



Fall  
2011

# ST. LOUIS SPIRIT

## St. Guanella Canonized October 23, 2011



"So then, now that we have been justified by faith, we are at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; it is through him, by faith, that we have been admitted into God's favor in which we are living, and look forward exultantly to God's glory." (Rm 5,1). Let us exult together in the Lord's grace, as we celebrate together

the canonization of our Founder, St. Louis Guanella, on October 23, 2011. A delegation from Michigan and Pennsylvania has been in Rome to visit the Vatican during this very special event.



*Auctioneer Joe Merkel makes another sale.*

## Annual Fall Dinner Auction at CCH

The 24th Annual Fall Dinner Auction, one of the premier events of the year, will take place on Saturday, November 5, 2011, at the Chelsea Community Hospital from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Many of our supporters plan their Christmas shopping around

this event, which sells out every year. Auctioneer Joseph Merkel returns for another year of great salesmanship, and this year's event includes autographed sports memorabilia, a week's stay in Italy, stunning LaJolla jewelry, Waterford crystal, and tickets

to major league sporting events. Please visit our website at [www.stlouiscenter.org](http://www.stlouiscenter.org) to view auction items, register for the dinner, or to bid on an item if you can't attend in person.

## Administrator's Message

Fr. Guanella's canonization on October 23rd has very special meaning for the Servants of Charity and for the world. It places the Church's seal of approval on the spirit and charism of Fr. Guanella in working for the poor, persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and the frail elderly. The people who follow Fr. Guanella's spirit and charism are people who have been led to holiness.



We made it! Thank you to Fr. Bill Turner and all of the people of the Chelsea community who came out to support the Taste of

Chelsea event on October 1st. It was a wonderful event that we hope to make bigger and better next year.

We recently paid a visit to Lansing to visit with key legislators and discuss funding for private agencies through the MI Federation for Children and Families. We must make sure that our representatives understand the importance of increasing the Foster Care and Independent Living reimbursement rates, and the impact that underfunding services has on children and families.

Speaking of finances, we continue to work hard at

maintaining a balanced budget in these challenging economic times. Competitors in the area have forced us to raise our starting salaries to retain our good employees, and insurance costs have skyrocketed. Your support is what keeps us going year after year.

Finally, to our Fall Auction supporters, we thank you for your donations last year that helped send two groups of our residents to Summer Camp, and to provide for the redecoration of Martin Hall, our home for adolescent boys. I look forward to seeing you on November 5th at Chelsea Community Hospital.

*Fr. Eusebio Anselari*

## First Annual Taste of Chelsea a Culinary Hit at St. Mary



*Dawn enjoys an evening out with "Mama Judy" Black.*

When Fr. Enzo Addari and Fr. Bill Turner of St. Mary Parish in Chelsea put their heads together to come up with a new fundraiser for St. Louis Center during the month of October, never in their wildest dreams did they think they would be celebrating a near sold-out event with over 200 people in attendance. However, that's what happened, with 20 restaurants and cafés donating their specialty foods and beverages. According to Fr. Enzo, "This truly showed us how much love the community has for our residents. This was a great event."



*Blake Wyatt and Angela Walton represent the Common Grill.*

## Memorial Golf Outing Honors the Late Hal Pennington

This year's Memorial Golf Outing at Chelsea's Pierce Lake Golf Course honored the late Hal and Peg Pennington, St. Mary Parishioners and former Mayor of Chelsea. The July 16th outing was supported by many members of the Pennington family, and 27 foursomes turned out for the event. Board member Frank Grohnert was event chairman.



*Members of the Pennington family gather for a photo after dinner.*

## Joe's Top Dog Outing Sells Out in 2011



*The Bojovic family and friends present a check to Fr. Joseph.*

This year was a first for Joe's Top Dog Outing. For 15 years Joe and Zoja Bojovic have been running this great event in Dearborn, MI, and the 2011 outing was the first sellout. A small group of St. Louis residents joined the crowd at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course on July 31st, and enjoyed a great afternoon. Fr. Guanella was smiling down upon us!



*PGK John Dolson of St. Francis Assisi Council #8989 in Ann Arbor presents their MI Drive donation to Fr. Fortunato and Fr. Enzo.*

## Lad & Dad Golf Outing Going Strong after 14 Years

On August 3, 2011, Twin Lakes Golf Course in Rochester Hills, MI was the site of the 14th Annual Lad and Dad Outing. Using the event as a tool for fathers to teach their sons the meaning of charity, our good friends Mike Chirco, Sam Cottone, Joe Garafalo, and Joe Maniaci have carried on the tradition of this event, and the Servants of Charity and the residents of St. Louis Center are grateful for their support.



*Organizers welcome friends from St. Louis Center.*

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Our residents maintained a hectic schedule during the summer, and were able to stay very busy. This schedule of events would wear out even the heartiest of souls. Here are some of the highlights.

## SLC Residents Enjoy Tiger Baseball

Thanks to the Detroit Tigers Foundation, a group of 40 residents and staff members got to enjoy watching the Detroit Tigers play the Texas Rangers, the team that they eventually would meet for the American League Championship. The Tigers pounded out 14 hits against the Rangers that night, and won in a slugfest 6-5.



*Residents gather with Barb for a picture in front of the "Big Tiger."*

## Lansing Lugnuts Vocation Night



*Fr. Satheesh and residents enjoy the game.*

Thanks to the help of Michigan KofC member Cliff Farr of Lansing, the Lugnuts donated 30 tickets for our residents to attend a Friday "Vocations Night" game on August 5th. In the second close game they were able to see that week, the Lugnuts lost to the South Bend Silver Hawks 6-4.

## Tocco Family Picnic

Once again, the generosity and love of the Tocco family and their friends were on display on Sunday, August 7th, as our residents enjoyed a feast of Jet's Pizza, hot dogs, potato chips, chicken tenders, snow cones, and cotton candy. (They deserve to be spoiled once in a while, right?). Afterwards, everyone posed for their yearly friendship photo.



*Family Patriarch Jack Tocco (center) gathers his family and friends for a photo with the Servants of Charity.*

## Upcoming Events

**November 19, 2011 - Al Chirco Party** - The friends of Al Chirco bring food, fun, and gifts during the Thanksgiving season to show their love of our residents.

**December 4, 2011 - Tocco Family Christmas**- Santa Claus and his merry music makers make this event a Christmas season highlight for our residents.

**December 16, 2011 - Jackson Council # 9301, St. Mary Star of the Sea Christmas**- Jim Best and friends escort Santa and his reindeer all the way from Jackson to St. Louis Center.

**December 17, 2011 - Guanellian Family Celebration Mass at St. Mary Chelsea** - Bishop Boyea will be present to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of St. Louis Guanella with the Servants of Charity at the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

**January 29, 2012 - IACL Culinary Extravaganza**-Save the date! You won't want to miss this 17th annual event at the Italian American Club of Livonia. It just keeps getting bigger and better.

## Chelsea K of C Summer BBQ

St. Louis Guanella Council #3092 of Chelsea pulled together their 3rd Annual Summer BBQ for our residents on the evening of August 25th. Our residents love interacting with our friends from the Chelsea Council, and according to Grand Knight Owen Ballow, the feeling from the Council is mutual. "We love coming out here to spend time with our guys and gals from St. Louis Center." After a great dinner, everyone enjoyed a fun game of kickball outside.



*Lee Booth prepares to kick the game ball.*



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**Annual Fall Auction**  
November 5, 2011

**Tocco Family Christmas**  
December 4, 2011

**Guanellian Family Celebration**  
Mass at St. Mary, Chelsea  
December 17, 2011

**IACL Culinary Extravaganza**  
January 29, 2012

For more information,  
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## In Memory of Our Friends

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**Jack Birk**

**Joseph Gerald Bradley**

**Beverly Sue Feenstra**

**Tommasina Greco**

**Wilhelmina Liebeck**

**John Rea**

**Helen Rybarsyk**

### **John Birk**

John F. Birk was the father of one of our residents, Dean, and passed away on August 4, 2011 at his home. He left behind his loving wife Janet, along with his children Jennie (John) Maynard, John (Allison) Birk, Jr., and Dean A. Birk. John was a Math and Science teacher for 34 years in the Plymouth Public Schools, and a member of the Dexter United Methodist Church. He loved the outdoors, and visited many National Parks throughout his life with his family. During the celebration of his life, many stories were told of his touching devotion to his son, Dean. John and his wife, Janet, have been a constant presence at St. Louis Center over the years. May he rest in the Peace of the Lord.



### SLC Residents Sell Art

On a warm October Saturday, SLC residents, with two staff members, set-up tables at the Chelsea Farmer's Market and went to work selling their hand-made jewelry and eco-friendly art made from recycled materials, and donuts. The artwork was made under the guidance of Direct Care Worker, Mary Mills. Jewelry artist Lisa Roberts' unique pieces drew great attention. The residents earned over \$170 and raised awareness of their creative ability.



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