

SAINT MARY'S PARISH GUILD

14 Park Street, North Attleboro, MA 02760



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September 2016 News and Activities

Welcome Back



I hope everyone had a great summer and is looking forward to another fun-filled rewarding year together! Details on our opening banquet are on the left, please RSVP to myself, Sandy Coyle, Karen Smith or Diana Gray on or before Tuesday, September 6th, contact information is located on page 2.

Payment can be made the night of the banquet. Annual dues will also be collected.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the banquet to celebrate the start of another year of spiritual, social and educational activities to strengthen our bonds of Catholicism and friendship!

*Wishing you Many Blessings,
Joan Marchitto, President*

What to Expect at a Guild Meeting

Each month from September to May the Parish Guild meets once a month, usually on the second Tuesday. The meeting starts with a short business meeting followed by an event planned and hosted by

various members of the Guild. The business meeting consists of Opening Prayers, Old Business, New Business and Closing Prayers.

If you have any items that you would like to have on

the agenda, please contact a Guild Officer (listed on page 2) by the Friday before the meeting and we will be sure to get it on the Meeting Agenda.

A Message from the Editor

Welcome to the first edition of the St. Mary's Parish Guild Newsletter. This newsletter will share important news and information to both the Guild members and members of St. Mary's Parish. If you have anything to contribute to the newsletter such

as an upcoming event or fundraiser, please send it to Diana Gray at dgraysix@yahoo.com or give me a call at 508 212-9771. The newsletter will be sent out either by email or regular mail depending upon your preference.

We also hope to have it available at both downtown churches also.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter!!

Diana Gray

Important Info:

September 13, 2016

Cocktails 6:30 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m.

"Opening Banquet" Canova Italian Bar & Grill

88 Union Street
Attleboro

(Hosted by the Executive Board)

Cash Bar

Caesar Salad

Choice of:

Baked Schrod, Eggplant Parmesan

Chicken Parmesan or Fettuccini Bolognese

Chocolate Mousse

Coffee or Tea

\$35 per person

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Saint Mary's Ministries

The St. Mary's Parish Guild meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month, September through June at 6:30 p.m. For information contact Diana Gray at 508 212-9771 or dgraysix@yahoo.com Dues are \$10 per year.

There are many different ministries here at St. Mary's Parish that Guild members are involved in such as

- Rosary Society
- Christmas Fair Prep
- Choir
- Altar Society
- Food Pantry

Here is a spotlight on one of them:

St. Mary's Rosary Society meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 1:00 until 3:00 PM in the church hall during the spring and the autumn months. The group is comprised of ten or twelve wonderful women who, as the name implies, string

rosary beads. Putting the beads onto the string is a very simple task that needs only a little hand-eye coordination, and a lot of dedication to Saint Mary, our Mother. The Society constantly receives requests for beads and sends them wherever in the world they are needed.

Recipients of the rosaries, in turn, prayer of those who have sent them. The Society provides all of the supplies and deeply appreciates any and all donations toward the cost of supplies and, especially, the cost of shipping the rosaries to the missions, prisons, military installations, orphanages and other recipients. The highlight of our year is the evening that members of

the Rosary Society visit the confirmation class and assist those students in making rosary beads that will be given to younger children when they receive the eucharist for the first time. New members, men and women, are always welcome. For more information please contact Noreen Kiff at 508 310-3570 or renie3@comcast.net



Visit to the Statehouse - September 28, 2016

Join us for a tour of the Massachusetts Statehouse with our own North Attleboro State Representative Betty Poirier.

The tour will take place on Wednesday, September 28, 2016. We will meet Betty at the State House at 10:00 a.m. for the tour followed by lunch with Betty and time to walk around the Boston Common afterwards.

A bus will be leaving St. Mary's parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and returning at approximately 5:00 p.m. The cost of the trip will be \$30 payable by September 14th and is limited to 30 people.

Please join us for this fun filled event! Contact Sylvia Eighthmy at 508 695-1984 to sign up.



Bakeless Bake Sale

You are invited to NOT bake a cake, pie, cookies, or brownies. You do NOT have to find the recipe. You do NOT have to shop for the ingredients. You do NOT have to mix. You do NOT have to cook. You do NOT have to cut. You do NOT have to wrap. You do NOT have to wash dishes. You do NOT have to clean up your kitchen. You do NOT have to deliver the baked product. You do NOT have to stand in the heat/cold/rain to sell the baked product. You **CAN** write a check to "St. Mary's Parish Guild" and either bring it the night of the Opening Banquet or send it to:

Karen Smith
11 Westchester Drive
North Attleboro, MA 02760

The "sale" will take place through the end of September, the funds will be used to help replenish the Guild funds and to assist with the Christmas Adopt a Family project.

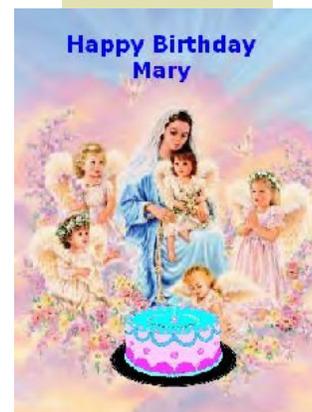


Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary -- September 8

We do not usually celebrate the birthdays of the saints. Instead we celebrate the day they died, because that is the day they were born into the joys of heaven. But the birthday of Mary, our Blessed Mother, is an exception. We do celebrate her birthday because she came into this world full of grace and because she was to be

the Mother of Jesus. The birth of Our Lady was like a dawn. When the sky starts to turn a rosy pink early in the morning, we know the sun will soon come up. In the same way, when Mary was born, she brought great happiness to the world. Her birth meant that soon Jesus, the Sun of justice, would appear. Mary was the wonderful human

being whose privilege it was to bring the Lord Jesus to all people. Even today, if we have Mary, we have Jesus. Whoever is very devoted to her is very close to the heart of Jesus. We can make Mary's birthday special by whispering a Hail Mary often throughout the day.



Upcoming Events:

September 28, 2016—Statehouse Tour (see page 3) 10:00 am

October 11, 2016— **Guild Meeting at "Mount St. Mary's Abbey"** 6:00 pm

MOUNT SAINT MARY'S ABBEY, 300 Arnold Street, Wrentham, MA - A service of Evening Prayer (Hosted by Sylvia Eighmy and Karen Bengtson)

October 21, 2016—Bowl a Thon to benefit the Adopt a Family Fund

October 29, 2016—5th Saturday Luncheon at The Chieftan, 12:00 pm
23 Washington Street, Plainville

Christmas Fair Update—Chairperson Needed

We are looking for a new Chairperson for the **Annual Guild Christmas Tree**. This is a popular raffle item at the Festival of Trees, one part of the St. Mary's Christmas Fair, which is held the weekend after Thanksgiving. Guild members will be donating gift cards for the tree, last year we collected over \$700 in gift cards!



You will be responsible for coordinating the decorating of the Christmas Tree, collecting the gift cards and compiling a list of all the cards which will be included with the tree (cards are not actually put on the tree itself). Please contact Karen Smith at ksmith715@comcast.net or 508-699-7955 if you are interested in Chairing this important fundraiser for the Guild.

>>> Monthly Newsletter

If you would like to contribute anything to the

October newsletter such as stories, recipes or pictures please contact Diana Gray at dgraysix@yahoo.com or 508 212-9771.

Please submit newsletter info by:

Monday September 19th.

Deadline is always the Monday following the general meeting.

We can do **no**
GREAT THINGS
only
small things
with
GREAT LOVE

Blessed Teresa
of Calcutta