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St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church

Madonna Guild News

“THANKFUL BEYOND WORDS!”

Thanksgiving arrived a few weeks early for the seniors living in the White Mountain Villas in Show Low! Last Friday, Arleen and Mike Caruth delivered 32 Thanksgiving boxes of food plus turkeys and turkey breasts and an assortment of other foodstuffs all of which had been donated by our generous parishioners.

You may remember, during the summer, the White Mountain Independent ran a front page article about the fact that the White Mountain Villas maintained a food pantry to be used by any of their seniors living on fixed incomes who need food donations to keep from going hungry. This pantry is also used to feed some of the homeless living near Walmart and in the general vicinity of the White Mountain Villas.

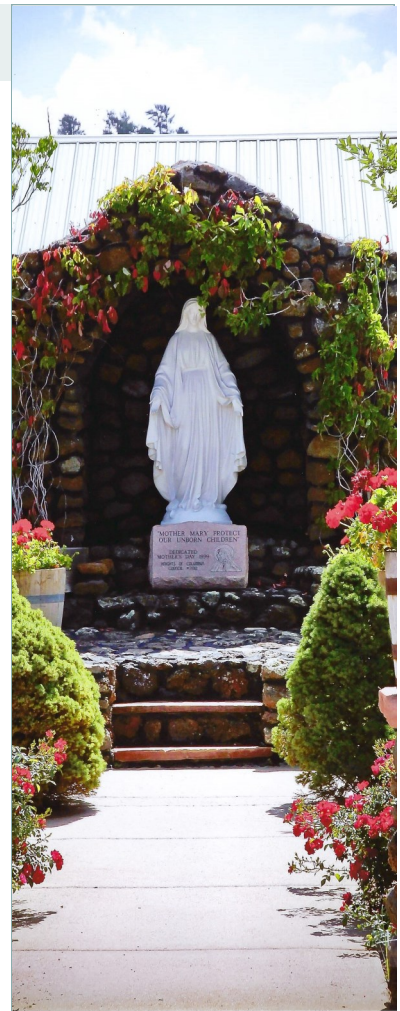
Arleen states the food donated last Friday will feed more than 100 people because the Villas are hosting a Thanksgiving dinner in addition to providing food boxes to those unable to attend the Thanksgiving meal.

Arleen reports that the folks at the pantry were “thankful beyond words” for the generosity extended to them by the parishioners of St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church!

By the time Arleen and Mike drove away, the pantry was full!

The remaining 30 Thanksgiving baskets will be donated to White Mountain Catholic Charities and to our sister organization at the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

A huge “thank you” to all of our parishioners who so willingly contributed to the Thanksgiving food drive this year. As you know, there is need in every community but it is wonderful to have such supportive parishioners to be part of the solution!



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TO OUR SUMMER VISITORS: SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

The summer is over and fall is upon us! Father Dan's and Dr Pellegrini's lectures have concluded, the meet and greets were fun, my hat from the much loved English tea hangs in the closet and the book studies continue to wow but with fewer numbers. The Church campus is much quieter. Hmmmm...our wonderful summer visitors have all gone back home. Don't think we forget about you because we reminisce all the time. You are a vibrant and cherished addition to our Church community!

This photo is a favorite from our fun together! We wish you all health, happiness and safe journeys until we see you next year!

ELECTIONS FOR CO-CHAIRS AT NOVEMBER MEETING!

Have you been wanting to get more involved with the Madonna Guild but are not sure what to do about it? Are you wanting to get involved but you are a bit shy about putting yourself forward? Are you afraid the same people who are ministry chairs will be chosen as co-chairs for other ministries? That will not happen.

At the November 9th meeting, for the first time ever, we will be voting for co-chairs to help our ministry chairs throughout next year. As you may know, it takes a lot of work to put together the social activities such as the meet & greets or the English tea we enjoyed. The bake sale fundraiser is a huge undertaking! Please know that there are no names already on a list for the open co-chair positions. We will be starting with a blank white board at the meeting. **IF YOU WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO PUT YOUR NAME FORWARD AT THE MEETING!**

The following co-chair positions will be voted on at the November meeting: **Book Studies:** 2 positions (set up/clean up and providing food/food solicitations) plus volunteers for facilitators & part-time facilitators. **Fundraising:** 3 positions (event set up, baked goods donations solicitations, and event clean up). **Funerals:** 1 position (calling to solicit food for the luncheon). **Prayer Shawls:** 1 position to cover if chair is unavailable for meetings. **Religious Library:** 2 Positions for librarians. **Social Activities:** 3 positions (event set up, food solicitations, event clean up). Please note, new positions will be effective on January 1, 2023.

ROOM TO SPREAD OUT!

The Madonna Guild now has its own dedicated space! Starting with our meeting on November 9th, the Madonna meetings will be held in the Madonna Room located behind the Church altar in the middle room. For many of you, you probably did not even know there were rooms behind the altar. For many years this room was used as a classroom for religious education and, at one time, it was the Madonna Room.

Over the last couple of months, our room has been painstakingly cleaned out by Margie (a big “thank you” to Margie!!) and cleaned and painted by Christina Vasquez, Mary Kay Nelson, Terry Linn, Arleen Caruth and Katherine Larson. A huge “thank you” goes to Christina who donated the painting supplies!

This week Dorota Rapacz will be helping to install new coat racks, white board and wall art. Sherry Mannikko will be donating curtains she is making which will complement the room colors. Rose French will be creating a beautiful floral display for the room as well. New commercial carpeting will be installed as soon as Western Carpet can put us on their schedule. The room has been transformed solely with donated work and donated supplies. Zero dollars have been taken from the Madonna accounts! This has been a true Madonna effort!



SPIRITUAL STUDY: “MARY IN THE BIBLE”

The current spiritual study, “Mary in the Bible”, by Edward Sri, is already halfway finished!. This 8 week course will end November 30, 2022 (no class meeting during Thanksgiving week). Classes are held in the Overflow Hall between the Church and the parish office.

Please feel free to contact Terry Linn at 734-259-9826 or email at teresa.linn04@comcast.net if any questions or to sign up for the class.

Dominican Republic!

Dorothy Dobry recently heard from Mary Ann Lynch, the flight attendant who delivers rosaries to churches and organizations throughout the world.

The last box of 500 rosaries made by the wonderful ladies of our Rosary Ministry were given to churches in the Dominican Republic.

Dorothy also reports that she is about ready to send out another box of 500 rosaries! Thank you to the many ladies of our parish who spend time making rosaries and honoring Our Blessed Mother!

If you would like to learn to make rosaries in your spare time, Dorothy would love to teach you. Rosaries are easy and fun to make.

Dorothy has written instructions for you to follow and she can spend a few minutes with you to get you started.

Dorothy will provide the supplies for free. All you need is a little free time and a pair of scissors.

If you have questions, please call Dorothy at 928-368-7371.



CHURCH NEWS

Saturday and Sunday Masses will return to the Church starting November 5th & 6th. Daily Masses at 8am M-Th are in the Church as well.

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 robertson-pl406@gmail.com



SHOULD YOU ATTEND VIRTUS TRAINING?

VIRTUS Training will be in the Church Overflow Hall on Saturday, November 19th, at 8:00am. This training is **MANDATORY** for Church Employees, Youth Chaperones, Religious Education Teachers, Madonna Guild president & vice president, Knights of Columbus Members Officers, and Lay Ministers **who have contact with children or vulnerable adults**.

Lay Ministers (Lectors/Ushers/Eucharistic Ministers/Volunteers and Madonna members), if you do not have any contact with children, youth, or vulnerable adults in our Parish, you are not required to attend the training. We do, however, need you to sign and return to the office the **Code of Ethics Acknowledgement Form** prior to being scheduled for any Lay Minister assignments in December. Madonna members who work at the Halloween Party, Junior League Luncheon or help with Confirmation/1st Communion celebrations should complete and return the Code of Ethics Acknowledgement Form but not attend the training. Please contact Arleen with questions: 928-367-2080.

NEW RELIGIOUS LIBRARY COMING SOON!

A new library containing religious books for parishioners to borrow will be opening sometime in December. The library will be located in the new Madonna Room.

Further details as to hours of operation will be forthcoming both in the bulletin and in next month's newsletter.

If you have any religious books you would like to donate to the library, please contact Fran Serio at 520-305-0657.

NEXT MEETING & ROOM DEDICATION

The Madonna Guild will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, November 9th in the new Madonna Guild room at 11:30am. The new room is located behind the Church altar in the middle room.

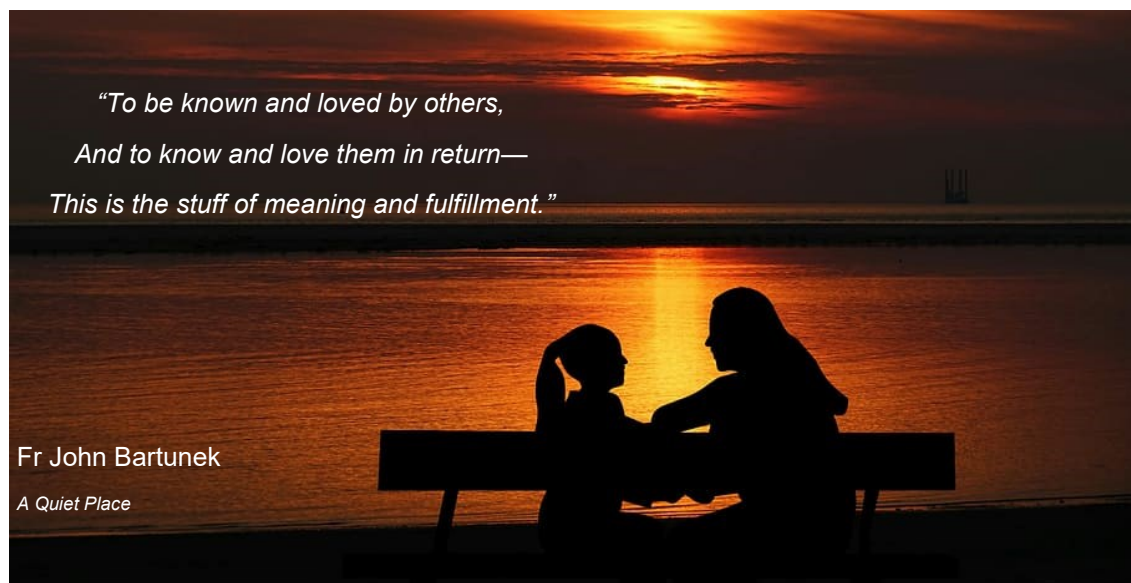
We are planning to have a short dedication of our new room lead by Mary Kay Nelson and Katherine Larson. We would love to have you join us! For questions, please call or text Katherine Larson at 928-595-2888.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE

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Calendar 2022

Event	Date	Notes
<u>Mary: A Biblical Walk...</u>	Oct 5-Nov 30	Wednesdays 9:30am, Church Overflow No Class Day Before Thanksgiving
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Nov 3	Madonna Guild Room, 10am
Madonna Meeting	Nov 9	Madonna Guild Room, 11:30am
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Dec 1	Madonna Guild Room, 10am
Cup of Cheer	Dec 2	10am-2pm
Madonna Meeting	Dec TBD	Location TBD



MADONNA GUILD

Did you know that all women of St. Mary of the Angels Church are members of the Madonna Guild?

We are a group of compassionate and energetic women who serve our parish and our community. If you would like to be an active member or contribute to any of the activities mentioned in this newsletter but you don't know where to begin, please call Katherine at (928) 595-2888.

Actively participating only requires as much time as you want to give. Can you spare a little time or a lot of time? Either choice is great! Participating from home is wonderful. Are you a summer visitor who would like to contribute from your winter home? Your participation would be so welcome. Call Katherine or any of the officers or chairpersons listed throughout this newsletter and we will get you started in whatever interests you!

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Ministry	Chairperson	Phone
Bereavement	Mary Matthew	602-463-7645
Blood Drive	Lorraine Robertson	928-242-8174
Book Studies	Bernie McConnell	703-508-1573
Fundraiser(s)	Terry Linn	734-259-9826
Correspondence	Julie Luna	928-940-2587
Funerals	Mary Kay Nelson	602-478-0609
Outreach	Mary Kay Nelson	602-478-0609
Prayer Line	Lorraine Robertson	928-242-8174
Prayer Shawls	Terry Linn	734-259-9826
Rosaries	Dorothy Dobry	928-368-7371
Social Activities	Bernie McConnell	703-508-1573
Stockings (Sew)	Lorraine Robertson	928-242-8174
Stockings (Stuffers)	Terry Linn	734-259-9826
Thanksgiving	Arleen Caruth	928-367-2080

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