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Women of St. Joseph

OCTOBER 2017



President's Message

Dear all Women of St Joseph,

For the first time, our 19th annual baby shower held at the Real Options Pregnancy Medical Clinic in Union City. Marge and Colleen were very hospitable and shared with us about their programs. They also gave us a tour of their facility. Daisy from St. Rose Hospital also joined us.

Real Options Pregnancy and St Rose Hospital were grateful for our gifts of baby items and support over the years.

As always, it was such a wonderful turnout! Without the support of Women of St Joseph and parishioners of St. Joseph, we were not able to help the new mothers and the children in need. Thank you for your participation and generous gifts. Your kindness and generosity made a big difference.

*What is Dorothy Day best known for? Catholic Workers live a simple lifestyle in the community by practicing the Works of Mercy to serve the poor. Our speaker from Casa de Clara San Jose Catholic Worker will present "**Dorothy Day Catholic Worker Movement**" at our next meeting on Tuesday, October 17th at 7:00 pm. Please come and join us.*

Our Holiday Boutique is on its way! Saturday, November 11th, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the parish hall. It will be fun and full of Christmas Shopping!

THERE IS NO MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER.

Sincerely,



Kim Nguyen
WOSJ President

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS--- Mark Your Calendars!



October 4th WEDNESDAY	“Liturgy of Light” At Mission San Jose 5:00pm
October 17th TUESDAY	Board Meeting 6:00pm Church Hall General Meeting 7:00pm Church Hall “Dorothy Day Catholic Workers” <i>Present by The San Jose Catholic Workers house</i>
November 11th SATURDAY	<p align="center"><u>NO MEETING</u></p> <p align="center">HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE FROM 9:00am-3:00pm</p>



Membership Notes

Time to Pay Your Dues for the WOSJ Year: June 2017 - May 2018

Dues is \$20. Please bring your dues payment to the October meeting or send it to Nancy Dorighi, Membership Chair at 44142 Boitano Dr., Fremont, CA 94539.



Helping Hands

Do not let a transportation problem stop you from attending our meetings or events. If you need a ride, please call Madelyn Rudy at 510-683-3816 or 510-304-1938.



Women of St. Joseph Polo Shirts

WOSJ POLO SHIRTS are a symbol of unity and provide visibility for our organization when participating as a group in service or other gatherings. It is \$20 and will be available in sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL, and 3XL. Contact Nancy Dorighi at 510-657-7543 or email at ndorighi@comcast.net



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is in dire need of prayer shawls or lap blankets. If anyone can donate one, it would be greatly appreciated.

For those of you who are not familiar with this ministry, we knit or crochet or quilt a shawl, for women, or a lap blanket, for men and women. While we are making them, we pray for healing for the people they are intended. Then, when complete, I take them to a Priest and ask that the Priest prays for the intended person and bless the blanket.

If you have one completed, or are in the process of making one and would like to donate it, please contact Sherry Dunn at 510-471-6224 or email at solodmom@aol.com. We currently do not have any shawls or lap blankets in our possession.



Pocket Prayer Squares

Recently, our very own Spirituality Chairperson, Peggy Mosko, shared with us something she brought back from one of the churches she visited during her many travels. She asked Sherry Dunn, Prayer Shawl Chairperson, to make these for her ministry. They are called: "Pocket Prayer Squares." Sherry Dunn, Sara Rozanno, and Carol Lee Chan have been working on these and have finished quite a few of them.

Like the Prayer Shawls, these are prayed over by the person making them and then blessed by a Priest. They can be placed in your pocket and, when you are in need of comfort, just reach in your pocket and rub the square.

We would like to accumulate a large amount to put in a basket at the back of the church for church members to take, if they have a need for comfort. If you are able to help make these squares, please contact Sherry Dunn at 510-471-6224 or email at solodmom@aol.com.

Coming Events



“Liturgy of Light” at Mission San Jose Wed, Oct 4th 5:00 pm

California Mission Solstice scholar, Ruben Mendoza, professor at California State University, Monterey, will give a presentation based on his many years of study on the significance of sunlight shining on mission altars certain times of the year in relationship to scripture.

The presentation begins at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, October 4th in the Old Mission. We will witness the illumination phenomenon at 5:30 pm, and there will be a reception following on the Mission patio.

For more information, contact Adrienne Stephens at 510-651-8672 or email at ecoaes@comcast.net. Nancy Dorigi at 510-657-7543 or email at ndorigi@comcast.net. Watch for a forthcoming email to help with refreshments, set-up and hospitality.



“Dorothy Day Catholic Workers” Tuesday, Oct 17th 7:00 pm

In 1972, the Jesuit magazine *America* marked Day’s 75th birthday by devoting an entire issue to Day and the Catholic Worker movement. The editors wrote: "If one had to choose a single individual to symbolize the best in the aspiration and action of the American Catholic community during the last forty years, that one person would certainly be Dorothy Day."

Casa de Clara San Jose Catholic Worker is going to do the presentation of “Dorothy Day Catholic Workers” to us and open to the Parish on Tuesday, October 17th at 7:00pm.



Holiday Boutique SAT, Nov 11th 9:00 – 3:00 pm

CRAFTERS/VENDORS WANTED if you are interested in participating in our annual Holiday Boutique, or if you know of someone who might be, please contact Laura Dausat for further details at laura.dausat@gmail.com or call at 510-793-9528.

Vendors do not need to be members of our church. We are looking for a variety of local crafters, vendors and artists. Space is limited so please contact us asap to insure your table is reserved. (ps: no table rent)

How It Went



WOSJ Baby Showers

We all met at the Real Options Pregnancy Medical Clinic in Union City with a lot of baby items donated by our members and the Parish's members. After the introduction, Marge and Colleen from the Real Options Pregnancy Medical Clinic gave us a tour of the facility. Daisy, the member of St Rose Hospital, was also joining us there. They were grateful for our gifts and support over the years.

Save the date:

- **Friday, October 13, 2017**

Catholic Charities of the East Bay Transforming Lives - Annual Fundraising Luncheon

This past April, Sween Gardner and her team from Catholic Charities which included CEO Chuck Fernandez, gave the Women's Club their *Transforming Lives Presentation*. Were you moved by learning the many outreach efforts to the less fortunate that Catholic Charities accomplishes for our Diocese, or would like to learn more?

Consider attending their 3rd Annual Fundraising Luncheon. The complimentary lunch program includes more information on their work through stories and testimonials. Blessing by the Most Reverend Bishop Barber.

Bea Taus has signed up to be a table sponsor for The Women of St Joseph. For more information or to sign up to attend the event, contact Adrienne Stephens at 510-651-8672 or email at ecoaes@comcast.net.



*Happy Birthday to those born
in October*

Kathleen Hall	Oct 8	Diane Leys	Oct 12
Aida Alhadate	Oct 14	Mary Eve	Oct 15
Nancy Margherita	Oct 21	Sherry Dunn	Oct 23
Pamela Randolph	Oct 23	Stacey Connors	Oct 28
Lauri Kaefer	Oct 31	Dianne Martin-Utic	Oct 31

Spiritual Corner



Let Our Cries Come Unto You

*Most merciful and compassionate God,
Giver of Life and Love,
hear our prayers
and let our cries come unto you.
We weep with your people
We hear the cries of orphaned children and laments of bereaved parents
We feel the desperation of those searching for loved ones
We behold the silence of vanished villages.
We see the devastation.
We are overwhelmed by the enormity of it all.
Our hearts are hushed, our minds are numb.
Let not our hands be stopped, our voices dumb.
God of the universe,
Open our hearts to feel your compassion
Galvanize in us the act of continued giving
Bond us to our sisters and brothers in need
Comfort and heal the injured, the bereaved, the lost
Strengthen the aid workers and medical personnel
Bolster the resolve of governments and those with power to help
Open through this tragedy pathways to partnerships and peace
In Your Name of mercy and healing and compassion we pray.*

Offered for the people of Japan following the earthquake and tsunami of March 11, 2011.

*Peggy Mosko
Spiritual Chairperson*