

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

# St. Brigid Ladies Guild News

## March 2020

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Alison Goroshko*

What a fantastic turnout we had for the Pizza Social at February's meeting! It was so wonderful to see so many ladies! We enjoyed pizza, salad, and good conversation. Special thanks to *Beverly Scharper* for making salad and to her son Teddy for delivering the pizzas. Thanks to all the bakers who contributed baked goods for dessert and to *Paulette Jameson* and *Pat Vendetta* for manning the kitchen!

Hopefully everyone is staying warm this winter. We will be ushering in Spring before you know it. March's program is led by Deacon Robert Hilliard presenting our Lenten program at our next meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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*

On Monday, March 2, Deacon Robert Hilliard will present a Lenten Program for us. His presentation will begin at 7:00 pm. One does not need to be a Ladies Guild member to attend. We ask only that all are seated prior to 7:00. Our business meeting will follow after refreshments.

Here is a heads up for our April meeting "Book Event" on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Members are invited to bring up to 10 books that they wish to offer to others for their enjoyment. The member may take a few minutes to speak about a favorite book, series or author. This program evolved from a suggestion that we hold a book swap. So, there is a whole month to prepare for the event, and hopefully this will be a successful first try!

### 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.

## **HOUSE OF BREAD**

*March 3-4*

*Gina Giacalone, Pat (and Nick) Vendetta*

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Thank you all who donated meat loaves and other items to the House of Bread in February. The Kid's Café and the Day Care Center need the usual items or any items that you might want to donate. The HoB does not need rice or olio until further notice. In addition to the meatloaves they do continue to need salad dressings, mustard, mayonnaise, and ketchup.

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, March 31 and Wednesday, April 1.

## **CARING HEARTS EASTER DRIVE**

*March 14-15*

*Sue Ficaro*

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An Easter Drive for our adopted families will be held the weekend of March 14-15. Items they can use include food, gift cards, paper goods, toiletries, Easter candy, laundry and dish detergent, food storage bags, kitchen garbage bags, small gifts or anything else you'd like to contribute. Donations may be brought to the Ladies Guild meeting on March 2 or left on the collection table in McMahan Hall on March 14 or 15. Our families continue to suffer from unemployment and multiple health problems and struggle to make ends meet each month. Anything you can do to help make their lives easier would be greatly appreciated.

## **SUPPER CLUB**

*March 24*

*Maureen McClay, Edie Parizo*

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Since our normal scheduled date for the Supper Club is St. Patrick's Day, when restaurants can be quite zooey, our next monthly Supper Club get together will be the following week, Tuesday, March 24, at The Fernwood on New Britain Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. Please call Sheila at (860) 232-6915 by Sunday, March 22, to join us for our informal, relaxing, and friendly dinner.

## **ATTIC TREASURE APPRAISALS**

*Tuesday, April 21*

*Betty Ferreira, Mickey Hunt*

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Have you started your spring cleaning yet? When you do begin, take a look at your treasures, and if you think they may have a hidden value, set them aside for our Attic Treasure Appraisals evening in McMahan Hall on Tuesday, April 21. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m., when pizza, cold beverages, and coffee will be available for purchase.

Appraisals will begin at 6:00 and end at 8:00. There will be a \$5 appraisal charge for each item, and if you would like to just come and observe the goings on, there will be a \$5 admission charge.

If you have some items that are not too large but heavy, our elevator will be in operation by then to lighten the load. Please come join in on the fun; it's been a few years since we've held one of these events, so it will be interesting.

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## **TRIPS**

Maine - June 16-19, 2020

*Sheila Donahue, Betty Ferreira*

Once again, this trip is full at this time, and we have a waiting list. If you would like to be added to the list in the event we have cancellations, please call us at (860) 232-6915 (Sheila) or (860) 233-3422 (Betty). Fliers are available in the vestibule. Thanks.

## **CHEER**

*Sheila Donahue*

Get Well wishes are sent to *Chris Carrasquilla*, who we hope is feeling much better as we get closer to spring.

Sympathy and Prayers are extended to *Ida Houle* on the passing of her husband Edward Houle on January 31<sup>st</sup>. May the soul of Ed and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Happy Birthday wishes are sent to our March birthday gals: *Helene Hebert* and *Claire McNamara* (1), *Mary Kilian* (3), *Ellen O'Connor* (10), *Flora Rovella* (14), *Alice Weibel* (15), *Mary Sanko* and *Pat Vendetta* (16), *Joyce Montanari* and *Marianne Stieglitz* (19), *Rosa Peluso* (21), *Louise Burke* (23), *Wanda Coiro* (24), and *Rosemary Larkum* (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 (860) 232-6915. 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 (860) 953-4063. 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 and still has a few seats. Included in the prices of \$245 (double room), \$345 (single room), and \$225 (triple 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. 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 ASAP, and she will provide more information.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

*Sheila Donahue*

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
March 26	April Newsletter Deadline
March 31/April 1	House of Bread Deliveries, 130 Overbrook Rd.
April 13	Meeting followed by Book Event
April 18-19	Spring Bake Sale
April 21	Attic Treasures
May 3	Communion Breakfast

That's a wrap for March. The deadline for the April newsletter is Friday, March 26. 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](mailto:msja62@comcast.net) by March 26.

*PLEASE NOTE:* Because the first Monday of April falls during Holy Week, our April meeting will be held on the following Monday, April 13.

An Old Irish Blessing

May love and laughter light your days,  
and warm your heart and home.  
May good and faithful friends be yours,  
Wherever you may roam,  
May peace and plenty bless your world  
with joy that long endures,  
May all life's passing seasons  
bring the best to you and yours!

*Happy St. Patrick's Day!*  
*and*  
*Happy St. Joseph's Day!*

