

Saint Maria Goretti Parish
Hatfield, PA

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The
Season of
Lent

Is A Time
To **GROW**

Closer to
Jesus



THERE'S STILL TIME ~WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Thank you to the 439 parishioners that have already filled out the survey.

Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible.

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 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 whole. Thank you for helping with this important project!



SCAN ME

THIRD WEEK OF LENT OVERCOMING DISASTER

In Bangladesh, cyclones and other natural disasters are increasing—destroying farms, homes and more—making it difficult for people like Noornobi to earn a living and support their families. But Noornobi has learned new techniques to protect his land and income, enabling his niece and nephew to go to school. How can you care for creation to help the planet and our global family? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

SAVE THE DATE – EASTER EGG HUNT & DONUT SOCIAL

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



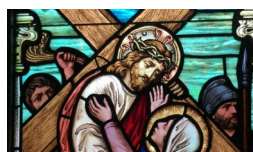
Mark your calendar to celebrate SPRING with your parish family at our parish Easter Egg Hunt & Donut Social on Sunday, April 3rd following the 9:30am Mass. Weather permitting the Egg Hunt will be held outside on the church grounds. We will also have a special visit from the Easter Bunny. For planning 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!



PARISH LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday from 3:30 to 4:30pm
Please join us on **Monday, April 4th** from
4:30 to 5:15pm & 6:30 to 7:15pm
Tuesday, April 5th from
1 to 2pm.

We will have many priests here to assist Father Chung with confessions. Please take advantage of the opportunity to prepare yourself for the joy of the Easter season.



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 7pm.**

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 will be held every Thursday during Lent following the 8:30am Mass in church. Please join us!



TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Exodus 3: 1-8a

Moses receives God's call to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and slavery to freedom in a new land. At the burning bush on the mountaintop he asks God for His name, and he is told the mysterious "I am who I am." It is a name that points to "free choice and unhindered power."

Reading II: I Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12

St. Paul warns his Corinthian converts not to be overconfident in themselves. They too can be as vacillating as the Israelites in the matter of living as God wants.

The Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

This passage, unique to Luke, teaches us that God is truly compassionate but not indecisive. Everyone must do penance for sin. The fig tree parable is meant to energize all procrastinators to wake up and do penance as a matter of urgency.



MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

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
MON., March 21	7:00 A.M. Jamie Gunn Req. by The Gunn Family 8:30 A.M. Ann & Liam Moloney Req. by The Schussler Family
TUES., March 22	7:00 A.M. Danula Mazur Req. by Robert Pagni 8:30 A.M. Michael Anthony Engro, Sr. Req. by Lois Engro & Family
WED., March 23	7:00 A.M. Francis Ganley Req. by The Olivieri Family 8:30 A.M. Stan Szpindor Req. by April & Carter LeBrocq
THURS., March 24	7:00 A.M. Joseph Melnyk Req. by The Gunn Family 8:30 A.M. Grace Trzaska Req. by Carolyn & John Heary
FRI., March 25	7:00 A.M. Bill Filler Req. by The Filler Family 8:30 A.M. Endrick Children & Grandchildren Req. by Rosemary Endrick
SAT., March 26	8:30 A.M. John W. Jones Req. by Rita Jones 5:00 P.M. Licia Butera Req. by The Butera Family
SUN., March 27	7:30 A.M. Josephine & Phil Pisano Req. by The Fantuzzo Family 9:30 A.M. Philomena & Frank Daddario & Family Req. by Carman Vernachio & Family 11:30 A.M. Ralph & Rita Severini

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, Tim Huelsman, Mary Isban, Luba Jackson, Maria Kardash, John McLaughlin, Greg & Kathy McCloskey, Madeline McGinley, Frank Moran, Tom Murphy III, Patricia Naab, Kristine Nolan and her twin babies Bridget and Colleen, Michael Rafter, Joanne Reube, Don Robberstad, Linda Santana, Mike Scienaro, Debbie Zuech-Smyrl, Judy Stangl, Lawrence Stempel, 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 26th 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 8:30am (1723 Race St, Phila. Pa.). Followed by the march at 10:30 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 you.



SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit for **Charles Pilley, Jr.** requested by The Family.



BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week is lit for **Special Intention of the Riley 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 4pm. **The next Holy Hour will be Thursday, March 31st. 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
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



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 13

Wednesday, May 11

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!

Tuesday, May 17, 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



As Ukrainians flee their homes, our partner Caritas Polska is assisting Ukrainians crossing into Poland for safety. As people arrive, they are given packages with food, hygiene items, and warm clothes. Volunteers and staff also provide them with a warm meal. Please visit www.crs.org today to see how you can help all those affected by the war in Ukraine!

CRS and Caritas partners on the ground are preparing across Ukraine and in bordering countries. The situation there is rapidly unfolding, and we could not do this work without your help. When you donate, you provide immediate assistance for your Ukrainian sisters and brothers affected by this crisis. Your prayers and support will make so much difference. Please give a vital gift 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 27th

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, D. Blanche, V. Lelii

7:30am – Sacristan, K. Hay, B. Pollock

9:30am – Sacristan, B. Wynne, M. Rosenberger

11:30am – Sacristan, C. Zuluaga, J. O'Brien

E.M. Home Visits

A1–K. Clapper, A2–D. Grant, A3–J. Naab, A4–D. Fuse,

A5–J. McNally

Lectors

5:00pm – C. Friel, M. Faymore

7:30am – A. & R. Whitley

9:30am – R. & N. Boak

11:30am – B. Smith, M.J. Vondercrone

Altar Servers

5:00pm – E. & K. Walsh

7:30am – A. & T. Baran

9:30am – J. & M. Berical

11:30am – T. McGann, L. Lowden

Cantors

5:00pm – Chelsea

7:30am – Joe V.

9:30am – Isabella

11:30am – Raegan

MUSIC NOTES

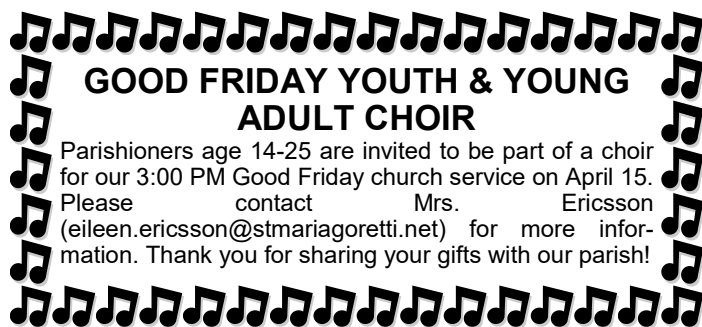


Rehearsals for Tuesday, March 22nd

Children's Chime Choir—6 to 6:45pm

Adult Bell Choir—6:45 to 7:30pm

Adult Choir—7:30pm



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!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local council Pius IX #4396 recently held a membership drive at and we may have missed you. If you would like to join today simply go to www.kofc.org/joinus and enter our council # 4396 for local information.

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$441.17**

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 dePaul 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 member 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 2nd through Holy Saturday, April 16th!

Name: _____

of certificates: _____ Cash _____ Check _____

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



Helping Our Parish Grow

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

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.

Sunday, March 13th		
2021	2022	Difference
\$22,127.19	\$18,456.62	(\$ 3,670.57)

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)

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. Some companies double, triple or even quadruple donations. Check with your employer and/or submit a request to see if there is a charitable giving program at the company where you work.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"Let the Children Come to Me"
Matthew 19:13-15



Parish Religious Education Process Update!

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! And please share this date with your friends and neighbors who have a Preschool, 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.



And 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. 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.