

SAINT MARIA GORETTI PARISH  
WISHES YOU A  
BLESSED & JOYOUS CHRISTMAS



Christmas Pictures  
2017

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 Schedule**

Christmas Eve

4:00pm-Children's Mass, 7:00pm, 9:00pm

Christmas Day

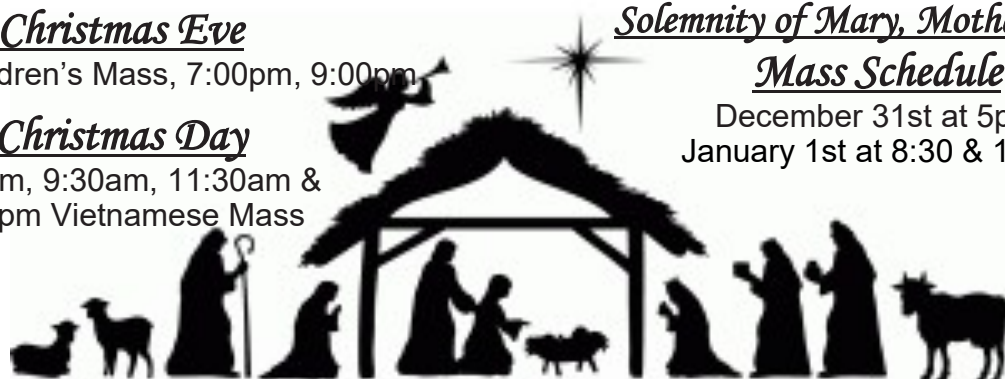
7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am &  
 2:30pm Vietnamese Mass

**New Year's Schedule**

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 New Year!*

**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.



# Mass Schedule

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., Dec. 23**  
 7:30 A.M. Jeffrey Keffer  
 Req. by Sally & Charlie Keffer  
 9:30 A.M. Jo Souder  
 Req. by The Family  
 11:30 A.M. Intentions of David Richardson  
 Req. by Maria Richardson
- MON., Dec. 24**  
**No Morning Mass**  
 4:00 P.M. **Maureen Unger**  
 Req. by **The Rosenberger Family**  
 7:00 P.M. Jenna Burleigh  
 Req. by The Ryan Family  
 9:00 P.M. **Sean Flynn**  
 Req. by **William & Barbara Nagy**
- Tues., Dec. 25**  
 7:30 A.M. John Schickling  
 Req. by Sally & Charlie Keffer  
 9:30 A.M. **Dave Smith**  
 Req. by **The Steklenski Family**  
 11:30 A.M. Joseph O'Sullivan  
 Req. by Roseanna O'Sullivan
- WED., Dec. 26**  
 8:30 A.M. Karen Yozallinas  
 Req. by The Family
- THURS., Dec. 27**  
 8:30 A.M. Frank Phillipeck  
 Req. by The Patterson Family
- FRI., Dec. 28**  
 8:30 A.M. Cindy Zeigler  
 Req. by The Deeney Family
- SAT., Dec. 29**  
 8:30 A.M. Maureen Unger  
 Req. by Pat Conroy  
 5:00 P.M. John & Marie McKinn  
 Req. by Sally & Charlie Keffer
- SUN., Dec. 30**  
 7:30 A.M. Masser Children & Grandchildren  
 Req. by Ray & Barb Masser  
 9:30 A.M. Marge & Jim Flaherty  
 Req. by Connie & Dick Nolan  
 11:30 A.M. Maureen Unger  
 Req. by Perry Stirling

## SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in celebration of **Eleonore Duch's Birthday** requested by Ron Duch.



**There will not be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Christmas Eve or New Years Eve or morning Mass on Monday, December 24th. Merry Christmas!**

## 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 Krempf, 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, Flocerfida & Savador Penganon, Michael Prahler, 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.



**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 [ipmentor209@yahoo.com](mailto:ipmentor209@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](mailto:nancyboak@aol.com)



**Youth Ministry Update**



**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](mailto:maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net)

215-721-6559  
Find details and registration at <http://stmariagoretti.net/maria-2/>




# 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.

**Outdoor Blessed Mother Statue**— Thank you to Kris Antenuci and her family for their years of service maintaining and decorating the Blessed Mother Statue and flower bed around her. Kris is ready to turn these duties over to someone that would like to take care of the seasonal decorating and maintenance of the flower beds surrounding her statue. If this sounds like a ministry for you, or if you would like to share these duties with another family please contact Cheryl at the parish center at 215-721-0199.



**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please send your bulletin announcements by 12 noon on the Monday prior to publication. The preferred method is by e-mail to [cheryl.ryan@stmariagoretti.net](mailto:cheryl.ryan@stmariagoretti.net) with the word **"bulletin"** in the subject line. Thanks for your cooperation.

**DOWNLOAD THE FREE SMG PARISH MOBILE APP TODAY**

**3 Ways to get the app**

- ◆ Search in the app store
- ◆ Click the link on SMG website homepage
- ◆ Go to [www.parishsolutionsco.com/Goretti](http://www.parishsolutionsco.com/Goretti)



**MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30th**

**E.M. of Holy Communion**

5:00pm – Sacristan, D. Blanche  
 7:30am – Sacristan, C. Opdyke  
 9:30am – Sacristan, C. LeBrocq  
 11:30am – Sacristan, A. Russo

**E.M. Home Visits**

A1–J. McNally , A2-B. Hidak, A3-P. O’Hara, A4-E. McBride,  
 A5– J. Burke, B1-D. Trotter, B2-J. Forbes , B3-B. McCormick,  
 B4-L. Lelii, B5-J. Gressang

**Lectors**

5:00pm – M. D’Elia, B. Hardnock  
 7:30am – A. & R. Whitley  
 9:30am – M. Faymore, A. LeBrocq  
 11:30am – J. MacFarland, C. Friel

**Cantors**

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

**Altar Servers**

5:00pm – S. Holland, B. Lare, L. O’Leary  
 7:30am – C., A. & N. Pawling  
 9:30am – B. Braun, J. & J. Heir  
 11:30am – N. & T. Burr, M. Rosenberger

**Children’s Liturgy**

9:30am – M. Whelham

**MUSIC NOTES**



No rehearsals this week.  
 Merry Christmas!

**Music Ministry for Christmas**

**Christmas Eve**

4pm—Children’s Choir & Instrumental Ensemble  
 7pm—Youth Bell Choir  
 9pm—Adult Choir

**Christmas Morning**

9:30am—Adult Choir

**HOPE IN CHRIST**

**Spiritual Support for Addictions**

*“I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security.” ~ Jeremiah 33:6*

Seeking solace and spiritual support in the journey towards recovery? Many local parishes are offering ways to experience Christ’s extended hand of love and mercy in your time of need. Find Catholic resources for addiction for you or a loved one at [www.archphila.org/hope](http://www.archphila.org/hope)

**POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP**

The total collected 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** 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!***



**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES SPOTLIGHT**

In Ethiopia, about 2.8 million people were forced to leave their homes because of conflict and war. When they were finally safe, there were no bathrooms, access to clean water or privacy. And kids had no school to attend. When Catholic Relief Services arrived, they met immediate needs—like food, water, shelter—and they also restored dignity and encouraged social cohesion. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) to find out how you can help.

*“Constant dedication to the poor and disadvantaged emerges in the Church’s social teaching... It is a question not only of alleviating the most serious and urgent needs through individual actions here and there, but of uncovering the roots of evil and proposing initiatives to make social, political and economic structures more just and fraternal.”*  
 ~ St. Pope John Paul II



**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](mailto:ajuarez@chs-adphila.org)***

**SUNDAY OFFERING**



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**COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS**

December 16th collection was not available in time for publication.



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**SHARE THE JOURNEY**



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](http://www.sharejourney.org), or [www.welcomethererefugee.org](http://www.welcomethererefugee.org), or email [joannekratz@gmail.com](mailto: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 [gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com)



**MATER DEI**  
CHILDCARE CENTER

**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 and information about this wonderful program or would like to schedule a visit, 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.*

**2019 LOTTERY CALENDARS**

**A great idea for that hard to buy for person on your Christmas list!**

On the weekend of December 22 and 23, the Knights of Columbus, Pius IX Council will be selling their Lucky Number Club 2019 Lottery Calendars after all Masses. Please look for us at the Narthex at St. Maria Goretti. Tickets are \$15 and are good for the entire 2019 year. Make great last minute holiday gifts and stocking stuffers. Further information available at Events section of [www.koc4396.org](http://www.koc4396.org) or contact [Info@koc4396.org](mailto:Info@koc4396.org).

**SAVE THE DATE**

**IRISH NIGHT 2019 at SMG!**



Back by popular demand Reilly's Daughter featuring Tommy Conwell. Saturday, March 9th – 7:00pm in Drexel Hall

For more information or for tickets contact John Cashley 267-467-0441 or Tom Coughlin 215-450-9662.