



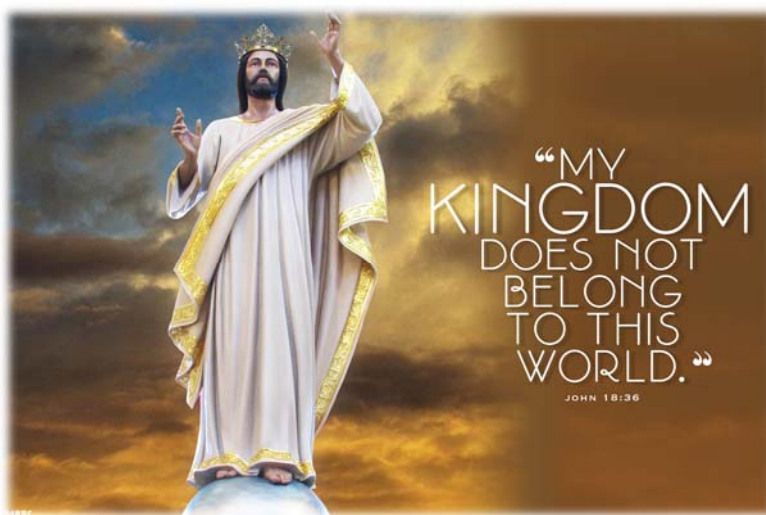
Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

Phone: 215-721-0199
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Web Site: www.stmariagoretti.net

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 9am to 8:00pm
Friday and 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 & Saturday 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.

ANOIDTING 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.



OUTREACH NEWS

**Next Weekend, Choose an Angel,
Have it Back NO LATER than
Sunday, December 16th**

Over thirty years ago, Outreach placed a little tree with some angels on it asking for gifts for a few needy families in the area. We were hoping our parishioners would respond! Well, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and the Outreach reputation of respect & confidentiality, it wasn't long before we soon had "Outreach Giving Tree" walls! The narthex will be filled with angels requesting gifts for members from our community and parish.

How does all this work? Gift requests come into Outreach - they are coded into a confidential numbered format (names are never used) where age & sex might be listed along with the gift. Outreach members help write angels & hang in them in our Narthex to celebrate the 1st week of Advent. Parishioners may then choose one (1) or as many angels as they can afford and purchase the exact gift requested (do not add anything extra, not even a card). Please return your gift wrapped with the angel taped securely to the top (this how we identify where it goes!) **no later than Sunday, December 16th** (3rd week of Advent).

If you have an angel requesting a gift certificate or a donation for food or tuition (Checks may be made out to "SMG Outreach") Gift cards are conveniently located at the SCRIP desk for purchase. Please place your angel with gift certificate and/ or donations in an envelope marked Outreach Giving Tree and drop in collection basket or deliver to Parish Center, again no later than Sunday, December 16th.

If you have any questions please contact Maripat Shelly at 215-256-0273.

CALLED BY NAME



All parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are participating in CALLED BY NAME, a program of vocation awareness that begins this weekend. This program offers the opportunity for us to pray for priestly vocations; to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members of our parish; and finally to call forth and encourage these members to share their gifts in priesthood. Perhaps you know a man (16 years of age or older) who would, in your opinion, have the qualities to become a priest. Please recommend this person by contacting Father Chung at the parish center at 215-721-0199. Thank you.

LOOKING FOR THE ADULT FAITH FORMATION TABLE?

Do you need a registration form for an upcoming Adult Faith Formation event? Look for the AFF resource table in the narthex located under the images of some of the Church's lay saints. (Saints Zelie and Louis Martin (Saint Therese's parents), Saint Maria Goretti, and Saint Gianna)



CHARLIE ZAHM'S "CELTIC" CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 2nd, 2018 at 7 PM. The concert is being held in the St. Maria Goretti Church for the benefit of Society of St. Vincent de Paul, SMG conference. Cost is \$10 per ticket, \$5 children 12 or under. Please bring a canned food item for the December Food Pantry drive. Light refreshments served and basket raffle held at intermission.

PRO-LIFE MARCH ~ WASHINGTON D.C. Friday, January 18, 2019



Bus departs from SMG parking lot at 5:45am.

Join Pro-Life members from all over the country in the fight to end abortion. We will leave at 5:45am (with a stop for a quick break) to participate at Mass at 10am at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. After Mass there will be time to visit all of the beauty of the Shrine.

The March will begin between 12—1pm and all participants will be supplied with Metro passes to the March. The bus will leave the Shrine parking lot at 4pm and we will stop at Old Country Buffet in Newark, DE for dinner. The bus, metro pass and dinner are included in the cost of \$15. Family discounts are available.

Anyone who cannot make the March but would like to donate to help with expenses can drop your check in the collection basket payable to St. Maria Goretti marked Pro-Life March or mail to 1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield. For more information, please call Bob McCormick at 215-362-1247 or bobmcc52@verizon.net.

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Send your name, address, phone number, number of tickets along with your check to SMG attention Pro-Life March.

"LIGHT" LUNCH

Celebrate the feast of Saint Lucy with a "light" lunch as we view the heartwarming film entitled, "Beyond Christmas." Be inspired by the story of three benevolent spirits who work behind the scenes to ensure that a young couple, who they met at Christmas, will find a way to be together and have a love that will last forever.

Thursday, December 13, 2018

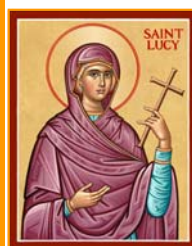
12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Parish Center: Lower Level

Movie Running Time: 84 Minutes

Luncheon Cost: \$10.00

Please register using the form that can be found on our parish website at www.stmariagoretti.net or on the Adult Faith Formation table in our narthex. Please mail form along with payment. Payment is transferrable to another person but not refundable.





Mass Schedule

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN., Nov. 25	7:30 A.M. Bernie Phillipeck Req. by The Patterson Family 9:30 A.M. Raymond Miller Req. by His Wife & Children 11:30 A.M. The Golazeski Family Req. by Theresa Golazeski
MON., Nov. 26	8:30 A.M. Alexander Haytko Req. by The Family
TUES., Nov. 27	8:30 A.M. The Sweeney Family Req. by Edd & Sally Murphy
WED., Nov. 28	8:30 A.M. Angelo DeLuca Req. by The Family
THURS., Nov. 29	8:30 A.M. Thelma Stanek Req. by Deborah, Catherine & Andy
FRI., Nov. 30	8:30 A.M. Anthony Spinosa Req. by The Riley Family
SAT., Dec. 1	8:30 A.M. Rosalie Sirianni Req. by Matthew Sirianni 5:00 P.M. Helen DeMarino Req. by Denise & Ted DeMarino
SUN., Dec. 2	7:30 A.M. The Watale Family Req. by Tina & Louis Watale 9:30 A.M. Sean Flynn Req. by The Steklenski Family 11:30 A.M. Adam Fox Req. by Beth Lentz



SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Licia Butera** requested by Mary & Bill.

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 7pm. **The next Holy Hour will be held on Thursday, December 6th.**

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



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, Ernest Doherty, Ceferina Eusubio, Sally Esbensen, Peter Fallon, Marybeth Hentschel Fiorelli, Sebastian Fillion, Patrick Gardenier, Lianessa Gonzalez, Andrew Green, Dionne Greim, Sharon, Fernando & Ian Griffin, Frank Holloway, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Michelle Heacock, Ron Hoffman, Kevin Iavecchia, Lindsay Jaso, Gerald Kenny, Emily Keiser, Charles Kline, Bernadette Kubej, Sue Kunze, Peg Krempf, Trish Lavelle, Angelique Lee, Keenan Lee, Curt Lecrone, Dina Lukasko, Mary Magnarella, Patti Maguire, Barbara Masser, William & Kristen Morrow, 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, Floerfida & Savador Penganon, Michael Praher, Marian Quinn, Pat Raber, Michael Rafter, Scott Randall, Jim Richardson, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Barbara Scally, Susan Schmidt, Helen Shekalis, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Peg Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzel, Paula Jayne White, John Willstaedt, Arlene Wyatt, Salem Yabut, Joe Zdun & Jack Zampirri.



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES SPOTLIGHT

"May it be said of me that, like Mother Cabrini, I treated the stranger not as an alien, but as a brother or a sister, greeting them with an embrace and a song of joy. Amen." ~ Prayer to St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, patron saint of immigrants

Join the U.S. Catholic Bishops in opposing budget cuts to foreign aid, and ensure that Congress is funding these life-saving programs that reduce hunger, provide shelter and create opportunities for the future at the highest levels possible. As Congress evaluates the final spending figures for U.S. foreign aid, we must continue to lift our voices in support of this vital assistance. It helps migrants and refugees around the world meet their basic needs, and addresses factors, like violence, hunger, and lack of economic opportunity, that force people to migrate. Visit www.crs.org for more information!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month at 1 o'clock in the basement of the parish center. New members welcome. Experience not necessary. Many helping hands to get you started. Yarn and needles provided.



PLAY & PRAY MOM AND TOTS GROUP!

Moms/Grandmoms and their little ones infant through age 5 are most welcome to join our weekly play-group! We gather for simple crafts/coloring, Bible stories and songs, as well as a chance for free play and socialization. What a great way to get to know other moms as well! We hope you will join us on Thursdays from 9:30am-11am in the Parish Library for fellowship and fun. There is no need to register, but for more info please contact Kendra at itpmentor209@yahoo.com



Youth Ministry Update



December 8th & 9th Luminary Sale after All Masses in Church

December 18th
Teen Christmas Carols, Confession and Christmas Party-Parish Library 7:00PM

December 24th 9am—Placing of Luminaries
Teens Meet in School Building

December 26th 9am—Luminary Clean Up



Children's Youth Ministry
Epiphany of Our Lord Event
Friday, January 4, 2019
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in Drexel Hall
Must register by December 25th!

Maria Richardson, Director of
Family Faith Formation, Religious Education
and Parish Services
maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net

215-721-6559

Find details and registration at <http://stmariagoretti.net/maria-2/>



ELDERCARE CORNER

Seniors, it is currently **Open Enrollment for Medicare** and there is still plenty of time to compare plans. If you or a family member are computer savvy, go to www.medicare.gov, choose the green button that says, "Find Health & Drug Plans," and follow the instructions. You will need your Medicare card and list of medications. If you need help with this, please call Amy Juarez with the Eldercare Assistance Program to schedule an appointment. Amy can be reached at 215-721-0199 x225 or ajuarez@chs-adphila.org. As always, the Eldercare Assistance Program is free of charge and using the Medicare website is free and simply a way to compare plans without any pressure or commitment. Contact Amy with any questions.

Seniors—travel FREE on SEPTA!

With the full transition of the SEPTA KEY fare system, PA issued Senior Citizen Transit ID Cards ARE NO LONGER VALID FOR SEPTA TRAVEL.

Senior Citizens age 65 and older must have a new SEPTA KEY ID to ride FREE at all times on **all Transit Routes**. * Effective September 1, seniors will need a SEPTA Key Senior Photo ID Card or a valid Pennsylvania Driver's Licenses and Non-Driver IDs with a magnetic stripe on the back, which can still be swiped at turnstiles and fare boxes to receive the free Transit and Regional Rail rides. New licenses issued by PennDOT on or after July 2017 do not have magnetic stripes and cannot be used.

*On September 1, 2018, SEPTA eliminated the \$1.00 Cash Fare on Regional Rail for travel within PA. Half Fare (50% of the Weekday Fare) for travel to/from New Jersey and the State of Delaware will remain in effect. You can apply for a free SEPTA KEY card at the following local locations (Bring your valid driver's license or state ID) :

The office of Legislator Robert Godshall
1702 Cowpath Road, Hatfield
215-368-3500

Monday thru Friday from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

The office of Legislator Kate Harper
1098 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell
610-277-3230

Monday thru Friday from 8:30 AM-4:00 PM

Call Amy Juarez with the Elder Assistance Program at 215-721-0199 x225 or email at ajuarez@chs-adphila.org with any questions.



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....

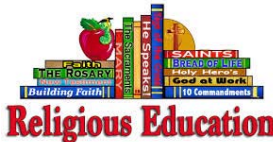
- ◆ Emergency situations that may arise on campus
- ◆ Cancellation of events and programs due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances
- ◆ The latest news and announcements from our parish and archdiocese
- ◆ Upcoming events
- ◆ The Liturgical Calendar
- ◆ Saints, Solemnities, and Special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

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$266.62**

BENEFITS ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

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 **November** and **December** 2018, all offerings from the poor box will be designated to **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. The SMG Conference of the Society was newly formed in 2007 and meets each Monday evening in the Parish Center to review the needs of individuals within our community. The Society works in collaboration with other organizations to provide person-to-person service, recognizing Christ in the face of those in need. The Society also supports the initiatives of the International Society, including clothing and food drives, as well as other special projects. This collection will provide much needed funding to fulfill our mission to serve the poor and needy. As quoted in the Society's motto... "No form of charity is foreign to the Society." *If donating by check please make payable to St. Maria Goretti. Thank you!*



Religious Education

**All Parishioners are invited to join us for
the Advent Christmas Pageant Sing A Long
Wednesday, December 5, 2018
6:30 P.M. in church.
Light refreshments to follow!**

**CONTACT: Maria Richardson, Director of
Family Faith Formation, Religious Education and
Parish Services**
maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net
215-721-6559

Parish Ministry Update!

Hospitality Ministry
Greeters needed for the Christmas Masses
contact Joe Pekala
joe.pekala@insurancejpa.com

CLUB + 50

**2 seats available for "Jesus" at Sight and
Sound Theatre on December 12th**

GAMES DAY
The first Wednesday of the month
1PM – 4PM Parish Library

The Donut Social is in need of Leadership
if we are to continue in January of 2019!
PLEASE HELP! Contact
Maria Richardson
maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net



Schedule a Tour at Mater Dei Catholic School

All families with preschool to Grade 8 children are welcome to visit Mater Dei. Tours are available and the Advancement Office can accommodate your schedule. **Learn more about giving your child the gift of an exceptional Catholic education from a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School.** For more information, please contact the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com.

Veterans ... thank you!

To all of the veterans who attended Mater Dei's Veteran's Day Celebration on November 9th and those who could not be in attendance ... thank you! We respect, admire, and appreciate each and every one of you for your service to our country. Remember to check out Mater Dei's Facebook page to see pictures of this special celebration. Blessings from the Mater Dei School community!

Save the Date: Mater Dei Christmas Pageant

Celebrate the Christmas Spirit with the Mater Dei Catholic School community on Tuesday, December 11, at 7:00 PM in St. Stanislaus Church. All are welcome!

Alumni of St. Maria Goretti, St. Rose, and St. Stan's ...

Thank you to all who attended our Alumni Breakfast on Saturday, November 10th. It was great to see all of you at Mater Dei!

**Still a few spots available! Immediate acceptance of
infants to 36 month old children...**

If you would like information or would like to schedule a visit, please contact Katherine Stansbury, Center Director,
at childcare@materdeicatholic.com or 215-799-2211.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

The 31st Annual **Retirement Fund for Religious** Collection will be held at parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on the weekend of **December 1-2, 2018**. This effort is coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office and offers financial support for the day to day care of over 31,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests throughout the country.

Last year, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia contributed over \$106,449.55 to this collection. In 2018, local religious orders received a combined total of over \$1.2 million dollars in financial assistance made possible by the national appeal.

The Retirement Fund for Religious Collection was initiated in 1988 by the Catholic Bishops of the United States to address the significant lack of retirement funding among Catholic religious communities in the United States. Proceeds are distributed to eligible communities to help underwrite retirement and health-care expenses. Nearly 95 percent of every donation directly supports senior religious and their communities.

SUNDAY OFFERING



COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Totals not available in time for publication.



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<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1433916>.

This holiday, make a difference while you shop

Shop for holiday gifts and supplies at smile.amazon.com and Amazon donates

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FIND THE PERFECT GIFTS THIS YEAR WITH SCRIP

Who doesn't love picking out their own gifts? By giving a scrip card to someone you love this Christmas, they can do just that while you earn credits for yourself. Of course, if you have the perfect gift in mind for someone, or you have a list of presents to check off for your kids, just purchase the gifts with scrip and save. Support your parish by purchasing SCRIP this Christmas season!



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Presented by Knights of Columbus
Sunday December 2, 2018
Drexel Hall – St. Maria Goretti Church
2 Seatings: 8:30 am & 10:30 am
Send in your reservations Today!

It is All You Can Eat buffet and includes a Picture with Santa. Tickets are \$9 each, and reservations are required by November 26th. It will be held at Drexel Hall. Reservation form available under the Events section of www.koc4396.org. Call Linda at 215-361-7650 or LansdaleBWS@gmail.com with questions. All Proceeds are used to provide winter coats for children and food baskets for families in the North Penn & Souderton area.

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2nd

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, J. Yandoli, D. Blanche, K. Hay
7:30am – Sacristan, T. Hipp, D. Grant, B. McCormick
9:30am – Sacristan, M.J. Vondercrone, M. & M. D'Elia
11:30am – Sacristan, B. Santulli, T. & E. McBride

E.M. Home Visits

A1–K. Staudt , A2–J. Burke, A3–D. Miscak, A4–B. Hudak,
A5–M. Collis , B1–D. Fuse, B2–J. Gressang, B3–T. McGann,
B4–P. Niche, B5–K. Clapper

Lectors

5:00pm – M. Faymore, R. Jones
7:30am – A. & R. Whitley
9:30am – B. Smith, B. Bataille
11:30am – R. Miller, S. Archambault

Cantors

5:00pm – Lynne
7:30am – **Volunteer Needed**
9:30am – Donna
11:30am – Chelsea

Altar Servers

5:00pm – J. DeFazio, D. Farzetta, B. Braun
7:30am – K. Grant, T. Paul, A. Wertz
9:30am – N. Cugini, J. & J. Hier
11:30am – C. Murphy, L. O'Leary, I. Sirianni

Children's Liturgy

9:30am – P. Fiore, K. Shaughnessy

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, November 27th

Children's Chime Choir—5:50 to 6:30pm
Bell Choir—6:30 to 7:30pm
Adult Choir—7:30 to 8:45pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Saturday, December 1st
5pm – Children's Chime Choir

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The parish children's choir will begin Saturday rehearsals on December 8th from 4:00-4:30. The children's first Mass will be Christmas Eve at the 4:00 Mass. Please see Mrs. Ericsson for a schedule or email leen.ericsson@stmariagoretti.net! Singing in choir is a great way for our parish children to learn about our Catholic faith and gain a sense of stewardship!

RECEPTIONIST POSITION AT THE BIRCHES IN HARLEYSVILLE

The Birches in hiring a full time and part time receptionist with flex hours and benefits. Pay is comparable to experience. For more information, please call Nick DelPopolo @ 215-541-3700 , The Birches 691 Main Street, Harleysville.