

## **FALL NEWSLETTER: ST. BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

### **OCTOBER 2020**

I can't believe it is now October. It seems like a very long time since our last get together in March. That meeting had a St. Patrick's Day theme and the members attending it enjoyed a great "soup" lunch. It was wonderful to welcome back Elly Gilroy and Ruth Houlahan. Then came..... "The Great Lockdown"! We missed the June Pot Luck and the presentation of the service pins. This will be all done next year. We have had to cancel the turkey pie workshop and the Autumn Bazaar, which was scheduled for Saturday, October 24th. We also will not be able to enjoy our annual cluster pot luck this Christmas. We are blessed, for the present, to be financially secure and able to meet our commitments.

Personally, I have tried to reach out to our membership. I have made over 150 phone calls. If I missed you, I am sorry. I pray daily for all of you. Corresponding Secretary, Rose Knight, has sent out "Thinking Of You" cards to 30 of our members who are homebound or in a nursing home and can't be reached in any other way. We lost one of our beloved members, Jean Bennett, to covid 19. She was a 66 year member. 72 year member, Gert Watson, is now living at Trillium Villa and has connected with Arlene Fader who is providing her with the church bulletin. Bless her for this in such a time of great isolation. Some of us are attending mass at church but most of us are participating in mass on T.V. I, personally, participate in mass on Vision Channel 24 at 8 am Sunday. The mass is from Loretto Abbey in Toronto and has special significance for me as my mother-in-law attended school at Loretto Abbey Day School.

Josephine Murphy, Education Convener, and I were very proud to present education bursaries to 2 young women of our parish. Congratulations to Vanessa Sweeney who will be taking Forensics Anthropology at Trent University in Peterborough and Fayth Cardas who will be taking Concurrent Education with an emphasis on primary/junior at Brock University in St. Catherines.

St. Benedict's CWL has always purchased a wreath for Remembrance Day. This year we have made a donation to the Poppy Fund.

**NOTE:** St. Benedict's CWL has been approached by St. Benedict's St. Vincent de Paul Society for help with the Christmas hampers and the children's Christmas gift program. As there is no "Giving Tree" nor "St. Pat's Irish Miracle" this year, it was suggested that the \$1000 that the CWL normally donates each year to St. Vincent de Paul for

camperships and the milk program will be re-directed to the Hamper and the children's gift. This will be used to purchase food gift cards and Lambton Mall gift cards for the children.

**NOTE: If you would like to make a personal donation, please make cheques out to St. Vincent de Paul and mark on the cheque: St. Benedict's Christmas Hampers/Gifts. Put in an envelope and leave at the church. Income tax receipts will be issued.**

**MEMBERSHIP: Membership envelopes are in your boxed envelopes for November. Membership dues are \$25 and can be left at the church. They will be picked up by Pat Heit, Organization Convener. Please include your name, address, phone number and email address.**

Blessings to all and may we be able to meet again in the coming year.

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### **NEWS SINCE MARCH**

Our former Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Rick Janisse, retired in June. Willi Kole, Spiritual Convener organized a perpetual mass card for his intentions.

**His Reply:** Dear Ladies of the CWL. A special thank you for your prayerful remembrance of me on my retirement. Your prayers and love have sustained me from the beginning of my priestly service to my retirement (and beyond I hope!). Forty-nine years. It all began at St. Benedict's and in gwo gifts! Associate, and then pastor. Many happy memories and the forging of many lasting friendships. You are and will continue to be remembered (living and deceased) in my daily prayers. God bless you all!. Fr. Rick

Five of our members have passed away and the families have received a perpetual mass card.

Jean Bennett  
Karen Szabo

Catherine McCormack  
Pauline Rockx

Irene LaCasse

Masses were offered at St. Benedict's and sent to:

- Rita McCormack and Shirley Spracklin on the death of Catherine McCormack, sister and sister - in - law
- Jean Sauve on the death of her husband, Ray Sauve
- Jean Girard on the death of her husband Richard, (Dick)
- Rosemary and Jerry Laliberte on the death of their aunt Irene Lacasse
- Muriel Murphy (Life Member), London Diocesan past president, on the death of her husband
- Mike Hardy on the death of his wife Laurie Hardy, president of St. Joseph's CWL
- Judy Clatworthy on the death of her brother, Ray Burger
- Janice Grennan on the death of her son, David
- Anita Goetz on the death of her brother Robert.

If you know of a member who is sick or has been impacted by a death in her family, please contact: Carol Hall [chall2@cogeco.ca](mailto:chall2@cogeco.ca) 519 542 2040  
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