

SODALITY NEWSLETTER

Early Winter 2010

I can't believe I'm writing early winter! Didn't I just write an early spring newsletter? The Sodality has had a great year, thanks to great leadership. Congratulations to the re-elected, dedicated officers; Ann Bryant, Prefect; Mary Ann Laporta/Maria Ligorio, Secretary; Jeanette Wagner Treasurer; and the new addition Anne Hazzouri McAndrew as Vice-Prefect. She has already proven to be a great asset to the leadership of the Sodality.

It's too bad the fall outing to Roba's Farms was canceled due to possible inclement weather. I heard some went anyway and had a great time.

Although I was unable to attend, I heard the All Souls Day brunch at Julia's in Old Forge was a huge success. Thanks Jeanette for your organizational skills and Julia's for the fantastic food. However our numbers at functions have been dwindling lately. This is a yearly event held at the same time of year. It is a time for us to get together and celebrate the lives of departed family and friends.

Speaking of getting together, the Sodality Christmas party will be held at the Colonnade on Sunday December 12th at 12:30 PM. The cost is \$24 and includes gifts and live entertainment. As in past years, everyone is asked to bring an unwrapped gift of clothing for a child aged eight to sixteen, to be given to the Children's Advocacy Center. We are asking that the clothing be an entire outfit, such as a jogging outfit; jeans and a shirt or sweater etc., no underwear. All clothing is taken away from the child when they come to the Center. Therefore it would take one gift instead of two or three to provide for one child. If you already have your gift, maybe you can combine with someone who does not. I know some have already bought jackets or coats, that's great too. Thank goodness for those Christmas sales! I sometimes buy my gift for next year after Christmas. At any rate, thank you for all you do. It is appreciated.

The Christmas party is not only a time we get together to have fun and renew friendships, it is also time to pay dues. Since costs are rising and the Church is in great need, we hope you do not mind a \$5 increase, making the dues \$10 yearly. The main function of the Sodality is to support the Church and foster its growth. Have you noticed the new chairs in the Church hall? Without the support of the Sodality and the Holy Name Society, this would not have been possible. Therefore, I am asking every woman who is not a member of the Sodality to please consider joining. Attendance is not required at meetings but we would love to see you there. Meetings are held the last Sunday of the month directly after the Divine Liturgy. Please come to the Christmas party and join the sisterhood of the Church.

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