

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

**Happy
the nation
whose God
is the Lord,
the people
chosen as his
very own.**

PSALM 33:12



Saint Maria Goretti Parish

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Happy Feast Day Saint Maria Goretti - July 6th



NOVENA PRAYER TO SAINT MARIA GORETTI

Composed by Angela McClellan

God our Father, in the name of your Son, Jesus, who redeemed us and in union with your Holy Spirit who sanctifies us, we come before you seeking the saintly intercession of your beloved daughter, Saint Maria Goretti.

Saint Maria Goretti modeled for us the virtues of chastity, purity, simplicity, fortitude, perseverance in prayer, and steadfastness in faith. Her life demonstrated the power of mercy and forgiveness. We ask her to bring our needs to you and place them at the foot of your heavenly throne during this solemn novena.

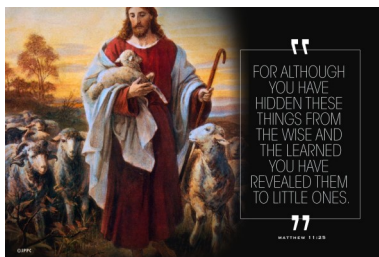
We pray in particular for victims of rape, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment. We pray for an end to pornography and sins of sexual misconduct and cover-up especially within the Church. We pray for those suffering with addictions of any kind. We pray for the conversion, repentance, and reform of those who commit sins of sexual immorality and acts of violence and murder. We pray for those whose hearts are unable or unwilling to forgive and for those in need of mercy.

And, we pray now for our own special intentions.

(Pause in silence.)

We ask these things in the name of Jesus in whom we place our trust and through Saint Maria Goretti, our patroness, who prays on our behalf.

All: Amen.



TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Zechariah 9: 9-10

A future king is coming who will bring about universal peace in a rule that will extend far beyond Judah to embrace the whole world. In this passage we also find predicted the entrance of Jesus to Jerusalem centuries later, in the event that happened in our "Palm Sunday."

Reading II: Romans 8: 9, 11-13

Our Christian life is lived in the Holy Spirit. Lived well, it destines us for the glory of eternal life.

The Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

Jesus asserts His unique access to both the knowledge and love of His Father. He speaks as Wisdom personified and extends here His great invitation to turn to Him for comfort and rest.



WELCOME BACK—WE MISSED YOU!

Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we make our way back to the in person celebration of the Mass.

While it is great to be together to celebrate Mass as a parish family once again, our main concern is to keep the people of SMG parish safe. The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation continues to be lifted during the "Green Phase". You are not required to attend Mass at this time. If you are at high risk or not feeling well please stay home. We will continue to offer Mass live streamed though the Saint Maria Goretti Facebook page and a link on the parish website at www.stmariagoretti.net.

Many precautions have been put in place for your safety such as; all high touch areas will be sanitized between each Mass, the missals have been removed from the pews, Communion lines and seating is socially distanced, hand sanitizers are available, masks are strongly encouraged for everyone except those under 2 years old or with health issues that prevent you from wearing a mask, doors will be propped open so entering and exiting the church is easy. Every other pew is open for seating, remember to leave 6 foot space between your household and members of a different household. There will be no sign of peace or Precious Blood during the "Green Phase".

We all need to do our part to make sure that our return to Mass is a peaceful and safe experience for all. May God Bless you and keep you safe!

Join us for *Mass!* ©JPPC

Let us gather and celebrate the Mass. Visit our parish Facebook® page!





MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., July 5** 7:30 A.M. Vic Lotti
Req. by Mary & Donald Vallere
9:30 A.M. Mary Rita & Stanley Golazeski
Req. by Theresa Golazeski
11:30 A.M. The Browne Family
Req. by Nieces & Nephews
- MON., July 6** 8:30 A.M. John Evans
Req. by Connie Evans
- TUES., July 7** 8:30 A.M. Eileen McBride Melby
Req. by Ed & Terry McBride
- WED., July 8** 8:30 A.M. Robert & Frances Ervin
Req. by Tom & Betty Fetter
- THURS., July 9** 8:30 A.M. Angelo Cancelliere
Req. by The Quirple Family
- FRI., July 10** 8:30 A.M. Ken Van Arsdale
Req. by The Van Arsdale Family
- SAT., July 11** **No Morning Mass**
5:00 P.M. Elizabeth & Maria Fala
Req. by The Family
- SUN., July 12** 7:30 A.M. Hilarion Carr
Req. by The Pagni Family
9:30 A.M. Jimmy Cantry
Req. by Betty & Jerry Diekhaus
11:30 A.M. Special Intention
Req. by Dottie & Dick Eckard



HOW TO MAKE AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

- ◆ Make the Sign of the Cross
- ◆ If possible, read the Mass Readings
- ◆ Recite the Prayer of Spiritual Communion –
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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,
Warren Allison, 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, Aura Chaustre, James Chrissy, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Helen Curren, Susan & Anthony Dalesio, Joanne Daum, Loretta Deller, Leo Dennis, Karen Diana, Peter Fallon, Marybeth Hentschel Fiorelli, Carol Galinski, Joe Gallant, Erin Gilbert, Lianessa Gonzalez, Abby Graham, Andrew Green, Dionne Greim, Sharon, Fernando & Ian Griffin, Kathleen Hauck, Frank Holloway, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Ron Hoffman, Jeanette Hoy, Kevin Iavecchia, Richard Jedlicka, Jean Kerr, Charles Kline, Sue Kunze, Peg Krempf, Jama Lecore, Curt Lecrone, Angelique, Gina & Keenan Lee, Dorothy Lougee, Dina Lukasko, Patti Maguire, Joe Martin, Sean McKelvey, 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, Anthony & Michael Paone, Kathy Paone, Catherine Pagano, Al Palatucci, Robert Pauloski, Flocefida & Salvador Penganon, Connie Perrong, Michael Praher, Marian Quinn, Marlin Raber, 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, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Peg Trexler, Mae Venezia, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzel, John Willstaudt, Salem Yabut, Jack Zampirri, Joe Zdun & Joan Ziegler.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Glenn Pinkston** requested by Terry & Ed McBride.



PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED



Please remember in your prayers the all who lost their lives to COVID-19 and the following parishioners who have passed in the past 15 weeks. May they rest in peace.

Terry Ray, Sue Drop, Ray Peacock, Glenn Pinkston, Jim Sinz, Gloria Nolen, Joan Davis, Jerry Coshin, Vincent Vozzo, Francis Hurley, Charles Minquez, Rose Gotowski, Nancy Schwoyer, Eliseo Saldivar, Stephen Evalt, Charles Simpson, Charles Middleton, James McCook, Caridad Carlos & Catherine McCauley.

READ A GOOD BOOK LATELY?

Have you read a good book lately from our Parish Library? Share the news with others by writing a short review for it – a few sentences will do. Include the book title, author, the reason why you would recommend this book to others, and your name. Selected reviews will appear in our parish bulletin and on our parish Facebook page. Please e-mail your book review to Angela.McClellan@stmariagoretti.net or drop it off at the Parish Center.

*“Only for today,
I will devote ten minutes of my time
to some good reading,
remembering that just as food is necessary
to the life of the body,
so good reading is necessary to the life of the soul.”*

~Saint Pope John XXIII

DON'T FORGET TO PACK FAITH FORMATION INTO YOUR SUMMERTIME!



Take Jesus With You!

Attend the 8:30 AM Mass in the church Monday through Friday. Families are welcome.

Pray our outdoor or indoor Stations of the Cross. Stations of the Cross booklets are available at no cost near the Adult Faith table in the church narthex. Take and keep as many as you like.

Visit the Parish Library on the upper level of the Parish Center. A list of all books and resources available can be found on our parish website at <https://stmariagoretti.net/parish-library/> Great books and DVDs for adults and children!

Travelling to a vacation destination this summer? Don't forget to attend Mass. Go to <https://masstimes.org/> for a Catholic Church near you!

**CAFÉ MARIA:
A FEAST DAY CELEBRATION**

**Unfortunately Saint Maria Goretti
Feast Day celebrations need to be
cancelled for this year for the safety
and well-being of everyone.
Better days ahead.
Saint Maria Goretti pray for us!**





**ADULT FAITH GIFT CERTIFICATES
NOW AVAILABLE**

Gift Certificates are now available for purchase through the Adult Faith Formation Office of our parish. You can purchase a gift certificate for a family member, friend, or neighbor in any amount or a specified amount designated for a particular upcoming Adult Faith event, program, pilgrimage, or retreat. Contact Angela.McClellan@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-0199 (Ext. 202). Convey your name, the person for whom you are purchasing the gift certificate, and the amount.

You will be contacted when your gift certificate is available for pick up at the front reception desk of the Parish Center. Payment can be made at that time. Make checks payable to Saint Maria Goretti Parish.

Gift Certificates may also be purchased and donated back to the parish for individuals who would like to attend an Adult Faith event, program, pilgrimage, or retreat but may not have the financial resources to do so.

**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS
ASSOCIATION**

***Pending CDC Guidelines**



Join other grandparents in passing on the faith to future generations, keeping prayer at the heart of the family, and helping, supporting and valuing each other in this great task. Our next meeting is Wednesday, August 12th from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Room of the Parish Center. The meeting includes prayer, refreshments, conversation regarding relevant grand parenting topics, and the sharing of ideas and stories to strengthen the vocation of the Catholic Grandparent. Please register at Angela.McClellan@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-0199 (Ext. 202).

FIRST THURSDAY BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club is held on designated First Thursdays of the year and provides a way for people to build relationships and community and 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. **Thurs.: October 1, November 5, December 3, 2020. Following the 8:30 AM Mass—Church Narthex**

Our Breakfast Club this year is dedicated to the memory of Kathy Yucha who enjoyed baking for our Breakfast Club and for many of our Adult Faith events. May she forever rest in God's loving embrace.

MUSIC MINISTRY FOR JULY 12th
Music Ministry for next weekend:
5pm—Mini Choir

CANTORS
5pm— Mini Choir 7:30am—Michele
9:30am—Michael 11:30am—Janna



**POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP
BENEFITS ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**

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 **July** and **August** 2020, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. The SMG Conference of the Society was newly formed in 2007 and meets each Monday evening in the Parish Center to review the needs of individuals within our community. The Society works in collaboration with other organizations to provide person-to-person service, recognizing Christ in the face of those in need. The Society also supports the initiatives of the International Society, including clothing and food drives, as well as other special projects. This collection will provide much needed funding to fulfill our mission to serve the poor and needy. As quoted in the Society's motto...*"No form of charity is foreign to the Society."* **If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!**

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



Now is the time to join our movement of action and advocacy to stand with refugees. The COVID-19 pandemic brings greater challenges, but our experience fighting Ebola has prepared us. Putting our faith into action as a community, we've been able to lead the way on the most pressing issues of our time. But our work is far from over.

That's why we've launched new campaigns to continue leading the way to dignified and peaceful futures for all members of our human family. We can support those forced to flee their homes and we'll work to ensure all people everywhere have access to the nutritious food they need to thrive. We're forming a movement that touches the lives of communities across the country—and changes the lives of millions around the world. You'll have opportunities to learn, pray, act and mobilize others in your community at this pivotal moment. Sign up and join our "Lead the Way" campaign today to learn the ways you can help. Visit www.crs.org for more information!



EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS—CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

A time to profess our faith more profoundly in the true and real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist
Saturday, October 10, 2020—Bus Departure: 12:30 PM—(Saint Maria Goretti Church Parking Lot) -Approximate Return: 8:30 PM—Cost: \$20.00



Schedule:

Arrival Cathedral Basilica: 1:30 PM

Holy Hour: 2:00 PM

Eucharistic Concert of Praise: 3:00 PM

Rosary for Priests: 4:30 PM

Mass: 5:15 PM (Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

Main Celebrant: His Excellency, the Most Reverend Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States

Outdoor Eucharistic Procession with Benediction: Following Mass

Mail registration form and payment to:

Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center
 c/o Angela McClellan
 1601 Derstine Road
 Hatfield, PA 19440

Visit us at: www.stmariagoretti.net



Eucharistic Congress

Name _____

Address _____ Town/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone (Solely for Day of Event) _____

E-Mail _____ Parish _____

Emergency Contact (Name and Phone Number) _____

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 help those who need support financially by calling our St. Vincent DePaul Society at 215-721-0199 ext. 224. All calls are confidential.

2020 Weekly Total	2019 Weekly Totals	Difference
March 15th: \$11,745.00	March 15th: \$19,720.29	(\$ 7,975.29)
March 22nd: \$ 6,354.00	March 22nd: \$22,312.97	(\$15,958.97)
March 29th: \$14,319.47	March 29th: \$19,365.14	(\$ 5,045.67)
April 5th: \$12,847.67	April 5th: \$20,299.07	(\$ 7,451.40)
April 12th: \$14,605.00	April 12th: \$27,807.36	(\$13,202.36)
Easter: \$51,026.60	Easter: \$57,479.16	(\$ 6,452.56)
April 19th: \$ 9,497.00	April 19th: \$18,728.96	(\$ 9,231.96)
April 26th: \$18,922.00	April 26th: \$21,545.99	(\$ 2,623.99)
May 3rd: \$14,583.67	May 3rd: \$23,575.02	(\$ 8,991.35)
May 10th: \$21,400.00	May 10th: \$18,739.97	\$ 2,660.03
May 17th: \$15,981.24	May 17th: \$17,169.62	(\$ 1,188.38)
May 24th: \$12,184.00	May 24th: \$16,106.92	(\$ 3,922.92)
May 31st: \$14,857.00	May 31st: \$21,110.84	(\$ 6,253.84)
June 7th: \$27,902.62	June 7th: \$24,990.84	\$2,911.78
June 14th: \$25,258.75	June 14th: \$18,767.72	\$6,490.28
June 21st: \$18,677.44	June 21st: \$16,393.92	\$2,283.52
June 28th: NOT AVAILABLE IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION		
TOTAL:		(\$73,953.08)

May God Bless you for your generosity to our parish!

WAYS TO GIVE & SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

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

Online Banking - Set up automatic payments or manually initiate payments through your bank's online bill pay service. Your bank will mail your donation to the church. Contact your financial institution for details.

Corporate Gift Programs - Some companies of all sizes have matching gift programs that encourage employees to donate to non-profit organizations, such as SMG. For example, 65% of all Fortune 500 companies offer matching gift programs. Check with your employer and/or submit a request to see if there is a charitable giving program at the company where you work.



Last Day of School for 2020 ... We Did It!



The Mater Dei Catholic School community gathered in spirit for our Last Day of School Mass. Father Chung celebrated the Liturgy and challenged us to continue to follow the example of Mary, the Mother of God, this summer. The Mater Dei family then had the chance to drive by and send everyone off to celebrate a job well done as the 2019-2020 school year officially ended.

Happy Summer, Everyone!

Mater Dei continues to accept New Registrations...

Pre-K 3 and 4 are filled at our Lansdale campus, but registration for 2020-21 continues for Pre-K 3 and 4 at the Hatfield Campus, as well as Kindergarten through Grades 8 in Lansdale. Secure your child's place in the classroom while spots are still available. New applications can be submitted at <https://www.materdeicatholic.com/admissions/registration-registration>. Please contact Grace Samanns at 215-368-9787 for a virtual look and more information so that you can guarantee your child a spot for the 2020-21 school year!

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 or 215-799-2211. *Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.*