

# **MT. CARMEL GUILD 2024 GALA NOMINEES**

## **Guild Neighbor Award**

*Awarded to up to 4 corporations/groups that provided extraordinary service in the areas of monetary donations, in-kind donations, or volunteered services or a combination thereof to the Guild.*

### **Rotary Club of Trenton**

The Rotary Club of Trenton has been a long-time supporter of Mt. Carmel Guild. Through the Club and the Trenton Rotary Foundation, matching funds have been provided for the summer Aging in Place Appeal to benefit the Mt. Carmel Guild Home Health Nursing Program. Each spring and fall, Rotary Club members work to maintain the flower beds on the Guild property. The Rotary Club has also been a constant source of food and clothing donations to the Guild.

## **Bishop Thomas J Walsh Award**

*Named in honor of Bishop Thomas J. Walsh, the 3rd Bishop of Trenton, who founded the Guild in 1920. Awarded to an outstanding individual(s) of the year.*

### **Kathie and Michael Castellano**

Members of St. Paul Parish, Princeton, Kathie and Michael have continually provided Mt. Carmel Guild with their time, talent and treasure. As previous board members and committee members, Kathie and Michael have used their professional expertise to help the Guild fulfill its' mission. Kathie has been a long-time member of the MCG Gala committee, where through creative ideas and financial sponsorship, she has helped the Gala reach its' financial goals.

### **Denise and Michael Foley**

St. Gregory the Great parishioners, Denise and Michael Foley, have served Mt. Carmel Guild in many ways. Denise has volunteered for Food Pantry and Guild projects, researched possible grant opportunities and is always willing to help wherever needed. Michael, a licensed architect, can be counted on to provide professional advice as needed.

## **Guild Appreciation Award**

*Awarded to up to 3 individuals for outstanding and consistent dedication to either the Guild or their local parish community.*

### **Ann Schwimmer**

As Upper School Religion teacher, Ann has truly helped St. Paul students to realize the importance of community service. She has spearheaded many food and clothing drives for MCG. In addition, she has annually directed The St. Paul School Student Council in organizing a toy drive to benefit the Mt. Carmel Guild Christmas Toy Shop.

## **Ana Chernelich**

Ana Chernelich, a senior at Hopewell Valley High School, has been a Mt. Carmel Guild volunteer through most of her high school career. During the summer and holiday breaks, she has worked in the Food Pantry, assembled backpacks and helped with administrative tasks. Ana has also organized clothing and food drives as well as drives to collect supplies for the Guild's homeless population through her high school and local athletic organizations.

## **Guild Civic Champion Award**

*Awarded to a corporation or organization in recognition of superior service to the greater good of the community, which service is aligned with the Guild's mission of Providing Hope and Preserving Dignity for all.*

## **Paul Pennacchi (Anthony Pennacchi & Sons Masonry)**

As President of his family's company, Paul Pennacchi has provided the Guild with professional advice and services, many times at reduced or no cost. Paul is a member of the MCG Facilities Committee as well as the recently formed committee to increase Open Choice options in the Food Pantry.

## **Community Service Award**

*Created in honor of Sr. Loretta Maggio OP for her lifetime of service and over 30 years at the Guild. Awarded to a volunteer in recognition of remarkable service to the Guild.*

## **Michael Murphy**

Michael is a member of the Ewing Knights of Columbus. He coordinates the Tuesday pick-up from Eet Gud Bakery as well as the Friday gleaning pick-up at the Food Bank. Michael also helped to orchestrate a donation from the State Knights of Columbus to repair the Guild's broken refrigerator. In addition, Michael has picked up food and Christmas toys from local parishes and delivered to the Guild for many years.