



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
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.

ANointing 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.



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...! 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!

BLESSING OF ANIMALS



Monday, October 12th

Bring your pet to the parking lot by the St. Francis statue for a special blessing at 10am on Monday, October 12th. All pets are welcome.

SMG IS OFFERING FLU SHOTS THIS WEEK



As a courtesy, parishioner and pharmacist Nicholas DiLissio will be offering flu shots conveniently located and handicap accessible in Church on **Tuesday, October 13th** in the ushers room from 9am to 12noon. Plan ahead and be prepared especially this year for the winter months and flu season by getting your shots early. Please bring your insurance information along with you. Masks are required. For more info please call Nick DiLissio at 215-527-2802 or the Parish Center at 215-721-0199.



**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
HOLY FAMILY HOME**

WELCOME LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR October 10/11

In 1869 Archbishop Wood of Philadelphia invited the Little Sisters of the poor from France to come and assist in caring for the vast numbers of elderly poor in the city. The Charism of their Foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, serving the poorest in simplicity, humility and trust in Divine Providence (begging), imbued them with the gift of fortitude for 150 years in Philadelphia through faithfully observing their vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and hospitality while personally assisting the dying with the firm belief, "It is Jesus Himself whom you are serving in the Poor." JJ **This weekend** the Little Sister will be appealing for your financial assistance to support their work. **Your support is greatly appreciated and is God's tangible providential assistance to the poor.**

CELEBRATING THE 130th ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT MARIA GORETTI'S BIRTH



This October 16th, the Church celebrates the birthday of our beloved parish patroness Saint Maria Goretti. Frequently upheld as a model of youthful purity, many members of the Church are surprised to discover that this young virgin and martyr is also greatly venerated for her forgiveness.

"Saint Maria Goretti is a fitting example of purity for all. But there is something much deeper within Maria from which her glory flows, a glory out of which her purity is a fruit: her identification with the Mercy of Christ. To miss sight of this is to miss out on the particular charism with which God blessed her. Thus while Saint Maria Goretti is universally known as the Patroness of Purity, her greatest virtue was her unyielding forgiveness of her attacker even in the midst of horrendous physical suffering, a forgiveness that would completely convert him and set him on a path to personal holiness."

From the forward of Saint Maria Goretti: In Garments All Red by Father Godfrey Poage, C.P.



MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN., Oct. 11	7:30 A.M. Joseph Gallen Req. by Anne Scheffler & Family 9:30 A.M. Frank McCorry Req. by Kevin & Mary McCorry 11:30 A.M. Dec'd members of the Fantuzzo Family
MON., Oct. 12	8:30 A.M. Andrew Cmorey Req. by William & Kathy Cmorey
TUES., Oct. 13	8:30 A.M. John Borusiewicz Req. by The Family
WED., Oct. 14	8:30 A.M. Robert Rau Req. by Alice Rau
THURS., Oct. 15	8:30 A.M. Salvatore & Anna Cappuccio Req. by Bob & Joanne Cappuccio
FRI., Oct. 16	8:30 A.M. Joseph Flynn Req. by Dolores Flynn
SAT., Oct. 17	8:30 A.M. Jimmy Cantry Req. by Eileen & Jerry Grover 5:00 P.M. Joe Seliga Req. by Bob & Carol Weaver
SUN., Oct. 18	7:30 A.M. Joseph Gallen Req. by The Kozeniewski Family 9:30 A.M. Anna & John Finkleston Req. by Robert Finkleston 11:30 A.M. Teddolo Flores Req. by Leticia Flores



SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Glenn Pinkston** requested by Pat & Jim Petro.

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.

one word
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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: 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, 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, 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 Micshener, 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, Flocerfida & 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 Thinnies, Peg Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzel, John Willstaudt, Salem Yabut, Jack Zampirri, Joe Zdun & Joan Ziegler.

SANCTUARY LIGHT OR BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL LIGHTS AVAILABLE



A seven day vigil light honoring Mary or the sanctuary light by the tabernacle are available in memory of a loved one or for your intentions. These vigil lights are available by stopping by the parish center Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm.

The cost for a 7 day vigil light for the Blessed Mother or the Sanctuary Light is \$15.



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS TO THE SMG PARISH FAMILY

Mr. Joseph Bangor
 Mr. Carl Bubeck
 Mr. William Fritz
 Mr. Gustavo Rodriguez
 Ms. Courtney Guglielmi
 Mr. and Mrs. Allen Turner and Family
 Ms. Margaret Mannino
 Mr. and Mrs. Hai Nguyen and Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Greg Homont and Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sarnese and Family
 Miss Kristen Vargo
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Van Heyst and Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rogan and Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Viers
 Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wiedor and Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Rafael Mercedes and Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Brandon McCracken and Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bennicelli

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th

Lectors

5:00pm – B. Malley, M. Faymore
 7:30am – M. D'Elia, C. Friel
 9:30am – M. McCormick, M.J. Vondercrone
 11:30am – J. MacFarland, D. Grant

Cantors

5:00pm – Kathy
 9:30am – Donna
 7:30am – Donna
 11:30am – Katie

MUSIC MINISTRY FOR OCTOBER 17/18

Music Ministry on October 18th

9:30am—Mini Bell Choir & Mini Choir 1

Rehearsals for Tuesday, October 13th:

6:45pm— Mini Bell Choir
 7:30pm— Mini Choir 1

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Our Respect Life Committee will be handing out baby bottles on the weekend of October 3rd and 4th. Please take the bottles and consider a donation to support our Pro-Life activities. **Please return all bottles by October 25th.**

Thank you for your prayers and financial support to put an end to this sinful act of abortion.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE is a pro-life campaign whose goal is to end the sin of abortion. Prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil are the main components of this world wide program to end abortion. All people are asked to pray for the success of Pro-Life goals. This can be done any time we call on Our Lord's Name and ask for His Blessings to end this inhuman sin.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE starts on Wednesday, September 23rd until November 1st. The virus has left some Pro-Life members of our community hesitant to participate in person in front of Warminster Planned Parenthood. This year our Respect Life Committee will sponsor **"Stations of the Cross for Life and Country" to be held at our Outdoor Stations starting Thursday, September 24 and every Thursday through October following the 8:30am Mass.** This is an election year, our prayers are always for Life and this year we need God to guide our country to vote for the candidate who will support life. We ask masks to be worn and as always practice social distancing.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



The Annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass has been scheduled **for Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 5:15 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul** at 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia. Archbishop Nelson Pérez will be the principal celebrant and homilist. This Mass will be celebrating, in particular, those couples marking their 1 year, 5 year, 10 year, 25 year and 50 year wedding anniversary milestones. Friends and Family are welcome and encouraged to attend. To RSVP go to www.phillycatholiclife.org or call the Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500.

RETIREMENT BENEFITS WEBINAR

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Retirement Benefits Webinar on **Oct 15, 2020 @ 6:30 PM**. The webinar **"Don't Worry, Retire Happy! Seven Steps to Retirement Security"** is a Zoom meeting and is free to all, but you must register in advance. The link to sign up can be reached through the front page of our website at www.koc4396.org. This is also a great place to start to find out more information on seminar and all the activities of our local Pius IX Council 4396 Knights of Columbus Chapter.

PATIENCE



LOVE



CHARITY

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL NEWS



The TRUCK is coming!!

The Green Drop Truck will be coming to St. Maria Goretti Parish on **Saturday, Oct 24, 9 am to 2 pm**. Proceeds from the sale of your donated items are used to support

the work of the Conferences of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. If you want to clear out all the gently used, salable clothing and household items you discovered while staying at home but don't want to wait for Truck Day, go to the Green Drop Website (<https://www.gogreendrop.com>) to find out about Drop Off Sites & Home Pickups. Just be sure you mention the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul so we get the credit.



ARE YOU READY TO VOTE IN NOVEMBER?

Voter registration applications and mail-in ballot applications will be available after Masses on Saturday & Sunday September 12/13. Application will be on a self serve table in the narthex for your convenience, sponsored by the **SMG Pro-Life Committee**.

Deadline for voter registration for the November 3rd election is October 19, 2020. Deadline for mail-in ballot applications must be received by the county election office by 5pm on October 27, 2020.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE



The Society of St. Vincent De Paul at St. Maria Goretti Parish will collect groceries for local charities next week. Please take a bag from the Church vestibule and return it next weekend with groceries for one of the charities indicated below.

Hatfield Community Churches need lunchbox fillers for children ages two through five: granola bars, fruit packs, raisin boxes; juice boxes, pudding packs, squeeze applesauce; cracker sandwich packs, snack-size Goldfish crackers, and Teddy Grahams. They also need canned mandarin oranges, pineapple, tuna; canned peas, corn, mixed vegetables; canned beets, diced tomatoes, whole tomatoes; cereal, spaghetti sauce, pasta; laundry detergent, dish detergent, hand soap; bar soap, shampoo, and deodorant; paper towels, toilet paper, and diapers; and feminine hygiene products.

The Lamb Foundation needs canned or instant soup, canned fruit, and canned vegetables (no beans or baked beans); shampoo, Dial soap, and laundry detergent; white socks, Depends (men's or women's), and feminine pads.

The Keystone Opportunity Center needs pancake mix, oatmeal, jelly; canned fruit, pasta, and pasta sauce; canned potatoes, salmon, and chicken; canned spaghetti-o's, Beefaroni, and ravioli; canned corn and green beans; laundry detergent, dish detergent, and body wash; shampoos and conditioners, toothpaste, and deodorant.

May God bless you for your generosity!

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$224.70**

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!**

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

Have you ever dreamed of going to the Holy Land?



Due to the worldwide pandemic the parish trip to the Holy Land with Fr. Chung and Fr. Brody has been rescheduled until November 6-14, 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!!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



We have the ability, and we have the will. Since 1980, the United States has welcomed roughly 3 million refugees who were fleeing violence, war, famine and persecution. Welcoming refugees to the US is a core part of who we are because we are welcoming. Learn more about refugee resettlement by visiting www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

"Every human being has the right to freedom of movement and of residence within the confines of his own State. When there are just reasons in favor of it, he must be permitted to emigrate to other countries and take up residence there. The fact that he is a citizen of a particular State does not deprive him of membership in the human family, nor of citizenship in that universal society, the common, world-wide fellowship of men." ~ St. Pope John XXIII

JOB OPENING

Pope John Paul II High School in Royersford is looking for an experienced facilities/maintenance person to join our team. Please send a cover letter and resume to Ron Williams at rwilliams@pjphs.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
June 7th: \$27,902.62	June 7th: \$24,990.84	\$2,911.78
June 14th: \$25,258.75	June 14th: \$18,767.72	\$6,490.28
June 21st: \$18,677.44	June 21st: \$16,393.92	\$2,283.52
June 28th: \$25,159.00	June 28th: \$19,820.00	\$5,339.00
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)
	TOTAL:	(\$72,571.67)

May God Bless you for your generosity to our parish!



VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Virtual Open House at Mater Dei Catholic School

Mater Dei Catholic School will host a virtual Open House for the 2021-22 school year on Monday, October 19, at 7 PM. 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. Registration for the virtual Open House is necessary so that a Zoom invitation can be sent to you in advance. Please call to RSVP. All are welcome!

