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St. Jane de Chantal Sodality Guild

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Sodality Happenings

The new Sodality year is underway, and we have an event-filled calendar!

Sodality sponsored a table at the **Time and Talent Fair** on September 18th and 19th. Thank you to Helen Bollwerk, who graciously organized the table with a colorful, informative display board along with helpful brochures and handouts about the work we do in our parish and community. Thanks too to the volunteers who welcomed interested parishioners after each Mass.

On Saturday, September 25th, we sponsored an **American Red Cross Blood Drive**, where all parishioners as well as the general public were encouraged to donate the Gift of Life. Thank you to Maureen Wilkerson for making the arrangements for this event.

On Sunday, October 3rd, we had our first **Sodality Sunday Mass**. Thanks to the members of the John Neumann Unit, who greeted Sodalists, handed out the medals, and served as Gift Bearers. The Mass was well-attended, and it was wonderful to see many of the Units represented.

We had our first **Sodality Mass and Lasagna Dinner** on Wednesday, October 6th. The evening began with Monsignor Essex leading us in Mass. After Mass, we convened for a lasagna dinner, which was hosted by the Executive Board, complete with delicious food and wine and good conversation.

On Sunday, October 17th, Sodality sponsored a reception after the 10 o'clock Mass to celebrate the **60 Year Anniversary of our Parish**. Archbishop Wuerl was there to offer special blessings for our church and parishioners and lead us in celebration. The event was very well attended.

On Sunday, November 7th, new Sodalists, including the 8th grade Junior Sodalists, were invested at the 10 o'clock Mass. After Mass, we gathered in Caulfield Hall for our annual **Communion Breakfast** with a delicious buffet-style spread. A special thanks to the women of the Regina Coeli Unit, who hosted the breakfast. Afterwards, we watched a very inspirational performance given by the *Women of the Bible*, who dramatically brought to life the stories of three Biblical women. All parishioners were invited to the Communion Breakfast and the *Women of the Bible* performance, and the event was very well attended. Together we enjoyed a morning of worship and fellowship.

The **Giving Tree** will begin on November 27th, the weekend after Thanksgiving. The "Labeling Party", where the tags are made for the Giving Tree, will be held on Thursday, November 18th at 7 pm in Caulfield Hall.

Our next **Mass and General Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, December 1st. The evening will begin with Mass at 7 pm; then we will gather in Caulfield Hall for refreshments and our annual Christmas craft. Our monthly Sunday Mass will be on Sunday, December 5th.

Upcoming Events



Sunday, November 7, 2010

10:00 am

Mass, Investiture, Communion Breakfast

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

7:30 pm

Executive Board Meeting

Saturday, November 27, 2010

Giving Tree Begins

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

7:00 pm

Mass, General Meeting, Christmas Craft

Sunday, December 5, 2010

10:00 am

Mass

Sunday, December 12, 2010

Giving Tree Ends



Sunday, January 2, 2011

10:00 am

Mass

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

7:30 pm

Executive Board Meeting

January 2011

Retreat at the Dominican Retreat Center

Sunday, February 6, 2011

10:00 am

Mass

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

7:30 pm

Executive Board Meeting

Saturday, March 5, 2011

12:00 noon

Fashion Show & Luncheon

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From the President

Dear Sodalists,

The leaves are changing colors, and the cooler days of fall are upon us. As the new Sodality year begins, we have the opportunity to renew our spiritual ventures and commitment to our Blessed Mother.

Autumn boasts the most glorious, breathtaking harvest moons that serve as a symbolic reminder of the Blessed Mother's presence in our lives. "A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman, adorned with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" (*Book of Revelation 12:1*). The Lord is our sun and lights our lives, and the Blessed Mother is our moon. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, so Mary reflects the light of the Lord in our lives.

May the Blessed Mother's grace and love shine upon us, and may her guiding light lead us in our service to God and others. The 2010–2011 Sodality calendar is included in this issue and highlights many opportunities for us to join together and further our faith. I look forward to seeing you soon!

May God's blessings be with you,

– Karen Atabek



Update: St. Monica Unit

The St. Monica Unit's principal service project is to provide the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center with some support. The Shady Grove Pregnancy Center specializes in helping anyone who may be experiencing problems because of an unintended or unwanted pregnancy. One of the services that this center provides is a Parenting Program which is a series of parenting classes for first-time mothers and fathers. The classes are designed to help the parents go through a pregnancy and equip them with healthy and positive ways to parent a newborn. Our unit provides the meals to be served at the Parenting Program 6 week class a few times during the year.

Last December, a group of St. Monica sodalists and their families went to a Little Sisters of the Poor nursing home to play bingo with some of the residents. It was a fun filled morning of bingo that was enhanced by the Christmas music and home baked Christmas cookies.

We are looking forward to a new year and the rewarding opportunities of participating in Sodality.

– Betsey Royston

From the Prefect

Dear Fellow Sodalists,

Because the month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, the Autumn season is a very fitting time of the year for us to try to incorporate the Rosary into our prayer lives. The Rosary has been a uniquely Catholic form of prayer for over 800 years. Tradition has it that the Rosary was a gift from Our Lady to St. Dominic when she appeared to him in the 13th Century as he asked for her aid and intercession in dealing with heretics who were attacking the beliefs of the Catholic Church.

Several hundred years later, in 1527, another Dominican priest, Pope Pius V, designated October 7th as the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary. Pope Pius V is remembered for his special devotion to the Rosary and during his reign the fifteen "Mysteries of the Rosary" were formally recognized. In 2002, Pope John Paul II added the five Luminous Mysteries to the Rosary.

Because of its combination of vocal (spoken aloud) and meditative prayer, the Rosary is especially suited for use by groups such as Sodality. Through praying the Rosary we recall and meditate upon the chief mysteries of the Gospel and our Catholic faith as we focus on the events of the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries. Through the Rosary, we reflect also upon Mary's role in her Son's life and the ways in which she was united with her Son in his joys, sorrows and triumphs. I hope that you will find time to pray the Rosary during this Autumn season and that it will bring you peace as it has done for St. Dominic, Pope Pius V, Pope John Paul II and countless others.

Peace and blessings,

– Carla Marcolin Geils

Save the Date!



St. Jane de Chantal Sodality
FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON
 Saturday, March 5, 2011

Upcoming Events *continued*



Sunday, March 6, 2011

10:00 am

Mass

Saturday, March 26, 2011

8:30 am – 11:30 am

Morning of Recollection

Sunday, April 3, 2011

10:00 am

Mass

Wednesday, April 20, 2011

7:30 pm

Executive Board Meeting

Sunday, April 24, 2011

10:00 am

Mass, Anniversary Celebration, and Brunch

Friday/Saturday/Sunday, May 13–15, 2011

Plant Sale

Sunday, May 1, 2011

10:00 am

Mass, May Procession, and May Crowning

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

7:00 pm

Mass and General Meeting

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

7:30 pm

Calendar Planning Meeting

www.dechantalsodality.org

Update: St. Gianna Unit

Last year was an eventful one for the St. Gianna Unit. Service projects benefitting the Sacred Heart Food Pantry and Gabriel Project (a nonprofit support network that provides assistance to women facing crisis pregnancies) included a food drive, two bake sales and a Christmas Wish List drive for baby and maternity items.

Over the summer the St. Gianna Unit supplied a meal service to one of our unit members and her family who welcomed their third child. Now that fall has arrived we look forward to resuming our volunteer work serving young mothers, children and families.

– Kim Fernandez and Victoria Gleeson



Remember in Prayer

Rev. Alan Helwig

In Memoriam

Thomas McKenna, son of sodalist Helen McKenna

Reminder:

Please remember to send in your Sodality dues to your Unit Treasurer.



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Did You Know...?

A chanticleer is a male domestic fowl or rooster. In French, Chanticleer means "sing clear", and we use this as the symbol for our newsletter. Years ago, our Sodality Guild decided to personalize the name of our newsletter; therefore choosing to spell it "Chanticleer" for a more personal flare.



Over the summer, the Associates and the Sodality donated this new sign for the entrance to the church.

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