

Ignatian Guild Meeting: March 9, 2021 6:30 pm.

Held via Zoom

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This Ignatian Guild meeting was held via Zoom. There were about 75 attendees.

As moms signed into the Zoom meeting, in honor of St. Patrick's we played a video of Riverdance Irish dancing.

Welcome by Sheila McCarthy, Ignatian Guild President. Sheila warmly welcomed all moms.

Opening Prayer: By Megan Pryor Lorentz, Director of Adult Spirituality, and SI mom Rossana Rossetto

Adult spirituality: Megan Pryor Lorentz, Director of Adult Spirituality, announced that **Monday March 22 at 6pm**, Maricel Hernandez, director of the Magis Center for Equity and Inclusion at SI, is hosting a discussion with **Anna Malaika Tubbs**, author of the acclaimed new book *The Three Mothers: How The Mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X and James Baldwin Shaped A Nation*. All are invited to this free virtual event. More details are available on the [Parent Portal](#) of the SI website.

International Food Share! Co-chair **Renee Fogelberg** announced that the event normally known as the Int'l Food Faire will be virtual and be a Food Share event on **Friday May 14, 6-7 pm**. Co-chair **Margaret Garrou** is collecting recipes from all SI families to create a cookbook and dedicate it to the senior class. Deadline: March 31st! Please email recipes to ignatianguild@siprep.org Co-chair **Rossanna Rossetto** put a call out for professional or amateur cooks interested in doing a cooking demonstration via video –making a meal, a drink or helping her to organize the videos she's collecting. Co-chair **Jane Martin** wants to know about SI alumni-run restaurants in our community that we can help by getting the word out. You can reach all of these SI moms at ignatianguild@siprep.org

Mother Student Mass. Save the date: **Sunday May 9 at 9:30 am** – and it will be virtual. (Yes, it's on Mother's Day) Co-chairs **Karen Powell** and **Julie Erskine** invite all of the SI community to attend this mass via Zoom. There will be a senior slide show. Moms of seniors: please send a photo of you with your senior (at any age) to siseniormom2021@gmail.com Please make sure to include the student's first and last name and the mom's first name with the photo. **Photos are due by April 1.**

AALPA's Kelli Willis also extended a welcome to the March 22 event with *The Three Mothers'* book author **Anna Malaika Tubbs**. The event is cosponsored by AALPA. (African American and Latino parents group). AALPA recently held a Black and Latinx applicant evening with current students sharing their experience. All are invited to attend AALPA's monthly meeting on March 24. If you'd like to attend email Kelli at kellikelli@aol.com

SIPAC, the SI Parents Asian Club. **Venetia Hui Gatus** thanked those who participated in and attended the SIPAC career night on February 24. If you missed the event and would like to see the recording, the link is available online. Please email Venetia for the link at venetia_hui@yahoo.com

Prep Shop. Co-chair **Jo McKay** reminded us that the Prep Shop is open for business for students only from 11 am to 1pm Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. One student is allowed in

the store at a time. For parents: please keep shopping online at siprepshop.com. The store has recently restocked hats, bags and popular crewneck sweatshirts. If you would like to volunteer in the Prep Shop (they are looking for parents who can commit to once a week rather than just once) please contact Jen Bonvechio at jenniferbonvechio@gmail.com

Welcome to the 2021-2022 Ignatian Guild Board! Cathleen Rigatti, the incoming president of the Ignatian Guild board, announced the new board members for the coming year: Vice President **Jolene Rocchio**, Recording Secretary **Cyrece Puccio**, Corresponding Secretary **Marti Maes**, Treasurer **Jenny Yung** and Assistant Treasurer **Carolyn Lau-Ng**. Looking forward to a great year ahead with the new board!

Birthdays, congratulations and condolences. Corresponding Secretary **Kelly Scandalios** wished everyone with birthdays in March a happy birthday, and shared condolences to the Enos family following the death of **Marilyn Enos**, beloved former member of the Ignatian Guild and wife of Steve, and mother of Alex ('18) and Devon ('20) Enos. Also condolences to the family of **David Bowe** '96, beloved history teacher and lacrosse coach at S.I., who died in February.

Guest Speaker:

Nick Calabrese, Wellness Director, Counseling Department, St. Ignatius Prep spoke about mental health, how it differs from physical health, and the challenges that teenagers face regarding mental health. He discussed the steps that SI has taken to step up awareness and the resources available at S.I. for our high school students. Nick also talked about what parents can do to help, including asking questions, responding rather than reacting, and knowing warning signs. We are posting his power point presentation on the Ignatian Guild portion of the SI website.

Closing Prayer: Sheila McCarthy and Megan Pryor Lorentz led the closing prayer.