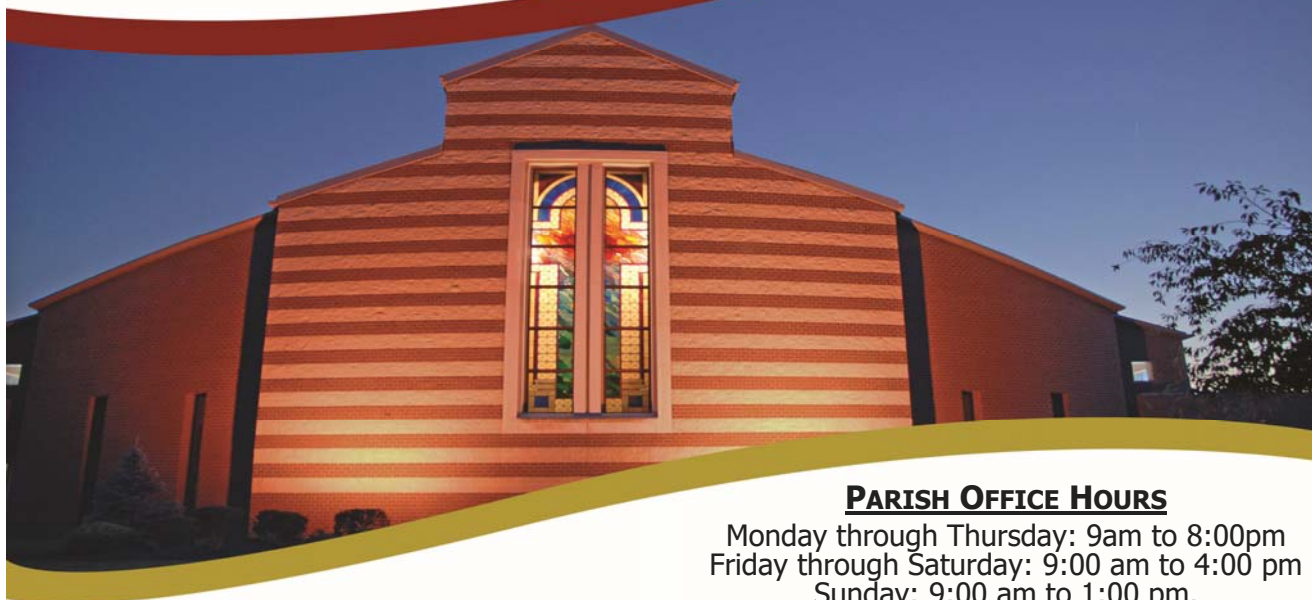


Saint Maria Goretti Parish

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.

ANOINTING 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.



Welcome Bishop John J. McIntyre
 Thank you for celebrating the opening
 Mass of St. Maria Goretti's 65th Anniversary

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

SAINTS FOR LIFE

Each week of Lent we will explore the life of a saint who spear-headed the Church's rebirth after the turbulence and confusion caused by the Protestant Reformation. You'll want to stay friends with these saints for life, even into eternity, as you discover that their call to follow Christ is just as compelling today as it was 55 years ago. Each session includes breakfast refreshments, a 30 to 40 minute DVD presentation, and a brief time of discussion. Sessions begin at 9:30 AM in the lower level of Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center and conclude by 11:00 AM. Please join us for all the sessions or for as many sessions as you would like. Please register at angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-0199 (ext. 202).

Tuesday, February 13, 2018:

Saint Thomas More and the Age of the Author

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Saint Ignatius of Loyola: Soldier of Christ

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Saint Philip Neri: The Apostle of Joy

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Saint Teresa of Avila: A Study in Perseverance

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Saint Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls

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 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
- MON., January 29** 8:30 A.M. Anne Marie Cocco
Req. by Ann Clayton
- TUES., January 30** 8:30 A.M. Intentions of
Fr. Brian P. Hennessy
Req. by Mr. & Mrs. John Harvie
- WED., January 31** 8:30 A.M. Louis Heim
Req. by Denise & Ted De Marino
- THURS., Feb. 1** 8:30 A.M. Joan Hauck
Req. by John Artim
- FRI., February 2** 8:30 A.M. Laura Artim
Req. by John Artim
- SAT., February 3** 8:30 A.M. Karen Yozaslinas
Req. by The Family
5:00 P.M. Mary Diane Decker
Req. by Peg & Ed Koiv
- SUN., February 4** 7:30 A.M. Diane Durso
Req. by Theresa Miller
9:30 A.M. Philomena & Frank Daddario
Req. by The Family
11:30 A.M. Henry Baker
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.



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 7pm. **The next Holy Hour will be on Thursday, February 1st at 7pm.**

**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.



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.**



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, Licia Butera, Mary Callaghan, Caridad Carlos, Aldo Carnara, Danny Catts, Allen Chapman, Kristen Chipollini, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Helen Curren, 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 Micshener, 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 Praher, Marian Quinn, Michael Rafter, Scott Randall, Jim Richardson, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Susan Schmidt, Helen Shekalis, Gerry Sicinski, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Peg Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzel, Paula Jayne White, John Willstaudt, Molly Worner, Arlene Wyatt, Salem Yabet, Rita & Joe Zdu.

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.

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.

BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS

Donors Scored **BIG!** We surpassed Our Goal with 69 units of blood to potentially save 207 lives. I, as well as Recipients, value your sacrifice, time and Caring attitudes. With a loving and grateful heart! God bless all of you!

Eleonore Duch, Chairperson



BIBLE STUDY

Church history is not just a recitation of popes, people, places and events. It is a story of adventure, intrigue, rebellion, reform and devotion. This story is our story; this is our family history. Join us for this two-part (Spring & Fall) Friday morning study. Cost is \$35 per person, payable at the first session. For more information or to register, please contact Mr. Kim Staudt by telephone at 215-272-9016 or by email at kimstaudt@me.com.

Fridays

Spring session – March 2 through May 11, 2018

Fall session – September 7 through November 16, 2018

9:30 AM to 11:30AM

Parish Center: Lower Level



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!**

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 Event:

Wellness Wednesdays will continue on Wednesday, February 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.

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 Cokerley, 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

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.

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., Collegeville; 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: \$525.15

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, FEBRUARY 4th

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, J. Yandoli

7:30am – Sacristan, **Sub Needed**

9:30am – Sacristan, M. Nyce

11:30am – Sacristan, L. Arkens

E.M. Home Visits

A1– E. McBride, **A2**–J. McNally, **A3**–B. McCormick, **A4**–D. Niche, **A5**– D. Grant, **B1**–P. O’Hara, **B2**–M. D’Elia , **B3**–D. Fuse, **B4**–C. Opdyke, **B5**–D. Trotter

Lectors

5:00pm – K. Luther, M. Faymore

7:30am – A. Whitley, B. Malley

9:30am – A. LeBrocq, M.J. Vondercrone

11:30am – **Youth Mass**

Cantors

5:00pm – Chelsea

7:30am – Donna

9:30am – Teresa

11:30am – Andrew

Altar Servers

5:00pm – D. Adamo, A. Ericsson, C. McColgan

7:30am – G. Boyd, G.& T. McGann

9:30am – A., E. & J. Kuduk

11:30am – J. Deeney, B. & C. O’Reilly

Children’s Liturgy

9:30am – P. Fiore, K. Shaughnessy

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

Maria Richardson, Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education and Parish Services
 maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net
 215-721-6559

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, January 30th

Bell Choir—6:30 to 7:30pm

Adult Choir—7:30 to 8:45pm

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Today, January 28th the SMG Adult Choir is providing music for the 11am Mass at St. Mary Center, Lansdale.

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Sunday, February 4th

11:30am – Homeschool Bell Choir



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 jkerr8@gmail.com

SUNDAY OFFERING



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Stewardship Offering January 20, 2018
 Total # of contributors (env, checks & EFT) 717
 Total to SMG: \$21,567.00
 Total Catholic Relief collection: \$2,594.86



MATER DEI
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Mater Dei students want to thank all of our parishioners for their support of their school and Catholic Education. Mater Dei has two campuses offering childcare and education for infants, preschoolers, and K to 8 students!



Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Open House at Mater Dei
Tuesday, January 30, 6-7:30 pm

All families with children from preschool to grade 8 are welcome to learn how our students experience faith, excellence, service, and community at Mater Dei. Registrations for 2018-19 will be accepted. Call Grace Samanns at 215-368-9787 for more information.

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.

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

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.



SAVE THE DATE
SMG 12th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2018



SMG will host its 12th. annual golf outing on Friday July 20, 2018 at Macoby Run Golf Course in Green Lane, Pa. The outing is open to ALL parishioners and friends. Specific details and registration forms will be available in May.

DESALES UNIVERSITY

Matt Fradd is an internally renowned Catholic apologist, author of the Porn Myth and founder of "The Porn Effect", a web site dedicated to exposing the reality of pornography and offering help to those that seek sexual freedom. He will be offering a series of talks at DeSales University on February 6th and 7th. The public is invited to attend these talks, and the talk on **Wednesday, February 7th** at 7PM is highly recommended for parents:

Tuesday, February 6 – 7PM – McShea (Kender/Danko) – "The Man Talk"

Wednesday, February 7 – 3PM – DeSales University Center (Commonwealth Room) – "The Porn Myth"

Wednesday, February 7 – 7PM – DeSales University Center (Commonwealth Room) – "Parenting the Internet Generation"