

Saint Maria Goretti Parish

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Christmas Schedule

Confessions

Monday, Dec. 16th—4:30 to 5:30pm &
6:30 to 7:30pm
Tuesday, Dec. 17th - 1 to 2pm &
4:30 to 5:30pm

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



Have a Blessed Christmas and A Happy New Year!

PLEASE NOTE—BENEDICTION ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 16th WILL TAKE PLACE AT 4PM DUE TO PARISH CONFESSIONS BEGINNING AT 4:30PM.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING TIME IS COMING SOON!

If you have any free time on **Sunday, 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!

SMG OUTREACH ~ GIVING TREE

It’s beginning to look a lot like Giving Tree time!



Choose an Angel, Have it Back NO LATER than Sunday, December 15th

How does this all work? Gift requests come into Outreach - they are coded into a confidential numbered format (names are never used) where age & sex might be listed along with the gift. Outreach members help write angels & hang in them in our Narthex to celebrate the 1st week of Advent. Parishioners may then choose one (1) or as many angels as they can afford and purchase the exact gift requested (do not add anything extra, not even a card). Please return your gift wrapped with the angel taped securely to the top (this how we identify where it goes!) no later than **Sunday, December 15th** (3rd week of Advent). **It is vitally important to have your gift back by this date otherwise the gifts will not be able to be delivered with the rest of the families gifts.**

If you have an angel requesting a gift certificate or a donation for food or tuition (Checks may be made out to “SMG Outreach”) Gift cards are conveniently located at the SCRIP desk for purchase. Please place your angel with gift certificate and/or donations in an envelope marked Outreach Giving Tree and drop in collection basket or deliver to Parish Center.

If you would like to witness the true meaning of Christmas please join us for the gift sorting that will take place in church on **Thursday, December 19th beginning at 6:30pm**. It’s an awesome experience to see the generosity of SMG parishioners and the number of people that come out to help those less fortunate during this Christmas season. Thank You & God Bless all of you who make the Giving Tree a success!

If you have any questions please contact Maripat Shelly at 215-256-0273.

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.**



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., Dec. 8** 7:30 A.M. Felix Molitiere
Req. by Deb & Bob Garges
9:30 A.M. Amelia Vare Vernachio
Req. by Carmen Vare
11:30 A.M. Josephine D. Jones
Req. by The Lodge Family
- MON., Dec. 9** 8:30 A.M. Mary Theresa Scarafone
Req. by The Hoffner Family
- TUES., Dec. 10** 8:30 A.M. The Prince & Hardnock
Families
Req. by Edie & Bill Hardnock
- WED., Dec. 11** 8:30 A.M. Rita Paoella
Req. by Linda & Joseph Benischeck
- THURS., Dec. 12** 8:30 A.M. Michelle Heacock
Req. by The Patterson Family
- FRI., Dec. 13** 8:30 A.M. Lucy Gargano
Req. by The Gargano Family
- SAT., Dec. 14** 8:30 A.M. Mary Blaszczyk
Req. by Kathy & Bill Cmorey
5:00 P.M. The Tenaglia Family
Req. by The Butera Family
- SUN., Dec. 15** 7:30 A.M. The Masser Children &
Grandchildren
Req. by Barbara & Ray Masser
9:30 A.M. Charles & Dorothy Rath
Req. by Judy Lieber
11:30 A.M. Margaret & Bernard Coyle
Req. by Al & Peg Perry

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.

REGISTRATION SUNDAY
Registration Sunday will take place **TODAY Sunday, December 8th**. Please stop by the Parish Center between the hours of 10am and 1pm to be officially welcomed into the parish. No paperwork is necessary from your previous parish. The process will take no longer than 15 minutes.

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 Carnara, Danny Catts, Joanna Cavacini, James Chrissy, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Helen Curren, Susan & Anthony Dalesio, Joanne Daum, 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, Flocefida & Salvador Penganon, Connie Perrong, Michael Prahler, Marian Quinn, Michael Rafter, Joan Ramsher, Scott Randall, Frank Reiner Jim Richardson, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Barbara Scally, Helen Shekalis, Melissa Shelly, Anthony Smith, Rukiatu 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.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in honor of **Wyatt Thomas Shedd (1st birthday)** requested by **The Family**.



NOVENA TO ST. PEREGRINE
A novena to St. Peregrine, the patron saint of cancer patients will be held on **Thursday, December 12th** at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Maria Goretti chapel. The novena will include prayers for your special intentions and veneration of the relic of St. Peregrine and will conclude with the recitation of the Rosary. If you are stricken with this illness, or have family or friends who are struggling to be healed, come join us in this monthly Novena dedicated to praying for each others' special needs.

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)

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

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-pmentor209@yahoo.com.

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

Youth Ministry Update

Children's Faith Filled Fun
Let's Prepare for Jesus!

Friday, December 13th
Drexel Hall 6:30PM - 8:00PM



Teen Service Project
Luminaries, Luminaries, Luminaries

December 14th & 15th Sales after all Masses
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

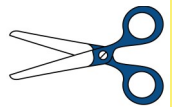
Maria Richardson, Director of
Family Faith Formation, Religious Education
and Parish Services

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"LIGHT" LUNCH ~ Friday, December 13th from 12 noon to 2pm



Celebrate the feast of Saint Lucy with a "light" lunch as we view the heartwarming film entitled, "The Fourth Wise Man" starring Martin Sheen. Based on Henry van Dyke's classic, The Story of the Other Wise Man, this fictional story set in Biblical times is told in gently comic terms. The Fourth Wise Man takes with him three precious gifts to present to the Messiah. For 33 years he pursues Jesus, only to miss Him at every turn. Along the way, he uses his gifts to help people in dire need. He now has nothing to present to the Messiah when he finds Him. Discover what happens when he finally encounters the new King. Don't miss this deeply moving Advent experience examining what true faith really means! Join us in the Parish Center, lower level. Movie Running Time: 72 Minutes Luncheon Cost: \$10.00. Please drop off registration form below and check payable to Saint Maria Goretti Church to Angela McClellan at the Parish Center:



Payment is non-refundable but is transferrable to another person. "Light" Lunch

Name _____ **Phone** _____

Address _____ **Town/Zip** _____

E-Mail _____ **Parish** _____

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th

E.M. of Holy Communion

5:00pm – Sacristan, P. Pinkston, S. & K. Clapper
 7:30am – Sacristan, T. Hipp, C. Opdyke, P. O'Hara
 9:30am – Sacristan, B. Smith, J. Forbes, D. Zobel
 11:30am – Sacristan, B. Santulli, M. Rosenberger, M. Niche

E.M. Home Visits

A1–T. McGann, **A2-SUB NEEDED**, A3-K. Staudt, **A4-SUB NEEDED**, A5–K. Hay, B1-M. D'Elia, **B2-SUB NEEDED**, B3-T. Nguyen, B4-P. Walsh, B5-D. Grant

Lectors

5:00pm – T. Mazzeo, E. Murphy
 7:30am – B. Healy, C. McNally
 9:30am – A. LeBrocq, F. Stumpo
 11:30am – E. Gallagher, J. MacFarland

Cantors

5:00pm – Andrew
 7:30am – Joe B.
 9:30am – Michael
 11:30am – Tara

Altar Servers

5:00pm – D. Farzetta, S. Scassero, O. Waters
 7:30am – B. Lare, C. Murphy, A. Wertz
 9:30am – J. & A. Kuduk, G. Zobel
 11:30am – L. Lowden, B. Mazerowski, M. Rosenberger

Children's Liturgy

9:30am – S. Brodsky

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Monday, December 9th

Adult Choir—7:30 to 8:45pm

Rehearsals for Tuesday, December 10th

Children's Choir—5:50 to 6:30pm

Youth Bell Choir—6:30 to 7:30pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Sunday, December 15th

9:30am – Adult Choir

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

In preparation for the upcoming Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year Holidays, please plan ahead and submit your bulletin announcements by 12 noon on the deadlines below:

- ◆ **December 22nd bulletin by Monday, Dec. 9th**
- ◆ **December 29th bulletin by Monday, Dec. 16th**
- ◆ **January 5th bulletin by Tuesday, Dec. 17th**

Please submit by e-mail to cheryl.ryan@stmariagoretti.net with the word "**bulletin**" in the subject line. Thank you for your cooperation!

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$594.66**

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!**

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!



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

Parish Ministry Update!

CLUB + 50

GAMES DAY and Pot Luck Lunch

The first Wednesday of the month! Cards, Rum-mikub, Mexican Train,...1PM – 4PM Parish Library



HELP!

In an effort to keep the Donut Social going we need ministries to volunteer to run them. Please check with your Ministry Leader to help on Oct. 5, Nov. 1, & Dec. 6, 2020



Greeter's Needed

Do you attend the 5pm Vigil Mass? Would you like to welcome people to our wonderful parish? This might be the ministry for you. For more information about becoming a greeter please contact Maria Richardson.

Maria Richardson

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

SUNDAY OFFERING



COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

	Dec. 2, 2018	Dec. 1, 2019
Sunday Offering	\$19,764.52	\$18,594.00
Online Parish Giving	\$ 3,012.00	\$ 2,917.00
TOTALS:	\$22,776.52	\$21,511.00
Total # of contributors	552	
Misc. Offerings		
Heat & Energy Offering:		\$398.00
Poor Box Offering:		\$594.66
Christmas Flowers:		\$993.00



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KOC BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



On **Sunday December 15th**, the Knights of Columbus, Pius IX Council will be holding BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – with seatings at 8:30 am and 10:30 am. It is All You Can Eat buffet and includes a Picture with

Santa. Tickets are \$9 each, and reservations are required by November 26th. It will be held at Drexel Hall at St. Maria Goretti Church. Reservation form is available under the Events section of www.koc4396.org. Call Linda at 215-361-7650 or LansdaleBWS@gmail.com with questions. All Proceeds are used to provide winter coats for children and food baskets for families in the North Penn & Souderton area.

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!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Matthew Rampulla

Who was awarded the Neumann Scholarship! Matthew was one of 41 students throughout the Archdiocese chosen for this honor, providing him with a 4 year scholarship to an Archdiocesan high school. He plans to attend Pope John Paul II High School in the fall. Congratulations Matthew. We are SMG PROUD!



Mater Dei Pride

Mater Dei Catholic School is so proud of the Class of 2020 for showing us what students can accomplish when they do their very best! These students have been awarded nine scholarship opportunities totaling \$187,000 to date for high school. Congrats to all of our 8th Graders as they plan for their high school education!

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, and nurturing and should 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 215-799-2211 or kstansbury@materdeicatholic.com if you are interested. **Mater Dei Child Care Center is an equal opportunity employer.**



Mater Dei is very grateful for all parish members!

