

Ladies Guild Meeting

Sunday, March 12, 2017

Present: Marie VanHeusen, Cristina Francescon, Betty Gurney, Freida Fadel, Ingrid Franklin, Michelle Gray, Christian Gray, Allison Gray, Wanda Foster, Fr. Sam Najjar, Emma Montaldo, Judy Klatt, Marie Reale, Kathy Criminger, MJ Fredette, and Rosalie Berti.

Marie VanHeusen, President called the meeting to order with the Miraculous Medal prayer to the Virgin Mary. The prayer today was said for the sick and the caregivers of our parish.

She also suggested that we ask ourselves what we can do extra for our church to serve God. Prayers are continued for Lynn Vaughn who is back in the hospital.

Treasury – The new balance will be reported at the April meeting.

Thank you cards: Marie V read a thank you card from Kathy Criminger for her husband and his recovery. She also read a thank you card from Honey for our continued prayers.

Old Business:

Parish Yard Sale: April 29. MJ reported that she held a meeting to start sorting out and grouping items for the yard sale. The question of the bake sale was brought up. A motion was made by Chrissy and seconded by Wanda to have cookies and cupcakes for sale to go along with sodas. Everyone voted in favor of cookies and cupcakes and the motion carried. MJ will ask if some of the youth would like to participate in selling sodas again this year. There is a sign-up sheet for those who can help at the yard sale along with the times and departments they will work. There have been many who have indicated by the signup sheet that they will be helping at the sale. There are two banners to put up at the church to advertise the sale. Advertising needs to be done through the media. MJ asked for anyone who can help with that. There will be another day for sorting clothes which will be held on Tuesday, March 21 at 10:00 am following Liturgy. Marie Reale reported that the jewelry station is in need of more jewelry. Urban Ministry may still be in need of clothes.

Film: Cristina gave a talk on the film “Where Do We Go Now” which was shown on Friday, February 24 at Methodist University. She thanked everyone who was able to attend. There were very good reviews. She will present it to the church on Saturday, April 1 at 6:00pm following Liturgy. A signup sheet will be available for the members who can attend. Whoever wants to bring food for themselves and their families are welcome to do so.

Bible Study: Marie V began a Bible study on Monday, March 6 at 6:30 at the parish hall. The first meeting was an introduction to the study. The topic this week will be on Genesis and it will be from 6:30 to 8:00 in the parish hall. The study is a timeline and it presents how the Books of the Bible lead us to Jesus. Marie also has the study on DVD and CD for those who are unable to attend but would like to participate. She also encouraged anyone who would like to meet on their own to do so.

Women’s Day of Reflection: The Women’s Day of Reflection will be held on Saturday, March 18 from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm at St. Patrick’s Church. Marie V. will send an email to confirm the time. There is still time to register. Everyone who is going from our parish will meet at St. Patrick’s.

Dance: Judy Klatt reported that the upcoming performance of Cinderella will be on Saturday, April 29 at St. Andrew's Methodist Church on Ramsey Street. She made a suggestion that her students may share their gift and talent of dance with the church members this summer by performing some of the dances from Cinderella. This idea was very well received.

New Business:

Stations of the Cross: Marie V. thanked everyone who has been attending the Stations of the Cross. There were 31 the first week and almost the same number this past week. Please look at the list for the Lenten meals to see what you may bring.

Forty Days for Life: Marie V announced a midpoint rally will be held on Sunday, March 19 at 3:00 pm at St. Ann's Church. This is a rally signifying the midway point of Lent. Barbara Holt and Congressman Pittenger will be attending the rally, speaking on behalf of Right to Life and pro-life initiatives. This is part of the National rally being held this same day.

Prayer Blankets: Emma reported that there are now approximately 30 blankets available. They are always needed so if you see any that you would like to donate to this ministry, please do so.

Tables: MJ reported that two more round tables have been donated. One was donated by the Anglican Church and the other is possibly being donated by the Knights.

Palms: The palms have been ordered for Palm Sunday.

Holy Week: The liturgies during Holy Week will be at 6:30. There will be a Friday 12:00 noon Liturgy and the burial will be at 6:30. Saturday of Light will be at 12:00 noon followed by confession and reconciliation.

Altar Linens: Following the Liturgy on Friday evening, anyone who can stay to help with the altar are asked to do so, along with the tomb and the Easter lilies.

Easter Egg Hunt: The Easter egg hunt will be held after Liturgy on Easter Sunday. Michael will be asked to help with this if he is able.

Landscaping: Father Sam and MJ interviewed landscapers. This will be a new cost to the parish. Also, termites were discovered at the hall and they will be treated. Marie Reale made a suggestion that the Ladies Guild make a donation to the church to help with necessary added expenses. Father Sam said he would let the Guild know when and how he needs help.

Father Sam announced that he will be in New York for the Blessing of the Oils from Monday, April 3 and returning on Thursday, April 6.

Marie V. encouraged the Guild to invite ladies to our meetings who are not members

The youth of the parish will be attending a retreat in Virginia which will be held on Friday, March 31 through Sunday, April 2. Therefore, Christina will conduct the April meeting, as Marie V will be attending with the youth.

The Rosary will remain on Palm Sunday.

Fr. Sam is giving a dispensation for St. Patrick's Day as it is on a Friday, but not at the meager meal.

The meeting was adjourned with the Miraculous Medal prayer.

Submitted by Betty Gurney, Secretary