



# Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

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Web Site: [www.stmariagoretti.net](http://www.stmariagoretti.net)

## 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 Pandolfo  
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
Sunday	7:30 am, 9:30 am, & 11:30 am
Vietnamese Mass	2:30 pm
Weekdays	Mass at 8:30 am
Holy Days	Vigil 7:00pm, 7:00am, 8:30am & Noon, Vietnamese Mass at 7pm

### DEVOTIONS:

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

Marian: Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass.  
Saint Maria Goretti: Monday 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 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

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.

### ANOIDING 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.

**Cornhole  
Tournament**



**Live  
Music**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR &  
GRAB YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS FOR SMG's 1st ANNUAL  
GORETTIFEST ~ FOOD TRUCK & BEER GARDEN**

**Beer Garden**

**Date:** Friday, September 28, 2018

**Time:** 5 to 10pm

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

**Food Trucks**

Plan to join fellow parishioners and our entire community for Food, Beer, Live music by the well known band Rollin' & Tumblin", Cornhole Tournament with cash prize for the 1st place team and so much more. Invite your neighbors, family and friends to support our parish . A good time will be had by all.



**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION**

The Mass schedule is:  
7pm vigil Mass Tues., Aug 14th  
Wed., Aug. 15th at 7am, 8:30am 12 noon &  
Vietnamese Mass at 7pm.

**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 scholarships" 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.

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT  
BE INTERESTED IN  
BECOMING CATHOLIC?**



Please encourage them to contact Al Pandolfo at 267-688-9475 or the parish center at 215-721-0199 or email RCIA@stmariagoretti.net as soon as possible. We would love the opportunity to tell him

or her about the wonderful process for spiritual growth called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - RCIA. In this process adults learn with other adults about Church teachings and prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Baptized Catholics who have not completed their Sacraments are also welcome. Don't delay !

**Opportunities for  
Stewardship**

**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*

additional 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.

**PRO LIFE COMMITTEE**

Please consider joining our Pro Life committee, to help those most vulnerable. Please contact Father Chung at 215-721-0199 or fr.chung@stmariagoretti.net or Bob McCormick at 215-362-1247 or bobmcc58@verizon.net.



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

- MON., August 13** 8:30 A.M. Elizabeth Dabagian  
Req. by The Fernes family
- TUES., August 14** 8:30 A.M. The Gianfrancesco & Licheniak Families  
Req. by The Family  
7:00 P.M. Jane Baker  
Req. by The Family
- WED., August 15** 7:00 A.M. John Morawski  
Req. by Edna Callaghan  
8:30 A.M. Randy Rosenberger  
Req. by The Family  
12 noon Birthday of Maria Richardson  
Req. by Maria Richardson
- THURS., August 16** 8:30 A.M. Marty Jones  
Req. by Sally & Edd Murphy
- FRI., August 17** 8:30 A.M. Deirdre McKenna  
Req. by The Schussler Family
- SAT., August 18** **No Morning Mass**  
5:00 P.M. The Lubicky Family  
Req. by Edd & Sally Murphy
- SUN., August 19** 7:30 A.M. John Grabowski  
Req. by The Grabowski Family  
9:30 A.M. Catherine Pead  
Req. by The Prayer Shawl Ministry  
11:30 A.M. Maria Gallo Stumpo  
Req. by Gemma Rosmini

**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: 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, Christy Gianfrancesco Diehl, Ceferina Eusubio, Sally Esbensen, Peter Fallon, Marybeth Hentschel Fiorelli, Patrick Gardenier, Rita Gildea, 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, Rita Martin, 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 Olberholzer, Bill O'Brien, Catherine Pagano, Robert Pauloski, Floccerida & 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, Patty Wiley, John Willstaudt, Arlene Wyatt, Salem Yabet, Rita, Joe Zdun & Jack Zampirri.

**ATTENTION SENIORS:**

**BEGINNING JANUARY 2019**, Community Health Choices (CHC) will provide Medicaid (Medical Assistance) coverage for people enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid, enrolled in Medicaid waivers for physical disabilities, or live in a nursing home paid for by Medicaid. CHC is a managed care program. This means you will choose a CHC plan to manage all of your physical health care and long-term services and supports. **THIS IS ONLY FOR THOSE THAT ARE DUAL-ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND MEDICARE.** If you receive MEDICARE ONLY, THIS CHANGE DOES NOT AFFECT YOU.

There will be informational sessions offered at several nearby locations:

**September 6th**—10:00 AM to noon OR 1:00-3:00 PM  
Immanuel Church of Nazarene, 1260 Welsh Road, Lansdale

**September 19th**—10:00 AM to noon OR 1:00-3:00 PM  
Doylestown Library, 150 S. Pine Street, Doylestown

**October 12th**—10:00 AM to noon OR 1:00-3:00 PM  
Norristown Library, 1001 Powell St., Norristown

You must register by telephone if you are interested in attending— Dial 1-833-735-4416. Telephone registrations will be accepted Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Please contact Amy Juarez, with the Eldercare Assistance Program at [ajuarez@chs-adphila.org](mailto:ajuarez@chs-adphila.org) or at 215-721-0199 x225 with any questions.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Licia Butera** requested by AOH/LAOH Division 4.



**Parish Religious Education**

PREP REGISTRATION OPENS IN JUNE  
LOOK FOR YOUR E-MAIL FROM  
Parish Giving Admin [info@parishgiving.org](mailto:info@parishgiving.org)



**Each current PREP family has a personal log in. All NEW PREP Families should please contact the PREP Office**

**CONTACT: Maria Richardson, Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education & Parish Services**  
[maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net](mailto:maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net)  
215-721-6559



**Join us for Part II of Church History**

**Dates, Times, Location**

Friday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30AM  
September 7 through November 16

St. Maria Goretti Parish Library  
1601 Derstine Road  
Hatfield, PA 19440

**Cost/Registration**

\$35 per person, payable at the first session on Sept. 7  
Make checks payable to St. Maria Goretti Parish

**For More Information**

Contact Kim Staudt to register 215-272-9016 or  
kimstaudt@me.com

**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](http://catholicwomensconference.org).

**RETREAT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Our Lady of Confidence Christian Retreat for Persons with Disabilities: A three day retreat at Malvern Retreat House has been scheduled for October 9, 10, & 11, 2018 for adults with disabilities. The retreat is geared for adults with intellectual, physical or emotional disabilities. The retreat directors are Fr. Jim DeGrassa and Fr. Mike Speziale. If you or someone you know would enjoy a three day retreat that includes having your faith in God refreshed and strengthened please share this brochure and registration form. For information email [OLCRetreat@gmail.com](mailto:OLCRetreat@gmail.com) or call Malvern Retreat Center at 610-644-0400. For the brochure and registration form go to: [www.opdarchphilly.org](http://www.opdarchphilly.org). If you would like to be a volunteer companion on this retreat contact Ed Seiders at [OLCRretreat@gmail.com](mailto:OLCRretreat@gmail.com).

**REGISTRATION SUNDAY**

Registration Sunday will take place **TODAY, August 12th**. Please stop by the Parish Center between the hours of 10am and 1pm to be officially welcomed into the parish. No paperwork is necessary from your previous parish. The process will take no longer than 15 minutes.



**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 Clubs: Thursdays, September 6th and 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.**

**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](http://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](http://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.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.stmariagoretti.net)**

**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](http://www.archphila.org/hope)

**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

**POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP**

The total collected last week was: **\$365.89**

**BENEFITS BLESSED SARNELLI COMMUNITY**

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 **July** and **August** 2018, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to **Blessed Sarnelli Community, Kensington, PA**. Blessed Sarnelli Community is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing for the needs of people who are poor and abandoned with an emphasis on empowering young adults to share in this commitment through prayer, hospitality and service. Sarnelli House is not just a food cupboard and soup kitchen, but a loving and giving community. Relationships are formed, food is shared, and evangelization takes place. **If donating by check, please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!**

**MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 19th**

**E.M. of Holy Communion**

**5:00pm** – Sacristan, G. Salanik, B. Santulli, A. Russo  
**7:30am** – Sacristan, K. Staudt, D. Trotter, R. Pacheco  
**9:30am** – Sacristan, M. Lee-Nippins, T. McGann, K. Clapper  
**11:30am** – Sacristan, L. Arkens, E. & T. McBride

**E.M. Home Visits**

**A1**– P. O'Hara, **A2**-D. Mischzak, **A3**-J. Burke, **A4**-M. D'Elia,  
**A5**– D. Grant, **B1**-S. Sabia, **B2**-K. Hay, **B3**-D. Fuse,  
**B4**-B. McCormick, **B5**-D. Johnson

**Lectors**

**5:00pm** – B. Hardnock, M. Mays  
**7:30am** – B. Malley, B. Hudak  
**9:30am** – V. Rivera, M.J. Vondercrone  
**11:30am** – K. Luther, M. O'Pella

**Cantors**

**5:00pm** – Chelsea  
**7:30am** – Andrew  
**9:30am** – Teresa  
**11:30am** – Donna

**Altar Servers**

**5:00pm** – A., E. & J. Kuduk  
**7:30am** – A. Antenuci, B. Mazerowski, T. Paul, **N. Cugini**  
**9:30am** – J. & J. Hier, B. Lare  
**11:30am** – T. & G. McGann, G. Zobel, **E. Walsh**



**CRS SPOTLIGHT**

Malaria deaths have been reduced by 60% since 2000, yet this disease remains one of the largest killers of children in Africa. It's time to do more. We

can prevent malaria. We can treat it. With your help, we can work toward eliminating it.

You can take the first step to Crush Malaria in Niger. Treatment for one child costs just \$5, so your generous donation will have a lifesaving impact! Head to [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) to make a donation. Thanks for your support!

**PRE-CANA**

St. Jude Parish offers a fun, engaging and instructional one day Pre-Cana marriage preparation day for engaged couples. Our day is designed to assist couples prepare for a strong, successful, lifelong marriage in a joy-filled, welcoming, environment. The sessions are held at St. Jude School Chalfont. Our next session is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 27. Please contact St. Jude Rectory 215-822-0179 office@stjudechalfont.org

**ATTENTION BOYS & GIRLS GRADES 5 THRU 12 INTERESTED IN BECOMING A NEW ALTAR SERVER**



If you are interested in assisting Fr. Chung and other priests at Mass or liturgical gatherings this would be the ministry for you. Practice for new servers will start in the fall. On average you would be scheduled to serve Mass every 4 to 6 weeks. Servers are also needed for funerals and weddings in which a stipend is paid. Registration forms can be found in the narthex and can be dropped in the collection basket or at the parish center. For more information please call April LeBrocq at 215-721-4967 or Cheryl Ryan at 215-721-0199. Thank you!

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program is a Montessori based parish religious formation/education program for children age 3 to 6 (Kindergarten) in LEVEL 1 and age 6 to 9 (grades 1 & 2) in LEVEL 2 with a primary goal to nurture a relationship with God. This is accomplished by the use of manipulative/child-interactive materials, prayer, song, listening to the Bible and preparation for full participation in the liturgy. This unique experience provides the foundation for a life-long relationship with God to be lived out in the Church community.

Both Levels are offered September through May/June

- ♦ **Level 1** (age 3-6) sessions are held Sunday mornings 9:15 to 10:45am. An additional session (11:15 to 12:45) would be added as needed.
- ♦ **Level 2** (grades 1 & 2) sessions are held Mondays 4:30pm to 5:45pm. CGS Level 1 attendance is required before Level 2.

Registration form may be found at the Parish Center or at [stmariagoretti.net/prep/forms](http://stmariagoretti.net/prep/forms). For more information please contact Linda Hudak 215-593-5903 or [Ishudak@yahoo.com](mailto:Ishudak@yahoo.com)

**NEW MUSIC OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN**

Students in grades 3 to 6 are invited to join our new SMG Children's Chime Choir! Eleven to thirteen children are needed to make a full group. The short season will run from September through November with rehearsals Tuesdays 5:50-6:30 PM. The children will play at three weekend Masses during the season. No previous bell or chime ringing experience is required. Please email Eileen Ericsson, Music Director ([eileen.ericsson@stmariagoretti.net](mailto:eileen.ericsson@stmariagoretti.net)) to sign up today! When children are all grown up they will remember the joy of serving God at their church!

**SUNDAY OFFERING**



Stewardship Offering .....	August 5, 2018
Total # of contributors (env, checks & EFT) .....	667
Total to Sunday Offering: .....	\$18,762.08
Total to Parish Giving Offering: .....	\$3,955.00
Total Energy & Maintenance Offering: .....	\$871.00
Total Poor Box Offering: .....	\$365.89
Total Census collection: .....	\$350.00

**PARISH CENSUS FORMS**

Thank you to those who have already returned your annual census forms. They are important in keeping our parish data base up to date. **CONGRATULATIONS to Marty Detwiler who was the winner of the \$100 gift card drawing for anyone that returned their form before July 15th.**

Just because the raffle drawing is over it's not too late to return your census by dropping it in the collection basket or at the Parish Center. Thank you for your cooperation.

**CYO NEWS**

**Sign up now for St. Maria Goretti CYO Fall Sports**

- ⇒ **Soccer:** Pee-Wee Grade K-2, Mini Coed Grades 3-4  
JV Coed Grades 5-6, Varsity Grades 7-8
- ⇒ **Girls Volleyball:** JV Coed Grades 5-6, Varsity Grades 7-8
- ⇒ **Cross Country/Track:** Kindergarten through 8th grade

Children (Grades K-8) must be a member of SMG Parish to participate in one or more sports. Please register now @ [www.wagdogs.com](http://www.wagdogs.com) Registration closes 8/14/2018. Please contact Jeff Benner for more information at 215-513-1577 or [subzerodj@verizon.net](mailto:subzerodj@verizon.net)



**PARISH PILGRIMAGE  
November 5—15, 2018**

To celebrate the 65th Anniversary of our parish, please join Fr. Chung and fellow parishioners on a trip from November 5-15, 2018 to Italy including the Saint Maria Goretti Shrine, Assisi, Florence and so much more! For more information pick up a brochure in the narthex or call Pat Conroy at 215-260-5480.

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE**

**Catholic Social Services, Norristown:** School Supplies - calculators; rulers; tape; glue sticks; markers; pens; pencils; backpacks; mini staplers & staples; pocket folders; loose leaf paper; composition books; book covers; Post-it-Notes; flash drives.

**Shepherd's Shelf, Mainland:** Canned fruit, vegetables (please no corn or green beans); stew; chili; kid pasta; Manwich; chicken; Spam; tuna; oatmeal; cereal; fruit juice; peanut butter; jelly; mac & cheese; Hamburger Helper; boxed potatoes; boxed rice; pancake mix; syrup; pasta sauce; jarred baby food; diapers (size 4); baby wipes; personal care items; paper products; laundry detergent; paper and plastic grocery bags.

**Hatfield Community Churches, Hatfield:** Lunch box fillers (for children ages 2 to 5); granola bars; fruit packs; pudding packs; Jell-O packs; juice boxes; raisin boxes; squeeze applesauce; cracker sandwich packs; snack-size Goldfish packs; healthy soups.

Thank you so much for all you do for the needy who benefit greatly from your help.



*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!*

**Mater Dei Choir Students**



Some of our Mater Dei students spent a few summer days getting their voices ready for one of our three Mater Dei choirs at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul. The "Cantante Domino" Choir Camp was directed by directors and musicians on staff at both the Cathedral and the Seminary. We are

Mater Dei Proud of these boys and girls!

**Mater Dei Childcare Open Houses**

The Mater Dei Childcare Center located at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Hatfield will be holding two open houses in August. The center will be open on August 19th from 10am-1pm (following mass) and August 28th from 6-7:30pm. Come see how our new center helps each child develop socially, emotionally, academically, and spiritually in a nurturing environment. Please stop by or RSVP to Katherine Stansbury the Center Director at 215-799-2211 or by emailing [kstansbury@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:kstansbury@materdeicatholic.com).

**Lunch Bunch is Back by Popular Demand at Mater Dei in Lansdale!**

On Wednesdays, we are inviting students in our half day Three and Four Year Old and Kindergarten Programs to participate in our new Lunch Bunch program! What a great way to give our morning friends an opportunity to eat lunch and interact with their peers in a different setting. This program, offered on Wednesday's, is purely optional and you may pick one Wednesday or all four, depending on what your schedule looks like that month. Class size will be limited, please contact Grace Samanns at 215-368-9787 to sign up!

**Kindergarten Space is Still Available**

Space is still available in our third Kindergarten classroom. If you are in need of a half or full day program, Mater Dei can help! Please contact the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or [gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com) as soon as possible to secure a spot for your child!

**Mater Dei's Imagination Playhouse**

Our newest program, Imagination Playhouse, will be offered at our Lansdale campus, where imaginative play and multi-sensory 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.

**North Wales Library Partnership Announced**

Mater Dei will be visiting the North Wales Library this summer with crafts and STREAM activities for preschoolers. Join us if you can! Story Hour is first and then Mater Dei activities follow! Tuesday, August 28 10:00 AM

**Calling All Legacy and Mater Dei Alumni**

If you are an alum from any of our legacy schools or Mater Dei, please contact Grace Samanns in Advancement to be part of a great opportunity! A Legacy School/Mater Dei Alumni Committee is being formed and your help is needed with social media, planning events, graphic design etc. Call for more information or to sign up! 267-218-3496 or [gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com)