

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting:

January 13

Guild Officers

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Guild Meeting

Our January meeting will be Monday, January 13. The regular recitation of the rosary in the church will be at 5:30 prior to our dinner and meeting. We will be welcoming Deacon Al and the continuation of his talk on the Mass.

We hope to see you there.

Field Trip to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday ~ February 22, 2025 via Bus from St. Jude



The United States has long been considered the great melting pot, where people from many diverse lands have come to dwell. The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is proud to reflect this rich heritage of America.

Home to more than 80 chapels and oratories honoring the Mother of God and representing peoples from every corner of the globe, the National Shrine reflects the ethnic and cultural diversity of the United States and the unity and universality of the Catholic Church.

Built by generations of faithful American Catholics to honor the patroness of our nation—the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception — the National Shrine is affectionately referred to as America's Catholic Church.

Among the nationalities and ethnicities represented throughout the Basilica are African, Austrian, Chinese, Cuban, Czech, Filipino, French, German, Guamanian, Hungarian, Indian, Irish, Italian, Korean, Latin American, Lebanese, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Slovak, Slovenian, and Vietnamese.

Religious communities from around the world are also represented, including the Augustinians, Carmelites, Claretians, Dominicans, Franciscans, Jesuits, Montfort Missionaries, Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Redemptorists, Salesians, Sisters of Charity, Sisters of Providence, and Vincentians.



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



A holy card depicting Saint Angela



***Earthly Farewell -
Heavenly Welcome:***

**Ann Marie
Worosz**

WOMEN OF FAITH—SAINT ANGELA OF FOLIGNO

Angela's birth date, which is not known with certainty, is often listed as 1248. She was born into a wealthy family at Foligno, in Umbria. Married, perhaps at an early age, she had several children. Angela reports that she loved the world and its pleasures. Around the age of 40, she reportedly had a vision of Francis of Assisi and recognized the emptiness of her life. From that time, she began to lead a life devoted to higher perfection.

Three years later, Angela's mother died, followed, a few months later, by her husband and children. With one serving woman, Masazuola, as her companion, she began to divest herself of her possessions and to live as a penitent. Angela joined the Third Order of St. Francis, probably in 1291. She placed herself under the direction of a Franciscan friar named Arnaldo, who would serve as her confessor.

Angela is said to have received mystical revelations, which she dictated to a scribe in the late 13th century. These accounts are contained in a compilation of two works, usually published under the title *Il Libro della Beata Angela da Foligno*.

Angela recorded the history of her conversion in her *Book of Visions and Instructions*. She dictated, in her Umbrian dialect, an account of her spiritual progress, known as the *Memoriale*, which was transcribed in Latin by a Franciscan friar indicated only as "Bro A." This work was probably begun in 1292. The *Memoriale* is the first part of two sections of Angela of Foligno's *Liber*. The second text is known as *Instructions* and is composed of thirty-six instructional texts, a note about her death, and an epilogue. These texts appear in different orders in different manuscripts, and there is not known to be one correct order.

Brother A. remained with her until 1296 while she completed the higher and more difficult final ten stages, but since it proved impossible for him to understand these fully, he condensed them into seven 'supplementary stages' whose description takes up the larger portion of the *Memoriale*. The text was finished by 1298, and submitted to Cardinal James of Colonna and eight Friars Minor, who gave it their approval. It seems that Brother A. revised it shortly after, in 1299–1300.

Between around 1296 and her death in early 1309, the fame of Angela's sanctity gathered around her a number of other tertiaries, both men and women, who strove under her direction to advance in holiness. Later she established at Foligno a community of other women tertiaries, who added to the Rule of the Third Order a commitment to a common life without, however, binding themselves to enclosure, so that they might devote their lives to works of charity.

The final version of the *Book* appends a series of 36 *Instructions* to the *Memoriale*. These reflect Angela's teaching during this period. These teachings are rather more conventional in tone and have differences in vocabulary and emphasis from the *Memoriale* – which may reflect redaction by several hands. Nevertheless, the *Instructions* seem to reflect Angela's teaching.

At Christmas 1308, Angela told her companions she would die shortly. A few days later, she had a vision of Christ appearing to her and promising to come personally to take her to heaven. She died in her sleep on 3 January 1309. Angela died surrounded by her community of disciples. Her remains repose in the Church of St. Francis at Foligno. Many people attributed miracles to her intercession.

Pope Clement XI approved the veneration paid to her over the centuries in his beatification of her on 11 July 1701 and Pope Francis extended the veneration to all the Church on 9 October 2013, declaring her a saint by equipollent canonization, recognizing the validity of the long-standing veneration of her.

Her feast day is celebrated by the Third Order of Saint Francis, both Secular and Regular, on 4 January (7 January in the United States). Although the community she founded was not recognized as a religious institute until the 20th-century, she is honored as a religious. She is the patron of those afflicted by sexual temptation and of widows.



Guild Book Club - Next Meeting & Book

Wednesday, January 15 @ 2:00 pm @ St. Jude

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary

by Brant Pitre



The book explores Mary's profound biblical significance. The book reveals Mary's identity as the new Eve, the Mother of God, and the Queen of Heaven, using Old Testament and Ancient Judaism to support these insights.

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

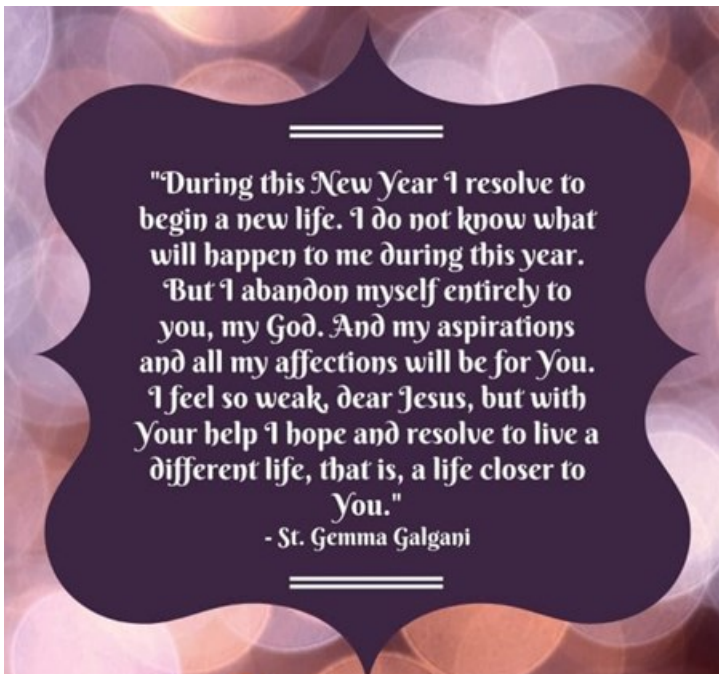
The book club meets on odd months from September through May. The club reads books with a Catholic/Christian/Religious theme. A variety of fiction and non-fiction books are selected. Questions are sent out in advance (usually about 7 questions). Meetings will be the third Wednesday of September, November,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

Schedule & Books:

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).



Birthdays of the Month

- 3 - Cathy Austin
- 6 - Donna Gray & Pat Fischer
- 12 - Sandy Brassard
- 18 - Barb Hierholzer & Joan Kelly
- 23 - Ellen Casale
- 27 - Karen Donnelly



TEAM LEADERS

Team	Chair	Co-Chair
Advertising	Laura Foussekis	
Bake Sale	Donna Gray	Sally Cool
Banquet	Julie Phelps	Amber Harman
Book Club	Laura Foussekis	Bobbie Dorr
Christmas Bazaar	Connie Fuller	Donna Gray/Wendy Smith Shirley Willis—Silent Auction
Church Beautification	Joan Kelly	Kathleen Cunningham
Lenten Fish Dinners	Michele Miller	Julie Phelps
Martha & Mary Ministry	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; Diana Rivera; Sr. Carrine Etheridge

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; Alice Hensley, Mary Adams, & Nancy Lloyd, cousins of Karen Donnelly; Kathie Fridley; Cathleen Morgan, sister-in-law of Ellen Casale; Marian Green, sister of Judy Kavanagh; Dan Russell, husband of Jane Russell; Patricia Martin, the Daughter of a friend of Ursula Canada; Lizzie Gregor, granddaughter of Wendy Smith and daughter of Robin Edwards; Sigrid Gastoukian, mother-in-law of Ann Gastoukian

Repose of the Soul:

Kathie Fridley; Grant Adkins, brother-in-law of Ro Ayres and Julie Phelps; Ann Marie Worosz

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