

*Saint Maria Goretti Parish
Hatfield, PA*

215-721-0199

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The angels sang a message of

J·O·Y

Romans 15:12-13



Christmas Schedule

Confessions

Monday, Dec. 17th—4:30 to 5:30pm &
6:30 to 7:30pm
Tuesday, Dec. 18th - 1 to 2pm &
4:30 to 5:30pm

Christmas Eve

4:00pm-Children's Mass,
7:00pm, 9:00pm

Christmas Day

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



Have a Blessed Christmas and A Happy New Year!

OUTREACH NEWS

Choose an Angel, Have it Back TO-DAY!!



Gift sorting will take place on Thursday, December 20th at 6:30pm. Please come out and experience the true meaning of Christmas through the sorting of all these gifts to be delivered to families who are less fortunate. **It is critical to have your gifts returned to church prior to gift sorting on December 20th.** Missing presents at the time of sorting could mean that one child in a family wouldn't receive a gift if we don't have it back in time. Thanks for your cooperation. **If you have any questions please contact Maripat Shelly at 215-256-0273.**

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.

PARISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE



WE WILL AGAIN BE DECORATING THE NARTHEX CHRISTMAS TREE WITH OUR SMG FAMILY ORNAMENTS, PLEASE SHARE IN THE JOY BY HELPING TO DECORATE THE SMG FAMILY TREE! If you didn't get a chance last year to contribute an ornament, it's not too late. We are asking that each family/person bring an ornament, preferable non-breakable, it can be hand made, something that commemorates a special date, family name or picture...place it in the large basket in the center of the Narthex. They will then be placed on the tree on **Wednesday, December 19th** when we decorate the Church. Any questions can be directed to Lynne Hipp, 215 256-8682.

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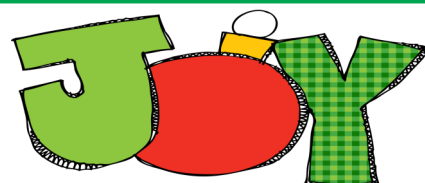
DEVOTED DECORATORS



You may have noticed that Christmas Eve is on a Monday. We again have to put up the trees before the end of Advent.

So decorating will take place on Wednesday, December 19th, at 6:30. We will have the poinsettias delivered on Saturday and put them out early on Christmas Eve. We need many hands to put up the trees, lights, wreaths and miscellaneous decorations. This is a fun way to serve our Church. We hope to see you there on the 19th.

PLEASE NOTE—BENEDICTION ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 17th WILL TAKE PLACE AT 4PM DUE TO PARISH CONFESSIONS BEGINNING AT 4:30PM.





Mass Schedule

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., Dec. 16** 7:30 A.M. Raymond Antenuci
Req. by The Family
9:30 A.M. Angelina & William Weir & Rita Kilbride
Req. by Roseanna O'Sullivan
11:30 A.M. Maureen Unger
Req. by Tracy & Jim Gallagher & Family
- MON., Dec. 17** 8:30 A.M. Cass Pilarski
Req. by Sally & Edd Murphy
- TUES., Dec. 18** 8:30 A.M. Louis R. Conti
Req. by The Moyer Family
- WED., Dec. 19** 8:30 A.M. Jean-Paul LeBrocq
Req. by The LeBrocq Family
- THURS., Dec. 20** 8:30 A.M. Harry Gear
Req. by The Gear Children
- FRI., Dec. 21** 8:30 A.M. Matthew Prince
Req. by Edie & Bill Hardnock
- SAT., Dec. 22** 8:30 A.M. Jack McGann
Req. by The McGann Family
5:00 P.M. Shirley Finkelston
Req. by The Family
- SUN., Dec. 23** 7:30 A.M. Jeffrey Keffer
Req. by Sally & Charlie Keffer
9:30 A.M. Jo Souder
Req. by The Family
11:30 A.M. Intentions of David Richardson
Req. by Maria Richardson

There will not be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament or morning Mass on Monday, December 24th. Merry Christmas!



SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Maryanne O'Reilly** requested by Carol & John Pirrello.

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.

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, Flocerfida & Savador Penganon, Michael Prahler, 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 Willstaudt, Arlene Wyatt, Salem Yabut, Joe Zdun & Jack Zampirri.



PRECIOUS BLOOD

The distribution of Precious Blood will be discontinued for the winter months and will resume following Easter to help to prevent the spreading of winter illnesses. The faith of the Church teaches that Christ, whole and entire, is received even under only one species.

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.



PLAY & PRAY MOM AND TOTS GROUP!

Moms/Grandmoms and their little ones infant through age 5 are most welcome to join our weekly playgroup! 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

**JOSEPH'S PEOPLE CHAPTER
Important Announcement**

With gratitude, Joseph's People has served the unemployed in Hatfield and the surrounding communities over the past nine years. As with many organizations, there comes a time when leaders retire and new leadership steps up. This is such a time for our Hatfield chapter.

If you think you would be interested in leading this ministry to the unemployed, please contact me at your earliest convenience. Joseph's People Hatfield is one of eleven chapters in the greater Philadelphia area who have helped to support and guide thousands of unemployed.

Prayerfully submitted, Nancy Boak 215-393-3763 or nancyboak@aol.com

Help Needed

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STEWARDSHIP

Linen Washers - we are looking for parishioners to become part of the team that clean the smaller alter linens. Approximately 4 times a year you would be scheduled to pick up the linens, wash, iron and return them back to the church. If you are interested, please contact Joanne Dumke 267-476-1960 or Pat Conroy 215-260-5480.

Temple Cleansers— This team of parishioners rotates through a six-week schedule to do light housekeeping of the church. These tasks include dusting, vacuuming, wiping of furnishings and renewing of the holy water font as well as the holy water reservoir. Each group sets its own time for gathering to clean. To find out more about this ministry please call Cheryl at 215-721-0199.

Outdoor Blessed Mother Statue—



Thank you to Kris Antenuci and her family for their years of service maintaining and decorating the Blessed Mother Statue and flower bed around her. Kris is ready to turn these duties over to someone that would like to take care of the seasonal decorating and maintenance of the flower beds surrounding her statue. If this sounds like a ministry for you, or if you would like to share these duties with another family please contact Cheryl at the parish center at

215-721-0199.



Youth Ministry Update



PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE-DEC. 15/16th
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/>



**DOWNLOAD THE FREE
SMG PARISH MOBILE APP
TODAY**

3 Ways to get the app

- ◆ Search in the app store
- ◆ Click the link on SMG website homepage
- ◆ Go to www.parishsolutionsco.com/Goretti

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23rd

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, J. Gressang
 7:30am – Sacristan, G. Salanik,
 9:30am – Sacristan, T. McGann
 11:30am – Sacristan, L. Arkens

E.M. Home Visits

A1– C. Opdyke, A2–D. Grant, A3–K. Staudt, A4–D. Fuse,
 A5–K. Hay , B1–D. Mischak, B2–J. McNally , B3–M. D’Elia,
 B4–K. Clapper, B5–M. Collis

Lectors

5:00pm – R. Jones, D. Smith
 7:30am – B. Healy, C. Heim
 9:30am – M. McCormick, F. Stumpo
 11:30am – T. Prykowski, T. Mazzeo

Cantors

5:00pm – Michael
 7:30am – Joe V.
 9:30am – Kristen
 11:30am – Ugochi

Altar Servers

5:00pm – J. & A. Padva, T. Paul
 7:30am – C., G. & S. Heim
 9:30am – T. & G. McGann, A. Wertz
 11:30am – S., V. & R. McLaughlin

Children’s Liturgy

9:30am – E. Adamo, R. Hier

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$300.97**

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!***

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

maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, December 18th

Youth Bell Choir—6:30 to 7:30pm
Adult Choir—7:30 to 8:45pm



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES SPOTLIGHT

In Ethiopia, about 2.8 million people were forced to leave their homes because of conflict and war. When they were finally safe, there were no bathrooms, access to clean water or privacy. And kids had no school to attend. When Catholic Relief Services arrived, they met immediate needs—like food, water, shelter—and they also restored dignity and encouraged social cohesion. Visit www.crs.org to find out how you can help.

“Constant dedication to the poor and disadvantaged emerges in the Church’s social teaching... It is a question not only of alleviating the most serious and urgent needs through individual actions here and there, but of uncovering the roots of evil and proposing initiatives to make social, political and economic structures more just and fraternal.”
 ~ St. Pope John Paul II



SAINT MARIA GORETTI ELDERCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Providing Guidance, Supporting Choice

A Geriatric Care Manager can be helpful in the following situations:

- Concerns about elderly parent, spouse, or neighbor’s safety
- Transitions from a hospital stay or to a nursing home setting
- Learning what options are available for you or your loved one
- Discovering services available in your community

For more information on this FREE service, call Amy Juarez at the Parish Center at 215-721-0199 x225 or email at ajuarez@chs-adphila.org

SUNDAY OFFERING



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COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

	Dec. 10, 2017	Dec. 9, 2018
Sunday Offering	\$17,078.42	\$18,223.92
Online Parish Giving	\$ 2,522.00	\$ 4,357.00
Total # of contributors.....	690	
Misc. Offerings December 9, 2018		
Heat & Energy Offering:	\$727.65	
Poor Box Offering:	\$300.97	
Immaculate Conception collection:	\$3,306.00	



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Share the Journey
#sharejourney

Pope Francis calls us to "Share the Journey" with the refugees of the world. We have the opportunity to put our faith into action locally by providing gift cards to newly arrived refugees.

Catholic Social Services of Philadelphia works with refugees that come to the US after extreme vetting. These families come with the clothes on their back and a suitcase. After fleeing their home country and spending an average of 5 years in refugee camps around the world they have arrived in their new homeland. This is the beginning of an arduous task of resettling in a foreign land and culture, navigating the area, learning a new language, finding a job, finding permanent housing, etc. We can assist by praying for them and the people that work and volunteer to assist them and by donating to purchase gift cards for their many shopping needs.

There is a new line on the SCRIP form marked, "REFUGEE DONATION". Please consider adding \$5, \$10 or more to your SCRIP order. OR drop a few dollars in the box on the SCRIP table marked "REFUGEE DONATION". The money will be used to purchase gift certificates to be given out by CSS Philadelphia to our new neighbors for the purchase of food, clothing and everyday items. To learn more about the refugees and how else you can get involved, check out www.sharejourney.org, or www.welcometheresugee.org, or www.crs.org or email joanne-kratz@gmail.com



Schedule a Tour at Mater Dei Catholic School and Enroll for the 2019-20 School Year!

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. Our Preschool and Kindergarten Programs have both Half and Full Day options! 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 gsammans@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 and information about this wonderful program or would like to schedule a visit, please contact Katherine Stansbury, Center Director, at childcare@materdeicatholic.com or 215-799-2211.

Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.

2019 LOTTERY CALENDARS

A great idea for that hard to buy for person on your Christmas list!

On the weekend of December 22 and 23, the Knights of Columbus, Pius IX Council will be selling their Lucky Number Club 2019 Lottery Calendars after all Masses. Please look for us at the Narthex at St. Maria Goretti. Tickets are \$15 and are good for the entire 2019 year. Make great last minute holiday gifts and stocking stuffers. Further information available at Events section of www.koc4396.org or contact Info@koc4396.org.

**SAVE THE DATE
IRISH NIGHT 2019 at SMG!**



Back by popular demand Reilly's Daughter featuring Tommy Conwell. Saturday, March 9th – 7:00pm in Drexel Hall

For more information or for tickets contact John Cashley 267-467-0441 or Tom Coughlin 215-450-9662.