

*Saint Maria Goretti Parish
Hatfield, PA*

Lent

Preparation
REFLECTION
Sacrifice
Temptation

Fastening



THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY IS OPEN!

Thank you to the 343 parishioners that have already filled out the survey.

Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible. You are an important part of the future of SMG and we want to hear from **ALL** of you!

Go to <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/yabtt3>

There are also opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass and you can obtain a paper copy in the Narthex/Parish Office or by contacting Cheryl Ryan at 215-721-0199.

The link above can also be found on the Home page of our parish website at www.stmariagoretti.net or scan the QR code and fill out the survey right on your phone. The link was sent through Constant Contact on Wednesday, March 2 so be sure to check your e-mails. If you are not on our Constant Contact list please call the parish office to add your e-mail.

The survey will only be available from March 2nd to April 4th and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. **All responses will be confidential** and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Father Chung and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Thank you for helping with this important project!



HELP NEEDED

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 and the holy water reservoir. Each group sets its own time for gathering to clean, usually on a Friday or Saturday for an hour or so. To find out more about this ministry please call Cheryl at 215-721-0199.

SAVE THE DATE – EASTER EGG HUNT & DONUT SOCIAL

Sunday, April 3, 2022, after the 9:30 am Mass



Mark your calendar to celebrate SPRING with your parish family at our parish Easter Egg Hunt & Donut Social on Sunday, April 3 following the 9:30 am Mass. Weather permitting the Egg Hunt will be held outside on the church grounds. We will also have a special visit from the Easter Bunny. For planning purposes, please call the parish center at 215-721-0199 or e-mail Cheryl at Cheryl.ryan@stmariagoretti.net to let us know how many children will participate in the Easter Egg Hunt. There is no cost to participate. We hope you can make it!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



In preparation for the joy of the Easter season, please join your parish **each Friday night during Lent for Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm.**

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.

Pro-Life Stations of the Cross are held every Thursday during Lent following the 8:30 am Mass in church. Please join us!

PERSEVERANCE TO SUCCEED

Raúl and Lilian have faced many challenges while trying to provide for their family and pursue their dreams in Guatemala. With support from Catholic Relief Services, they have been able to overcome these obstacles and grow their business while helping their community along the way. In what ways are you being challenged to serve others this Lent? Visit csrce-bowl.org to learn more.



"This is my CHOSEN SON; listen to him."

TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

Abraham's trust in Yahweh wins Yahweh's favor. A covenant follows which seals Abraham's faith. The smoking oven and flames represent Yahweh's side.

Reading II: Philippians 3: 17-4:1, or 3: 20-4:1

Though the new age beckons, Christians are already citizens of the heavenly city. By our own dying and rising with Christ, our bodies will be transformed.

The Gospel: Luke 9: 28b-36

Jesus' marvelous transfiguration features a conversation with Moses and Elijah, representing respectively the Law and the Prophets. Jesus' transfiguration prefigures our own.



MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN., March 13	7:30 A.M. George Fantuzzo Req. by The Fantuzzo Family 9:30 A.M. Daniel A. Miller, Jr. Req. by Theresa Miller 11:30 A.M. Richard Nolan Req. by Conwell & Mizdail Families
MON., March 14	7:00 A.M. Patricia Ann Dooley Req. by Rob & Janet Ford 8:30 A.M. Jose M. Diaz Req. by Cathy Rocco
TUES., March 15	7:00 A.M. Bill Bolton Req. by Bill Bradshaw & Family 8:30 A.M. Luigi Antonio Rosmini Req. by The Cavacim Family
WED., March 16	7:00 A.M. Bruce Sutherland Req. by Bill Bradshaw 8:30 A.M. William Fitzgerald Req. by Tom & Rita Miller
THURS., March 17	7:00 A.M. Douglas & Christina Wright & Family Req. by Merle Wright 8:30 A.M. Marta Carrares Req. by Angel Carrares
FRI., March 18	7:00 A.M. Laura Pollitt Req. by The Grant Family 8:30 A.M. Thelma & Chester Stanek Req. by Deborah, Catherine & Andy
SAT., March 19	8:30 A.M. Dorothy McCormick Req. by Bob & Zoe McCormick 5:00 P.M. Mary Sabia Req. by The Grant Family
SUN., March 20	7:30 A.M. Joe O'Sullivan Req. by Rosanna O'Sullivan & Family 9:30 A.M. Rosaria E. Giuseppe Sirchia Req. by The Family 11:30 A.M. Dorothy Peters Req. by Marianne & Bob Peters

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, Chuck Biehn, Suki Borowski, Joseph DeVito, Tom Fetter, Kelly Gargan, Rosario Gombola, John Gunder, Sr., Ali Herron, Ron Hiltbold, Tim Huelsman, Mary Isban, Luba Jackson, Maria Kardash, John McLaughlin, Greg & Kathy McCloskey, Madeline McGinley, Frank Moran, Tom Murphy III, Patricia Naab, Bridget and Colleen, Michael Rafter, Joanne Reube, Don Robberstad, Linda Santana, Mike Scienaro, Debbie Zuech-Smyrl, Judy Stangl, Lawrence Stempel, Fran & Ron Szewczak, John Tulley, Paul Wheeler, Bette Wilson, 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 FRIENDS

Please join us Saturday, March 26 for the second annual Philadelphia March for Life.

We are to gather and raise our voices for a brighter, hope filled future. Our dream is a Philadelphia where abortion isn't only illegal, but UNIMAGINEABLE. The dream is in our midst, and it's time to let our voices be heard.



The day begins with mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul at 8:30 am (1723 Race St, Phila. Pa.). Followed by the march at 10:30 am through the streets of Philadelphia with a Prayer Vigil at Philadelphia women's center and ending at Independence Mall at 12 noon. For more info contact Bob McCormick 215-362-1247 or bobmcc52@gmail.com. Thank



SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit for **The Tenaglia Family**
Requested by The Butera Family.



BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week is lit for **Charles Pilley, Jr.**
requested by the Family.



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 4:00 pm. **The next Holy Hour will be Thursday, March 31. Please join us!**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Join us for Mass, short teaching on Saints & Breakfast!

September, 2021 through May, 2022
April 1 and May 6

After 8:30 am Mass in the IHM Room

According to this devotion, the first Friday of each month was designated by Jesus himself as consecrated to honoring his Sacred Heart, to increase our love for him and to make reparation for past and present offenses against His love. Go to <https://stmariagoretti.net/news-events/> to see these 12 promises of the Sacred Heart to those who attend Mass and receive Holy Communion for 9 consecutive First Fridays according to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690)

WINE & CHEESE DISCUSSION GROUP

Come one and all! Come and see what they saw!

The Third Wednesday of the Month
January, 2022 through April, 2022

March 16

April 20

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM – IHM Room



Watch at home 2 shows per month and come discuss what YOU saw! Watch in mobile app: www.thechosen.tv/app. You can stream to your TV using another device, such as Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV, Android TV, Chromecast, etc. Free on YouTube. Watch it on web player: <https://studios.vidangel.com/the-chosen/player>. Purchase the DVD/BluRay: <https://thechosengifts.com/collections/best-sellers>.

CLUB 50+ LUNCHEON

IHM Room at 12 Noon



Senior Luncheon

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.

Wednesday, April 13th

Wednesday, May 11th

Questions: Contact Maria Richardson

Maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-6559

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



HIKE TAMMANY MOUNTAIN!

Kittatinny Region Lower Parking Lot
Hardwick Township, NJ 07825

When: 9:00AM March 19, 2022

YOUNG ADULT FIELD DAY

SMG Ballfield—Join us for Volleyball, Cornhole, Spikeball, Slip'n'Slide and more...

Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 7:00 PM



Contact Tyler Grant, 215-721-6559 or
tyler.grant@stmariagoretti.net

YOUTH MINISTRY



FIRE PIT HOT TOPICS

Come to one session or all of them!

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

Save the Date Family / Teen Bowling!

Monday, May 9, 2022

More details to follow in upcoming bulletins.



Flyer and registration available at <https://stmariagoretti.net/maria-2/> Contact Maria Richardson,
Maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-6559

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



Your help is needed in Ukraine where there are already more than 2.9 million people in need of assistance. There is great risk of additional suffering both within Ukraine and for those who are fleeing to neighboring countries for safety. CRS and our partners need immediate support to meet both ongoing needs as the situation intensifies.

Years of conflict along the eastern border have already displaced 1.3 million people from their homes and claimed 14,000 lives. Throughout this time, Caritas Ukraine, with support from CRS, has been providing emergency relief and recovery. CRS and Caritas partners on the ground are preparing across Ukraine and in bordering countries, ready to provide safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, transport to safe areas, counseling support and more. Your prayers and support will make so much difference. Please give a vital gift at www.crs.org today!

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. Thanks for your cooperation.

CAN YOU HELP WITH A RIDE TO MASS?

We have a parishioner, Madeline that would love to be able to come to Mass but needs a ride. Madeline is willing to come to any Mass on Saturday or Sunday. She lives at Derstine Run right on Derstine Road. if you can help please contact Madeline at 215-932-8825.

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 20th

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, S. & K. Clapper

7:30am – Sacristan, R. & R. Mazur

9:30am – Sacristan, M. Reynolds, D. Mischak

11:30am – Sacristan, P. & E. Perez,

E.M. Home Visits

B1-J. Gressang, B2-M. D'Elia, B3-M. D'Elia,

B4-M. Wrubel, B5-P. Pinkston

Lectors

5:00pm – B. Malley, M. Mays

7:30am – B. Healy, D. Smith

9:30am – C. McNally, F. Stumpo

11:30am – M. O'Pella, T. Mazzeo

Altar Servers

5:00pm – B. Mazeroski, D. Farzetta

7:30am – A. & L. Wertz

9:30am – N. & J. Boell

11:30am – J. & M. Franek

Cantors

5:00pm – Donna

7:30am – Michele

9:30am – Ugochi

11:30am – Connor

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, March 15th

Children's Chime Choir– 6 to 6:45pm

Adult Bell Choir–6:45 to 7:30pm

Adult Choir–7:30pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Sunday, March 20th

9:30am – Adult Bell Choir

**GOOD FRIDAY YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT
CHOIR**

Parishioners age 14-25 are invited to be part of a choir for our 3:00 PM Good Friday church service on April 15. Please contact Mrs. Ericsson (eileen.ericsson@stmariagoretti.net) for more information. Thank you for sharing your gifts with our parish!

RECYCLING ELECTRONICS, RESTORING LIVES

March 26, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, at St. Jude Church, Chalfont

Bring your old electronics to be recycled by PAR–Recycle Works. This wonderful organization gives individuals coming out of prison a second chance at life by teaching them job skills and providing support and community.

Visit the St. Jude webpage stjudechalfont.org/event for a great video about PAR and more details about what PAR collects and how they recycle.

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$702.13**

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 **March and April 2022**, 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!**

COUNTDOWN TO SVDP TRUCK DAY



Saturday, March 26, the big Green Drop Truck will be back at the Goretti - Cowpath Road parking lot to collect your gently used clothing and small household items. Funds raised go to support the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the 5 county Philadelphia Archdiocese, especially for those conferences that lack resources to assist those in need.

The truck will be here from 9 am to 1 pm and members of the Goretti Conference of SVdP will be there to help unload your vehicle and give you a receipt if you plan to take the charitable deduction. For information on what is accepted and what is not, check out the Green Drop website: <https://www.gogreendrop.com>.

Any other questions? Call Terry Peck at 215-855-2852. Leave a message, she'll get back to you.

YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

PIZZA OR SALAD FOR LENT!

VINNY'S PIZZARAMA & VINNY'S 2



One Certificate for \$13.00
Two for \$25.00 or Three for \$35.00

Certificate is good for 1 plain large pizza OR 2 small salads:

Certificates are available in the parish office

throughout Lent and are good on any day from Ash Wednesday, March 2 through Holy Saturday, April 16!



Name: _____

of certificates: _____ Cash _____ Check _____

Please drop in the collection basket for pick-up at the Parish Center Monday –Friday from 9am to 4pm.

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 through the 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 stay current on our parish financial obligations as well as help those who need.

	<u>Sunday, March 6th</u>	
2021	2022	Difference
\$28,199.93	\$33,098.19	\$4,898.26

May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!

SMG NEW GUIDEBOOK PUBLICATION

We have contracted Guide Book Publishing to publish a Guide Book & Directory for our congregation that will be updated and delivered directly to your homes annually. This book will be the Who, What, Where, Why and How of our Church. The book is being provided at no cost to our Church. Local businesses are being asked to be featured in this book by the way of advertising. This Guide Book is scheduled to be delivered in Spring 2022.

If you own or manage a business or know someone that does want to be featured, please call Marlene Richards 845-492-1547 directly for more information on how to advertise.

Below is a link to the last Guide Book and Directory that was published for your reference.
<https://guidebookpublishing.s3.amazonaws.com/online-guide-sections/570.pdf>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Parish Religious Education Process Update!

Sacrament of Confirmation Reminders

Thursday, March 17, 2022 - Confirmation

Arrive 3:00 PM Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors. Mass at 4:00 PM - Family seating TBD based on COVID guidelines in February

First Holy Communion Reminders

April 27, 2022 - First Communion Practice at 6:30pm in church.

April 30, 2022 - First Holy Communion 10:00 AM in church

May 1, 2022 - FHC Blessing of gifts after Mass

Save the Date

May 2, 2022 - May Procession 6:30 PM

HELP THE PEOPLE IN UKRAINE 2nd Collection on March 26/27



The proceeds from this year's Collection for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is earmarked to **help the people in Ukraine**. We will use the 2nd collection on March 26 & 27th to go specifically to those in the suffering country of Ukraine.

Please be as generous as your means allow. Continue to keep them in your prayers. May God bless you.



Open House for New Families at Mater Dei Catholic School

An Open House for new families will be on **Monday, March 21, 2022 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM**. All are welcome! Please share this date with your friends and neighbors who have a Pre-school, Kindergarten, or elementary age child who would like more information about Mater Dei! RSVP's can be sent to Mrs. Samanns at gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com



Enrollment 2022-23 at Mater Dei Catholic School

Mater Dei is NOW accepting new Pre-K 3 through Grade 8 applications for the 2022-23 school year! 52 new applicants have already been accepted! Please contact Grace Samanns in Advancement at gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com or 215-368-9787.



Or you can use the QR code to register your Pre-K 3 through Grade 8 student now by completing a 2022-23 New Student Registration Form!

Childcare Space is Available... Mater Dei Child-care Center has room for your infant to 36 month old...CALL TODAY!

Mater Dei Child Care Center is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM to accommodate the working parent. Please contact the Center's Director, Julie Townsend, at childcare@materdeicatholic.com or 215-799-2211.

Employment Opportunities

The Mater Dei Childcare in Hatfield is currently searching for Lead Teachers and Assistants to join our team. We are looking for candidates should be energetic, patient, friendly, nurturing and enjoy working with young children and their families. Looking for candidates passionate about working with infants and toddlers. Please contact the Center's Assistant Director, Mary Whittam at mwhittam@materdeicatholic.com or 215-799-2211 if you are interested.

Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.