



# Saint Maria Goretti Parish

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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  
Operations Manager: Tom Onuska  
Office Manager: Cheryl Ryan  
Director of Adult Faith Formation, Religious Education & Parish Services: Maria Richardson  
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries: Sara Ertel  
Admin. Assist. of Religious Education: JoAnn Prahler  
Director of Music: Eileen Ericsson  
Pastoral Assistant: Patricia Conroy  
Parish Secretary: Mary Faymore  
Elder Care Assistance Program: Amy Juarez  
Facility Manager: Shawn Farrell  
Mater Dei Regional Catholic School President:  
Ms. Diane McCaughan  
Mater Dei Principal: Ms. Beth Waltrich

## DEVOTIONS:

Adoration: Mondays after the 8:30 am Mass -  
Concludes at 5pm with Benediction  
Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass.  
Marian: 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. **Please call the parish office to register for Pre-Jordan.** 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.

### ANOIDING 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.



Dear Parishioners and Friends of the SMG Parish Family,

Wishing you a happy & healthy New Year! As I reflect over the past year I want to thank each of you for your support of Saint Maria Goretti Parish. Whether it was through your prayers, your time, talent or financial support, all of it is so important to the life of our parish.

Saint Maria Goretti Parish is known for its generosity and compassion through your support of the many organizations and people that you have helped throughout 2023. During this past year we have asked for your support of so many groups, such as our Poor Box Ministry, St. Vincent DePaul, monthly food drives, the victims of the many hurricanes, missionaries that visited our parish, The Little Sisters of the Poor, Catholic Charities, the Giving Tree, St. Charles Seminary Appeal and the list goes on. I need to commend all of you for the sacrifice you make to show your care and concern to those less fortunate. Please be assured of my prayers for a blessed and joyful New Year for you and your families. Wishing each of you many "Holy Moments" in 2024!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
Father Chung

There will not be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday, January 1st. Happy New Year!



**SMG PREP UPDATE**

- January 1st – Completed Confirmation folders are due
- January 15<sup>th</sup> – No PREP
- January 17<sup>th</sup> – First Holy Communion Parent Mtg. 6pm in church
- January 20<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Retreat 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
- January 21& 22- Mid-terms
- January 29<sup>th</sup> – Generation Life Chastity Presentation Gr. 5–7



**Solemnity of Mary,  
Mother of God**

**Mass Schedule**  
**Sunday, December 31st at 4:30pm**  
**Monday, January 1st at 8:30am**  
**& 10am**



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION  
INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE**

In case of inclement weather, please contact Nancy Boak to confirm whether Adoration will take place. If Souderton or North Penn School District is closed or on a delayed opening due to weather, there will **NOT** be Eucharistic Adoration. Thank you to all of our Adorers!



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

- SUN., Dec. 31**      7:30 A.M. Raymond & Marguerite Smith  
Req. by Gary & Barbara Smith  
9:30 AM Sabine Parker Rose Hoermann  
Req. by The Lush Family  
11:30 A.M. Jim & Marge Flaherty  
Req. by Connie Nolan  
2:30 P.M. People of the Parish  
4:30 P.M. Jeffrey Keffer  
Req. by Charlie & Sally Keffer
- MON., Jan. 1**      8:30 A.M. Ted Fernes  
Req. by Dottie Eckard  
10:00 A.M. Salvador W. Pineda  
Req. by Wife & Children
- TUES., Jan. 2**      8:30 A.M. Joseph DeVito  
Req. by Rosemary & Roger Downey
- WED., Jan. 3**      8:30 A.M. Wilma Irizarry  
Req. by Angel Carreras
- THURS., Jan. 4**    8:30 A.M. Luigi Antonio Rosmini  
Req. by The Family
- FRI., Jan. 5**      8:30 A.M. James Schatz  
Req. by The Schatz Family
- SAT., Jan. 6**      8:30 A.M. Judy Gow  
Req. by James Gow & Family  
4:30 P.M. Anthony Gatto  
Req. by Theresa Miller
- SUN., Jan. 7**      7:30 A.M. Sal DiLisio  
Req. by John & Judy Mills  
9:30 A.M. Patty Quittle  
Req. by Kevin & Mary McCorry  
11:30 A.M. The Smith Boys—Dennis,  
Brett & Shane  
Req. by Kelly Smith

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit for **Al Keane** requested by Dottie Keane.



**BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL**

The Blessed Mother vigil light for this week is lit for **Michael Cappuccio**

**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 on Thursday, January 4th.*

**PRAYER LINE**

Our Parish Prayer Line consists of five adult prayer groups. Requests for prayers for the prayer line may be made 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: Carol Algrogge, Lori Aiello, Elise Andrade, Erin Astle, Baby Charlotte Grace, Baby David, Joe Piancentini, Suki Borowski, Edward Buchinski, James Caprioli, Dolores Clower, Bob Daum, Frank DeVito, Robin Dickey, Betty & Jerry Dieckhaus, Joe Direnzi, Alanna Downey, Kelly Gargan, Robert Finkelston, Connor Giannone, Rosario Gombola, Brenna Groves, Ilianessa Gonzalez, Tanner Gower, Pamela Guld, Sr., Ali Herron, Mary Ann Hill, Theresa Hoffman, Tim Huelsman, Lauren Hutelmyer, Mary Isban, Luba Jackson, Maria Kardash, Avery Kohler, Barb Ladley, Mary Jane McCann, John McLaughlin, Ted Malinchak, Ed Malley, Mickey Marlin, Greg & Kathy McCloskey, Mary Moses, Tom Murphy III, Camille Nanni, Bill O'Brien, Patricia Naab, Caroline Niesley, Mary Nixon, Heather Parsons, Henry Perrong, Marianne Peters, Michael Rafter, Emily Recco, Antonio & Veanessa Rivera, Linda Santana, Mike Scienaro, Gary, Lia & Sadie Stark, Michael Tieghe, John Tulley, Frank Vallone, Ron Vicoli, Sr., Paul Wheeler, Carmella Wheeler, Salem & Valerie Yabut & Raymond Yankowski

**PRO-LIFE MARCH ~ WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**Friday January 19, 2024**

**NOTICE: NEW ITINERARY**

**Bus Departure from St. Maria Goretti Parking Lot at 7:15am**



The overturn of Roe vs Wade did not stop abortions. We now march in front of the country's Capitol to show our law makers our strong support of life. Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 in St Maria Goretti chapel. We will leave St Maria Goretti parking lot at 7:15 (with a stop for a quick break).

The bus will park at Union Station and we will need to walk to 12th and Jefferson for the rally. (About 1 mile ) Speakers begin at noon at the National Mall. The march in front of the capitol begins around 1pm. There will be more speakers at the capitol. The bus will leave the Union Station at 4pm. We will stop for dinner at Whitmarsh Town Center Square. This is a food court in a mall. This is at your cost. Please join us with your visible March for Life. You can carry drinks or snacks that you might want for the day. Cost for bus and metro passes is \$25.

Any questions contact Bob McCormick at 215-362-1247 or bobmcc52@gmail.com.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

# of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

**LITTLE LAMBS MOTHERS' GROUP**



Are you a mom looking to build authentic, Christ-centered friendships for both yourself and your little ones? Each week, Little Lambs Mothers' Group offers a simple, faith-based lesson, a time of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and playtime with warm coffee and conversation.

We meet each Wednesday from September 20th to May 22nd and begin at 9:30 AM in the School Building. Our activities are focused for infants through preschool-aged children, but all ages are welcome. Please reach out to us at [littlelambs.smg@gmail.com](mailto:littlelambs.smg@gmail.com) with any questions or for more information. We look forward to praying and playing with you!

Little Lambs will also host Soul Core© twice a month. Women of all ages are welcome!

**SOULCORE**

Body Mind Soul


Join SoulCore Leader Emily Patteson, to nourish body, mind & soul with SoulCore - a prayer experience that combines the prayers of the Rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movement. No fitness level or experience required. All are welcome!

Hosted by "Little Lambs" Mothers' group  
 9:30 AM in SMG School Building  
 12/13, 1/10, 1/24

All are welcome, babies encouraged!

Dress in comfortable clothing or sportswear and bring a fitness mat if you have one. Contact Emily at [emilypatteson@gmail.com](mailto:emilypatteson@gmail.com) or visit [https://linktr.ee/SoulCore\\_Emily](https://linktr.ee/SoulCore_Emily) for additional information.

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**6th grade - 8th grade**  
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 EVERY MONDAY (BEGINS DEC. 4TH)  
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**9th grade - 12th grade**  
 ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH CENTER  
 EVERY SUNDAY (BEGINS DEC. 3RD)  
 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



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**1st grade - 5th grade**  
 ST. MARIA GORETTI, DREXEL HALL  
 EVERY TUESDAY (BEGINS JAN. 9TH)  
 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM



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**THE FIRESIDE**  
 YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY  
 ST. MARIA GORETTI, HATFIELD

*begins November 30th*  
 ST. MARIA GORETTI, PARISH CENTER  
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
 THURSDAY EVENINGS

*Stay connected! Join our email list!*

For more information or questions please contact:  
[youth.youngadult@st.mariagoretti.net](mailto:youth.youngadult@st.mariagoretti.net)  
 215 | 721 | 0199 ext. 209

*The Fireside* is a community of young adults (18-39) who meet weekly in the parish center or courtyard (weather permitting) to support each other in their spiritual life. Our time together revolves around discussing the readings for the coming Sunday, followed by a time of socializing and discussing concerns of how to live a life fully alive. Come as individuals, with a friend, or gather a small group and attend together. Evenings conclude with time of fellowship to build relationship with one another. In addition, our community will also host large events throughout the calendar year.

*Please, join us!*



**PRAY THE ROSARY AFTER MASS**

Each weekday morning, except when adoration is taking place, the Rosary is recited in the chapel following the 8:30 AM Mass. Please feel free to join as we gather to pray for peace, the intentions of the parish and those of the participants.

**MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th**

**E.M. of Holy Communion**

4:30pm – Sacristan, D. Blanche, D. Fuse  
 7:30am – Sacristan, D. Scheuring, D. Johnson  
 9:30am – Sacristan, M. & M. D'Elia  
 11:30am – Sacristan, B. Pollock, C. Zuluaga

**E.M. Home Visits**

B1-C. Friel, B2-J. McNally, B3-D. Grant,  
 B4-M. Wrubel, B5-K. Staudt

**Lectors**

4:30pm – R. Miller, R. Jones  
 7:30am – B. Hudak, M. McCormick  
 9:30am – K. Luther, B. Braun  
 11:30am – J. MacFarland, B. Smith

**Altar Servers**

4:30pm – E. Gilbert, E. & K. Walsh  
 7:30am – A. & T. Baran, J. Kuduk  
 9:30am – N. Kerr, J. & M. Berical  
 11:30am – A. Kunjachen, D. Engle, A. DeSiro

**Cantors**

4:30pm – Joe V.  
 7:30am – Emily  
 9:30am – Karinne  
 11:30am – Andrew

**POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP**

The total collected last week was not available in time for publication

**BENEFITS "ALONG THE WAY"**

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 **January and February 2024**, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to **"Along The Way"** located in Souderton, PA. Along The Way is a non-profit faith-based organization that provides affordable, reliable, high-quality childcare services to the children of single mothers working or attending school/training during non-traditional business hours. Mothers qualify for these services based on financial need. They also offer and/or partner with other organizations to provide: parenting skills training, after school care for children, counseling, mentoring and/or training to help women navigate life's challenges. **If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!**

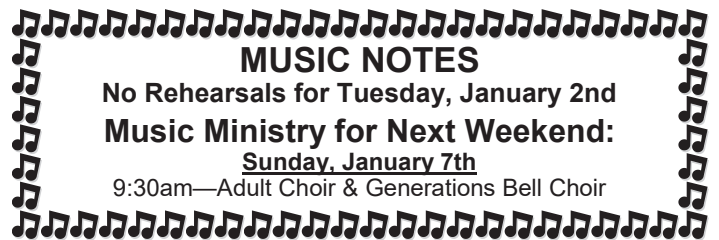
**MUSIC NOTES**

No Rehearsals for Tuesday, January 2nd

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Sunday, January 7th

9:30am—Adult Choir & Generations Bell Choir



**BAPTISMS**

Welcome to the newest members of our parish:



**Walker Gray** son of Cory & Lauren Davis, **Colton Arthur** son of Robert & Julianna Van Schie, **Elizebeth Ida** daughter of Dennis & Lauren Sokolek, **Danielle Rose** daughter of Thomas & Kimberly Brown, Colin Matthew son of Edward & Maria Chanda, **Gianna Kacey Rose** daughter of Robert & Katie Little, **Natalie Elizabeth** daughter of Ryan & Stephanie Turner, **Jax Daniel** son of Anthony Jurina & Jasmine Quirple, **Sloane Ryleigh**

daughter of Daniel & Allison Behl, **Eleanore Joan** daughter of Andrew & Sarah Hudak, **Micah John Grabowski** son of Daniel & Catherine Ericsson, **Owen Matthew** son of Patrick & Molly Cassidy, **Amelia Elizabeth** daughter of Scott & Sarah Wilson, **Grace Madelene** daughter of Gary & Colleen Burner, **Maria Rose** daughter of Michael & Cecile Trusa, **Vivienne** daughter of Mikeal & Morgan Burrier, **James Judson** son of Matthew & Emily Illari, **Myles Michael** son of John & Maria Murphy, **Samuel James** son of Samuel & Paige LaGrossa, **Aurora Brooklyn** daughter of Christopher & Ashly Dockary, **Brody Philip** son of Benjamin & Rachael Reasoner, **Brian Michael Thomas** son of Matthew & Shania Barnett, **Cody Anthony** son of Daniel & Megan Borell, **Harry James** son of Brian & Mary Kathryn Ramsey, **Rohan Jacob** son of Christopher & Meghan Buruschkin, **Andrew John** son of Matthew & Caroline Kolesnik, **Addilyn Grace** daughter of Joseph Williams & Taylor Dickey, **Nolan Edward** son of Ryan & Lindsay Dougherty, **Elias Edward** son of Eric & Violetta Brooks, **Vienna Matthew** son of Lewsi & Morgan Palmer, **Vincenzo Ninzio** son of Anthony & Valerie DeGennaro, **Michael Matthew** son of Michael & Nicole McCarthy, **Evelyn Victoria** and **Nicholas Joseph** children of Kyle Wilus & Melissa Maisano,

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**DATES: The Chosen**

January 10, 2024

February 14, 2024

Come one and all! Come and see what they saw!



**WINE & CHEESE DISCUSSION GROUP**

Watch episodes prior to attending—January 9 & February 13, 2024! 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM – IHM Room

**CLUB 50+ LUNCHEON**



Education Center 12:00 Noon, Followed by Game Day 1 to 3pm, Followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet 3 to 3:15pm. Come for part or all of the afternoon activity! Cost: \$ 9.00 Per Person for lunch. Please sign up one week in advance.

December 13, 2023, January 10, February 14, March 13, 2024

**DEATH and DYING ARE YOU READY! BREAKFAST AND TEACHING**

The 3rd Wednesday of the month  
 January through April, 2023  
**Jan. 17th, Feb. 21st, March 20th, April 17th**  
 After 8:30 AM Mass in the IHM Room



Contact Maria Richardson,  
[Maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net](mailto:Maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net) or 215-721-6559



*Helping Our Parish Grow*  
**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

**COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS**

Thank you to the parishioners of SMG that are able to continue to support the parish. Your generosity makes it possible to continue the wonderful ministries and programs within our parish. May God continue to bless all of you for your continued support!

Sunday, December 24th  
**Not available in time for publication.**

**May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!**

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**



Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the overseas aid agency of the United States Catholic bishops, released the following statement in response to the historic outcome of COP28 in Dubai: "In Laudate Deum, Pope Francis called us to action, inviting leaders everywhere to rise above self-interest and imagine a future shaped by the common good. While certainly not perfect, the COP28 agreement marks the beginning of our collective journey toward better environmental stewardship. We pray that the global collaboration shown at COP28 continues, especially with regard to decarbonization – and a decisive acceleration of energy transition – increasing funding for climate adaptation and supporting climate justice and equity."

"We echo Pope Francis in affirming that a system for financing loss and damage in countries most affected by climate disasters is a "step forward" which "give[s] a new voice and a greater role to developing countries" (Laudate Deum 51). The operationalization of the Loss & Damage Fund stands as a victory for marginalized communities everywhere; however, the amounts pledged by wealthier nations to the fund are a drop-in-the-bucket compared to the significant and growing needs. What's more, climate finance for adaptation continues to be woefully insufficient, falling far short of what is required to effectively support vulnerable populations. It is imperative that developed nations significantly scale up their commitments to ensure these marginalized communities receive effective support in their fight against climate change and for climate justice and equity." Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information!



**The Nativity Story at Mater Dei**  
**We wish all of you a Blessed Christmas!**



Last week, Mater Dei students celebrated the birth of Jesus and the love and faith that the Holy Family shared with one another. With reverence and beauty, our 8th Graders presented the story of Christ's birth with the help of several other Mater Dei classes at the annual Christmas Pageant. The movies, "The Star" and "Journey to Bethlehem" warmed our hearts and reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas. Our preschoolers' voices could be heard throughout the building as they prepare for their Christmas Presentation this week and we prepare to celebrate that "Silent Night" so long ago!



**WELCOME TO THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE SAINT MARIA GORETTI PARISH FAMILY**

- Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Rodas and Family
- Mrs. Lara Godshall and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chacko and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Larry Weber and Family
- Mr. John Rudy
- Mr. and Mrs. Willard Vandiver and Family
- Thuy Le and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Duc Nguyen and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Trefz and Family
- Andrew Lardi
- Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Catagnus and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hink and Family
- Cameron Graf
- Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Lisiecki
- Mr. and Mrs. Dinh Nguyen and Family
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- Mrs. Louise Kloenne
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