

# Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

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# MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 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 Saturday & Sunday by appointment only.



## 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 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

Sacristan & Assist. to Director of Family Faith Formation:

Tyler Grant

Admin. Assist. of Religious Education: JoAnn Prahler

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

## **DEVOTIONS:**

Adoration: Mondays after the 8:30 am Mass -

Concludes at 5pm with Benediction Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass. Monday during the 8:30 am Mass.

Saint Maria Goretti:

### 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 four children per Sunday. Letters of eligibility are due at the Parish Center before a date can be given for Baptism.

#### **MARRIAGE**

Arrangements must be made with a priest at least six months in advance. You must speak to a priest before making arrangements for a reception hall. Scheduling, rescheduling or cancellation MUST be done by a priest. Pre-Cana classes are required for all couples. Please visit the archdiocesan website at http://phillycatholiclife.org/marriage-and-family/preparing-for-marriage/

#### **ANNULMENTS**

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



# SEPTEMBER 25, 26 & 27 EACH EVENING AT 7:00PM

Father Jim DeGrassa will be the guest homilist and will reflect on:

3 QUESTIONS
THAT ARE GUARANTEED
TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE
FOR THE BETTER

FORTY HOURS AT ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH

### FORTY HOURS ~ FATHER JIM DEGRASSA

Father Jim DeGrassa has been a Philly priest for over 12 years and is a native of Delaware County. He is currently the pastor of Resurrection of Our Lord Parish in Northeast Philadelphia. He is a family man at heart and loves people, good conversation, traveling and food. He often combines personal life experiences, church teaching and humor to engage and inspire others. He is looking forward to joining us for our annual 40 Hours Devotion - **September 25, 26 & 27th at 7pm**. Each evening Father Jim will explore: "The 3 Questions That Are Guaranteed To Change Your Life For The Better" ~ These 3 Questions Will Bring Direction, Freedom & Fullness.



### ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

The Celebration of the annual *Forty Hours Devotion* is scheduled for September 25, 26 & 27 at 7pm. Four Altar Servers are needed on the evenings of the 19th & 20th. *Tuesday Sept. 27th we will close 40 Hours with outdoor Eucharistic Procession and Benediction, all servers are strongly encouraged to attend.* Please sign-up in the Altar Servers room. Thank you!!



# GORETTIFEST

Food Trucks & Beer Garden Friday, September 30th—5pm to 9pm

- · Children's games · Live music ·
  - · Cornhole tournament ·

LIVE MUSIC FROM THE WELL KNOWN AND FOLLOWED BAND "ROLLIN & TUMBLIN" YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!



# IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO VOLUNTEER!

We still have some slots to fill, so if you can HELP please join us for a volunteer meeting on *Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 7:00pm*. We will go over the details for the event and split up into groups to go over logistics for each area that needs staffing. I hope that you can help out! It's a great evening to meet parishioners from SMG and the local community!

FOOD TRUCK HIGHLIGHT— DOWNTOWN SCOOP HEY! WE'RE THE DOWNTOWN SCOOP, NICE TO MEET YOU!



WE'RE A LOCAL ICE CREAM SHOP LOCAT-ED RIGHT HERE IN SOUDERTON, PA. HERE'S A FEW THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT US...OUR ICE

CREAM IS SMALL BATCH. WHICH MEANS IT'S FRESH. ALWAYS. IT'S MADE TO ORDER AND BROUGHT IN WEEKLY.

IT'S SUPER-PREMIUM. THIS HIGHER MILK FAT PERCENTAGE MEANS CREAMIER & YUMMIER ICE CREAM. OH, AND IT'S LOCALLY SOURCED! WE GET ALL OF OUR ICE CREAM FROM UNCLE DAVE'S HOMEMADE ICE CREAM, IN YARDLEY, PA MADE WITH LOCAL DAIRY.

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# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN., Sept. 18 7:30 A.M. Rose Massaro

Reg. by Linda & Joseph Benischeck

9:30 A.M. Jack Zampirri Reg. by Patty & Tom Nazarek 11:30 A.M. Lucy Perilli Req. by The Family

MON., Sept. 19 8:30 A.M. Bob Endrick Req. by Rosemary Endrick

8:30 A.M. Alfred Keane TUES., Sept. 20 Reg. by Dottie Keane

WED., Sept. 21 8:30 A.M. Gerard Moran

Req. by Pauline Moran

8:30 A.M. Bill Hardnock THURS., Sept. 22 Req. by Edie Hardnock

8:30 A.M. The Giangiulio & DeLuca FRI., Sept. 23

Families Reg. by The Family

SAT., Sept. 24 8:30 A.M. Manuel Malgapo, Jr.

Req. by Corazod Malgapo 4:30 P.M. Joseph Di Biase Req. by The DiBiase Family

SUN., Sept. 25 7:30 A.M. Joseph Lynam

Reg. by Tammy & Glenn Ibarquen 9:30 A.M. Dec'd & Living Members of the St. Vincent DePaul Society

Req. by Edie Hardnock 11:30 A.M. Henry J. Davis Reg. by Maude Lee

Adoration will close at 4pm on Monday, Sept. 19th due to the PREP Prayer Service.

# SMG IS OFFERING FLU SHOTS

As a courtesy, parishioner and pharmacist Nicholas DiLissio will be offering flu shots conveniently located and handicap accessible in Church on Tuesday,

October 11th in the ushers room from 9am to 12noon. Please bring your insurance information along with you. For more info please call Nick DiLissio at 215-527-2802 or the Parish Center at 215-721-0199.

# **BLESSING OF ANIMALS** Saturday, October 1st at 10am



Blessing of the ANIMALS

Bring your pet to the parking lot by the St. Francis statue for a special blessing. All pets are welcome.

## 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: Carol Algrogge, Lori Aiello, Baby David, Chuck Biehn, Suki Borowski, James Caprioli, Bob, Rob Daum, Ted DeMarino, Frank DeVito, Joseph DeVito, Joe Direnzi, Carol Eells, Joanne Fell, Ted Fernes, Tom Fetter, Kelly Gargan, Rosario Gombola, Ilianessa Gonsalez, Tanner Gower, Pamela Guld, John Gunder, Sr., Ali Herron, Theresa Hoffman, Tim Huelsman, Mary Isban, Luba Jackson, Maria Kardash, Barb Ladley, Mary Jane McCann, John McLaughlin, Ted Malinchak, Ed Malley, Greg & Kathy McCloskey, Madeline McGinley, Tom Miller, Mary Moses, Tom Murphy III, Bill O'Brien, Patricia Naab, Marianne Peters, Bridget and Colleen, Michael Rafter, Alice Rau, Joanne Reube, Antonio & Veanessa Rivera, Linda Santana, Rose Santulli, Mike Scienaro, Debbie Zuech-Smyrl, Judy Stangl, Gary Stark, Lawrence Stempel, Mel Stubbs, Ron Szewczak, John Tulley, Frank Vallone, Paul Wheeler, Salem & Valerie Yabut.

IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR LIST CURRENT WE ARE ASKING YOU TO CALL THE PARISH CENTER WITH ANYONE CURRENTLY IN NEED OF PRAYERS OR THAT SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM OUR LIST.

# SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit for Ed McBride requested by Terry McBride.





### BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week is lit for Luigi & Gemma Rosmini requested by The Family.

# Are you ready for SMG PARISH **RELIGIOUS PROCESS (PREP) to begin** on September 19th?

MEET & GREET If you are not registered please do so ASAP!

All PREP Family Members—Please join us for the first night of Monday PREP

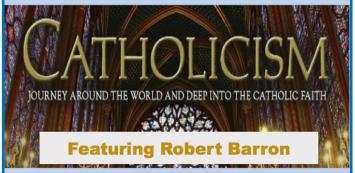
All Sunday families are welcome! Monday, September 19, 2022 at 6:30 PM in Church for an Opening Prayer

Service, Parent Meeting, and Catechist Meet and Greet.

# **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

# **BIG PEOPLE CHURCH SCHOOL**

For Adults who want to grow in their faith !



Starting Sept. 22- Thur. Evenings 7-8:30 Parish Center, IHM Room

Contact Bill Wynne

# bigpeoplechurchschool@gmail.com

**Please Come Join The Discussion** Come Every Thursday or Come When You Can

# **CLUB 50+ LUNCHEON**

The luncheon is held in the IHM Room at Noon ~ Followed by Game Day 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Followed by the Divine Mercy Chap-

let 3:00 PM to 3:15 PM. Come for part or all of the afternoon activity! Cost: \$ 9.00 Per Person for lunch. Please sign up one week in advance.

September 21, October 26, November 30

**Questions: Contact Maria Richardson** Maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-6559

#### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



Senior Luncheon

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Catholic Relief Services calls for international action following a warning issued from the United Nations that famine will occur in Somalia later this year unless the international community provides more humanitarian support. Parts of

Somalia are projected to face famine between October through December in the absence of a significant increase in humanitarian assistance. It's estimated about 7.1 million need emergency aid, half of them children. In the meantime, families are taking desperate measures to stay alive, like selling off everything they own or leaving their homes to search for food and water. The scarcity of resources and rise in costs have led to heightened conflict and instability.

"The purpose of a famine declaration is to call the international community into extraordinary action. Unfortunately, by the time famine is declared, it is already too late for many," said Sean Calla-han, CRS's president & CEO. "With this warning, there is time to save lives. The international community must meet the immediate needs on the ground while also doing a better job at preventing famine in the first place. We can address the myriad causes of food insecurity, like conflict and climate change. With the climate crisis worsening by the day, complacency is not an option." Visit www.crs.org for more information!

# Youth Ministry

# **ALTARATION FOR TEENS!**



Not to fill your heads with information but to pierce your hearts! Wednesday Nights 7PM to 8PM September 21st to October 19th, 2022 Parish Office IHM Room For Middle School High School Teen Leaders Needed Don't miss the fun! Flyer and registration available at: https://stmariagoretti.net/maria-2/

Contact Maria Richardson, Maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net or Tyler Grant, tyler.grant@stmariagoretti.net 215-721-6559

# **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

# SMG VIRTUAL CHARTISMATIC PRAYER GROUP



# **EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT ON** ZOOM

7:30 pm—Register one time only at https://stmariagoretti.net/virtual-charismaticprayer-meeting/

**Contact Maria Richardson,** tyler.grant@stmariagoretti.net 215-721-6559

# 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

### PHILLY ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS:

Thursdays, 9 am to 5 pm - St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Held each Thursday between 9 am and 5 pm in Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Catholics are invited to spend time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament praying for vocations and asking Him to bless His Church with many holy vocations. We encourage everyone to pray that those whom the Lord is calling will have the courage to respond to His invitation.

To sign up for a day/time to pray, visit Heedthecall.org/ Phillyadores. For more information,

Email Phillyadoration@gmail.com. Specific details will be emailed to all adorers on the Wednesday before the scheduled prayer time.

Location: Sacred Heart Chapel, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary (100 E. Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood)

More info: https://heedthecall.org/phillyadores/

# MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th**

# E.M. of Holy Communion

4:30pm - Sacristan, D. Blanche, J. Gressang 7:30am - Sacristan, S. Lvnam, Volunteer Needed 9:30am - Sacristan, M. Haluska, P. Walsh 11:30am – Sacristan, C. Friel, D. Misczak

# E.M. Home Visits

A1-. Fuse, A2-T. McGann, A3-J. Naab, A4-M. Wrubel, A5-J. McNally

# Lectors

**4:30pm** – A. & R. Whitley 7:30am - B. Healy, B. Braun 9:30am - R. & N. Boak 11:30am - T. Mazzeo, M. Mays

Altar Servers 4:30pm - N. & J. Boell 7:30am - A. & T. Barab 9:30am - Volunteers Needed 11:30am - J. & M. Franek

# **Cantors**

**7:30am** – Joe B. 4:30pm - Andrew 9:30am - Ugochi 11:30am - Janna

# MONDAY ADORATION

We are living in very challenging times and often we feel helpless, but we are never helpless nor alone. Jesus is waiting for us to come to Him. There are many graces waiting for us Eucharistic Adoration. All you need to do is just come and sit with Jesus. 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:

Noon to 12:30 2 p.m. to 2:30

Come and receive the peace that only Our Lord can give. Please contact Nancy Boak by phone 908-616-7611 or email nancyboak@aol.com to sign-up or inquire.

# CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD REGISTRATION

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program is a Montessori based parish religious formation/ education program for children age 3 to 6 in LEVEL 1 and age 6 to 9 in LEVEL 2. This experience is foundational for a life-long relationship with God which is then lived out in the Church community.

Both Levels are offered September through May.

Level 1 (age 3-6) sessions are held Sunday mornings and Monday late afternoons.

Level 2 (ages 6 to 9) sessions are held Wednesday mornings and late afternoon. CGS Level 1 attendance is required before Level 2.

Specific times and registration form may be found at stmariagoretti.net/prep/forms

Contact: Linda Hudak 215-593-5903 or Ishudak@yahoo.com

# POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: \$679.10

## BENEFITS ST. MARY'S FRANCISCAN SHELTER

Before leaving our church building each weekend, please consider stopping by one of our poor boxes located in the narthex, with your contributions. For the months of September and October 2022, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter. This non-profit organization, located in Phoenixville, PA, is an emergency shelter assisting homeless families to get back on their feet. Since its formation in 1987, they have housed hundreds of families and provided countless nights of shelter and meals. St. Mary's recently opened transitional housing apartments to further support our homeless families. Families who have completed the emergency shelter program at St. Mary's have the opportunity to live in brand new apartments for up to 24 months. Case management and support continue so families can successfully navigate the path to future permanent housing. They also provide additional services to the residents, which consist of helping them develop marketable skills, a presentable resume, facilitate job interviews and help to arrange transportation once a job is found. organization's ultimate goal is to move a motivated family from crisis to independence, eventually maintaining their own homes outside the residence. Please consider helping those that are less fortunate. If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!

# TODAY IS CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Thank you to all of our volunteer catechists that so selflessly give of their time to bring our Catholic faith to the children of SMG. Congratulations to those listed below on the awards presented today at the 9:30am Mass.

From the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry The Companions on the Journey Award presented to: Monica D'Elia, Linda Hudak, Renee McNamara Michael Romito

> 5 Year Awards: St. John Neumann Award Suzanne Kolesar, Ryan de Simone

10 Year Awards: St. Pius X Award Robin McLaughlin

15 Year Awards: Our Lady of Guadalupe Award Renee McNamara, Jenny O'Leary, Amy Hradnansky

> 20 Year Awards: St. Martin DePorres Award Sally Murphy

# SAINT TIMOTHY AWARD

The St. Timothy Award, the highest recognition from the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry, is presented to young men or women in their junior or senior year of high school for outstanding leadership and service to their church and community in the following ways:

- Lives as a disciple of Christ, setting a positive example for other youth
- Witnesses to their faith by exhibiting Catholic morals and
- Demonstrates Gospel values through service to others
- Exhibits Christian leadership in parish, school, and/or com-

St. Maria Goretti Parish would like to recognize the following seniors with this award: Joe DeFazio, Tyler Burr, Emma Benner & Sara Filler, CONGRATULATIONS!



# **COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS**

Sunday, September 4th 2022

May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!

# "IN THEIR SHOES" 2022 WALK FOR THE POOR



2021

\$23,642.85

Vinny's Pizza Is Sponsoring the Friends Walk for the Poor by donating 10% of their proceeds from EVERY Tuesday during the month of September!! Save the dates and take the family out to Vinny's or order take out! This is an-

other way for YOU to support the Saint Vincent DePaul Society and enjoy really good food!

Saint Vincent DePaul Society, Saturday, September 24, 2022 @School Road Park, 1610 School Road, Hatfield Sign-in/Registration @ 9am;

Walk Starts @10am

Registration is: \$10/individual or \$20/family

Prizes for those with the most pledges!

Sign-up and/or donate @ https://www.fopwalk.org/

The Saint Vincent De Paul Society is a volunteer organization with a mission to help the poor in our area. In fiscal year 2020-2021, volunteers visited 251 households and provided \$61,000 in assistance for housing/rent, utilities, food, clothing, and other basic needs.

All proceeds from the walk go to support this mission!

### **ELDERCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

You may qualify for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits with your income. If you have a gross monthly income (some retirement and pension plans are not counted as income!) of \$1396.00 or less in a one-person household, you may qualify. The minimum SNAP benefits are



\$15 per month, but here is what \$15 can buy you! Contact Amy Juarez with the Eldercare Assistance Program to complete an application and find out if you may qualify for SNAP and other benefits. Amy can be reached at 215-853-7676 or ajuarez@chs-adphila.org. (Aldi's on 8-3-22)

# SAVE THE DATE—KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—GOLF OUTING



On *Friday, October 7th*, the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Joseph C Tomko Assembly 934 will be holding a Golf Outing scramble at Skippack Golf Club starting at 9 am. Participants can play golf with a cart, get a registration gift, buffet din-

ner, awards and more all for the price of registration. For more information, contact Herb Kaemmer at 267-421-8005 or tom-koassembly934@gmail.com.





Mater Dei welcomes 581 students in Preschool to Grade 8 at their Lansdale and Hatfield campuses for the 2022-23 school year. Blessings to all of our parish students in the new school year!

#### **Enrollment 2022-23 at Mater Dei Catholic School**

Two Pre-K 3 spots at our Hatfield campus and one Pre-K 3 spot at our Lansdale campus are still available for your child. And three Kindergarten spots at our Lansdale campus are still available too! Please contact Grace Samanns immediately at gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com or 215-368-9787 about registering your child for the 2022-23 school year.

And you can use the QR code below to register your Pre-K 3 through Grade 8 student now by completing a 2022-23 New Student Registration Form!



#### **Designate Your PA Taxes**

BLOCS, Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools helps Mater Dei do just that with their Tax Credit Program. Through the EITC and OSTC Programs, donors (individuals or businesses) can receive up to a 90% tax credit against their personal PA state tax liability by making their scholarship designation to Mater Dei through BLOCS. There is minimal cost to you to participate in this program but the impact you make by participating helps Mater Dei families in a big way. Would you like to know more? Please email Grace Samanns at gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com

Please consider submitting your Mater Dei gift to your company for matching. You can make a "Double Difference" for Mater Dei students! https://www.materdeicatholic.com/giving

Childcare Space is Available... Mater Dei Childcare Center has room for your infant to 36 month old...CALL TODAY! Mater Dei Child Care Center is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM to accommodate the working parent. Please contact Mary Whittam

at childcare@materdeicatholic.com or 215-799-2211.

### **Employment Opportunities**

The Mater Dei Childcare in Hatfield is currently searching for Lead Teachers and Assistants to join our team. Candidates should be energetic, patient, friendly, nurturing and enjoy working with young children and their families. Looking for candidates passionate about working with infants and toddlers. Please contact Mary Whittam at childcare@materdeicatholic.com or 215-799-2211 if you are interested.

Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.

