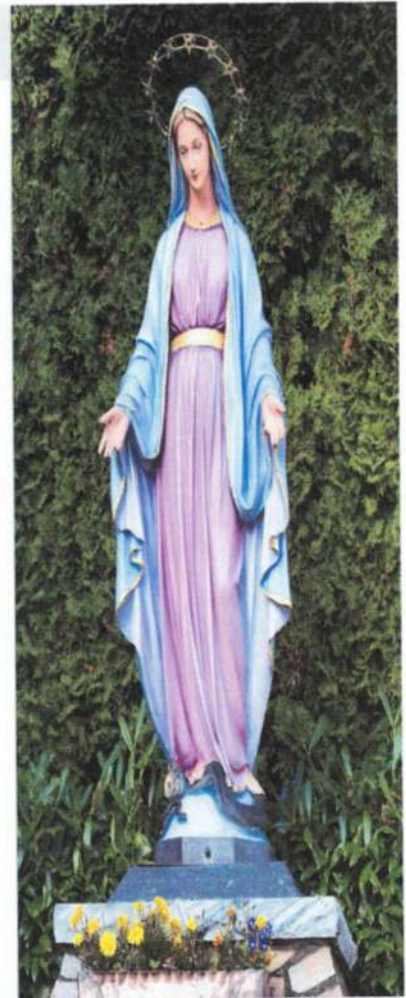


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St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church



# Madonna Guild News

## PANDEMIC NOT STOPPING OUR WORK!

While it is true the pandemic has unfortunately paused some of the social activities at St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church, the work of the Madonna Guild has been ongoing, growing, and vibrant! Did you know in 2021 your hard work on behalf of the Madonna Guild made possible two blood drives, 210 Christmas stockings delivered, hundreds of rosaries made, prayer line, bereavement counseling, fall pie festival fundraiser, Halloween candy distribution, coordination of refreshments during Father Dan's summer lecture series, a few funeral meals taken home by the families, and support of our sponsored child via Unbound? That's not all!

In addition to these outstanding achievements, Terry Linn formed the prayer shawl ministry, Arleen Caruth streamlined and coordinated our Thanksgiving meals donation by teaming up with the local branch of Catholic Charities, and Bernie McConnell began the spiritual book study ministry in late 2020. That's quite an exhaustive list! With the support of Father Dan and our parishioners, the Madonna Guild is a small but mighty force for good, not only in our Church, but also in our community!

## WE'RE GETTING OUR OWN WEB PAGE!

Arleen Caruth announced at the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting that the Madonna Guild will be getting their own web page as part of the redesign and expansion of the Church's website. Dorota Rapacz and Katherine Larson will be working on the design and content of our web page over the next few weeks to present it at a future monthly meeting for approval or changes. For questions, please contact Katherine at 928-595-2888 [mkatwin@gmail.com](mailto:mkatwin@gmail.com) or Dorota at 928-275-5942 [dtrpacz@yahoo.com](mailto:dtrpacz@yahoo.com)

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## WATCH "THE CHOSEN" VIDEO SERIES

Our Spiritual Book Study entitled, "The Chosen" has begun with a full roster. Since the study is no longer open, I would encourage all those interested, to watch the streaming series on their computers, tablets, smart phones, or smart TVs. Season #1 is 8 episodes. For the first time ever, the greatest story ever told is being presented as a multi-season show. Digging deeper into the back stories and context of the people and events of the gospels, Season One of the #1 highest crowd-funded media project of all time introduces you to people such as Simon Peter, Nicodemus, Mary

Magdalene, Matthew, and of course Jesus in a way never before seen on film.

We hope to continue the Study Discussion Group later this year with season 2.

The Chosen website <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen>

The Chosen apps can be found on both Apple and Android play stores. Prime is also carrying season 1 for free.

For question contact Bernie McConnell 703-508-1573  
[bmccconnell75@gmail.com](mailto:bmccconnell75@gmail.com)

### ROSARY MAKERS NEED U

Would you like to learn a new craft that you can do when you want to but it doesn't cost you any money?

Dorothy Dobry is looking for volunteers to make rosaries. Making a rosary is easy (takes about 15-20 minutes each) and you can do it while watching television or listening to music. Dorothy provides everything you need including written instructions. She will also show you how to make them.

Completed rosaries are sent to a prison ministry in need of more rosaries and throughout the world. What better way to honor Mary and to help others with their prayer life than to make rosaries? If you have questions, please call Dorothy at (928)368-7371.

## DELICIOUS NEWS: NEW FUNDRAISER!

At the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, we voted to move the pie fundraiser from the Fall Festival at Charlie Clarks to the Car Show. Why would we do that? We have a few great reasons for this decision.

First, the booth rental is \$25 instead of \$100. Second, the Car Show will allow most baked goods even if the recipe calls for milk and eggs. (More on that below in a minute.) And finally, the Car Show attracts about 1,000 visitors which is far more than the number of visitors to the Fall Festival. So, it's a win-win for the Madonna Guild because we can sell a variety of baked goods to a larger audience.

According to the AZ Department of Health Services "Cottage Food Program" (by which the Car Show exhibitors must abide) the approved list of baked foods includes "breads, cakes with hard icings or frostings, fruit pies with fruit and sugar fillings, brownies and fudge, muffins, scones, and tarts".

Attached to the newsletter, you will find a reprint of the complete guidance on approved foods allowed at the Car Show. Basically, if the eggs and milk get completely baked into the food it is safe to sell. We need only concern ourselves with the frosting ingredients.

Thank you to Terry Linn who not only presented the opportunity to exhibit at the Car Show but also researched these guidelines. Start looking through your recipes, ladies! We will need A LOT of baked goods for the Car Show.

For questions, please contact Terry Linn at 734-259-9826 or [teresa.linno4@comcast.net](mailto:teresa.linno4@comcast.net)



*Our Christmas stockings bring joy!*

## WANTED: CHRISTMAS STOCKING STUFFERS

Did you travel during the holiday? Did you bring home your hotel-sized shampoo and conditioner? If you are not going to use it, please don't throw it away! The Madonna Guild would like to include it as stocking stuffers for this year's Christmas stockings. Throughout the year we collect individually packaged toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, bars of soap, shower gel, hand sanitizers, mini notepads, shampoo, conditioner, pens, and deodorant. All items, except toothbrushes and pens, should be small or travel sized. Please drop off your donations at any of the Masses, in the parish office or bring them to our monthly meeting. Summer residents and visitors, please keep adding to your stash of these items as you travel and donate them when you are next in the White Mountains. [For questions, please contact Terry Linn at 734-259-9826 or \[teresa.linno4@comcast.net\]\(mailto:teresa.linno4@comcast.net\)](mailto:teresa.linno4@comcast.net)

**"We should concentrate on creating space in our lives to ponder and be present to the loving presence of God."**

*Eamon Tobin from 13 Powerful Ways to Pray*



## Do you knit or Crochet?

Have you always wanted to learn but never had someone show you? A hand knit or crocheted prayer shawl can bring such comfort to those who are ill or missing a loved one.

Terry Linn hosts a monthly prayer shawl meeting where she can teach you how. You can pick up all the supplies you need to get started.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Church overflow room (between the Church and the parish office). Please note this is the new location from now on. Terry has patterns, knitting and crochet needles, and yarn. All she needs is your help in joining this worthy cause. Donations of yarn will be gratefully received. For questions, please contact Terry Linn at 734-259-9826 or [teresa.linno4@comcast.net](mailto:teresa.linno4@comcast.net)



## CHURCH CALENDAR

Until further notice, all Saturday and Sunday Masses will continue to be in the SJFC due to the increase in COVID/Delta/Omicron cases locally. Daily Masses will continue to be in the Church. Also, all parish-sponsored social events are cancelled for now.

## BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Mary Matthew offers bereavement counseling during the year. For more information, please contact Mary at (602)463-7645 to find out about the next meeting.

## PRAYER LINE

If you would like to add the name of a family member, friend, or acquaintance to the St. Mary of the Angels Prayer Line, please contact Lorraine Robertson at [rob-ertsonpl406@gmail.com](mailto:rob-ertsonpl406@gmail.com)

## FEED YOUR SOUL

Are you divorced or separated? Would it be helpful to share your experiences with others? If so, Christina Vazquez is offering counseling during the year. For more information, please contact Christina at (909)313-9639 to find out about the next meeting.

## FEED YOUR SOUL

Become the-Best-Version-of-Yourself. **Sign Up for Weekly Gospel Reflection Videos Right to your email!** When you sign up, you'll receive a video reflection every Thursday on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel reading! The address below will be the reflection for Sunday Jan 31st.

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/sunday-gospel/01302022-reflection.html>



## IN MEMORIAM

As the years go by, unfortunately, dear members of the Madonna Guild pass on and we have to tearfully and prayerfully say goodbye. This section of the newsletter, is a place to mention these ladies who contributed so much to our parish and community. If you would like someone to be included here, please contact Katherine Larson at (928)595-2888 or [mkatwin@gmail.com](mailto:mkatwin@gmail.com)

## NEXT MEETING

The Madonna Guild will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> in the SJFC Knights of Columbus room at 11:30am. We would love to have you join us! For questions please call or text Katherine Larson at (928)595-2888.

## OUR MISSION

Inspired by Gospel values, the Madonna Guild of St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church Pinetop, AZ organizes and leads women to join together to grow spiritually by offering its services as needed by the parish, including but not limited to raising funds, organizing social events and assisting in various religious events.