

*St. Gianna Parish
Churches of St. Brigid & St. Mark*

St. Brigid Ladies Guild News
February 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Alison Goroshko

Happy New Year everyone! Welcome back from Christmas break! December was a busy month for the Guild. We started it off with a wonderful Christmas party arranged by *Sharraine Reid* at the Back Nine restaurant. We enjoyed a lovely dinner and even a round of Christmas caroling! Parish choir members led us in the singing. Bakers were busy with baking cookies for the Great Cookie Deal as well. Thanks to *Donna Wolcott* for a job well done. Cookies were sold at both St. Brigid and St. Mark this year. *Sue Ficaro* worked tirelessly to ensure a bright Christmas for the Caring Hearts Drive.

Now that all the Christmas decorations are put away and we wait for the next snowstorm, let's all enjoy a pizza social at our next meeting on February 3rd! It should be a fun evening that promises to warm everyone's hearts on a cold winter evening.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon, *Alison*

“Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.” *Saint Therese of Lisieux*

PROGRAM

Bev Scharper

Pizza will be available before Monday's meeting, and coffee and dessert will be available following the meeting. Please join us in hearing about our upcoming 2020 events.

TRANSPORTATION

Nancy Kunak

If you would like a ride to Monday night's meeting, please call me at 860-523-4773 as soon as possible.

SUPPER CLUB

February 18

Maureen McClay, Edie Parizo

The next monthly Supper Club get together will be at The Corner Pug, 1046 New Britain Avenue.

The Ladies Guild suppers are informal, relaxing, and friendly, and on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, starting at 6:00 p.m., women from St. Gianna Parish are looking forward to enjoying a pleasant evening in good company savoring comfort food at this cozy neighborhood tavern. Please call Edie at 860-561-0238 by Sunday, February 16 to join.

HOUSE OF BREAD

February 4-5

Gina Giacalone, Pat (and Nick) Vendetta

Thank you all who donated meat loaves and other items to the House of Bread in December and January. The Kid's Café and the Day Care Center need the usual items or any items that you might want to donate. Until we hear otherwise, the HoB does not need rice or olio. They do continue to need salad dressings, mustard, mayonnaise, and ketchup in addition to the meatloaves.

Please call me at 860-521-8342 if you have any questions, and once again, thanks to Nick and *Pat Vendetta* for delivering our donations to the House of Bread.

The next delivery dates to 130 Overbrook Rd. are Tuesday and Wednesday, March 3rd and 4th.

TRIPS

Sheila Donahue, Betty Ferreira

Maine - June 16-19, 2020

We're planning a 4-day trip to coastal Maine from June 16-19. We'll be visiting Portland; Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, and Franciscan Monastery; Freeport and LL Bean; Pineland Farms; and more. Included in the prices of \$410 double occupancy and \$544 single are: Transportation, lodging for three nights in Portland area, three breakfasts and three dinners, and gratuities for bus driver and step-on guides. Fliers are available in the vestibule and at the rectory. Please call Sheila (860-232-6915) or Betty (860-233-3422) if you'd like to join us. A \$75 deposit is due when signing up. At this time the trip is full, but we have begun a waiting list, and June is quite a while away, so if you're interested, please let us know, and we'll put you on the list.

CARING HEARTS

Sue Ficarò

Many thanks to all of you who gave our families a lot to celebrate this year. Your many holiday donations of food, meals, gift cards, toiletries, gifts, paper goods and household items, as well as your financial support, were wonderful! Thank you also to *Donna Wolcott* for collecting food and gifts for us from our CCD students and teachers, and to the St. Brigid Knights of Columbus for their generous check. Here are excerpts from some of the notes of gratitude we received:

"You have always been so kind, loving and helpful to me and my family. Times have been hard, but I am doing my best. Thank you for always giving me hope in humanity."

"What you gave us was miraculous and lifesaving. Thank you for everything, and also for all your prayers. I see things that happen that can only be from God."

"I don't know how we would have gotten by without all you gave us. You are such a blessing to us. You don't know how much we need and appreciate everything."

"I can't express my gratitude enough how much your generosity means to me and my family. Thank you for thinking of us. God bless each and every one of you and your families!"

"Thank you beyond words! For everything always!"

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CARING HEARTS (Cont'd.)

"Hope you all had a great Christmas. Thank you with all our hearts for making ours so special."

"I want to thank you for your lovely card and gifts. That was just too kind. I don't know what to say except thank you very, very much. I am grateful. All good thoughts to all of you."

"Thank you kindly for the uplifting words and generous gifts. It is very appreciated and everything will be put to good use."

CHEER

Sheila Donahue

Sympathy and Prayers are extended to the following guild members on the passing of their loved ones:

<i>Eileen Ragnoni</i> , daughter-in-law Vikki Ragnoni	November 29
<i>Jennie Fallon</i> , brother-in-law Frank Fallon	November 29
<i>Natasha Ulyanovsky</i> , mother Ninel Sedun	December 11
<i>Collette Bouvier</i> , son-in-law Thomas Desmarais	December 22
<i>Marie Templeton</i> , <i>Laurie-Ann Templeton</i> , and <i>Ginette Kempf</i> , brother and uncle Guildard Pelletier	January 10
<i>Joan Buckley</i> , nephew John Boardman	January 20
<i>Sara Garofalo</i> and <i>Nancy Connors</i> , mother Gina Garofalo	January 24

Happy Birthday wishes are sent to our February birthday gals: *Barbara Barbieri* and *Sue Ficaró* (3), *Paulette Jameson* and *Marion Ryan* (4), *Ann Scata* (6), *Pat Reid* (8), *Susan Killoran* (11), *Ginette Kempf* (12), *Florence Muldoon* (16), *Gaetane Bolduc* (18), *Patricia Landers* (21), *Penny Hickey* (27), and *Janet Schultz* (28).

If you know of any member who is ill, entering rehab or a convalescent home, housebound, suffering a bereavement, celebrating a special event, or could just use a little "cheer," please give me a call at the above number. I know we're not getting enough cheer out to our members who could use it. Please remember, YOU are the best source of this information. Thank you.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Laurie-Ann Templeton

Prayer is an important ministry for our Ladies' Guild and for our parish. If anyone would like to join our ministry of prayer, please contact me at the above number.

As always, if you know of someone in need of prayer, please call me, and we will add them to our intentions. Thank you.

THIS N' THAT

Atlantic City Trip, April 19-21

Bea Pulchaski is leading a trip to Atlantic City from Sunday, April 19 to Tuesday, April 21. Included in the prices of \$245 (double room), \$345 (single room), and \$225 (triple

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Atlantic City Trip, April 19-21

room) are two nights' accommodations at the Tropicana Hotel, two \$25 meal vouchers, one \$25 slot bonus, one show, and of course bus transportation. This trip will be leaving from St. James Church in Rocky Hill. A limited number of seats remain, so if you are interested in being by the shore in what should be nice spring weather, please give *Bea* a call at (860) 233-0758 by February 25, and she will provide payment information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sheila Donahue

February 3	Meeting and pizza social, McMahon Hall, 7:00 p.m.
February 4-5	House of Bread Deliveries, 130 Overbrook Rd.
February 18	Supper Club, Corner Pug, 6:00 p.m.
March 2	Meeting and Lenten Program with Deacon Robert Hilliard
March 3-4	House of Bread Deliveries, 130 Overbrook Rd.
March 14-15	Caring Hearts Spring Drive
April 13	Meeting followed by Program on Women's Hall of Fame
April 21	Attic Treasures

That's a wrap for February. The deadline for the March newsletter is Friday, February 21. If you have any news that's fit to print, please call me at 860-232-6915; drop it off at the rectory, in the mail, in my mail slot, in the collection basket (marked SBLG Newsletter); or e-mail to msja62@comcast.net by February 21.

Happy Valentine's Day!

St. Brigid Cross

Everlasting God, we rejoice today in the fellowship of Your
Blessed Servant Brigid,
and we give You thanks for her life of devoted Service.
Inspire us with life and light, and give us perseverance to serve
You all our days,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You
And the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.