

PPC Parish / Family Life Commission

Loretta DeRuvo, Chairman

Thanksgiving Day Mass and Social

You are cordially invited to the Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. Offertory at this Mass will go to benefit the Hope Center. Immediately following the Mass, the Parish and Family Life Committee will be providing refreshments after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27. Everyone is invited to participate.

Annual Parish Dinner

The annual Parish Dinner will be held on the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, January 4, after the 11:00 Mass. Anyone interested in assisting with set up, serving, or clean up should contact Loretta DeRuvo, chairman of the Parish and Family Life Committee of the Parish Pastoral Council, at 639-0071. The Church will provide the meats, drinks, and paper products; parishioners are asked to bring a side dish – salad, vegetables, rolls, and desserts.

Notre Dame Council of Catholic Women

Gail Thompson, President

If you are not already active in the CCW, we hope you will decide to become more involved. There is a place in our CCW for all Catholic woman and their teenage daughters, whether they have a large amount of time to volunteer or only a few hours a year.

The next meeting will be in the parish hall at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 2 - program by the Hope Center. Ladies are invited to come hear what services the Center provides. Since we are having a CCW Baby Shower for them, ladies are asked to bring an item to donate. Items needed are baby lotion, shampoo, baby wash, diapers (sizes 3, 4, and 5), and a baby or toddler Christmas gift such as a doll, push toy, or stuffed animal.

The CCW is working hard to make our new kitchen a reality. One of our new fund raising projects is happening during November, and your help is needed to make it successful. The ladies are taking orders for homemade apple, pecan, and pumpkin pies to be freshly baked and ready for pickup on either Tuesday or Wednesday before Thanksgiving. (You can order your pies from any CCW board member until November 23. They are Gail Thompson, Wendy Hankins, Marie Tocci, Judy Collins, Loretta DeRuvo, Barbara Price, Elaine Janaskie, and Linda Grice.)

Another project happening during November is "Thanksgiving with Friends". We have accepted the responsibility of providing 100 pounds of cooked turkey breast, gravy, and 20 cans of jellied cranberry sauce to help feed anyone who needs a Thanksgiving meal and lives in northern Greene County or in the city limits. (If

you need a meal or know someone who does, applications are in the church office.) Volunteers are still needed to help serve or deliver the meals on Wednesday, November 26. We will be working with other churches with the meals being assembled and served at Union Temple Freewill Baptist Church. If you can help in any way, please call Wendy Hankins at 639-6329 or Jean Hagenburger at 636-1317.

During December the CCW is helping adopt 40 residents at Life Care East who do not have family members to remember them at Christmas. A detailed list of items needed will be available at the next CCW meeting. Each lady can then decide which item/s she will furnish for the baskets being prepared. Also on December 16, the CCW will be having their annual Christmas party in the parish hall.

Our first meeting of the New Year will be on Sunday, January 25, at 6:00 p.m. If you have not yet become active, why not make getting involved with the Notre Dame Council of Catholic Women one of your resolutions.

St. Catherine Guild

Elaine Janaskie, Chairman

Ladies, whose charism is crafting, have worked hard all year preparing for our biggest fund raiser – selling our crafts at the St. Patrick Holiday Bazaar that was held in Morrystown on November 8 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Group projects were as follows: wooden spice plaques, ribbon pine cones, Yule logs, JOY centerpieces, Christmas ornaments, and rosary bracelets. Ladies have also been sewing, crocheting, knitting, and designing to create many beautiful and useful items.

St. Catherine Guild meets monthly throughout the year.

St. Veronica Guild

Loretta DeRuvo, Chairman

The St. Veronica Guild of the Council of Catholic Women welcomes *Mary Lou Lamb* to the group of ladies who care for the altar linens. Thank you, *Bettye Bright*, for repairing and laundering the albs worn by the altar servers. We appreciate your dedication to this ministry.

St. Martha Guild

Barbara Price, Chairman

Thank you to all who provided food and assisted with set up, serving and clean up during our recent Mercy Meals. Our guild provides a meal for family and friends after a funeral Mass and other occasions during the year. If you like to cook and are interested in assisting, contact me, Barbara Price at 638-7042.