



# 1st Sunday of Lent

*Saint Maria Goretti Parish*

*Hatfield, PA*

*[www.stmariagoretti.net](http://www.stmariagoretti.net)*



## 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 at the outdoor Stations (weather permitting). In the case of bad weather the Stations will be moved into church. Please join us!



## JOIN US FOR A DONUT!

Donut Socials are BACK! Please join us after Masses **TODAY**, March 6th to reconnect with your parish family and enjoy a donut!

**Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring this month's donut social!**

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 will be holding a membership drive at all Masses the weekend of 3/5-3/6. If you would like to join today simply go to [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) and enter our council # 4396 for local information.



## TODAY'S READINGS

### Reading I: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

The offering of the first fruits of the land required by Moses came with the recital of the great events of Israel's history, which find their fulfillment in Christ.

### Reading II: Romans 10: 8-13

We confess faith in Jesus because God raised Him from the dead. There is no distinction made between Jew and Greek. Jesus is Lord of all.

### The Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13

The temptation scene makes it quite clear that Jesus is fully human. He begins His work in full obedience to His Father. He will not yield to any temptation to abandon that mission. In this instance He relives, so to speak, the desert experience of Israel. But unlike her, He stays loyal to God.

## Disciple Maker Index SURVEY



## THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY OPENED ON WEDNESDAY!

It's official! The Disciple Maker Index Survey is officially open and we need your help!

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.

To make this as simple as possible, we will have representatives in the narthex **TODAY** (March 5/6) after all Masses to assist anyone who may not be comfortable with technology and would like some help. Another option would be to scan the QR code and fill out the survey right on your phone. The link was sent out through Constant Contact on Wednesday, 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. You are an important part of the future of SMG and we want to hear from **ALL** of you!

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.

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 as well as 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.



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>SUN., March 6</b>	7:30 A.M. Beatrice Brueninger Req. by Sally & Charlie Keffer 9:30 A.M. Rosa & Stanislaus Vernachio & Family Req. by Carman Vernachio & Family 11:30 A.M. Elizabeth Hanrahan Req. by Kathleen Prokop
<b>MON., March 7</b>	7:00 A.M. Anne M. Hatch Req. by Tom & Peg Whomsley 8:30 A.M. Salvatore Sacco Req. by Marie & Bruce Ellis
<b>TUES., March 8</b>	7:00 A.M. Caroline Powell Req. by Kim Hughes 8:30 A.M. Kathleen Murphy Req. by Kathleen Grear
<b>WED., March 9</b>	7:00 A.M. Steven Cassidy Req. by The Nunan Family 8:30 A.M. Mary Campagna Req. by The Gianfrancesco Family
<b>THURS., March 10</b>	7:00 A.M. Bill Randall Req. by Carol Colonnello 8:30 A.M. Mary Irene Lee Req. by Harvey J. Lee
<b>FRI., March 11</b>	7:00 A.M. Dominic Mazzeo Req. by Lisa Steen 8:30 A.M. The Butera Family Intentions Req. by The Family
<b>SAT., March 12</b>	8:30 A.M. Joaquin Torre Req. by Cathy Rocco 5:00 P.M. Phyllis McQuirns Req. by Joanne Turner
<b>SUN., March 13</b>	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



## SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Frank, Mike & Colleen Deacy**

requested by Loretta McQueen.



## BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week is lit in memory of **Margaret & William Diehl** requested by the family.



## 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, Kristine Nolan and her twin babies Bridget and Colleen, Michael Rafter, Joanne Reube, 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.**



## SVDP MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul at St. Maria Goretti Parish will collect groceries for local charities next weekend, **March 12-13**. Please take a bag from the church vestibule and return it next weekend with groceries for the charities listed below.

**Keystone Opportunity Center** operates a food pantry serving nearly a thousand neighbors who are dealing with food insecurity. It needs cereal, oatmeal, rice; canned meats (chicken, ham, salmon), Chef Boyardee meals (Beefaroni, Spaghetti-Os, Ravioli), baked beans; canned fruit, sugar in 1- or 5-lb. bags, canned fruit in juice; dish soap, laundry soap, paper towels; toilet paper, personal care razors, shampoo; body wash, deodorants, snacks for children (granola bars, Goldfish crackers, etc.); gluten-free, low sodium/sodium-free, and sugar-free foods.

**Morning Star Ministries** operates a maternity home for young, unwed mothers, offering them a positive alternative to abortion. It needs canned vegetables (corn, green beans, peas; carrots, tomatoes); rice, pasta, Chef Boyardee meals; cereal (Frosted Mini-Wheats, Honey Nut Cheerios, Captain Crunch); toilet paper, paper towels, napkins; dish soap, laundry detergent (sensitive/unscented baby-safe), dish scrubbers; body lotion, hand soap, trash bags; plant-based disinfectant cleaning products, Zip-lock bags, hair brushes; pre-natal vitamins, baby food, diaper-rash cream; scent-free baby wipes, and hair brushes. We cannot distribute opened packages, expired items, perishables, or religious articles. Cans and plastic containers are preferable to glass.

May God bless you for your generosity!



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION



### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

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

September, 2021 through May, 2022  
March 4th, April 1st and May 6th  
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 16th  
April 20th  
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](http://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, March 9th  
Wednesday, April 13th  
Wednesday, May 11th

Questions: Contact Maria Richardson  
[Maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net](mailto: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](mailto: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 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](mailto:Maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net) or 215-721-6559

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



To end the pandemic anywhere, we must end it everywhere! Please urge Congress and the Administration to support the equitable global distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. COVID-19 vaccines have provided the world with relief and hope and are essential to ending the pandemic.

The U.S. must continue to lead in pushing for additional global vaccine donations as well as investments in supplies, health systems and manufacturing capacity. A critical component of success will include addressing vaccine hesitancy and securing uptake. Remind our elected officials that we have the tools to save millions of lives and that we need their leadership to ensure our global family is protected! Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information.

## 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](mailto: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 13th

### E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, C. Friel, V. Lelli  
7:30am – Sacristan, S. Lynam, M.K. Ramsay  
9:30am – Sacristan, P. Walsh, C. Opdyke  
11:30am – Sacristan, T. McBride, J. O'Brien

### E.M. Home Visits

A1–P. O'Hara, A2–D. Johnson, A3–J. Naab, A4–B. Braun,  
A5–K. Staudt

### Lectors

5:00pm – R. Jones, R. Miller  
7:30am – A. & R. Whitley  
9:30am – M. McCormick, P. Villucci  
11:30am – P. Shelly, J. McFarland

### Cantors

5:00pm – Isabella  
7:30am – Joe V.  
9:30am – Michael  
11:30am – Jenna

### Altar Servers

5:00pm – A. Kunjachen, A. DeSiro  
7:30am – D. Engle, **Volunteer Needed**  
9:30am – M. & N. Cujini  
11:30am – J. Kuduk, N. Barrales

## MUSIC NOTES



### Rehearsals for Tuesday,

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 13th

9:30am – Adult Choir

## THE PILLARS OF LENT

As we begin our Lenten journey, reflect on how your prayers, fasting and almsgiving can guide you. As Pope Francis explains, these are "elements which, when lived sincerely, can transform life and provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity." How can practicing the Lenten pillars transform your life and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit [crsicebowl.org](http://crsicebowl.org) to learn more.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Please join in congratulating our St. Maria Goretti Parish Union League Good Citizenship Award Winners for 2022:

**Rachel Benner from  
Lansdale Catholic HS  
&**

**Sean Kudes from  
Pope John Paul II HS**

## POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected for God's Treasure House  
was: **\$2,291.90**

## 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.

<u>Sunday, February 27th</u>		
2021	2022	Difference
\$23,684.25	\$25,723.47	\$ 2,039.22

May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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



## Parish Religious Education Process Update!

### Sacrament of Confirmation Reminders

**Monday, February 21, 2022 - Confirmation Penance Service 6:30 PM in Church**—Confirmation Candidates, Sponsors (who are local) and Parents

This includes the sacrament of confession

**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



## 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mwhittam@materdeicatholic.com) or 215-799-2211 if you are interested.

**Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.**

## JENNA'S BLESSING BAGS BINGO



Jenna's Blessing Bags is hosting a fundraiser event and we would love for you to join! Join us on **March 11th** for a fun night, doors open at 6pm. Winners will receive their choice of a designer handbag. The event will be held at Saint Maria Goretti, Drexel Hall. Doors open at 6:00 PM and let the games begin at 7:00 PM.

**Buy your tickets before the event to save money and secure your spot. Tickets are \$40 pre-sale or \$45 at the door. Last event we sold out ahead of time, so be sure to buy now!** Get your tickets here: <https://bit.ly/3Atr0Pf>.