

Ladies Guild Meeting – Sunday – February 1, 2015

The meeting started at 12:05 pm. Marie Reale led with opening prayer of The Miraculous Medal Prayer.

Old Business

1. Emma gave the Treasurer's report. The bank balance as of year-end 2014 was \$1350.57. Dues in the amount of \$360.00 have been collected so far this year and \$340.00 was deposited from sales at the Christmas store for a total deposit of \$700. The current bank balance is \$2050.57.
2. Marie Reale thanked all those who came to the Rosary for Life on Thursday, January 20th. She reminded everyone that we will have the Rosary this Tuesday evening along with Benediction and Adoration as it is the first Tuesday of the month.
3. Several items were covered concerning the luncheon for next Sunday. Evelyn, who is in charge of the kitchen, said she does have openings with her committee. M.J. asked if the kitchen needs ice for the upcoming potluck for St. Maron's Feast next Sunday. Evelyn will pick up what is needed and will submit a bill. A question was raised about drinks for the event and Marie said it was not economical to serve canned sodas so we will only have tea and/or lemonade; and she will take care of that. Father Sam said the church will furnish the meat entree, which is to be fried chicken. There are sign-up sheets at the back of the church for sides, salads, casseroles but NO desserts. We do have a cake ordered.
4. The Pine Car Derby also takes place next weekend on Saturday the 7th at 12:00 pm. Thomas McLamb said pizza and drinks will be provided and that is all taken care of. The desserts will be provided by the volunteers who signed up at the January Ladies Guild meeting. Marie Reale said lunch will be served at 12:00 and the race will begin right after lunch. The event should be approximately an hour and a half. Jessica volunteered to put together a car to represent the Ladies Guild after a vote was taken for us to be represented.
5. Father Sam reminded us there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for the Faithful Departed and we can list anyone we would like to include by next Sunday and then he will make sure the list is placed on the altar for prayers for the next year.
6. Marie Reale reminded us that Lent begins on Monday, February 16th and our Friday evening Stations of the Cross and Lenten Soup Suppers begin on Friday the 20th. There are always sign-up sheets at the back of the church so people can indicate if they will be able to bring a soup, salad or bread for the non-meat meal. Father Sam said everyone knows what they can or cannot bring. These are meager meals, not feasts. Father Sam said Ash Monday is a Holy Day of Obligation and the Liturgy schedule is 12 noon and 6:30 pm. Marie Reale added that participating in the Stations of the Cross and the Rosary and Benediction and these types of events not only helps us spiritually but also shows support for our church, which is important.
7. Rose Berti brought up singing the Rosary as some churches do. Father Sam said that was done at the largest Roman church in Waterville while he was there but it does take a very large church to do that and we are just not big enough here to be able to offer that.
8. Marie Reale reminded us that this upcoming Sunday, the 8th, we need to be at church at 9:45 if we are dropping off food for the potluck so we can start the rosary on time. Father Sam said the rosary needs to start right at 4:30 on Saturdays and at 10:00 on Sundays. It needs to be punctual so it will not delay the start of Mass. Mass cannot start five minutes late.
9. Marie Reale encouraged daily Liturgy if at all possible as it is a "wonderful way to start the day!" She also asked for volunteers to say decades of the rosary. And she reminded any of the ladies who have not yet paid their annual Guild dues to do so and make sure checks are made payable to St. Michael's. Father Sam will deposit to the proper account. Also, a reminder for us to begin bringing items for the yard sale. Jessica Guerrero volunteered to be in charge of the bake sale.

10. Father Sam will have the paperwork on Wednesday for the youth who will be participating in the upcoming Youth Day Event in Richmond. Father Sam said he has not been to this event in the nine years since he has been here, but he is planning to attend this year.

11. Father Sam said the kids have to plan way ahead for the World Youth Day, which will be held in Poland in 2016. Marie VanHeusen clarified that the young adult age group is up to 35. So attendees can range from 14 – 35. Father Sam believes the cost was \$2400.00 per attendee for the World Youth Day in Brazil in 2014. We will need fund raisers, maybe spaghetti dinners or buckets for donations and things like that. And on top of that, the church is going to need a new air conditioner. So, we do need to plan some fund raisers! The Knights have already asked about contributing to the next World Youth Day.

12. Marie Reale reminded the ladies to bring their calendars to each meeting so we can keep them updated. And she also reminded us to bring our prayer sheet for The Miraculous Medal Prayer.

New Business:

1. Marie Reale asked for an update on the visitation committee. Marie VanHeusen said Chuck said he doesn't want to overstep Father Sam. Sub deacons can be point of contact for names to go to Father. Maybe we could form a group of ladies who might want to go visit if Father Sam or the sub deacons are not available to visit. Marie Reale said we have someone now who really needs a visit. She said Tripp Zahran, Rome's grandson, just got home from five months in the hospital and he would really appreciate a visit. Father Sam said the sub deacons can visit and take communion but only the priest can do the anointing. Father Sam prefers to be the one that is contacted. The sub deacons have been the point of contact in the past but Father Sam would like to be contacted first if he is available, particularly if someone needs to be anointed.

2. Father Sam said the Swamp Dogs will go on the calendar again this year as they have been in the past.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm with The Miraculous Medal Prayer led by Marie Reale.

Presented by Kathy Criminger.