

*Saint Maria Goretti Parish
Hatfield, PA*



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Happy Memorial Day!



PARISHIONER SPOTLIGHT
Eleonore Duch

Eleonore and her husband, Ron, have been parishioners for over 31 years. They feel blessed to have had their granddaughter baptized at SMG. Eleonore has led our parish Lectors for 21 years, recruiting, training, scheduling... She helped with the pilot program of Parish Nursing Ministry through the diocese where she often provided blood pressure screening, breast cancer support, advice and direction for medical needs and most recently helped with providing flu shots to our parishioners. Eleonore was an integral part of having life saving defibrillators installed in Church and the Education Center. She also runs our hugely successful Blood Drives, saving many lives for over 15 years. Eleonore was part of the Registration Committee, volunteered as a receptionist at the Parish Center, was an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion serving our home-bound parishioners, helped as a facilitator along with Ron for Scripture Studies and they taught the Confirmation class of PREP for 5 years. Eleonore has endless energy and a generous spirit when giving back to her church and parish family. Eleonore feels she is blessed for the gifts that God has given her to share with her parish and for that she is truly grateful. She couldn't have done all the things listed above without her Administrative Assistant and right hand, Ron. Thank you Eleonore (and Ron) for your dedication, love and stewardship to our wonderful parish. May God continue to bless you!

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 31st** to Saint Maria Goretti Church, 1601 Derstine Rd., Hatfield, PA 19440, Attention: Respect Life Committee. Any questions please contact Bob McCormick at bobmcc52@verizon.net



MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR GRANDPARENTS ~ "The Grace of Being Grand"

Thursday, June 13, 2019—8:30 AM to 11:00 AM—Saint Maria Goretti Chapel and Church Narthex
Guest Presenter: Deacon Anthony Bellitto



Celebrate the blessings and challenges of grand-parenting by joining us for this morning of reflection for all grandmothers and grandfathers. This special day begins with the 8:30 AM Mass in the chapel. Following Mass, we will enjoy a continental breakfast and a conference by our guest presenter, Deacon Anthony Bellitto. Deacon Tony currently serves as the permanent deacon at Saint Stanislaus Parish in Lansdale and is the loving grandfather of three. Cost is \$10.00 per person.

"Very often it is grandparents who ensure that the most important values are passed down to their grandchildren...Their words, their affection or simply their presence help (grand)children to realize that history did not begin with them, that they are now part of an age-old pilgrimage and that they need to respect all that came before them."
The Joy of Love—Pope Francis



Please mail registration form below and check for \$10.00 per person payable to Saint Maria Goretti Church to:
Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center, c/o Angela McClellan, 1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield, PA 19440
**Payment is transferrable to another person but not refundable.*



Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Town/Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Parish _____

For more information contact: Angela McClellan, 215-721-0199 (ext. 202), Angela.McClellan@stmariagoretti.net



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., May 26** 7:30 A.M. Patricia Klause
Req. by Her Parents
9:30 A.M. Hazel Sharp
Req. by The Sharp Family
11:30 A.M. Stanley & Mary Rita
Golazeski
Req. by Theresa Golazeski
- MON., May 27** 8:30 A.M. Pete Paznokas
Req. by Michelle Beck
- TUES., May 28** 8:30 A.M. Michael Kopera
Req. by Bruce & Marie Ellis
- WED., May 29** 8:30 A.M. Linda Allen
Req. by Michelle Beck
7:00 P.M. Maureen Unger
Req. by The Rosenberger Family
- THURS., May 30** 7:00 A.M. Leonard D. Adamo, Jr.
Req. by The Adamo Family
8:30 A.M. Frank Dalicandro
Req. by Michele Gray
12 noon Nancy Maialetti Owen
Req. by Her Family
7:00 P.M. Vietnamese Mass
- FRI., May 31** 8:30 A.M. Romeo Batad
Req. by Cecelia Batad
- SAT., June 1** **No Morning Mass**
5:00 P.M. Gloria Kozloski
Req. by Bob Ryan
- SUN., June 2** 7:30 A.M. Bernie Blanche
Req. by Bob McCormick
9:30 A.M. Jane Baker
Req. by The Family
11:30 A.M. David J. Lee
Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Harvey J. Lee

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 Thursday, June 6th 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.

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 Krempf, 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.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Paul Bennett** requested by Dot Bennett & Family.



ADORATION—GUARDIAN PARTNER

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



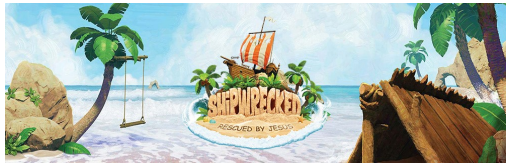
Each Monday in the chapel, after the 8:30am morning Mass until 5p.m., we have the opportunity to adore Our Lord's body, blood, soul and divinity in the presence of the Eucharist. While adoring Our Lord, we must also ensure that the Holy Eucharist is never left unattended. A Guardian helps to ensure that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



**MOVIE NIGHT
GOSNELL**

Gosnell, The trial of America's biggest serial killer. The shocking true story of abortionist Dr. Kermit Gosnell. Join the Respect Life Committee on Friday, June 7th at 6:30pm to watch the true story the movie company may have never wanted the public to see. It was only in the theaters for four weeks and disappeared. The movie is 90 minutes; a couple snacks provided and conversation after on your thoughts. There is no charge but please let us know if you will be coming. Bob: 215-362-1247 bobmcc52@verizon.net



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>



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES SPOTLIGHT

For many farmers around the world who rely on the land to grow food to make a living or provide for their families, life is becoming more difficult with extreme flooding or drought caused by our changing climate. In the coming weeks, our government will decide how much money to allocate to international anti-poverty programs. That means it's the perfect time to take action in support of sustainable development programs that care for creation and support families living in poverty and relying on the land for their daily needs.

Your action can make a difference for vulnerable families living in poverty. It's voices around the U.S., like yours, that help ensure Congress continues critical international programming that cares for our Earth and eliminates global hunger. Please visit www.crs.org to send your legislators an email today and urge them to oppose cuts to poverty-focused foreign aid as negotiations continue about the FY20 budget.

ELDERCARE CORNER

Please join the Eldercare Assistance Program and Ascend Hospice on **Monday, June 3rd from 6:00-7:00 PM** in the basement meeting room of the Parish Center for an educational evening to discuss **"Hospice 101: Facts & Myths"**. A light meal will be provided. Please RSVP to Amy Juarez at 215-721-0199 x 225 if you are able to attend.

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

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, I 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

MARRIAGE, FAMILY, LIFE

Chris Padgett

Free Event on June 5, 7 – 9 PM, St. Agnes Parish 445 N Main St., Sellersville, PA. Talk will be followed by a book signing, sweet treats and fellowship in the parish social hall. All are welcome!

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, JUNE 2nd

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, J. Yandoli, S.Lynam, B. Santulli
7:30am – Sacristan, D. Fuse, D. Zobel, K. Staudt
9:30am – Sacristan, T. McGann, A. Russo, D. Grant
11:30am – Sacristan, C. LeBrocq, M. Rosenberger, M.J. Vondercrone

E.M. Home Visits

A1–E. McBride , **A2**-K. Hay, **A3**-K. Staudt, **A4**-S. Steklenski, **A5**–P. Niche , **B1**-M. D’Elia, **B2**-B. Hudak , **B3**-M. Collis, **B4**-C. Oofdayke, **B5**-T. Nguyen

Lectors

5:00pm – C. Amuso, E. Murphy
7:30am – A. & R. Whitley
9:30am – F. Stumpo, B. Smith
11:30am – A. LeBrocq, P. Shelly

Cantors

5:00pm – Joe B.
7:30am – Joe V.
9:30am – Donna
11:30am – Andrew

Altar Servers

5:00pm – M. Briday, V. & R. McLaughlin
7:30am – A. Berdel, J. DeFazio, J. Franek
9:30am – N. Cugini, T. & G. McGann
11:30am – T. & N. Burr, M. Rosenberger

MUSIC NOTES



Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Sunday, June 2nd
 9:30am – Adult Choir

FREE PIANO

Free Wurlitzer - Spinet piano, Serial# 533331



1954, approx., weight is 300 lbs., in good to fair condition, needs tuning. If interested please call Karen at (215) 721-2361.

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

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$131.11**

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!***

HOW DO WE HELP WHEN THEY ARE BEGGING FOR HELP?

In recent weeks we have once again* been faced with strangers to Goretti begging for help. There is no denying, we have a reputation for generosity!

But how do we know we are helping? In this day and age, how do we know we're not supporting some scam? That the cash (and they seem to only want cash or gift cards) is being used for food or rent, not drugs or worse? Should we just say “No” or risk doing harm by saying “Yes”?

There is an alternative — Send them to SVdP@SMG!! 215-721-0199 x224. Our voice mail box is monitored daily. Calls are returned promptly. We can help with food, emergency shelter, rent, etc. We know the local social services agencies that can help. We'll go to them & meet with them as neighbors. If a 'band-aid' is needed (one time help), we can help. If it is a long term problem, we can help and help them find more long term help.

*In the past, local police have confirmed that those begging at local churches have been part of organized gangs using the poor, homeless or undocumented to beg for money; the gang takes all or most of it. We have found that those who truly need help, let us help. Those just looking for cash, move on. PLEASE NOTE: This is the same process we use for all our neighbors in need — they don't need to be strangers.

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. For more information please call Deacon Steve or Cheryl Ryan at 215-721-0199.

SUNDAY OFFERING



COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

	May 20, 2018	May 19, 2019
Sunday Offering	\$16,721.46	\$14,982.62
Online Parish Giving	\$ 2,374.00	\$ 2,392.00
TOTALS:	\$19,095.46	\$17,374.62
Total # of contributors		527
Misc. Offerings May 19, 2019		
Heat & Energy Offering:		\$288.00
Capital Improvement Offering:		\$1,389.00
Poor Box Offering:		\$131.11
Notre Dame DeParis Collection:		\$1,833.00

WAYS TO GIVE & SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Each week check this column for ideas to support your parish (some that will cost you nothing)

Parish eGiving - SMG has enlisted Parish Giving to provide our parishioners with the opportunity to use automatic payment from your checking account or credit card as an alternative method for giving— just as you may do now with your mortgage, household bills, and other monthly payments. Parish Giving is a service being offered to you free of charge. For our parishioners, this adds a safe and convenient method to make contributions. At the same time, SMG will benefit from a more reliable and efficient means to process the contributions that make it possible for us to support our mission. On the Parish Giving website, you will be able to select from the various opportunities to contribute to SMG and other initiatives. Keep in mind that all contributions are processed once a month to include your "weekly" contributions, special monthly SMG collections (such as holy days, etc.) and Archdiocesan collections (such as the Seminary Appeal, Catholic Charities, etc.) - and you select which ones to contribute to and when.



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.



MATER DEI
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
2018 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

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 gsmanns@materdeicatholic.com

Chick-fil-A Spirit Day: Monday, June 3 from 12 PM to 8:30 PM

Please come out and support Mater Dei Catholic School at the Montgomeryville Chick-fil-A located at 794 Bethlehem Pike on Monday, June 3, between 12 and 8:30 PM. Mention that you are supporting Mater Dei at the checkout and the sale will be credited to our school. Invite your neighbors, extended family, and friends to enjoy lunch or dinner at Chick-fil-A in Montgomeryville! The more the merrier!

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. 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. Please e-mail: homeandschool@materdeicatholic.com to reserve your spot.

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