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Women of St. Joseph

APRIL 2017



President's Message

Dear Women of St Joseph,

Happy Easter to you all! The Lord is truly risen. He is risen indeed! The resurrection of Christ is the center of our faith, as Saint Paul says: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith is in vain" (1 Cor 15:14). By His passion, death and resurrection, our Lord Jesus Christ has conquered sin and death and opened for us eternal life with God. So let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*As you know the installation of Officers for 2017-2018 is around the corner- **June 6, 2017**. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your love and support and for serving our Parish Community together with me over the past months. My sincere gratitude to the Executive Board and Committee Members for being such as dedicated and valuable service; **because of them, we have Women of St Joseph.***

*With that being said, I want to remind you that our Parliamentarian; Sherry Dunn has sent out an email to ask your volunteers and to inform us that we are going to have a nomination for the Executive Board's position on **April 18, 2017**, and the election on **May 16, 2017**. Each position is one year term. I highly encourage you to join in to build a new team of Executive Board and forming a Committee Members for 2017-2018.*

Sincerely,



Kim Nguyen

WOSJ President

Coming Events



Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 15th

The WOSJ have been asked to help St Joseph Parish with Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 15, 2017; from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

We need volunteers to assist with the setup and clean up. We also need help with baking home-made decorated cupcakes, cookies, and brownies. These goodies can be dropped off at the back of the church on April 15th, between 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Please contact Judy Huckabay at 510-226-0717 or email at kcuhj@yahoo.com.

Catholic Charities Transforming Lives Tour

Tuesday, April 18th

Join us to learn about the programs of Catholic Charities of the East Bay and how they move youths and families from crisis to stability and prosperity.

You will hear about:

- Legal immigration and refugee resettlement services
- Homeless prevention through housing and utility support
- An update on “Claire’s House, home for trafficked minors
- Grief counseling and family support for victims of crime

This meeting is open to the Parish. Your friends are welcome. Please contact Adrienne Stephens at 510-651-8672 or email at ecoaes@comcast.net for more information.



Horn Blower Cruises Planning

Help us set a date for our upcoming Women’s Club Saturday Brunch cruise on the San Francisco Horn Blower! Dates available for July: July 15, 22 and 29, 2017.

The women’s club will enjoy an unlimited champagne brunch with views of the San Francisco Bay. Tickets will be purchased from Costco for \$70/person; a 30% discount off of the rack rate.

Adrienne needs to contact Horn Blower to reserve our table(s) by **April 15, 2017**. Please reply to let her know at your earliest convenience at 510-651-8672 or email at ecoaes@comcast.net; if you are joining us and your preferred date(s).

How It Went

Lenten Day of Renewal Retreat

Father Ken Laverone, OFM was the speaker this year. He was a good speaker, and we had a large turnout at the retreat. After lunch, some went for the Stations of the Cross, some went to visit the gift shop, some went to visit the garden, and then all went to Mass and received ashes. It seemed that everyone enjoyed the Lenten Retreat and felt peaceful afterward.

Swap Meet and Earth Day Craft

Over 20 members participated bringing their unused item for the GREAT Re-use Swap. Everyone went home with a new item, and some up to five. Goods left behind were packaged up and donated to St Vincent de Paul, Fremont. Job well-done ladies!

A few members made their way over to the Earth Crafts table to make folded butterflies out of used calendars and art books. This fun activity was a re-use craft. With the official Earth Day worldwide celebration on April 22nd. Let's remember to take care of what God has created and given us by using the three R's: **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle** and also that *Earth Day is Every Day!*

Lenten Soup Night

Our Lenten Meatless Soups were delicious! Everyone enjoyed the variety of homemade soups prepared by WOSJ's members. I want to say thank you to those who provided such delightful soups, and assisted with the setup and clean up.

Also, I would like to extend my sincerest thanks and appreciation to [Judy Huckabay](#), our hospitality coordinator, for her enthusiasm and willingness to serve our group and the Parish Community.



Happy Birthday to those born in April

Frances Haageron	April 1	Toni Shellen	April 5
Kim Nguyen	April 9	Kerin Romero	April 28
April Mempin	April 30		

Spiritual Corner



Springtime Is More Beautiful

*Springtime is more beautiful
Each time that she appears;
In her gown of many colors
Her loveliness endears.
She only stays for a little while,
Too soon she must depart;
Her flower- filled days are numbered
Though much beauty they impart.
Springtime spins her magic
And splendor beyond compare;
I thank God for His springtime gifts
Every time I say a prayer.*

Nora M. Bozeman
From Salesian Inspirational Books

Nancy Newman
Spiritual Chairperson