

Saint Maria Goretti Parish
Hatfield, PA

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HOPE



OUTREACH GIVING TREE



The Outreach Giving Tree will not be doing presents this year due to the Pandemic. **We still desperately need your generosity for families who need our help.** We are accepting monetary donations, food or Walmart gift certificates only. **All donations should be at the Parish Center no later than December 9th.**

- Sadly, due to the Pandemic, we would not be able to do things as we did in the past. We agreed food certificates and Walmart gift cards would be best. Please consider using our Scrip pro-gram to purchase these. Scrip can be purchased by calling the Parish Center and your order can be filled and ready for pick-up. The Parish Center is open Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm.
- We are also accepting cash donations and checks made out to "Outreach SMG", which can be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Center.
- Parishioners who have Parish Giving accounts may donate to Outreach-Giving Tree that way. Parishioners who would like to open an account to donate electronically can go to the parish website at stmariagoretti.net & click Parish Giving.
- Thank you for your generosity! Any questions, please call Maripat Shelly at 215-256-0273

**HOLY LAND TRIP INFO NIGHT
WINE & CHEESE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21st**

Have you ever dreamed of going to the Holy Land?



Due to the worldwide pandemic the parish trip to the Holy Land with Fr. Chung and Fr. Brody has been postponed until **November 6 through 14, 2021**. If you have reserved a spot already you have until May of 2021 to change your mind. If you haven't signed up yet

please look in upcoming bulletins for more details. Consider traveling with us in 2021, it will be something to look forward to as we get through the uncertainty of 2020!!

**PRO-LIFE MARCH
WASHINGTON, D.C.
Friday, January 29, 2021**



Bus Departure from St. Maria Goretti Parking Lot at 7am
Join Pro-Life members from all over the country in the fight to end abortion. We leave SMG parking lot at 7am (with a stop for a quick break) to Metro Center in Washington DC—Cost is \$10.

We will need to walk from the Metro Center to the rally point on 12th Street—approximately 1 mile. Rally is at 12 noon. The March will begin at 1pm. The destination is the Supreme Court, where more speakers will speak out in support of life.

The bus leaves the Metro Center at 4pm. There will not be a dinner stop due to Covid. There will be a quick rest stop on the way home. We suggest you pack any food and drinks you might need for the day.

Any questions, please contact Bob McCormick at 215-362-1247 or bobmcc52@verizon.net.

Tickets must be purchased in advance, please mail the registration form to Saint Maria Goretti Parish, Pro-Life March, 1601 Derstine Rd., Hatfield, PA 19440

Name(s): _____

of tickets: _____

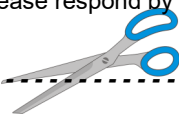
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Parish: _____

OUR NARTHEX CHRISTMAS TREE & YOUR RECOGNITION OF 2020

This year we are covering our Narthex Christmas tree with Chrystal-like snowflakes that honor those people in your life that have dedicated themselves to help others to stem the COVID virus or to help in any way in service to others. We have a limited number of ornaments and we request you sign up in the Narthex for one with your honoree name so that we may have it printed on a tag for the snowflake. The cost is \$5 to defray the cost of the ornaments. Contact Lynne at Irhipp@gmail.com for any questions. You may also drop off at the Parish Center your request or by mail. Please respond by the end of November. **Let's make the tree sparkle with love.**



SNOWFLAKE ORNAMENTS

Honoree's Name: _____ Honoree's Name: _____

Requested by: _____ Number of Ornaments: _____



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SUN., Nov. 29** 7:30 A.M. Laura & John Benischeck
Req. by Linda & Joseph Benischeck
9:30 A.M. Thelma Stanek
Req. by Deborah, Catherine & Andy
11:30 A.M. Matthew & Bill Prince
Req. by Edie & Bill Hardnock
- MON., Nov. 30** 8:30 A.M. Angelo DeLuca
Req. by The Family
- TUES., Dec. 1** 8:30 A.M. Francis Ecker
Req. by Dolores Flynn
- WED., Dec. 2** 8:30 A.M. Mary Zayas
Req. by Kathleen Grear
- THURS., Dec. 3** 8:30 A.M. The Ryan & Geiger Families
Req. by The Schussler Family
- FRI., Dec. 4** 8:30 A.M. Adam Fox
Req. by Beth Lentz
- SAT., Dec. 5** 8:30 A.M. John Conroy
Req. by Pat Conroy
5:00 P.M. Edward Krause
Req. by Chris & Patty Gray
- SUN., Dec. 6** 7:30 A.M. Felix Molettiere
Req. by Deb & Bob Garges
9:30 A.M. Sean Flynn
Req. by The Family
11:30 A.M. Michelle Hoffman
Req. by The Hoffman Family



BE ONE WITH JESUS
eucharistic adoration

ARE YOU MISSING OUT...

on the many graces waiting for you in our chapel? Jesus is waiting. All you need to do is just come and sit with Him. There are no special prayers or readings just your time and a commitment. By becoming a Guardian, you tell Jesus that spending time with Him is a priority in your life. You are willing to even arrange your schedule for Him! Imagine how happy this makes our Lord and Savior. The following times are in need of a second Guardian partner:

12 noon to 12:30pm, 1:30pm to 2pm or 2pm to 2:30pm

Come and receive the peace that only He can give. Please contact Nancy Boak by phone 215-393-3763 or email nancyboak@aol.com to sign-up or inquire.

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**.



PLEASE KEEP IN MIND the following people who at this time need your prayers and support: Josephine Albert, Warren Allison, 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, Ron Cariola, Aldo Carnara, Danny Catts, Joanna Cavacini, James Chrissy, Michael Costello, Jerry Cronin, Helen Curren, Susan & Anthony Dalesio, Joanne Daum, Loretta Deller, Leo Dennis, Karen Diana, Peter Fallon, Christine Fandozzi, Marybeth Hentschel Fiorelli, Carol Galinski, Joe Gallant, Carol Gianfrancesco, Erin Gilbert, Lianessa Gonzalez, Abby Graham, Andrew Green, Dionne Greim, Sharon, Fernando, Ian Griffin, Frank Holloway, Lori Hanson, Gloria Harris, Ron Hoffman, Jeanette Hoy, Kevin Iavecchia, Richard Jedlicka, Charles Kline, Sue Kunze, Peg Krempf, Jama Lecore, Curt Lecrone, Angelique, Gina & Keenan Lee, Dorothy Lougee, Dina Lukasko, Patti Maguire, Joe Martin, William & Kristen Morrow, John McLaughlin, Bridget Micshener, Diane Moll, Frank Monroe, Munson Family, Debbie Murray, John Mye, Terry Shields Neumann, Joan Nickerson, Regina Nimmo, Ernest & Mele Lee-Nippins, Bill O'Brien, Matt Page, Anthony & Michael Paone, Kathy Paone, Catherine Pagano, Al Palatucci, Robert Pauloski, Flocerfida & Salvador Penganon, Connie Perrong, Michael Prahler, Marian Quinn, Marlin Raber, Dolores Radicioni, Michael Rafter, Joan Ramsher, Scott Randall, Frank Reiner Jim Richardson, Vanessa Rivera, Sheila Rothenberger, Linda Santana, Barbara Scally, Helen Shekalis, Melissa Shelly, Mary Smith, Anthony Smith, Rukiatu Smith, Valerie Somma, Lawrence Stempel, Judy Stangl, Joseph & Michael Thomas, John & Kathleen Thinnis, Peg Trexler, Mae Veneziale, Sofia Wagner, Jim Ward, Glenn Watt, Charles Wetzel, John Willstaudt, Salem Yabut, Jack Zampirri, Joe Zdun & Joan Ziegler.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of **Frederick Mark** requested by Patty Mark.



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 4pm. **The next Holy Hour will be held on Thursday, December 3rd.**

LETTERS FROM SANTA!



The Knights of Columbus, Pius IX Council are playing Postman this year! Your child (or Grandchild – we are not picky) can write a letter to Santa and get a personalized response from the big man himself mailed back to them. This letter is FREE and is part of the Knights little Christmas gift back to our community, especially as the current health crisis necessitates our canceling of Breakfast

with Santa this year. All of the details can be found on our website, where you can download the form and flyer from our front page at www.koc4396.org. Call the Knights at 215-368-3044 or info@kofc4396.org with questions, and a Merry Christmas to one and all!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS
~ LOTTERY CALENDAR ~**

Knights Lottery Calendars Are Now Available - Help the Knights of Columbus with this fund raiser. The Knights Lottery Calendars only cost \$15 each and your lucky number is good for the whole 2021 year. You can get one (or more) by contacting: Bill Steigerwalt at 215-880-4200 or stag6988@gmail.com.

~ KOC COAT DRIVE ~

If you have gently used children's coats and/or winter clothing, please consider donating them to the Knights of Columbus Coat Drive! This annual drive collects for needy families in two Philadelphia city parishes (St. Helena in Olney and Sacred Heart in South Philadelphia). A bin will be located in the narthex until November 29th. Please consider helping the Knights serve the less fortunate in our area.



GET IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Help Decorate! On Tuesday morning, **Dec 1st, at 9 am**, the indoor and outdoor crèches will be assembled as well as wreaths on the outside doors put on. On Sunday, **December 20, at 6 pm**, wreaths, garland and the trees with lights, as well as the Narthex tree with snowflakes recognizing caregivers of the 2020 pandemic, will be put up. On Tuesday, **December 22, at 9 am**, the poinsettias will arrive and will need placing. All help in dressing the Church to celebrate Christ's birth are welcome. Any questions contact Lynne at 215-872-4685. Thanks.



GIVE THE GIFT OF A NEW HYMNAL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

With Christmas coming right around the corner, we all have that hard to buy for person, please consider the gift of a hymnal in their honor. This gift will last for years to come. While helping the parish to defray the cost with a donation of \$25 per hymnal. Consider this opportunity to honor loved ones or to commemorate a special event such as an anniversary, birthday...! Stop at the table in the narthex to pick up a reservation form or fill put the form below and drop or mail to the Parish Center, attention: Cheryl Ryan. Thank you for your consideration and support of this project for our parish! See the sample hymnals at the display in the narthex.

Number of Hymnals: _____

In Honor of: _____

Requested by: _____

In Loving Memory of: _____

Requested by: _____

BAPTISMS



Holy
Baptism

Welcome to the newest members of our parish:

Audrey Rose daughter of Matthew & Caroline Kolesnik, **Anthony Edward** son of Michael & Kayla Bracher, **Noah Joseph** son of Willaim & Jenna O'Tormey, **Liam Patrick** son of Patrick & Molly Cassidy, **Jack Michael** son of Anthony & Christine Ciavarelli, **Hayes Joshua** son of Anthony & Trish Garges, **Rhylin Bernadette** and **Avalina Anne** daughters of Rafael & Colleen Mercedes, **Mila Rae** daughter of Andrew Murphy & Rachael Hunsberger, **Zachary Thomas** son of Jonathan & Alicia Ragus, **Connor Gary** son of Tyler & Kirsten Melrath, **Bryce** son of Michael & Stephanie Van Heyst, **Theodore Michael** son of Michael & Louise Cline, **Timothy Joseph** son of Andrew & Laura Schmid.

CONGRATULATIONS!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT MMR

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish is looking for a Lead Maintenance/Custodian who has a positive, cooperative and friendly manner to work in our parish and school buildings. This is a full time position for an individual who has a successful work experience. Most tasks are well defined, but with considerable variation, and require independent action. Salary based on previous experience. Please email a resume or letter with your qualifications to Lou Tonelli at loutonelli@mmredeemer.org.

MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th

Lectors

5:00pm – P. Villucci, M.J. Vondercrone
 7:30am – C. Friel, T. Hipp
 9:30am – R. Miller, T. Mazzeo
 11:30am – J. MacFarland, M. Faymore

Cantors

5:00pm – Janna 7:30am – Joe
 9:30am – Michele 11:30am – Michele

MUSIC NOTES



Rehearsals for Tuesday, December 1st

Mini Bell Choir—6:45 to 7:30pm
 Mini Choir 1 & 2, Guitar Ensemble—7:30 to 8:45pm

Music Ministry for Next Weekend:

Sunday, December 6th

9:30am – Guitar Ensemble 1 & Mini Choir 1
 11:30am—Guitar Ensemble 2 & Mini Choir 2

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS ~ HELP NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES



We need your help serving at Christmas Eve and Christmas morning Masses. The Mass schedule is Christmas Eve at 2pm, 4pm, 7pm and 9pm. Christmas morning at 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am. Mask may be worn while serving

Mass. If you are able to help please stop in the ministry room at the parish center to sign up. You may also call Cheryl Ryan at the parish center at 215-721-0199. Thanks for any help you can provide.



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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** 2020, 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!**

ADULT FAITH GIFT CERTIFICATES NOW AVAILABLE

Gift Certificates are now available for purchase through the Adult Faith Formation Office of our parish. You can purchase a gift certificate for a family member, friend, or neighbor in any amount or a specified amount designated for a particular upcoming Adult Faith event, program, pilgrimage, or retreat. Contact Angela.McClellan@stmariagoretti.net or 215-721-0199 (Ext. 202). Convey your name, the person for whom you are purchasing the gift certificate, and the amount.

You will be contacted when your gift certificate is available for pick up at the front reception desk of the Parish Center. Payment can be made at that time. Make checks payable to Saint Maria Goretti Parish.

Gift Certificates may also be purchased and donated back to the parish for individuals who would like to attend an Adult Faith event, program, pilgrimage, or retreat but may not have the financial resources to do so.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING OUR PARISH LIBRARY

Due to space limitations, our Parish Library is no longer accepting donated/used books. Care and Share Thrift Stores, located on Rt. 113 in Souderton, does accept them. Drop off times at Care and Share: Monday through Saturday from 12:00 PM until 4PM. Thank you for your understanding.



SANCTUARY LIGHT OR BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL LIGHTS AVAILABLE



A seven day vigil light honoring Mary or the sanctuary light by the tabernacle are available in memory of a loved one or for your intentions. These vigil lights are available by stopping by the parish center Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm. The cost for a 7 day vigil light for the Blessed Mother or the Sanctuary Light is \$15.

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS THROUGH THE PANDEMIC

Thank you to the parishioners of SMG that are able to continue to support the parish through this pandemic. We understand that this unprecedented health emergency has also had a negative affect financially on so many and because of your generosity we are able to stay current on our parish financial obligations as well as help those who need.

2020 Weekly Total		2019 Weekly Totals		Difference
Sept. 6th:	\$20,592.72	Sept. 10th:	\$18,990.50	\$1,602.22
Sept. 13th:	\$18,148.00	Sept. 16th:	\$21,382.42	(\$3,234.42)
Sept. 20th:	\$17,741.00	Sept. 23rd:	\$21,300.91	(\$3,559.91)
Sept. 27th:	\$19,574.00	Sept. 30th:	\$22,049.03	(\$2,474.28)
Oct. 4th:	\$22,870.91	Oct. 7th:	\$24,828.22	(\$ 1,957.31)
Oct. 11th:	\$26,660.74	Oct. 14th:	\$27,471.43	(\$ 810.69)
Oct. 18th:	\$16,216.34	Oct. 21st:	\$19,638.07	(\$ 3,421.73)
Oct. 25th:	\$20,454.27	Oct. 28th:	\$23,353.92	(\$ 2,899.65)
Nov. 1st:	\$26,596.26	Nov. 4th:	\$28,091.44	(\$ 1,444.49)
Nov. 8th:	\$21,217.71	Nov. 11th:	\$19,580.30	\$ 1,637.41
Nov. 15th:	\$19,415.22	Nov. 18th:	\$21,001.51	(\$ 1,586.29)
			TOTAL:	(\$81,186.11)

May God Bless you for your generosity to our parish!



MATER DEI
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
2018 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Celebrating and Honoring Our Veterans at Mater Dei Made a Difference

Even virtually, our Mater Dei students touched the hearts of many men and women who served our country by honoring them with their presentation on November 11. We just had to share how our Sixth Grade students made a difference in a time when it is perhaps most needed. Here are some comments below that they received after their virtual presentation was viewed.

Mater Dei Pride

~While the crowd was not there in a way it was a blessing in disguise because so many more people got to experience the great tribute that the teachers and the students put together. I just spoke to former State Representative Kate Harper (a great supporter of our veterans) who told me that the program was excellent and she was so glad this program was put together because there were many veterans tributes (most actually) in the schools that were just flat out cancelled because of the Pandemic. So thank you, thank you, thank you for all you have done and the cooperation and good work of the 6th graders.

~There is nothing comparable in this area in a veterans' tribute by students that includes such a strong FAITH element. I know the students, teachers and the school staff are most enthusiastic about putting this fine program together each year.

~Thank You. Was very beautiful and well done. Never Forget.

~That was nice that the school did the tribute to the Veterans even in these Covid time.

~ It was a beautiful tribute to the Veterans and to the students who presented the events. It did bring tears to my eyes since my four brothers (now deceased) all served in the military.

~Watching and listening to the students presenting their speeches gives me hope for the future of our country.



Registration 2021-22

It's time! New families can now register their child for the 2021- 22 school year at both Mater Dei Catholic School's Lansdale and Hatfield campuses. New registrations are being accepted now! Many of our classrooms will be filled by December of 2020 for the 21-22 school year. So if you have a child who will be eligible for Preschool through Grade 8 in September of 2021 and would like more information about registration or our programs, please contact Grace Sammans in the Advancement Office at 215-368-9787 or gsmanns@materdeicatholic.com.

Virtual Christmas Extravaganza!

Have yourself a lucky little Christmas! Though the Mater Dei Christmas Extravaganza will not take place in person this year, there is good news: Our raffle table will be available virtually! We have extended the drawing date to **Saturday, December 5th**, at 11 a.m. Prizes include a 50" Smart TV, His and Hers Beach Cruiser Bicycles, a Propane Patio Fire Pit, and many more wonderful items for the whole family! Parishioners can go to Mater Dei's website to purchase raffle tickets.



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. Please contact Katherine Stansbury, 215-799-2211