



Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

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Web Site: www.stmariagoretti.net

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 9am to 8:00pm
Friday through Saturday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.



PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. John C. Nguyen
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Leonard N. Peterson
Vietnamese Apostolate: Rev. John C. Nguyen
Transitional Deacon: Rev. Mr. Quy Pham
Permanent Deacons: Deacon Peter Niche
Deacon Stephen Vondercrone
Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education
& Parish Services: Maria Richardson
Admin. Assist. of Religious Education: JoAnn Prahler
Director of Adult Faith Formation: Angela McClellan
Director of Music: Eileen Ericsson
Pastoral Assistant: Patricia Conroy
R.C.I. A. Coordinator: Al Pandolfo
Elder Care Assistance Program: Amy Juarez
Office Manager: Cheryl Ryan
Parish Secretary: Mary Faymore
Business Manager: Douglas Smith
Asst. Business Mgr.: Geri Salanik

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am, 9:30 am, & 11:30 am
Vietnamese Mass	2:30 pm
Weekdays & Saturday	Mass at 8:30 am
Holy Days	Vigil 7:00pm, 7:00am, 8:30am & Noon, Vietnamese Mass at 7pm

DEVOTIONS:

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

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday at 12:45 pm (except the first Sunday). 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. 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

Archbishop Charles Chaput, following the directive of Pope Francis, 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.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm or any time upon request. Call the Parish Center.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE YOUNG MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH AS THEY RECEIVED THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION LAST WEEKEND!

Please remember in your prayers the children of SMG parish as they received their First Communion last Saturday. May the children remain as close to Jesus as they are today. Thank you to those who made this day so special for the Communicants and their families; Father Chung, Father Navit, Father ?????, Deacon Steve, Deacon Peter, Maria Richardson, JoAnn Prahler, Pat Kendig, the Catechists who prepared the children so well for their Sacrament, the Sacristans, the Choir, the Knights of Columbus and all those who worked behind the scenes to make this a day to remember! A special thank you to the parents for making your children's faith a priority and helping to prepare them for this special day.



ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

April 29-Fifth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Indeed, by helping the poor we can "bear much fruit" and we find that with Jesus we can do everything.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are hungry. (215) 721-0199 ext 224

**~ MONDAY ADORATION ~
GUARDIANS NEEDED**



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.

**We are in need of Guardians at the following times:
2:30pm to 3pm**

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

GIFT PRESENTERS NEEDED



Please see the sign up sheet on the easel in the narthex of church. What a great opportunity for your family to be involved in the Mass by taking the gifts up during the offertory. If you are having a Mass said for a loved one you are able to present the gifts at that Mass by signing up in the narthex. Is it a special occasion? Consider being a gift presenter. Check out the sign up sheet before leaving Mass today!

**SAVE THE DATE!
SMG Vacation Bible School**



Get ready to explore time at VBS at the St. Maria Goretti Educational Center! This year's theme is Time Lab, so join us as we explore God's omnipresence from **June 25th to June 29th**, from 9 - 12. For more information and to register, please see the St. Maria Goretti website at <http://stmariagoretti.net/>.

We also need volunteers! Come join us in guiding the next generation on their faith journey! For more information and to volunteer, please see the St. Maria Goretti website at <http://stmariagoretti.net/>.



ELDERCARE CORNER

Did You Know...?

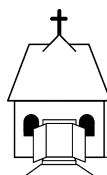


Regular exercise prevents bone loss and incidence of fractures; it increases the muscle strength and hence your balance and coordination.

Many health insurances will supplement the cost of an exercise program or gym membership. Call Amy Juarez with the Eldercare Assistance Program for help! Amy can be reached at 215-721-0199 x225 or at ajuarez@chs-adphila.org

REGISTRATION SUNDAY

Registration Sunday will take place **TODAY, May 6th**. 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.



Welcome to Our Parish



Mass Schedule

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN., May 6	7:30 A.M. The Ladies of the Pew Req. by A Friend 9:30 A.M. Margaret Krauss Req. by Beth Lentz 11:30 A.M. Marie Polacek Req. by Mater Dei 2nd Grade
MON., May 7	8:30 A.M. Joe O'Sullivan Req. by Roseanna O'Sulliavn
TUES., May 8	8:30 A.M. Maryanne Weikel Req. by Rosemary Endrick
WED., May 9	8:30 A.M. Karen Godwin & Ray Gintiovt Req. by Kathy Goens 7:00 P.M. Peg McGann Req. by The McGann Family
THURS., May 10	7:00 A.M. Anna Birtwistle Req. by Dolores Flynn 8:30 A.M. Kennett Slater Req. by Tom & Betty Fetter 12 noon Anna Dougherty Req. by The Dougherty Family
FRI., May 11	8:30 A.M. Joseph DeLuca Req. by The Family
SAT., May 12	No Morning Mass 5:00 P.M. Mother's Day Intention
SUN., May 13	7:30 A.M. Mother's Day Intention 9:30 A.M. Mother's Day Intention 11:30 A.M. Mother's Day Intention

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. Anyone wishing to become a member of the parish prayer line ministry can join at any time by calling the Parish Center.



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, Paul Baril, Ray Baril, Joey Berical, Jerilyn Bowler, Mary Callaghan, Mary Campagna, Caridad Carlos, Aldo Carnara, Danny Catts, Kristen Chipollini, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Helen Curren, Regina DeFeo, Leo Dennis, Ceferina Eusubio, Sally Esbensen, Peter Fallon, Steven Flynn, Patrick Gardenier, Rita Gildea, Lianessa Gonzalez, Andrew Green, Dionne Greim, Sharon, Fernando & Ian Griffin, Frank Holloway, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Michelle Heacock, Ron Hoffman, Kevin Iavecchia, Carrissa Jakobe, Gerald Kenny, Emily Keiser, Charles Kline, Bernadette Kubej, Sue Kunze, Peg Krempl, Trish Lavelle, Curt Lecrone, Dina Lukasko, Mary Magnarella, Patti Maguire, William & Kristen Morrow, Rita Martin, John McLaughlin, Bridget Micshener, Helen Millar, Diane Moll, Frank Monroe, Munson Family, John Mye, Terry Shields Neumann, Joan Nickerson, Ernie Nippins, Bill O'Brien, Catherine Pagano, Robert Pauloski, Flocerfida & Savador Penganon, Michael Prahler, Marian Quinn, Michael Rafter, Scott Randall, Jim Richardson, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Susan Schmidt, Helen Shekalis, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Peg Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzel, Barbara Wetzel, Paula Jayne White, Patty Wiley, John Willstaudt, Molly Worner, Arlene Wyatt, Salem Yabet, Rita & Joe Zdun.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD Holy Day of Obligation

The Mass schedule for Ascension Thursday is as follows:
7:00pm vigil Mass on Wednesday, May 9th
Thursday, May 10th:
7:00am
8:30am
12 noon
7:00pm Vietnamese Mass

SANCTUARY LIGHT

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



PLEASE NOTE: Beginning April 28th through the summer months there will not be a Saturday morning Mass. The Mass will resume on September 8th. Thank you.

HELP WANTED TEMPLE CLEANSERS

Looking for a way to get involved in your parish? This might be the stewardship opportunity for you. Low time commitment by joining a team of Temple Cleansers that meets once every 5 weeks to do light housekeeping of the church. If this sounds like a ministry for you or you would like more information, please call Cheryl at 215-721-0199. Thanks for your consideration.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

The Jordan Ministry is charged with making the white Baptismal robes for the newest members of our Faith Community. Once a year the committee gathers together to cut the material for the robes. Other members sew the robes at home.

The material and ribbon has been cut and packed up into 10 robe packages waiting to be sewn. It is simple straight stich sewing. Placing ribbon on the front, hemming all the sides, and sewing bias tape around the neck opening. No fancy stitching. You can work on them when your time allows.

Interested in helping with the sewing? We would love to have you! Please contact Alice Murphy murphylicea@verizon.net or 215-368-6324

BREAKFAST CLUB



The Breakfast Club is held on designated First Thursdays of the month in the church narthex and provides a way for people to gather together in friendship following their time spent together in worship and prayer. Coffee, tea, juice, and nutritious breakfast refreshments are served along with lots of laughter and conversation. There is no cost to participate in the Breakfast Club and no registration is required. Non-parishioners are always welcome. **Mark your calendar for September 6, and October 4 following the 8:30 AM Mass!**

TMIY THAT MAN IS YOU—TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU!
 BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

TMIY is a morning program for men organized around a central theme each year and presented through the lens of 7 steps that make it simple for men to follow. Each morning session has three components: a social gathering over breakfast refreshments, a 30 minute DVD presentation, and opportunity for discussion. The program honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers, although single men benefit, as well. For more information or to register contact: Bill Wynne at TMIYSMG@gmail.com or 215-721-0199 (ext. 254).

Wednesdays: Spring and Fall Semesters
 6:00 AM to 7:30 AM OR
 Saturdays: Spring and Fall Semesters
 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM
 Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center: Lower Level

CATHOLICS IN THEIR 20'S & 30'S

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. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted.

April 2018

Tuesday, April 24: Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales; 7:30pm

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Tuesday, May 8: Bible Study @ St. Rose of Lima, North Wales @ 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15: Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville; Doors at 7:00pm, Talk Starts at 7:30pm

Tuesday, May 22: Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales; 7:30pm

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been strengthening marriages for 50 years. Join the millions of couples around the world who have made a weekend. The next weekends in the Philadelphia Area are July 13-15, 2018 and October 19-21, 2018, both at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA. For more information or to register go to www.wmme-philly.org or call 484-393-1645. Help us celebrate 50 years by experiencing a Weekend of Discovery and a Lifetime of Love!

READY, SET READ!!

On October 22nd, our parish will host a Book Club on the personal reflections of Saint John Paul, Pope Benedict, and Pope Francis written by Cardinal Timothy Dolan in his e-book entitled, Soul, Mind, and Heart. Download it for free at <https://www.osv.com/Shop/Ebooks/dolanebook.aspx> or pick up a copy at our parish center once you register for the book club. Spring and Summer are great times to begin your reading in preparation for this Fall Book Club. Register for this Book Club at angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net.

BLESSED ARE THE POOR OF HEART

In joyous celebration of our parish's 65th Anniversary and the Feast Day of our beloved parish patroness, Saint Maria Goretti, mark your calendar and save the date for a special breakfast following the 8:30 AM morning Mass on Friday, July 6th. During breakfast we will view a brief DVD presentation that examines how Saint Maria Goretti exemplified the Beatitude, "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God." Hopefully, we will be motivated and inspired by her life and spirituality to live the Beatitudes in our everyday life, as well.

Parish Ministry Update!

Hospitality Ministry
Greeters needed for the Saturday Vigil Mass
 Joe Pekala— joe.pekala@insurancejpa.com

CLUB + 50
Longwood Gardens Day Trip
May 22, 2018

For more information on the trip or to register for the trip to Longwood Gardens, please call Maria Richardson at 215-721-0199.

GAMES DAY
The first Wednesday of the month
1PM – 4PM Parish Library

JOSEPH'S PEOPLE CHAPTER MEETING

ARE YOU UNEMPLOYED OR LOOKING FOR FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT?

Do you want a place to network and meet others who are sharing a similar experience as you?

At Joseph's People we offer both spiritual and emotional support to those who are unemployed or underemployed. We also provide tools and resources in order to pursue a successful job search. Stop in and see what we are about. We are a very friendly and welcoming group.

Join us at our upcoming meeting on **May 17th at 7:30 pm** in the Parish Center Library. No prior registration is needed! All are welcomed! For more information contact Nancy Boak at nancyboak@aol.com

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected "Along the Way" was:
\$4,481.51

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 2018*, 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!*

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, MAY 13th

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, K. Hay, D. Blanche, C. LeBrocq
7:30am – Sacristan, D. Trotter, D. Grant, P. Nguyen
9:30am – Sacristan, K. Staudt, S. & K. Clapper
11:30am – Sacristan, L. Arkens, B. Santulli, M. Niche

E.M. Home Visits

A1–J. Forbes , A2–C. Friel, A3–D. Johnson, A4–M. Collis,
A5–E. Duch , B1–J. McNally, B2–T. McGann , B3–M. D'Elia,
B4–J. Gressang, B5–B. Hudak

Lectors

5:00pm – K. Luther, A. LeBrocq
7:30am – B. Healy, S. Archambault
9:30am – J. & L. Fleming
11:30am – V. Rivera, B. Hardnock

Cantors

5:00pm – Michael
7:30am – Joe
9:30am – Donna
11:30am – Tara

Altar Servers

5:00pm – T. & N. Burr, A. Craig
7:30am – S. & T. Butler, K. Grant
9:30am – A. Berdel, T. Beveridge, G. Boyd
11:30am – J. Deeny, B. Hughes, R. Rivera



Youth Ministry Update

May 20, 2018 at 11:30am Mass of Blessing for all Graduates of all ages!



LAST CHANCE:
Reserve Your Spot NOW:
Steubenville High School Conference
June 22-24, 2018



Catholic Heart Workcamp
July 21 – 28, 2018

CONTACT
Maria Richardson, Director of
Family Faith Formation, Religious Education
and Parish Services
maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net
215-721-6559

Details and to register at <http://stmariagoretti.net/maria-2/>

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 the fall. 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 this week. For more information please call April LeBrocq at 215-721-4967 or Cheryl Ryan at 215-721-0199. Thank you!

MOTHER'S DAY PRO-LIFE



Mother's Day Pro-Life Activities - At Masses for next Sunday, Mother's Day May 13, 2018, representatives of our parish's Respect Life Committee will be collecting donations for carnations, stick-on roses and other items to benefit the life-saving work of the Pro-Life Educational Foundation. They will also have pro-life and chastity education materials available. Please be generous as you can in support of these activities. Thank you for your support.

PLAY & PRAY MOMS & TOTS GROUP!



Join us! Moms/Grandmothers and their little ones infant through age 5 are most welcome to join our weekly playgroup! We gather for simple crafts/coloring, Bible stories and songs, as well as a chance for free play and socialization. What a great way to find support in other moms as well! We

hope you will join us on Thursdays from 9:30am-11am in the Parish Library for fellowship and fun. There is no need to register, but for more info please contact Kendra at itpmentor209@yahoo.com

**Support your Parish...
Purchase SCRIP**

SUNDAY OFFERING



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Stewardship Offering April 29, 2018
 Total # of contributors (env, checks & EFT) 690
 Total to SMG: \$22,779.67

WHAT'S NEW WITH SCRIP??

Just in time for Mother's day scrip now has Maggiano's Little Italy \$25.00 gift cards available. Also, we are now carrying Chipotle \$10.00 gift cards along with Target \$25.00 gift cards. Please support your parish by purchasing scrip today.



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP CORNER

(brought to you by your Parish Finance Council)

TOPIC: EDUCATION & INFORMATION

Our parish operates on a fiscal year beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30 — the same fiscal as the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and all of its components. This is important as we develop our budgets because many of our operating costs are share with the Archdiocese — employee health insurance, retirement programs, and property and casualty insurance. Our Business Manager and our Finance Council prepare an operating budget for each fiscal year. this budget serves as the financial plan for our Parish to carry out all of the things we do. For our fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 our operating budget ts \$1.6 million. Our largest source of funding for our budget is from your generosity in contributing to our weekly collections, which provide over \$1.4 million; the remainder of our resources come from fundraising events, rentals of our Education Center and Drexel Hall, and fees for our religious education and adult faith formation programs. We thank you for your generosity and continued support of our Parish.

SAVE THE DATE

**SMG 12th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
 FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2018**



SMG will host its 12th. annual golf outing on Friday July 20, 2018 at Macoby Run Golf Course in Green Lane, Pa. The outing is open to ALL parishioners and friends. Specific details and registration forms will be available in May.

SAVE THE DATE

**Wine & Cheese Info Night
 June 5th at 7pm
 November 5 through 15, 2018**



To celebrate the 65th Anniversary of our parish, please join Fr. Chung and fellow parishioners on a trip to Italy including the Saint Maria Goretti Shrine, Assisi, Florence and so much more! Join us for wine and cheese to learn more about this wonderful trip. For questions, please call Pat Conroy at 215-260-5480.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Life is a GIFT...Give more of it. Wednesday, May 16, 2018 from 2 to 7pm in Drexel Hall. Please match our last drive or supersede it by DONATING. To schedule an appointment please call Eleonore Duch at 215-855-9017. Watch for us in the narthex after Mass for signups.

SMG CYO AWARDS BANQUET

When: Sunday, June 3, 2018 - Where: Franconia Restaurant - Time: 5:00 PM

Please join us for the annual SMG CYO Awards Banquet! We will have a buffet dinner followed by our annual awards presentation.

We hope to see everyone there! The cost of dinner will be \$10 per person for ages 15 and up and \$5 per person for ages 3-14. Please return the slip below with your payment to the parish center or place in the Sunday collection basket (mark envelope "CYO Banquet"). **All slips and money are due by Friday, May 25th (tickets cannot be sold at the door).** Admission will be tracked by family name. Tickets will not be issued.

If you still have a uniform please return it at the banquet.

Thank You,
 The St. Maria Goretti CYO Board



**SMG CYO Awards Banquet
 June 3, 2018**



Family Name: _____

Number attending (3 to 14 yrs.) = _____ \$5/person

Number attending (15 yrs. and up) = _____ \$10/person

TOTAL # IN PARTY ATTENDING BANQUET = _____ (Please make checks payable to SMG)