

Women's Guild Year 2024-2025

Dear Ladies of the Guild,

We hope you have enjoyed your summer months and are looking forward to the cooler temperatures. Our Women's Guild had yet another successful 2023-2024 year with many thanks to our members who have donated their time, talents and their generosity! Our End of the Year donations totaled \$41,200.00 which included \$35,000.00 to St. John the Baptist Church to assist in the needs of the parish. Donations were also provided to St. Vincent DePaul, Respect Life, Miami Seminarians, Cardinal Gibbons and St. Thomas Aquinas High Schools and other local charities. We are looking forward to an exciting year of activities.

In our 2023-2024 guild year we added 11 new member to our Women's Guild. We welcome you! We certainly hope our new members along with our existing members consider getting involved with the upcoming guild events. There is a great need for volunteers at every event from hospitality to serving, working with the committees for the annual luncheon, selling tickets to busy behind-the-scenes computer work. Please consider getting involved! Don't delay! Contact Claire Brown, VP Programs at 954-873-5569 or claire@tfigins.com.

Our 2024-2025 Calendar of Events is included in this Newsletter. The Guild's primary means of communication is via email although our events will also be announced in the church bulletin. If you have received this newsletter and have moved from the area or no longer wish to belong to our Guild, please contact Susan Chatellier at reilletahc@gmail.com so we may adjust our membership.

Our first event of the year is our Membership Coffee meeting on Wednesday, October 9th at 9:30 am. Please consider bringing a family member or a friend to this meeting.

The Membership Dues form for the coming year is included in the Newsletter and please bring your check to the Membership Coffee event *OR mail your check to Susan Chatellier at 3610 Bayview Dr.*, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308 or drop off in the parish office or place it in a separate envelope labeled "Woman's Guild" and drop in the collection basket at Mass.

Our annual membership directory will be prepared after the October meeting. We are anxiously looking forward to another successful year with your help and support.

Blessings to you and your families, Chris, Claire, Susan, Debora, Mary and Carol

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joan Carino
Janet Genovese
Linda Glaub
Mary Ellen Hagstoz
Eleanor Hedges

Josie Hefferon
Barbara Lefka
Sandy Macdonald
Fabiola Montesdeoca
Carol Tamburino
Loretta Vulcano

2024-2025 Women's Guild Board

President - Chris LaCoursiere
1st Vice President - Programs - Claire Brown
2nd Vice President - Membership - Susan Chatellier
Secretary - Debora Kolb
Treasurer - Mary Cooney
Past President - Carol Jardine

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Standing Committees

Altar Guild Mary McLaughlin Homebound Ministry Jody Williams Nominating Chris LaCoursiere

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Religious Counter Shelly Rey, Janalyn Reeder

Sunshine & Sympathy Mary Cooney

LADIES, START CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS!

OUR HOLIDAY BAZAAR TEAM WILL BE COLLECTING YOUR DONATED ITEMS AT OUR MEMBERSHIP COFFEE EVENT ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH. THE BAZAAR NEEDS YOUR GENTLY USED ITEMS, HOMEGOODS, ACCESSORIES, WINE AND LIQUOR. PLEASE, NO CLOTHES OR SHOES! THANK YOU!

The **2nd Annual Seminarian Initiative** has been moved to the month of October. Baskets will be placed at the rear of the church entrances for your donations. Your monetary donations can be payable to the Seminarian Initiative, a 501(c)(3) charity, gift cards are needed for Target, Walmart, Publix and CVS.

You can bring any donation to the

Membership Coffee event on Wednesday, October 9th.

Flyers will be placed at the entrances of the church for other items needed.

St. John the Baptist Women's Guild 2024 - 2025 Calendar of Events

Visit: www.stjohncc.org Email: womensguild@stjohncc.org

Membership Coffee

"Wednesday, October 9, 2024 9:30 a.m. - Parish Hall Chairs: Shelly Rey & Cristina Vazquez

Annual Seminarian Initiative Month of October

General Meeting

Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:30 a.m. - Parish Hall Speaker: Kerry-Ann Brown "Guardian Ad Litem Program"

Holiday Bazaar-Bake Sale Cash Drawing

Saturday, November 23, 2024 4-7 p.m. & Sunday, November 24, 2024 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
In the Parish Hall
Chairs: Debora Kolb, Bertha Martos
& Pearl Guido



Saturday, December 7, 2024 & Sunday, December 8, 2024 Sponsored by the Men's Club



Wednesday, December 11, 2024 9:30 a.m. – Coral Ridge Country Club Chairs: Mary Callahan & Sharon Dolitsky

General Meeting

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 9:30 a.m. – Parish Hall Speaker: Paulette Kardos "Pope John Paul II"



Saturday, February 22, 2025 11:00 a.m. – Coral Ridge Country Club Chairs: Marilyn Bruni-Merritt and Barbara Martelli

Day of Recollection

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 9:30 a.m. - Parish Hall Chair: Gloria Whitaker Guest Speaker: Fr. Pedro Lleo



Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, March 22, 2025 11:00 a.m. – Mass 12:00 p.m. Luncheon - Parish Hall Chairs: Jane Czubay, Pat Raite, Kathy Reynolds & Joyce Rose

General Meeting

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 9:30 a.m. – Parish Hall TBA





Installation Mass and Breakfast

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 8:45 a.m. – Mass 9:30 a.m. Breakfast at Coral Ridge Country Club St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Women's Guild 4595 Bayview Drive Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308



HELP! HELP! We Need YOU! No Experience Necessary!

"Many Hands Make Light Work"

The Ministry to the Homebound is a vital part of ministering to all St. John's Parish community. If you know of anyone who would like a visit from a Eucharistic Minister or Priest, contact the rectory at 954-771-8950.

Respect Life Ministries is seeking donations of diapers, wipes, and baby items. Please contact our Parish Liaison Carol Ricks at 417-343-2124 and she will pick up your donations and deliver them to the Respect Life Office.

The Seminarian Initiative is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) charity that financially helps our Miami seminarians with their basic living expenses. Contact Carol McMahon 954-240-7123 or camsissy7@gmail.com

If you would like to help with any of our monthly events, please contact: Claire Brown Vice President - Programs at 954-873-5569.

The St. John's Men's Club is looking for New Members!

The Men's Club is a social and service club open to ALL Men of the parish.

Please contact Patrick McCall at pmccall3@bellsouth.net