



Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm
Sunday at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30
am & Vietnamese Mass 2:30pm pm

Monday through Friday during Lent:
7am and 8:30am
Saturdays at 8:30am

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.

Phone: 215-721-0199
PREP Phone: 215-721-6559
Web Site: www.stmariagoretti.net



OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY FOR LENT 2018

Ash Wednesday Mass at 7am, 8:30am, 12 noon & 7pm Vietnamese Mass

Daily Mass — Monday through Friday at 7am & 8:30am, Saturday at 8:30am

Confessions — 3:30 to 4:30pm each Saturday

PREP Confessions are Monday, February 26th at 4:45pm & 6:15pm and Tuesday, February 27th at 6:15pm.

Parish Confessions— Mon., March 26th from 1 to 2pm & 7 to 8pm, Tues., March 27th from 4 to 5 & 7 to 8pm

Parish Retreat—Thursday, March 15th (details in bulletin)

Stations of the Cross- Fridays at 7pm

Holy Hour— March 1st at 7pm (pray for vocations)

Adoration—Mondays following the 8:30am Mass ending with Benediction at 5pm

Adult Faith Formation—Saints For Life—Tuesday, February 20th to Tuesday, March 20th (details in bulletin)

Prayer Walk—Wed., March 21st from 7am to 7pm

Morning Joe—Celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Joseph—Monday, March 19th

Lenten Ecumenical Services— Each Wednesday during Lent (details in bulletin)

Friday Morning Bible Study—Friday beginning March 2nd

Mass of the Lord's Supper—Holy Thursday, March 29th at 7pm

The Liturgy of the Passion of Christ—Good Friday, March 30th at 3pm

Holy Saturday—Vigil Mass at 7:30pm

Easter Sunday—Masses at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am, Vietnamese Mass at 2:30pm.



**JOIN US TODAY ~ MARCH 18th
SAINT MARIA GORETTI PANCAKE BREAKFAST &
EASTER EGG HUNT**

Celebrate SPRING with your parish family at our **Annual Pancake Breakfast** and an **Easter Egg Hunt TODAY, March 18th** following all Masses in Drexel Hall.

Pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, coffee, tea, juice and fun all for \$3 per person, children 3 and under are free. Families of 5 or more \$15. Weather permitting the Egg Hunt will be held outside.



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



**~ MONDAY ADORATION ~
GUARDIANS NEEDED**

Each Monday in the chapel, after the 8:30am morning Mass until 5p.m., we have the opportunity to adore Our Lord's body, blood, soul and divinity in the presence of the Eucharist. While adoring Our Lord, we must also ensure that the Holy Eucharist is never left unattended. A Guardian helps to ensure that the Holy Eucharist is never left alone

by committing to spend thirty minutes or more each Monday with the Holy Eucharist. You share this holy commitment with a partner so that if something unforeseen occurs in your schedule you can feel confident that Jesus will not be left alone.

**We are in need of Guardians at the following times:
10am to 10:30am
2:30pm to 3pm**

Substitute Guardian positions are also available. Contact: Nancy Boak nancyboak@aol.com or 215-393-3763.

SAINTS FOR LIFE

Each week of Lent we will explore the life of a saint who spearheaded the Church's rebirth after the turbulence and confusion caused by the Protestant Reformation. You'll want to stay friends with these saints for life, even into eternity, as you discover that their call to follow Christ is just as compelling today as it was 55 years ago. Each session includes breakfast refreshments, a 30 to 40 minute DVD presentation, and a brief time of discussion. Sessions begin at 9:30 AM in the lower level of Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center and conclude by 11:00 AM. Please join us for all the sessions or for as many sessions as you would like. Please register at angelamcclellan@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-0199 (ext. 202).

Tuesday, March 20, 2018
Saint Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls



"MORNING JOE"

Celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Joseph's Day with a hot cup of coffee and the traditional "Saint Joseph Table" of bread and pastries while enjoying good friends and good conversation. A special gift will be given to anyone with the name "Joseph" (while supplies last)! Are you on your way to work? Don't worry! Have your "Morning Joe" to go! There is no cost for this event and no registration is necessary.

Monday, March 19, 2018
Following the 8:30 AM Mass in the narthex

**HATFIELD COMMUNITY
LENTEN SERIES**

March 21st Pastor Clay Moyer ~ Saint Maria Goretti at 7:30pm
"God's Will and My Response"

HELP NEEDED

Saint Maria Goretti will be hosting our neighboring churches on Wednesday, **March 21st at 7:30pm** for the annual Lenten Service. The service will be followed by a social in the narthex. We are in need of snacks and baked goods. If you are able to help please call Mary or Cheryl at 215-721-0199. Thank You!

WELCOME SISTER'S OF ST. ELIZABETH

Dear Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti, We are delighted to invite you to see and purchase handmade religious articles made by the Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent (Belarus, Europe). The exposition will take place on March 17-18, 2018 after and before Masses.

The Sisterhood of Saint Elisabeth was founded in 1996. For more than 15 years our sisters have been rendering spiritual, social and financial support to the sick and the suffering at the National Psychiatric Clinic, the boarding home for children with special needs and mentally challenged adults, a TB clinic.

In recent years a rehabilitation center for the homeless, drug and alcohol addicts, ex-prisoners was established 20 miles away from the Convent. Over 180 residents live here today. Many lost and struggling people get a chance to tackle their problems and start a new life with God.

A rehabilitation facility for females was established in 2012. Women released from jail, the homeless and mentally challenged women stay there. Today there are 30 women and one toddler at this farmstead.

To help these people workshops were established on the grounds of the Convent. Many of these sick people have a possibility to express themselves in art for God working together with sisters and making beautiful articles (hand painted icons, crosses, crucifixes, woodcarvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts, vestments). All these goods are made with love and prayer and bring blessing to home. You will support many people in need by purchasing items of devotions for yourselves and your beloved ones.

With love in Christ, Sisters of St Elisabeth



Mass
Schedule

- SUN., March 18** 7:30 A.M. Shirley Finkelston
Req. by The Family
9:30 A.M. John Senay
Req. by Connie & Dick Nolan
11:30 A.M. Dec'd member of the
Hardnock & Prinse Families
Req. by Edie & Bill Hardnock
- MON., March 19** 7:00 A.M. Ken Armstrong
Req. by The Farzetta Family
8:30 A.M. Dorothy McCormick
Req. by The Family
- TUES., March 20** 7:00 A.M. Dorothy Rizzo
Req. by The Scarola Family
8:30 A.M. Joe O'Sullivan
Req. by Roseanna O'Sullivan & Family
- WED., March 21** 7:00 A.M. John Kutzo
Req. by The Serafin/Fuller Family
8:30 A.M. Peg Bastian
Req. by Tom & Betty Fetter
- THURS., March 22** 7:00 A.M. John McDonnell
Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Hartman, Sr.
8:30 A.M. Carl Marcantio
Req. by Albert DiMarcantio
- FRI., March 23** 7:00 A.M.
Req. by Anne Clayton & Mary Leidy
8:30 A.M. Pam Moyer
Req. by Charlie Neuman
- SAT., March 24** 8:30 A.M. Samuel James Millar
Req. by The Andrejczak Family
5:00 P.M. Frank Rudden
Req. by Nancy Rudden
- SUN., March 25** 7:30 A.M. Joseph Collins
Req. by Dale & Joanne Kratz
9:30 A.M. Dec's members of the
Daddario Family
Req. by The Family
11:30 A.M. Beatrice Brenninger
Req. by Charlie & Sally Keffer



EASTER FOUNTAIN & CHURCH DECORATING

NARTHEX FOUNTAIN construction time! I invite all strong arms and minds to help construction the Easter fountain in the Narthex the Monday, March 26th after the morning Mass approximately 9:15am. We will not be decorating it at this time.

EASTER DECORATING will take place Holy Saturday, **March 31st** at 9 am. Any questions contact Lynne Hipp at 215-256-8682.

Thanking you in advance for your help!

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. Anyone wishing to become a member of the parish prayer line ministry can join at any time by calling the Parish Center.



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, Mary Callaghan, Mary Campagna, 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 Krempl, Trish Lavelle, Curt Lecrone, 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, Flocerfida & Savador Penganon, Michael Prahler, Marian Quinn, Michael Rafter, Scott Randall, Jim Richardson, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Susan Schmidt, Helen Shekalis, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Peg Trexler, Mae Venezia, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzel, Paula Jayne White, Patty Wiley, John Willstaudt, Molly Worner, Arlene Wyatt, Salem Yabet, Rita & Joe Zdu.

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

You are invited to attend a Traditional Latin Mass (TLM) at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa.

When: 2nd Sunday of each month

Time: 11:15am

Location: Our Lady's Chapel (downstairs) or Saint Anne's Chapel

~ 2018 Dates ~

April 8th, May 13th, June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, September 9th, October 7th, November 17th, December 9th

For more information please contact Toddason@gmail.com

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Laura Pollitt** requested by The Grant Family.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



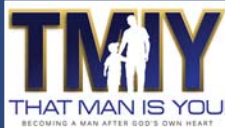
PRAYER WALK

Prayerfully journey through this self-guided meditation, developed by Catholic Relief Services, on the conditions in which many of our brothers and sisters live around the world. This indoor Prayer Walk, similar to the Stations of the Cross, will be available throughout the day. There is no cost to participate and no registration is necessary. **Wednesday, March 21, 2018 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Saint Maria Goretti Church, stmariagoretti.net**

BREAKFAST CLUB



The Breakfast Club is held on designated First Thursdays of the month in the church narthex and provides a way for people 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. **Mark your calendar for April 5, May 3, September 6, and October 4 following the 8:30 AM Mass!**



THAT MAN IS YOU—TMIY

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

RISE™

by Chris Stefanick & Bill Donaghy

Men of Saint Maria Goretti Parish, do you want tomorrow to be better than today? Are you willing to do what it takes to become a better man for yourself, your family, and those around you? When you take the RISE 30-Day Challenge, you will gain the tools you need to take your life and relationships to the next level. Journey with men all over the world as we RISE together. Registration open at www.menriseup.org

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. **The next Holy Hour will be held on April 5th.**

SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL & SAINT FRANCES CABRINI SHRINE



There is no better way to travel than to travel as a pilgrim! Join fellow parishioners and friends from other parishes across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for this one day pilgrimage to New York City. We will first tour Saint Patrick's and then celebrate the noon Mass at the Cathedral. Following Mass, we will depart for the Saint Frances Cabrini Shrine where we will enjoy lunch and a tour. Free time will be allotted for personal prayer and visits to the gift shops at each sacred place.

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Bus Departure: Saint Maria Goretti Church Parking Lot

Approximate Return Home: 7:00 PM

Cost: \$70.00 per person (includes lunch)

Register using the form at www.stmariagoretti.net.

RECYCLE YOUR EMPTY PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES

Please assist the Adult Faith Formation Ministry by dropping off the empty ink cartridges from your computer printer. We will use the rebates from these cartridges to purchase items such as colored paper, cases of bottled water, and candy for Adult Faith events. Please place your empty cartridges in the basket under the Adult Faith table in the narthex (the table under the portraits of the popes). This will be an ongoing event; there is no deadline to recycle your cartridges.



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

NEWS UPDATE:

Are you receiving our e-mail updates? If not please email maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net

First Holy Communion Information

First Holy Communion Retreat is **March 24th** at 9:00 AM in Drexel Hall

First Holy Communion is **April 28th** at 10:00 AM Mass

Vacation Bible School

Bring on the energy! We're gearing up for VBS 2018, where we will guide the next generation on their faith journey. The experience will be held 6/25 – 6/29 at St. Maria Goretti Educational Center. Our leadership team is now forming and plans to meet on 4/29, from 7-8 pm, in the St. Maria Goretti Parish Center. For more information, please contact Michelle Rampulla at mrampulla23@gmail.com.

We look forward to another action-packed year – don't miss it!

CONTACT

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

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: \$370.91

BENEFITS "ALONG THE WAY"

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** 2018, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to **"Along The Way"** located in Souderton, PA. Along The Way is a non-profit faith-based organization that provides affordable, reliable, high-quality childcare services to the children of single mothers working or attending school/training during non-traditional business hours. Mothers qualify for these services based on financial need. They also offer and/or partner with other organizations to provide: parenting skills training, after school care for children, counseling, mentoring and/or training to help women navigate life's challenges. **If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!**

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 25th

E.M. of Holy Communion

- 5:00pm – Sacristan, D. Blanche
- 7:30am – Sacristan, M. Lorenz
- 9:30am – Sacristan, C. Opdyke
- 11:30am – Sacristan, K. Hay

E.M. Home Visits

- A1–C. LeBrocq, A2–J. Gressang, A3–D. Trotter, A4–**Sub Needed**, A5–J. Burke, B1–J. McNally, B2–G. Salanik, B3–K. Staudt, B4–D. Grant, B5–M. D’Elia

Lectors

- 5:00pm – B. Malley, T. Mazzeo
- 7:30am – R. & A. Whitley
- 9:30am – B. Healy, V. Rivera
- 11:30am – J. MacFarland, M. Faymore

Cantors

- 5:00pm – Andrew
- 7:30am – Joe
- 9:30am – George
- 11:30am – George

Altar Servers

- 5:00pm – G. Christie, D. Malley, A. Mazzeo
- 7:30am – A. Antenuci, A. Berdel, G. Boyd
- 9:30am – A. Ericsson, V. Forbes, R. Rivera
- 11:30am – D. Adamo, A. & J. Padva

Children’s Liturgy

- 9:30am – E. Adamo, R. Hier

Parish Ministry Update!

CLUB + 50 GAMES DAY
The first Wednesday of the month
1PM – 4PM -Parish Library

Coming Soon

Spring Trip to Longwood Gardens!

ELDERCARE CORNER

Did You Know...?



There are a lot of resources for Seniors with low vision. If you have been diagnosed with Macular Degeneration, Glaucoma, or another eye disease that is affecting your daily living activities, contact Amy Juarez with the SMG Eldercare Assistance Program. Amy has lots of tips and tricks and is familiar with many free or low cost devices that can help you if you have any vision loss. Amy can be reached at ajuarez@chs-adphila.org or 215-721-0199 x225.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

Your help is needed!



Sign-up sheets for the **Easter Triduum** are posted in the Altar Servers room, - Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7pm, Good Friday, Passion of the Lord Liturgy at 3pm and the Easter Vigil at 7:30pm. Please sign up

as soon as possible. Thank you for your stewardship to our parish!

MARCH INTO SPRING AT PLAY & PRAY MOMS & TOTS GROUP!

Our Mom and Tots group has had lots of fun chasing the winter blues away these past couple of months. Now it is time to March into Spring! We will continue to journey through Lent and learn of God’s tremendous love for us. Then, on March 15th, wear your green and get ready to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day! We will not hold Play and Pray on March 29th, which is Holy Thursday, but join us on April 5th for our Easter celebration, complete with a very special egg hunt! So pop over on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11 AM in the Parish Center basement. What a wonderful opportunity to meet others in the parish as we support each other and our children in the Catholic faith. For more information, email Kendra at itpmentor209@yahoo.com.

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Today, March 18th

Children’s Ringing & Singing Choir – 10:30 to 11:10am

Rehearsals for Tuesday, March 20th

- Bell Choir—6:30 to 7:30pm
- Adult Choir—7:30 to 8:45pm
- Octet—8:45pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Sunday, March 25th

- 9:30am – Octet
- 11:30am—Adult Choir

SUNDAY OFFERING



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Stewardship Offering March 11, 2018
 Total # of contributors (env, checks & EFT) 649
 Total to SMG: \$22,236.93
 Total Diocesan collection: \$1,765.00



Mater Dei students enjoyed "Read Across America Day" 2018 with Lansdale Catholic students!



Save the Date...Ice Cream with the Cast

After the 2:00 performance on Saturday, April 7th, children ages 6 and under are welcome to meet the Mater Dei cast of "Beauty and the Beast". Ice Cream sundaes will be served. Donation is \$1 per child and reservations are required. Please call the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 to place your reservation. More details to follow!

Save the Date...Spring Open House

Mater Dei will host a spring Open House on Tuesday, April 10 from 6 to 8 PM. All new families are welcome! More details to follow.



FROM THE HAWK'S NEST:

Hello SMG Young Athletes & Parents,
 2018 Spring CYO Sports Registrations are now open on our website: www.wagdogs.com

Track and Field.....You must be in grades 4th thru 8th grade to participate this season. Coach Dan Sadowski will be coaching this squad again.

Girls Softball.....JV & Varsity.....grades 5th thru 8th.
 Boys Baseball.....JV & Varsity.....grades 5th thru 8th.
 High School Co-ed Volleyball.....9th thru 12th grade

Again, special thanks to everyone who participates and donates their time as coaches, volunteers, team parents, snack stand volunteer, etc. etc. Our SMG CYO Program would not exist without all of you.

We will be having a year end banquet this year on Sunday June 3rd @ Franconia Family Heritage Restaurant.....details to follow soon. If you have any questions, please contact me anytime. My cell# is 215-692-2180. God Bless and enjoy your sports seasons.
 Jeff Benner. CYO President

**PARISH TRIP INFO NIGHT
 Wine & Cheese
 March 22nd at 7pm**



In celebration of the 65th Anniversary of our parish, please join Fr. Chung and fellow parishioners on a trip to Italy from November 5th to the 15, 2018, including the Saint Maria Goretti Shrine, Assisi, Florence and so much more! Join us on March 22nd to hear all about the trip. Questions please call Pat Conroy at 215-260-5480.

SAVE THE DATE & SUPPORT A LOCAL FAMILY

Name of event: **Benefit Dinner - Trumpp Family**
 Date/time: Saturday March 24th, 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM
 Location: St. Maria Goretti Parish, Drexel Hall

On Saturday March 24th at St. Maria Goretti Parish the Boy Scout Troop 178 of Kulpsville PA will be hosting a Pulled Pork Benefit dinner in support of a Troop Leader, and Scout Family. The Trumpp family has been involved in our Troop for over 7 years. Just over a year ago, Judy Trumpp was diagnosed with Cancer and began her fight. On February 15th Judy lost her battle and passed away. Over the 9 months prior to this, her husband left his job and cared for Judy in every way. He is a tremendous person and leader in our troop. During this time, with the loss of wages and additional costs, it has left the family with substantial financial burden. The Boy Scout Troop has taken it upon themselves to sponsor a dinner for the family, with every penny received going directly to this great family.

Everyone is welcome to come, purchase a dinner, and participate in the basket auction and 50/50 drawings.



PYSANKY EGG MAKING IS BACK!



Come learn and create your own Ukrainian Pysanky Eggs on real egg shells. Additional beeswax, stylus and dyes will be provided by Girl Scout Troop #7656. To reserve your spot and/or questions contact Meg Garner at mgarner7th@yahoo.com or 267-467-5831.

Saturday, April 7th, 2018 in the St. Maria Goretti Parish Center Basement. Check-in: 12 noon and running until 4:30pm. Cost \$20/person and includes two eggs, adult instruction & light snack.



**HATFIELD LIONS
 EASTER EGG HUNT**

Hatfield area children ages 1 thru 10 (accompanied by an adult) are invited (at no cost) to attend the Hatfield Lions 70th annual Easter Egg Hunt at Hatfield Township's School Road Park on Saturday, March 24 at 10 AM (RAIN OR SHINE). Pre-registration is not required. In case of severe foul weather (heavy rain, snow, etc.) on Saturday, the egg hunt will be held on Sunday, March 25 at 1 PM at School Road Park. For additional information, call 215-855-5085.