



Saint Maria Goretti Parish

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, & 11:30 am
Vietnamese Mass: 2:30 pm
Weekdays & Saturday Mass: 8:30 am
Holy Days: Vigil 7:00pm, 7:00am, 8:30am
& noon, Vietnamese Mass at 7pm
***Mass Live Streamed on SMG 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 during the pandemic.



PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. John C. Nguyen
In Residence: Rev. Joseph Lap Le
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Leonard N. Peterson
Vietnamese Apostolate: Rev. John C. Nguyen
Permanent Deacons:
Deacon Phuong Nguyen
Deacon Stephen Vondercrone
Mater Dei Regional Catholic School President:
Ms. Diane McCaughan
Mater Dei Principal: Ms. Beth Waltrich
Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education & Parish Services: Maria Richardson
Admin. Assist. of Religious Education: JoAnn Prahler & Pat Kendig
Director of Music: Eileen Ericsson
Pastoral Assistant: Patricia Conroy
Office Manager: Cheryl Ryan
Parish Secretary: Mary Faymore
R.C.I.A. Coordinator: Al Pandolfo
Elder Care Assistance Program: Amy Juarez
Business Manager: Douglas Smith
Asst. Business Mgr.: Geri Salanik

DEVOTIONS:

Adoration: Mondays after the 8:30 am Mass -
Concludes at 5pm with Benediction
Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass.
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. Baptisms are limited to **ONE CHILD** per Sunday. **Letters of eligibility are due at the Parish Center before a date can be given for Baptism.**

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

Thank you!

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

Thank you for your generosity to me this Christmas Season. Every gift, delicious snack, baked good, cards and kind wishes meant so much to me. I pray for your good health and continued faith in 2021! God Bless you.

*Gratefully,
Father Chung*



PLEASE NOTE: The January and February envelope packets were mailed but unfortunately due to the USPS mail delivery back-up many of you have not received them yet. Feel free to use a plain envelope with your name and your parish ID (if you know it) and all contributions will be posted to your account. Thank you for your continued support of SMG parish!

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
ROSARY GARDEN**



Many thanks to those people who donated to Liam Kelly's Rosary Garden eagle project this past weekend. Unfortunately, the BSA is requiring Liam to jump through one more hoop before he can continue with anything - including fund-raising. Please know that the project is **NOT CANCELLED**. It is simply **DE-LAYED**. Nothing about the 'additional hoop' will cause cancellation. Once he is given the 'go ahead', we will place a full

notice here in the bulletin. Please feel free to contact us at mkellywyck@yahoo.com or 267-582-0331. **Thank you for your patience!**



GORETTIFEST NEWS



The first planning meeting for the 2021 Goretifest is set for **Tuesday, January 26, 2021**. For those who are not comfortable with meeting in person at this time, but would like to help, we will also hold the meeting via Zoom. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please send an email to smggoretifest@gmail.com letting us know if you are interested in serving on the committee and can attend the meeting either in person or virtually.

As you are all aware we, unfortunately, had to cancel the 2020 Goretifest due to COVID concerns but with the intent to reschedule the event for **Friday, May 7, 2021** with a Cinco de Mayo theme. We hope that the many dedicated volunteers and donors that helped make past Goretifest events a success will be able to help make this event an even bigger success. For those that have not been involved in the past, why not consider helping out this year and make this event a fun and successful event for our Parish community.



**PRO-LIFE MARCH WASHINGTON, D.C.
Friday, January 29, 2021**

SAINT MARIA GORETTI PARISH WILL NOT BE TAKING A BUS TO THE PRO-LIFE MARCH IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THIS YEAR. If you have reserved a spot on the bus you will be refunded. Please join us in the main church on Friday, January 29th, following morning Mass until 5pm for Adoration, praying in solidarity with the March for Life pilgrims in Washington DC. Let's gather together to pray for an end to abortion in our country!



OUR PARISH HAS A FACE

If you have a **Facebook** account, please check out our Facebook page at Saint Maria Goretti Catholic Church Hatfield for prayers and devotions, inspirational quotes of the saints, and the latest news and announcements from our parish and archdiocese. Look in the mirror, its face is you! Connect with us to be informed about....

- ◆ Emergency situations that may arise on campus
- ◆ Cancellation of events and programs due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances
- ◆ The latest news and announcements from our parish and archdiocese
- ◆ Upcoming events
- ◆ The Liturgical Calendar
- ◆ Saints, Solemnities, and Special Feasts

ARE YOU MISSING OUT...



on the many graces waiting for you in our chapel? Jesus is waiting. All you need to do is just come and sit with Him. There are no special prayers or readings just your time and a commitment. By becoming a Guardian, you tell Jesus that spending time with Him is a priority in your life.

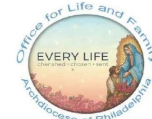
You are willing to even arrange your schedule for Him! Imagine how happy this makes our Lord and Savior. The following times are in need of a second Guardian partner:

12 noon to 12:30pm, 1:30pm to 2pm or 2pm to 2:30pm

Come and receive the peace that only He can give. Please contact Nancy Boak by phone 215-393-3763 or email nancyboak@aol.com to sign-up or inquire.

**PHILADELPHIA
2021
MARCH FOR
LIFE**

Saturday January 23rd, 2021



*We will be practicing social distancing, and we ask that everyone wear a mask while at the event.



**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!

9:00AM Roman Catholic Mass (*All are Welcome!*)

Archbishop Nelson Perez will kick off the day by celebrating mass at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul (parking will be available at the Cathedral).

12:00PM Rally

We will conclude the day with a rally at Independence Mall!

10:30AM Let the March Begin!

The march will begin at the Cathedral and proceed to Independence Mall with several stops along the route, including Philadelphia Women's Center, where 6,500 abortions are committed each year.

For more information please contact Bob McCormick at 215-362-1247 or email at bobmcc52@verizon.net

TURNING TAXES INTO SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are paying Pennsylvania state income taxes, why not turn your tax dollars into need based scholarships for schools? Pennsylvania provides a 90% tax credit to individuals who donate funds for Catholic School Education. The gift of a Catholic Education is an investment in our youth, our future and, our faith. To learn more, please call Grace Samanns at Mater Dei, 215-368-9787.

RISE UP & JOURNEY WITH JESUS

Are you discerning religious life? The Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity will be hosting a virtual discernment retreat January 29th and 30th for single women, ages 18+ that are considering religious life. Join MSBT sisters in prayer, reflection and hear MSBT sisters share their stories on mission. To register go to msbt.org/rise-up-journ... or for more information email voc@msbt.org.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GIVE THE GIFT OF A NEW HYMNAL

We are over halfway there...700 of 1200 hymnals are already gifted!

With Christmas coming right around the corner, we all have that hard to buy for person, please consider the gift of a hymnal in their honor. This gift will last for years to come. While helping the parish to defray the cost with a donation of \$25 per hymnal. Consider this opportunity to honor loved ones or to commemorate a special event such as an anniversary, birthday...! Stop at the table in the narthex to pick up a reservation form or fill out the form below and drop or mail to the Parish Center, attention: Cheryl Ryan. Thank you for your consideration and support of this project for our parish! See the sample hymnals at the display in the narthex.

Number of Hymnals: _____

In Honor of: _____

Requested by: _____

In Loving Memory of: _____

Requested by: _____

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 24th

Lectors

5:00pm – T. Hipp, M. O’Pella
 7:30am – C. Friel, D. Smith
 9:30am – T. Mazzeo, R. Miller
 11:30am – M. D’Elia, D. Grant

Cantors

5:00pm – Andrew 7:30am – Lynne
 9:30am – Michele 11:30am – Isabella

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, January 19th

Mini Bell Choir—6:45pm
 Mini Choir—7:30pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Sunday, January 24th
 9:30am – Mini Choir



MASS LIVE STREAMED

If you haven’t logged onto SMG Mass being Live Streamed through Facebook, or by clicking on the link on the home page of our website at www.stmariagoretti.net in a while, you may want to **give it another try!** Through the generosity of a very giving parishioner, we have the capability to Live Stream Mass in which the audio and video are top quality. Much research for the best equipment (all donated) and many hours of hard work over the past few weeks by a couple very dedicated parishioners have made this all possible as we continue to be dispensed by Archbishop Nelson Perez to attend Mass in person. Thank you for your patience over these past months as we finally are able to provide Live Streamed Mass at a quality that is worth watching. **Many thanks to the gentleman who made this possible! Mass will be Live Streamed Monday through Saturday at 8:30am, Sunday at 9:30am and Adoration all day on Mondays with Benediction at 5pm.**



KOC CRAB CAKE SALE

On Sale Now! Knights of Columbus Crab Cake Sale featuring Capt’n Chucky’s famous Smith Island Crab Cakes, Maryland Crab Soup, Crab Critter Appetizers and More! Your orders must be placed and received no later than SATURDAY, February 13th. Orders must be picked up on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm at the MATER DEI SCHOOL GYM (St. Stanislaus, Lansdale, PA). Visit www.koc4396.org to download an order form and contact Al Perry: (215) 822-0683 or Chuck McNevin: (215) 258-1298 for more information.

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected in November & December for St. Vincent DePaul was: **\$4,462.79**

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 2021**, 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!**

SAINT JOHN’S HOSPICE

The Parishioners of SMG did a great job of donating Socks, Hats, Gloves, Blankets, etc.. in early winter to the Homeless. This time we are collecting Toiletries to prepare for Spring. We will be collecting; Shampoo, Conditioner, Bars of Soap, Lotion, Razors, Deodorant, Hand Sanitizer, Tissues and Wrapped Candy. If possible, and you are able to help out, please bring them to the Narthex of the Church and drop them off in the boxes provided. We will be collecting these items now thru February 14 and then plan to drop off the boxes that week. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Dennis Sokolek 215 368 - 9050 for more information. Thank You and May God Bless.

PRE-JORDAN CLASS

Pre-Jordan classes are offered the second Wednesday of each month in the IHM Room of the Parish Center at 7pm. The next class will be held on **Wednesday, January 13th**. Pre-Jordan is required for parents wishing to have their child baptized and optional for godparents. You must attend Pre-Jordan prior to having your first child baptized. There is no need to register for the class and you are welcome to bring your little one. The class is approximately one hour.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



13,300 of you have made one or more purchases at "Amazon Smile" and selected CRS as your charity of choice. That equals over \$150,000 in donations! Thank you for helping us reach this milestone. Whenever you shop on Amazon, please continue to support our work by shopping at <http://smile.amazon.com/catholicrelief>. Thanks for your support!

"May the Child of Bethlehem help us, then, to be generous, supportive and helpful, especially towards those who are vulnerable, the sick, those unemployed or experiencing hardship due to the economic effects of the pandemic, and women who have suffered domestic violence during these months of lockdown. In the face of a challenge that knows no borders, we cannot erect walls. All of us are in the same boat. Every other person is my brother or my sister. In everyone, I see reflected the face of God, and in those who suffer, I see the Lord pleading for my help. I see him in the sick, the poor, the unemployed, the marginalized, the migrant and the refugee: brothers and sisters all!" ~ Pope Francis

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS THROUGH THE PANDEMIC

Thank you to the parishioners of SMG that are able to continue to support the parish through this pandemic. We understand that this unprecedented health emergency has also had a negative affect financially on so many and because of your generosity we are able to stay current on our parish financial obligations as well as help those who need.

Christmas Collection Updated		
2019	2020	Difference
\$71,248.40	\$67,715.00	(\$3,533.40)
Sunday, January 10th		
\$23,679.50	\$26,201.81	\$2,522.31

Anonymous donation to the parish of \$150,000. May God bless you for your generosity!

WAYS TO GIVE & SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

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

Gifts from Retirement Plans - Gifting assets accumulated through retirement plans can be a practical way to support SMG. Tax-free IRA rollover up to \$100,000 per year is now permitted by the IRS and counts toward your "Required Minimum Distribution" (RMD) if you are over age 70 1/2. Consider a charitable gift using all or a part of your RMD.



A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

February 12-14, 2021

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 12 - 14, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage... or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



Registration 2021-22

It's time! New families can now register their child for the 2021- 22 school year at both Mater Dei Catholic School's Lansdale and Hatfield campuses. 63 new registrations have already been accepted! Many of our classrooms will be filled by December of 2020 for the 21-22 school year. So if you have a child who will be eligible for Preschool through Grade 8 in September of 2021 and would like more information about registration or our programs, please contact Grace Sammans in the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com.



Virtual Open House at Mater Dei Catholic School: Tuesday, February 9

Mater Dei Catholic School will host a virtual Open House for the 2021-22 school year on Tuesday, February 9, at 6:30 PM. If you have a child who will be eligible for Preschool through Grade 8 in September of 2021 and would like more information about registration or our programs, please contact Grace Sammans in the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com. Registration for the virtual Open House is necessary so a Zoom invitation can be sent to you in advance. Please call or email to RSVP. All are welcome!



A reasonably priced childcare program and a nurturing, safe environment for your child while you work...

The Mater Dei Childcare Center, located at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Hatfield, watches over the youngest members of our community. Your child, ages 6 weeks to 36 months, is welcome to participate in an amazing program where he or she will learn and develop socially, emotionally, academically, and spiritually in a nurturing environment. Mater Dei Child Care Center is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM to accommodate the working parent. If you would like information about future availability for this wonderful program, please contact Katherine Stansbury, Center Director, at childcare@materdeicatholic.com or 215-799-2211.

Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.

Alum of St. Maria Goretti, St. Rose, St. Stanislaus Schools or SASH...

We are interested in knowing if you are an alum of one of our legacy schools: St. Maria Goretti, St. Rose, St. Stanislaus, or SASH. If you are a graduate of one of Mater Dei's legacy schools and would like to know how Mater Dei continues the traditions of your elementary school, please help us by completing a brief online form for our "Alum Connection." Please visit the legacy alumni page on our website at <https://www.materdeicatholic.com/support-alumni/alumni-association> to update your contact information. It will only take you a minute to complete the brief form. Please help Mater Dei continue to share your legacy school's traditions with you!

Also, please like our brand new Facebook page, Mater Dei Catholic School Alumni.