

SAINT MARY'S PARISH GUILD

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October 2016 News and Activities

From the Editor:



I received a great response to our inaugural newsletter, thank you all very much!

I think it is a great tool to keep all the Guild members informed of meetings and upcoming activities.

Any Guild member can submit articles to be included in a future newsletter as well as those who are involved in another ministry who have information to share just get in touch with me and I will include it in the following months newsletter.

I hope to have the roster finalized by next month to be included in the November newsletter.

Diana Gray

Welcome New Members

We had six new members join us at the September meeting.

Please welcome:

Cindy Coyle

Flora Robinson

Christine Plante

Jeane Belsky

Janet Caldwell and

Shirley Nolan

to the Guild!

Membership

Just a reminder, if you were unable to attend the Opening Banquet that Dues for the 2016—2017 year are now due. Yearly dues are \$10. Please submit to Karen Smith as soon as possible. Thank you!

Important Info:

October 11 2016

6:30 p.m.

Mount St. Mary's Abbey

(A service of Evening Prayer)

Hosted by Sylvia Eighmy and Karen Bengtson

Tuesday, October 11 the October Guild meeting will be held at Mount Saint Mary's Abbey for a Service of Evening Prayer. The Abbey is located at 300 Arnold St., Wrentham.

Members may go directly to the Abbey on their own or may meet in St. Mary's parking lot promptly at 6:00 PM where you can carpool to the Abbey for the Rosary at 6:30 PM followed by the Hour of Compline.

Please be on time, the rosary will start at 6:30 PM sharp.

Please remember to bring your rosary with you!

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Saint Mary's Ministries

The St. Mary's Parish Guild meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month, September through June at 6:30 p.m. For information contact Diana Gray at 508 212-9771 or dgraysix@yahoo.com Dues are \$10 per year.

There are many different ministries here at St. Mary's Parish that Guild members are involved in such as

- Rosary Society
- Christmas Fair Prep
- Choir
- Altar Society
- Food Pantry

Here two Guild members write about working for the Christmas Fair:

I have recently become a member of the guild.

However, this year will be my third year as a volunteer for the Christmas fair. The kitchen is where you will find me, working with food makes me smile!

I am very impressed with the hustle and bustle, people working together for a valuable and common cause.

I am looking forward to the coming year, just helping to make a difference in some small way.

Thank you and God Bless

Shirley Nolin

St. Mary's Parish has a wonderful group of ladies who start in January or February creating hand-crafted items to sell at the St. Mary's Christmas Fair. Some work is done in the homes of the ladies, but most of the work, which really does take all year, is done as a group in the basement of the Parish House

each week. The group meets on Monday evenings to share their time, their talents, and their ideas to create the amazing selection of items you see each year at the Christmas Fair.

The Craft Group is always looking for new members. You only need to bring your ideas. If you don't have any ideas, we'll give you plenty to do. We'll provide supplies, coffee, tea, a welcoming spirit, and refreshments. If you can form a bow, we really need you!

Noreen Kiff

THE BEST WAY TO FIND YOURSELF IS TO LOSE YOURSELF IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS
- GANDHI

Adopt-A-Family Updates

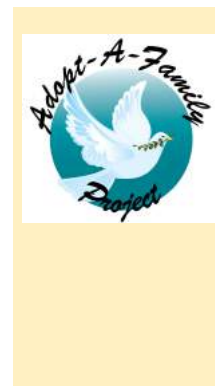
On behalf of St. Mary's Parish, Sacred Heart Church and Representative Betty Poirier (R) North Attleboro, we would like to personally thank you for your support towards the "Adopt-A-Family" 50/50 Money Raffle Project. Thanks again to your generosity; we raised a total of \$2,005.00. Congratulations to our winner, Eileen Shruhan! A BIG thank you goes to all of our amazing volunteers who dedicated their time selling tickets at both parishes! This project has been successful due to the

generous support of our community. Thank you again for all you do.

AND DON'T FORGET . . . MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR FUN-FILLED BOWL-ATHON THAT IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21st! We are again putting together teams of at least 6 people per team. If you don't have enough people for a team, we will put you on a team! If you are interested in sponsoring a lane, we will develop a

"personalized" banner for you! Call Deb Fitzgibbons at 978-884-1945 with any questions or to secure a lane! Don't miss out....this event is growing every year and there is SO MUCH FUN to be had! Cost for bowling is \$20.00 adults/\$11.00 children (under 10). God Bless,

Debbie Fitzgibbons and Betty Poirier, Adopt-A-Family Committee Members.



CHRISTMAS FAIR 50/50 TICKETS—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Father Dave has asked for our help to get the Christmas Fair 50/50 raffle tickets in the mail for all the registered families of the parish. We will need volunteers to stuff and label envelopes for the mailing. Please let Margaret Smith know if you are available for about two hours for an "Envelope Stuffing Party" at her house on Sunday, October 23, 2016 after the 11:15

Mass. Lunch is being served.

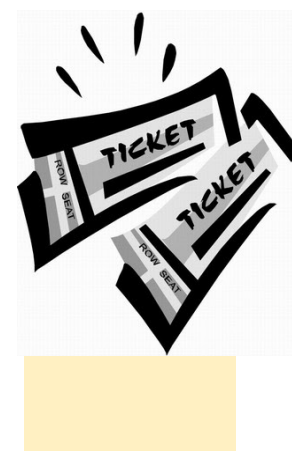
We will also be selling tickets during the weekends beginning October 29th through November 19th. Margaret is asking for volunteers for the 4 o'clock, the 9 o'clock and the 11:15 masses at St. Mary's.

Please contact Margaret directly if you would like to volunteer to sell

tickets after any one of these masses.

As always, Father is very grateful for all of our help.

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Saint Mary's Parish Guild

September Minutes

Opening Banquet

September 13, 2016

The Opening Banquet of the Guild was held at Canova Italian Bar and Grill, Attleboro, MA on September 13, 2016.

President Joan Marchitto welcomed everyone back and acknowledged new members present: Cindy Coyle, Shirley Nolan, Flora Robinson, Christine Plante, Janet Caldwell, Jeane Belsky and Marilee Bristol. She also expressed her gratitude to Sandy Coyle and Suzanne Bellevance for organizing tonight's dinner.

Ms. Marchitto introduced the Officers, Executive Board, Publicity and Sunshine Committees. Thanks were also expressed to Noreen Kiff and Karen Finocchio for their work on this year's event calendar.

The opening prayer, the Memorare, was led by Karen Smith.

Manju Yoder read the blessing before dinner, a prayer by newly canonized St. Teresa of Calcutta.

A delicious dinner was enjoyed by all.

After dinner, Ms. Marchitto opened the business meeting. A Calendar of Events for 2016-2017 was distributed to everyone upon arrival. Dues are being collected as well as membership forms for all the new members. It was noted that October 29th is a 5th Saturday of the month, traditionally members of the Guild go to The Chieftain in Plainville for lunch to thank the Cahill's for their contributions to the Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner. A monthly newsletter has been developed by the Secretary, Ms. Gray, to help keep the Guild members informed of coming events.

It was noted that there will be no business meeting next month as our

meeting will be held at The Mount St. Mary's Abbey in Wrentham.

Ms. Marchitto then presented outgoing Secretary, Noreen Kiff, with a plant as a token of appreciation for her work over the past six years.

The Secretary, Diana Gray, read the May 2016 minutes. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Noreen Kiff and seconded by Joan ?, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Gray offered to email out the minutes to the membership from now on for easier review before the meetings. It was also noted that the newsletter will be either e-mailed or sent by regular mail to Guild members monthly. It will also be available on the St. Mary's website.

Correspondence has been received over the summer from The Rosary Society, The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul and Norma McCarthy for the Spiritual Enrollment the Guild sent in memory of her father.

Treasurer, Karen Smith, reviewed the account transactions for the summer and remaining balances for the Guild checking and savings accounts, The Adopt a Family Fund and the Fr. Keliher Scholarship Fund. A motion to accept the report as read was made by Agnes Woodbury and seconded by Sandy Coyle, the motion passed unanimously.

The Father's Day Red Sox Raffle was held in June, thanks were expressed to Margaret Smith for getting the tickets printed at Tri County High School and for Lynne LaFratta and Suzanne Bellevance for organizing the sale of tickets after masses.

There will be a State House Tour on Wednesday September 28th, Sylvia Eighmy has organized a bus to Boston and it is not a school bus! The bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. from St. Mary's Parking lot, and is limited to 30 people;

22 people have signed up so far. Betty Poirier explained that the tour will start around 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch and time to explore the Boston Common and the surrounding area before returning to North Attleboro around 5:00 p.m. It will be an intimate backstage tour of the oldest statehouse in the country.

Ms. Poirier also updated the members on the Adopt-A-Family project as Deb Fitzgibbons was not available this evening. The 50/50 raffle was held during the summer \$2,000 was raised and the winner donated back \$500 for a total of \$1,500 going to the fund.

Ms. Poirier explained that Adopt-A-Family has been going for over 40 years, they pay the family's bills, outfit the whole family with winter clothes, provide Santa presents for the children and follow the family for a year providing help with such things as car repairs and paying bills. There is no other program in the area like this one. The receive funding through the fundraisers such as the 50/50 raffle, and grants from Walmart which gives them a gift certificate that is raffled off at the Christmas Fair.

The next event will be a Bowl-A-Thon on October 21st at North Bowl. Teams of 6 are needed, if you don't have that many people, teams will be created. It is a fun night out with bowling, food and raffles.

Ms. Poirier noted that there are 48 members present this evening, Father Dave was not available this evening but he did attend the town's 9/11 ceremony last night at the Baptist Common where the 9/11 Memorial is located. Ms. Poirier attended and reflected on her relationship with Ellen and Bill Goodchild

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whose daughter was on one of the planes that day; Ms. Poirier has been to the 9/11 memorial in New York City three times with the Goodchild's who now try to spread good will and celebrate their daughter's life. Scott McGuire who constructed the 9/11 memorial as an Eagle Scout and is now a North Attleboro Firefighter, was also there. Ms. Marchitto noted that she was also at the memorial service and reflected on her time in New York when they stayed at the Hilton near the site while it was still being cleared.

Karen Smith, Chair of the Christmas Fair, noted that it is almost time for the 50/50 tickets for the Christmas Fair to go on sale. Dates they will be sold after Mass will be in the newsletter, volunteers will be needed. Margaret Smith will be get-

ting the tickets printed by the Tri-County students as they have been in the past. A new coordinator is needed for the Guild Christmas Tree project; this person would be responsible for collecting the donated gift cards and decorating the tree. It can be an individual or a group of people. The Christmas Fair is the only parish fundraiser held; this year's funds will go towards the roof of the church.

Closing prayers were led by Ms. Marchitto, the Our Father, The Hail Mary and The Glory Be.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Gray, Secretary



Christmas Fair Guild Tree

It's that time of year! We are once again collecting gift cards for the Annual Guild Christmas Tree, which will be part of the Festival of Trees at St. Mary's Christmas Fair, November 26, 2016. For those who are new, each member of our Ladies Guild, is asked to contribute a gift card for the tree. It can be from an establishment you frequent, such as your favorite restaurant, hairdresser, manicurist, auto mechanic, florist, department or grocery store, etc. Or perhaps a card from Dunkin Donuts,

Honeydew, Lowes, Home Depot, Best Buy - the list is endless! It can be in whatever amount you'd like - last year we collected over \$700 in gift cards - let's try to beat that incredible total this year! I will be available to collect the gift cards any time we are getting together - the October or November meeting or at The Chieftain Pub luncheon on October 29th. You can also drop the cards in the collection basket at church, just be sure to clearly mark "Guild Tree" on the

outside envelope. They can be brought to my house or I could pick them up at yours - whatever works! You can call me at 508-695-7496 (landline, don't text that #!) or email karenbmots@msn.com for any questions or to arrange a meeting. Thank you!!
Karen Bengtson



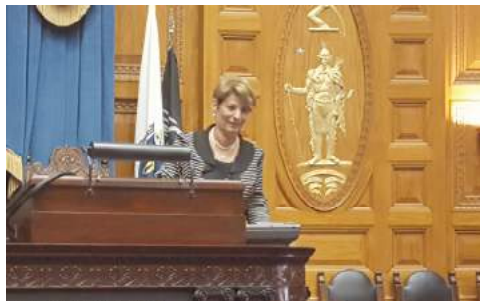
Saint Mary's Parish Guild

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Statehouse Tour—September 28, 2016



Thank you to Sylvia Eighmy for organizing, Betty Poirier for being such a gracious hostess and to Julia our Tour Guide! We even got to spend a few minutes with the Governor!

Upcoming Events:

October 21, 2016—Bowl a Thon to benefit the Adopt a Family Fund

October 29, 2016—5th Saturday Luncheon at The Chieftan, 12:00 pm
23 Washington Street, Plainville

November 15, 2016—Guild Meeting—Sister 's Act
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth

One of Mother Teresa's Favorite Prayers—Submitted by JoAnne Houle

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Thy
fragrance everywhere I go.

Flood my soul with Thy spirit and life.

Penetrate and possess my whole being so
utterly,
That my life may only be a radiance of
Thine.

Shine through me, and be so in me
That every soul I come in contact with
May feel Thy presence in my soul!

Let them look up and see no longer me, but
only Thee O Lord!

Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine
as Thou shinest; so to shine as to be a light
to others.

Amen

Written by:

John Henry Cardinal Newman



>>> Monthly Newsletter

If you would like to contribute anything to the

October newsletter such as stories, recipes or pictures please contact Diana Gray at dgraysix@yahoo.com or 508 212-9771.

Please submit newsletter info by:

Monday October 17th

Deadline is always the Monday following the general meeting.

