



November 2023

St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church

Madonna Guild News

CRAFT FAIR & BAKE SALE SAT, NOV 4TH

Terry Linn is pulling out all the stops on our final craft fair and bake sale of the year! The Made on the Mountain Craft Fair & Bake Sale is Saturday, November 4th from 9am to 2pm in the SJFC. (See flier page 7.)

Terry and her crew of wonderful Madonna helpers will assemble over 40 talented artists from the area to bring you beautiful handmade crafts of all kinds. Now is the time to shop for birthday gifts, Christmas gifts, something for a friend to say I'm thinking of you or something for yourself! Have a hard-to-shop-for person in your life? Come over and check out the selection of unique items that are sure to please!

If the selection of crafts is not enough, the Madonnas will feature their DELICIOUS selection of homemade baked goods from which to choose! You know the tasty selection of pies, cookies, cupcakes, energy balls and cobblers you purchased at the Run to the Pines in September? Well drop by on Saturday and see what the ladies have baked for you this time around!!

For those of you who love raffles, Tess Durfee has been heading up the 50/50 raffle for the event. In a 50/50 raffle, 50% of the money from the raffle tickets sold goes to the winner and the Madonna Guild keeps the remaining 50%. 50/50 raffle tickets are \$5 each and you can contact Tess at 626-221-9152 or at the craft fair.

Terry will also feature a regular raffle containing over 40 items. The items are donated by the artists themselves. These raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.

There will also be a crafting supplies table accepting donations and an opportunity to take your photo in front of either a Thanksgiving backdrop or a Christmas backdrop for a donation.

Terry still needs to borrow 8 foot long tablecloths for the event. If Terry can borrow one or more tablecloths, please contact Terry at 734-259-9826.

PLEASE SHOP AND ENJOY OUR FINAL CRAFT FAIR THIS YEAR!



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ELECTIONS RESULTS FOR 2024!

At the October meeting, most of the ladies were in a very spirited mood! Was it the elections that were underway or was it that most of the ladies had just attended the book study meeting and were on a sugar high from all the desserts available during the book study!? I'll let you decide!!

Anyway, the ladies decided to re-elect Katherine Larson as President, Mary Kay Nelson as Vice President, Christina Vasquez as Secretary, Dorota Rapacz as Tech Support and Margie Zavala as Treasurer. The officers sincerely appreciate the trust and support you give them throughout the year.

We have a new ministry chair! Liz Neal was voted in as Correspondence Chair taking over from Christina Vasquez who has done a wonderful job this year at writing to, and keeping us updated about, the student we support from UNBOUND in Uganda. A big welcome to Liz Neal!!

PARISH SPOTLIGHT—THE VOLUNTEERS!



A **volunteer** is a person who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service. We have a parish filled with VOLUNTEERS who ensure our day-to-day operation and extracurricular activities go off without a hitch! Last Wednesday our Religious Education students and families were treated to a SPOOKTACULAR great time at our annual Halloween party.

We wish to thank the Madonna Guild, Knights of Columbus, Parishioners, and Religious Education teachers for their help! Special thanks to Paul & Tina Bird, Ann Buff, Toby & Maria Castillo, Sarah Castillo, Rosie Chavez, Jim Giger, Vicki & Roland Picard, Lorraine Robertson, Betty & Jake Sedillo, Greg & Sheryl Smith, and Gregg Spieler for manning the game booths, making the hot dogs and cupcakes. You all have a heart full of grace! —Arleen Caruth



Rosary Ministry

Dorothy Dobry, ministry chair, reports that the latest box of 400 rosaries she sent to our flight attendant friend will be delivered to Albania.

Dorothy also has had a request from Chaplain Lungu for more rosaries for his prison ministry in Arizona. Dorothy expects to be able to send him a box of 300 rosaries in a week or so.

If you would like to learn to make rosaries, Dorothy Dobry 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.

What better way to honor Our Lady and to fill some of your spare time!

For more information, please call Dorothy Dobry at 928-368-7371.



Shawls Ministry

Led by ministry Chair, Terry Linn, the ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry continue to crochet beautiful and comforting prayer shawls and pocket shawls for those in need.

If you are interested in joining this ministry, Terry can get you started. She can teach you how to crochet (or knit) and will provide the crochet or knitting needles as well as the yarn. She just needs your willingness to help out.

Terry reports that she and the ladies have crocheted almost 100 shawls this year! That's outstanding!!

If you have questions and/or would like to join in this important ministry, please contact Terry at 734-259-9826.

Finished and blessed prayer shawls and lap robes are available in the Church Office or at weekend Masses from Terry, Margie Zavala, or Arleen Caruth.

THERE WILL NOT BE A PRAYER SHAWL MEETING IN NOVEMBER DUE TO THE CRAFT FAIR. The next prayer shawl meeting will be Thursday, December 7th at 10am in the Madonna Room.

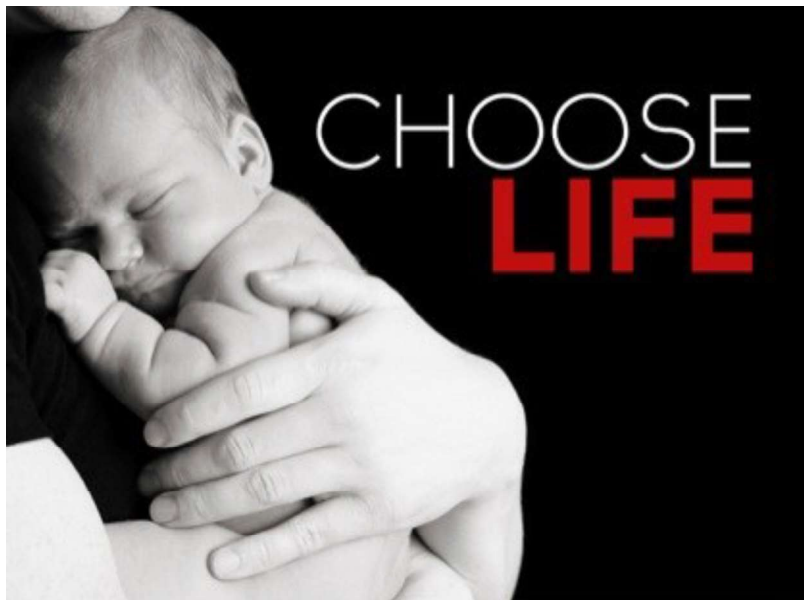


THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE COMPLETE!

Families in our community will come together in the coming weeks to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. For many of us, Thanksgiving wouldn't be complete without turkey and all the fixings. However, many families cannot afford to provide a Thanksgiving feast and celebrate the holidays. We appreciate everyone who generously answered the call to help us with our Thanksgiving Food Drive for our community food baskets! We have received \$1,300 in donations to put towards turkeys and since July parishioners have donated non-perishable food to fill 60 baskets! We thank you for your generosity and your heart of grace to ensure these families have a Happy Thanksgiving! We thank you for supporting our Thanksgiving Food Drive! —Arleen Caruth

REMOTE PARISH LIBRARY!

The Parish Library has moved to being a remote library until Memorial Weekend.. Please review the catalog located in the Church lobby. Fill out a book request and the book will be delivered to you the following Sunday at the Mass you usually attend.



CHURCH NEWS

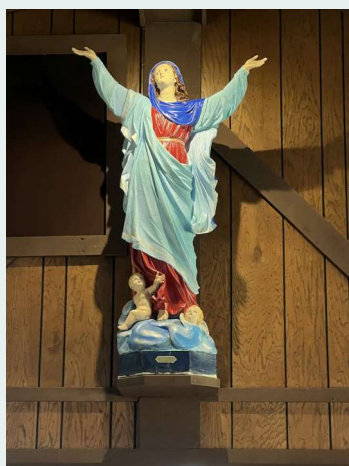
All Masses are in the Church.

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



STOCKINGS STUFFERS GOAL CLOSE!

Thank you to all who donated to our Christmas Stocking Stuffer Drive throughout the year. We are almost at our goal for stocking stuffers!! The only two items we still need are dental floss and travel-size deodorant.

Please drop off your donations at any of the Masses (basket located in the Church foyer), in the parish office or bring them to our monthly meeting.

Summer residents and visitors, please keep adding to your stash of travel size items as you travel and donate them when you are next in the White Mountains. We will keep any additional items for next year. For questions, please contact Arleen Caruth at 928-367-2080 or at smoa@frontier.com

NEXT MEETING

The Madonna Guild will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, November 8th in the Library in the SJFC at 11:30am. We are changing location again due to the ongoing construction in the Overflow Hall and kitchen. We would love to have you join us! For questions, please call or text Katherine Larson at 928-595-2888.

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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.

Calendar 2023

Event	Date	Notes
<u>The Fourth Quarter of Your Life</u>	Sep 27th-Nov 29th	SJFC, KofC Room, 9:30am
Made On The Mountain Craft Fair Fundraiser	Nov 4th	SJFC, 9am-2pm
Madonna Meeting	Nov 8th	Library, 11:30am
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Dec 7th	Madonna Room, 10am
Madonna Christmas Party	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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**The Madonna Room is
located just off the hallway
behind the Church altar.**

CHAIRPERSON & CO-CHAIR CONTACTS

Please contact 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	Liz Neal	928-434-0677
Fundraisers	Terry Linn	734-259-9826
—Co-Chair	Sherry Mannikko	602-810-1593
Funeral Luncheons	Mary Kay Nelson	602-478-0609
—Co-Chair	Christina Vasquez	909-313-9639
Library	Fran Serio	serio.fran@gmail.com
—Co-Chair	Sarah Castillo	928-205-5702
—Co-Chair	Crisanta Cruz-Loera	928-299-6525
—Co-Chair	Dorothy Dobry	928-368-7371
—Co-Chair	Ginny Scalzo	480-748-7295
Madonna Ambassador	Mary Kay Nelson	602-478-0609
Prayer Line	Lorraine Robertson	928-242-8174
Prayer Shawls	Terry Linn	734-259-9826
—Co-Chair	Dorota Rapacz	928-275-5942
Rosaries	Dorothy Dobry	928-368-7371
Social Activities	Christina Vasquez	909-313-9639
—Co-Chair	Linda Dodson	760-668-0361
—Co-Chair	Liz Neal	929-434-0677
—Co-Chair	Rose French	928-551-7780
—Co-Chair	Sherry Mannikko	602-810-1593
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ON THE
MOUNTAIN**



Craft Fair

November 4th

9am—2pm

St Mary of the Angels Church

St Joseph Family Center

1915 South Penrod Lane, Pinetop, AZ

Madonna Guild

Membership Form

The Madonna Guild meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Madonna Room, located behind the Church altar, at 11:30 am for about an hour. Please join us!
Please complete the following information. You can return this form to our next meeting or drop it off at the parish office. No dues required.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone Mobile: _____ Home: _____

Preferred Contact: (Please Check One) ☐ E-Mail ☐ Phone

Residence Status: (Please Check One) ☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time

Check the ministries that interest you:

- ☐ **Bereavement** (counseling)
- ☐ **Blood Drive** (solicit sign-ups or check-in participants)
- ☐ **Book Studies** (moderate a class or attend classes)
- ☐ **Community Outreach** (Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas stocking stuffers & Angel Tree)
- ☐ **Correspondence** (read and respond to inquiries and letters received)
- ☐ **Fundraisers** (provide baked goods or help with sales or set up/take down booth)
- ☐ **Funeral Luncheons** (set up/serve/clean up luncheon and/or provide side dishes/desserts)
- ☐ **Library** (assist with check out and/or filing of books)
- ☐ **Madonna Ambassador** (recruit new members; call/send prayer shawls to ill parishioners)
- ☐ **Prayer Line** (become a Prayer Warrior for ill, deceased, or special intentions)
- ☐ **Prayer Shawls** (knit or crochet at home, donate yarn)
- ☐ **Rosaries** (make at home - supplies & training provided)
- ☐ **Social Activities** (arrange social gatherings for Madonnas and to attract new members)
- ☐ **Stockings for Christmas** (decorate stockings)

Hope to see you at the next Madonna Guild Meeting!

Contact us at madonnapinetop@gmail.com

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Christina Vasquez, Secretary
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Margie Zavala, Treasurer