

# Saint Maria Goretti Parish

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

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#### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, & 11:30 am

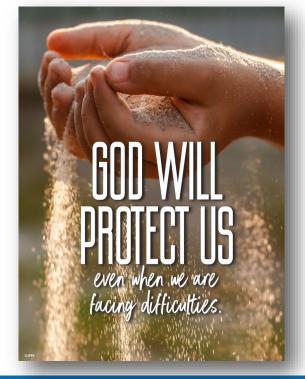
Vietnamese Mass: 2:30 pm

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.



#### <u>PARISH STAFF</u>

Pastor: Rev. John C. Nguyen

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Leónard 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

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:**

Mondays after the 8:30 am Mass -Adoration: 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

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. the annulment process.

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



#### ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE ~ Wednesday, November 20th

On Wednesday, November 20th the SMG community will offer a "Mass of Remembrance" at 7pm. At that time, a particular acknowledgement will be made of those who have died during this past year. This would include those whose funerals were celebrated here during the past year, as well as other family members and friends of parishioners who died recently. There will be an opportunity after those who passed this past year are announced to light a candle for in the hand of God other loved ones that have passed away in the past. Following Mass refreshments will be served in the narthex. Please join us for this beautiful Mass in remembrance of your loved one.

#### REFRESHMENTS NEEDED

Once again we are asking for the help of our great bakers and snack providers for the All Souls Mass to be held on Wednesday, November 20th at 7pm. We are looking for any type of finger food that can be served easily in the narthex following Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to build community with fellow parishioners and their families. If you are able to help out, please call Mary or Cheryl at the Parish Center 215-721-0199. Thank you for your continued support and your delicious baking!



#### 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 availa-

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. call Bob McCormick at 215-362-1247 please 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.

### 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.

Please watch next weeks' bulletin to find out our date for sorting gifts. Thank You & God Bless all of you who make the Giving Tree a success!



### ST. CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY APPEAL

#### WELCOME HOME ZACHARY SHEPARDSON

Thank you to Zachary Shepardson, SMG Parishioner, son of Matt & Cindy Shepardson and first year seminarian at St. Charles Seminary on speaking to us today on behalf of the Annual Seminary Appeal. Zachary and his family joined SMG parish almost 3 years ago after moving here from Colorado. Zach's Catholic faith has always been important to him and he was discerning priesthood since he was eight years old. He began his studies at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary this past fall. Although he is busy there he continues to offer his support to us at SMG. Please continue to pray for him and the success of the Annual Appeal. God bless you Zach!

#### . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Advent Calendar and Candle Sale** 

Sales benefit the Adult Faith Formation Ministry.

Checks or cash accepted. Exact change appreciated. Calendars: \$3.00 Candles: \$7.00

November 23 & 24 in the narthex after all Masses



### 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

Family Faith Formation, Religious Education and Parish Services maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net





#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN., Nov. 17 7:30 A.M. Laura & John Benischeck

Req. by Linda & Joseph Benischeck 9:30 A.M. John Conroy

Req. by Bob & Maddy Haluska 11:30 A.M. Esperanza Batad

Req. by Cecilia Batad

8:30 A.M. Anna & Patrick McIlhenny MON., Nov. 18

Req. by The Conroy Family

TUES., Nov. 19 8:30 A.M. Frank McCorry

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WED., Nov. 20 8:30 A.M. John Conroy

Req. by Rusty & Cheryl Ryan

THURS., Nov. 21 8:30 A.M. Ed & Mary McBride

Req. by Ed & Terry McBride

FRI., Nov. 22 8:30 A.M. Theodore Schmid Req. by The Fernes Family

**SAT., Nov. 23** 8:30 A.M. John Conroy

Req. by Eleanor & Bob Hentschel

5:00 P.M. Karen Yozallinas

Reg. by The Family

**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

Reg. by Pat & Jim Petro

#### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light for this week is lit in memory of Esperanza Batad requested by Cecelia Batad.

### **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.

#### 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, 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 lavecchia, 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 Olberholzer, 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 itpmentor209@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





## Youth Ministry Update



Thank God For Good Friends **Teen Game Night** November 26, 2019 7PM to 9PM IHM Room

#### **Children's Faith Filled Fun** Let's Prepare for Jesus!

Friday, December 13, 2020 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

Maria Richardson, Director of Family Faith Formation, Religious Education and Parish Services maria.richardson@stmariagoretti.net

215-721-6559

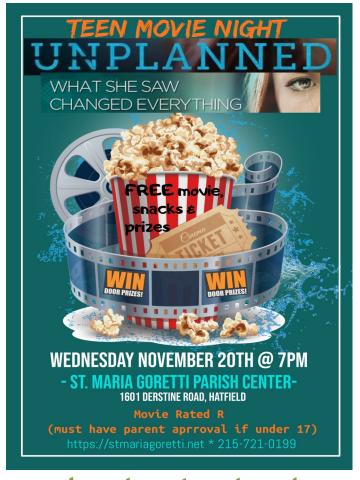
#### **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**



Catholic Relief Services strongly opposes the Administration's decision to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris Agreement. The Paris Climate Agreement is a concrete pledge affirming the shared responsibility to care for the planet. It

signifies international recognition that climate change is threatening everyone, especially the most vulnerable who contributed the least to it. No single country can stop these impacts alone; the Paris Agreement would secure the cooperation, action and resources needed to address the problem.

"Every day, CRS and its local church partners witness widespread suffering by tens of millions of people around the world from the direct impacts of climate change," said Bill O'Keefe, CRS's executive vice president of Mission, Mobilization and Advocacy. "The U.S. must not turn its back on the rest of the world at a time when urgent action is needed... With the planet warming at an alarming rate and the poorest of the poor left to withstand the consequences, there will undoubtedly be more global instability, forced migration and conflict... It is not too late to take meaningful steps to care for creation and mitigate some of the worst impacts of climate change, which is why we hope our government reconsiders this misguided decision." Visit www.crs.org for more information!



#### **NEW BEGINNINGS**

Membership in New Beginnings is for widowed persons who would like the opportunity to socialize with people from similar circumstances in a supportive environment through activities, events and travel. NB meets the third Thursday of every month at 7pm from September to May at St. Stanislaus Parish Center. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21st . There will be no meeting for the month of December. Please consider joining us! "In life what sometimes appears to be the end is really a 'New Beginning'".

#### おおおおおおおおおおおおおおおおおおおおおおおおおおおおお **EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES**

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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 1st bulletin by Tuesday, Nov. 19th

◆ 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!

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## MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24th

#### **E.M. of Holy Communion**

5:00pm – Sacristan, P. Pinkston, K. Hay, M.J. Vondercrone
7:30am – Sacristan, D. Zobel, V. & L. Lelii
9:30am – Sacristan, K. Staudt, M. Lee-Nippins, T. Hipp
11:30am – Sacristan, T. McGann, B. Santulli, M. Niche

#### **E.M. Home Visits**

A1-M. Rosenberger, A2-M. D'Elia, A3-C. Talaga, A4-L. Lelii, A5-S. Steklenski, B1-D. Fuse, B2-K. Clapper, B3-C. Opdyke, B4-D. Misczak, B5-J. Burke

#### Lectors

5:00pm – S. Archambault, P. Vilucci 7:30am – D. Smith, B. Healy 9:30am – A. LeBrocq, B. Smith 11:30am – J. McFarland, M. Faymore

#### **Cantors**

**5:00pm –** Donna **7:30am** – Michele **9:30am** – Lynne **11:30am** – Ugochi

#### **Altar Servers**

5:00pm – D. Farzetta, L. Lowden, B. Mazeroski 7:30am – M. & J. Franek, A. Moore 9:30am – M. & N. Cujini, T. Vito 11:30am – M. Brodsky, T. & G. McGann

#### Children's Liturgy

9:30am - S. Brodsky

#### **MUSIC NOTES**

Rehearsals for Tuesday, November 19th

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, November 24th 9:30am – Youth Bell Choir

#### POOR BOX STEWARDSHIP

The total collected last week was: \$456.14

#### **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-toperson 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!

#### 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. Share in the presentation and discussion of this 1200 year old pilgrimage along the northern coast of Spain which traveled over 500 miles during 37 days of hiking. *The talk, by recently returning parishioners Matt and Cindy Shepardson*, will look at the route, the people, and the grace of faith. A question and answer period will be central to the discussion. Parishioners and non-parishioners are welcome to attend. For questions concerning this presentation, please contact Matt and Cindy at cmshepfam@gmail.com or (267) 663-7322.



#### "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	

#### SUNDAY OFFERING



#### **COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS**

N	ov. 11, 2018	Nov. 10, 2019
Sunday Offering	\$16,974.03	\$16,001.30
Online Parish Giving	\$ 2,807.00	\$ 3,967.00
TOTALS:	\$19,781.03	\$19,968.30
Total # of contributors		538
	Misc. Offerings	
Heat & Energy Offering:		\$342.00
Poor Box Offering:	·····	\$456.14

Missionary Coop Collection: ...... \$4,199.00



Mater Dei Students Honor Our Veterans as Protectors of Old Glory Mater Dei students led by our Sixth Graders praised and saluted veterans in a beautiful Veteran's Day Celebration. Students showed their

our Alum Connection!



appreciation of our veterans who served to protect our American Flag because of their love for her. God Bless America and Our Veterans!

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

WAYS TO GIVE & SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

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

<u>Offering Plate</u> - SMG provides an opportunity in its weekly worship services to honor God with financial gifts to the church. Weekly offering envelopes are available upon request. Please contact the church office.

#### **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.

## ANNUAL HATFIELD COMMUNITY CAROLING &TREELIGHTING



Saturday, December 7th @ 6:30pm. Rain or Shine—Hatfield Borough Railroad Plaza, Market Street—Sponsored by: The Hatfield Chamber of Commerce. Refreshments will be served at the Hatfield Fire House following the Ceremony! Santa will

also be at the firehouse to greet your children!

## HATFIELD CHILDREN'S CONTEST! (Grades 1-6) RIDE WITH SANTA AND HELP HIM LIGHT THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE!

Entry forms are available at the Hatfield Township and Borough offices, by calling the Hatfield Chamber of Commerce at 215-855-3335, or download the form at www.hatfieldchamber.com. Deadline for entries: 11-29-19

Toast marshmallows and make S'mores from 5:15–6:15 before the tree lighting at Salter's Fireplace Shop!

Community Craft Time at Grace Lutheran Church! 5:00-6:00pm
Free! Bring along a canned good for the local food pantry!

# VIETNAMESE EGG ROLL SALE ~ NOVEMBER 23/24 Get Your Eggrolls for the Holiday Season The Vietnamese Community will be helding on Egg Boll Sale on Saturday and Sunday Movement

The Vietnamese Community will be holding an Egg Roll Sale on Saturday and Sunday, *November 23/24* 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 <u>Monday</u>, <u>November 18th</u>. *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 23 & 24 after all Masses.

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

9:30am

11:30am