

St. Brigid Ladies Guild News

St. Gianna Parish

St. Brigid Church St. Mark Church

May 2019

PRESIDENT'S' MESSAGE

Penny Hickey, Camilla

Hynes

May! What a blessing. Temperatures warming, flowers blooming and my winter clothes are very slowly being packed away. Well, you never know about the weather in Connecticut, always full of surprises. During May we celebrate Mother's Day, Memorial Day, our annual Communion Breakfast. We also dedicate the month to Mary, Mother to all.

We had a very successful April meeting. Thank you to *Mary Ellen Verrengia*, *Sheila Donahue*, and *Bev Scharper* for helping us decorate for the April meeting and a special thanks to *Bev* for the very interesting program on "Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame." Our next meeting is scheduled for May 6th.

Penny and *I* look forward to seeing you at the Communion Breakfast and the May meeting. God bless you all, and enjoy the beautiful gifts God has given us.

Camilla Hynes, Co-president

May Blessing

Lord, we thank you for the month of May, when we are reminded of the magnificence of Your creation. The earth is covered in green, with splendid splashes of color, and we witness new life everywhere. The buds turning into leaves and flowers, animals bearing their young, and our own feeling of renewed energy and life.

Grant us a heart opened wide to all this beauty. Save us from being so blind that we pass unseeing the common thorn bush that is aflame with your glory. Help us to blossom to the fullness of life in You.

And Lord, may we feel the warmth of Your love for us and the light of Your goodness everywhere we look this beautiful month of May. Amen

Penny Hickey, Co-president

COMMUNION BREAKFAST, May 5 *Sharraine Reid* 860-841-1711

The 2019 Communion Breakfast is this Sunday, May 5, at Rockledge Grill following the 8:30 Mass honoring Guild members past and present. Thanks so much to all who will be with us.

PROGRAM, May 6 *Bev Scharper* 860-313-1498

The SBLG meeting is Monday, May 6, beginning at 7:00 p.m. We're delighted to have as a program *Natasha Ulyanovsky* playing sing-a-long favorites for our enjoyment. Come on down for a festive evening and join the singing or just listen to the tunes. It's sure to be a fun evening. Entertainment will begin after the business meeting, and desserts and coffee will be available as always.

TRANSPORTATION *Nancy Kunak* 860-523-4773

If you would like a ride to Monday night's meeting, please call me at the above number as soon as possible.

HOUSE OF BREAD, May 7, 8 *Gina Giacalone* 860-521-8342

Thank you all so much for all your donations for our April delivery.

A big thank you to Nick and *Pat Vendetta* for picking up and delivering our collected items to the House of Bread.

The next delivery dates to 130 Overbrook Rd., will be Tuesday and Wednesday, June 4th and 5th.

Thank you for your continued support.

SPRING BAKE SALE, May 11-12

The Ladies Guild will be holding a Spring Bake Sale on Saturday, May 11th and Sunday, May 12th after all the Masses. Active members will be receiving a phone call from the Telephone Committee soon asking you to donate a home-made baked good. We hope you will be able to help us out this year.

For anyone wishing to help sell the baked goods at each Mass, please call *Bev* (860 313-1498), *Emilia* (860 561-4432), *Berthelina* (860 561-8444), or *Pat* (860 521-7369). We thank you.

Edie Parizo 860 561-0238

SUPPER CLUB, May 14

Maureen McClay 860-521-0820

Our May Supper Club will be on Tuesday, May 14, at 6:15 p.m., at J's Crab Shack, 2074 Park St., Hartford (immediately east of Prospect Ave.). Please join us for fun, good food, and good friends. Call *Mickey* (860-523-9590) to be included in the reservation. And if you need a ride, just let us know.

TRIPS *Sheila Donahue 860-232-6915, Betty Ferreira 860-233-3422*

Ireland and Iceland Cruise – June 2-14, 2019

As St. Brigid Church celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, our departure date to her Irish homeland as well as to Iceland is less than a month away. The cruise originates in Dublin, Ireland and has port visits in Belfast, Ireland, Reykjavik and Akureyri, Iceland, Cork and Dublin, Ireland on Celebrity's "Reflection." During our visit to Ireland we're planning a side trip to visit St. Brigid's birthplace of Kildare. If cabins are still available and you'd like to join us, we'd really like to have you come along with us!

For more information on the cruise, please call Rick Synnott at Synnott Travel ASAP at (1-877-237-9666) and mention the Guild.

Virginia Beach, Norfolk, and Williamsburg, VA – October 14-19

Please join us on a 6-day, 5-night bus trip to Virginia Beach, Colonial Williamsburg, and Norfolk from Monday, October 14th (Columbus Day) to Saturday, October 19th. Per person costs are \$645 double occupancy, \$865 single occupancy. Included: Round-trip motor coach transportation, one overnight lodging to and from Virginia and three nights lodging in the Virginia Beach area, 5 breakfasts, and 3 dinners. Also included: Guided tour of Colonial Williamsburg; visit to Nauticus Science Center with the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, battleship Wisconsin, and a cruise on "Spirit of Norfolk" with dining, dancing, and sightseeing in Norfolk; and a visit to the Virginia Beach Aquarium and Marine Science Center in Virginia Beach. We have over 30 people signed up, so we're doing well. Fliers are available in the St. Brigid and St. Mark vestibules. For more information or reservations, call Sheila (860-232-6915) or Betty (860-233-3422). A \$75 deposit is required at sign-up with the balance due in August. Thank you.

A NIGHT OF MUSIC, May 18

St. Gianna Parish

A Night of Music

“Being Alive”

McMahon Hall Stage

St. Brigid Church

Saturday, May 18, 2019

7:30 p.m. [doors open at 7]

Join us for a very special spring concert featuring the renowned talent of baritone **Patrick Buckley**, accompanied by our own incomparable **Natasha Ulyanovsky**.

Patrick Buckley is a versatile artist who feels equally at home singing Opera, Broadway, Irish ballads or folk songs. Since moving to Connecticut several years ago, he has become a popular performer at churches, temples, the New Britain Museum of American Art, and throughout Greater Hartford. He is a voice teacher and coach and co-founder of New England Carolers. He previously sang with the Lyric Opera of Kansas City and founded and served as president and artistic director of Kansas City Metro Opera.

Natasha Ulyanovsky is a concert organist and pianist who has performed extensively throughout New England and in the Soviet Union, other U.S. states, and Europe. Just recently, on March 26th, she performed, with others, at Carnegie Hall.

Patrick and *Natasha* have frequently performed together many popular concerts from Sondheim to Bernstein and more. They will treat us to a wide-ranging selection of the best of Broadway and beyond. Come enjoy the music of the night! Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will include snacks, dessert, coffee, and tea. Wine and beer will be available. Tickets are \$10 and are available from the Rectory (860-236-5965), or call *Maureen* (860-521-0820) or *Edie* (860-561-0238).

CHEER

Barbara Welch 860-521-0732

Easter greetings were sent to our members who are residing in assisted living and convalescent facilities.

Sympathy and Prayers are sent to the families of Guild members *Marie Francies*, who died April 6, and *Mary Corbidge*, who died April 26, and to *Lynn Ryan*, whose mom was *Mary Corbidge*.

CHEER (Cont'd.)

Barbara Welch 860-521-0732

Birthday wishes are extended to our May birthday girls: *Sheila Laing* (1), *Jean Ficaro* (3), *Colette Bouvier*, *Dorothy Belanger*, *Betsy DeBlieux*, and *Camilla Hynes* (5), *Rita O'Brien* (10), *Susan Grimes* (13), *Marie Batista* (15), *Rosary Blais*, *Joan Buckley*, and *Anne-Marie Rabbett* (16), *June Demanski* (17), *Irene Celedinas* (18), *Irene Durand* (21), *Anna Amato*, *Gloria Mayer*, and *Kaireen McClay* (22), *Jan Reynolds* (27), *Susan McGuire* (30), and *Helen Batayte* (31).

Congratulations to Mike and *Rosa Peluso* who are celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary on May 28th. We hope you have many more years of much happiness and good health.

If you know of any member who is ill, entering rehab or a convalescent home, housebound, suffering bereavement, celebrating a special event, or could just use a little "cheer" please give me a call at the above telephone number. And remember, YOU are the best source for this information.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Laurie-Ann Templeton 860-953-

4063

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.

HELP ELMWOOD BLOOM AGAIN

We're helping Charlie Hilborn with his beautifying New Britain Ave. project with beautiful, colorful planters of which there were 58 last summer. This year Charlie would like to see more planters along the avenue. This project has been financially supported by local businesses and a few residents, and Charlie hopes to get their support again this year. In addition this year he is reaching out to residents and friends of Elmwood to help in purchasing more planters. If we could donate \$5, \$10, \$25, or whatever to a new planter, planters could be added to those already purchased by businesses.

If you are interested in helping out, checks should be made out to KNOX, Inc., and delivered during business hours or mailed to Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Ave., West Hartford 06110.

KNOX is working with the Elmwood Business Association, Charlie, and now with some other business associations in other sections of West Hartford. The KNOX Green Crew plants seeds in March and transfers the plants into 3-foot planters at the end of April, with delivery beginning in June, based upon the growing season.

HELP ELMWOOD BLOOM AGAIN (Cont'd.)

From Charlie, "It would be so wonderful to get the support of the community to help to really beautify our part of West Hartford, and thank you very much for your generosity to Help Elmwood Bloom Again!. Let's show everyone the Elmwood spirit.!!!"

For more information, please contact Charles Hilborn at 860-559-8722.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sheila Donahue 860-232-6915

May 5	Communion Breakfast, Rockledge Grill
May 6	May Meeting, followed by musical favorites
May 7-8	House of Bread deliveries, 130 Overbrook Rd.
May 11-12	Spring Bake Sale
May 18	"A Night of Music" with Patrick Buckley and Natasha Ulyanovsky
May 24	June Newsletter Deadline
June 3	June Meeting preceded by Pot Luck Supper, 6:30 p.m.
June 4-5	House of Bread deliveries, 130 Overbrook Rd.

That's a wrap for May. 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 collection basket, in the mail, in my home mail slot, or via email at msja62@comcast.net by Friday, May 24. Thank you.

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY