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Women of St. Joseph

FEBRUARY 2018



President's Message

Dear Women of St Joseph,

God loves us so much that He gives us friends. This gift of friendship fulfills each person's longing for intimacy. It is almost impossible to live a life without friends. Friendship brings light and meaning to our lives. This is why philosopher Aristotle and Cicero agree that "a life without friendship is like the universe without the sun."

Love is the heart of friendship. If we fail to love our friends, then we fail to be their friend. The first thing we owe to our friends is love. Love and friendship must go hand in hand. God gives us friendship as a plan for our salvation. True friends are always there to help us in time of difficulty and God is always pleased when he sees us cling to one another because this is beneficial for our salvation.

It is hard for us to come to love God on our own. We can exercise and increase our love for God by loving one another. No doubt, it is in friendship that we come to know and to love God and friendship with God directs us to love others more than we love ourselves.

Thank you for the wonderful gift of your friendships and thank you for the gift of your loves.

Have a Happy Valentine Day!

Sincerely,



Kim Nguyen

WOSJ President

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS--- Mark Your Calendars!



Feb 3 rd <i>Saturday</i>	Spanish Organ Concert “Batalla de Organos” 7:00 pm <i>Will be held at the Old Mission San Jose</i>
Feb 9 th and 10 th <i>Friday & Saturday</i>	Parish Lenten Retreat “Reflection and Music” Friday, Session 1: 9 am to 11 am and 7 pm to 9 pm Saturday, Session 2: 9 am to 12 pm <i>Will be held at St Joseph Parish Presented by Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP</i>
Feb 14th <i>Wednesday</i>	WOSJ Lenten Retreat 9:00 am - 3:00 pm <i>Will be held at San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville. Presented by Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy</i>
Feb 21 st <i>Wednesday</i>	Board Meeting 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm “Future of Fremont” <i>Will be held at The Old Mission at 7:00 pm Presented by Councilmember David Bonaccorsi</i>



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.



WOSJ Board Members 2018-2019 Need to be filled

The purpose of this organization is to bring together all the women of St. Joseph Parish, as a *spiritual, social and service organization*.

- 1/ **For Board Positions:** President, 2 Vice Presidents, and Treasurer.
- 2/ **For Standing Committee Positions:** Newsletter, Publicity, and Membership

Nomination of the new Officers shall be held in April, the election will be in May and installation will be in June. Please consider contributing part of your valuable times and talents to Women Of St Joseph organization. Our Parish needs YOU.

For more in detail, please contact Sherry Dunn at solodmom@aol.com



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

As discussed at the board meeting last week, Nancy Dorighi gave me the name of Vicie Martin, (Bud Martin's daughter-in-law) who has lung cancer and was deserving of a prayer shawl.

Today, I went to the rectory and Father Michael blessed the shawl and Nancy Dorighi and I took it to Vicie. Vicie was so very moved by our prayer and the entire gesture, she was very choked up. (as was I !!!!)

Thank you to Nancy Dorighi for recommending Vicie Martin. I am very blessed to be able to do this ministry. I hope we can find someone to take over when I leave the area.

Blessings to you all,
Sherry Dunn



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.

St Joseph Parish Lenten Retreat Needs Some Assistance

February 9th and 10th

WOSJ will be supporting the Parish Lenten Retreat on February 9th and 10th with setting up, clean up, and volunteer baked goods on Saturday, February 9th, and breakfast bread; such as Blueberry Muffins, Banana Bread, Zucchini Bread, Scones on Sunday, February 10th. Please contact Judy Huckabay at kcuhj@yahoo.com for more detail.



Spanish Organ Concert

Saturday, February 3rd

7:00 pm

You are invited to a free organ concert entitled "*Batalla de Organos*" on Saturday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Old Mission San Jose. St. Joseph music director, Ron McKean, will entertain us with organ pieces depicting 17th-century Spanish military battle, as well as secular and sacred music. A reception will follow immediately after in the Mission museum.

Many thanks to WOSJ members who donated food or helped with setup or cleanup: Peggy Mosko, Julie Kille, Fran Haagenon, Kathleen Wade, Judy Huckabay, Kathy Bray, Joan Rendon, Jo Ann Miller, Sherry Dunn, Margherita McIntosh, Jan Hill, Toni Shellen, Adrienne Stephens, and Irene Andersen.

For more information, go to http://saintjosephmsj.org/wiki/tiki-read_article.php?articleId=315 or contact Nancy Dorighi at ndorighi@comcast.net

A TIME TO RENEW OUR UNDERSTANDING
OF MUSIC, CHRIST'S BODY THROUGH
REFLECTION AND MUSIC
St. Joseph Parish/Old Mission San Jose
2018 LENT RETREAT
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9: SESSION 1: 9-11 AM (or 7-9 PM)
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10: SESSION 2: 9 AM-12



Father Ricky Manalo, a Paulist priest, noted composer, musician and retreat leader, is currently teaching at Santa Clara University and the Jesuit School of Theology (Berkeley). When not traveling, he resides at Old St. Mary's Cathedral in Chinatown, San Francisco.

Ricky Manalo, CSP

Beyond the Days: Celebrating the Body of Christ during the Season of Lent

Parish Lenten Retreat

Friday 9th and Saturday 10th

Our Parish Lenten Retreat “*Reflection and Music*” that will precede Ash Wednesday this year on February 9th, Friday morning from 9 am to 11 am for session 1 as well as a Friday evening from 7 pm to 9 pm. Session 2 on Saturday, February 10th from 9 am to 12 pm.

It has an eminently acclaimed composer and retreat guide in Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP. Fr. Ricky comes through Oregon Catholic Press.

You and your family are invited to attend this wonderful retreat experience.



WOSJ Lenten Day of Renewal Retreat **Wednesday, February 14th 9:30 am**

Nineteen members of WOSJ have signed up to attend the Ash Wednesday Retreat, Feb. 14th at San Damiano, in Danville. The Presenter will be Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy, OFM. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. The program is from 9:30-3:00 pm and will include lunch.

The cost is \$40 per person. Carpooling is encouraged. Final details will be emailed to those who signed up the week before. If anyone else wants to attend, please contact Peggy Mosko at apmosko@comcast.net.



Future of Fremont

Wednesday, Feb 21st

7 pm

Councilmember David Bonaccorsi grew up in Fremont and attended Fremont’s public schools (Maloney, Glenmoor, Centerville Junior High), graduating from Washington High School. He attended Santa Clara University, graduating magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree, and then graduating cum laude from the Santa Clara University School of Law.

Prior to serving on the Fremont City Council, Councilmember Bonaccorsi served for 10 years on the Fremont Planning Commission and was twice elected Planning Commission Chair.

“*Future of Fremont*” will be held at **The Old Mission on Wednesday, February 21st at 7:00 pm.** Presented by Councilmember David Bonaccorsi. You and your friends are invited.



Senior Luncheon

Members of WOSJ served the Senior Luncheon on January 12. It featured a tasty menu of Roast Beef, mushroom gravy, and all the trimmings, well received by the guests. Adrienne Stephens, Judy Huckabay, Liz Hormel, Cynthia Dos Remedios assisted Bea Taus. Lori Kaefer and student from St. Joseph school Service Club served the food. It was a delightful afternoon. Janice Sung and her Hula dancers entertained the folks.

Bocce Ball Night



Between the great food and challenge of learning a new game, all attendees at our Campo Di Bocce event had a wonderful time. We played the game, laughed and brought home fond memories of another Women of St Joseph activity meeting.



*Happy Birthday to those born
in February*

Anna Boken	Feb 2	Maria Castain	Feb 3
Cynthia Dos Remedios	Feb 14	Irma Snortum	Feb 15
Peggy Mosko	Feb 21	Linda Fleming	Feb 22
Madelyn Rudy	Feb 22	Lucy Joson	Feb 24
Donna Phair	Feb 28		

Spiritual Corner



God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit. Without You we can do nothing. We know that we are all sinners. We know that in many things we have all offended Your infinite majesty. Keep us from sin, and help us live by Your commandment of love. Help us now, Lord, in our feeble attempts to make up for past sin. Teach us to find new life through penance. By Your Holy Spirit, help us to know what is right and to be eager to do Your will. Bless our efforts with the rich blessing of Your grace. Every day we are so often reminded of Your own boundless generosity to us. Help us to realize that You are never outdone in generosity, and that the least thing we do for You will be rewarded. Amen.

*Peggy Mosko
Spiritual Chairperson*