

Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

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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 Face-

book 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

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

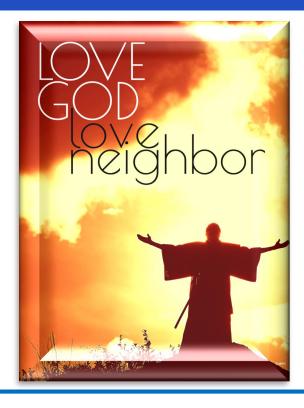
Business Manager: Douglas Smith Asst. Business Mgr.: Geri Salanik

DEVOTIONS:

Adoration: Mondays after the 8:30 am Mass -Concludes at 5pm with Benediction Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass.

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Saint Maria Goretti: Monday during the 8:30 am Mass.



SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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. 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. the annulment process.

ANOINTING OF THE SICKArrangements can be made by calling the Parish Office.

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



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 October 29th**. 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 mem-

bers 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 passed 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.



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.



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!



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:

12:30pm to 1pm 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.



GIVE A GIFT OF HOPE

Due to the Pandemic and the rough times we live in now a days we urge you to help our Catholic brothers and sisters in Bethlehem area, our economy crashed hard and people there have zero support from any government, so we rely on your kind gesture of supporting us, we will display the carvings after the scheduled Masses On (The

24th & 25th October, 2020) in the Narthex with their beautiful olive wood carvings. The Carvings are perfect gifts remembering the life of our Lord and Savior.



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!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

7:30 A.M. Mr. & Mrs. John Genovese SUN., Oct. 25

Req. by The Family 9:30 A.M. Catherine Heim Reg. by Denise & Ted DeMarino 11:30 A.M. Isabel M. Davis

Reg. by Maude Lee

MON., Oct. 26 8:30 A.M. Joseph Callaghan

Req. by Edna Callaghan

TUES., Oct. 27 8:30 A.M. The Jellen Family

Reg. by Pete & Bette Jellen

WED., Oct. 28 8:30 A.M. Sharon Haluska

Req. by Her Parents

THURS., Oct. 29 8:30 A.M. Gerald J. Schneider, Sr.

Reg. by Marianne & Bob Peters

8:30 A.M. Ross Serratore FRI., Oct. 30

Reg. by Mary Serratore

8:30 A.M. Mary Campagna **SAT., Oct. 31**

Req. by The Gianfrancesco Family 5:00 P.M. John Wehrenberg

Reg. by The Yadzinski Family

7:30 A.M. Frank & Kathleen Goetter SUN., Nov. 1

Reg. by Rudy & Shirley Goetter 9:30 A.M. Joan Sweeney Req. by Carole Coughlin 11:30 A.M. Annette Scheffler

Req. by Dottie & Dick Eckard

SANCTUARY LIGHT



The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of John Grabowski requested by The Ericsson 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.

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: 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 Gianfransesco, 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 lavecchia, Richard Jedlicka, Charles Kline, Sue Kunze, Peg Krempl, 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 Thinnes, 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.

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



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.

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 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
- •Learning what options are available for you or your
- •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



40 DAY'S FOR LIFE is a pro-life campaign whose goal is to end the sin of abortion. Prayer, fasting and peaceful vigilare 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 follow-ing 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.

IMPORTANT ANNOUCEMENT 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 4:00 PM. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY TO BE BEATIFIED

Pope Francis has approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. The approved miracle involved an unborn child in the United States who was healed in utero of a life-threatening condition in 2015 after prayers by his family to Father McGivney. The Pope's action means that Father McGivney can be declared Blessed, the step just prior to Sainthood. An additional miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession will be required for his canonization as a saint. Father McGivney was a Connecticut priest who served his flock during the pandemic of 1890, before himself becoming ill and dying of pneumonia, with the underlying condition of tuberculosis. He is best known as Founder of the Knights of Columbus in 1882. Nearly a century before the Second Vatican Council, his prescient vision empowered the laity to serve Church and neighbor in a new way. Today, the Knights of Columbus is one of the largest Catholic organizations in the world with 2 million members in North and Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and Europe. A date will soon be set for the beatification Mass, which will take place in the Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut. The ceremony will include the reading of an apostolic letter from the Holy Father and the bestowing of the title Blessed on Father McGivney. More information on Father McGivney is available at fathermcgivney.org. Booklets and brochures on the life of Father McGivney are available on the Adult Faith Table in our church narthex.

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@piphs.org.



PAINT THE FENCE!

The mechanical area fence on the Derstine Road side of our Church needs painting. would like several volunteers to do this so, if you have time, would you contact the office, 215 721-0199, and leave your

name and contact information and we will get back to you. Thank you.

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st**

Lectors

5:00pm – A.LeBrocq, B. Bataille 7:30am - B. Hudak, C. McNally 9:30am - N. & R. Boak 11:30am - M.J. Vondercrone, P. Shelly

Cantors

5:00pm - Bruce **7:30am** – Sofia 9:30am - Bruce 11:30am - Lynne

MUSIC MINISTRY FOR NOVEMBER 1st Music Ministry on November 1st



9:30am-Mini Choir 1 11:30am-Mini Choir 2

Rehearsals for Tuesday, October 27th:

6:45pm- Mini Bell Choir 7:30pm- Mini Choir 1 & 2

HOPE IN CHRIST

Spiritual Support for Addictions "I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security." ~ Jeremiah 33:6
Seeking solace and spiritual support in the journey towards

recovery? Many local parishes are offering ways to experience Christ's extended hand of love and mercy in your time of need. Find Catholic resources for addiction for you or a loved one at www.archphila.org/hope



HOLY LAND TRIP WITH FR. CHUNG IS RESCHEDULED FOR 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!!

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: \$183.27

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



CRS has been working with USAID to help our brothers and sisters in Rwanda in a variety of ways. In a rewaition lage, USAID and CRS have dug 61 boreholes in 7 districts that provide wa-

ter close by. That means children, often responsible for collecting water, are not at risk of missing school or having enough time for homework. In addition, with the support of USAID, CRS installed two solar-powered deep wells in the Kayonza and Ngoma Districts in Rwanda, powering the delivery of clean, safe drinking water in those villages. Visit www.crs.org to see how you can help contribute!

"Saint Francis heard the voice of God, he heard the voice of the poor, he heard the voice of the infirm and he heard the voice of nature. He made of them a way of life. My desire is that the seed that Saint Francis planted may grow in the hearts of many." ~ Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti

WAYS TO GIVE & SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

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

Heating Oil Incentive Program - SMG's heating oil vendor, Moyer Indoor/Outdoor, has been offering rebates to the parish for any St. Maria Goretti parishioners that purchase their fuel oil needs through Moyer Indoor/Outdoor. This applies to any new or existing automatic delivery customers.

You our eligible to participate in this program if:

- You are currently on a budget program.
- You are not on a budget program, but have 30 day terms.
- You are a pre-buy customer.

Currently there are 17 parish families enrolled in this rebate program and the Parish is looking to expand this to benefit our parishioners and the SMG ministry. Please consider joining the Moyer Incentive Program by contacting Donna Floyd at 215-799-2000 ext. 2525. If you have any additional questions related to this program, please contact Douglas Smith at 215-721-0199 extension 206.



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 Week	ly Total	2019 Week	ly 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: \$2	20,273.04	August 12:	\$20,533.00		(\$ 259.96)
August 16th: \$2	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: \$2	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)
				TOTAL:	(\$76,804.09)

May God Bless you for your generosity to our parish!





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 class-rooms 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.