

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWSLETTER

November 2023

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Next Meeting:

**November 13
at St Jude**

Guild Officers

PRESIDENT:

Margo McCaul

VICE PRESIDENT:

Ellen Casale

SECRETARY:

Meg Hoover

TREASURER:

Michele Miller

Membership Renewal

We continue to welcome new and returning members. If you have not yet done so, please complete the form on the right and mail it to St. Jude or leave it in the Guild folder outside the office. (No cash - checks only, please.) Or bring the completed form with your payment (cash or check) to our November meeting. A form must accompany all membership renewals for accountability purposes. Many thanks.

Hope to see you at our November meeting!



Guild Application/Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthday (mm/dd): _____

Mail completed form to:
 Louisa Catholic Women's Guild
 P.O. Box 40
 Mineral, VA. 23117

DUES = \$10/yr reg & \$5/assoc
 Make check payable to:
 Louisa Catholic Women's Guild

Please do not send cash.



Our mission is to unite all women of St. Jude and Immaculate Conception Parishes through Religious and Educational activities.



Sancta Sylvia



No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent, for to His Angels God has given command about you, that they guard you in all your ways. Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

WOMEN OF FAITH—SAINT SYLVIA

St. Sylvia, was the Mother of St. Gregory the Great. The Church venerates the sanctity of Sylvia and Gordian, the parents of St. Gregory the Great, as well as his two aunts, Tarsilla and Emiliana.

Little biographical information exists. St. Sylvia was a native of the region of Sicily, or sometimes shown as Rome, since St. Gordian, her husband, came from the vicinity of Rome. They had two sons: Gregory and another whose name has not survived the ages. Sylvia was noted for her great piety, and she gave her sons an excellent education.

Gordian died about 573 and Gregory converted his paternal home into a monastery. Sylvia therefore retired to a solitary and quasi-monastic life in a little abode near the Church of St. Sava on the Aventine. It became her custom frequently to send fresh vegetables to her son on a silver platter. One day, when Gregory found himself with nothing to give a poor beggar, he presented him with the platter.

St. Sylvia is thought to have gone on to her heavenly reward between 592 and 594. After her death, the holy Pontiff had a picture of both his parents depicted in the Church of St. Andrew. In the sixteenth century, Pope Clement VIII had St. Sylvia inscribed in the Roman Martyrology.

The veneration of Sylvia is of early date. She was honoured by the Romans as a type of a Christian widow. Sylvia had built a chapel in her house. In 645, the monks from the monastery of Mar Saba (Palestine) settled in this house, and devoted it to the celebration of Saint Sabas. She is invoked by pregnant women for a safe delivery.

Her feast day is November 5 and is the patron of pregnant women.

BAKING FOR THE BAZAAR'S COUNTRY KITCHEN

Led by Ellie Chambers, members of the Guild came together for a baking morning. The ladies prepared and baked 20 loaves of Babka and 20 loaves of Challah bread. These beautiful loaves will be sold in the Country Kitchen during the Guild's Bazaar on November 18. Many thanks to Ellie for leading the effort and Karen Muelhauser for her organizational skills. **YUM!**





Guild Book Club - Next Meeting & Book

Wednesday November 15 @ 2:00 pm @ St. Jude

The Witness of Early Christian Women, Mothers of the Church by Mike Aquilina



All ladies are invited to join

Everyone is invited to join the Women's Guild book club. We meet 5 times per year and read books with a Catholic/Christian/Religious theme. Usually we read a variety of fiction and non-fiction with a book concerning the Saints for our November discussion, a Christmas or Advent book for our January discussion, and a Lent or Easter book for our March discussion. Questions are sent out in advance (usually about 7 questions). We meet the third Wednesday of September, November, January, March and May at St Jude's at 2 p.m.

Planned books for 2024:

January 17, 2024: *A Catholic Christmas* by Kathleen M. Carroll

March 20, 2024: *What Jesus Saw from the Cross* by Antonin Sartillanges

May 15, 2024: *The Rapture Trap, A Catholic Response to End Times Fever* by Paul Thigpen

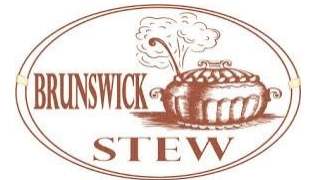
If you have questions, please contact Laura Foussekis (lfoussekis@comcast.net) or Judy Kavanagh (momkavanagh@hotmail.com).



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

ANNUAL YARD SALE, BAKE SALE & BRUNSWICK STEW

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2030 ~ 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Donations for Yard Sale items will be accepted through Friday, November 3 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Accepted donations include household and kitchen items, furniture, clothing, children's toys, and any other gently used stuff that might be a treasure to someone else. (**NOTE:** donations of televisions, computers, or electronic equipment cannot be accepted.)

The **Guild** will be supporting the **bake sale**. Karen Donnelly and Margo McCaul will accept baked items from 2-4 on Friday (11/03) at St. Jude and transport them to IC. You may drop off earlier - please include a note and leave either on the counter or in the fridge in the kitchen.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR and SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, November 18

Craft Vendors ~ Country Kitchen ~ Guild Made Craft Items ~ Silent Auction

The ladies have been busy creating wonderful crafts. Others are crafting at home. Donations to the Silent Auction are being accepted. Raffle tickets for the beautiful quilt are available to purchase. Help is needed to setup, staff, and clean-up. Sign-up sheets will be available at the November meeting.



For more information, please contact Connie Fuller at 804-513-4396 or cmfuller2016@gmail.com.

Birthdays of the Month

9 - Jackie Fursman
 13 - Shelly Bocci & Julie Phelps
 27 - Connie Lewis



TEAM LEADERS

Team	Chair	Co-Chair
Advertising	Melissa King	
Bake Sale	Melissa King	Donna Gray
Banquet	Julie Phelps	Amber Harman
Book Club	Laura Foussekis	Judy Kavanagh
Christmas Bazaar	Connie Fuller	Donna Gray/Wendy Smith Shirley Willis—Silent Auction
Church Beautification	Kathleen Cunningham	Meg Hoover
Lenten Fish Dinners	Michele Miller	Julie Phelps
Martha & Mary Ministry	Jennifer Grimm	Lil Connor
Newsletter	Meg Hoover	
Refreshments	Connie Fuller	
Scholarship	Wendy Smith	
Sunshine/Guild Mass Cards	Mikee Thompson	
Yard Sale	Donna Gray	Sally Cool

For Guild Members Health & Healing:

Lavonne Simmons, Maria Mader, Mary Carole Weiner, Erni Heimberg; Alona Wiedel; Sue Morlino; Sue Handrahan; Virginia Whitehurst; Lorraine Costello; Helen Winston

For Family & Friends Health & Healing:

Dawson Dholen, nephew of Billie Markowitz; Vern Balery, close friend of Billie Markowitz; Bess Haile, cousin-in-law of Jane Bono; Carson Ayres, Grandson of Ro Ayres; James Austin, father of Ann Moore and grandfather of Veronica and Victoria Moore; Jonathan Grimm, Husband of Jennifer Grimm; Judy Stenglein, friend of Sue Handrahan; Joyce Holley, friend of Sue Handrahan; Maureen Kopf, a member of St. Jude's choir

Repose of the Soul:

Sr. Vita M. Pierce IHM, friend of Sr. Carrine; Jennie Breeden, Mother of Jennifer Grimm; Mia Etheridge, Louisa County Firefighter; Rosalie Austin, mother of Ann Moore and grandmother of Veronica and Victoria Moore; Albert Anick, cousin of Karen Donnelly; Erni Heimberg

For additions or deletions to the listing; please send an email message to either:

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