

Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

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# PEACE



Christmas Schedule

Confessions

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!*

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
MASS SCHEDULE**



Monday, December 7th at 7pm  
Tuesday, December 8th at 7am,  
8:30am, 12 noon & Vietnamese  
Mass at 7pm.

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 21st at 6:30pm**



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!!

**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 to sign-up or inquire.

**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](http://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. 6**      7:30 A.M. Felix Molettiere  
Req. by Deb & Bob Garges  
9:30 A.M. Sean Flynn  
Req. by The Family  
11:30 A.M. Michelle Hoffman  
Req. by The Hoffman Family
- MON., Dec. 7**      8:30 A.M. Mary Jane Rydzewski  
Req. by The Family  
7:00 P.M. Michael Mazzoni  
Req. by Beth & Alan Tonelli
- TUES., Dec. 8**      7:00 A.M. Sally Meade  
Req. by Bob Ryan  
8:30 A.M. John Conroy  
Req. by April & Carter LeBrocq  
12 noon Nancy & Joe Hoyle  
Req. by Shaila Maialetti  
7:00 P.M. Vietnamese Mass
- WED., Dec. 9**      8:30 A.M. Virginia Meehan  
Req. by Mike & Rosemary Hilsey
- THURS., Dec. 10**    8:30 A.M. Marie Ryan  
Req. by The Sirianni Family
- FRI., Dec. 11**      8:30 A.M. Peter Malinchak  
Req. by Linda & Ed Doran
- SAT., Dec. 12**      8:30 A.M. Mary Bowker  
Req. by Pat Conroy  
5:00 P.M. Dec'd members of the  
Tenaglia Family  
Req. by The Family
- SUN., Dec. 13**      7:30 A.M. Rosaria & Guiseppa 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

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **James Pierce** requested by Jacqueline



**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.

**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**.



**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, Carol Gianfrancesco, 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 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, Rukiatsu Smith, Valerie Somma, Lawrence Stempel, Judy Stangl, Joseph & Michael Thomas, John & Kathleen Thinnes, Jessica Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzel, John Willstaudt, Salem Yabut, Jack Zampirri, Joe Zdun & Joan Ziegler.



**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

Now's the time to take action. Hunger and malnutrition are putting millions of children across the globe at risk of not reaching their God-given potential. The COVID-19 pandemic has created uncertainty and immense challenges here in the United States. Around the world, children already vulnerable to the negative impacts of poverty are at an even greater risk. How? By emailing your members of Congress to support including the Global Child Thrive Act as an amendment to the final Fiscal Year 2021 National Defense Authorization Act. The Global Child Thrive Act, as an amendment, will mandate incorporating Early Childhood Development activities into U.S. government-funded international programs for children. Early Childhood Development activities include creating opportunities for children to play and explore, and providing the nurturing care to feel safe and loved. All children should be able to grow and thrive. You can be a part of the solution that makes this happen in the final push to get the bill across the finish line! Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information.

**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](http://www.koc4396.org). Call the Knights at 215-368-3044 or [info@koc4396.org](mailto:info@koc4396.org) with questions, and a Merry Christmas to one and all!



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

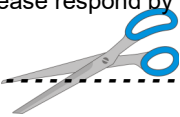
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City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

**OUR NARTHEX CHRISTMAS TREE & YOUR RECOGNITION OF 2020**

This year we are covering our Narthex Christmas tree with Chrystal-like snowflakes that honor those people in your life that have dedicated themselves to help others to stem the COVID virus or to help in any way in service to others. We have a limited number of ornaments and we request you sign up in the Narthex for one with your honoree name so that we may have it printed on a tag for the snowflake. The cost is \$5 to defray the cost of the ornaments. Contact Lynne at [Irhipp@gmail.com](mailto:Irhipp@gmail.com) for any questions. You may also drop off at the Parish Center your request or by mail. Please respond by the end of November. **Let's make the tree sparkle with love.**



**SNOWFLAKE ORNAMENTS**

Honoree's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Honoree's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Ornaments: \_\_\_\_\_

**MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th**

**Lectors**

5:00pm – M. D’Elia, D. Smith  
 7:30am – D. Grant, R. Jones  
 9:30am – B. Smith, F. Stumpo  
 11:30am – B. Malley, M. McCormick

**Cantors**

5:00pm – Kathy      7:30am – Janna  
 9:30am – Bruce      11:30am – Andrew

**MUSIC NOTES**



No Rehearsals for Tuesday, December 8th due to the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception

**Music Ministry for Next Weekend:**

**Sunday, December 13th**

9:30am – Mini Bell Choir & Mini Choir 1



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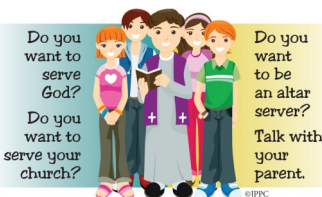
**POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP**

The total collected last week was: \$713.35

**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!**

**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.

**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	
	2020	Difference
2019		
\$24,383.99	\$18,949.20	(\$5,434.79)
Our collections for 2020 to date are down by (\$88,971.72)		

Bethany



LIGHT & SOUND  
LIVESTREAM

## Christmas Night of Worship

# Christmas N W

12.19.20 / 7pm Livestream Find it on Facebook @

<https://www.facebook.com/BethanyMusicMinistry>

**SVDP MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE**



The Society of St. Vincent De Paul at St. Maria Goretti Parish will collect groceries for local charities next weekend, December 12-13th. Please take a bag from the Church vestibule and return it next weekend with groceries for one of the charities indicated below.

**The Lamb Foundation** provides affordable housing and support services to senior citizens and adults with mental, physical, and developmental disabilities. The Foundation needs canned or instant soup, canned fruit, canned vegetables (no beans or baked beans); shampoo, Dial soap, laundry detergent; white sox, Depends (men's or women's), and feminine pads.

**The Keystone Opportunity Center** operates a food pantry serving nearly a thousand neighbors who are dealing with food insecurity. The Center needs pancake mix, oatmeal, jelly; canned fruit, pasta, pasta sauce; canned potatoes, salmon, chicken; canned spaghetti-o's, Beefaroni, ravioli; canned corn, green beans, laundry detergent; dish detergent, body wash, shampoo; conditioners, toothpaste, and deodorant.

**Manna on Main Street** operates a soup kitchen and food pantry that last year served nearly forty thousand meals. It needs canned meats, spices (salt, pepper, garlic), canned soups; dried fruit, tomato sauce, canned tomatoes; pasta, rice, canned fruit; condiments, breakfast cereals, pancake mix; baked beans, peanut butter, canned carrots; toilet paper, tissues, paper towels; diapers (especially sizes 4, 6, and pull-ups), baby wipes, and baby hygiene items (shampoos, lotions, and powders); razors, deodorants, and toothpaste; shower gel, hand soap, feminine pads; shampoo, lotions, and conditioners; lip balm, petroleum jelly, cleaning products; and pet food.


May God bless you for your generosity!

**WE COULD ALL USE A LITTLE HUMOR THESE DAYS**

*If 2020 was a math word-problem: If you're going down a river at 2 MPH and your canoe loses a wheel, how much pancake mix would you need to re-shingle your roof?*

*We can all agree that in 2015 not a single person got the answer correct to, 'Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?'*

*I'm at a place in my life where errands are starting to count as going out.*




## 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](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.

**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.