

Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

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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 R.C.I.A. Coordinator: Al Pandolfo

Elder Care Assistance Program: Amy Juarez

Business Manager: Douglas Smith

DEVOTIONS:

Adoration: Mondays after the 8:30 am Mass -Concludes at 5pm with Benediction

Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass. Monday during the 8:30 am Mass.

Saint Maria Goretti:

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 four children per Sunday. Letters of eligibility are due at the Parish Center before a date can be given for Baptism.

<u>Marriage</u>

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.

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RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3pm - 4pm or any time upon request. Call the Parish Center.

WINE & CHEESE PARISH TRIP INFORMATION NIGHT



Mark your calendar to join Father Chung and your fellow parishioners for *Tuesday, January* 10, 2023 at 6pm in the Parish Center to learn more about the exciting trip planned to Greece: 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 Acroplis, Mars Hill, 3-Night Cruise, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Kavala, Philippi, Meteora and more!

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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!

JANUARY 8TH—EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The first thought I had after thinking of today's ensemble of Readings was that of an eclipse of the moon. It's a picture of a slowly creeping darkness overcoming brilliance completely, at least for a brief time. The familiar conflict of virtue against sin that we experience almost daily comes to the birth story of Jesus, and the present day life of His Church, our Church too.

The extended Christmas story easily conjures up the struggled we all have against negative powers. Almost as soon as the last notes of the beloved Christmas carols fade from our hearing, we got the jolt of St. Stephen's cruel martyrdom on December 26. That was followed up with the slaughter of the Holy Innocents, with an easy application to modern day abortion.

In all of that, we are taught by the Holy Spirit, speaking through the Scriptures, not to give in to any Pollyanna outlook on life. Or about the process of our redemption. It involves crisis and the Cross before any rejoicing over the Resurrection.

We professed followers of the true Messiah, Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, have to be ready for repeats, in substance, of all the pain and setbacks recorded in Church history over the centuries.

Another image, like that of an eclipse that entered my mind is that of an imaginary "Gloomy Gus Association" at its annual convention. All members must dine on cold pea soup with bland crackers for three days and learn what to do with the fresh pin cushions distributed to them with an assortment of newly minted pins. Each pin represents a potential negativity they can introduce into anything positive in the coming year. King Herod would of course be a charter member of the group.

Returning to reality, I'd like to ask my fellow optimists to celebrate today this outbreak of the Good News of Christ. To free it from any confinement to a past time and place. This news came via the Magi visit to the vastly wide world of the Gentile nations. That should elicit an "Alleluia" from us all. That leads me to this easy depiction of the problem out there in Secular City:

Once upon a time an optimist invited a pessimist to go duck hunting. The optimist wanted to show off his newly registered hunting dog that could do things no other dog could. The pessimist looked at the dog and said, "Looks like a mutt to me."

At that moment, a flock of ducks flew over. The optimist shot one of the ducks and it fell into the middle of the lake. He snapped his fingers and his new dog ran out on the water, picked up the duck, and ran back on the water. The optimist took the duck from the dog's mouth, turned to the pessimist and said, "What do you think of the dog now?" The pessimist replied, "Dumb dog—can't even swim."

God love you and give you His peace.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

It's that time of year to take down the Christmas decorations in church and we need your help on *Monday, January 9th after the 8:30am Mass.* Many hands make light work. At that time the beautiful poinsettia's will be placed in the narthex and are available to adopt or gift to someone. Thank you in advance. Happy New Year!



REGISTRATION SUNDAY

Registration Sunday will take place **TODAY**, **January 8th**. Please stop by the Parish Center between the hours of 10am and 1pm to be officially welcomed into the parish. No paperwork is necessary from your previous parish. The process will take no longer than 15 minutes.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

7:30 A.M. Roger Bonham SSUN., Jan. 8

Req. by Jim & Barbara Braun 9:30 A.M. Elizabeth & Joseph Cochrane

Reg. by Betty & Gerry Dieckhaus

11:30 A.M. Dick Eckard Req. by Dottie Eckard

MON., Jan. 9 8:30 A.M. Stanley Saltys Req. by Harriet Saltys

TUES., Jan. 10 8:30 A.M. Rosemary Blanche

Req. by Kathleen Catts

WED., Jan. 11 8:30 A.M. Dolores Flynn Req. by Terry McBride

8:30 A.M. Dolores Flynn THURS., Jan. 12

Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Donohue

FRI., Jan. 13 8:30 A.M. Bill Santulli

Reg. by Pat & Jim Petro

SAT., Jan. 14 8:30 A.M. Bill Santulli

> Reg. by Doris & John Heasley 4:30 P.M. The Anonia Family Req. by Theresa Golazeski

SUN., Jan. 15 7:30 A.M. Kathy Perillo

Req. by Jack Walsh & Family 9:30 A.M. George Reinholtz

Req. by The Ragus & Spallina Families

11:30 A.M. Alfred Rotelle

Reg. by Beth Lentz

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit for the deceased member of the Chantry and Chicci Families



requested by Mary Chantry.

BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week is lit for the Parishioners of SMG requested by Father Chung

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 2nd 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 Gonsalez, 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, Marianne Peters, Bridget and Colleen, Michael Rafter, Alice Rau, Joanne Reube, Antonio & Veanessa 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.

PRO-LIFE MARCH WASHINGTON, D.C.—January 20, 2023



Join Pro-life members from all over the country in the fight to end abor-

tion. We will leave St. Maria Goretti parking lot 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 we will take the Metro to the rally sight.

A rally will begin at noon. The March will begin at 1:00 P.M. The destination is The Capitol, where more speakers will speak out in support of life.

The bus will leave the Shrine parking lot at 4:00 P.M. We will make a stop for a quick meal on the way home.

We suggest you pack any food and drinks you might need for the day. The cost is \$25.00. Drop off payment to the parish office.

Name(s):		
# of seats:	Address:	
Phone:	Parish: _	

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

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 furnishings and renewing of the holy water font as well as the holy water reservoir. Each group sets its own time for gathering to clean. Ito find out more about this ministry please call Cheryl at 215-721-0199.

SMG GOLF OUTING REVIVAL



Father Chung would like to form a committee to plan an annual golf outing for SMG parish. Fred Cicacci ran the golf outing for many years but stepped down before the pandemic. Thanks, Fred for so many years of dedication to organizing such a great event. We feel now is the time to bring it back. With so many golfers in the parish, it would make a great community-building

event. If this is something you would be interested in helping out with, please let Father Chung know by stopping him after Mass, calling the parish office at 215-721-0199 or via e-mail at fr.chung@stmariagoretti.net. We will meet to begin the planning in January. Many hands make light work. Please prayerfully consider joining the team.

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR **SUNDAY, JANUARY 15th**

E.M. of Holy Communion

4:30pm - Sacristan, D. Blanche, P. Pinkston 7:30am - Sacristan, M. Rosenberger, S. Lynam 9:30am - Sacristan, V. & L. Lelii 11:30am - Sacristan, P. Gallardo, C. Zuluaga

E.M. Home Visits

A1-E. Perez. A2-D. Grant. A3-P. O'Hara. A4-B. McCormick. **A5**–D. Johnson

Lectors

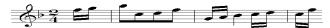
4:30pm – C. Friel, R. Thawley **7:30am** – K. Luther, C. McNally 9:30am - T. Mazzeo, M. D'Elia 11:30am - M.J. Vondercrone, E. Gallagher

Altar Servers
4:30pm - I. & F. Sirianni, D. Farzetta
7:30am - A. & T. Baran, T. McGann **9:30am** – N. & J. Boell, E. Sharp 11:30am - C. Murphy, R. Hernandez, O. Watters

Cantors

4:30pm - Joe V. 7:30am - Joe D. **9:30am** – Bruce 11:30am - Jenna

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, January 10th

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 15th 9:30am - Adult 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

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.

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POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: \$378.00

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!

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS TO THE SMG PARISH FAMILY!

Ms. Maria Zavala and Family Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wilson and Family Mr. Tram Huynh and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Scanlon and Family

Mrs. Johanna Malinowski

Ms. Tina Silvestri

Mr. Charles Havranek

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mangini

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Palmer IV and Family

Mr. and Mrs. John Boyle

Mrs. Rosemary Riley

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Perrault

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Vinoo Jankie and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bason and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Smith and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keller

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Braeutigam and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Biegert

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Muller

Mr. and Mrs. William Molinari and Family

Mr. and Mrs. George Manser

Mr. Mark Kragh

Miss Jessica Dowling

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rebar and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Evola

Reuniones de los Retiristas del Movimiento



Juan XXIII Hatfield PA. Todos los Martes a las 7:00 PM Aquí en la Capilla de La Iglesia. Para más información contactar a Carlos Zuluaga, Presidente Parroquial Juan XXIII Hatfield . Al 954-309-177 Acércate al Grupo para que tengas un encuentro personal con Jesús.

GRATITUDE

Your Parish Community is

GRATEFUL

for your consistent contributions.

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!

Christmas, December 25th

2022 \$66,450.00

\$75,871.10

Difference \$ 9,421.10

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—AMERICAN **LEGION—ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS** SPAGHETTI DINNER IS BACK!



On Saturday, January 14th, 2023 from 5 PM to 9 PM, at Drexel Hall located at St. Maria Goretti Parish, the American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Knights of Columbus Pius IX 4396 Council will be hosting a Spaghetti &

Meatball Dinner fundraiser. Dinner is all you can eat and includes salad, desert and non-alcoholic beverage. Fixed Price donation of \$10 for adults and kids 6 and up, Children 5 and under are FREE. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit Code Blue, Manna on Main Street and Coats for Kids. Pre-Register with Rich Mazur (rsomebunny@gmail.com or 215-939-2418) or see www.kofc4396.org for a reservation flier. You can also always visit www.kofc4396.org for more details of this and other Knights of Columbus events.

KOC FREE THROW COMPETITION January 11th, 2023



The Knights of Columbus, Pius IX Council 4396 is hosting the 2023 Basketball Free Throw competition on Wednesday, January 11th starting at 6:30 PM in the St. Maria Goretti - Drexel Hall Gym. This is open to all boys and girls ages 9 through 14 (Please

bring a photocopy of birth certificate to leave with registration). Free to compete! Visit KofC4396.org to learn more about this and other Knights of Columbus activities.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



Great news! Congress passed the Global Food Security Reauthorization Act, which will reau-

thorize the "Feed the Future" initiative to address root causes of hunger in vulnerable countries. This is a huge legislative win to help end hunger! Thank you for all of your advocacy to help move this important issue forward! Visit www.crs.org to learn

"This is a huge legislative win for the fight against global hunger," said Bill O'Keefe, executive vice president of Mission, Mobilization and Advocacy for CRS. "By passing this bill into law, Congress rightly acknowledges the negative impacts of extreme weather on food security, made worse in the era of climate change."



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the students and staff of Mater Dei Catholic School. Our school family will remember our parish families in prayer during the 2023 school year! Blessings this Christmas Season!



Registration for 2023-24 at Mater Dei Catholic School

Believe it or not, Registration for the 2023-24 school year at Mater Dei Catholic will begin on November 17, 2022. For a tour or more information, please contact the Advancement Office 215-368-9787

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 \$114,000 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!

AMERICAN RED CROSS **BLOOD DRIVE**



Blood Help Save Lives Tuesday, January 10, 2023 from 2pm to 7pm

To schedule an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: St. Maria Goretti

Maximize vour blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/ RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.