

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting:

October 14

Guild Officers

PRESIDENT:

Margo McCaul

VICE PRESIDENT:

Ellen Casale

SECRETARY:

Meg Hoover

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Michele Miller

Guild Meeting

Our October meeting will be held at Immaculate Conception in Bumpass on Monday, October 14. We hope to welcome additional members as we continue to support our one church.

This meeting takes place before we turn back the clocks for fall.

IC, 1107 Fredericks Hall Road, Bumpass VA 23024

Ladies with the last name beginning A through F are requested to bring a dish to share. Please contact Connie Fuller for additional information or questions - cmfuller2016@gmail.com

GUILD CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 - 9 to 2

The ladies are working hard to make this year's bazaar a huge success. The craft sessions have made items to sell. The jam making session (see below photos) turned out jars of blueberry, strawberry, and triple berry jams. They will also be on sale at the bazaar.

Connie Fuller is still looking for silent auction items. Please contact Connie via email or text if you have an item to donate to the silent auction. cmfuller2016@gmail.com or 804-513-4396.

Handmade items will also be accepted for sale on the Guild craft tables. Watch for announcements regarding preparations and needed help.



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 THERESE OF LISIEUX

St. Thérèse of Lisieux (born January 2, 1873, Alençon, France—died September 30, 1897, Lisieux; canonized May 17, 1925; feast day October 1) was a Carmelite nun whose service to her Roman Catholic order, although outwardly unremarkable, was later recognized for its exemplary spiritual accomplishments. She was named a doctor of the church by Pope John Paul II in 1997. She is a patron saint of missionaries, florists, pilots, and priests. She is also invoked on behalf of the sick.

Marie-Françoise-Thérèse Martin was the youngest of nine children, five of whom survived childhood. After her mother died of breast cancer in 1877, Martin moved with her family to Lisieux, France. In the deeply religious atmosphere of her home, her piety developed early and intensively. All four of her elder sisters became nuns, and at the age of 15 she entered the Carmelite convent at Lisieux, having been refused admission a year earlier. Although she suffered from depression, scruples—a causeless feeling of guilt—and, at the end, religious doubts, she kept the order's rule to perfection and maintained a smiling, pleasant, and unselfish manner. Before her death from tuberculosis, she acknowledged that, because of her difficult nature, not one day had passed without a struggle.

The story of Thérèse's spiritual development was related in a collection of her epistolary essays, written by order of the prioresses and published in 1898 under the title *Histoire d'une âme* (Story of a Soul, trans. from French 1996). Her popularity is largely a result of this work, which conveys her loving pursuit of holiness in ordinary life. Thérèse defined her doctrine of the Little Way as "the way of spiritual childhood, the way of trust and absolute surrender." In her writings she often compared herself to a simple wildflower, "the Little Flower of Jesus." Therefore, she is often referred to by the nickname "the Little Flower." She also wrote that after her death she would continue to do good in heaven and would show this by letting fall "a shower of roses" on earth. In devotion to St. Thérèse, many Roman Catholics pray a special novena to her, believing that she will send them a mystical rose from heaven.

She was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1925. Later she became the youngest person to be designated a doctor of the church and is only one of four women to be so named.

Her burial site at Lisieux became a place of pilgrimage, and a basilica bearing her name was built there (1929–54).



In 2015 St. Thérèse's parents, Louis Martin and Marie-Azélie Guérin, were canonized by Pope Francis; they were the first spouses to be canonized as a couple.

Therese of Lisieux is one of the patron saints of the missions, not because she ever went anywhere, but because of her special love of the missions, and the prayers and letters she gave in support of missionaries. This is reminder to all of us who feel we can do nothing, that it is the little things that keep God's kingdom growing.

MAY TODAY THERE BE PEACE

May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love.

It is there for each and everyone of us.

St. Therese of Lisieux



Guild Book Club - Next Meeting & Book

Wednesday, November 20 @ 2:00 pm @ St. Jude

This is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival

by Bishop Robert Barron



Bishop Barron offers a threefold analysis of the Eucharist as sacred meal, sacrifice, and Real Presence, helping readers to understand the sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood more thoroughly so that they might fall in love with him more completely.

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

The book club meets on odd months from September through May. The club reads books with a Catholic/Christian/Religious theme. A variety of fiction and non-fiction books are selected. Questions are sent out in advance (usually about 7 questions). Meetings will be the third Wednesday of September, November, January, March and May at St Jude's at 2 p.m.

Schedule & Books for this Year:

January 15 - *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary* by Brant Pitre

March 19 - *Beautiful Eucharist* by Matthew Kelly

May 21 - *Tobit's Dog* by Michael Richard

If you have questions, please contact Laura Foussekis (lfoussekis@comcast.net).

CALLING ALL BAKERS

Join in helping to bake delicious breads for the upcoming Christmas Bazaar. The baking session will take place in the kitchen at St. Jude on Thursday, October 10 from 8 to 4. There will be 2 sessions (morning & afternoon). No baking experience needed. All are welcome. Come and share the fun! For additional information or questions, please contact Connie Fuller at cmfuller2016@gmail.com.



Save the date!

IC Yard, Bake, and Brunswick Stew Sale

Saturday, November 2nd - 8 am to 2 pm



Plan to come and shop. In the meantime, start saving gently used items to donate for the Yard Sale.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this event contact:

Yard Sale: Joanne Falkenthal JoanneFalkenthal@gmail.com or

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Brunswick Stew: Mike Conlon macattack1466@aol.com or

Wayne Gordon wyngordon@hotmail.com



Birthdays of the Month

7 - Chris Stone
 13 - Jane Russell
 29 - Amber Harman



TEAM LEADERS

Team	Chair	Co-Chair
Advertising	Laura Foussekis	
Bake Sale	Donna Gray	Sally Cool
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	Needed	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; Ann Marie Worosz; Mary Ann Ptasznik; Marilyn Gutekenst; Ro Ayres

For Family & Friends Health & Healing:

Patrick Noto, husband of Karen Muelhauser; Greg Tynes, friend of Becky Chidester; Margit Mertiny, sister of Ursula Canada; Bruno Noto, father-in-law of Karen Muelhauser; Alene Arvin, sister of Mikee Thompson; Debbie Brassard, sister-in-law of Sandy Brassard; Joe Starkey, friend of Becky Chidester; Linda Phelps, sister-in-law of Julie Phelps

Repose of the Soul:

Laura McCaul, mother-in-law of Margo McCaul; Liz Lowe, friend of Karen Muelhauser

We begin each Guild Year with a clean list. For additions or deletions to the listing; please send an email message to either:

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