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St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church

Madonna Guild News

STARTING 2023 PRAYERFULLY!

As we begin 2023, I hope you enjoyed the holidays, got in touch with family and friends living far and near, and, for those who were ill in the final months of 2022, I hope you have recovered from the many respiratory illnesses overwhelming our community.

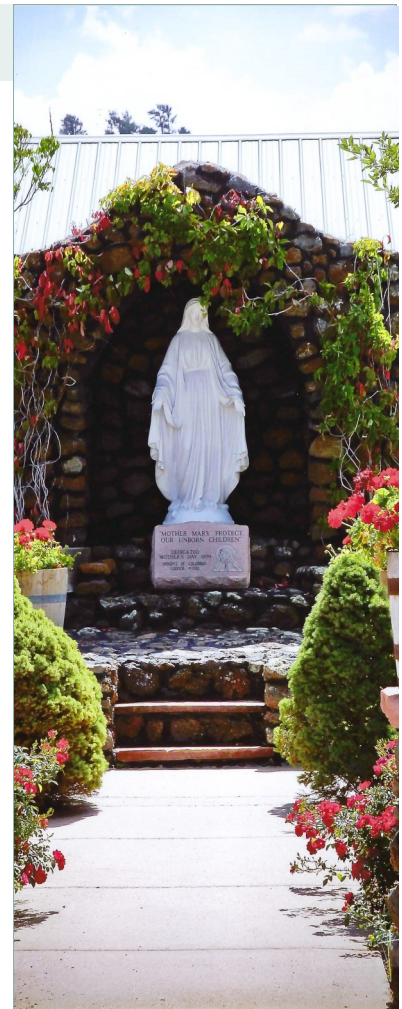
Over the last few weeks, you might have been thinking of New Year's resolutions as the best way to start 2023. Here are two ideas, from Bernie McConnell, which you might want to consider.

Catechism In A Year podcasts started January 1st with Father Mike Schmidt. The first two podcasts have been about 15 minutes each. So far we've finished the prologue. I highly recommend listening to the podcast each morning as part of your daily prayer. Since Father Mike reads the catechism, you don't need to have the book in front of you, but it's easier if you read along. For information, please see <https://media.ascensionpress.com/catechism-in-a-year-episodes/> or you can go to YouTube and search for Catechism In A Year. All the words spoken by Father Mike will be shown on the screen like close captioning.

Another great idea are the **Bible In A Year** podcasts also replayed for the third year in a row. In the Bible In A Year podcasts, Father Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way.

Because it is replaying, you can complete it at your own pace or start a great habit of keeping up with Father Mike as he reads a section daily. You can follow along with a Bible or without a Bible. For information: <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration> or you can go to YouTube and search for Bible In A Year. All the words spoken by Father Mike will be shown on the screen like close captioning.

Reflection: "You cannot live a meaningful life by filling your life with meaningless things and activities. The secret to living a meaningful life is to strip away everything that is meaningless. Strip away anything that is trivial or unnecessary and everything left will be meaningful."
I'm Not Done Growing Yet by Matthew Kelly



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THE CHOSEN CANCELLED ON JANUARY 4TH DUE TO SNOW!

THE CHOSEN, Season 3, spiritual studies classes were to begin on Wednesday, January 4th but due to the snowfall we have recently experienced over the last couple of days, Bernie McConnell has decided to cancel the class on January 4th. Therefore, classes will begin next Wednesday, January 11th at 9:30am in the Church Overflow Hall. Classes will be held every Wednesday January 11th through Wednesday February 22nd. **Please text or call Bernie at 703-508-1573 if you plan to attend these classes.** Bring a friend! Bring a snack to share! Enjoy!



JOIN US FOR NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION!

Our Madonna Guild meeting next month is on January 11th and we would like to celebrate New Year's with the Christmas party we cancelled. The meeting will have the usual agenda items along with officer elections for President, Vice President, Secretary, Tech Support & Treasurer. We hope you will consider running for one of these offices.

After the meeting concludes we would like to celebrate the New Year. We would appreciate it if you would bring a dish to share (salad, side dish, entrée or dessert) and a gift to trade (less than \$20 value). How about a game of "Get To Know Me"?

To help us get ready for the number of people planning to attend the party, please RSVP via text or phone call to Bernie McConnell 703-508-1573 or Christina Vasquez at 909-313-9639 by Sunday, January 8th. So far, Bernie and Christina have not heard from many of you about attending the party.

Please plan to spend a couple of hours with us to have plenty of time to make our way through the meeting agenda, elections, and party. Mary Kay Nelson will preside over the meeting as Katherine Larson will be having knee replacement surgery on that day.

CHURCH NEWS

Daily and weekend Masses are located in the Church.

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



ROSARY MINISTRY UPDATE!

The hardworking ladies of the Rosary Ministry are continuing to make rosaries at full pace! Dorothy Dobry reports the last box of 500 rosaries that were finished and sent to flight attendant, Mary Ann Lynch, were delivered to churches in Ghana before the end of 2022. It is fun to hear where Mary Ann delivers the rosaries around the globe! Apparently, there is another box of 500 rosaries about ready to be mailed out.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY THANKED!

The wonderfully talented ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry have succeeded in their mission to bring joy and comfort to not only those of our parish, but also to our community, to the residents of the convalescent home run by The Little Sisters of The Poor in Gallup, NM and to others across the United States.

This is a note forwarded recently to Terry Linn, Chairperson of the Prayer Shawl Ministry: "...Thank you so much from our friend Judy. I gave her the Prayer Shawl and explained the ministry and she was just so visibly touched! She wanted me to extend her wholehearted appreciation to you and for the shawl and the prayers. She is in a battle with this cancer and said that she will just feel the healing prayers you all have sent and continue to send through this wonderful gift. Please share her heartfelt gratitude to all who have had a hand in this."

Terry wants to remind that there is **no prayer shawl meeting this month**. Beginning in February, meeting times will change to 10am-11am the first Thursday of the month in the Madonna Room. Please be thinking about additional ways to grow the ministry to reach more recipients.

JANUARY MEETING & NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Come join us for the Madonna Guild monthly meeting and New Year's Party on Wednesday, January 11th. The meeting will be in the Madonna Room starting at 11:30am. The New Year's Party will be in the Overflow Hall which is located down the hall from the Madonna Room following the meeting. Questions? Please contact Katherine at 928-595-2888.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Madonna Guild of St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church in Pinetop, Arizona enriches and supports the life of our parish family and local community through spiritual activities, fellowship, and outreach.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE

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Calendar 2023

Event	Date	Notes
THE CHOSEN, Season 3	Jan 11th– Feb 22nd	Church Overflow Hall, 9:30am
Madonna Meeting & New Year's Party	Jan 11th	Madonna Room, 11:30am
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Feb 2nd	Madonna Room, 10am
Madonna Meeting	Feb 8th	Madonna Room, 11:30am
Passion of Christ	Mar 1st-Mar 29th	Church Overflow Hall, 9:30am
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Mar 2nd	Madonna Room, 10am
Madonna Meeting	Mar 8th	Madonna Room, 11:30am
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Apr 6th	Madonna Room, 10am
The 4th Quarter of Your Life	Apr 12th-May 17th	Church Overflow Hall, 9:30am
Madonna Meeting	Apr 12th	Madonna Room, 11:30am
Prayer Shawl Meeting	May 4th	Madonna Room, 10am
Madonna Meeting	May 10th	Madonna Room, 11:30am
A Biblical Walk Through The Mass	May 24-June 28th	Church Overflow Hall, 9:30am
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Jun 1st	Madonna Room, 10am
Madonna Meeting	Jun 14th	Madonna Room, 11:30am
THE CHOSEN, Season 3	Jul 5th-Aug 30th	Church Overflow Hall, 9:30am
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Jul 6th	Madonna Room, 10am
Madonna Meeting	Jul 12th	Madonna Room, 11:30am
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Aug 3rd	Madonna Room, 10am
Madonna Meeting	Aug 9th	Madonna Room, 11:30am
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Sep 7th	Madonna Room, 10am
Madonna Meeting	Sep 13th	Madonna Room, 11:30am
Ordinary Lives Extra Ordinary Mission	Oct 4th-Nov 8th	Church Overflow Hall, 9:30am
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Oct 5th	Madonna Room, 10am
Madonna Meeting	Oct 11th	Madonna Room, 11:30am
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Nov 2nd	Madonna Room, 10am
Madonna Meeting	Nov 8th	Madonna Room, 11:30am
Finding The Peace of Advent	Nov 29-Dec 20th	Church Overflow Hall, 9:30am
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Dec 7th	Madonna Room, 10am
Madonna Meeting	Dec 13th	Church Overflow Hall, 10am

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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Are you interested in helping with, or participating in, any of these ministries? Please contact any of the ladies listed below for more information.

Ministry	Chairperson	Phone
Bereavement	Mary Matthew	602-463-7645
Blood Drive	Lorraine Robertson	928-242-8174
Book Studies	Bernie McConnell	703-508-1573
Community Outreach	Arleen Caruth	928-367-2080
Correspondence	Christina Vasquez	909-313-9639
Fundraiser(s)	Terry Linn	734-259-9826
Funerals	Mary Kay Nelson	602-478-0609
Library	Fran Serio	serio.fran@gmail.com
Parish 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
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