

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

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

**PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE**

*Alison Goroshko*

Welcome back to another wonderful year of the Guild! Hopefully everyone enjoyed a relaxing summer with family and friends. Being outside in the sunshine at the beach is one of my favorite places to be. Last Sunday, though, there was a hint of autumn in the air. It was a crisp day with a cool breeze that made me want to have a pumpkin spice muffin! Not really, but it did feel like fall.

With that, our Membership Drive will be in full swing for the first two full weekends in September. This year we want to encourage all ladies of Saint Gianna Parish to come and check us out. Stop by our table in the vestibules of St. Brigid's and St. Mark's before or after Mass and visit with the Guild members! You will be glad you did!

Also in store for this month is a trip to Italy at our Pasta Supper in McMahan Hall! We will also host a Fall Mum Sale and a Fall Bake Sale. Finally, we will be collecting all of your favorite recipes throughout the month for publication in a Saint Gianna Cookbook for purchase later this year.

Enjoy the final days of summer, and I look forward to seeing everyone!

*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*

**SEPTEMBER BLESSING**

*Penny Hickey*

August flew by in a blur of busy moments and suddenly it is September. Lord, thank you for giving us the seasons and how every one is so different. We thank you for the warm, sunny days of summer and all the good times we had.

September brings change as the warmth of summer begins to give way to cooler evenings and shorter days. Now that it's September and summer's

## **SEPTEMBER BLESSING (Cont'd.)**

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ending, help us to stay focused on new tasks and challenges ahead, embracing all the blessing that fall on us like the falling leaves of autumn. Thank you for the reminder that change can be beautiful.

O God, we give you praise and thanks for the wonders around us. Help us to learn to live with joy in the world You've given us. Amen.

## **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.

## **PROGRAM**

*Bev Scharper*

It's September, which means ice cream is on the agenda. Welcome back, ladies, to the start of a new Guild year and our annual Ice Cream Social. Join us as we catch up with each other and with the Guild's activities. The social will follow our business meeting, which begins at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, September 9.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

*Maureen McClay*

### **St. Gianna Parish's St. Brigid Ladies Guild Membership Drive**

A special invitation is extended to all women of St. Gianna's Parish to join the St. Brigid Ladies Guild. We welcome your support, your ideas, and your friendship and look forward to greeting new friends at our meetings and events. To all our members, please know that your dues help support the many worthwhile projects the Guild sustains, and that in turn, helps support our parish.

Please stop by after Mass on the weekends of September 7-8 and 14-15 to join. Look for us in the vestibule; we'll be those smiling, cheerful women happy to welcome you all into our fold.

And, plan on attending our first meeting of the year-- an Ice Cream Social, on Monday evening, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. in McMahan Hall at St. Brigid Church. It will be a wonderful time of cheer, camaraderie, and ice cream treats.

## **HOUSE OF BREAD**

*October 1-2*

*Gina Giacalone, Pat (and Nick) Vendetta*

Thank you all for baking those great meat loaves over the hot summer and for thinking of us with your other contributions. The next delivery dates to 130 Overbrook Rd. are **Tuesday and Wednesday, October 1 and 2**. See you then! If you have any questions, please call *Gina* at (860) 521-8342.

## **LADIES GUILD PASTA SUPPER**

**September 14**

***Angela Mancini, Donna Wolcott***

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The Ladies Guild will be holding a Pasta Supper beginning at 5:00 p.m., on Saturday, September 14. Come and enjoy mouth-watering pasta with meatballs. Your meal will also include a tossed salad, dinner rolls & butter, dessert and coffee/beverages. The cost will be \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Members of the Ladies Guild will be in the back vestibule the weekend of September 7 & 8 selling tickets. Come for Mass and stay for Dinner. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Wolcott at (860) 543.2607.

## **SUPPER CLUB**

**September 17**

***Edie Parizo, Maureen McClay***

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This month the Supper Club will be meeting at the U.S.S. Chowder Pot IV, on Tuesday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m. Please call Mickey (860) 523-9590 by Sunday, September 15, if you'd like to join in for an evening of delicious food and fun conversation. The Chowder Pot is located in Hartford at 165 Brainard Rd. Don't want to drive, please meet at the church at 6:15 p.m., for a ride.

## **MUM SALE**

**September 21-22**

***Lynn Randall***

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It's time to dig up the geraniums and plant some mums. We're holding a mum sale on the weekend of September 21-22 on the church lawn. We have ordered 100 mum plants selling for \$9.00 each, in colors of white, yellow, red/burgundy, orange, and pink. If you have any questions, please call me at (860) 232-3315.

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

***Laurie-Ann Templeton***

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The Ministry of Prayer is a very important one in our parish. At any given time, our Guild Members, their families, and our parishioners need prayer. We have a devoted group of women who continually pray for our intentions. This is very comforting to the members of our parish. If you know of someone who needs prayer, please let me know so that I can share the intention. If you would like to be a member of this important ministry, please contact me at (860) 953-4063.

## **TRIPS**

***Sheila Donahue, Betty Ferreira***

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

If your plans have changed and you have the time, a few seats remain for our 6-day, 5-night bus trip to Virginia Beach, Colonial Williamsburg, and Norfolk from Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> (Columbus Day) to Saturday,

**TRIPS (Cont'd.)**

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October 19<sup>th</sup>. Per person costs are \$645 double occupancy, \$865 single occupancy. Included: Round-trip motor coach transportation, 5 nights lodging, 5 breakfasts, 3 dinners, guided tour of Colonial Williamsburg, and visits 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, plus a visit to the Virginia Beach Aquarium and Marine Science Center. Fliers are available in the St. Brigid vestibule or by calling *Sheila* (860) 232-6915 or *Betty* (860) 233-3422. Full payment is required at sign-up.

**St. GIANNA PARISH COOKBOOK**

*Donna Wolcott*

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

The St. Brigid Ladies Guild is collecting favorite recipes from all parishioners of St. Gianna Parish to be published in a beautiful St. Gianna Parish cookbook. Each recipe that is selected will show the name of the contributor.

PLEASE SEND US 3 OR 4 OF YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Just print or type your favorite recipes and be sure to put a title on your recipes. Please return your recipes to our Cookbook Committee by September 30, 2019. You may drop your recipes off in the collection basket at church by putting the recipes in a sealed envelope and marking it "LADIES GUILD COOKBOOK" or you can mail it to the St. Gianna Administrative Center, 1088 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06110, Attention: LADIES GUILD COOKBOOK.

THESE PERSONALIZED COOKBOOKS MAKE GREAT GIFTS!

... since they'll have your own recipes published in it. Your friends and family will especially enjoy it

. . . it'll be a treasured keepsake for years to come. So, please take a few moments and look through your favorite recipes. Cookbooks will be on sale once they are ready, so keep your eye out for the notice in the church bulletin and newsletter.

Thank you for sharing your memories with us, and please call *Donna* at (860) 543-2607.

**CHEER**

**Sheila Donahue**

Get Well greetings were sent over the summer to *Wanda Coiro, Diane Crowley, and Mary-Jane Maher.*

Sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of *Virginia Manning*, who died May 27, and to the following Guild members who suffered bereavements during the summer:

*Maureen and Kaireen McClay*, nephew and cousin Jeremy Jacques June 3

*Pat and Sharraine Reid*, brother and uncle Barth Douglas Powell July 3

*Natalie Gmeindl*, mother Helen Martocchia July 5

Birthdays -- Happy Birthday wishes are sent to our September birthday gals: *Regina Hebert and Rose May Richard (2), Patty Marfia (9), Barbara Negrola (11), Grace Canarie and Helena Rovella (15), Kathy Wilcox (19), Natalie Gmeindl (21), Mary-Jane Maher (24), Ida Houle (26), and Edie Parizo (27).* To be remembered in your birthday month, please indicate your day and month (year not necessary) of birth in the space designated on your new membership card.

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. And remember, YOU are the best source for this information. Thank you.

**HAPPY 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY, ST. BRIGID CHURCH**

Our congratulations to our Church of St. Brigid on the occasion of its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary being observed this year and our thanks to the Ladies Guild and Knights of Columbus for hosting such a wonderfully-attended picnic on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, too, to all of you who came to join in the festivities.

Also celebrating the anniversary were 16 travelers who journeyed to Ireland, as well as Iceland. We visited the quaint town of Kildare in Ireland, where St. Brigid, a patron saint of Ireland is believed to have founded a nunnery in the 5<sup>th</sup> century. The beautiful St. Brigid's Cathedral was the highlight of our Kildare visit.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

***Sheila Donahue***

September 7-8, 14-15	Membership Drive, Church Vestibule
September 7-8 Vestibule	Pasta Dinner tickets on sale in Church
September 9 Sundae Social	Meeting followed by Welcome Back
September 14	Pasta Dinner, 5:00 p.m.
September 17 p.m.	Supper Club at The Chowder Pot, 6:30
September 21-22	Mum Sale
October 1, 2 Overbrook Rd.	House of Bread drop offs, 130
October 7	Meeting followed by program
October 14-19	Virginia Beach, Williamsburg Trip

That's a wrap for September. The deadline for the October newsletter is Friday, September 27. 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, or in the collection basket; or e-mail to [msja62@comcast.net](mailto:msja62@comcast.net) by September 27. Thank you, and please join us at our monthly meetings, events, trips, and enjoy the 2019-2020 Guild year.

*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!*