

ST. MONICA GUILD
THE GRAPEVINE 2026



Board Meeting: THURSDAY, OCT 1ST - 6:30 p.m.

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary - WEDNESDAY, OCT 7TH

Guild Mass: SUNDAY, OCT 11TH - 10:45 a.m.

Membership Meeting: THURSDAY, OCT 15TH - 6:30 p.m.

Jennings Social: WEDNESDAY, OCT 21ST - 2:00 p.m.

"October sky never looked more charming nor the sublime leaves of the trees so graceful."

~ Avijeet Das

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DEBBIE ROWINSKI - 216-970-7980

As we step into October, if you weren't able to attend our "season premiere" in September, you truly missed a wonderful meeting! We had the pleasure of meeting **Sgt. Baon and his K9 partner, Echo**, of the Garfield Heights Police Dept., and it was great to hear updates on the advanced crime-stopping equipment that keeps Garfield Hts. safe, and get answers to many of our questions.

This year, in an effort to help minimize costs for desserts/refreshments, **we've introduced a 50/50 Raffle** at our meetings. Be sure to pick up a card when you check in.

I'm also excited to welcome **two new ladies** at our **October Membership Meeting**. We'll have the chance to learn about **love languages** from one of our newest members—our Parish Spiritual Life Coordinator, **Nancy Heineke**.

As a reminder, please plan to attend our **annual Guild Mass for all members (living and deceased) on Sunday, October 11th, at the 10:45 a.m. Mass**. Fr. Mullee will install the Guild Executive Board Officers. Please try to attend this Mass, we will have the first 3 pews reserved for members and we will process in.

Don't forget our **Peterson's Nut Sale is going on now through October 15th, which is ORDER TURN IN DAY, if you have not already done so.**

May God's blessings fall all around you, just like the leaves drifting gently from the trees. And of course—

Go Guardians! 🍁 🍁

Debbie

PROGRAM

KATHY ROWINSKI - 216-663-9852 & DEBRA SARNOWSKI - 216-849-6291



September's meeting was fantastic & highly eye-opening, and **we thank our speaker, Police Sgt. Baon of the GHPD and his K-9 partner, Echo**, for sharing with us the cutting-edge technology that keeps Garfield Heights safe. We appreciate his time and dedication in answering many questions.

Get ready for our October 15th meeting. Creeping upon Halloween, be festive in your attire to add to the fun! Beginning, our traditional ceremony will officially welcome our newest members, followed by an inspiring presentation by one of our newest members, Nancy Heineke, St. Monica Parish Spiritual Life Coordinator. In honor of Sweetest Day, Nancy will be speaking about love languages, sharing the ultimate secrets to transforming how you communicate and connect with the people you care about most. You won't want to miss her inspiring insights! **This is an invitation to all women to join this vibrant circle dedicated to supporting the church, growing together spiritually, and enjoying great fellowship. The Guild extends a warm welcome to anyone looking to join! We look forward to seeing you Oct 15th. Come early, meeting begins at 6:30 in the St. Benedict School Cafeteria.**

MEMBERSHIP

MARGIE GASPARIK 216- 389-2581

Membership fees (\$5.00) are now due. You can drop your membership envelope in the Church collection basket, the parish office, or pay at the meeting. Our Membership Social will be held at the October meeting. Why not invite a friend, neighbor, or relative? We'd love to have them join us.

Peterson's Nut Sale



SUE MEDVETZ – 216-924-3804

Thank you to all who are participating in this sale. This is the one fundraiser that we can support our Church, and purchase gifts or snacks to have on hand for the upcoming holidays! **NEW THIS YEAR: Peterson's will award anyone selling \$500 (or more) with your choice of 5 – 1# bags of either CASHEWS or GUMMI BEARS (no mixing or substitutions). One award per person.** Although you will record your

sales and collect monies for the (yellow-highlighted) prices listed on the **WHITE ORDER FORM INSERT**, to qualify for the incentive, the dollar amount of your sales will be calculated from the prices shown on the full color fundraiser flyer.

Just a reminder, that all orders (along with payment), must be turned in at the next Guild meeting, Thursday, October 15, OR can be turned in at the parish office, OR you can drop it in the collection basket in Church. Be sure to write 'Guild Nut Sale' on the envelope. Remember checks are payable to the St. Monica Guild. Delivery and pickup will be at the Rockside Road entrance of the Church, (same as last year), ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, BETWEEN 1:30pm AND 5:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your support!



SUNSHINE

BARB OKUROWSKI – 216-406-3731

Thank you for keeping me posted over the summer of our members who needed a little extra sunshine sent their way! By the way, **if anyone has an overabundance of greeting cards (Get Well, Birthday, Thinking of You, Sympathy), and/or postage stamps you could share with me, I would be most grateful for your donation, additionally, your donation would save the Guild some expense money.** You can put them in an envelope and mark it attention Guild and drop it off at the parish office, or simply bring it to our next Guild meeting. Any donation would be greatly appreciated to help defray the cost of our Sunshine Ministry.

TRAVELING MADONNA

ROSEMARY WELICH 216-410-5003

The Traveling Madonna is visiting with **Sandy Rhoa for the month of October.** She will then travel to the home of **Nancy Simpson for the month of November.** Please call me if you would like to have our Blessed Mother visit in your home.

JENNINGS SOCIAL

SUE KOLO – 216-536-7680

Our first Jennings Home Bingo Social was held on Wednesday, September 16th and was attended by 24 residents, all hoping to be the first to yell "Bingo" and win a prize of candy and quarters. In addition to 4 staff members, there were 3 Guild members, one volunteer who is not a member but helps us every month, and two family members, all of whom helped residents watch their cards, if needed, and shared a little conversation and lots of laughs. If you would be willing to share an hour of your time with these folks, **our next social is Wednesday, Oct. 21st.** All you have to do is bring a smile, a listening ear, and **show up at Jennings' main entry by 2:00pm.** We always end by 3:00pm when the residents enjoy a treat of cookies and coffee. If you have never attended before and have any questions, just give me a call and I will be happy to answer them for you. The hour goes by quickly, but it is an hour well spent and our presence is very much appreciated by all. Hope to see you there.



OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

Lori Kieliszek	Oct 2 nd	Dolores Nose	Oct 2 nd	Marge Schaefer	Oct. 6 th
Rose Termini	Oct 12 th	Diane Hojnowski	Oct 13 th	Connie Nadolski	Oct 14 th
Marylyn Dolnicek	Oct 17 th	Jennifer Newrones	Oct 17 th	Fran Makowski	Oct 25 th

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