

Saint Maria Goretti Parish

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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 during Lent: 7:00am & 8:30 am Saturday morning 8:30am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 9am to 8:00pm Friday and Saturday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

WHEN A LOVED ONE LEAVES THE CHURCH

In this presentation, we'll explore the many cultural and social factors that have created this situation, which is so heartbreaking to parents and grandparents who mourn the loss of their family members' interest in religious practice. We'll also examine constructive ways that we may be able to intervene to reduce this decline, and to attract young people to reconsider returning to the Catholic faith they were raised in, or to perhaps join the Church for the first time. It's important that we reach out to re-evangelize effectively to these young people if we want to pass on the treasure of the faith to the next generation. To register for this presentation, please contact Angela.McClellan@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-0199 x202.

Tuesday, March 3rd, 7to 8pm, Chapel Guest Presenter: Deacon Anthony Bellitto Permanent Deacon, Saint Stanislaus Parish, Lansdale

THE ROLE OF THE LAITY IN A TIME OF CRISIS

During this period of profound crisis in the Church, our history tells us that lay people have a role to play in these times of turmoil. Join us for a morning of reflection on the mission of the laity and what we can do to cooperate with Christ's action to purify and heal His Church. Please register by contacting angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-0199 (Ext. 202). There is no cost to attend.

Tuesday, March 10, 2020-9:15 AM Breakfast Refreshments
Parish Center: Immaculate Heart of Mary Room
Guest Presenter: Meghan Cokeley
Director, Office for the New Evangelization

TOLTON with Father Stephen DeLacy

Join us for this presentation on the inspiring life and legacy of the first African American diocesan priest in the United States.

Tuesday, March 24, 2020 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Saint Maria Goretti Chapel

There is no cost to attend. Register at Angela.McClellan@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-0199 (Ext. 220). Visit us at: www.stmariagoretti.net

SAINT MARIA GORETTI PANCAKE BREAKFAST & EASTER EGG HUNT



Mark your calendar to celebrate SPRING with your parish family at our Annual Pancake Breakfast and an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 29th from 8:30am to 11:30am in Drexel Hall. Weather permitting the

Egg Hunt will be held outside. Please pick up a registration form in the narthex or see next Sunday's bulletin for more details and a reservation form. Feel free to drop your form in the collection basket or at the Parish Center. *Tickets will be sold*

after all Masses March 21/22 or anytime by stopping at the Parish Center. Thank you!

DON'T MISS THE EASTER BUNNY AFTER THE 9:30AM MASS. BRING YOUR CAMERA TO CATCH THESE MEMORIES!

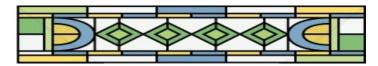




BIBLE STUDY Follow me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

Join us for this exciting Bible Study beginning the first week in March. There are 2 ses-

sions of the <u>same study</u> being offered: One session will take place on Fridays beginning March 6th through May 1st from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. The other session will begin on Sundays, beginning March 8th through May 3rd from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. You may register for either of the sessions as your schedule permits. In addition, if you miss a particular lesson at one of the sessions, you are welcome to 'make up' the lesson by attending the alternate time. **Location**: Parish Center Immaculate Heart of Mary Room. **Cost**: Suggested contribution of \$25 payable at the 1st session. **Contacts**: Friday Class - Kim Staudt @ 215-272-9016 or kimstaudt@me.com. <u>Sunday Class</u> - Ron Boak @ 215-393-3763 or ron.boak@gmail.com.



"FAST" FOOD & A FLICK

Enjoy the company and fellowship of other members of our faith community as we share a simple meatless meal.

During our dinner, we will view a short film entitled, *Prayer: A Surge of the Heart*. This inspiring DVD presentation challenges us to make some time for God in our lives and highlights the importance of an ever deepening life of prayer. A perfect film for anyone longing to grow in their love of God and in their relationship with Jesus Christ!

Friday, March 6, 2020—5:15 PM to 6:45 PM Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center: Immaculate Heart of Mary Room (Lower Level).

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Please mail registration form below and check for \$12.00 per person payable to Saint Maria Goretti Church to:

Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center c/o Angela McClellan

*Payment is transferrable to another person but not refundable.

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Address
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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN., March 1 7:30 A.M. Peter Hudec Req. by Robin Hager

9:30 A.M. Rosa & Stanilaus Vernachio

& Family

Reg. by The Vernachio Family 11:30 A.M. David J. Lee Reg. by Mr. & Mrs. Harvey J. Lee

MON., March 2 7:00 A.M. Mark Caruso

Req. by Dan Finochio & Dan McCarthy

8:30 A.M. Gary Hotte Req. by Louise Hotte

7:00 A.M. Adaelda Corvett TUES., March 3

Req. by Angel Carrares

8:30 A.M. Hajoca Corp. Friends of Michael Cappuccio Req. by His Parents, Bob & Joanne

7:00 A.M. Michael Fitzpatrick WED., March 4

Reg. by Catherine & Brian Murray 8:30 A.M. Kitty McMenamin Req. by Tom & Rita Miller

THURS., March 5 7:00 A.M. Joseph Gallen

> Req. by The Ryan Family 8:30 A.M. Jim Glackin Reg. by Vic & Linda Lelii

FRI.. March 6 7:00 A.M. Joy Beauchamp

Reg. by Donna Beauchamp

8:30 A.M. Francine Jockette Robinson

Req. by Bruce & Patti Pollack

SAT., March 7 8:30 A.M. Henry Kauflie

> Req. by Andrew & Beth Potson 5:00 P.M. Walter Zamorski

> Req. by Dorothy & Ted Zamorski

SUN., March 8 7:30 A.M. Sabina Chipollini

Req. by Maria SanClerrento

9:30 A.M. Philomena & Frank Daddario Req. by The Vernachio Family 11:30 A.M. Dec'd members of the

Prince Family Req. by Bill & Edie Hardnock

SANCTUARY LIGHT



The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of People of the Parish requested by Father Chung.

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR *Please note time change

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. The next Holy Hour will be held the Thursday, March 5th 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: 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, Caridad Carlos, 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, Marybeth Hentschel Fiorelli, Terry Foley, 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 lavecchia, Richard Jedlicka, Emily Keiser, Charles Kline, Sue Kunze, Peg Krempl, 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, Deacon Phuong Nguyen, Joan Nickerson, Regina Nimmo, Ernest & Mele Lee-Nippins, Zachery Olberholzer, Bill O'Brien, Anthony & Michael Paone, Catherine Pagano, Al Palatucci, Robert Pauloski, Flocerfida & Salvador Penganon, Connie Perrong, Michael Prahler, Marian Quinn, 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 Veneziale, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzel, John Willstaudt, Salem Yabut, Jack Zampirri, Joe Zdun & Joan Ziegler.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

In preparation for the joy of the Easter season, please join your parish each Friday night (with the exception of March 20th, Stations will be held on Wednesday,

March 18th) during Lent for Stations of the Cross at 7pm.

Vietnamese Stations will be held each Sunday at 2pm prior to Mass at 2:30pm.

The *Hispanic Movement* of Parochial Retreats John XXIII will be Praying the "Stations of the Cross" devotion every Tuesday at 7:00 pm during Lent. Starting Tuesday, March 3 and finishing on Tuesday, April 7th.



Special thanks to the Boy Scouts for running the February First Sunday Donut Social! In Scouting, boys start with

their best right now selves and grow into their very best future selves. It's fun, hands-on learning and achievement that puts kids in the middle of the action and prepares them for today - and for life.

Contact: Deacon Peter at deacon.niche@stmariagortti.net

Please join families of our parish the third Thursday of each month for an evening of worship & Night Prayer followed by a time of fellowship.

Worship & Night Prayer will take place from 6:00PM-7:00PM in the Eucharistic chapel. The evening will conclude with a time of fellowship in the Narthex until 8pm.

All ages welcome! Adults 21 BYOB or an appetizer to share!



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Mark your calendar and join us as often as you can in 2020. March 19, April 16, *May 28, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17 *4th Thursday due to Memorial Day weekend

MORNING JOE

Celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Joseph with a hot cup of coffee and the traditional "Saint Joseph Table" of bread and pastries while enjoying good friends and good conversation. In honor of Saint Joseph, a special gift will be given to each participant (while supplies last). Are you on your way to work? Don't worry! Have your "Morning Joe" to go! This event is free and no registration is necessary.

Thurs., March 19th—Following the 8:30 AM Mass-Narthex

In His Sign Catholic Radio Annual Wake Up America Dinner

Sunday, April 26 | 1:30-5:30 p.m. Malvern Retreat House | 315 South Warren Ave, Malvern

Keynote Speaker Kathleen McCarthy

A publish author, international Catholic lay evangelist, and President of In His Sign Catholic Radio Network.

Cost: \$55 per person or \$400 for table of 8

Please visit our website at www.inhissign.com or call at 610-527-2906 to make your reservation or for additional details.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



Looking to get more out of your Lenten experience this year? Pick up a CRS Rice Bowl to-day! Through Rice Bowl, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting

and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through the Rice Bowl this year will be sent to over 100 countries where CRS works. Additionally, 25% of all donations stay within the United States to offer help locally. Take one home today, use the materials and return the Rice Bowls at Easter. Have a wonderful Lenten experience!

"We have to state, without mincing words, that there is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor. May we never abandon them." ~ Pope Francis

HATFIELD COMMUNITY LENTEN SERIES

On the Wednesdays during Lent you are invited to the Lenten Services. Each week, worship begins at 7:30pm and ends with a time for fellowship. The theme this year will be "By Faith." The dates are as follows:

> March 4th - Pastor Robert Tufton at **Emmanuel Evangelical Congregation**; The Faith of Noah

> <u>March 11th</u> – Pastor Glenn Lambert at Heidelberg United Church of Christ; The Faith of Abraham

March 18th - Deacon Peter Niche at Grace Lutheran Church; The Faith of Moses

March 25th - Pastor Janet Peterman at Hatfield Church of the Brethren;

The Faith of Rahab

April 1st - Pastor Clay Moyer at Saint Maria Goretti Church; Jesus, the Perfecter of our Faith

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 freakfass (III) to gather together in friendship following their time spent together in worship and prayer. Coffee, tea, juice, and nutritious breakfast refresh-

ments 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.: April 2, 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.



Confirmation Practice for student and parent. Wednesday, March 4th—6:30pm in church

Sacrament of Confirmation -With Bishop Joseph Martino Thurs., March 12, 2020- 4:00pm

Final Assessments—April 19th and 20th

First Holy Communion Practice Wednesday, April 22, 2020—6:30pm in church

First Holy Communion—Sat., April 25, 2020 at 10am

Mass and blessing of Communicants Sunday April 26, 2020 at 11:30am mass

May Procession—Monday, May 4, 2020 at 6pm

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

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR **SUNDAY, MARCH 8th**

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm - Sacristan, P. Pinkston 7:30am - Sacristan, K. Staudt 9:30am - Sacristan, M. Rosenberger 11:30am - Sacristan, D. Misczak

E.M. Home Visits

A1-P. Walsh, A2-C. Talaga, A3-D. Johnson, A4-B. Hudak, A5-Sub Needed, B1-T. Nguyen, B2-D. Fuse, B3-C. Opdyke, **B4**-D. Grant, **B5**-J. Forbes

Lectors

5:00pm - M. O'Pella, C. McNally 7:30am - B. Healy, B. Braun 9:30am - R. Miller, S. Archambault 11:30am - J. MacFarland, B. Smith

Cantors

5:00pm - Joe B. 7:30am - Joe V. 9:30am – Andrew 11:30am - Guitar Ensemble

Altar Servers

5:00pm - S. Filler, V. McLaughlin, D. Farzetta 7:30am - A. Pawling, J. DeFazio, N. Boell 9:30am - M. & N. Cugini, M. Rosenberger 11:30am - C. & B. O'Reilly, Sub Needed

Children's Liturgy

9:30am - M. D'Elia, M. Romito

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, March 3rd

Children's Choir-5:50 to 6:30pm Adult Bell Choir—6:30 to 7:30pm Guitar Ensemble—7:30 to 8:45pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend: March 8th

9:30am Mass—Homeschool Bell Choir 11:30am Mass-Guitar Ensemble

MAN UP PHILLY 2020

Man Up Philly 2020 invites the men of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to the 12th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference. We encourage all men - fathers, sons, broth-Pers, friends – to join us for an inspiring PHILLY day of faith and fellowship. Become the man God is calling you to be! Rediscover the power and meaning of your faith!

SATURDAY, MARCH 07, 2020—NEUMANN UNIVERSITY - MIRENDA CENTER, ASTON, PA VISIT ManUpPhilly.com for More Info and To Register

*The special code is TMIYSMG and will provide a \$10 discount off the registration.

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: \$521.67 **BENEFITS "HATFIELD BRETHREN FOOD CUPBOARD"**

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 2020**, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to "Hatfield Brethren Food Cupboard" located at 1333 Cowpath Road, Hatfield. This charitable organization is open the 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 3rd Saturday, and 4th Monday of each month at designated times, supplying food and basic needs to low income families and individuals in the Hatfield and North Penn area. The society has been in existence since 1995 and is currently managed and maintained by volunteers from Hatfield Church of the Brethren, St. Maria Goretti, and local volunteers. Please consider helping those that are less fortunate ~ a little goes a long way! If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!

............................... **CANTORS NEEDED**

High School students who sing in school choirs are invited to become a cantor here at church. If you are available one weekend Mass every 4-6 weeks please contact Mrs. Fricsweekend Mass every 4-6 weeks please contact Mrs. Ericsson eileen.ericsson@stmariagoretti.net. Thank you!!

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ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

Lent is quickly approaching. St. Maria Goretti Parish will be offering the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7 PM during Lent except for Friday, March 20th. That week Stations will be offered on Wednesday, March 18th. 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 28th, March 6, 13, 18 & 27, April 3. Thank you in advance for signing up!

HAVE YOU HEARD?? ON-LINE SIGN-UPS ARE NOW LIVE!

On-line sign up for the Lifetouch photo session (to be included in our Parish Photo Directory) is already up and running! Just go to our website: www.stmariagoretti.net and click on the link that says: "book now-lifetouch..." They will walk you through the sign up process. And—starting the weekend of March 7/8 we will have in-person sign ups after all Masses. Photo dates are April 14-18 and again from April 28-May 2 right here in the IHM Room in the Parish Center. Many hours to accommodate everyone's schedule. So, sign up early to lock in your preferred time. Remember, only those parishioners who participate in the photo sessions will be given a FREE directory. They will not be mailed to everyone, as in past years. PLUS you will receive a FREE 8x10 color photo of your choice.

Watch the bulletin for more information in the coming weeks. If you are interested in helping with our once in a decade photo directory, please contact Susan Schmitt at 908-268-0474. Thank you, and **SMILE!**



SUNDAY OFFERING



COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Fe	eb. 25, 2019	Feb. 23, 2020
Sunday Offering	\$18,157.43	\$22,611.02
Online Parish Giving	\$ 2,217.00	\$ 5,242.00
TOTALS:	\$20,419.43	\$27,853.02
Total # of contributors		612
	Misc. Offerings	
Heat & Energy Offering:		\$311.00
Poor Box Offering:		
Care of Aging Priests Collection:		\$465.00

Parish Ministry Update!



"ESTER" AT SIGHT AND SOUND in Lancaster is **SOLD OUT!** Reservations without complete payment will be released by March 15th.

The next GAMES DAY Is Wednesday, March 4th!

Maria Richardson

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St. Maria Goretti Parish Hatfield, Pennsylvania Youth Ministry Update FUNDRAISERS PIZZA FOR LENT Certificates are available in the Parish Center from now until Holy Week TOTALLY CATHOLIC SALE March 28th and 29





Bowling Fun Night Wednesday, April 1, 2020 7:00 PM—Register now!

Children's Youth Ministry ~ A Walk Through Holy Week—Friday, April 3, 2020 6pm to 7:30pm. Must register by March 15th



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MATER DEI CATHOLIC SCHOOL Join us on Friday, March 6, at



the 4th Annual Designer Bag Bingo Event at Mater Dei Catholic School. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and Bingo begins at 7pm! The night includes 13 rounds of Bingo and various

designers like Coach and Kate Spade, as well as Louis Vuitton and other special raffles! Feel free to bring snacks and beverages for your table; advance bookings for tables of 8 will receive a free gift! Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$30 (\$35 at the door) or online: https:// person bngn.smarttuition.com/?id=rhr0qjulfld. Please make checks payable to Mater Dei Home & School Association. We hope you will join us for this popular and fabulous event!

### RSVP for Mater Dei Catholic's Open House and Information Nights for 2020-21

Monday, March 2, 6:00 to 7:30 PM Mater Dei Catholic

School, Lansdale campus

Tuesday, March 10, 6:00 to 7:30 PM Mater Dei Childcare
Center, Hatfield campus

Need a caring, loving environment while you work for your infant to 36 month old? Interested in finding out more about the Preschool through Grade 8 Programs at both our campuses?

Then please attend one of our Open Houses in March at either our Lansdele or Hatfield campus. Please RSVP to Grace Samanns at gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com or 215-368-9787. All are welcome!

Mater Dei's 2020 Polar Bear Plunge Through the generosity and support of so many, Mater Dei has raised \$47,000+ to date from the Polar Bear Plunge. These funds help families who need tuition assistance. This is why we plunge and why we are so grateful to be a part of this wonderful community of Mater Dei!



### Exciting News...Mater Dei Catholic School is Expanding Our Preschool!



Beginning in September of 2020, Mater Dei Catholic School will be opening one Pre-K Three-Year-Old, Five Full Day Classroom and one Pre-K Four-Year-Old, Five Full Day

Classroom at its Hatfield campus located on the grounds of St. Maria Goretti Parish in the Mater Dei Childcare Center. The Program will follow the same Preschool curriculum that is used at our Lansdale campus. Our motivation is one of growth and accommodation. Please contact the Advancement Office by calling 215-368-9787 or emailing gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com for more information and enrollment for the 2020-21 school year.

### TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR IRISH NIGHT



The AOH will host their annual Irish Night at Saint Maria Goretti on Saturday, March 7th from 7pm till 11pm. Cost is \$40.00 per person and includes a full hot buffet, beer, wine, soda and desserts. Live entertainment from the band Reilly's Daughter featuring the leg-

endary Tommy Conwell. This event was a sellout last year, so get your tickets ASAP by contacting Tom Coughlin at 215-450-9662 or email sahs01@comcast.net. All proceeds benefit AOH charities.