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St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church

Madonna Guild News

Lots of Planning Going On!!

The Madonna Guild ALWAYS has plans underway! We have been thinking about and planning activities for our year round residents as well as our summer residents and visitors.

As you will read in this Newsletter, our Made on the Mountain craft fair and bake sale is fast approaching on May 11th. We need bakers!

The next book study will be The Rocking Chair Prophet starting on Wednesday, April 10th.

The Summer Tea is on Monday, June 10th!

Does it seem like all these events are far away? Not really. Easter is on March 31st. By then, our summer residents and visitors will be thinking about heading to the White Mountains in a matter of weeks.

We will be here waiting for you! We miss you all so much during the fall and winter months while you are away. Take a look inside this Newsletter to see what has been happening in your absence.



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Madonna Guild Has A New Kitchen!!

Just look at our new BEAUTIFUL KITCHEN! The old kitchen (below) was completely remodeled including new plumbing, plumbing fixtures, flooring, cabinets, countertops, sink, appliances, paint, and lighting. Thanks to this remodel, the Madonna Guild now has a kitchen that can keep up with all our needs for years to come such as for the Summer Tea, Meet & Greets, book studies which ALWAYS include food, our monthly meetings and much more.

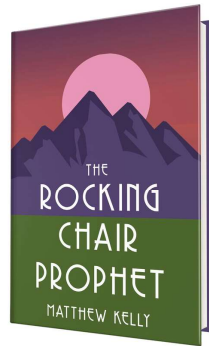
This remodel could not have been possible without the approval and support of our wonderful pastor, Father Dan Daley, and Margie Zavala. The point person and chief construction supervisor was Arleen Caruth. Tim Williams and his crew brought this old kitchen back to life.

The Madonna Guild paid for the kitchen cabinets and countertops from \$10,000 in funds that had been saved by Madonna ladies who earned that money through homemade pie sales years and years ago! It takes a LONG TIME to save that money one pie at a time. Without the dedication of those ladies back in the day who were saving for another project which never materialized, the Madonna Guild would not have had the money to contribute to the new kitchen. We are now working hard to replace those funds!

The ladies of the Madonna Guild are forever grateful to all of you who made our new kitchen a reality!



Next Book Study: The Rocking Chair Prophet



THERE IS A VOICE WITHIN YOU.

Listening to that voice is the difference between happiness and misery, wonderful memories and heartrending regrets. The Rocking Chair Prophet is a transformational story about reclaiming that voice and the unmitigated joy that comes from following it.

After an unspeakable tragedy devastates his life, Daniel, a thirty-three-year-old suburban man, disappears into the mountains. Years later, he reemerges filled with uncommon wisdom and other extraordinary gifts.

From that day on, people travel from far and wide to meet with Daniel, who sits on his rocking chair, meeting with visitors, and helping them explore their deeply personal questions. These questions lead to a series of epic conversations that traverse life's quintessential topics: love, suffering, health and well-being, education, work, money and things, spirituality, regrets, depression, ambition, nature, parenting, midlife crisis, choices, our hopes and dreams, the meaning of life, and enduring friendship.

The Rocking Chair Prophet is a rich exploration of life and the human condition. It's an invitation to rediscover yourself and reorient your life. Matthew Kelly has masterfully woven into the story a piercing wisdom that is thought-provoking on a life-changing scale. It is stunning that one book can have something so meaningful to say on so many topics. This is destined to be a book readers return to time and again, a book that speaks to us anew in every season of life.

Join Bernie McConnell to read and explore The Rocking Chair Prophet, Wednesdays, April 10-May 1st, in the Church Overflow Hall at 9:30am. There is no cost for the book and Bernie can accommodate up to 23 people. For sign up/questions, please contact Bernie at 703-508-1573 (text or call) or email her at bmccconnell75@gmail.com

New TV Equipment for Madonna Guild

The Madonna Guild voted to buy its own smart TV so the folks watching DVDs or streaming "The Chosen", would have a sharper audio and video experience. The 75" TV was purchased by the Madonna Guild and a TV stand, DVD player and sound bar were donated to round out the equipment. Enjoy!

Rosary Ministry

The Rosary Ministry is certainly flourishing with the addition of more wonderful ladies agreeing to make rosaries!

Dorothy Dobry mailed off 400 rosaries that were delivered by Mary Ann Lynch, our favorite flight attendant, to churches in Nicaragua! Dorothy has another box of 407 rosaries also ready to send out to her.

Arleen ordered "how to pray the rosary" cards that will be sent to Chaplain Lungu at the Florence prison to be given out with our rosaries.

If you would like to learn to make rosaries, 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.

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

The ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry have crocheted 28 more shawls and lap robes in the last month! Wow!!

Terry Linn says lap robes will be provided to our local cancer center for patients.

The ladies are also starting to crochet white baptismal blankets for upcoming baptisms which is new.

If you are interested in joining the prayer shawl 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.

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.

If you would like to donate yarn, white BABY yarn, or other supplies to the prayer shawl ministry, please call Terry at the above number.

Next meeting is Thursday, March 7th at 10am in the Madonna Room.



Plans Underway: May 11th Craft Fair & Bake Sale!

Our next Made on the Mountain craft fair & bake sale (see flier on page 11) is quickly approaching! Terry Linn and her crew of Fran Serio, Liz Neal, Sherry Mannikko and Tess Durfee are hard at work preparing for our biggest craft fair and bake sale yet!

On Saturday, May 11th from 9am to 2pm the Made on the Mountain craft fair and bake sale will take place in the St Joseph Family Center. Liz has been measuring and re-measuring to see how many vendors we can fit into the hall. Terry has been contacting vendors to make sure we have an inviting array of crafts available. Tess has amassed a group of artistic ladies to make decorations for the hall which will be fun and inviting.

Terry says WE NEED BAKERS! WE NEED LOTS OF BAKED GOODS!! As you know, we offer only homemade baked goods...not store bought! If you have a favorite dessert, please contact Terry (734)259-9826 so she can get you on the list of bakers. Remember, due to Health Department rules, no UNCOOKED dairy products are allowed in any of the desserts we sell.

Terry also says if any of you have an excess of craft supplies (in good condition) please contact her and we will sell them in our Madonna Boutique which will mostly contain crafting supplies.

Tess is also selling 50/50 raffle tickets at \$5 each. The winner get 50% of the cash collected from these raffle tickets and the Madonna Guild gets the other 50%. Contact Tess to buy or sell tickets (626)221-9152.

As you know, the money we raise will go towards funding our many ministries this year as well as to finish replacing the funds we donated towards the new Madonna Kitchen. We need all the baking you are willing to undertake. Thank you to all!



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January 9, 2024

Dear Ladies of the Madonna Guild,

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank every one of you for the honor and the pleasure that you gave me on the occasion of my 78th birthday and my 53rd anniversary of Priesthood. What a delightful time we had together at Annie's Bistro!

In all my 31 years as a priest in the Gallup Diocese, I have never had the privilege of working with such a devoted, committed and faithful group of women. Your ongoing witness of service to our Community is a marvel to all who know you. I look forward to the years we still have together of helping each other and all of the parishioners of "St. Mary of the Elderly"!

Many, many thanks for the beautiful gifts you gave me. Believe me, every one of them will be of special use and pleasure for me. I truly am grateful for your friendship and your generosity.

God bless us all in this new year of 2024! May God give us life and strength to continue working together.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Father Jan

CHURCH NEWS

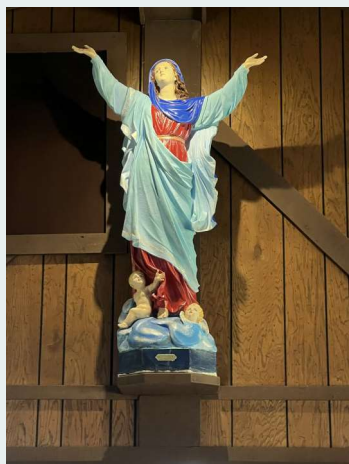
All Masses are in the Church.

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



Summer Tea Coming June 10th!

Time to start putting the summer tea on your calendar this year which is on June 10th 2pm-4pm in the Church Overflow Room. Now that we have our spectacular new kitchen to use, Christina Vasquez, our Social Activities Chair, is a happy gal! You need to reserve your seat as space is very limited. **NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED WITHOUT A RESERVATION**. Please TEXT Christina at (909)313-9639 or email her at aqhacorona3@yahoo.com

NEXT MEETING

The next Madonna Guild meeting will be on Wednesday, March 13th in the Madonna Room at 11:30am. We would love to have you join us! Please call Katherine at 929-595-2888 with any questions.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE

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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 2024

Event	Date	Notes
<u>Lenten Companion</u>	Feb 21st-Mar 27th	Overflow Hall, 9:30am
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Mar 7th	Madonna Room, 10am
Madonna Meeting	Mar 13th	Madonna Room, 11:30am
St Patrick's' Day	Mar 17th	
Palm Sunday	Mar 24th	Church, Masses 9am & 11am
Penance Service	Mar 25th	Church 6pm
Holy Thursday	Mar 28th	Church, Mass 6pm
Good Friday	Mar 29th	Church, Service 6pm
Holy Saturday	Mar 30th	Church, Mass 7pm
Easter Sunday	Mar 31st	Church, Masses 9am & 11am
Easter Monday	Apr 1st-5th	Office Closed
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Apr 4th	Madonna Room, 10am
<u>Rocking Chair Prophet</u>	Apr 10th-May 1st	Overflow Hall, 9:30am
Madonna Meeting	Apr 10th	Madonna Room, 11:30am
Prayer Shawl Meeting	May 2nd	Madonna Room, 10am
<u>Missed Gifts of the Holy Spirit</u>	May 8th-June 12th	Overflow Hall, 9:30am
Madonna Meeting	May 8th	Overflow Hall, 11:30am
CCD Family Party	May 8th	SJFC, 6pm
Craft Fair #1 Set Up	May 9th	SJFC
Craft Fair #1	May 11th	SJFC, 9am-2pm
Mother's Day	May 12th	
Meeting & Greet #1	May 20th	Overflow Hall, 1pm-3pm
Weekend Masses Move to SJFC	May 25th	Through Memorial Weekend



Calendar 2024 (Con't)

Event	Date	Notes
Memorial Day	May 27th	Office Closed
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Jun 6th	Madonna Room, 10am
Tea Set Up	Jun 6th	Overflow Hall, 11am
Summer Tea	Jun 10th	Overflow Hall, 2pm-4pm
Madonna Meeting	Jun 12th	Overflow Hall, 11:30am
Father's Day	Jun 16th	
Juneteenth	Jun 19th	Office may be closed
Blood Drive #1	Jun 20th	SJFC, 12:30pm-5:30pm
"The Chosen" Season 4	Jun 26th-Aug 14th	Overflow Hall, 9:30am
Decorate Stockings	Jun 27th	Overflow Hall, 9am
Independence Day	Jul 4th	Office Closed
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Jul 4th	NO MEETING
Madonna Meeting	Jul 10th	Overflow Hall, 11:30am
Meet & Greet #2	Jul 22nd	Overflow Hall, 2pm-4pm
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Aug 1st	Madonna Room, 10am
Quilt Show (& Set Up)	Aug 2nd-10th	SJFC Closed
Madonna Meeting	Aug 14th	Overflow Hall, 11:30am
Blood Drive #2	Aug 22nd	SJFC, 12:30pm-5:30pm
Parish Potluck	Aug 25th	SJFC, 3pm-6pm
<u>Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible</u>	Aug 28th-Oct 23rd	Overflow Hall, 9:30am
Labor Day	Sep 2nd	Office Closed
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Sep 5th	Madonna Room, 10am
Madonna Meeting	Sep 11th	Overflow Hall, 10am
Bake Sale Set Up	Sep 20th	Meet at Church, 9am
Bake Sale Pies Delivered & Packaged	Sep 20th	12pm-4pm
Run To The Pines Car Show & Bake Sale	Sep 21st	Pinetop Country Club
Priest Retreat	Sep 23rd-27th	Father Dan Away
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Oct 3rd	Madonna Room, 10am
Madonna Meeting	Oct 9th	Overflow Hall, 11:30am
Columbus Day	Oct 14th	

Calendar 2024 (Con't)

Event	Date	Notes
CCD Halloween Party	Oct 30th	SJFC, 6pm
Halloween	Oct 31st	
Election Day	Nov 5th	
Pray Shawl Meeting	Nov 7th	Madonna Room, 10am
Craft Fair #2 Set Up	Nov 7th	SJFC
Craft Fair #2	Nov 9th	SJFC, 9am-2pm
Veterans Day	Nov 11th	Office May Be Closed
Madonna Meeting	Nov 13th	Madonna Room, 11:30am
Thanksgiving Mass	Nov 28th	Church, 9am
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Dec 5th	Madonna Room, 10am
Stuffing Christmas Stockings	Dec 11th	Overflow Hall, 10am
Madonna Christmas Party	Dec 11th	Overflow Hall, 11am
Christmas Eve Childrens Mass	Dec 24th	SJFC, 6pm
Christmas Eve Mass	Dec 24th	Church, 8pm
Christmas Day Mass	Dec 25th	Church, 10am
Christmas Holidays	Dec 25th-Jan 1st	Office Closed
New Year's Day Mass	Jan 1st	Church, 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!

MADONNA GUILD

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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
—Co-Chair	Mary Knaust	928-368-3654
—Co-Chair	Terry Linn	734-259-9826
—Co-Chair	Mary Kay Nelson	602-478-0609
—Co-Chair	Dorota Rapacz	928-275-5942
Community Outreach	Arleen Caruth	928-367-2080
Correspondence	Liz Neal	928-434-0677
Fundraisers	Terry Linn	734-259-9826
—Co-Chair	Tess Durfee	626-221-9152
Funeral Luncheons	Mary Kay Nelson	602-478-0609
—Co-Chair	Christina Vasquez	909-313-9639
Library	Dorota Rapacz	928-275-5942
—Co-Chair	Fran Serio	serio.fran@gmail.com
—Co-Chair	Sarah Castillo	928-205-5702
—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
Stockings (Decorate)	Lorraine Robertson	928-242-8174

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3rd MADE ON THE MOUNTAIN



White Mountain Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, May 11, 2024

9 AM - 2 PM

St Mary of the Angels Madonna's

St. Joseph Parish Hall

1915 S. Penrod Lane - Pinetop, AZ

Over 40⁺ local craft vendors!

Special hand crafted gifts

PLUS...Church bake sale

Terry Linn 734-259-9826



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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