

Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

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Christmas Schedule

Confessions this week

Monday, December 14th –
6:30 to 7:30pm
Tuesday, December 15th—
1 to 2pm

Christmas Eve Masses

2:00pm, 4:00pm-Children’s
Mass, 7:00pm, 9:00pm

Christmas Day Masses

7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am &
2:30pm Vietnamese Mass



Have a Blessed Christmas and A Happy New Year!

**HOLY LAND TRIP INFO NIGHT
WINE & CHEESE**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21st at 6:30pm

Have you ever dreamed
of going to the Holy Land?



Due to the worldwide pandemic the parish trip to the Holy Land with Fr. Chung and Fr. Brody has been postponed until **November 6 through 14, 2021**. Join us for an information night on December 21st in the IHM Room of the Parish Center. Please

rspv to Cheryl at 215-721-0199 if you are able to attend. Consider traveling with us in 2021, it will be something to look forward to as we get through the uncertainty of 2020!!

THE GENEROSITY OF SMG PARISHIONERS ONCE AGAIN SHINES THROUGH!

Good afternoon Father Chung,

Congratulations to you and the Saint Maria Goretti community on exceeding your Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA) Parish Goal of \$54,000 by raising \$54,333 to date!

You have shared in the collective efforts of the Catholic Charities Appeal in “Giving Hope to All” by reaching your goal. Thank you for your continued generosity. Your kindness will support tens of thousands of people through countless organizations and ministries throughout the greater Philadelphia area.

Our primary goal moving forward is to continue to inspire others to fulfill the needs of our larger community. We encourage you to continue your generosity by remaining involved in the Catholic Charities Appeal to help in those efforts.

Thanks again for your support of the Catholic Charities Appeal, it is greatly appreciated.

To learn more about the CCA, please visit <https://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org/>, like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/catholiccharitiesappeal/>.

In gratitude and prayers, William J. Phelan

OUTREACH GIVING TREE



The Outreach Giving Tree will not be doing presents this year due to the Pandemic. **We still desperately need your generosity for families who need our help.** We are accepting monetary donations, food or Walmart gift certificates only.

● Sadly, due to the Pandemic, we would not be able to do things as we did in the past. We agreed food certificates and Walmart gift cards would be best. Please consider using our Scrip pro-gram to purchase these. Scrip can be purchased by calling the Parish Center and your order can be filled and ready for pick-up. The Parish Center is open Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm.

● We are also accepting cash donations and checks made out to “Outreach SMG”, which can be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Center.

● Parishioners who have Parish Giving accounts may donate to Outreach-Giving Tree that way. Parishioners who would like to open an account to donate electronically can go to the parish website at stmariagoretti.net & click Parish Giving.

● Thank you for your generosity! Any questions, please call Maripat Shelly at 215-256-0273

GET IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT



Help Decorate! On Sunday, December 20, at 6 pm, wreaths, garland and the trees with lights, as well as the Narthex tree with snowflakes recognizing caregivers of the 2020 pandemic, will be put up. On Tuesday, December 22, at 9 am, the poinsettias will arrive and will need placing. All help in dressing the Church to celebrate Christ’s birth are welcome. Any questions contact

Lynne at 215-872-4685. Thanks.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., Dec. 13** 7:30 A.M. Rosaria & Guiseppe Sirchia
Req. by The Family
9:30 A.M. Mary Sharella
Req. by The Family
11:30 A.M. John Casinelli
Req. by Maria & David Richardson
- MON., Dec. 14** 8:30 A.M. Peter Malinchak
Req. by SMG Parish Staff
- TUES., Dec. 15** 8:30 A.M. Angela & William Weir
Req. by Rosanna O'Sullivan & Family
- WED., Dec 16** 8:30 A.M. Cass Pilarski
Req. by Edd & Sally Murphy
- THURS., Dec. 17** 8:30 A.M. Dec'd Members of the Coyle
Family
Req. by Al & Peg Perry
- FRI., Dec. 18** 8:30 A.M. Jean-Paul LeBrocq
Req. by The LeBrocq Family
- SAT., Dec. 19** 8:30 A.M. Paul Bennett
Req. by The Family
5:00 P.M. Shirley Finkelston
Req. by Robert Finkleston
- SUN., Dec. 20** 7:30 A.M. Frank Menta
Req. by Linda & Joseph Benischeck
9:30 A.M. Mary Blaseczyk
Req. by William & Kathy Cmorey
11:30 A.M. David Richardson
Req. by Maria Richardson

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Joseph Rutledge** requested by his Friends.



BE ONE WITH JESUS
eucharistic adoration

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

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: Josephine Albert, Ruth Adams, Jennifer & Kimberly Agnew, Mark Altroggi, Matthew Arrow, Christina Augustine, Paul Baril, Ray Baril, Joey Berical, Jerilyn Bowler, Patricia Britton, Linda Burbank, Mary Callaghan, Ron Cariola, Aldo Carnara, Danny Catts, Joanna Cavacini, James Chrissy, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Helen Curren, Susan & Anthony Dalesio, Joanne Daum, Loretta Deller, Leo Dennis, Karen Diana, Peter Fallon, Christine Fandozzi, Marybeth Hentschel Fiorelli, Carol Galinski, Joe Gallant, Erin Gilbert, Lianessa Gonzalez, Abby Graham, Andrew Green, Dionne Greim, Sharon, Fernando, Ian Griffin, Frank Holloway, Janet Hampton, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Ron Hoffman, Jeanette Hoy, Kevin Iavecchia, Richard Jedlicka, Charles Kline, Sue Kunze, Peg Krempl, Jen Kunkle, Jama Lecore, Curt Lecrone, Angelique, Gina & Keenan Lee, Dorothy Lougee, Dina Lukasko, Patti Maguire, Joe Martin, William & Kristen Morrow, John McLaughlin, Bridget Micshener, Diane Moll, Frank Monroe, Munson Family, Debbie Murray, John Mye, Terry Shields Neumann, Joan Nickerson, Regina Nimmo, Ernest & Mele Lee-Nippins, Bill O'Brien, Lisa O'Driscoll, Matt Page, Anthony & Michael Paone, Kathy Paone, Catherine Pagano, Al Palatucci, Robert Pauloski, Flocerfida & Salvador Penganon, Connie Perrong, Michael Praher, Marian Quinn, Marlin Raber, Dolores Radicioni, Michael Rafter, Joan Ramsher, Scott Randall, Frank Reiner Jim Richardson, Vanessa Rivera, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Barbara Scally, Helen Shekalis, Melissa Shelly, Mary Smith, Anthony Smith, Rukiatu Smith, Valerie Somma, Lawrence Stempel, Judy Stangl, Joseph & Michael Thomas, John & Kathleen Thinnies, Jessica Trexler, Mae Veneziaie, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzal, John Willstaudt, Salem Yabut, Jack Zampirri, Joe Zdun & Joan Ziegler.

In the Father I trust
Father

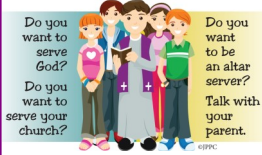


Catholic Housing and Community Services
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

ELDERCARE CORNER

The Eldercare Assistance Program is up and running during social distancing to help with any needs that may arise for our older Parish members. Amy Juarez is available at 215-853-7676 or ajuarez@chs-adphila.org for any questions, concerns, or resource information. The Eldercare Program and services are free to Seniors and family members, so don't hesitate to reach out anytime.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS ~ HELP NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES



We need your help serving at Christmas Eve and Christmas morning Masses. The Mass schedule is Christmas Eve at 2pm, 4pm, 7pm and 9pm. Christmas morning at 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am. Mask may be worn while serving Mass. If you are able to help please stop in the ministry room at the parish center to sign up. You may also call Cheryl Ryan at the parish center at 215-721-0199. Thanks for any help you can provide.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~ LOTTERY CALENDAR ~

Knights Lottery Calendars Are Now Available - Help the Knights of Columbus with this fund raiser. The Knights Lottery Calendars only cost \$15 each and your lucky number is good for the whole 2021 year. You can get one (or more) by contacting: Bill Steigerwalt at 215-880-4200 or stag6988@gmail.com.

~ KOC COAT DRIVE ~

If you have gently used children's coats and/or winter clothing, please consider donating them to the Knights of Columbus Coat Drive! This annual drive collects for needy families in two Philadelphia city parishes (St. Helena in Olney and Sacred Heart in South Philadelphia). A bin will be located in the narthex until November 29th. Please consider helping the Knights serve the less fortunate in our area.

LETTERS FROM SANTA!



The Knights of Columbus, Pius IX Council are playing Postman this year! Your child (or Grandchild – we are not picky) can write a letter to Santa and get a personalized response from the big man himself mailed back to them. This letter is FREE and is part of the Knights little Christmas gift back to our community, especially as the current health crisis necessitates our canceling of Breakfast with Santa this year. All of the details can be found on our website, where you can download the form and flyer from our front page at www.koc4396.org. Call the Knights at 215-368-3044 or info@kofc4396.org with questions, and a Merry Christmas to one and all!

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.

PRO-LIFE NEWS

Peace in the Womb Christmas Caroling

Friday, December 18, 2020 - 9:30 am

Planned Parenthood, 610 Louis Drive, Warminster



In the Christmas story, hope enters the world through the birth of a child, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. Join us as we sing carols and share this Christmas hope where it's needed most: the abortion facility right here in our community. A

Christmas Rosary will follow our Caroling.

Social distancing guidelines will be observed. For more information, please contact Pat Dowling at 267-629-9471.

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



Bus Departure from St. Maria Goretti Parking Lot at 7am
Join Pro-Life members from all over the country in the fight to end abortion. We leave SMG parking lot at 7am (with a stop for a quick break) to Metro Center in Washington DC—Cost is \$10.

We will need to walk from the Metro Center to the rally point on 12th Street—approximately 1 mile. Rally is at 12 noon. The March will begin at 1pm. The destination is the Supreme Court, where more speakers will speak out in support of life.

The bus leaves the Metro Center at 4pm. There will not be a dinner stop due to Covid. There will be a quick rest stop on the way home. We suggest you pack any food and drinks you might need for the day.

Any questions, please contact Bob McCormick at 215-362-1247 or bobmcc52@verizon.net.

Tickets must be purchased in advance, please mail the registration form to Saint Maria Goretti Parish, Pro-Life March, 1601 Derstine Rd., Hatfield, PA 19440

Name(s): _____

of tickets: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Parish: _____



MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20th

Lectors

5:00pm – M.J. Vondercrone, M. Mays
7:30am – A. & R. Whitley
9:30am – N. & R. Boak
11:30am – *Sub Needed*, P. Shelly

Cantors

5:00pm – Ugochi 7:30am – Michael
9:30am – Joe 11:30am – Sofia

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, December 15th

Mini Bell Choir—6:45 to 7:30pm
Mini Choir 1 & 2—7:30pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Sunday, December 20th
9:30am – Mini Choir 1

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$1,092.82**

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** 2020, 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!***

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



CRS and USAID work together where the needs are urgent and our resources can save lives. That's exactly why we are on the frontlines of Mali. By overcoming insecurity and infrastructure challenges, we recently provided food and shelter to over 1,500 people displaced by violence. Visit www.crs.org today for more information and to see how you can help. Thanks for your support!

"Looking after the common good means making use of the new opportunities for the redistribution of wealth among the different areas of the planet, to the benefit of the underprivileged that until now have been excluded or cast to the sidelines of social and economic progress." ~ Compendium of the Social Doctrine



GIVE THE GIFT OF A NEW HYMNAL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

We are almost halfway there...550 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 put 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: _____

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.

	November 29	Difference
2019	2020	
\$24,383.99	\$18,949.20	(\$5,434.79)
	December 6	
\$31,315.51	\$27,451.21	(\$5,864.30)

Our collections for 2020 to date are down by **(\$94,836.02)**



It's Simple:

- Log on to the parish website at www.stmariagoretti.net and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the registration instructions or simply use the QR code, it's that easy!.



It's Secure:

- Parish Giving is PCI compliant and uses the strongest SSL encryption technology available.

It's Convenient:

- No more searching for the check book on Sunday morning stops at the ATM machine.
- You can pick the day of the month for the recurring contributions to be processed.

Tax Benefits:

- You will be able to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year.

Parishioner Benefits:

WAYS TO GIVE & SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

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

Offering Plate - SMG provides an opportunity in its weekly worship services to honor God with financial gifts to the church. Weekly offering envelopes are available upon request. Please contact the church office.



MATER DEI
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
2018 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

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 Samanns in the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com.



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

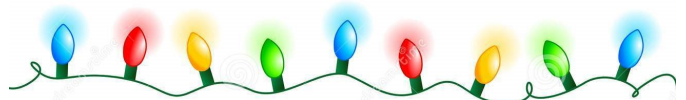
The Mater Dei Childcare Center, located at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Hatfield, watches over the youngest members of our community. Your child, ages 6 weeks to 36 months, is welcome to participate in an amazing program where he or she will learn and develop socially, emotionally, academically, and spiritually 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.



Christmas Night of Worship
Christmas NOW

12.19.20 / 7pm Livestream Find it on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/BethanyMusicMinistry>



GINGERBREAD HOUSE FAMILY WORKSHOP!

Family Fun Filled Faith/Service Project
Tuesday, December 15, 2020

6:30 to 8pm in Drexel Hall



Create a house to take home and/or make one to donate to our SMG home bound parishioners. \$10 per house = pre-made erected house and candy!

Only 20 spots available - each family will have their own table and will remain socially distanced. Register now by e-mailing Maria Richardson at maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net or call 215-721-6559.