

*Give Thanks to the  
Lord, for He is Good.*

*Happy  
Thanksgiving*





**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

We thank you, Father, for the gift of Jesus your Son who came to our earth and lived in a simple home. We have a greater appreciation of the value and dignity of the human family because he loved and was loved within its shelter. Bless us this day; may we grow in love for each other in our family and so give thanks to you who are the maker of all human families and our abiding peace. Amen.

**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.



**The Parish Center will be closed at noon on Wednesday, November 21st and will re-open on Monday, November 26th. Happy Thanksgiving!**



**ST. CHARLES BORREMEO SEMINARY APPEAL**

**Welcome Mr. Cong Le, First Theology to SMG Parish!**

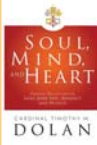
For more than 180 years, the faithful's support of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary has been remarkable. This weekend we welcome Cong Le, a current seminarian to share his experience at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. We hope that after you hear about their journey that you will continue on the tradition of support by making a donation to the Seminary Appeal using one of the envelopes found in your pew. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

**ADVENT CALENDAR FUNDRAISER**  
 Benefits Adult Faith Formation



**THIS WEEKEND**

Following All Masses—\$3.00 Each  
 Cash or Checks Accepted  
 Exact Change Appreciated



**GOOD READING!**

Copies of Cardinal Dolan's eBook entitled Soul, Mind, and Heart are available for **FREE** on the Adult Faith Formation table in the narthex. Please help yourself!



**CHARLIE ZAHM'S "CELTIC" CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**Sunday, December 2nd, 2018 at 7 PM.** The concert is being held in the St. Maria Goretti Church for the benefit of Society of St. Vincent de Paul, SMG conference. Cost is \$10 per ticket, \$5 children 12 or under. Please bring a canned food item for the December Food Pantry drive. Light refreshments served and basket raffle held at intermission.

**"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](http://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.





Mass  
Schedule

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>SUN., Nov. 18</b>	7:30 A.M. Joseph & Margaret Braunstein Req. by The Braunstein Family 9:30 A.M. Karen Hutcheon-Leflar Req. by Denise & Cliff Taylor 11:30 A.M. Michael Andrejczak Req. by Bertha Matzo
<b>MON., Nov. 19</b>	8:30 A.M. Elizabeth Widmann Req. by Heather Helfrich
<b>TUES., Nov. 20</b>	8:30 A.M. Patrick McIlhenney Req. by Pat Conroy
<b>WED., Nov. 21</b>	8:30 A.M. Ed & Mary McBride Req. by Ed & Terry McBride
<b>THURS., Nov. 22</b>	8:30 A.M. Karen Yozallinas Req. by The Family
<b>FRI., Nov. 23</b>	8:30 A.M. Frank Gallagher Req. by Edd & Sally Murphy
<b>SAT., Nov. 24</b>	8:30 A.M. Cecelia Gressang Req. by Joanne Gressang 5:00 P.M. Edward Krause Req. by Chris & Patty Gray
<b>SUN., Nov. 25</b>	7:30 A.M. Bernie Phillipeck Req. by The Patterson Family 9:30 A.M. Raymond Miller Req. by His Wife & Children 11:30 A.M. The Golazeski Family Req. by Theresa Golazeski



**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit for the **Browne, Benson & Granish Families** requested by the Browne Family.

**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. **The Next Holy Hour will be held on Thursday, December 6th.**

**LOOKING FOR THE ADULT FAITH FORMATION TABLE?**

Do you need a registration form for an upcoming Adult Faith Formation event? Look for the AFF resource table in the narthex located under the images of some of the Church's lay saints. (Saints Zelig and Louis Martin (Saint Therese's parents), Saint Maria Goretti, and Saint Gianna)

**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, Floerfida & 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.

**AN INVITATION TO CELEBRATE**

The Family of Nativity of Our Lord Church would like to welcome you to share a meal with us! A full turkey dinner with all of the trimmings is being prepared by volunteers to share with those who are unable to be with their family or friends at this time. Come and celebrate the joy of giving thanks for all of God's blessings. Come feast with Our Family!



**Thursday, November 22, 2018**  
**in the Nativity of Our Lord Parish**  
**Community Center**  
**605 West Street Rd., Warminster, PA**  
**18974**

**Dinner is served at 2:00pm - please arrive by 1:45 to be seated**

**Please call ahead to reserve your seat 215-675-1925, there is no charge for this meal.**

**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

**POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP**

The total collected last week was: **\$122.20**

**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!**

**DO YOU WANT TO HELP MORE YOUNGSTERS OF OUR PARISH ATTEND CATHOLIC SCHOOL AT VERY LITTLE COST TO YOU?**

Did you know that if you own a business that pays taxes to Pennsylvania or you personally meet certain financial criteria, you can direct up to 90% of those tax dollars to Mater Dei Grade School for tuition assistance of MDS students. The Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program provides businesses that pay PA taxes with a credit for certain donations for tuition scholarships to qualifying students of MDS. This program also provides for individuals to divert certain PA taxes with (specific conditions) to this same program. Contact Mater Dei Regional School-Grace Samanns-Development office at 215-368-9787 for details and particulars.

**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](mailto:itpmentor209@yahoo.com)

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC ?**



Please encourage them to contact Al Pandolfo at 267 688 9475 or the parish center at 215 721 0199 or email [RCIA@stmariagoretti.net](mailto:RCIA@stmariagoretti.net) as soon as possible. We would love the opportunity to tell him or her about the wonderful process for spiritual growth called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - RCIA. In this process adults learn with other adults about Church teachings and prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Baptized Catholics who have not completed their Sacraments are also welcome. Don't delay !

**MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25th**

**E.M. of Holy Communion**

**5:00pm** – Sacristan, P. Pinkston, D. Blanche, M. Reynolds  
**7:30am** – Sacristan, A. Russo, G. Salanik, D. Johnson  
**9:30am** – Sacristan, T. McGann, M.J. Vondercrone, C. Opdyke  
**11:30am** – Sacristan, C. LeBrocq, V. & L. Lelii

**E.M. Home Visits**

**A1**–D. Trotter , **A2**-D. Mischzak, **A3**-B. McCormick, **A4**-J. Burke, **A5**–D. Fuse, **B1**-J. McNally, **B2**-E. McBride , **B3**-VOLUNTEER NEEDED, **B4**-J. Gressang, **B5**-P. O'Hara

**Lectors**

**5:00pm** – M. D'Elia, M. Hays  
**7:30am** – B. Healy, M. McCormick  
**9:30am** – V. Rivera, D. Smith  
**11:30am** – A. LeBrocq, J. MacFarland

**Cantors**

**5:00pm** – Ugochi  
**7:30am** – Joe  
**9:30am** – Donna  
**11:30am** – Kristen

**Altar Servers**

**5:00pm** – G. Boyd, G. Christie, S. Holland  
**7:30am** – J. Franek, J. & A. Padva, **A. Baran**  
**9:30am** – V. Forbes, T. & G. McGann  
**11:30am** – V. Kirk, M. Rosenberger, S. Scassero, **A. Fabro**

**Children's Liturgy**

**9:30am** – E. Adamo, R. Hier

**MUSIC NOTES**



Rehearsals for Tuesday, November 20th

Children's Chime Choir—5:50 to 6:30pm  
Bell Choir—6:30 to 7:30pm  
Adult Choir—7:30 to 8:45pm

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

The parish children's choir will begin Saturday rehearsals on December 8th from 4:00-4:30. The children's first Mass will be Christmas Eve at the 4:00 Mass. Please see Mrs. Ericsson for a schedule or email [ileen.ericsson@stmariagoretti.net](mailto:ileen.ericsson@stmariagoretti.net)! Singing in choir is a great way for our parish children to learn about our Catholic faith and gain a sense of stewardship!



The SMG Adult Choir will be providing music for the Mass at Saint Mary Manor in Lansdale next weekend. May God bless them for kindness to our brothers and sisters at St. Mary Manor.





**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES SPOTLIGHT**

The humanitarian crisis in Venezuela is escalating as political and economic instability has left hundreds of thousands of families without access to food, medical care and critical life and social services. With the average monthly income now as low as \$3, more than 82 percent of the population lives in poverty.

The crisis has led to the largest displacement of people in Latin American history: More than 4 million Venezuelans have fled to neighboring countries to access the most basic goods and services. Many of those fleeing are without shelter and sleep on the streets or in parks. CRS is supporting Venezuelans in their country and across the region through our local Catholic partners. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) to find out how you can help.

**ELDERCARE CORNER**

**Seniors**, it is currently **Open Enrollment for Medicare** and there is still plenty of time to compare plans. If you or a family member are computer savvy, go to [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov), choose the green button that says, "Find Health & Drug Plans," and follow the instructions. You will need your Medicare card and list of medications. If you need help with this, please call Amy Juarez with the Eldercare Assistance Program to schedule an appointment. Amy can be reached at 215-721-0199 x225 or [ajuarez@chs-adphila.org](mailto:ajuarez@chs-adphila.org). As always, the Eldercare Assistance Program is free of charge and using the Medicare website is free and simply a way to compare plans without any pressure or commitment. Contact Amy with any questions.

**Seniors—travel FREE on SEPTA!**

With the full transition of the SEPTA KEY fare system, PA issued Senior Citizen Transit ID Cards ARE NO LONGER VALID FOR SEPTA TRAVEL.

**Senior Citizens age 65 and older** must have a new SEPTA KEY ID to ride FREE at all times on **all Transit Routes**. \* Effective September 1, seniors will need a SEPTA Key Senior Photo ID Card or a valid Pennsylvania Driver's Licenses and Non-Driver IDs with a magnetic stripe on the back, which can still be swiped at turnstiles and fare boxes to receive the free Transit and Regional Rail rides. New licenses issued by PennDOT on or after July 2017 do not have magnetic stripes and cannot be used.

\*On September 1, 2018, SEPTA eliminated the \$1.00 Cash Fare on Regional Rail for travel within PA. Half Fare (50% of the Weekday Fare) for travel to/from New Jersey and the State of Delaware will remain in effect. You can apply for a free SEPTA KEY card at the following local locations (Bring your valid driver's license or state ID) :

The office of Legislator Robert Godshall  
1702 Cowpath Road, Hatfield  
215-368-3500  
Monday thru Friday from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

The office of Legislator Kate Harper  
1098 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell  
610-277-3230  
Monday thru Friday from 8:30 AM-4:00 PM

**Call Amy Juarez with the Elder Assistance Program at 215-721-0199 x225 or email at [ajuarez@chs-adphila.org](mailto:ajuarez@chs-adphila.org) with any questions.**



**BEN WAGNER**  
Performing Musician and Songwriter

*The MMR Youth Ministry invites you to a Praise & Worship music program featuring Ben Wagner. Ben will be performing at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer on Tuesday, November 20th, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Church.*



Ben is originally from the Mid-Western United States. He is a professional songwriter, performer, and retreat director and has been a member of the CHWC (Catholic Heart Work Camp) since 2013. He uses his combined talents of storytelling and songwriting to reach audiences ranging into the thousands and was just labeled as "One to Watch" by Nashville Songwriters Association International.

For more information about Ben Wagner, visit: <https://www.benwagnermusic.com/about>, or call Father Patrick Muka at 215-362-7400 with questions.

**"DARE TO PREPARE"**

**Advent Retreat for Teen Girls**

St. Agnes Church in Sellersville is hosting a "Dare to Prepare" Advent Retreat for Teen Girls ages 12+ on Saturday, December 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Church hall. Sponsored by Young Women of Grace, this day-long event features Mass, social time, games, and a very special Christmas craft. Author Susan Brinkmann, OCDS will give two presentations on the critical role women play in the world today through the gift of their feminine genius, as well as on how to welcome Emmanuel by learning how to practice the presence of God. A local youth minister will also address the girls on the importance of respecting themselves in their dress and in how they relate to themselves and others. This day includes a light breakfast, pizza for lunch, and lots of homemade Christmas cookies & treats! Cost is just \$30 per girl. Visit the "Events" page at [www.womenograce.com](http://www.womenograce.com) for more information.



**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

Presented by Knights of Columbus  
**Sunday December 2, 2018**  
Drexel Hall – St. Maria Goretti Church  
**2 Seatings: 8:30 am & 10:30 am**  
**Send in your reservations Today!**

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. Reservation form available under the Events section of [www.koc4396.org](http://www.koc4396.org). Call Linda at 215-361-7650 or [LansdaleBWS@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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**SUNDAY OFFERING**



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**COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS**

	<b>Nov. 12, 2017</b>	<b>Nov. 11, 2018</b>
Sunday Offering	\$17,499.18	\$16,974.03
Online Parish Giving	\$ 1,462.00	\$ 3,332.00
Total # of contributors:	636	
<b>Misc. Offerings November 11, 2018</b>		
Heat & Energy Offering:	\$916.00	
Poor Box Offering:	\$122.20	
Capital Improvement collection:	\$105.75	



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**ARE YOU COOKING THIS THANKSGIVING?**

Don't forget to purchase your scrip today for your Thanksgiving dinner. Scrip is available after all the Masses or at the Parish center Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm.

**MATER DEI CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
**2018 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**

**Schedule a Tour at Mater Dei Catholic School**

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. **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).

**Veterans ... thank you!**

To all of the veterans who attended Mater Dei's Veteran's Day Celebration on November 9th and those who could not be in attendance ... thank you! We respect, admire, and appreciate each and every one of you for your service to our country. Remember to check out Mater Dei's Facebook page to see pictures of this special celebration. Blessings from the Mater Dei School community!

**Save the Date: Mater Dei Christmas Pageant**

Celebrate the Christmas Spirit with the Mater Dei Catholic School community on Tuesday, December 11, at 7:00 PM in St. Stanislaus Church. All are welcome!

**Alumni of St. Maria Goretti, St. Rose, and St. Stan's ...**

Thank you to all who attended our Alumni Breakfast on Saturday, November 10th. It was great to see all of you at Mater Dei!

**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](mailto:childcare@materdeicatholic.com) or 215-799-2211.



**VIETNAMESE EGG ROLL SALE ~ NOVEMBER 24/25**  
**LAST CHANCE to Get Your Eggrolls for the Holiday Season**



The Vietnamese Community will be holding an Egg Roll Sale on Saturday and Sunday, **November 24/25** Don't miss out on the opportunity to purchase these delicious homemade egg rolls. They freeze well and make a great appetizer for the Holiday Season. If interested please fill out the form below and drop it off in an envelope marked "Egg Roll Sale" to the parish center or in the collection basket with cash or check payable to St. Maria Goretti Parish no later than **Monday, November 19th. Thank you for your support.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Egg Rolls: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

*The cost is \$1 each and they will be available for pick-up on November 24 & 25 after all Masses.*

*Please circle the Mass you will be picking up your order: 5pm 7:30am 9:30am 11:30am*