

Saint Maria Goretti Parish, Hatfield, PA

I am reminded of your sincere
faith, a faith that lived first in
your grandmother...
and your mother...
and now, I am sure,
lives in you.

2 Timothy 1: 5



Happy Mother's Day



Congratulations
Reverend John C. Nguyen (known to us as Father Chung)
on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary
of your Priestly Ordination.

God's blessing on you as you celebrate your 20th Anniversary on May 15th.
A special thank you for the past 3 years of service to the parishioners of
Saint Maria Goretti, for that we are truly blessed.

ADORATION—GUARDIAN PARTNER

Guardian Partners needed at the following times: 10:30 to 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 4p.m



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.

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

MAY PROCESSION 2019

Thank you to everyone who participated, organized and helped to prepare for the Annual May Procession held on a beautiful spring evening to honor the Blessed Mother.



PRO-LIFE ESSAY CONTEST



Do you need some spending money this summer?

The Respect Life Committee of Saint Maria Goretti Parish is sponsoring an essay contest for area school students. This year's essay question is: "What are your thoughts on abortion after a baby's heartbeat can be detected?" Judging will be based on Judeo-Christian Ethics relevant to this subject. Current Federal law prohibits destroying the egg of a bald eagle with punishment of several thousand dollars or a year in jail. Florida law prohibits taking or destroying the eggs of sea turtles. Express your personal opinion according to your USA constitutional rights of free speech.

There are two divisions: the junior division is any student in grades 6 through 8, the senior division are students in grades 9 through 12. Each division will be awarded the following cash prizes by June 15th:

- 1st prize—\$300**
- 2nd prize—\$200**
- 3rd prize—\$100**

Essays should be no longer than 1,000 words for the senior division and 500 words or less for the junior division. Please include your name, grade and contact information. Mail or deliver your entry to the parish office **by May 20th** to Saint Maria Goretti, 1601 Derstine Rd., Hatfield, PA 19440, Attention: Respect Life Committee. Any questions please contact Bob McCormick at bobmcc52@verizon.net

ATTENTION BOYS & GIRLS GRADES 5 THRU 12 INTERESTED IN BECOMING A NEW ALTAR SERVER



If you are interested in assisting Fr. Chung and other Priests at Mass or liturgical gatherings this would be the ministry for you. Practice for new servers will start in late spring. On average you would be scheduled to serve Mass every 4 to 6 weeks. Servers are also needed for funerals and weddings in which a stipend is paid. If you are interested in signing up or would like more information, please pick up a registration form in the narthex and drop it in the collection basket or at the parish center. Sign-up forms will be given out at PREP before the end of the 2019 session. For more information please call Deacon Steve or Cheryl Ryan at 215-721-0199.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., May 12** 7:30 A.M. Leticia Batad Cayabyab
Req. by Cecelia Batad
9:30 A.M. Shirley Finkleston
Req. by The Family
11:30 A.M. Mary Richardson
Req. by Maria & David Richardson
- MON., May 13** 8:30 A.M. Joseph DeLuca
Req. by The Genovese Family
- TUES., May 14** 8:30 A.M. Al Joseph
Req. by The Shepardson Family
- WED., May 15** 8:30 A.M. Fr. Chung's 20th Anniversary
of Ordination
Req. by SMG Parish Staff
- THURS., May 16** 8:30 A.M. John Licheniak
Req. by The Gianfrancesco Family
- FRI., May 17** 8:30 A.M. Sally Victor
Req. by Joanne Gressang
- SAT., May 18** **No Morning Mass**
5:00 P.M. John Seliga
Req. by Bob & Carol Weaver
- SUN., May 19** 7:30 A.M. Luolwiki & Maria Cholaj
Req. by The Family
9:30 A.M. Joseph Flynn
Req. by Dolores Flynn
11:30 A.M. The Sirianni & Malfatti
Families
Req. by The Sirianni 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.

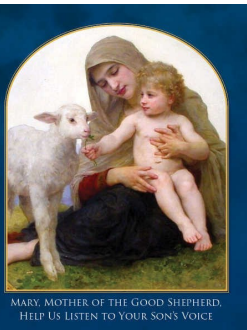


PLEASE KEEP IN MIND the following people who at this time need your prayers and support:
Warren Allison, Immaculata Antonucci, Ruth Adams, Jennifer &

Kimberly Agnew, Mark Altroggi, Christina Augustine, Paul Baril, Ray Baril, Joey Berical, Jerilyn Bowler, Linda Burbank, Mary Callaghan, Mary Campagna, Caridad Carlos, Aldo Carnara, Danny Catts, Kristen Chipollini, Joanna Cavacini, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Helen Curren, Leo Dennis, Ernest Doherty, Sally Esbensen, Peter Fallon, Marybeth Hentschel Fiorelli, Sebastian Fillion, Carol Galinski, Patrick Gardenier, Lianessa Gonzalez, Andrew Green, Dionne Greim, Sharon, Fernando & Ian Griffin, Frank Holloway, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Ron Hoffman, Jeanette Hoy, Kevin Iavecchia, Lindsay Jaso, Richard Jedlicka, Gerald Kenny, Emily Keiser, Charles Kline, Bernadette Kubej, Sue Kunze, Peg Kreml, Jama Lecore, Angelique Lee, Keenan Lee, Curt Lecrone, Dina Lukasko, Mary Magnarella, Patti Maguire, Barbara Masser, William & Kristen Morrow, John McLaughlin, Bridget Micshener, Diane Moll, Frank Monroe, Munson Family, John Mye, Terry Shields Neumann, Joan Nickerson, Mele Lee-Nippins, Ernie Nippins, Zachery Olberholzer, Bill O'Brien, Anthony Paone, Catherine Pagano, Al Palatucci, Robert Pauloski, Flocerfida & Salvador Penganon, James Pffifer, Michael Prahler, Marian Quinn, Michael Rafter, Scott Randall, Jim Richardson, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Barbara Scally, Susan Schmidt, Helen Shekalis, Melissa Shelly, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Judy Turner, Peg Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzal, Paula Jayne White, John Willstaudt, Arlene Wyatt, Salem Yabut, Joe Zdun & Jack Zampirri.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS—TODAY, MAY 12th

Around the world on May 12, 2019, Catholics will "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38, Lk 10:2). The World Day of Prayer for Vocations is a public, shared prayer for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, as well as to secular institutes and missionary life.



MARY, MOTHER OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD. HELP US LISTEN TO YOUR SON'S VOICE.

*Mary Most Holy,
as a young woman
living in obscurity
you nurtured with loving care
the Word of God made flesh.
Please protect and accompany
all young men and women,
especially from our parish,
who are called to a vocation to
the priesthood or religious life.
Amen.*

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Joseph Scullin** requested by Lorraine Scullin.



MANNA BAGS

Manna Bags will be distributed at all Masses next weekend, May 11/12. Kindly return your filled Manna Bag on Saturday, May 18th or Sunday, May 19th.

Canned food items in greatest need are: beef stew, tuna, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soup and pork & beans. Thank you for reaching out to people in emergency situations.

Manna Prayer

Jesus, many time throughout Your life, You fed hungry people
And You called others to help

You called the young child with loaves and fishes to share his gifts. You call each one of us today

Open our eyes to see the needs of others. Open our ears to hear Your call to share. Open all hearts to welcome all people to the table of love. Amen.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**The Rights of the Laity in Church Law**

Church law is so much more than a list of "do-nots." It is a positive affirmation of the rights of the laity. An emphasis on these rights was an innovation when Saint Pope John Paul II promulgated the new Code of Canon (Church) Law in 1983. Our guest presenter will specifically explore what these rights (and responsibilities) are and how they serve the mission of the Church. A question and answer period will follow this presentation. Please register for this event at 215-721-0199 ext. 202 or angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net. There is no cost to attend this presentation.

Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Saint Maria Goretti Chapel

Guest Presenter: Mr. Adam Dickerson, J.C.L., M.A.

**SMG VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

June 24-28, 2019 Cost: \$35.00

Sign up now! Registration forms are available in the church narthex! And on the parish web site at

www.stmariagoretti.net

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090444A5AD22A3FA7-vbs2019>

MORNING OF REFLECTIONS FOR GRANDPARENTS

Celebrate "The Grace of Being Grand" with this Morning of Reflection for Grandparents on **Thursday, June 13, 2019** from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM. This special day begins with the 8:30 AM Mass in our chapel. Following Mass, we will enjoy a continental breakfast

and a conference by our guest presenter, Deacon Anthony Bellitto. Cost is \$10.00 per person. To register, visit the Adult Faith events page of our parish website at www.stmariagoretti.net or pick up a registration form from the Adult Faith table in our narthex. For more information contact Angela McClellan at 215-721-0199 (ext. 202) or angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net.

YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS

Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County, PA. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Our ministry includes: Theology on Tap, faith based meetings, community service, retreats, and outdoor events. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted. Our upcoming events are listed below, contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com for more information, or visit our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults) or our website (<http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org/>) for more details.

May 2019

Tuesday, May 14: Bible Study @ St. Rose of Lima, North Wales

Saturday, May 18: Rock Climbing @ Philadelphia Rock Gym, Wyncote (Pre-registrations highly preferred, \$15 until May 11, \$20 after May 11)

Tuesday, May 21: Theology on Tap @ Conshohocken Brewing Company in Bridgeport. Doors at 7:00pm, Talk Starts at 7:30 p.m

Tuesday, May 28: Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales

June 2019

Sunday, June 2: Annual Picnic @ Green Lane Park, Green lane at 12pm

Sunday, June 9: Service Project @Manna on Main Street, Lansdale (Registration required, event begins at 10:30am

Tuesday, June 11: Bible Study @ St. Rose of Lima, North Wales

Tuesday, June 18: Theology on Tap @ Conshohocken

SPEAKER COLLEEN CAMPBELL

Colleen Campbell speaking on her new book "*The Heart of Perfection: How the Saints Taught Me to Trade My Dream of Perfection for God's*" **Speaker:** Colleen Campbell **Location:** St. Agnes RC Church 445 N Main Street Sellersville PA **Date:** May 22, 2019 7-9 PM. This is a free event. Colleen Campbell will follow her talk with a book signing. Sweet treats and fellowship in the Parish social hall. All are welcome.

DO YOU VALUE CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL EDUCATION ?

Our state tax code permits individuals to redirect some of your PA state taxes for tuition assistance as "needs base scholarships" for Catholic School Students including our Mater Dei Regional Grade School. This law is known as "Educational Improvement Tax Credit" or E.I.T.C. Your annual PA tax liability must be at least \$5,000. E.I.T.C. philanthropy will cost you only pennies on the dollar. Would you like to find out more details? Please call Cheryl at the parish office at 215-721-0199 or e-mail Joe Wilkens at joe15PBC@gmail.com.

SISTERS IN SPIRIT

This ministry is open to all women 18 years and older. Our mission is to encourage women in faith. Typically, meetings are comprised of faith-sharing and spiritual, service, and social outings. For more information and exact meeting dates, please contact

Holly Miller at 267-718-4615 or hollymiller2@mac.com.

Third Thursday of Each Month

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center: Conference Room

Reuniones de los Retiristas del Movimiento

Juan XXIII Hatfield PA. Todos los martes a las 7:00 PM Aquí en la Capilla de La Iglesia. Para más información Contactar a Carlos Zuluaga Presidente Parroquial Juan XXIII Hatfield . Al 954-309-177 Acércate al Grupo para que tengas un Encuentro Personal con Jesús

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, MAY 19th

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, B. Smith, V. & L. Lelii

7:30am – Sacristan, T. McGann, D. Zobel, A. Russo

9:30am – Sacristan, M. Lee-Nippins, M.J. Vondercrone,
C. LeBrocq

11:30am – Sacristan, L. Arkens, B. Santulli, J. McNally

E.M. Home Visits

A1–K. Staudt, **A2**–J. Burke, **A3**–S. Sabia, **A4**–D. Misczak, **A5**–
S. Steklenski, **B1**–D. Fuse, **B2**–J. Gressang, **B3**–C. Opdyke,
B4–M. Opdyke, **B5**–K. Hay

Lectors

5:00pm – R. Miller, S. Archambault

7:30am – R. Jones, B. Malley

9:30am – A. LeBrocq, M. Faymore

11:30am – M. O'Pella, C. McNally

Cantors

5:00pm – Donna

7:30am – Lynne

9:30am – Tara

11:30am – Teresa

Altar Servers

5:00pm – T. & N. Burr, E. Walsh

7:30am – T. & G. McGann, G. Zobel

9:30am – B. & C. O'Reilly, M. Robison

11:30am – A. Berdel, A. Fabro, J. Franek

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$4,159.46**

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 **May** and **June** 2019, 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!***

Parish Ministry Update!



CLUB + 50 GAMES DAY

The first Wednesday of the month!
Cards, Rummikub, Mexican Train,....
1PM – 4PM Parish Library

In an effort to keep the Donut Social going we need ministries to volunteer to run them. Please check with your Ministry Leader to pick a date!

**Ministry Questions:
Contact Maria Richardson**

maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES SPOTLIGHT

"I use the eggs to feed my family. I've already seen my grandchildren grow stronger." ~ Halo Abdulla, Ethiopia

In Ethiopia, CRS and its partners have distributed 5,130 chickens to 1,110 vulnerable families through a USAID federally-funded program. The eggs they produce are a great source of protein, and can also provide additional income. In addition, CRS and its local partners are helping vulnerable families in Ethiopia become more resilient by teaching them about agriculture, nutrition and how to raise livestock through USAID federally-funded programs. Please visit www.crs.org for more information!

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.

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.

CYO NEWS

Hello All,

As I'm sure you have all heard by now, this will be the last year of our SMG CYO sports program. We will be merging next year with St. Stan's and St. Rose to create our new Mater Dei CYO program. With that being said wanted to bring everyone up to speed on our SMG year end activities.

1) Our **Awards Banquet** will be **Sunday, June 2nd @ 5pm** at the Franconia Heritage Restaurant. Let's try to make our final banquet the best one ever and hopefully we can get a good turnout. The annual participation gift will only be given out to the students who attend the banquet.

2) We will be running a **Spring Car Wash** Service Project on **Saturday, June 1st** from 9am till noon at the Drexel Hall parking lot. As always, we are in need of as many student volunteers as we can get.

I would like to take this time to thank everyone of you for your endless contribution to our SMG CYO program. Without your countless hours of volunteering and commitment to all the kids you have coached, none of this could have been possible. Thanks again for everything. As one chapter closes in our SMG CYO another is opened with the merger our the new Mater Dei CYO.

Bless you all, Jeff Benner
SMG CYO President

SUNDAY OFFERING



COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

	May 6 , 2018	May 5, 2019
Sunday Offering	\$20,099.67	\$16,158.02
Online Parish Giving	\$ 3,537.00	\$ 4,642.00
TOTALS:	\$21,140.92	\$20,800.02
Total # of contributors	594	
Misc. Offerings May 5, 2019		
Heat & Energy Offering:	\$1,121.00	
Poor Box Offering:	\$91.11	
Catholic Home Mission Collection:	\$2,191.00	

Archbishop Chaput has requested that all parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia consider taking up a voluntary collection to assist with the efforts and repair of the **Cathedral of Notre Dame de Paris**. The second collection next weekend, May 18/19 will go directly towards these efforts. Thank you for your consideration.



WAYS TO GIVE & SUPPORT YOUR PARISH PURCHASE SCRIP

With Spring comes Mother's Day, Father's Day and Graduations!



Shopping with scrip makes it easier for you while helping to support our Parish and getting a gift everyone can use. We have over 30 different stores available to purchase. If there is a store we don't have ask our Scrip seller and we will see if we can get it for you.



SMG 13th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING - July 19, 2019

SMG will host its 12th annual golf outing on Friday July 19, 2019. Registration is from 12:35 PM—1:05 PM and golf will begin at 1:30 PM at Macoby Run Golf

Course in Green Lane, Pa. The outing is open to ALL parishioners and friends. Beginners, families, and seasoned golfers are encouraged to participate! One experienced golfer must be included in each foursome.

We will play a scramble format. All golfers will tee off each hole, then proceed to the best shot and hit the next shot and proceed until the hole is complete. The cost is \$80 per adult and \$60.00 for children age 12 and under. Call Fred C. Cicacci (267-663-9841) or email (FredCicacci@comcast.net) if you have any questions/concerns.

The outing includes greens fees w/ cart, a snack upon arrival, hotdogs & beverages at the turn. Following golf, we will have a buffet dinner including chicken, another meat selection, hamburgers, salads, birch beer and beer. There will be door prizes for each golfer, mulligan purchase, and a fun time for all is anticipated. Registration forms are available in the narthex and also on SMG's website, which is www.stmariagoretti.net. and on SMG social media. ALL CHECKS (payable to St. Maria Goretti) AND REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED to Fred C. Cicacci by Wednesday, **July 11th** to play in the outing. See the Registration Form for the mailing address.



Enroll at Mater Dei



Additional space for your Three-Year-Old or Four-Year-Old has just been made available and you can now schedule a Tour at Mater Dei Catholic School and Enroll for the 2019-20 School Year!

All families with Preschool to Grade 8 children are welcome to visit Mater Dei. We are officially taking registrations for our **fifth Pre-K classroom**. This class will fill up soon, so register now while space is available! Tours are available and the Advancement Office can accommodate your schedule. **Our Preschool and Kindergarten Programs have both Half and Full Day options!** Learn more about giving your child the gift of an exceptional Catholic education from a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School. For more information, please contact the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com

Employment Opportunity

The Mater Dei Childcare is currently searching for a high-energy Lead Toddler Teacher to join our team. Our Lead Toddler Teacher will need to provide and maintain a positive and appropriate educational program that meets the social, emotional, and physical needs of the children within their care. Candidates should have experience as well as an educational background in the field, should be energetic, patient, friendly and nurturing, and should enjoy working with young children and their families. We're looking for the best of the best for our childcare program. If that's you, please contact the center director Katherine Stansbury at kstansbury@materdeicatholic.com or 217-799-2211 for immediate consideration.

Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.

Beach Blast Bingo - Saturday, June 8th

All are welcome to join the Mater Dei Community for Beach Blast Bingo on Saturday, June 8th at Mater Dei. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Admission includes breakfast and 22 games of bingo. Roughly \$5,000 in prize money! Doors open at 9 a.m. and bingo begins at noon. Proceeds benefit Mater Dei Catholic School. Email home and school@materdeicatholic.com to reserve your spot.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

We may not realize it, but we have a free, easy fundraising opportunity for Mater Dei Catholic School passing through our hands on most days - Box Tops for Education. Each Box Top submitted earns \$0.10 for the school; please start taking a look at the products around your house and start collecting! You'll be surprised to see to what you already have in your pantry. Please bring the Box Tops along with you to church and place in the back of the narthex in the box labelled for Mater Dei Catholic School Box Tops. Box Tops can be found on many products including General Mills cereals, Annie's®, Ziplock®, Paper Mate®, Green Giant™, and many more (for a full listing visit <https://www.boxtops4education.com/>)!

