



Saint Maria Goretti Parish

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, & 11:30 am
Vietnamese Mass: 2:30 pm
Weekdays & Saturday Mass: 8:30 am
Holy Days: Vigil 7:00pm, 7:00am, 8:30am
& noon, Vietnamese Mass at 7pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 9am to 8:00pm
Friday and Saturday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.



PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. John C. Nguyen
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Leonard N. Peterson
Vietnamese Apostolate: Rev. John C. Nguyen
Permanent Deacons:
Deacon Phuong Nguyen
Deacon Peter Niche
Deacon Stephen Vondercrone
Mater Dei Regional Catholic School President:
Ms. Diane McCaughan
Mater Dei Principal: Ms. Beth Waltrich
Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education & Parish Services: Maria Richardson
Admin. Assist. of Religious Education: JoAnn Prahler & Pat Kendig
Director of Adult Faith Formation: Angela McClellan
Director of Music: Eileen Ericsson
Pastoral Assistant: Patricia Conroy
Office Manager: Cheryl Ryan
Parish Secretary: Mary Faymore
R.C.I.A. Coordinator: Al Pandolfo
Elder Care Assistance Program: Amy Juarez
Business Manager: Douglas Smith
Asst. Business Mgr.: Geri Salanik

DEVOTIONS:

Adoration: Mondays after the 8:30 am Mass -
Concludes at 5pm with Benediction
Marian: Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass.
Saint Maria Goretti: Monday during the 8:30 am Mass.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday at 12:45 pm (except the first Sunday of each month). Please call the Parish Office to register for Baptism. Pre-Jordan classes required for parents and optional for godparents, are offered the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted in the bulletin. Baptisms are limited to four children per Sunday. **Letters of eligibility are due at the Parish Center before a date can be given for Baptism.**

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made with a priest at least six months in advance. You must speak to a priest before making arrangements for a reception hall. Scheduling, rescheduling or cancellation MUST be done by a priest. Pre-Cana classes are required for all couples. Please visit the archdiocesan website at <http://phillycatholiclife.org/marriage-and-family/preparing-for-marriage/>

ANNULMENTS

Archbishop Charles Chaput, following the directive of Pope Francis, is offering annulments without cost to the petitioners. There are additional changes which would make annulments easier to obtain. Contact the Parish Center to speak with Fr. Chung for more information on the annulment process.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm or any time upon request. Call the Parish Center.

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. Send your name, address, phone number, number of tickets along with your check to SMG attention Pro-Life March.

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!

SMG OUTREACH ~ GIVING TREE

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

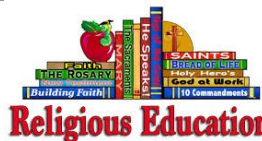


I invite all Confirmation Candidates to come write angels and help hang angels as a way of receiving some service hours needed for Confirmation. Our regular Outreach crew will be there and happy to help you,

Date: Saturday, November 30th
Time: 1:30 PM

I also reach out to any parishioner who is going through a very hard time, please don't hesitate to call me if help is needed, Maripat Shelly 215-256-0273 (information is kept strictly confidential) If a parishioner knows a neighbor in the situation above, give them my number also.

Mark your calendar for the Gift Sorting to take place on **Thursday, December 19th at 6:30pm.** Sorting Seraphims are welcome to help. What a great opportunity for sharing in the true meaning of Christmas. Thank You & God Bless all of you who make the Giving Tree a success!



ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SING A-LONG

Wednesday, December 4th
at 6:30pm in church. Light refreshments to follow.

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

maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net



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



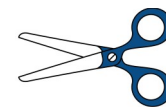
Celebrate the feast of Saint Lucy with a "light" lunch as we view the heartwarming film entitled, "The Fourth Wise Man" starring Martin Sheen. Based on Henry van Dyke's classic, The Story of the Other Wise Man, this fictional story set in Biblical times is told in gently comic terms. The Fourth Wise 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 _____





MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., Nov. 24** 7:30 A.M. John Borusiewicz
Req. by Marlene Borusiewicz
9:30 A.M. Stanley & Anna Golazeski
Req. by Theresa Golazeski
11:30 A.M. Angeline Hostelly
Req. by Pat & Jim Petro
- MON., Nov. 25** 8:30 A.M. Cecelia Gressang
Req. by Joanne Gressang
- TUES., Nov. 26** 8:30 A.M. Angelo DeLuca
Req. by The Genovese Family
- WED., Nov. 27** 8:30 A.M. Bernie Phillipeck
Req. by The Patterson Family
- THURS., Nov. 28** 8:30 A.M. Dec'd members of the
Kelly Family
Req. by The Family
- FRI., Nov. 29** 8:30 A.M. The Gallagher Family
Req. by Sally & Edd Murphy
- SAT., Nov. 30** 8:30 A.M. Christine & Tony Dieckhaus
Req. by Betty & Jerry Dieckhaus
5:00 P.M. Patricia Robberstad
Req. by Rosemary & Roger Downey
- SUN., Dec. 1** 7:30 A.M. Felix Xavier Maggay (birthday)
Req. by MaryAnn Maggay
9:30 A.M. Frank Ecker
Req. by Dolores Flynn
11:30 A.M. John Casinelli
Req. by Maria & David Richardson

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **John & Laura Benischeck** requested by Linda & Joseph Benischeck.



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 5th.**

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!



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, Frank Holloway, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Ron Hoffman, Jeanette Hoy, Kevin Iavecchia, Lindsay Jaso, Richard Jedlicka, Gerald Kenny, Emily Keiser, Charles Kline, Bernadette Kubej, Sue Kunze, Peg Krempl, Jama Lecore, Angelique Lee, Keenan Lee, 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, Mele Lee-Nippins, Ernie Nippins, Zachery Oberholzer, Bill O'Brien, Anthony Paone, Catherine Pagano, Al Palatucci, Robert Pauloski, Flocerfida & Salvador Penganon, 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.

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 ipmentor209@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

FIRST THURSDAY BREAKFAST CLUB



The Breakfast Club is held on designated First Thursdays of the year and provides a way for people to build relationships and community and to gather together in friendship following their time spent together in worship and prayer. Coffee, tea, juice, and nutritious breakfast refreshments are served along with lots of laughter and conversation. There is no cost to participate in the Breakfast Club and no registration is required. Non-parishioners are always welcome. **Thursday, December 5, 2019**

Following the 8:30 AM Mass. The Breakfast Club is automatically cancelled when a funeral is scheduled for the same morning.

Special Presentation: The Way of Saint James

A special presentation will take place following the Breakfast Club on **December 5th** at approximately 9:45 AM in the chapel on the Camino de Santiago....The Way of St. James.

SINCE YOU ASKED:

Many have asked about the Camino since we returned from Spain in October. There are **2 opportunities** to learn more about this pilgrimage and what happened with your prayer intentions during Advent. If you can't attend the Thursday breakfast presentation on **December 5th**, then come to our new I.H.M. Room in the Parish Center on Wednesday evening, **December 4th** from 7 to 8:30. Between both presentations we hope to encourage any pilgrimage and the blessings they bring.

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

Parish Ministry Update!



CLUB + 50

GAMES DAY and Pot Luck Lunch
The first Wednesday of the month! Cards, Rummikub, 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 January 5th February 2nd or May 3rd, 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 Dave Tocci at 215-256-9625.

Maria Richardson

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

PARISH LIBRARY



When individuals strive to grow in the interior life, one of the essential spiritual exercises is spiritual reading. The Parish Library, comprised of unique areas for the faith formation of both adults and youth, provides parishioners the opportunity to borrow

Catholic books and resources that might not be available in public libraries or a typical book store. Borrower's cards are located inside each book or DVD and are to be handed in at the front reception desk. Resources may be borrowed for a period of three weeks and can be renewed for a longer period.

It has been said that "Bad books have made many sinners and good books have made many saints." The Parish Library strives to promote spiritual reading material that has the power to transform one's life by pouring the wisdom of the Church into a person one book at a time!

Parish Library Hours

Monday through Friday—9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Parish Center: Upper Level

When the Parish Center is closed due to a holyday, holiday, or inclement weather, the Parish Library is also closed.

To ensure the safety of our youth, no visitors will be permitted to access the parish library in the evenings or on weekends.



Youth Ministry Update



Thank God For Good Friends
Teen Game Night—November
26th 7PM to 9PM IHM Room

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

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MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st

E.M. of Holy Communion

- 5:00pm – Sacristan, D. Blanche, S. Lynam, D. Zobel
- 7:30am – Sacristan, A. Russo, V. & L. Lelli
- 9:30am – Sacristan, S. Steklenski, B. Smith, J. McNally
- 11:30am – Sacristan, C. Opdyke, M. & M. D’Elia

E.M. Home Visits

- A1–D. Misczak, A2–K. Hay, A3–T. McGann, A4–D. Grant, A5–J. Burke, B1–P. Niche, B2–P. O’Hara, B3–D. Johnson, B4–T. Nguyen, B5–D. Fuse

Lectors

- 5:00pm – C. Amuso, R. Miller
- 7:30am – A. & R. Whitley
- 9:30am – C. Heim, C. McNally
- 11:30am – T. Prykowski, P. Shelly

Altar Servers

- 5:00pm – A. Antenuci, M. Rosenberger, E. Walsh
- 7:30am – A. Baran, A. Pawling, A. Wertz
- 9:30am – C., G. & S. Heim
- 11:30am – N. Barrales, A. Fabro, B. Lare

Children’s Liturgy

- 9:30am – P. Fiore, K. Shaughnessy

POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: \$398.10

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!***

MUSIC NOTES

Rehearsals for Tuesday, Nov. 26th

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

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Sunday, December 1st

- 11:30am – Children’s Chime Choir

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



What would you do for clean water? Would you steal from your neighbor? A few years ago, Dolma Lama's community of just over 300 people in Nepal shared one water tap, but that was destroyed after a devastating earthquake in 2015. Dolma remembers how, at that time, people fought over any water they could find. She confesses to stealing water from her neighbor.

Since then, CRS and Caritas Nepal have been working with the government of Nepal to assist earthquake-affected families in Northern Gorkha and neighboring districts to achieve a safe and dignified life while increasing their ability to mitigate the impact of future disasters. As part of this work, CRS brought clean water directly into villages like the one where Dolma lives. Visit www.crs.org to see how you can help!

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!

CHILDREN’S CHOIR

All parish children in grades 1 through 7 are invited to be part of the SMG Children’s Choir! Rehearsals are in the church on Tuesdays 5:50-6:30 PM from December 3 to April 7. Singing in the choir is a great opportunity for children to learn about their faith and grow musically and socially!

The children will sing at the following Masses:

- ◆ Christmas Eve at 4:00 PM
 - ◆ Saturday, January 25 at 5:00 PM
 - ◆ Sunday, February 23 at 9:30 AM
 - ◆ Sunday, March 29 at 9:30 AM
 - ◆ Easter Sunday, April 12 at 9:30 AM
 - ◆ May Procession—Monday, May 4 at 6:00 PM
- Please contact Eileen Ericsson with any questions (eileen.ericsson@stmariagoretti.net). Thank you!



CHRISTMAS DECORATING TIME IS COMING SOON!

Monday, December 2, the indoor crèche is to be constructed and the trees put together and around it, after Mass at 9:00 am. We will also be putting out our new outdoor creche for which we need many hands and warm coats. Sunday, December 22, at 6 pm, we are putting up the trees and wreaths 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.

SUNDAY OFFERING



COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

	Nov. 18, 2019	Nov. 17, 2019
Sunday Offering	\$18,761.92	\$16,513.00
Online Parish Giving	\$ 1,892.00	\$ 2,912.00
TOTALS:	\$20,653.92	\$19,425.00
Total # of contributors	571	
Misc. Offerings		
Heat & Energy Offering:		\$1,449.50
Poor Box Offering:		\$398.10
Christmas Flower Collection:		\$427.00

WAYS TO GIVE & SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Each week check this column for ideas to support your parish (some that will cost you nothing)

AmazonSmile - Choose St. Maria Goretti Parish as the recipient, and Amazon will donate 0.5% eligible AmazonSmile purchases to St. Maria Goretti Parish whenever you shop on AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1433916>. Support your parish by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com.

Purchase SCRIP for all your Christmas shopping needs!

**SAINT MARIA GORETTI SPONSORS
2 SCOUT UNITS**

BSA Troop 610

It's Not Done till It's Over Done. We are happy to welcome Boys who are 11 to 17 years old to join the adventure! Best of all, you can join us any time of the year. We meet on Mondays at 7:00 175 Medical Campus Dr, Lansdale.

Cub Scout Pack 9

Doing Our Best and Having Fun Doing It! We are happy to welcome both Girls and Boys from Kindergarten through 5th grade to join the fun! Best of all, you can join us any time of the year! We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at SMG Education Center, 2980 Cowpath Rd. Hatfield.



Prayer Starts at Any Age

Mater Dei Childcare students are learning to pray in school, in church, at home, and even at Chick-fil-A! Mater Dei is very grateful this Thanksgiving Season for our Childcare Staff, Parents, and Children.

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!

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.

COAT DRIVE 2019—THANK YOU!

At the ribbon cutting of the new Hatfield Borough building, one of the speakers said Hatfield was a "Small town with a Big heart". That logo couldn't have been more evident with this year's Annual Coat Drive. Members of our Hatfield Community both Borough and Township rallied together to make this huge project the success it was.

This event started out five years ago as a tiny seed of need. A four year old little girl came to preschool on a very wintry and snowy day in a sweatshirt and summer clothes. This little one was clothed and taken care of by the end of the day with not only a coat and proper clothing but additional clothes appropriate for the cold season and food for the family. From this need it became apparent the need of new winter coats was not just for a few families. This year we were able to supply 75 families with 195 new winter coats.

We also had 31 helpers on the day of the coat distribution as well as helpers setting up and then returning the area back to its regular day functions. The mission of taking care of our own Hatfield Community has blossomed into a gathering of resources and helping hands, and it is wonderful to witness. The organizations who participated were the Hatfield American Legion, Bethany Bible Fellowship Church, Emmanuel EC Church, Grace Lutheran Church, Hatfield Church of the Brethren, **St. Maria Goretti, and St. Vincent De Paul**. The Hatfield Community Christian Coalition, H3C, sponsors a number of Hatfield Community projects each year and this is one of the largest projects they organize and administer.

There are not enough words to say thank you to everyone who donated their gifts of coats, money, hats and gloves and time. One retired lady, knits all year for this event and she donated over 100 hats alone. Thank you Bertha M. Your generosity is overwhelming. God Bless you all. Mary Catherine Reilly, H3C