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# Women of St. Joseph

NOVEMBER 2017



## President's Message

*Dear all Women of St Joseph,*

*As Thanksgiving Day approaches, I have been reflecting on my blessings this past year. I am most grateful for all the people who have been part of my life's journey. Among them are the wonderful Women of St. Joseph. Thank you all for your love and continued support. Without your commitment and faithfulness, we would not be able to serve our parish community over the past 20 years.*

*Christmas comes but once a year, let us spread holiday cheer by inviting our friends, relatives, and neighbors to attend our annual Christmas Holiday Shop with a great selection of vendors on Saturday, November 11, 2017, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the parish hall.*

*I hope and pray that we will always strive to love and respect each other and may we continue to stay connected to Jesus because Jesus tells us "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing" (John 15:5). Indeed, if we remain in Jesus and He in us, then we can do all things.*

*Have yourself a very Happy Thanksgiving.*

**THERE IS NO MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER.**

*Sincerely,*



*Kim Nguyen*

WOSJ President

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS--- Mark Your Calendars!**



<p><b>November 11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>SATURDAY</b></p>	<p><b><u>NO MEETING</u></b></p> <p><b>HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE FROM 9:00am-3:00pm</b></p>
<p><b>December 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>SUNDAY</b></p>	<p><b>WOSJ CHRISTMAS TEA</b></p> <p>Will be held at <b>Lauri Kaefer's</b> home from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm 38695 Chrisholm Pl., Fremont, CA 94536</p>



**Welcome New Member**

A big warm welcome to our new member: *Cece DeLisi*. May this ministry and its congregation offer you the opportunity to grow spiritually.



**Membership Notes**

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

Dues are \$20. Please bring your dues payment to our next 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](mailto:ndorighi@comcast.net)



**Crafters/Vendors Wanted for Holiday Boutique**

If you are interested in participating in our annual Holiday Boutique, or if you know of someone who might be, please contact Laura Dauzat for further details at [laura.dauzat@gmail.com](mailto:laura.dauzat@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 ensure your table is reserved. (ps: no table rent)



## 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](mailto: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 into 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 need comfort. If you can help make these squares, please contact Sherry Dunn at 510-471-6224 or email at [solodmom@aol.com](mailto:solodmom@aol.com).



## Holiday Boutique

SAT, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Bring your Christmas shopping list. Our annual Holiday Shop is back! This month, our meeting will be a "Shop Day," with numerous vendors selling us their wares. Some you will remember from previous years and some who might surprise you! Support your local crafters and vendors and get a head start on your Christmas shopping list!!

See you November 11th at the Parish Hall! Don't forget to bring a friend or two, and if able, please bring a goodie to share with your fellow shoppers.

## How It Went



### **“Liturgy of Light” at Mission San Jose**

Great collaborative effort on the part of WOSJ! Ruben’s talk was interesting, and many attended the reception. Thank you to Judy and helpers for doing a great job!



### **“Dorothy Day Catholic Workers”**

The Women of St Joseph’s hosted Julian Washio-Collette from Casa de Clara, a *Catholic Workers Movement* home. Julian covered a variety of topics with all catching our attention. Dorothy Day was an atheist and socialist rebel in her early years before her conversion to the Catholic faith. The Catholic Workers Movement was created by Dorothy following in the footsteps of Jesus to give hospitality towards those on the margin of society.

Casa de Clara is the name of their Victorian home located in San Jose. They have room for shelters only a few homeless women with children. Residents are guided to wellness with healthy family style meals, and daily prayer, and are assisted with finding employment. To reach out to more homeless in the community, Casa de Clara purchased a trailer and outfitted it with two showers. “Showers to the People” mobile unit is taken to various locations for homeless to take a much-needed shower. People get in line already at 6 am for this ministry!

Julian and his wife (newlyweds!), like Dorothy Day, made a choice to follow in His footsteps to help the least of society. Catholic Workers are not paid but run their ministry with a variety of local donations. There are over 300 Catholic Worker Movement organizations in the US alone, all autonomous so do not affiliate with any Diocese. They are free to run their organization as Jesus would with love and care.

Many thanks to members who donated socks, t-shirts, and vinegar for their “Showers to the People” outreach.

In thanksgiving for our speaker, Women of St Joseph donated a \$100 check to Casa de Clara.

**\*\*\*Save the date:**



- **Monday, November 20, 2017**

***TRI-CITY INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING***

The 56th Annual Tri-City Interfaith Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Tri-City Interfaith Council. It will be held on Monday, November 20, 7:30 pm, at St Joseph. This year's theme, "*We Are One: Building Community*," focuses on how celebrating diversity can help us build unity.

The liturgical fabric of the service is rich in readings from sacred prayers, chants, songs, as well as beautiful traditional costumes, dancers, and musicians. The importance of passing the sacred tradition to the next generation is highlighted at the conclusion of the service when younger members of many of the Tri-Cities' faith communities receive a symbol of their tradition from an older member.

Those who attend are invited to bring refreshments for a time of fellowship following the service. There will be a collection for Habitat for Humanity; they are building homes this winter on Central Ave. in Fremont.

Parents are encouraged to bring children and youth for this inspiring and educational program. The Thanksgiving service provides a unique opportunity to become acquainted with the varied cultural and religious traditions that are such an important part of our community. A simple reception follows the service where people can greet one another. Please bring food to share.

- **Sunday, December 3, 2017**

***WOSJ'S CHRISTMAS TEA***



Let's all celebrate and have a good time at our Annual **Christmas Tea!** It will be held at *Lauri Kaefer's* home at 38695 Chrisholm Pl., Fremont, CA 94536 on **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.** Thank you to Lauri for her hospitality. Please bring your special teacup and a finger food to share.

- **Friday, January 12, 2018**

***SENIORS LUNCHEON***



*"You and your husband are cordially invited to the Seniors Luncheon are going to be held on January 12, 2018, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the church hall."*

Your help in this event is most appreciated. Please contact Bea Taus at 510-490-8965 or email her at [bea.taus28@gmail.com](mailto:bea.taus28@gmail.com).



Happy Birthday to those born  
in November

Julie Kille	Nov 3	Lupita Angst	Nov 15
Kathy Shelly	Nov 16		

# Spiritual Corner

## A Prayer of Thanksgiving



*Almighty Father,*

*You are lavish in bestowing all your gifts, and we give You thanks for the favors You have given to us.*

*In Your goodness, You have favored us and kept us safe in the past. We ask that You continue to protect us and to shelter us in the shadow of Your wings.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

*“A Guide to Prayer”  
from the Companions of St. Anthony*

*Peggy Mosko  
Spiritual Chairperson*