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Women of St. Joseph

DECEMBER 2017



President's Message

Dear all Women of St Joseph,

Women of St Joseph's Annual Holiday Boutique this year was such a wonderful, successful event! Everyone who attended enjoyed the spirit of Christmas! Special thank you to Laura and Sherry for all of their efforts to bring the Women of St Joseph's Holiday Shop to the Parish community and to Jon Dunn, Canice McLaughlin, Kay Tierney, and Donna Phair for their hard work.

Just a friendly reminder, our upcoming Christmas tea will be on Sunday, Dec 3rd at Lauri Kaefer's home. Thank you so much, Lauri for your willingness to host this event. I hope everyone has already received an invitation mailed out to you and RSVP'd to Judy Huckabay. If you haven't replied, please call Judy at [510-226-0717](tel:510-226-0717) or email her at kcuwj@yahoo.com to let her know if you can make it. I look forward to enjoying the Holiday cheer with all the Women of St. Joseph's members at this event.

May the peace and love of the New Born King be with you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEWYEAR!

Sincerely,



Kim Nguyen

WOSJ President

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS--- Mark Your Calendars!

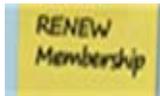


December 3rd Sunday	WOSJ CHRISTMAS TEA <i>Will be held at Lauri Kaefer's home from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm 38695 Chrisholm Pl., Fremont, CA 94536</i>
JAN 12th, 2018 Friday	Senior Mass & Lunch 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Church Hall
JAN 16th, 2018 Tuesday	Bocce Ball 7 pm at Campo di Bocce of Fremont <i>Italian Ristorante, Bar and Bocce Club</i> - 4020 Technology Place, Fremont, CA. 94538



Welcome New Member

A big warm welcome to our return member: *Elaine Johnson Martinez*. 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



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 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.

Coming Events



WOSJ Christmas Tea

SUN, Dec 3rd

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Your *Traditional English Tea Planning Team* is providing table seating with tea cups, and three-tiered plate racks filled with tea sandwiches, scones and sweet treats.

Come to our event to enjoy some holiday cheer with the company of fellow Women of St Joseph members. You are invited to give a donation to this year's charity, *Stan Peter's Homeless Meals*, with cash or a check payable to The Women of St Joseph.

Please reserve your seat at one of our tables if you have not done so already. See you at the tea!



Senior's Holiday Luncheon Friday, Jan 12, 2018

11am to 1pm

"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."

Please contact Bea Taus at 510-490-8965 or email at bea.taus28@gmail.com for more detail.



Bocce Ball

Tuesday, Jan 16

Continue the **2018 New Year Celebration** on January 16, 2018 at our Activity Meeting at Campo Di Bocce of Fremont. Join fellow members as they learn the art of **Bocce**, the Italian bowling game first played in the Roman Empire!

RSVP Adrienne Stephens by January 9th to join in with the fun at 510-651-8672 or email at ecoaes@comcast.net. Play starts at 7:00pm. Reservations are under Adrienne Stephens and The Women of St Joseph.

The cost of the event will be around \$15 per person, food is extra. Come early to enjoy a delicious Italian dish or appetizer, play Bocce or cheer on your favorite team! More information to follow in the January newsletter.

How It Went

Holiday Boutique

Women of St Joseph's annual Holiday Boutique this year had a good turnout. Everyone who attended this event had a great time!



*Happy Birthday to those born
in December*

Gail Noeth	December 1	Miriam Keller	December 3
Helen Campbell	December 16	Regina Micelli	December 19
Margaret Purcell-Briskin	December 20	Krista Phair	December 20
Linda Sabeh	December 25		

Spiritual Corner



Lord, in this holy season of [prayer](#) and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.

God of love, Father of all, the darkness that covered the earth has given way to the bright dawn of your Word made flesh. Make us a people of this light. Make us faithful to your Word, that we may bring your [life](#) to the waiting world. Grant this through [Christ](#) our Lord. Amen.

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*Peggy Mosko
Spiritual Chairperson*