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Dear Women of Holy Infant Parish,

Again this year, I am pleased to welcome you all to join the Holy Infant Women's Guild! It is our goal to have as many of you as possible become a Guild member and to help us with our mission! As the impact of Covid-19 begins to ramp up again, we will have to adjust to the limitations of our normal functions. However, as last year, we will attempt to make this year an active but safe one for all our members and event attendees.

Our yearly goal is to perform as many spiritual and corporal works of mercy as possible as well as coordinate events to obtain donations. Our success is only possible with your participation. It is the Guild's hope to host enjoyable events that have a positive impact on our church and our community.

Unfortunately, this year's Membership Tea and September meeting have been cancelled due to the recent concerns of a Covid resurgence. Our Archdiocese sent the new guidelines out this past week bringing us back to the earlier rules which restrict larger group meetings. Since the rules do change quite quickly and often, please make sure to review your email communications and look in the bulletin for information on our meetings or events. As in the past, members are notified and reminded of meetings or events via the **Women's Guild Calendar** and a monthly informational email. You will also find the events listed in the bulletin and on Holy Infant's Website under Women's Guild.

With your help, we can still make this a wonderful year. Please consider joining as a member, even if your schedule is busy and you can't attend events, we still need your help and your prayers. In spite of this setback, we trust that the Good Lord will keep us all in his loving care.

God bless and keep you all!
Stay safe and healthy,

Joyce Mauro,
President

PLEASE JOIN! Last year your support and donations were amazing. Once again COVID has made this one of the Guild's largest fundraisers!! We would love to meet our goal of having all the ladies in the Parish supporting this effort. In the past the funds have been used for scholarships, Church improvements, refurbishment of statues, Baptismal Gown Program, Midnight Run, donated gently used pocket books filled with sundry items, amongst others.

Your quick response would be much appreciated

Thanks for your help and support!

Membership Co-Chairs
Pat McCorkle (203-988-7978) &
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MEMBERSHIP CARD

Holy Infant Women's Guild

450 Racebrook Rd., Orange, CT 06477

September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022

Please detach and return other side with payment

Annual Dues: \$10

(Check payable to "Holy Infant Women's Guild")

Holy Infant Women's Guild

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Donation _____

As of 7/29/21, ArchDiocese is taking increased Covid precautions. All events are on a TBD status. Membership Tea and Pasta Dinner as well as September meeting have already been cancelled.

<p><u>July 2021</u> >Jul 22nd Board Meeting held</p>	<p><u>August 2021</u> >Membership Drive- Begin 2nd week of August via email >TEA IS CANCELLED >Boscov Fund Raiser- Donate \$5 to WG and get a Friends Helping Friends shopping pass. Passes available at church office - or call Joyce @ 203-507-9916</p>	<p><u>September 2021</u> > Sept.12th - Tea Is Cancelled >Sept 14th - MEETING Cancelled >Still Collecting gently used Pocketbooks -Place donations in Box on Portico-also need items to "stuff" >Bakeless Bake Sale- Sept 25/26 >New Committee: HS Service Recognition Committee</p>
<p><u>October 2021</u> >Oct.9 Saturday-1pm - Fatima Rosary outdoors by Mary's statue - Bring your own chairs and park in lot by stairs. Rain Date is Sunday 10/10/21 at 1:30 >Oct 12- meeting- TBD > Midnite Run --hats/gloves</p>	<p><u>November 2021</u> >No Pasta Dinner: > Nov 9th Meeting : TBD >Roast Turkeys for CSK - TBD >Nov 27th- Saturday 10am to noon: Stuff Pocketbooks - lower level of school with limited helpers!</p>	<p><u>December 2021</u> >Dec 7th - Christmas Party -5:30pm Oaklane CC - Bring canned goods for food pantry- this event is still on unless the restaurants have to close. > Date TBD - 3 or 4 Guild mbrs to deliver stuffed pocketbooks to Sunrise Cafe -</p>
<p><u>January 2022</u> 11th - Dinner Meeting at 5:30pm > still on if restaurants are open. LOCATION TBD > Ask for volunteers to sew Pillow Bags for homeless</p>	<p><u>February 2022</u> >Feb 8th - Meeting TBD- if no meeting, we will still ask people to make Make Valentine Cards > >Guild's Officer Nomination Committee- Need Chairperson & 3 Volunteers to compile a list of Nominees to vote for in April</p>	<p><u>March 2022</u> Mar.8th - Meeting- TBD >Scholarship Application info- > > Committee to Review data on Service Recognition for eligible HS seniors</p>
<p><u>April 2022</u> >Apr 3- TBD - Communion Breakfast after 9:30 mass -Francine (chair) With 1st "Service Recognition"Event >Apr 12th -meeting - TBD Vote for Guild Officers BY ZOOM if necessary >Apr 17th- Easter</p>	<p><u>May 2022</u> May 10th- TBD - Board Installation and Scholarship Award dinner >date and location to be determined</p>	<p><u>June 2022</u> Date TBD: hand-off meeting with new Board members-</p>

Service Recognition for HS Seniors

Proposed by Francine J., this recognition is to encourage our male and female HS students to continue volunteering for parish and other charitable community activities.

Criteria for a Recognition Certificate:

- HS Senior - male or female
- Total service hours per individual must be at least 100 by March 1st of Senior year
- Seniors must have a minimum of 25 service hours **to our parish, not including** parish hours completed for Confirmation.
- Service Hours must be documented through high school for verification purposes!
- Only those candidates who meet criteria will be awarded a Certificate of Recognition.
- The Certificate holder who has the highest number of volunteer hours will receive a Gift Certificate from the Guild. If there is a tie, we will split the GC between winners.

Validation of Hours:

- Amity High School has agreed to share their documented hours for any individual who may be selected as a possible contender for the Recognition. (per phone call with Donna Salemmme and Paula on 3-16-21). The HS has a record of all submitted service information listed per student including the date, name of organization, hours completed and organization Supervisor who signed off. This allows us unbiased confirmation that all criteria has been met and who will be awarded a Gift Certificate for most hours of service.
- If students attend other local HS, we will contact them for hours

Publicity

- All who qualify for recognition will have their names printed in the local papers
- This formal recognition will also be a highlight on College or job applications.

Our Women's Guild will form a new "Service Recognition Committee". Francine J. has offered to be our Committee Chairperson. Please let her know if you would like to be on the committee. Next year (April or May 2022) at our annual Guild Communion Breakfast, we will present the Recognition Certificates & Award the highest achiever.