St. Joseph by honoring him, imitating his virtues and asking for his intercession. May this be a year of great grace for all of us as we more deeply entrust ourselves to the care of our spiritual father.

*"St. Joseph was chosen among all men, to be the protector and guardian of the Virgin Mother of God; the defender and foster-father of the Infant-God, and the only co-operator upon earth, the one confidant of the secret of God in the work of the redemption of mankind."* – St. Bernard of Clairvaux

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT  
ROSARY GARDEN**



Many thanks to those people who donated to Liam Kelly's Rosary Garden eagle project this past weekend. Unfortunately, the BSA is requiring Liam to jump through one more hoop before he can continue with anything - including fundraising. Please know that the project is **NOT CANCELLED**. It is simply **DE-LAYED**. Nothing about the 'additional hoop' will cause cancellation. Once he is given the 'go ahead', we will place a full

notice here in the bulletin. Please feel free to contact us at [mkellywyck@yahoo.com](mailto:mkellywyck@yahoo.com) or 267-582-0331. **Thank you for your patience!**





**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

- SUN., Jan. 24** 7:30 A.M. Ann Coyle  
Req. by Bonnie Hackett/The McNally Family  
9:30 A.M. The Anonia Family  
Req. by Theresa Golazeski  
11:30 A.M. Jack & Kathleen Dabagian  
Req. by The Fernes Family
- MON., Jan. 25** 8:30 A.M. Bill Filler  
Req. by Francesca Filler
- TUES., Jan. 26** 8:30 A.M. Mary F. Joyce  
Req. by The Vondercrone Family
- WED., Jan. 27** 8:30 A.M. Karen Yozallinas  
Req. by The Family
- THURS., Jan. 28** 8:30 A.M. James Kennedy  
Req. by The Family
- FRI., Jan. 29** 8:30 A.M. All Holy Priests  
Req. by Michelle Beck
- SAT., Jan. 30** 8:30 A.M. Frederick Mark  
Req. by Patricia Mark  
5:00 P.M. Jane Hall  
Req. by The Nicolai Family
- SUN., Jan. 31** 7:30 A.M. Mary Callaghan  
Req. by The Rowe Family  
9:30 A.M. Ralph Pitts  
Req. by Betty Ann Iavecchia & Dan Mesaros  
11:30 A.M. Bettie Wilson & Family  
Req. by Ellen Reid

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Bill Hardnock** requested by Joan & Pete Parisi.



**BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL**

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week is lit for the parishioners of **Saint Maria Goretti**.

**MONTHLY HOLY HOUR**

**A great opportunity for stewardship!**

Holy Hour gives the parish an opportunity to pray for the needs of the church especially vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Holy Hour will include public prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) and private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is welcome. Holy Hour is held the Thursday evening before First Friday at 4pm. **The next Holy Hour will take place on Thursday, February 4th.**

**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 Thinnies, Jessica Trexler, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Sheila Wehrenberg, Charles Wetzels, John Willstaudt, Salem Yabut, Jack Zampirri, Joe Zdun & Joan Ziegler.



**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!!

**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!

**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.



**WELCOME NEWLY REGISTERED TO  
THE SAINT MARIA GORETTI PARISH  
FAMILY**

Mr. and Mrs. James Barbiers

Mr. Edward Nitka

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Johnston and Family

Ryan Turner and Stephanie Snodgrass

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weiland and Family

Miss Shauna Cassidy

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roberto

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas May

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Meehan

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Santangelo

Mrs. Sheila Duerksen

Mr. and Mr. Anthony Duckett

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Shanahan and Family

Mr. Louis Cerino

Mr. Jerry Haniff

Mrs. Joann Schatz

*Your parish misses you!*



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

**We are over halfway there...700 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 out 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 31st**

**Lectors**

5:00pm – R. Jones, B. Smith  
 7:30am – B. Healy, D. Smith  
 9:30am – M. Faymore, P. Villucci  
 11:30am – J. MacFarland, B. Malley

**Cantors**

5:00pm – Sofia  
 7:30am – Michele  
 9:30am – Chelsea  
 11:30am – Bruce

**MUSIC NOTES**



**Rehearsals for Tuesday, January 26th**

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

**Music Ministry for Next Weekend:**

**Sunday, January 31st**  
 9:30am – Mini Choir & Mini Bell Choir

**SAINT JOHN'S HOSPICE**

The Parishioners of SMG did a great job of donating Socks, Hats, Gloves, Blankets, etc.. in early winter to the Homeless. This time we are collecting Toiletries to prepare for Spring. We will be collecting; Shampoo, Conditioner, Bars of Soap, Lotion, Razors, Deodorant, Hand Sanitizer, Tissues and Wrapped Candy. If possible, and you are able to help out, please bring them to the Narthex of the Church and drop them off in the boxes provided. We will be collecting these items now thru February 14 and then plan to drop off the boxes that week. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Dennis Sokolek 215 368 - 9050 for more information. Thank You and May God Bless.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**



Like many people worldwide, Marie Joséé Longo, a 62-year-old widow and mother of six, experienced the hardship of COVID-19 confinement at her home in Kinshasa, the capital of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Kinshasa is one of Africa's most populous cities, where millions of residents work 'cash-in-hand' jobs to support their families from one day to the next. With COVID-19 confinement measures in the city, many residents were unable to earn their regular living and provide for their families.

*With support from the Center for Disaster Philanthropy and CRS private funds, CRS undertook multiple COVID-19 response activities in Kinshasa to meet the needs of families like Marie's. CRS provided 3,560 vulnerable households with direct food or cash assistance. Mobile money cash transfers targeted households with pronounced vulnerabilities to the virus, including those with immunocompromised members, or individuals living with pre-existing conditions. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information and to see how you can help! Thanks for your support!*

**POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP**

The total collected last week was: **\$362.42**

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!**



**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](http://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.**



**KOC CRAB CAKE SALE**

On Sale Now! Knights of Columbus Crab Cake Sale featuring Capt'n Chucky's famous Smith Island Crab Cakes, Maryland Crab Soup, Crab Critter Appetizers and More! Your orders must be placed and received no later than SATURDAY, February 13th. Orders must be picked up on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm at the MATER DEI SCHOOL GYM (St. Stanislaus, Lansdale, PA). Visit [www.koc4396.org](http://www.koc4396.org) to download an order form and contact Al Perry: (215) 822-0683 or Chuck McNevin: (215) 258-1298 for more information.

**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](mailto:cheryl.ryan@stmariagoretti.net) with the word **"bulletin"** in the subject line.

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

**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 Updated		
2019	2020	Difference
\$71,248.40	\$68,025.00	(\$3,223.40)
Sunday, January 17th		
\$17,989.00	\$30,720.05	\$12,731.05

*Anonymous donation to the parish of \$150,000. May God bless you for your generosity!*

**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.



**REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE**

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of **February 12 - 14, 2021** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage... or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



**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 Preschool 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](mailto:gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com).



**Virtual Open House at Mater Dei Catholic School: Tuesday, February 9**

Mater Dei Catholic School will host a virtual Open House for the 2021-22 school year on Tuesday, February 9, at 6:30 PM. If you have a child who will be eligible for Preschool 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](mailto:gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com). Registration for the virtual Open House is necessary so a Zoom invitation can be sent to you in advance. Please call or email to RSVP. All are welcome!



**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](mailto:childcare@materdeicatholic.com) or 215-799-2211.

**Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.**

**Alum of St. Maria Goretti, St. Rose, St. Stanislaus Schools or SASH...**

We are interested in knowing if you are an alum of one of our legacy schools: St. Maria Goretti, St. Rose, St. Stanislaus, or SASH. If you are a graduate of one of Mater Dei's legacy schools and would like to know how Mater Dei continues the traditions of your elementary school, please help us by completing a brief online form for our "Alum Connection." Please visit the legacy alumni page on our website at <https://www.materdeicatholic.com/support-alumni/alumni-association> to update your contact information. It will only take you a minute to complete the brief form. Please help Mater Dei continue to share your legacy school's traditions with you!

Also, please like our brand new Facebook page, Mater Dei Catholic School Alumni.