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# St. Patrick's Catholic Church

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Saint Maria Goretti



St. Maria Goretti is unique in that she is the youngest canonized saint in the Church. She died tragically on July 6, 1902, at the age of eleven.

Born into poverty, her father moved the family when Maria was just six years old from the east side of Italy (near Ancona) to the west side (near Nettuno, about 40 miles south of Rome) in hopes of escaping the grinding poverty that was gripping the area. Just three years later, when Maria was nine, her father died tragically. It fell to her at that time to raise her five siblings while her mother worked the fields to produce the crops with which they would both pay the rent and feed themselves.

This was a terrible time of trial and suffering for the whole family. For Maria it was especially difficult. Aside from having the responsibility of caring for her family, she had to also cook and clean for her two next door neighbors—Giovanni Serenelli and his son, Alessandro—who assisted her mother with the farm tasks. It was also during this time that Alessandro began to develop an impure liking for Maria. The big 20-year-old would say rude and crude things to her, things that were inappropriate and embarrassing, and that would cause her to run away. However, at a certain point he began to make direct sexual advances towards her, demanding her virginity and threatening her with violence for non-compliance.

Finally, after many months of this, Alessandro forced himself upon Maria in an attempt to rape her. Though she prevented him from violating her, Alessandro brutally stabbed her numerous times.

Maria died the next day in the midst of horrendous infection brought on by her lacerations. Her last words were, "I forgive Alessandro Serenelli ... and I want him with me in heaven forever."

During his prison sentence Maria appeared to Alessandro and forgave him. That act of mercy and forgiveness—that act of love—filled Alessandro with contrition for his crime. It was also a turning point for him where grace entered his heart. From that point on, he lived a beautiful and converted life of holiness, eventually becoming a Franciscan lay brother.

Maria is known as a wonder-worker. She has intervened with the Lord to produce countless miracles. Of all the saints (over 160) whose relics Fr. Carlos Martins, Director of *Treasures of the Church*, ministers with, Maria is the one who by far has produced the most miracles.

Let all the earth cry  
out  
to God with joy.

## Weekday Mass

July 8<sup>th</sup> - Monday - 8:00 a.m. No mass

July 9<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 8:00 a.m.

Mass Intention: Beatrice Cantu +  
Bacilio Cantu & Barbara Cantu

July 10<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Mass Intention: Michael J. Valenzuela +  
Ismael & Gracie Perez

July 11<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Mass Intention: Richard & Angelita Solis +  
Mary Moya

July 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Mass Intention: All souls in Purgatory

### Offertory June 30<sup>th</sup>

\$714.00 – Parish Support  
\$30.00 – Candle Money  
\$1029.00 – Building Fund

### **Pro-Life – Corner**

**July 7<sup>th</sup>** -. Thomas Jefferson once said:  
"The care of human life and happiness,  
and not their destruction, is the first and  
only object of good government." The  
founders of our nation would never have  
accepted "Roe v Wade". Why do we?

## Weekend Mass Schedule/Intentions

Confessions – Every Saturday - 5:15-5:45 p.m.

July 13<sup>th</sup> – Saturday - 6:00 p.m. Mass

Intention: Samuel Appiasi

EME: Carol Sutton

Lector: Thomas Pribyl

Altar Servers: Allana Lange, Scarlett Lange  
Gabrielle Lange

Ushers: Raymond Brandl, Paulette Brandl  
Tommy West, Marshall Lange

July 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday - 8:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: Bacilio Bucio +  
Family

EME: Fred Soto

Lector: Marianela Chapa

Altar Servers: Dulce Castro

Ushers: Magdaleno Garcia, Andy Reyes  
Bacilio Gonzalez, Adelaido Posada

July 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday - 10:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: Pro Populo

EME: Janie Robles

Lector: Tibo Robles

Altar Servers: Monica Soto, Lina Rodriguez

Ushers: Joe Canales Jr., Albert Rodriguez  
Lupe Rivera Jr., Lorenzo Rivera Jr.

## Parish News

**Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - Parish Council**  
will have their monthly meeting at  
7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - The Knights  
of Columbus** will have their monthly  
meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Heritage  
Room.

## Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Birthday Party** - All parishioners are  
invited to a Birthday Party for Father  
Samuel on Friday, July 12, at 6 p.m. in  
the Parish Hall. Parishioners are asked  
to bring a dessert.

**Sunday, July 7** – Sts. Cyril & Methodius  
Church will celebrate its 163<sup>rd</sup> Year.  
"Dubinea-Style" Fried Chicken and  
Sausage Dinner with All the Trimmings  
at \$10/plate for adults and \$5 for  
children. Serving begins at 11:00 a.m.  
Entertainment and Amusements all  
Day.

The **Rosary Group** meets every  
Monday in the church at 5 p.m. to  
pray. You are invited to come and pray.