

SAINT MARIA GORETTI PARISH
WISHES YOU A
BLESSED & JOYOUS CHRISTMAS



Christmas Pictures
2018



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.

Sincerely,

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

Christmas Eve Masses

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



PRO-LIFE MARCH ~ WASHINGTON D.C. Friday, January 24, 2020



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.**



CHRISTMAS DECORATING TIME IS NOW!

If you have any free time on **TODAY, December 22**, at 6 pm, we are putting up the trees and wreaths in church and **Monday, December 23**, the poinsettias arrive at 9 am and the completion of the decorating will happen. Thanks to all who are available to experience the joy of decorating our beloved Church in preparation of the celebration of our Lord's birth. Thanking you in advance!



THANK YOU

To the Music Ministry running the Donut Social in December!

If you enjoy singing or have a talent for playing an instrument, then there is a place for you in the Music Ministry! Many opportunities await parish men, women, youth and children in our music ministry.



MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN., Dec. 22	7:30 A.M. Frank Menta Req. by Linda & Joseph Benischeck 9:30 A.M. Shirley Finkelston Req. by The Family 11:30 A.M. Jeffrey Keffer Req. by Charlie & Sally Keffer
MON., Dec. 23	8:30 A.M. John & Marie McKinn Req. by Charlie & Sally Keffer
TUES., Dec. 24	No Morning Mass 4:00 P.M. The Hotte Family Req. by Louise Hotte 7:00 P.M. Karen Yozallinas Req. by The Family 9:00 P.M. Warren & Eileen Browne Req. by Their Daughters
WED., Dec. 25	7:30 A.M. Leonard & Caroline Karas Req. by Ted & Dorothy Zamorski 9:30 A.M. Jack McGann Req. by The McGann Family 11:30 A.M. John Schickling Req. by Charlie & Sally Keffer
THURS., Dec. 26	8:30 A.M. John Evans Req. by Connie Evans
FRI., Dec. 27	8:30 A.M. Frank Phillipeck Req. by The Patterson Family
SAT., Dec. 28	8:30 A.M. Mary Malley Req. by Her Family 5:00 P.M. Mary Sharella Req. by The Family
SUN., Dec. 29	7:30 A.M. Marta Carreras Req. by The Rosenberger Family 9:30 A.M. Rose Carracciolo Req. by The Steklenski Family 11:30 A.M. Francis Boak Req. by The Boak Family



SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **The Namiotka Family**
Requested by Mary Namiotka.

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: Josephine Albert, Warren Allison, Immaculata Antonucci, 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, Caridad Carlos, Aldo Camara, Danny Catts, Joanna Cavacini, James Chrissy, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Helen Curren, Susan & Anthony Dalesio, Joanne Damm, Loretta Deller, Leo Dennis, Ernest Doherty, Sally Esbensen, Peter Fallon, Marybeth Hentschel Fiorelli, Sebastian Fillion, Terry Foley, Carol Galinski, Patrick Gardenier, Erin Gilbert, Lianessa Gonzalez, Abby Graham, Andrew Green, Dionne Greim, Sharon, Fernando & Ian Griffin, Bonnie Handerhan, Kathleen Hauck, Frank Holloway, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Ron Hoffman, Jeanette Hoy, Kevin Iavecchia, Lindsay Jaso, Richard Jedlicka, Gerald Kenny, Emily Keiser, Charles Kline, Sue Kunze, Peg Krempf, Jama Lecore, Curt Lecrone, Dina Lukasko, Patti Maguire, Joe Martin, Barbara Masser, Sean McKelvey, William & Kristen Morrow, John McLaughlin, Bridget Micshener, Diane Moll, Frank Monroe, Munson Family, John Mye, Terry Shields Neumann, Joan Nickerson, Regina Nimmo, Zachery Olberholzer, Bill O'Brien, Anthony & Michael Paone, Catherine Pagano, Al Palatucci, Robert Pauloski, Floerfida & Salvador Penganon, Connie Perrong, Michael Praher, Marian Quinn, Michael Rafter, Joan Ramsher, Scott Randall, Frank Reiner Jim Richardson, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Barbara Scally, Helen Shekalis, Melissa Shelly, Anthony Smith, Rukiatsu Smith, Valerie Somma, Lawrence Stempel, Joseph & Michael Thomas, Peg Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzel, Paula Jayne White, John Willstaudt, Salem Yabut, Jack Zampirri, Joe Zdun & Joan Ziegler.

PEW RENOVATION UPDATE

As you know because of your generosity we will be reupholstering and fixing the kneelers and pews in church. We were hoping the work would be able to be completed prior to Christmas but because of scheduling conflicts the project will now take place from **February 3rd through the 21st**. Thank you for your understanding and patience!



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.

BOOK CLUB



Feeling hurt, angry, or demoralized about the sexual abuse crisis plaguing the Catholic Church? Join us for a discussion of the book entitled, Letter to a Suffering Church by Bishop Robert Barron. All those registering for this book club receive a free copy of the book (while supplies last). Stop by the Parish Center to claim your copy once you have registered for the book club at Angela.McClellan@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-0199 (ext. 202).

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 from 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM
OR

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Parish Center: Lower Level



CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

New to Saint Maria Goretti Parish in 2020! Join other grandparents in passing on the faith to future generations, keeping prayer at the heart of the family, and helping, supporting and valuing each other in this great task. Meetings are held four times a year and include morning refreshments, conversation regarding relevant grand parenting topics, and the sharing of ideas and stories to strengthen the vocation of the Catholic Grandparent.

Wednesdays, February 12, May 13, August 12, and November 18, 2020 from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM in the Parish Center: Immaculate Heart of Mary Room (Lower Level)

JOIN OUR PLAY & PRAY MOM AND TOTS GROUP!



Our Mom and Tots Group is in full swing for the fall and winter months! Pop on over Thursday mornings from 9:30-11AM in the Parish Center basement. What a wonderful opportunity to meet others in the parish and support each other and our children in the Catholic Faith.

For more information, email Kendra at it-mentor209@yahoo.com.



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

During severe drought in Central America in 2018, farmers implementing CRS-supported soil restoration practices harvested 41% more maize than with normal practices. By restoring their soil, they stored more rain to keep their crops growing, despite the drought.

In Nepal, farmers are growing cardamom on shady, steep land that previously did not support crops. With guidance from CRS's agricultural team, they can now produce this profitable spice, with the added environmental benefits of watershed protection and reducing erosion. Visit www.crs.org to find out how you can help support the work of CRS!

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Is God calling you to do a little bit of Missionary work to help the poor and needy? Father Chuck's Challenge is inviting you to find out how to help the poor in Haiti and Nicaragua. There is a Q & A meeting on January 13th. For more info call Kathy John at 215-646-1399.



A JOURNEY OF FAITH, HOPE & LOVE

Learn about the remarkable life story of Father John Nguyen (Father Chung) and explore his journey from Vietnam to his grace-filled vocation to the priesthood. Mark your calendar.

Tuesday, February 18, 2020
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the chapel

Youth Ministry Update



Teen Service Project Luminaries

December 24th Assemble and place 8:30AM
December 26th Clean up! 10AM

ALTARATION

Middle School and High School Teens!

Tuesdays 7:30PM to 8:30pm
Jan. 21st - Feb. 26th, 2020

Maria Richardson, Director of
Family Faith Formation, Religious Education
and Parish Services

maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net
215-721-0199

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 Contectar a Carlos Zuluaga Presidente Parroquial Juan XXIII Hatfield . Al 954-309-177 Acércate al Grupo para que tengas un Encuentro Personal con Jesús

Parish Ministry Update!

CLUB + 50

"ESTER" AT SIGHT AND SOUND in Lancaster is **SOLD OUT!** Secure your reservation by sending payment before March 1, 2020!

GAMES DAY and POT LUCK LUNCH

The next Games Day is Wed., January 8th
Cards, Rummikub, Mexican Train...
1PM - 4PM Parish Center



DONUT SOCIAL

This is a great way to connect with parishioners and talk about your ministry! Please check with your Ministry Leader to help the first Sunday of October, November, or December 2020



Something else you would like us to provide?
Please let us know!

Maria Richardson
maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-6559

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, D. Blance, S. Lynam, B. Braun
7:30am – Sacristan, R. Pacheco, V. & L. Lelii
9:30am – Sacristan, S. Sabia, B. Smith, S. Steklenski
11:30am – Sacristan, L. Arkens, T. & E. McBride

E.M. Home Visits

A1–T. Nguyen, A2–P. O'Hara, A3–J. Burke, A4–M. Collis,
A5–D. Fuse, B1–J. Gressang, B2–C. Talaga, B3–P. Walsh,
B4–B. Hudak, B5–J. McNally

Lectors

5:00pm – F. Filler, C. Amuso
7:30am – A. & R. Whitley
9:30am – N. & R. Boak
11:30am – M. O'Pella, P. Shelly

Cantors

5:00pm – Chelsea
7:30am – George
9:30am – Janna
11:30am – Ugochi

Altar Servers

5:00pm – S. Filler, F. & I. Sirianni
7:30am – C. & B. O'Reilly, A. Pawling
9:30am – J. & J. Hier, G. Sabia
11:30am – S., N. & T. Burr

Children's Liturgy

9:30am – M. Whelham

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total for last week was not available in time 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 2019**, 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!**

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS TO THE SMG PARISH FAMILY

Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Torres and Family
Mr. & Mrs. Chad Downing and Family
Ms. Debra Corcoran
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Budd and Family
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Crowe and Family
Mr. & Mrs. Krysztof Zwolinski
Ms. Eileen Ash
Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Rota and Family
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Traber and Family
Mrs. Arlene Daniels
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Marino
Mr. & Mrs. John Schenk and Family
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Macneal and Family
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Slattery
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Scanlon and Family
Mr. Jason Dillman
Mr. Christopher Darring
Mr. & Mrs. John Monahan and Family
Anna Cotterino
Mr. & Mrs. Jason Kalas and Family
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Miller and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peters
Mrs. Elizabeth Bongard
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel P. Malley
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Powell
Ann Dabrowski
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Fulmer and Family
Mr. & Mrs. Zachary Calhoun and Family
Mr. & Mrs. Ikechukw Okorji
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Cassidy
Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan King and Family
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Jordan
Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Kappler and Family
Maria Moffa and Family
Maria Bell and Family
Mr. & Mrs. Jason Jones and Family



ATTN: ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Christmas Volunteer Sign-up

Please stop in the ministry room or altar server room to sign up for Christmas Eve and Christmas morning Masses. The Mass schedule is as follows:

Christmas Eve—4pm, 7pm & 9pm
Christmas morning—7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am

MUSIC NOTES

Music Ministry for Christmas:

Christmas Eve

4pm – Children's Choir & Acoustic Wind Ensemble
7pm—Youth Bell Choir
9pm—Adult Choir

Christmas Morning

9:30am—Adult Choir



SUNDAY OFFERING



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COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

The collection for December 15th was not available in time for publication. It will be published in next Sunday's bulletin. As always, thank you for your generosity to SMG!

WAYS TO GIVE & SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

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

Gifts from Retirement Plans - Gifting assets accumulated through retirement plans can be a practical way to support SMG. Tax-free IRA rollover up to \$100,000 per year is now permitted by the IRS and counts toward your "Required Minimum Distribution" (RMD) if you are over age 70 1/2. Consider a charitable gift using all or a part of your RMD.

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.



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

It's hard to believe it's been 10 years since our last photo directory. Please plan to be included in this directory. It is a great way to be able to put a name to a face of someone you may see each week at Mass. If you and your family are included in the directory it will be offered to you at no charge! I know you are all busy. For now, I just need you to save the date. We will be photographing all families **April 14 through 18th** and again from **April 28th through May 2nd** right here in the IHM Room in the Parish Center. Many hours to accommodate everyone's schedule. **Our directory won't be complete without you!** Watch our bulletin for more information in the coming weeks. If you are interested in helping with our once in a decade photo directory please contact Susan Schmitt at 908-268-0474. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR & JOIN FR. CHUNG ON A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

November 8 to 16, 2020



Also an optional 3-night post tour extensions to Jordan. This will be a trip to remember. For more information please call Fr. Chung at 215-721-0199

or e-mail at fr.chung@stmariagoretti.net.

BOOK NOW AND SAVE \$200 PER PERSON!



MATER DEI
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2018 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Registration is Open at Mater Dei

Registration for 2020-21 is officially open for Imagination Playhouse, Preschool and Kindergarten Classes, and Grades 1-8. New applications can be submitted at <https://www.materdeicatholic.com/admissions/registration-registration>. Please contact Grace Samanns at 215-368-9787 to schedule a tour so that you can guarantee your child a spot for the 2020-21 school year!

Attention Alums of St. Maria Goretti, St. Rose, or St. Stanislaus Schools ...

We are interested in knowing if you are an alum of one of our legacy schools: St. Maria Goretti, St. Rose, or St. Stanislaus. 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 to keep you informed of future Mater Dei sponsored alumni events 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> and click on the **Alumni Information Update** link located in the first paragraph of the page. It will only take you a minute to complete the brief form. Please help Mater Dei build our Alum Connection!

Employment Opportunity

The Mater Dei Childcare in Hatfield is currently searching for high-energy staff to join our team. Our staff will need to provide and maintain a positive and appropriate educational program that meets the social, emotional, and physical needs of the children within their care. Candidates should be energetic, patient, friendly, nurturing and enjoy working with young children and their families. Looking for someone passionate about working with infants and toddlers. Please contact the center director Katherine Stansbury at kstansbury@materdeicatholic.com or 217-799-2211 if you are interested. **Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.**

Merry Christmas to All Our Parish Friends



The students and staff of Mater Dei Catholic School wish all our parishioners a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year! All of you will be remembered in our children's prayers this

Christmas Season.