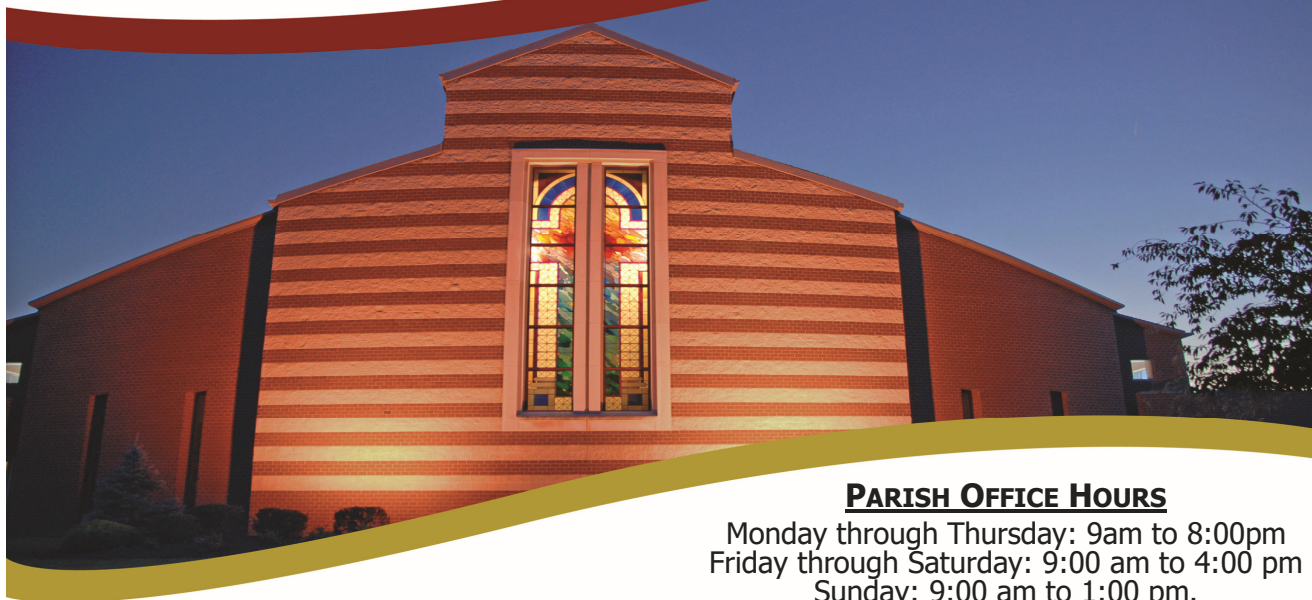


Saint Maria Goretti Parish

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR 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 see the insert and reservation form in next Sunday's bulletin. 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!

PRO-LIFE MARCH ~ WASHINGTON D.C.
Friday, January 19, 2018



Bus departs from SMG parking lot at 5:45am.

Join Pro-Life members from all over the country in the fight to end abortion. We will leave at 5:45am (with a stop for a quick break) to participate at Mass at 10am at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. After Mass there will be time to visit all of the beauty of the Shrine.

The March will begin between 12—1pm and all participants will be supplied with Metro passes to the March. The bus will leave the Shrine parking lot at 4pm and we will stop at Old Country Buffet in Newark, DE for dinner. The bus, metro pass and dinner are included in the cost of \$30. Family discounts are available.

Anyone who cannot make the March but would like to donate to help with expenses can drop your check in the collection basket payable to St. Maria Goretti marked Pro-Life March or mail to 1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield. For more information, please call Bob McCormick at 215-362-1247 or bobmcc52@verizon.net.

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Send your name, address, phone number, number of tickets along with your check to SMG attention Pro-Life March.

Registration Sunday is next weekend.

Anyone new to the Parish is asked to come to the Parish Center on Sunday January 14th between 10am and 1pm to register.
 Welcome to St. Maria Goretti Parish.

January is Donors month,

Our Parish Blood Drive is Tuesday January 16 in Drexel Hall 2-7pm. One of our parish nurses will be in the Narthex this weekend and next for those who would like to sign up.



The SMG - St. Vincent DePaul Society's
January Food/Pantry Drive
Saturday, January 20 and Sunday, January 21.

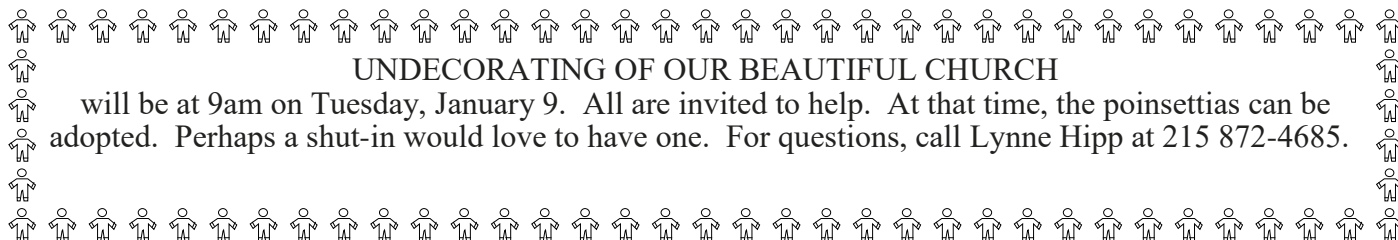
Prolife/Birthright: Baby wipes; plastic baby bottles; crib sheets; receiving blankets; hooded bath towels; baby shampoo, lotion, and wash; 12–18 month winter jackets; 0-3 month girl & boy outfits; socks, 18-36 months; dresses, newborns-to-18 months; maternity clothes or sweatshirts, sizes XL - XXL

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

UNDECORATING OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH

will be at 9am on Tuesday, January 9. All are invited to help. At that time, the poinsettias can be adopted. Perhaps a shut-in would love to have one. For questions, call Lynne Hipp at 215 872-4685.





Mass
Schedule

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., January 7** 7:30 A.M. Ron Lockhart
Req. by Greg Lockhart
9:30 A.M. Sean Flynn
Req. by Barbara & William Nagy
11:30 A.M. Nancy Sitkoo Atkinson
Req. by Maria & David Richardson
- MON., January 8** 8:30 A.M. Bill Lockner
Req. by The Geiger Family
- TUES., January 9** 8:30 A.M. Mary Theresa Swan
Req. by The Engler Family
- WED., January 10** 8:30 A.M. Deceased Members of the
LeBrocq Family
Req. by The Family
- THURS., Jan. 11** 8:30 A.M. James Rothrock
Req. by Donna Booskos
- FRI., January 12** 8:30 A.M. The Quinn Family
Req. by Sally and Ed Murphy
- SAT., January 13** 8:30 A.M. Peggy Catagnus
Req. by Ted and Lana Skrzat
5:00 P.M. Anthony Vaccaro
Req. by The Jaso Family
- SUN., January 14** 7:30 A.M. Aralyn
Req. by Gram & Pop
9:30 A.M. Jenna Burleigh
Req. by The Lelii Family
11:30 A.M. The Anonia Family
Req. by Theresa Golazeski



SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Jack Senay**.



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.

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 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, 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.



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.

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.

Parish Religious Education Program

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

*If you have any questions, please contact the
Religious Education office at 215-721-6559 or
Maria at maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net
JoAnn at Joann.prahler@stmariagoretti.net*

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 9: Bible Study @ St. Rose of Lima, North Wales

Tuesday, January 16: Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville; Doors open at 7:00pm, Talk at 7:30pm

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

**First Thursday Breakfast Club
Saint Maria Goretti Parish, Hatfield
www.stmariagoretti.net**

The Breakfast Club is held in the narthex of Saint Maria Goretti Church following the 8:30 AM Mass on designated First Thursdays. It provides a way for people to gather in faith-filled friendship and fellowship following their time spent together in worship and prayer. It's as simple as that! 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. Parishioners and non-parishioners are always welcome to attend. For more information, please contact: Angela McClellan at angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-0199 (ext. 202).

Thursdays,

February 1, April 5, May 3, September 6, and October 4, 2018

**Saint Maria Goretti Church Narthex
Following the 8:30 AM Mass**

**The Breakfast Club is automatically cancelled when a funeral is scheduled for the same morning.*



Youth Ministry Update

**Children's Epiphany Event!
January 12, 2018**

CONTACT

**Maria Richardson, Director of Family Faith
Formation, Religious Education and Parish Services**
maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-0199

Find details and registration at
<http://stmariagoretti.net/maria-2/>



Liturgy Series

Saint Maria Goretti Parish, Hatfield

www.stmariagoretti.net

This three part series includes the history of Liturgy and the Introductory Rite of Mass, the Liturgy of the Word, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Each session will include time for questions and discussion. There is no cost to attend these presentations, but a free will offering is greatly appreciated. Refreshments will be served. Registration is recommended. For more information or to register contact Angela McClellan at: angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net or [215-721-0199](tel:215-721-0199) (ext. 202).

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

Saint Maria Goretti Church

Guest Presenter: Father Louis Bellopede
Pastor, Saint Mary Parish, Schwenksville



GOT SACRAMENTS ?

Are you or perhaps someone you know seeking Baptism or Full Communion with the Catholic Church ? Please accept our invitation to discern God's call to full membership in the Catholic Church through the RCIA ministry. Adults interested in full participation in the Church and learning more about Jesus, Sacred Scripture, the Sacraments, Prayer and much more are openly welcome. For further info call Al Pandolfo at 267-688-9475, the parish center at 215-721-0199 or email RCIA@stmariagoretti.net.

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: \$4,702.84

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 their 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!**



**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 play-group! 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

TMIY-That Man Is You!

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

**MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14th**

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, J. Yandoli

7:30am – Sacristan, K. Staudt

9:30am – Sacristan, M. Vondercrone

11:30am – Sacristan, L. Arkens

E.M. Home Visits

A1– D. Grant, **A2**– T. McGann **A3**– S. Sabia,
A4– C. Friel, **A5**–C. Opydke , **B1**-D. Trotter, **B2**– P. O'Hara,
B3–,M. D'Elia **B4**-J. McNally, **B5**– J. Burke

Lectors

5:00pm – R. Miller, E. Murphy

7:30am – M. McCormick, A. Whitley

9:30am – N. & R. Boak

11:30am – A. LeBrocq, J. MacFarland

Cantors

5:00pm – Ugochi

7:30am – Jill

9:30am – Teresa

11:30am – Michael

Altar Servers

5:00pm – G. Boyd, A. & J. Padva

7:30am – A. & C. & N. Pawling,

9:30am – J., A. & E. Kuduk

11:30am – I. Gonzales, D. Malley, R. Rivera

Children's Liturgy

9:30am – M. D'Elia, M. Romito



MUSIC NOTES

Rehearsals for Today,

Children's Ringing and Singing Choir – 10:30 to 11:10am

Rehearsals for Tuesday,

Bell Choir—6:30 to 7:30pm

Adult Choir—7:30 to 8:45pm

ELDERCARE CORNER

Wellness Wednesday

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.

If you meet the above criteria, call Amy Juarez, Geriatric Care Manager for SMG at 215-721-0199 x 225 and we can schedule an appointment to complete the application. Rebates can be as high as \$650.00 and above. The deadline to apply is December 31, 2017, so call to make your appointment now!

SUNDAY OFFERING



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Stewardship Offering..... December 31 2017
 Total # of contributors (env, checks & EFT)..... 581
 Total to SMG:\$21,158.00
 Christmas Offering December 25, 2017
 Total # of contributors (env, checks & EFT)..... 784
 Total to SMG:\$62,318.00

SMG CYO ...FROM THE HAWK'S NEST

Hello Parishioners,
 Now that our basketball is in full swing, I would like to thank all the teams for their generous Thanksgiving meal donations we put together for needy families in our area with help from the St. Vincent DePaul Society. It was a great kick-off of our basketball season.

Please look fro the following events and service projects to happen over the next few months.

Service Projects

- ◆ CYO Basketball Coaches vs. Cancer Donation—January 22 & 29, 2018
- ◆ Sports Equipment Donation—February 3, 2018 from 9am to 12 noon. (Time to clean out your kids sports equipment)

Upcoming Events/Fundraisers

- ◆ Irish Night—Details below
- ◆ Year End Sports Banquet—June 3rd at Family Heritage Restaurant

Lastly, if you have any questions or concerns in regards to SMG CYO please e-mail me at subzerodj@verizon.net or my cell at 215-692-2180. Sincerely, Jeff Benner, President

Tired Of Worrying?

Are you tired of worrying? After struggling to overcome anxiety for many years, Gary Zimak has learned that Jesus Christ is the ultimate answer to winning the battle. Gary will be speaking on **Tuesday, January 16th at 7:00 pm** in the **Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Chapel**. All are welcome to attend. This talk, based on his best-selling books "A Worrier's Guide To The Bible" and "From Fear To Faith", Gary will share his step by step approach for moving from anxiety to peace!

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



MATER DEI
 CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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 has currently 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.

Take a Tour and Register for 2018-19!

New families with children in Preschool to Grade 8 are welcome to tour Mater Dei Catholic School. Over 400 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 gsmanns@materdeicatholic.com to schedule your visit today!

Trivia Night at Mater Dei Catholic School

Gather a table of friends and have a night of fun! Trivia Night is Saturday, January 20th in the Mater Dei gym. Doors open at 6:30pm; trivia starts at 7:30pm. Guests must be 21 years of age or older to attend. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the school office for \$20 OR tickets can be purchased day of event at the door for \$25. Beer, soft drinks and light snacks are included. Teams of 8-10 people per table are ideal. Teams of 5 or less may be combined with other tables. Questions? Please contact Karen Verderame at tpxav311@gmail.com. For more information, please see the Trivia Night flyer on our school web site. www.materdeicatholic.com



Save the Date! Trolls Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 4th after the 9:30 Mass at St. Maria Goretti Parish, Drexel Hall. More details to follow in upcoming bulletins.

ST. JUDE SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 28, 2018 11:15 am—1:30 pm

Pre School - 8th Grade

Meet our students and faculty

Chat with the principal

Experience what makes St. Jude School the place for your family!

wwwstjudeschool.com

or call 215-822-9225

323 W. Butler Ave. Chalfont, PA 18914