

*Saint Maria Goretti Parish*

*Hatfield, PA*  
*www.stmariagoretti.net*



*Hark!*

*...the herald angels sing,  
glory to the new born*

*King!*

Dear SMG Family, Friends and Guests,

Wishing you a very blessed Christmas and the joy of this season throughout the New Year! May God bless you and your families and keep you safe.

Sincerely,

Father Chung, Deacon Phuong, Deacon Steve and the Parish Staff

Christmas Schedule

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

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass Schedule

December 31st at 5pm  
January 1st at 8:30 & 10am



Have a Blessed Christmas and A Happy & Healthy 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 rsvp 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!!

**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. 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
- MON., Dec. 21** 8:30 A.M. Ralph DePaola  
Req. by Bruce & Patti Pollock
- TUES., Dec. 22** 8:30 A.M. Dolores Sacco  
Req. by Salvatore Sacco
- WED., Dec. 23** 8:30 A.M. Jeffrey Keffer  
Req. by Sally & Charlie Keffer
- THURS., Dec. 24** 2:00 P.M. Parishioners of SMG  
Req. by Father Chung  
4:00 P.M. Maureen Unger  
Req. by The Family  
7:00 P.M. Karen Yozallinas  
Req. by The Family  
9:00 P.M. The Hotte Family  
Req. by Louise Hotte
- FRI., Dec. 25** 7:30 A.M. Leonard & Caroline Karas  
Req. by Dorothy & Ted Zamorski  
9:30 A.M. Mender & Moll Families  
Req. by Catherine Wolfgang  
11:30 A.M. Jack McGann  
Req. by Tom & Carla McGann
- SAT., Dec. 26** 8:30 A.M. John Schickling  
Req. by Charlie & Sally Keffer  
5:00 P.M. Edna Morawski  
Req. by Edna Callaghan
- SUN., Dec. 27** 7:30 A.M. Frank Phillipeck  
Req. by The Patterson Family  
9:30 A.M. Suzanne McCorry  
Req. by Kevin & Mary McCorry  
11:30 A.M. Frisco Batad  
Req. by Cecelia Batad

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **John Evans** requested by Connie Evans.



**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.

**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 Beral, 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 Krempf, 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 Prahler, 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 Thinnis, Jessica Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzal, John Willstaudt, Salem Yabut, Jack Zampirri, Joe Zdun & Joan Ziegler.

**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](mailto:nancyboak@aol.com) to sign-up or inquire.

**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.

**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](http://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*



**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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27th**

**Lectors**

5:00pm – F. & B. Filler  
 7:30am – B. Hudak, B. Healy  
 9:30am – C. McNally, B. Bataille  
 11:30am – E. Gallagher, A. LeBrocq

**Cantors**

5:00pm – Donna  
 7:30am – Michele  
 9:30am – Janna  
 11:30am – Chelsea

**MUSIC NOTES**

**Rehearsals for Tuesday, December 22nd**

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

**Music Ministry for Christmas:**

**Christmas Eve**

4pm – Mini Bell Choir, Mini Choir, Instrumentalists  
 7pm—Mini Choir  
 9pm—Mini Choir



**Christmas Morning**

7:30am—Mini Choir  
 9:30am—Mini Bell Choir, Mini Choir



Join us for *Mass!*

Let us gather and celebrate the Mass. Visit our parish Facebook® page!



**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 not available for publication.

**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!**

**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!

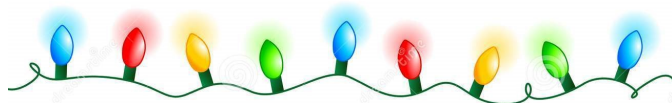
You have shared in the collective efforts of the Catholic Charities Appeal in "Giving Hope to All" by reaching your goal. Thank you for your continued generosity. Your kindness will support tens of thousands of people through countless organizations and ministries throughout the greater Philadelphia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



**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](mailto: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.

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.

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

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

**WAYS TO GIVE & SUPPORT YOUR PARISH**

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

**Do you Need to make an RMD for your IRA?**  
You may qualify for tax benefits when you give to charities directly from your IRA.


IRA free of federal income tax on your withdrawal - this year and in future years - if you meet the following criteria:

1. Are age 70 1/2 or older on the day of the gift.
2. Transfer up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA to one or more qualified charities such as St. Maris Goretti Parish. Note: This opportunity applies only to IRAs and not to other types of retirement plans.
3. Do not receive any goods or services in return for the rollover gift.

You can benefit when you:

1. Wish to make a gift without using cash or other assets.
2. Do not need all or a portion of your IRA income.
3. Are paying too much in taxes and are looking to reduce your income.
4. Want to increase your normal level of giving and IRA rollover gift does not count towards the 50% annual limitation on charitable gifts.


Making a gift from your IRA is easy! Please contact your tax preparer or financial advisor.



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The students and staff of Mater Dei Catholic School wish all of our parishioners a blessed, safe, and Merry Christmas! When we count our blessings this Christmas, we think of all of you and will continue to pray for each of you in the New Year. Merry Christmas!

**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 Pre-school 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](mailto: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](mailto:childcare@materdeicatholic.com) or 215-799-2211. *Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.*




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CHRISTMAS RIDDLES

- What do you get if Santa comes down your chimney when the fire is ablaze? *Crisp Kringle.*
- What is the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet? *The Christmas alphabet has No L (Noel).*
- What do you get if you team Santa with a detective? *Santa Clues!*