



Saint Maria Goretti Parish

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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: 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
Closed Saturday & Sunday: through the summer during the pandemic.



PARISH STAFF

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

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. Baptisms are limited to **ONE CHILD** 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 3:30 - 4:30 pm or any time upon request. Call the Parish Center.



**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS
TONIGHT- Sunday, November 1, 2020
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in church**

With Rev. Stephen DeLacy and Bethany Music Ministry joined by the Montalbano Family and meet Artist Kristyn Brown from the World Meeting of Families- 2015 Youth Congress. Don't miss it!



ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE ~ Wednesday, November 4th

On Wednesday, November 4th the SMG community will offer a "Mass of Remembrance" at 7pm. At that time, a particular acknowledgement will be made of those who have died during **this past year**. This would include those whose funerals were celebrated here during the past year, as well as other family members and friends of parishioners who died recently. If you wish to have your deceased loved one included in this commemoration, you must contact Cheryl at 215-721-0199 **no later than November 2nd**. This will ensure that your loved one will be included by name in this annual Mass of Remembrance. Each of these beloved dead will be memorialized with a candle lit by family members during the Mass. Also, each deceased person's name will be mentioned and prayed for. We will be remembering all of our loved ones that have gone before us, but we are only able to announce those who past in the last year. There will be a chance after those who are announced for everyone to light a candle for their loved one. We will be practicing social distancing and masks must be worn. Due to the pandemic we will not serve refreshments this year.

ELECTION DAY ADORATION



On Tuesday, November 3rd, Election Day, there will be an additional opportunity to adore Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Churches across the country have been asked to conduct Adoration on this very important day for our nation. Please consider attending and encouraging other to do so as well. Let us come together to console the heart of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior.

Look for sign-up sheets in the church narthex. Monday Adoration will take place as usual.

**THANK YOU & BEST WISHES
DEACON PETER**

Archbishop Perez has assigned Deacon Peter Niche to a new parish, St. Martin of Tours in New Hope effective on October 30th. Please join me in wishing him well at his new assignment. Deacon Peter has been assisting at SMG for over 8 years, bringing Communion to the sick, baptizing, preaching, assisting at Mass, as a member of the Pastoral Council, Boy Scouts, Men's Group and so much more. Saint Martin of Tours is blessed to have him join their parish. We are grateful for his many years of service to St. Maria Goretti Parish community!



**FREE STATIONS OF THE CROSS
BOOKLETS**

Did you know that the Stations of the Cross Devotions aren't meant just for Lent. They are a powerful form of prayer throughout all the liturgical seasons. The Stations of the Cross provide a great opportunity to spend time in prayer during Monday Eucharistic Adoration in our chapel, as well! Free Stations of the Cross booklets are available in the narthex of our church in the metal baskets next to the Adult Faith Ministry Table. Choices include: *Stations of the Cross according to Saint Paul*; *Praying the Stations with Saint John XXIII*; *The Stations of the Cross with Pope John Paul II*; *Stations of the Cross for Peace*; *Stations of the Cross in the Words of Pope Francis*; and, *Praying the Stations of Mercy with Pope Francis*.

Have you ever dreamed of going to the Holy Land?



**HOLY LAND TRIP
WITH FR. CHUNG IS
RESCHEDULED
NOVEMBER
6-14, 2021**

Due to the worldwide pandemic the parish trip to the Holy Land with Fr. Chung and Fr. Brody has been postponed until November of 2021. If you have reserved a spot already you have until May of 2021 to change your mind. If you haven't signed up yet please look in upcoming bulletins for more details. Consider traveling with us in 2021, it will be something to look forward to as we get through the uncertainty of 2020!!



It's not too late...if you still have a baby bottle please return it to the narthex ASAP. Thank you for your generosity to our Pro-Life Ministry!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., Nov. 1** 7:30 A.M. Frank & Kathleen Goetter
Req. by Rudy & Shirley Goetter
9:30 A.M. Joan Sweeney
Req. by Carole Coughlin
11:30 A.M. Annette Scheffler
Req. by Dotty & Dick Eckard
- MON., Nov. 2** 8:30 A.M. Gloria Nolan
Req. by Rudy & Shirley Goetter
- TUES., Nov. 3** 8:30 A.M. Elizabeth Ecker
Req. by Dolores Flynn
- WED., Nov. 4** 8:30 A.M. Jenna Burleigh
Req. by The Burleigh Family
- THURS., Nov. 5** 8:30 A.M. Joan Sweeney
Req. by Rosemary & Roger Downey
- FRI., Nov. 6** 8:30 A.M. John Grabowski
Req. by The Family
- SAT., Nov. 7** 8:30 A.M. Dolores Sacco
Req. by Salvatore Sacco
5:00 P.M. Carol Overholt & Family
Req. by Her Sisters
- SUN., Nov. 8** 7:30 A.M. George Paydock
Req. by The Antenuci Family
9:30 A.M. Joan Sweeney
Req. by The Cariola Family
11:30 A.M. William J. Ziegmont
Req. by The Family

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Arthur T. Bimson, Jr.**
Requested by the family.



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 4pm. **The next Holy Hour will be held on Thursday, November 5th.**



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.**



PLEASE KEEP IN MIND the following people who at this time need your prayers and support: Josephine Albert, Warren Allison, Ruth Adams, Jennifer & Kimberly Agnew, Mark Altroggi, Matthew Arrow, Christina Augustine, Paul Baril, Ray Baril, Joey Berical, Jerilyn Bowler, Patricia Britton, Linda Burbank, Mary Callaghan, Ron Cariola, Aldo Carnara, Danny Catts, Joanna Cavacini, Aura Chaustre, James Chrissy, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Helen Curren, Susan & Anthony Dalesio, Joanne Daum, Loretta Deller, Leo Dennis, Karen Diana, Peter Fallon, Christine Fandozzi, Marybeth Hentschel Fiorelli, Carol Galinski, Joe Gallant, Carol Gianfrancesco, Erin Gilbert, Lianessa Gonzalez, Abby Graham, Andrew Green, Dionne Greim, Sharon, Fernando, Ian Griffin, Frank Holloway, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Ron Hoffman, Jeanette Hoy, Kevin Iavecchia, Richard Jedlicka, Charles Kline, Sue Kunze, Peg Krempf, Jama Lecore, Curt Lecrone, Angelique, Gina & Keenan Lee, Dorothy Lougee, Dina Lukasko, Patti Maguire, Joe Martin, Sean McKelvey, William & Kristen Morrow, John McLaughlin, Bridget Michener, Diane Moll, Frank Monroe, Munson Family, Debbie Murray, John Mye, Terry Shields Neumann, Joan Nickerson, Regina Nimmo, Ernest & Mele Lee-Nippins, Bill O'Brien, Matt Page, Anthony & Michael Paone, Kathy Paone, Catherine Pagano, Al Palatucci, Robert Pauloski, Flocefida & Salvador Penganon, Connie Perrong, Michael Prahler, Marian Quinn, Marlin Raber, Dolores Radicioni, Michael Rafter, Joan Ramsher, Scott Randall, Frank Reiner Jim Richardson, Vanessa Rivera, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Barbara Scally, Helen Shekalis, Melissa Shelly, Mary Smith, Anthony Smith, Rukiatu Smith, Valerie Somma, Lawrence Stempel, Judy Stangl, Joseph & Michael Thomas, John & Kathleen Thinnis, Peg Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzel, John Willstaudt, Salem Yabut, Jack Zampirri, Joe Zdun & Joan Ziegler.

BE ONE WITH JESUS
eucharistic adoration

ARE YOU MISSING OUT...

on the many graces waiting for you in our chapel? Jesus is waiting. All you need to do is just come and sit with Him. There are no special prayers or readings just your time and a commitment. By becoming a Guardian, you tell Jesus that spending time with Him is a priority in your life. You are willing to even arrange your schedule for Him! Imagine how happy this makes our Lord and Savior. The following times are in need of a second Guardian partner:

12 noon to 12:30pm or 1:30pm to 2pm

Come and receive the peace that only He can give. Please contact Nancy Boak by phone 215-393-3763 or email nancyboak@aol.com to sign-up or inquire.

OUR NARTHEX CHRISTMAS TREE & YOUR RECOGNITION OF 2020

This year we are covering our Narthex Christmas tree with Chrystal-like snowflakes that honor those people in your life that have dedicated themselves to help others to stem the COVID virus or to help in any way in service to others. We have a limited number of ornaments and we request you sign up in the Narthex for one with your honoree name so that we may have it printed on a tag for the snowflake. The cost is \$5 to defray the cost of the ornaments. Contact Lynne at lrhipp@gmail.com for any questions. You may also drop off at the Parish Center your request or by mail. Please respond by the end of November. **Let's make the tree sparkle with love.**

FREE RESOURCE FOR PARENTS

A free magazine is available on the Adult Faith Table in our church narthex that contains practical pointers for parents on how to teach children about finances. Pick up your copy of "Catholic Parent Know How: Dollars and Sense" while supplies last!

ADVENT CALENDAR & CANDLE SALE



This fundraiser benefits the Adult Faith Formation Ministry. Checks or cash accepted and exact change appreciated. Donations welcome!

- Advent Calendars: \$3.00**
- Advent Candles (Set of Four): \$7.00**
- Advent Candle Ring: \$8.00**

Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22, 2020
Following All Masses in the narthex.

ADULT FAITH GIFT CERTIFICATES NOW AVAILABLE

Gift Certificates are now available for purchase through the Adult Faith Formation Office of our parish. You can purchase a gift certificate for a family member, friend, or neighbor in any amount or a specified amount designated for a particular upcoming Adult Faith event, program, pilgrimage, or retreat. Contact Angela.McClellan@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-0199 (Ext. 202). Convey your name, the person for whom you are purchasing the gift certificate, and the amount.

You will be contacted when your gift certificate is available for pick up at the front reception desk of the Parish Center. Payment can be made at that time. Make checks payable to Saint Maria Goretti Parish.

Gift Certificates may also be purchased and donated back to the parish for individuals who would like to attend an Adult Faith event, program, pilgrimage, or retreat but may not have the financial resources to do so.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING OUR PARISH LIBRARY

Due to space limitations, our Parish Library is no longer accepting donated/used books. Care and Share Thrift Stores, located on Rt. 113 in Souderton, does accept them. Drop off times at Care and Share: Monday through Saturday from 12:00 PM until 4PM. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

SAINT JOHN'S HOSPICE

We have been feeding the homeless at St John's Hospice for the last couple of years, but due to the Pandemic we are unable to go down and help out. With winter approaching, we would like to provide Mens/Womens; Socks, Gloves, Knit Hats, and Coats if possible. If you are able to help out, please bring them to the Narthex of the Church and drop them in the boxes provided. We will be collecting these items thru November 1st and plan to drop the boxes off that week. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Dennis Sokolek 215 368 - 9050 for more information. Thank You, and May God Bless.



SAINT MARIA GORETTI PARISH HAS NEW HYMNALS ON THE HORIZON!

This is an exciting time at SMG! After weeks of careful research, our Liturgy Committee has selected a new hymnal for our parish. Offering new songs as well as old favorites, the Oregon Catholic Press Glory & Praise hymnal will be a very good fit for our parish. It takes significant financial commitment to provide these resources. You can help to defray the cost of the new hymnals by sponsoring one or more with a donation of \$25 per hymnal. Each sponsored hymnal will contain a label that reads, "Given as a gift by _____ in the name of _____." or "In memory of _____ given by _____." Please consider taking this opportunity to honor loved ones or to commemorate a special event such as an anniversary, birthday...! Stop at the table in the narthex to pick up a reservation form. Please feel free to drop your donation along with who you would like to commemorate in the collection basket, at the parish center or by mail. Our current paperback hymnals are replaced annually. New hardbound hymnals will last for many years to come and ultimately save the parish money! Thank you for your consideration and support of this project for our parish!

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th

Lectors

5:00pm – f. Filler, B. Malley
 7:30am – T. Hipp, R. Jones
 9:30am – M. Faymore, M. Mays
 11:30am – J. MacFarland, C. Friel

Cantors

5:00pm – Lynne
 7:30am – Michael
 9:30am – Michele
 11:30am – Katie

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, November 3rd

Mini Bell Choir—6:30 to 7:30pm

Guitar Ensemble & Mini Choir 1 and 2—7:30 to 8:45pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Saturday, November 7th

5pm – Mini Guitar Ensemble-Mini Choir 2

Sunday, November 8th

9:30am—Mini Guitar Ensemble-Mini Choir 1

Are you going food shopping?
 Fill a few bags for the food pantry!



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

Next weekend, **November 7-8th**, the Society of St. Vincent De Paul at St. Maria Goretti Parish will collect groceries for local charities. Please take a bag from the Church vestibule and return it next weekend with groceries for one of the charities indicated below.

Martha's Choice Marketplace (sponsored by Catholic Social Services) is the largest, most visited food pantry in Montgomery County. It needs adult nutritional drinks like Ensure, cooking oil, healthy breakfast items for kids; canned chicken, lunchbox fillers, personal care items; household cleaners, laundry detergent, paper products; and general groceries.

Mitzvah Circle's Diaper Bank distributes diapers and other essential supplies for babies living in poverty. It needs baby wipes, baby wash, baby bottles; diapers, towels, wash cloths; new or gently used toddler winter clothing, boys' clothing, children's shoes; blankets, baby board or soft books, children's books; toiletries, and new toys.

We cannot distribute opened boxes, expired items, or religious books and pamphlets. Cans and plastic jars are preferable to glass jars.

May God bless you for your generosity!

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$173.52**

BENEFITS "THE LAMB FOUNDATION"

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 **September** and **October** 2020, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to **"The Lamb Foundation"** located in North Wales, PA. The Lamb Foundation is a private nonprofit organization based in Montgomery County, PA. They provide affordable housing and support services to senior citizens and adult individuals with mental, physical, and developmental disabilities who would otherwise be homeless. In addition to fully furnished and decorated housing, they provide social and recreational activities, personal support services, and access and encouragement for worship. The Foundation also serves the community with nutritious food for those who qualify through their food pantry. Please consider helping those that are less fortunate ~ a little goes a long way! **If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!**

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



Mariam Ali fled her hometown of Bulabulin in Bama local government of Borno state in 2015 with her children and grandchildren. Just days before she left, her husband and three sons were killed by Boko Haram, which also took two of her grandchildren. When Mariam and her family arrived at the internally displaced persons camp in Maiduguri, she lived in a small makeshift shelter with 20 other people. It was at this camp that Catholic Relief Services reached Mariam and her family with lifesaving supplies and eventually built a prefabricated home of their own.

Camps in northeast Nigeria are overcrowded, poorly planned, lack hygiene infrastructure and can become havens for disease and infection. Mariam Ali, 69, experienced the impact of this when she fell ill with cholera for nearly two weeks almost a year after arriving at the camp. She says she was so sick she didn't think she would survive. Please visit www.crs.org to find out more about how you can help!



SAINT MARIA GORETTI ELDERCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Providing Guidance, Supporting Choice

A Geriatric Care Manager can be helpful in the following situations:

- Concerns about elderly parent, spouse, or neighbor's safety
- Transitions from a hospital stay or to a nursing home setting
- Learn what options are available for you or your loved one
- Discovering services available in your community

For more information on this FREE service, call Amy Juarez at the Parish Center at 215-721-0199 x225 or email at ajuarez@chs-adphila.org

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS THROUGH THE PANDEMIC

Thank you to the parishioners of SMG that are able to continue to support the parish through this 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.

2020 Weekly Total		2019 Weekly Totals		Difference
July 5th:	\$18,515.42	July 8th:	\$23,302.92	(\$4,787.50)
July 12th:	\$27,409.00	July 15th:	\$19,157.01	\$ 8,251.99
July 19th:	\$16,469.00	July 22nd:	\$17,458.16	(\$ 989.16)
July 26th:	\$21,674.00	July 29th:	\$20,892.59	\$ 781.41
August 2nd:	\$18,835.68	August 5th:	\$19,157.01	(\$ 321.33)
August 9th:	\$20,273.04	August 12:	\$20,533.00	(\$ 259.96)
August 16th:	\$22,506.00	August 19th:	\$15,608.75	\$ 6,897.25
August 23rd:	\$21,492.00	August 26th:	\$22,035.82	(\$ 543.82)
August 30th:	\$22,550.31	Sept. 3rd:	\$25,913.17	(\$ 3,362.86)
Sept. 6th:	\$20,592.72	Sept. 10th:	\$18,990.50	\$1,602.22
Sept. 13th:	\$18,148.00	Sept. 16th:	\$21,382.42	(\$3,234.42)
Sept. 20th:	\$17,741.00	Sept. 23rd:	\$21,300.91	(\$3,559.91)
Sept. 27th:	\$19,574.00	Sept. 30th:	\$22,049.03	(\$2,474.28)
Oct. 4th:	\$22,870.91	Oct. 7th:	\$24,828.22	(\$ 1,957.31)
Oct. 11th:	\$26,660.74	Oct. 14th:	\$27,471.43	(\$ 810.69)
Oct. 18th:	\$16,216.34	Oct. 21st:	\$19,638.07	(\$ 3,421.73)
Oct. 25th:	\$20,454.27	Oct. 28th:	\$23,353.92	(\$ 2,899.65)
		TOTAL:		(\$79,792.74)

May God Bless you for your generosity to our parish!

Happy Halloween



MATER DEI
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2018 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Registration 2021-22

Mater Dei Catholic School is beginning to plan for the 2021- 22 school year at both their Lansdale and Hatfield campuses. New registrations will be accepted after the re-registration of our current students. Many of our classrooms will be filled by December of 2020 for the 21-22 school year. So if you have a child who will be eligible for Preschool through Grade 8 in September of 2021 and would like more information about registration or our programs, please



contact Grace Samanns in the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com

Virtual Christmas Extravaganza!

Though the Mater Dei Christmas Extravaganza will not take place in person this year, there is good news: Our raffle table will be available virtually! Mark your calendars for November 13th and 22nd. Stay tuned for more details later this fall!

A reasonably priced childcare program and a nurturing, safe environment for your child while you work...IMMEDIATE OPENINGS.

The Mater Dei Childcare Center, located at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Hatfield, watches over the youngest members of our community. Your child, ages 6 weeks to 36 months, is welcome to participate in an amazing program where he or she will learn and develop socially, emotionally, academically, and spiritually in a nurturing environment. Mater Dei Child Care Center is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM to accommodate the working parent. If you would like information about future availability for this wonderful program, please contact Katherine Stansbury, Center Director, at childcare@materdeicatholic.com or 215-799-2211.

Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.