

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting:

April 8 at IC

Guild Officers

PRESIDENT:

Margo McCaul

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Ellen Casale

SECRETARY:

Meg Hoover

TREASURER:

Michele Miller

APRIL MEETING AT IC - MONDAY, APRIL 8 at 6:00

This will be our second meeting to be held in the hall at Immaculate Conception in Buckner this Guild year. The guest speaker will be Tammy Sharky from Restoration Ministries. Please plan to attend and welcome our speaker.

Immaculate Conception - 1107 Fredericks Hall Road, Bumpass VA 23024

GUILD SPRING YARD SALE!



The Spring Yard sale will be Saturday, May 4 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Start saving items from your spring cleaning to donate to the yard sale. Donations will be accepted beginning May 1 (Wed, Thu, & Fri from 2—6).

For information or questions, contact Donna Gray at donnagray1984@gmail.com or 914-588-1654 or Sally Cool at c.coolone@hotmail.com or 540-894-4191

Help will be needed to sort, organize, setup, and price items as well as staffing the day of the sale.

Guild Lenten Retreat

This year's retreat was well attended. Father Cal led the ladies in a Lenten adoration which was followed by dinner and a talk by Father. Thanks to Connie Fuller for organizing the lovely dinner. It was a special evening of prayer and fellowship.



CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER

Thank you to all the ladies who helped make the church shine in time for Easter - Susan Coulter, Kathleen Cunningham, Laura Foussekis, Barb Hierholzer, and Kim Liebsch. The next cleaning will be before Christmas.

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



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 JULIE BILLIART

Julie Billiart (12 July 1751 – 8 April 1816) was a French nun, saint, educator, and founder of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. She was born in Cuvilly, a village in Picardy, in northern France. She was paralyzed and bedridden for 22 years, but was well known for her prayer, her embroidery skills, and her education of both the poor and the nobility, especially her work with young girls. She had to flee Cuvilly after the start of the French Revolution and escaped to Compiègne, where the stress she experienced resulted in another illness that took away her ability to speak, and where she received a vision foretelling that she would found a new religious congregation that would eventually become the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. In 1794, she met the French noblewoman and nun, Françoise Blin de Bourdon, who became Billiart's co-founder and close associate, in Amiens.

In 1774, Billiart witnessed the shooting of her father as they worked in the family store; the traumatic experience resulted in a "mysterious illness". She became paralyzed and by 1784, due to poor medical treatment, was confined to her bed as "a helpless cripple" for 22 years. Despite being bedridden, she "exercised an uncommon gift of prayer", spending four or five hours a day "in contemplation" and received the Eucharist daily. She also spent her time making linens and laces for the altar, teaching both poor peasants from Cuvilly and noblewomen from Picardy, and preparing village children for their First Communion.

In 1804, Billiart and de Bourdon established the Sisters of Notre Dame in Amiens, where they and other nuns dedicated themselves to the care and education of young girls. Billiart, who was called "Mother Julie," was healed of both her paralysis and her speech and went on to found schools and homes for poor girls in France and Belgium. As of 2020, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur worked in 16 countries on five continents. Billiart died on 8 April 1816 in Namur. She was beatified on 13 May 1906 by Pope Pius X and canonized on 22 June 1969 by Pope Paul VI.

Saint Julie is the patroness of bodily ills, disease, and against poverty.

Her feast day is April 8.

St. Julie's predominating trait in the spiritual order was her ardent charity, springing from a lively faith and manifesting itself in her thirst for suffering and her zeal for souls. Her whole soul was echoed in the simple and naive formula which was continually on her lips and pen: "Oh, qu'il est bon, le bon Dieu" ("How good the good God is").





Guild Book Club - Next Meeting & Book

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

***The Rapture Trap, A Catholic Response to End Time Fever* by Paul Thigpen**



All ladies are invited to join - light refreshments will be served

Everyone is invited to join the Women's Guild book club. The book club meets 5 times per year and reads 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. This is the last meeting for the 23/24 Guild year.

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

Afternoon Tea

The Women's Guild will be sponsoring a Tea Party at St. Jude on Saturday, May 11th at noon. Join us for a lovely Full Afternoon Tea with your friends and family. Each person's Tea will consist of 4 types of finger sandwiches, 4 desserts, and 3 savories (such as scones and muffins). Traditional condiments such as butter, jam and clotted cream will be included, along with your choice of tea. Tickets are \$25. Because we are limited to 25 guests, reservations must be paid for prior to May 8th. Tickets will go on sale starting April 20/21. Treat you mother, aunt, sister, gal pals, etc., and yourself to an elegant experience. If you have questions, please contact Connie Fuller at cmfuller2016@gmail.com or 804-513-4396.



LENTEN FISH DINNERS



Once again, the Lenten fish dinners were a success. We served a total of 3,322 meals over 6 Fridays for an average of 554 meals per week. The weekly breakdown:

WEEK	1	2	3	4	5	6
TOTAL MEALS	498	556	595	572	551	550

A huge **THANK YOU** to all who worked hard to make the dinners a success.

Birthdays of the Month

7 - Sr. Carrine Etheridge, IHM
 19 - Phyllis Riccelli
 21 - Wendy Smith
 29 - Bobbie Dorr



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	Kim Liebsch	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, Alona Wiedel; Sue Morlino; Sue Handrahan; Virginia Whitehurst; Lorraine Costello; Helen Winston; Ellen Casale; Cathy Austin; Laurie Kane

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; Jonathan Grimm, Husband of Jennifer Grimm; Judy Stenglein, friend of Sue Handrahan; Joyce Holley, friend of Sue Handrahan; Laura McCaul, Mother-in-Law of Margo McCaul; Allene Arvin, sister of Mikey Thompson; Niece of Sally Cool; Stephanie Krueger, friend of Donna Gray; Gisele Harris, great niece of Laura Foussekis; Butch Connor, husband of Lil Connor; Robert Caffro, brother of Ro Ayres and Julie Phelps; Tony Taylor, brother of Joan Kelly; Kelly O'Connor, niece of Sandy Brassard; Diana, friend of Sandy Brassard; Sophia Patsy, cousin of Phyllis Riccelli; Bud Stouch, husband of Mary Stouch; Chris Graeber, nephew of Mary Stouch

Repose of the Soul:

Sr. Vita M. Pierce IHM, friend of Sr. Carrine; Jennie Breeden, Mother of Jennifer Grimm; Albert Anick, cousin of Karen Donnelly; Erni Heimberg; James Austin, father of Ann Moore and grandfather of Veronica and Victoria Moore; Arlene Walsh, sister of Lil Connor

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