

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

**St. Brigid Ladies Guild News**  
*November 2019*

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*Alison Goroshko*

The leaves are falling and Thanksgiving is right around the corner! November means family gatherings and a time for counting our blessings. This past month we had many reasons to be thankful: Thanks to *Beverly Scharper* for organizing the interesting speaker for our October meeting; to *Betty Ferreira* for all her work making sure the Ladies Guild was well-represented at the parish ministry fair; to *Paulette Jameson, Lynn Randall* and *Pat Vendetta* for organizing the Fall Bake Sale, and, of course, thanks to everyone who baked! A hearty thanks to *Sheila Donahue* and *Betty Ferreira* for organizing a wonderful trip to Virginia. The group had a great time! Thanks also to everyone who sent in their favorite recipes for the Cookbook *Donna Wolcott* and her committee are preparing.

November is also the time for our Ladies Guild Membership Tea. This is always a fun time and a special way of welcoming in our new members. Join us for a wonderful evening of friendship!

Hope to see you 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*

**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

**MEMBERSHIP**

*Maureen McClay*

Thank you to all the ladies who have renewed their memberships and a special thank you to our new members. We've signed up about half of the present membership and will be mailing a reminder to the others. The Guild helps support the parish financially, socially, and spiritually, and your membership is an integral part of our goal. Thank you.

**MEMBERSHIP** (Cont'd.)

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However, this is Membership Tea month, and we are happy to welcome 12 new members this year as we honor them at our November meeting. With the expansion of St. Gianna parish we are excited to be able to welcome new members from St. Mark's, St. Helena's, and St. Brigid's. Please extend a warm welcome to the following ladies:

<i>Angela Baldi</i>	<i>Maria Roja</i>
<i>Mary Berstene</i>	<i>Noelle Somerset</i>
<i>Jane Cullinane</i>	<i>Susan Tofil</i>
<i>Nancy Czapl</i>	<i>Annette Volpe</i>
<i>Mana Lopes</i>	<i>Nancy Walker</i>
<i>Mary Ellen McCarthy</i>	<i>Una Woods</i>

Be sure to join us on November 4, at 7:00 p.m. The business meeting will be followed by a lovely Membership Tea planned and executed by Tea Chairpersons *Penny Hickey* and *Mary Ellen Verrengia*—it is sure to be a special evening.

**HOUSE OF BREAD**

*November 5-6*      *Gina Giacalone, Pat (and Nick) Vendetta*

Thank you all for baking all those great meat loaves last month and for thinking of us with your other contributions.

Once again, the House of Bread could use for food donations: Baby formula; Bisquick; boxes of cereal; cereal bars; sliced and bagged shredded cheese; cooking, olive, or canola oil; ground coffee; granola bars; hot sauce; juice boxes; ketchup; mayonnaise; mustard; pasta sauce in jars; parboiled rice; large cans of tuna; and cases of water.

For clothes and linens: Coats, gloves, hats, socks, T-shirts, underwear (new), bathroom towels and wash cloths, sheets (all sizes), and blankets.

For toiletries/paper goods: Deodorant (spray), small soaps (travel size like those from hotels), toothpaste (small tubes), paper napkins, paper towels, and toilet paper.

For household items: Small appliances (toasters, microwaves, TVs); pots and pans; small furniture (dressers, end tables, shelves, etc.); household decorations; dishes, flatware, glasses, and mugs.

The next delivery dates to 130 Overbrook Rd. are **Tuesday** and **Wednesday, November 5** and **6**. If you have any questions, please call *Gina* at (860) 521-8342

**CHRISTMAS PARTY, December 2**

***Sharraine Reid***

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It's that happy time of year again when we enjoy each other's company at our Christmas Dinner, this year to be held on Monday, December 2, at The Back Nine Tavern (banquet room) at Stanley Golf Course, 245 Hartford Rd., New Britain. We will be served at 6:30 p.m., and the cost is \$30 each regardless of the following entrees: Grilled Herb Chicken Breast, Stuffed Sole, or Beef. Please pay and indicate your meal choice at the November Ladies Guild meeting, at the rectory, or by contacting *Sharraine* at (860) 841-1711. See you all there!!

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## **CHEER**

*Sheila Donahue*

Get Well wishes are sent to *Carol Lemieux*, who we hope continues to mend each day.

Sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of *Grace Canarie* who died October 23, and to *Camilla Hynes*, whose sister Mary-Ellen Donahue died October 19. May their souls and the souls of all our faithfully departed Guild ladies rest in peace.

Birthday wishes are extended to our November birthday gals: *Natalie Ford* (1), *Jean Beauchamp* (4), *Barbara Cattel* (5), *Anita Gomes* (8), *Terry Burger* (10), *Marion Sierra* (14), *Mary Benoit* (16), *Lucy Peluso* (18), *Ann Murphy* (20), *Tammy Ferreira* and *Lynn Randall* (22), *Antonietta Ragone* (23), and *Roseanne Holland* (30).

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 860-232-6915. I know we're not getting enough cheer out to our members who could use it. 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 (860-953-4063), and we will add them to our intentions. Thank you.

## **SUPPER CLUB**

*Maureen McClay and Edie Parizo*

Supper Club is on hiatus for the holidays during November and December. Our next Supper Club will be on January 21, 2020. Join us at Beachland Tavern in Elmwood. Beachland Tavern features fresh-made comfort foods, a warm cozy atmosphere, and has become a local favorite. Mark your calendars and call Maureen (860-521-0820) after the holidays to be included in the reservation.

## **SPIRITUAL COMMITTEE**

Presently we have a few Guild members who have signed up to be members of our Spiritual Committee. These ladies are called to attend the funeral Mass when a

member dies where they form an honor guard. We would like add a few more members to the committee so that we can have at least six ladies in attendance. It is quite impressive when we have a good turnout, and the families appreciate the gesture. If you would like to be included in this important committee, please let Sheila know at [msja62@comcast.net](mailto:msja62@comcast.net) or at (860) 232-6915. We'll try to get an e-mail contact list together for notifications, and if you are not on the internet, we'll give you a phone call.

Thank you for considering joining us on this committee.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

*Sheila Donahue*

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| November 3 | St. Brigid's Annual Memorial Mass, 11:00 a.m.   |
| November 3 | St. Brigid's 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festive Concert,<br>4:00 p.m., followed by Sunday Vespers, 5:00 p.m. |

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**DATES TO REMEMBER** (*Cont'd.*)

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| November 4      | Office of the Dead, Evening Prayer—All Souls,<br>6:30 p.m.   |
| November 4      | Guild Meeting followed by Membership Tea, 7:00 p.m.  |
| November 5, 6   | House of Bread drop-offs, 130 Overbrook Rd.  |
| November 23     | December Newsletter Deadline   |
| December 2      | Guild Christmas Dinner, Back Nine Tavern at<br>Stanley Golf Course, 245 Hartford Rd., New Britain<br>6:30 p.m. |
| December 4, 5   | House of Bread deliveries, 130 Overbrook Rd.   |
| December 7, 8   | Caring Hearts Christmas Drive  |
| December 21, 22 | Great Cookie Deal  |

That's a wrap for November. The deadline for the December newsletter is Friday, November 22 . 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 the collection basket marked "Guild News," in my mail slot, or e-mail to [msja62@comcast.net](mailto:msja62@comcast.net) by November 22. Please note that there will not be a January Newsletter, so if you have any events in early 2020, think about publicizing them in the December Newsletter. Thank you.

*Sheila*

### **Thanksgiving Table Prayer**

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our

health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick, and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son. Amen.

*Happy Thanksgiving*