



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST WOMEN'S GUILD

Women's Guild Newsletter

2026-2027

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Dear Ladies of the Guild,

We hope you had an enjoyable summer break and are ready to participate in another great year of fellowship, charity and wonderful events. Our Women's Guild had another successful 2025-2026 year with many thanks to our members who generously donated their time and talents. Our End of the Year donations benefited St. John the Baptist Church, St. Vincent de Paul, Respect Life, Miami seminarians, Cardinal Gibbons High School, St. Thomas Aquinas High School, and other local charities.

We welcome our new members, welcome back our returning members, and hope everyone will get involved in the numerous volunteer opportunities. It's always fun and a great way to get to know other members of the Guild when you volunteer. If you have any questions or want to help, please contact Susan Jordan, VP of Programs, at 954-224-8295 or smjordan3343@gmail.com.

Our first event of the year is our Membership Coffee on Wednesday, October 14th in the Parish Hall. Please consider bringing a family member or a friend to this meeting. A dues form is included in this newsletter. Please complete it and enclose your check for \$35.00. You may mail it to the church address on the form, drop it off, place it in any Mass collection in an envelope clearly marked 'Women's Guild,' or bring it to the Coffee. Zelle payments will also be accepted at SJWG-Zelle@stjohnncc.org.

Our annual membership directory will be available shortly after the October meeting and distributed at the November meeting.

Please also support the Seminarian Initiative this September. There is an urgent need to support the seminarians of this Archdiocese. They are the future of our church.

Lastly, we unveiled an exciting new addition at our Installation Breakfast in May. After Father Alberto asked about the Guild having its own identity, Susan Chatellier spearheaded the campaign to create a logo for our Women's Guild. The logo is located at the top of this newsletter. More information about the inspiration behind the logo will follow.

We look forward to another successful year with your help and support.
Blessings to you and your families,
Patty, Susan, Marilyn, Ainel, Mary and Mary Joe

Welcome New Members

Vickie Byrd
Kay Byrne
Patricia Devore-Boss
Dana Fahey
Ainel Grimm
Clara Kraus
Gwen Lewis
Michon Lubbers
Caroline Sabbagh
Melissa Thies
Colette Wolf

Standing Committees

<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Religious Counter</i>
Mary McLaughlin	Shelly Rey, Janalyn Reeder, Jody Williams
<i>Homebound Ministry</i>	<i>Sunshine & Sympathy</i>
Jody Williams	Mary Cooney
<i>Nominating</i>	
TBA	

ANNUAL REPORT FY 2025-2026

6/1/2025 BEGINNING BALANCE.....\$2,743.75

INCOME:

DUES.....	\$5,816.00
BAZAAR.....	\$15,416.48
LUNCHEON.....	\$24,686.12
ANOINTING.....	\$372.90
RELIGIOUS COUNTER.....	\$506.39
WREATH SALES.....	\$575.54
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$50,117.18

EXPENSES:

ADMINISTRATIVE

(Membership meeting food/paper goods,
Mass intentions, bank fees, printing/postage).....-\$3,310.38

EVENTS

Christ Child Tea.....	-\$2,055.40
Lenten Reflection.....	-\$526.80
Installation Breakfast.....	-\$1,022.10
Distribution of FY 2025-2026 Donations.....	-\$40,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	-\$46,914.68

5/31/2026 ENDING BALANCE.....\$3,205.40



The Women's Guild will be launching our **4th Annual Seminarian Initiative** this September. The Seminarian Initiative helps our seminarians with their basic living expenses. Without this charity, their situation is dire. The Archdiocese has an endowment covering education, room, and board only; it provides no stipends for living expenses. Therefore, seminarians need money for clothes, vestments, sheets and towels, medical co-payments, transportation, personal hygiene items, and much more. The money collected through this initiative goes directly to the seminarians at St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach.

A collection basket will be available at the Membership Coffee. There will also be collection boxes located at the entrances to the church.



Accepting Holiday Bazaar Donations!

Our Holiday Bazaar Team will be collecting your donated items at our Membership Coffee on
Wednesday, October 14th.

The Bazaar welcomes your
gently used items. including:

Home Goods, Accessories, Wine, and Liquor.

Please NO clothing, books, or shoes.

**Thank you for your generous support of our
fantastic Holiday Bazaar!**



2026 - 2027 Calendar of Events

Annual Seminarian Initiative

Month of September 2026

Chair: Carol McMahon



Membership Coffee

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

9:30 a.m. – Parish Hall

Chairs: Shelly Rey, Cristina Vazquez,
Fran Murphy, Toni Barone



General Meeting

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

9:30 a.m. – Parish Hall

Speaker – Carol McMahon
Seminarian Initiative



Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 21, 2026

4:00-7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 22, 2026

8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Parish Hall

After Bazaar 50% Off Sale

Monday, November 23, 2026,

9:00 a.m.-noon.

Chairs: Debora Kolb, Pam Jabbour,
Bertha Martos & Daria Pecic



Toy Drive

Saturday, December 5, 2026

Sunday, December 6, 2026

Sponsored by the Men's Club

Christ Child Tea

Wednesday, December 9, 2026

9:30 a.m.

Anthony's Clam House & Grill

Chairs: Mary Callahan & Sharon Amodeo



General Meeting

Wednesday, January 13, 2027

9:30 a.m. – Parish Hall

Speaker: Ferial Youakim;

Topic: The Power of Color.



Annual Luncheon & Fashion Show

Saturday, February 27, 2027

11:00 a.m. – Coral Ridge Yacht Club

Chairs: Glenlyce Kaul,
Shelly Rey & Claire Brown



Lenten Reflection

Wednesday, March 10, 2027

9:30 a.m. – St. John the Baptist

Presenter – TBA



Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, March 13, 2027

11:00 a.m. – Mass, Sanctuary

12:00 p.m. Luncheon, Parish Hall.

Chair: Ainel Grimm



Annual Fish Fry

Friday, March 19, 2027

6:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Men's Club



General Meeting

Wednesday, April 14, 2027

9:30 a.m. – Parish Hall

Speaker – TBA



Installation Mass & Breakfast

Wednesday, May 12, 2027

8:45 a.m. Mass, Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Breakfast,

Coral Ridge Country Club





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Women's Guild
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“Many Hands Make Light Work”



The Homebound Ministry is a vital part of ministering to everyone in the St. John the Baptist Parish community. If you know someone who would like a visit from a Eucharistic minister, or if you would like to become a Eucharistic minister, contact the parish office at (954) 771-8950.

Respect Life Ministries is seeking donations of diapers, wipes, and baby items. Please contact our parish liaison, Carol Ricks, to arrange a donation or learn how you can help.

If you would like to help with any of our monthly events, please contact:
Susan Jordan, VP of Programs: smjordan3343@gmail.com or (954) 224-8295.

St. John the Baptist's Men's Club is seeking new members!

The Men's Club is a social and service club open to all men in the parish.
For more information, contact Steven Newman at sgmrocky@gmail.com.