

Women's Guild of Holy Infant Church Orange, Connecticut

October 2025

Dear Women of Holy Infant Parish,

As we enter the 83rd year of the Holy Infant Women's Guild, we are filled with gratitude for the vibrant response to our membership campaign. Our numbers are growing, and so is our shared commitment to fellowship, service, and faith.

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Thank you to **Maureen White, Pat McCorkle and Linda Iannotti** for chairing the Membership Campaign and Tea. Their thoughtful planning and hospitality set a beautiful tone for the year ahead. Whether you're new to the Guild or returning after time away, your presence brings strength and joy to our mission.

Membership enrollment remains open throughout the year, and we warmly invite all women of the parish to consider joining us. We rely on you—our members and friends—to help spread the word. Your enthusiasm and outreach are vital in promoting our activities and encouraging others to become part of this meaningful tradition.

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We're delighted to share that the Holy Infant Women's Guild has formed a new partnership with the Knights of Columbus to co-host two parish events this year. This collaboration reflects our shared commitment to Holy Infant Parish. New this December, we'll be hosting our first-ever *Breakfast with Santa*! It promises to be a festive and heartwarming event for families, filled with holiday cheer and community spirit. Our beloved Parish Pasta Dinner will also benefit from this partnership. By working with the Knights, we aim to share responsibilities more evenly and boost attendance—making this cherished tradition even more successful and welcoming.

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Father Norm has reintroduced a weekly "*COFFEE AND*" following the 9:30am Sunday Mass. It's a simple but meaningful way to connect, share conversation, and build fellowship within our parish family. We've assembled a stellar team of co-chairs to lead these efforts with care and creativity: **Kathy & Karen Barrett, Linda Muttitt, and Carmela Blakeman**. Please lend your support to these dedicated women as they prepare to welcome parishioners with warmth and hospitality.

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Please take a moment to read and save the attached **October calendar of events**. It's filled with opportunities to connect, contribute, and celebrate together. Our success depends on the participation and support of each member—and we're so grateful for all you do.

With gratitude and anticipation,
Margaret Siena
President, Holy Infant Women's Guild

Women's Guild October Calendar

Outdoor Rosary – Saturday, October 11 at 10 AM

Join us in prayer at the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the church's front lawn. Please bring your own chair. Handicap parking is available on the front driveway; all others may park in designated areas at the school or church. This event will be held rain or shine, and all are welcome.

Women's Guild October Members' Meeting, Thursday, October 16, 2 PM

Location: Stappa Vineyard, 403 Derby Ave, Orange, CT

Join us for this month's Members' Meeting in the beautiful setting of Stappa Vineyard. We'll begin with our business agenda, followed by a relaxed social gathering.

Please note – There is no obligation to purchase from the winery. Complimentary water will be available. Outside beverages are not permitted. A selection of soft drinks and bottled water will be available for purchase. Please bring a snack to share with the group. If you haven't yet paid your annual Guild dues of \$15, you may do so at the event. This is a free event, but reservations are requested to ensure we have adequate seating prepared.

Any questions or RSVP can be directed to Pat Leach (203 598-8224), also
RSVP via email: womensguildholyyinfant@gmail.com or call the rectory office (203 799-2379).

Annual Women's Guild Bake Sale – October 18 & 19

All members are encouraged to participate. Baked goods may be dropped off Saturday beginning at 3pm or Sunday a half hour before the start of Masses. Please ensure your items are properly wrapped and labeled. Every contribution helps! Your generosity makes this fundraiser possible, and we're so grateful for every sweet and savory donation. Let's make this year's Bake Sale our most bountiful yet!
If you have questions, please contact any of our chairs Kathy Barrett (203 799-2240), Karen Barrett at the Holy Infant Office (203 799-2379) or Denise Norko.

"COFFEE AND" – October 19, after 9:30 Mass

Father Norm has introduced a new weekly—"COFFEE AND"—following the 9:30am Sunday Mass. The Women's Guild is responsible for hosting one Sunday each month, and we're excited to host our first event on October 19. We've assembled a stellar team of co-chairs to lead these efforts: Kathy & Karen Barrett, Linda Muttitt, and Carmela Blakeman. Please lend your support to these dedicated women. Whether you can help set up, clean up, or simply spread the word, your involvement makes all the difference.

As we begin this exciting new year, I welcome your ideas and suggestions. Let's continue to grow our Guild and enrich our parish life through shared purpose, creativity, and fellowship. All of these events are open to non-members; please encourage them to join us.

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