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# Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

### **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 Permanent Deacons: Deacon Phuong Nguyen
Deacon Peter Niche

Deacon Stephen Vondercrone Mater Dei Regional Catholic School Principal:

Ms. Diane McCaughan
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 R.C.I. A. Coordinator: Al Pandolfó

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

7:30 am, 9:30 am, & 11:30 am Sunday 2:30 pm Vietnamese Mass

Weekdays & Saturday Mass at 8:30 am

Vigil 7:00pm, 7:00am, 8:30am & Holy Days Noon, Vietnamese Mass at 7pm

**DEVOTIONS:** 

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

Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass. 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 Baptisms.

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.

**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'S FORTY HOUR DEVOTIONS WILL BE DEDICATED TO THE VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE AND FOR MERCY **UPON HIS CHURCH DURING THIS PROFOUND CRISIS.**

The celebration of the annual Forty Hours Devotion is the pinnacle of our parish life here at Saint Maria Goretti Church. Let us come together as a parish family to pray for the healing of the victims and restoration of holiness which we all long for within our Church.

Welcome Father John Stokely as our guest preacher for this year's devotion.

### Sunday, September 23, 2018

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 11:30 AM Mass \*Please Note: During the 2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass, Exposition will take place in the chapel. Evening Service with Benediction 7:00 PM Fellowship and refreshments in the Narthex following the Sunday evening service!

### Monday, September 24, 2018

Morning Mass 8:30 AM Exposition throughout the Day Evening Service with Benediction 7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation Following Service

### Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Morning Mass 8:30 AM Exposition throughout the Day

Evening Service with Outdoor Eucharistic Procession and Benediction 7:00 PM

"When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Can you help us offer hospitality to all those Calling who will be attending our Forty Hours Devo-All Hands! tions on Sunday, September 23rd by providing a special appetizer, nutritious snack, or dessert? Drop it off in the narthex on Saturday, September

22nd or Sunday, September 23rd BEFORE OR AFTER ANY OF THE MASSES.

Finger foods, single-serve snacks, or easy-to-serve desserts would be appreciated. Place items on disposable plates or in disposable containers. Let us know you are bringing something (so we can plan ahead!) by contacting our Director of Adult Faith Formation at angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net. Thank



### ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS



The Celebration of the annual Forty Hours **Devotion** is scheduled for September 23, 24 & 25 at 7 P.M. Four Altar Servers are needed on the evenings of the 23rd & 24th. *Tuesday Sept. 25th we will close 40* Hours with outdoor Eucharistic Procession and Benediction, all servers are strongly encouraged to attend. This is a wonderful

opportunity to show your love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and dedicate this school year to Him.



**SUN., Sept. 16** 7:30 A.M. Rosemary Skelton

Req. by The Gallen family 9:30 A.M. Henry & Jane Baker

Req. by The Family 11:30 A.M. Sylvia Snow Req. by The Gallen Family

MON., Sept. 17 8:30 A.M. Frank Rudden Reg. by Nancy Pauloski

TUES., Sept. 18 8:30 A.M. Dorothy Pauloski Reg. by Stanley Pauloski

WED., Sept. 19 8:30 A.M. Bob Endrick Req. by The Family

**THURS., Sept. 20** 8:30 A.M. Alfred Keane Reg. by Dorothy Keane

FRI Cort 24

FRI., Sept. 21 8:30 A.M. Paul H. & Paul M. Pease Req. by Jacqueline Van Arsdale

SAT., Sept. 22 8:30 A.M. John Evans Req. by Connie Evans 5:00 P.M. Bob Rvan

5:00 P.M. Bob Ryan Req. by The Family

**SUN., Sept. 23** 7:30 A.M. Bernie Blanche

Req. by Jim & JoAnn Prahler 9:30 A.M. Linda Lee Hitner Req. by Mele Lee-Nippins 11:30 A.M. Joe & Ann Seliga Req. by Bob & Carol Weaver

### 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: Warren Allison, Immaculata Antonucci, Ruth Adams, Jennifer & Kimberly Agnew, Paul Baril,

Ray Baril, Joey Berical, Jerilyn Bowler, Linda Burbank, Mary Callaghan, Mary Campagna, Caridad Carlos, Aldo Carnara, Danny Catts, Kristen Chipollini, Joanna Cavacini, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Helen Curren, Leo Dennis, Ceferina Eusubio, Sally Esbensen, Peter Fallon, Marybeth Hentschel Fiorelli, Patrick Gardenier, Lianessa Gonzalez, Andrew Green, Dionne Greim, Sharon, Fernando & Ian Griffin, Frank Holloway, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Michelle Heacock, Ron Hoffman, Kevin Iavecchia, Gerald Kenny, Emily Keiser, Charles Kline, Bernadette Kubej, Sue Kunze, Peg Krempl, Trish Lavelle, Angelique Lee, Keenan Lee, Curt Lecrone, Dina Lukasko, Mary Magnarella, Patti Maguire, William & Kristen Morrow, John McLaughlin, Bridget Micshener, Helen Millar, Diane Moll, Frank Monroe, Munson Family, John Mye, Terry Shields Neumann, Joan Nickerson, Mele Lee-Nippins, Ernie Nippins, Zachery Bill O'Brien, Catherine Pagano, Robert Pauloski, Flocerfida & Savador Penganon, Michael Prahler, Marian Quinn, Pat Raber, 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, John Willstaudt, Arlene Wyatt, Salem Yabet, Joe Zdun & Jack Zampirri.

# ONLY TWO WEEKS UNTIL THE FIRST ANNUAL GORETTIFEST YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE FUN GRAB YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS FOR FOOD TRUCK & BEER GARDEN





**Date:** Friday, September 28, 2018 **Time:** 5 to 10pm

Where: St. Maria Goretti Parking Lot, Cowpath & Derstine Roads, Hatfield



Plan to join fellow parishioners and our entire community for a variety of Food Trucks something for everyone: Beer, Live music by the well known band Rollin' & Tumblin', Cornhole Tournament and so much more. It's not too late to register for the Cornhole Tournament. We will have a maximum of twenty teams with double elimination. The cost is \$20 per person or \$40 per team which includes 4 tickets for beer, soda or water. Cash prizes are awarded to 1st and 2nd place. Stop by or call the parish center to reserve your spot!

**GORETTIFEST VOLUNTEER MEETING:** Don't forget to come *Thursday, Sept. 20 at 7 pm in the Church* to learn in what way your generous support for this event will be used. Any questions, call Lynne Hipp, 215 872-4685.

**THE GORETTIFEST CORNHOLE COMPETITION:** We are still signing up contestants for the competition. Don't miss out! You can leave your entrance fee and sign-up paper at the Parish Center. John Cashley will be the director-extraordinaire!

### TEA TIME WITH OUR LADY OF MERCY

Enjoy hot or iced tea and tea sandwiches in the company and companionship of our Mother Mary as we honor her under the title of Our Lady of Mercy. Have fun with a game of "Tea with Our Lady" BINGO. Cost is \$8.00 per person and includes a chance to win door prizes.

Monday, September 24, 2018 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center: Lower Level www.stmariagoretti.net 215-721-0199 (ext. 202)

Please register using the form that can be found on our parish website at www.stmariagoretti.net or on the Adult Faith Formation table in our church narthex. Please mail form along with payment of \$8.00 per person. Payment is transferable to another person but is not refundable.

### FIRST THURSDAY BREAKFAST CLUB



The Breakfast Club is held on designated First Thursdays of the year at Saint Maria Goretti Parish 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. Next Breakfast Club is: Thursday, October 4th, in the narthex following the 8:30am Mass. The Breakfast Club is automatically cancelled when a funeral is scheduled for the same morning.

### WHAT'S ON THE BOOKSHELF?

Join us for conversation and discussion on the personal reflections of Cardinal Timothy Dolan on Saint John Paul, Pope Benedict, and Pope Francis 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 free copy at Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center once you register for the book club. Please register at angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net or by calling 215-721-0199 (ext. 202) if you plan on attending.

Monday, October 22, 2018, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center: Lower Level www.stmariagoretti.net



### **CRS SPOTLIGHT**

Nearly 1 million people have fled Myanmar to Bangladesh. Many are staying in informal settlements because refugee

settlements are at full capacity. Families arrive hungry, exhausted and depleted of any resources. The human needs, both emotional and physical, are immense. An estimated 50% of the refugees are women and children. The situation, which is even more complicated by the oncoming monsoon season, has already impacted food availability and prices, even for the local population.

CRS staff and refugees work together to prevent the risk of floods, landslides and outbreaks of water-borne diseases. Catholic Relief Services is supporting Caritas Bangladesh to provide food rations and build toilets, water pumps and bathing spaces, currently reaching 225,000 refugees. Visit www.crs.org to donate to help our brothers and sisters in need. Thanks for your support!

Mini Lantern Festival Celebration with Our Lady of La Vang's Children Friday, September 21, 2018 7:00pm to 9:00pm in Drexel Hall







- Celebrate Mini Lantern Festival with our children/ Vui Tét Trung Thu với các em thiếu nhi
- \* Create your paper lantern/Tự làm lồng đèn giấy
- Share your moon cake/Chia sẻ bánh trung thu với nhau
- \* Take part in the Lantern Procession/Rước đèn trung thu

Please register your child/children by emailing Sr. Theresa at nhatrangn09@gmail.com or text at 336-618-2296 with names, number of children, number of adults and children's ages. Would love for you and your children to attend. Thank you.

### **CATHOLIC WOMENS CONFERENCE**

Join us for a day of friendship, prayer and growth in your faith at the 2018 Catholic Women's Conference. This year's theme is "Daughters of the King" and the day will be devoted to helping women discover their foundational identity as daughters of the King of Heaven and Earth. Saturday, October 27, 2018, 9am-4pm, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. Talks will be offered in English, Spanish and American Sign Language.

A mid-September sellout is expected. Register today at: catholicwomensconference.org.



### THAT MAN IS YOU

The TMIY program will be coming back again this fall to Maria Goretti. There are now two opportunities to attend the TMIY

program. TMIY is an interactive men's program focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world. One session will begin on Wednesday, September 12th and the second separate TMIY session will begin on Saturday, September 15th. These sessions were implemented last year so that both retired and working men would be able to attend these sessions. Although there will be separate themes for the Wednesday and Saturday sessions, all men, married or single are invited to participate in one or the other program. There is no requirement to have attended TMIY in the past. For more information register, contact us by at TMIYSMG@gmail.com or 215-721-0199, ext. 254.

Wednesdays: 6:00 AM to 7:30 AM; Saturdays: 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM. We meet in the St. Maria Goretti parish center library.



### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of *Licia Butera* requested by Ed & Terry McBride.

### POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: \$280.84

### **BENEFITS GOD'S TREASURE HOUSE**

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** 2018, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to **God's Treasure House, Souderton.** God's Treasure House is a Christ-centered transitional living center for women and their children built on a firm foundation of God's love. The ministry provides a comprehensive aftercare program targeted to a carefully selected number of women returning from prison to the community. Their goal is to minister to the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the women, and their children, that God sends to them. **If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank vou!** 

## DO YOU VALUE CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL EDUCATION?

Our state tax code permits individuals to redirect some of your PA state taxes for tuition assistance as "needs base scholar-ships" for Catholic School Students including our Mater Dei Regional Grade School. This law is known as "Educational Improvement Tax Credit" or E.I.T.C. Your annual PA tax liability must be at least \$5,000. E.I.T.C. philanthropy will cost you only pennies on the dollar. Would you like to find out more details? Please call Cheryl at the parish office at 215-721-0199 or e-mail Joe Wilkens at joe15PBC@gmail.com.

# Pray

# PLAY & PRAY MOM AND TOTS GROUP!

Join us this school year! 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



The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month at 1 o'clock in the basement of the parish center . New members welcome. Experience not necessary . Many helping hands to get you started. Yarn and needles provided. Contact Barbara Krummert at 440-655-0650 if you know anyone in need of a prayer shawl.

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send your bulletin announcements by 12 noon on the Monday prior to publication. The preferred method is by email to cheryl.ryan@stmariagoretti.net with the word "bulletin" in the subject line. Thanks for your cooperation.

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# MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd

### **E.M. of Holy Communion**

5:00pm – Sacristan, P. Pinkston, A. Russo, D. Blanche
7:30am – Sacristan, B. McCormick, G. Salanik, S. Clapper
9:30am – Sacristan, M.J. Vondercrone, J. Forbes, V. Lelii
11:30am – Sacristan, B. Santulli, C. LeBrocq, M. Niche

### **E.M. Home Visits**

A1–M. Rosenberger, A2-D. Fuse, A3-K. Clapper, A4-K. Hay, A5–P. O'Hara, B1-L. Lelii, B2– M. Collis, B3-B. Hudak, B4-D. Grant, B5-C. Friel

### **Lectors**

5:00pm – M. D'Elia, F. Filler 7:30am – R. & A. Whitley 9:30am – B. Hardnock, F. Stumpo 11:30am – E. Gallagher, A. LeBrocq

### **Cantors**

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

#### **Altar Servers**

5:00pm – N. & T. Burr, J. Byrnes 7:30am – T. Beveridge, A. & J. Padva 9:30am – G. Christie, V. Forbes, J. Franek 11:30am – S. & T. Butler, V. Kirk, *M. Brodsky* 

### INFORMATION NIGHT FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION



Do you have a calling to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? Would you like to help at Mass with the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ? Would you like to bring the Eucharist to the homebound parishioners of SMG? St. Maria Goretti Parish is in great need of addi-

tional EM's to join in this most important ministry. Please join Deacon Steve for an information night on *Monday, September 17th at 7pm* in the Parish Library. The requirements to become an EM are: you must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, if married, your marriage must be recognized by the Catholic Church, 18 years of age or older and attends Mass regularly. Prayerfully consider joining this wonderful team of ministers. We will gladly work around your preferred Sunday Mass schedule.

### PARISH TRIP TO ITALY November 5 to 15, 2018

A Few Seats Remaining ~ Sign up NOW!
In celebration of the 65th Anniversary of our parish,

please join Fr. Chung and fellow parishioners on a trip to Italy including Saint Maria Goretti Shrine, Assisi, Florence and so much more! For details please call Pat Conroy at 215-260-5480.

### SUNDAY OFFERING



Stewardship Offering	.September 9, 2018
Total # of contributors (env, checks & E	FT) 675
Total to Sunday Offering:	
Total to Parish Giving Offering:	\$4,030.00
Total Heat/Energy Offering:	
Total Poor Box Offering:	\$280.84
Total Indian Mission collection:	\$2,159.51



Thank you for helping us to spread the word about your parish's Catholic school! Please continue to share with your fellow parishioners, family, friends, and neighbors!







First Day of School at Mater Dei, September 5, 2018 ~ Great first day at Mater Dei! Lots of smiles!

#### Mater Dei's Imagination Playhouse

Our newest program, Imagination Playhouse, will be offered at our Lansdale campus, where imaginative play and multisensory learning will be emphasized. Your child must be 2 1/2 to start this two day a week program (the program will accept 2 1/2 and 3-year-old children and your child does not have to be potty trained to begin). Space is still available for 2018-19. Please contact Grace Samanns at 215-368-9787 to RSVP.

### Alum of St. Maria Goretti, St. Rose, and St. Stan's Save the Date for your "ALUM BREAKFAST"

Join us for Breakfast on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 9:30 AM in the Mater Dei Catholic School Gym. Reconnect with classmates and catch up with each other! All are welcome! More details to follow about reservations for the breakfast. Table reservations by graduating year will also be accepted. Any questions, please contact Grace Samanns (gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com or 215-368-9787).

### Save the Date: Mater Dei Catholic School Info Session/Registration

Please join us for the 2019-20 Info Session on Tuesday, October 16, from 6 to 7:30 PM. The general info session will begin promptly at 6:10 PM followed by mini-classes for the preschool and kindergarten children and tours for others. 2019-20 registrations in certain grade levels can be accepted this evening. For more information or to RSVP, contact the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com



Still a few spots available! Immediate acceptance of infants to 36 month old children. Call Katherine at 215-799-2211



### SMG TRIVIA NIGHT

Fri., October 5, 2018 7:00 P.M. Sharp in Drexel Hall

BYOL! Bring your own Liquor BYOS! Bring your own SNACKS BYOT! Bring your own TEAM of 8 Or we can add you to a team! Cost ~\$20.00 PP Must be over age 21!

Beer and soda will be provided
Proceeds for Parish Youth Ministry

Registration due before September 25 by going to the parish website at www.stmariagoretti.net or pick up a registration form in the narthex or parish center.

#### **NEW BEGINNINGS**

Membership in New Beginnings is for widowed persons who would like the opportunity to socialize with people from similar circumstances in a supportive environment through activities, events and travel. NB meets the third Thursday of every month at 7pm from September to May at St. Stanislaus Parish Center. Our first meeting for the 2018-2019 year will be held on Thursday, September 20th. Please consider joining us!

"In life what sometimes appears to be the end is really a New Beginning".

### HOME CARE NEEDED FOR PARISHIONER

LPN/Personal Care Assistant needed for a 29 year old Souderton male. Hours 2 – 10 p.m. Monday – Thursday, may be additional hours. Duties include: transporting, meal prep, community outings, and all phases of self-help. He lives alone in a beautiful home. Non smoker. Must be ambitious, joyful, friendly, compassionate. This client is fun loving and enjoys music. Please call for additional details 610-256-7738.

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE SMG SCRIP PROGRAM?

We now have \$25.00 **Amazon** gift certificates available which are great gifts or very easy to use for your on line purchases. Also for your gift giving we have **Visa** \$50 gift cards (no activation fee with these cards), or **Dairy Queen** (if interested in using before summer is over). If you have any questions please see the Scrip Volunteers at the back of Church.

Please consider purchasing Scrip today!

#### Reuniones de los Retiristas del Movimiento



Juan XXIII Hatfield PA. Todos los martes a las 7:00 PM Aquí en la Capilla de La Iglesia. Para más información Contactar a Carlos Zuluaga Presidente Parroquial Juan XXIII Hatfield . Al 954-309-177 Acércate al Grupo para que tengas un Encuentro Personal con Jesús