



Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

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Web Site: www.stmariagoretti.net

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, & 11:30 am
Vietnamese Mass: 2:30 pm
Weekdays & Saturday Mass: 8:30 am
Holy Days: Vigil 7:00pm, 7:00am, 8:30am
& noon, Vietnamese Mass at 7pm
***Mass Live Streamed on SMG Facebook page or a link on the parish website Sundays at 9:30am and daily at 8:30am.**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday: 9am to 4:00pm
Saturday & Sunday by appointment only.



PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. John C. Nguyen
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Leonard N. Peterson
Vietnamese Apostolate: Rev. John C. Nguyen
Permanent Deacons:
Deacon Phuong Nguyen
Deacon Stephen Vondercrome
Mater Dei Regional Catholic School President:
Ms. Diane McCaughan
Mater Dei Principal: Ms. Beth Waltrich
Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education & Parish Services: Maria Richardson
Sacristan & Assist. to Director of Family Faith Formation:
Tyler Grant
Admin. Assist. of Religious Education: JoAnn Prahler
Director of Music: Eileen Ericsson
Pastoral Assistant: Patricia Conroy
Office Manager: Cheryl Ryan
Parish Secretary: Mary Faymore
Elder Care Assistance Program: Amy Juarez
Business Manager: Douglas Smith

DEVOTIONS:

Adoration: Mondays after the 8:30 am Mass -
Concludes at 5pm with Benediction
Marian: Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass.
Saint Maria Goretti: Monday during the 8:30 am Mass.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday at 12:45 pm (except the first Sunday of each month). Please call the Parish Office to register for Baptism. Pre-Jordan classes required for parents and optional for godparents, are offered the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted in the bulletin. **Please call the parish office to register for Pre-Jordan.** Baptisms are limited to four children per Sunday. **Letters of eligibility are due at the Parish Center before a date can be given for Baptism.**

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made with a priest at least six months in advance. You must speak to a priest before making arrangements for a reception hall. Scheduling, rescheduling or cancellation MUST be done by a priest. Pre-Cana classes are required for all couples. Please visit the archdiocesan website at <http://phillycatholiclife.org/marriage-and-family/preparing-for-marriage/>

ANNULMENTS

Following the directive of Pope Francis, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is offering annulments without cost to the petitioners. There are additional changes which would make annulments easier to obtain. Contact the Parish Center to speak with Fr. Chung for more information on the annulment process.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3pm - 4pm or any time upon request. Call the Parish Center.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE FOR LENT

To prepare yourself for the season of Easter we will be offering two Masses daily for your convenience. Masses on Monday through Friday will be at 7am and 8:30am. Saturday morning the Mass will remain at 8:30am.



MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS



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

The Hispanic Movement of Parochial Retreats John XXIII will be Praying the Stations of the Cross devotion every **Tuesday at 7:00pm** during Lent.

Our Respect Life Ministry will pray the Pro-Life Stations of the Cross during the six weeks of Lent. Stations of the Cross will start after the 8:30am Mass on Ash Wednesday and continue after the 8:30am Mass for the following five Wednesdays. The Pro-Life Stations will be prayed after Mass on the Blessed Mother side of the church. All are welcome to join us!

THE HATFIELD COMMUNITY ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERIES IS BACK!



Our Ecumenical Lenten Series this year focuses on the "I AM" statements in the Gospel of John for the sake of intentional reflection on and proclamation of God becoming flesh. The Gospel of John reminds us — which, during Lent, is an especially important thing to remember — that to believe in Jesus is to hold the fullness of Jesus' humanity and Jesus' divinity together. This Lenten series helps us imagine that what Jesus puts after "I AM" in the Gospel of John shapes our reality.

Please join us each Wednesday at 7:30pm.

March 1st *Father Chung* will preach at Grace Lutheran Church

March 8th Reverend Robert Tufton will preach at Heidelberg United Church of Christ

March 15th Rev. Marianne Unger will preach at **Saint Maria Goretti Church**

March 22nd Rev. Nancy Raabe will preach at Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational Church

March 29th Rev. Glenn Lambert will preach at Hatfield Church of the Brethren

LITTLE LAMBS MOTHERS' GROUP



Are you a mom looking to build authentic, Christ-centered friendships for both yourself and your little ones? Each week, Little Lambs Mothers' Group offers a simple, faith-based preschool lesson, a time of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and playtime with hot coffee and conversation.

We meet each Wednesday from September to May for 8:30 am Mass (for those who are able) and then begin the lesson at 9:30 AM in the IHM Room of the Parish Center. Our activities are focused on preschool-aged children, but all ages are welcome. Please reach out to us at littlelambs.smg@gmail.com with any questions or for more information. We look forward to praying and playing with you!



HELP NEEDED WITH REFRESHMENTS

Saint Maria Goretti will be hosting our neighboring churches for a Lenten Service on **Wednesday, March 15th at 7:30pm**. 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 Sara at 215-407-0096. Thanks!

**PARISH TRIP TO GREECE
October 17 to 27, 2023**

In the Footsteps of Saint Paul the Apostle



It's time to put the past couple years behind us and make our travel plans! The dates for the trip are October 17 to 27, 2023 with an optional 3-Night Journey to Rome Post Tour Extension. The tour includes 11 days and 19 meals. Some of the highlights of the trip are: Athens, Taverna Dinner Show, Corinth, The Acropolis, Mars Hill, 3-Night Cruise, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Kavala, Philippi, Meteora and more! For more information contact Father Chung at fr.chung@stmariagoretti.net or call the parish center at 215-721-0199.



2023 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

This month kicks off the 2023 Annual Catholic Charities Appeal. Please join in supporting the Appeal as it continues to impact those in need a;; over the Greater Philadelphia area. Visit www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org to make your donation today.

Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide necessary support to hundreds of thousands of people. These individuals are served by an array of organizations, programs, and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The beneficiaries of the Catholic Charities Appeal focus on five key areas: Education, Social Services, Evangelization, Parish and Spiritual Life, Clergy, and Local Mission Activities.



- SUN., March 5** 7:30 A.M. Deacon Walter F. Kelly, Jr.
Req. by David Kelly & grandchildren
9:30 A.M. Richard Stengel, Jr.
Req. by Patty & Tom Nazarek
11:30 A.M. David J. Lee
Req. by His Parents
- MON., March 6** 7:00 A.M. Pamela Hoefling-Hromek
Req. by The Braun Family
8:30 A.M. Beatrice Breuninger
Req. by Charlie & Sally Keffer
- TUES., March 7** 7:00 A.M. Richard Jesse Ruiz
Req. by Tim & Heather Carney & Family
8:30 A.M. The McMenammin Family
Req. by Sally & Edd Murphy
- WED., March 8** 7:00 A.M. Letitia Brennan
Req. by Tim & Tricia Kelly
8:30 A.M. Dr. Tom Hipp
Req. by Catherine Wolfgang
- THURS., March 9** 7:00 A.M. Joan Skoda
Req. by Rita Jones
8:30 A.M. Tom Fetter
Req. by Mary Slater
- FRI., March 10** 7:00 A.M. Kyle Miller (living)
Req. by Holly Miller
8:30 A.M. Annamarie Anttell
Req. by Cheryl & Rusty Ryan
- SAT., March 11** 8:30 A.M. The Murphy Family
Req. by Edd & Sally Murphy
4:30 P.M. Jimmy Fedirko
Req. by Donna Beauchamp
- SUN., March 12** 7:30 A.M. Glen & Katie Doman
Req. by The Braun Family
9:30 A.M. Diana & Leonard Spallina
Req. by The Spallina & Ragus Family
11:30 A.M. Dick & Christopher Nolan
Req. by Connie Nolan

REGISTRATION SUNDAY

Registration Sunday will take place **Sunday, March 12th**. Please stop by the Parish Center between the hours of 10am and 1pm to be officially welcomed into the parish. No paperwork is necessary from your previous parish. The process will take no longer than 15 minutes.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit for **Patricia Benner** requested by Jim & Terry Post.



Correction: The Sanctuary Light on February 18th was lit for William Wiler requested by Bernard & Alice Nagle.



BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week is lit for **The Parishioners of SMG** requested by Father Chung

PRAYER LINE

Our Parish Prayer Line consists of five adult prayer groups. Requests for prayers for the prayer line may be made 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, Suki Borowski, Ersilia Bruno, Edward Buchinski, James Caprioli, Debbie Cassel, Rob Daum, Ted DeMarino, Frank DeVito, Joseph DeVito, Joe Direnzi, Carol Eells, Ted Fernes, Kelly Gargan, Rosario Gombola, Ilianessa Gonzalez, Tanner Gower, Pamela Guld, John Gunder, Sr., Ali Herron, Theresa Hoffman, Tim Huelsman, Mary Isban, Luba Jackson, Maria Kardash, Barb Ladley, Mary Jane McCann, John McLaughlin, Ted Malinchak, Ed Malley, Greg & Kathy McCloskey, Madeline McGinley, Tom Miller, Mary Moses, Tom Murphy III, Bill O'Brien, Patricia Naab, Caroline Niesley, Heather Parsons, Marianne Peters, Michael Rafter, Alice Rau, Joanne Reube, Antonio & Veanessa Rivera, Linda Santana, Rose Santulli, Mike Scienaro, Debbie Zuech-Smyrl, Judy Stangl, Gary, Lia & Sadie Stark, John Tulley, Frank Vallone, Paul Wheeler, Carmella Wheeler, 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.

Saint Patrick's Day Dispensation



Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez has granted dispensation to all Roman Catholics in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from the obligation to abstain from meat on Saint Patrick's Day.

BAPTISMS

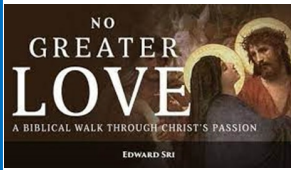
Welcome to the newest members of our parish:



Hannah Bridget daughter of Brian & Shannon Smith, Autumn daughter of Gary & Dinh Guldin, Brooklyn Lee daughter of James & Tracey Lee, Clara Angelina daughter of Daniel & Laura Saccone, Baker Francis son of Stephen & Christine Smaglio, Ryan George son of Max & Christie George, Logan son of Michael & Stephanie Dowling, Lincoln John son of David Souder and Jacqueline Inverso-Kane.

CONGRATULATIONS!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

SATURDAYS
2/11/23 THROUGH 3/11/23
IHM ROOM IN THE PARISH
CENTER AFTER 8:30 AM
MASS

Sign up today!

Cost of \$15.00 includes a workbook – sponsorship available where needed. Registration forms are in the narthex and on the parish website. For more information contact:

Susan Gallen at suegallen79@verizon.net
or 215-370-6824.

CLUB 50+ LUNCHEON

Education Center 12:00 Noon
Followed by Game Day 1PM to 3PM
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.

March 15, April 26, 2023



Senior Luncheon



**SAVE THE DATE FOR
MOSES**
Sight and Sound Theatre
Great Seats!
Lancaster, PA
May 23, 2023

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Mass, short teaching on Mass Confusion!
November 2022 through March, 2023
After 8:30 AM Mass in the IHM Room



Questions: Contact Maria Richardson
Maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-6559

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

SMG VIRTUAL CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP



EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT ON ZOOM
7:30 pm—Register one time only at
<https://stmariagoretti.net/virtual-charismatic-prayer-meeting/>

Contact Maria Richardson,
Maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-6559

YOUTH MINISTRY

PIZZA & SALAD FOR LENT FUNDRAISER



PIZZA and SALAD FOR LENT FUNDRAISER
\$15.00 each for a large plain pizza or 2 salads
A GREAT DEAL! SAVE \$\$ Also available at the Parish Center on Monday through Friday.

CONNECTED! Register Now!

For Middle School Teens and High School Leaders
Tuesdays -March 7th to April 4th, 2023
Registration forms are online and in the narthex



Children's Youth Ministry
A Walk Through Holy Week
March 29, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the church narthex.
Teen Leaders Needed! Registration on line and in the narthex.

Contact Maria Richardson or Tyler Grant @
Maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net
tyler.grant@stmariagoretti.net—215-721-6559

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



For Ukrainians, the last year has brought unimaginable heartbreak. But it's also been a testament to resilience, strength, partnership and love. CRS has contributed to Caritas partners reaching at least 1.4 million people in Ukraine and across the region. We thank you for your support!

In one year, CRS and its partners have provided 1,134,268 people with food, 100,648 people with mental health services, 100,059 people with homes, and 84,088 people with educational services. Visit www.crs.org to see how you can help!

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ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS—PLEASE STOP IN THE ALTAR SERVERS ROOM TO SIGN UP FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY DURING LENT. THANK YOU!

BIG PEOPLE CHURCH SCHOOL

Thursdays in Lent 7-8:30 SMG Basement

ENTER INTO THE MYSTERIES AND REDISCOVER THE POWER OF THE ROSARY

An authentic encounter with Christ leads to our transformation and sanctification. Mysteries of the Rosary integrates deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories.

Seven Powerful Episodes
Rediscover the Power
The Agony in the Garden
The Scourging at the Pillar

The Crowning of Thorns
The Carrying of the Cross
The Crucifixion of Our Lord
The Pathway to Paradise

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Substack: bigpeoplechurchschool.substack.com



MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 12th

E.M. of Holy Communion

4:30pm – Sacristan, M. K. Ramsey, J. O'Brien
 7:30am – Sacristan, D. Johnson, S. Lynam
 9:30am – Sacristan, M. Reynolds, D. Misczak,
 11:30am – Sacristan, C. Zuluaga, P. Gallardo

E.M. Home Visits

A1–S. Steklenski, A2-B. Hudak, A3-J. Naab, A4-M. D'Elia,
 A5–Volunteer Needed

Lectors

4:30pm – A. Caffarini, M.J. Vondercrone
 7:30am – C. Friel, M. McCormick
 9:30am – F. Stumpo, R. Jones
 11:30am – S. Nagele, B. Smith

Altar Servers

4:30pm – I. & F. Sirianni, *Volunteer Needed*
 7:30am – T. McGann, A. & T. Baran
 9:30am – J. Kuduk, N. Barrales, *Volunteer Needed*
 11:30am – A. Kunjachen, A. DeSiro, R. Hernandez

Cantors

4:30pm – Joe D. 7:30am – Joe B.
 9:30am – Janna 11:30am – Isabella

MUSIC NOTES

Rehearsals for Tuesday, March 7th

Children's Chime Choir– 6 to 6:45pm
 Adult Bell Choir—6:45 to 7:30pm
 Guitar Ensemble—7:30pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Saturday, March 11th

4:30pm—Adult Bell Choir

Sunday, March 12th

9:30am – Instrumental Ensemble
 11:30am—Guitar Ensemble

MEN'S ENSEMBLE

The Men's Ensemble will be singing at the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday March 19. Rehearsal begins at 8:40 AM. All parish men are invited to join us for this low-commitment, high-reward service to the parish!

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS)

Level One Adult Formation

St. Maria Goretti is very happy to host this training opportunity.

The course provides a spiritual formation experience for adults as well as instruction in this method of catechesis for children ages 3 to 6. It is the foundation for all three levels of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. The course begins Summer 2023, June 19-25, and completes in 2024.

For additional information and registration please contact Dottie Blanche at 215-290-1175 or dotbern@verizon.net . Online registration may be done using the QR code.



"LET THE CHILDREN COME"

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$580.80**

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 2023**, 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!**



CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS...

In honor of the upcoming Mother's Day, and in celebration of Life, we ask for any of our parishioners who wish to participate to send a family photo, or a photo when their child was born to be included in a video slideshow with your family last name in the subject line. Please e-mail your pictures to

autumnvalley@juno.com. Thank you for your participation from the Respect Life Committee.

SVPD SECOND SUNDAY GROCERY COLLECTION



The Society of St. Vincent De Paul at St. Maria Goretti Parish will collect groceries for local charities next weekend, **March 11-12**. Please take a bag from the Church vestibule and return it next weekend with groceries for one of the charities listed below.

Keystone Opportunity Center operates a food pantry serving nearly a thousand neighbors who are coping with food insecurity. It needs oatmeal, low-sugar cereals, canned fruit in juice; complete pancake mix, pancake syrup, spaghetti sauce; meals in a can, such as Chef Boyardee Beefaroni, lasagna, spaghetti with meatballs; canned chicken, ham, salmon; ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard; gluten free, sugar free, and low sodium foods (for families with special dietary needs); cooking oil, strawberry jelly, grape jelly; sugar in bags up to five pounds, and laundry soap.

MorningStar Ministries operates a maternity home for young unwed mothers, offering them a positive alternative to abortion. It need large Rubbermaid storage bins for the mothers' clothing and other belongings, diapers sizes 1 and 2, canned vegetables (corn, green beans, peas, carrots, tomatoes); Chef Boyardee meals, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Captain Crunch, Frosted Mini-wheats; Honey Nut Cheerios, pre-natal vitamins, toilet paper; napkins, dish soap, laundry detergent (sensitive/unscented baby-safe); dish scrubbers, body wash, body lotion; plant-based disinfectant cleaning products, trash bags, Zip-lock bags; hair brushes, baby food, diaper rash cream; and scent-free baby wipes.

The Society cannot distribute opened packages, expired items, perishables, or religious articles. Cans and plastic containers are preferable to glass.



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. Your generosity makes it possible to continue the wonderful ministries and programs within our parish. May God continue to bless all of you for your continued support!

<u>Sunday, February 26th</u>		
2022	2023	Difference
\$25,723.47	\$29,460.83	\$ 3,737.36

May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!

SPRING SPORTS



MATER DEI CYO

Spring Sports Registration K-12

Registration for CYO spring sports is now open. Register early to get the registration discount and to be included on all team announcements from your coaches. For more information and the registration links visit: <https://www.materdeicatholic.com/parents/mater-dei-cyo> or click on the QR code. Any parent wishing to help coach will need to sign up on TeamSnap as well. Questions: please send an email to materdeicyopa@gmail.com



Registration for 2023-24 at Mater Dei Catholic School

Registration for the 2023-24 school year at Mater Dei Catholic is in full swing and Preschool through Grade 8 availability is filling up quickly! For a tour or more



information, please contact the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com. When you are ready to register your child, please visit the Admissions page of our website materdeicatholic.com to access the link for a New Registration Packet.



Mater Dei Catholic School Gymnasium

Mater Dei Catholic School has raised \$141,587 thus far for their newly renovated gymnasium. It is absolutely beautiful and will be able to be used very soon

by our school children and the parish community. Many of the improvements accomplished are a new gym floor, new retractable basketball nets, renovated ceiling, new sound and lighting equipment, new storage space, and much more! Help us continue to fund these improvements by donating at materdeicatholic.com. We have thousands more to go, but we are counting on alumni of our legacy schools, parishioners, and friends of Mater Dei to help. Please contribute today! Tours of the gym are available upon request by calling Mater Dei's school office at 215-368-0995. Thanks for your support of our school children!

EASY Ways to Support Mater Dei Catholic... Designate Your PA Taxes

BLOCS, Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools helps Mater Dei do just that with their Tax Credit Program. Through the EITC and OSTC Programs, donors (individuals or businesses) can receive up to a 90% tax credit against their personal PA state tax liability by making their scholarship designation to Mater Dei through BLOCS. There is minimal cost to you to participate in this program but the impact you make by participating helps Mater Dei families in a big way. Would you like to know more? Please email Grace Samanns at gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com



B.B.V.C. 2023

"Dearest God, Give Me Holiness"

~ St. John Neumann ~



BROTHERS OF BORROMEO VOCATION CAMP 2023

April 22, 2023, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
 A day of food, fun, & fellowship at
 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
 Junior high young men - grades 6-8
 Registration due: March 30



Questions? jminnich@archphila.org ~ 610-667-5778

Scan for registration details or visit HeedtheCall.org/BBVC

