

Saint Maria Goretti Parish Hatfield, PA

215-721-0199

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means to 'get ready.'

"Help us to be ready
to welcome you,
O God!" Luke 3:4-6





OUTREACH NEWS
Choose an Angel, Have it Back
NO LATER than Sunday,
December 16th

How does all this 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 16th** (3rd week of Advent).

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, again no later than Sunday, December 16th.

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 20th 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.

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

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

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: you may have noticed that Christmas Eve is on a Monday. We again have to put up the trees before the end of Advent. Decorating will take place on **Wednesday, December 19 (Please note date change)**, 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 20th.

TREE ORNAMENTS: It would really be wonderful if children with their parent's input would make an ornament to put on our Narthex Christmas tree. They can be returned as long as your contact info is on it. If not hand made, please bring an ornament to be put on the tree by **December 19** and place in a designated basket in the Narthex. We hope you will take part in this beautiful adornment of our religious home.

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.

"LIGHT" LUNCH

Celebrate the feast of Saint Lucy with a "light" lunch as we view the heartwarming film entitled, "Beyond Christmas." Be inspired by the story of three benevolent spirits who work behind the scenes to ensure that a young couple, who they met at Christmas, will find a way to be together and have a love that will last forever.



Thursday, December 13, 2018

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Parish Center: Lower Level

Movie Running Time: 84 Minutes

Luncheon Cost: \$10.00

Please register using the form that can be found on our parish website at www.stmariagoretti.net or on the Adult Faith Formation table in our narthex. Please mail form along with payment. Payment is transferrable to another person but not refundable.



REGISTRATION SUNDAY

Registration Sunday will take place **TODAY Sunday, December 9th**. 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.



Mass Schedule

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., Dec. 9** 7:30 A.M. Maureen Unger
Req. by The Minerger Family
9:30 A.M. Sean Flynn
Req. by The Family
11:30 A.M. John Casinelli
Req. by David & Maria Richardson
- MON., Dec 10** 8:30 A.M. The Dougherty Family
Req. by Edna Callaghan
- TUES., Dec. 11** 8:30 A.M. Michael Gianfrancesco, Sr.
Req. by The Family
- WED., Dec. 12** 8:30 A.M. Morgan Shedd's Birthday
Req. by Ron & Eleonore Duch
- THURS., Dec. 13** 8:30 A.M. Lucy Gargano
Req. by The Gargano Family
- FRI., Dec. 14** 8:30 A.M. Bernie Blanche
Req. by Mary Serratore
- SAT., Dec. 15** 8:30 A.M. Bernie Blanche
Req. by CGS Children
5:00 P.M. Maryanne O'Reilly
Req. by John & Carol Pirrello
- 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

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Harry Grear** requested by

Deacon Steve & MaryJo Vondercrone.



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 Krempl, 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, Flocefida & Savador Penganon, Michael Praher, 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.

NOVENA TO ST. PEREGRINE



A novena to St. Peregrine, the patron saint of cancer patients will be held on **Thursday, December 13th** 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.

Our Prayer Line is actively praying for many cancer patients. While personal, individual prayer is wonderful, there is great power in praying in numbers. 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.



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.

Meal Preparation—So often the Parish Center gets calls about helping fellow parishioners with meals for a temporary time such as after the birth of a baby, surgery, death in a family... If you like to cook and are interested in helping with this ministry please call Cheryl 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/>

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES SPOTLIGHT

Yemen, the poorest country in the Middle East, is devastated by war, hunger and a cholera crisis. Conflict and a lack of aid has triggered a humanitarian disaster, leaving 70 percent of the population in need of assistance and children facing acute malnutrition. Hunger is on the rise, and basic services like education, water, health and sanitation have deteriorated.

Parents in Yemen are now facing their worst nightmare: seeing their children grow weak from hunger and watching as a deadly cholera epidemic unfolds around them. Through its partner Islamic Relief, Catholic Relief Services is providing food, water and more. Can you imagine watching your child die because there is no food or medicine to give them? Please visit www.crs.org to donate to Yemen relief and help families suffering through this crisis.

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: **\$424.05**

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



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

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th

E.M. of Holy Communion

- 5:00pm** – Sacristan, S. Lynam, D. Blanche, M. Reynolds
- 7:30am** – Sacristan, T. Hipp, D. Trotter, **Volunteer Needed**
- 9:30am** – Sacristan, M.J. Vondercrone, J. McNally, A. Russo
- 11:30am** – Sacristan, M. Niche, S. Sabia, B. Santulli

E.M. Home Visits

- A1**–T. McGann , **A2**-C. LeBrocq, **A3**-M. Collis, **A4**-K. Clapper, **A5**–B. Hudak , **B1**-D. Johnson, **B2**-J. Burke , **B3**-C. Friel, **B4**-**Volunteer Needed**, **B5**-D. Grant

Lectors

- 5:00pm** – B. Malley, E. Murphy
- 7:30am** – A. & R. Whitley
- 9:30am** – M. Mays, C. McNally
- 11:30am** – K. Luther, P. Shelly

Cantors

- 5:00pm** – Kathy
- 7:30am** – Lynne
- 9:30am** – Men's Ensemble
- 11:30am** – Andrew

Altar Servers

- 5:00pm** – A. Antenuci, A. Berdel, A. Craig
- 7:30am** – G. Boyd, G. Christie, J. Franek
- 9:30am** – E., A. & J. Kuduk
- 11:30am** – J. DeFazio, V. Kirk, G. Sabia

Children's Liturgy

- 9:30am** – S. Brodsky

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, December 11th

Bell Choir—4:15 to 5pm

Adult Choir—5 to 6pm

Rehearsals for Saturday, December 15th

Children's Choir—4 to 4:30pm

Rehearsals for Sunday, December 16th

Men's Ensemble—8:30am

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Sunday, December 16th

9:30am – Men's Ensemble



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- ◆ Go to www.parishsolutionsco.com/Goretti

SUNDAY OFFERING



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COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

	Dec. 3, 2017	Dec. 2, 2018
Sunday Offering	\$23,133.77	\$19,764.52
Online Parish Giving	\$ 3,132.00	\$ 3,112.00
Total # of contributors	701	
Misc. Offerings December 2, 2018		
Heat & Energy Offering:	\$974.00	
Poor Box Offering:	\$424.05	
Religious Retirement collection:	\$2,977.50	



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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 joannekratz@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 gsmanns@materdeicatholic.com

Elf on a Shelf? ... No, Elf in a Classroom!

Pre-K and Kindergarten students enjoyed looking for "elves in classrooms" and taking pictures with their iPads when they found one at a special event hosted by Mater Dei Catholic School. A fun evening for all!



Mater Dei Christmas Pageant

All are welcome to celebrate the Christmas Spirit with the Mater Dei Catholic School community on **Tuesday, December 11**, at 7:00 PM in St. Stanislaus Church. Hope to see you there!



Still a few spots available! Immediate acceptance of infants to 36 month old children...

If you would like information or would like to schedule a visit, please contact Katherine Stansbury, Center Director, at childcare@materdeicatholic.com

REMEMBER THE 27 CRUSADERS

Lansdale Catholic High School and The Ancient Order Hibernians (AOH) Division #4 Montgomery County, PA is proudly hosting a documentary film presentation "REMEMBER THE 27 CRUSADERS" this feature length documentary recounting the lives, military service and deaths of 27 American soldiers who served in Vietnam that graduated from Father Judge High School in The North East section of Philadelphia during The Vietnam War documentary is being shown at Lansdale Catholic High School 700 Lansdale Ave, Lansdale, PA Sunday December 16, 2018 at 2:00pm this film presentation is open to the public and admission is free donations towards the production cost of the film will be accepted at the door.