



## ST. LAURENCE LADIES GUILD

“Here to serve, not to be served” Matthew 20:28

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Ladies Guild Web Site: <http://www.stlaurence.org/index.cfm?load=page&page=230>

### September 2016 NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Welcome back to Ladies Guild!

I am excited to be in my new role as president.

Father Drew's theme for this year is "Behold, I Make All Things New." I hope that each one of us will take this to heart and ask ourselves: What can I do to be closer to God, to help others, to share God's love? Come and see what Ladies Guild has to offer.

Please join us on Thursday, September 15th at 6:30 pm as we "get back on the trail" of fun, fellowship, and service. I'm looking forward to seeing returning members and welcoming new members to this wonderful organization!

**Tina Dougherty**  
**Ladies Guild President**  
**2016-2017**

Links to [Ladies Guild registration form](#)  
and to [Ladies Guild Bylaws](#)

#### Ladies Guild “Shop Till You Drop”

Shop Till You Drop will be Thursday, November 17th from 6-9pm at our New Ave Maria Center! We have openings for vendors at our annual “Shop Till You Drop”. If you would like to be a vendor, please directly contact Deb Hernandez at 713-504-9233 or at [debhernandez31@gmail.com](mailto:debhernandez31@gmail.com).

#### **RECEPTIONS**

Hope to see all of you at our welcome back meeting. Essie Burgess and I (Julie Badrick) are your receptions chairs this year, we look forward to working with you this year.

#### **BACK ON THE TRAIL !**

Head over to the Parish Hall, Thursday, September 15 for our first Ladies Guild meeting of the year! Welcoming women parishioners to join us on the trail of a new year to serve our Parish and Community! Attend the meeting while enjoying a BBQ meal, beverages, and dessert. Come learn about the Guild, a fun service and social ministry! This evening we'll collect yearly dues of \$30 (meal included) or a \$7 meal charge. Come enjoy the roundup as we begin the trail of a new year!! Our social starts at 6:30 and meeting to follow, concluding at 8:30. (est.).

*Sue Garcia*

#### **Membership**

**By Jennifer Ryes and Cara Turner**

Welcome to Ladies Guild 2016-2017! Jennifer Reyes and I are co-chairs of the Membership Board of Ladies Guild this year, and we are very excited to be active once again in this wonderful ministry. We would like to begin the year with all our membership as updated as possible. Have you moved? Gotten a new phone number? Changed your name? If so, please send us any updated information so that our roster will stay current.

The membership of Ladies Guild fluctuates for many reasons: women move, have children, change careers, take on new responsibilities, or find they spend most Thursdays shuffling children between activities. We want to encourage any previous members to come back in the spirit of service and fellowship, and bring a friend or two. If you have never been to Ladies Guild, we warmly welcome you. At our September meeting we will be collecting \$30 for our annual dues plus \$7 for our “special dinner” that night. Money for our dues goes towards door prizes, special speakers, events and other necessary expenses. So come sign up and meet some wonderful women who like to serve God and those in need and have some fun doing it.

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## **SPIRITUAL**

**Teresa Humphreys**

September is traditionally dedicated to the Seven Sorrows (or *Dolours*) of Mary. The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised the seven dolours or seven sorrows of Mary, which were foretold by the Priest Simeon who proclaimed to Mary: This child [Jesus] is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare (Luke 2:34-35).

These seven sorrows of our Blessed Mother included the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt; the loss and finding of the child Jesus in the Temple; Mary's meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary; Mary's standing at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified; her holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the cross; and then our Lord's burial. In all, the prophesy of Simeon that a sword would pierce our Blessed Mother's heart was fulfilled in these events.

For this reason, Mary is sometimes depicted with her heart exposed and with seven swords piercing it. More importantly, each new suffering was received with the courage, love, and trust that echoed her fiat, let it be done unto me according to Thy word, first uttered at the Annunciation.

### *Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows*

Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

Amen!



## **FUNERAL MINISTRY**

Carol Giardina, Chrissy Mitchell,  
Judy Schockling and Kate Whitehead

Thank you to the following ladies for assisting with food and serving at 12 funeral receptions during the months of May, June, July and part of August. Thanks so much to all who assist families in their time of need!

Mary Albrecht	Elaine Aleman	Gail Anawaty
Julie Badrick	Jane Braun	Monica Brenner
Pat Brindley	Essie Burgess	Connie Chandra
Connie Chirco	Diana Collins	Shirley Corbett
Cindy Cummings	Lynne Daus	Pennie DeGroot
Loretta		
Dieudonne	Jeannie Dobrava	Eva Donalson
Tina Dougherty	Linda Edmiaston	Sharon Ehrenkranz
Sonia Erdeljac	Imee Erice	Julie Evett
Sheri Fasching	Dorothy Flaherty	Therese Flaherty
Susan Garcia	Marge Gerontakos	Joan Gerosa
Lois		
Gerstenberger	Carol Giardina	Krista Gibson
Cathy Gottlieb	Margie Grier	Susan Hargarther
Donna Heald	Kathy Heinemann	Leslye Henderson
		Deborah
Sharon Henning	Kathy Hensler	Hernandez
Karen Hernandez	Janet Hill	Teresa Humphreys
Rebecca Jimenez	Barbara Jauer	Bernita Johnson
Chris Jonas	Sue Jordan	Carole Kanusky
Margie Koenig	Rita Kramer	Sue Kulha
Brenda Kutach	Jane Ladd	Morgan Lasala
	Denise	
Mariann Licato	MacDougall	Luanne Marconi
Maggie Marquez	Michelle McGinnis	Sandra Mendez
Barbara Millette	Judith Mills	Christine Mitchell
Renee Mock	Brenda Munoz	Lisa Murphy

## 2016 - 2017 Ladies Guild Board

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### 2016-2017 Ladies Guild Dates

#### 2016

September 15, 2016 - **BACK ON THE TRAIL!**

October 20, 2016 - **TRAILS OF AUTUMN-Filled with Treats & Treasures!**

November 17, 2016 - **LET'S HIT THE SHOPPING**

**TRAIL! (STUD)** (email [debhernandez31@gmail.com](mailto:debhernandez31@gmail.com) for booth details)

December 15, 2016 - **A JOYFUL & TRIUMPHANT TRAIL!**

#### 2017

January 19, 2017 - **TRAILS OF PLEASANT DREAMS!**

February 16, 2017 - **KICKIN' UP THE TRAIL!**

March 16, 2017 - **TRAILS OF PRAYER!**

April 20, 2017 - **TRAILING FLOWERS AND PLANTS!**

May 18, 2017 - **HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU!**



The Meals That Heal Ministry provides meals to those who need a little extra help during times of illness, after surgery, or childbirth. As part of the St. Laurence Ladies Guild, volunteer chefs from Meals That Heal deliver a warm smile and meal to families when they need it most. We are always looking for more "Charitable Chefs" and welcome all!

16 meals were provided June - August .

This is a wonderful way to serve others! If you or someone you know is in need of meals, or you are interested in providing a meal to those in need, please contact:

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