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Women of St. Joseph

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President's Message

Dear Women Of St Joseph,

As you celebrate Easter, may you remember God's perfect love for all mankind, and may that love fill you with hope for the days to come. Happy Easter to you all!

As you know, Sherry Dunn (our past 5-year-term President and Parliamentarian as well as a Prayer Shawl) has resigned to move out of the area. My sincerest thanks to Sherry for her generous contribution of time, talent, and treasure to the Women of St. Joseph and our Parish over the past years.

*For the time being, I am happy to serve as the Parliamentarian. Please join me in thanking **Donna Phair** who has agreed to serve as the Prayer Shawl. Thank you, Donna, for your willingness to help. May God reward you as only He can.*

As of today, we still haven't had anyone who is willing to serve on the Executive Board as President, Vice Presidents, and Treasurer. Please help me to fill those positions. Together with all of you and the new Executive Board Members, we will become a strong team of Women of St Joseph for 2018-2019.

Sincerely,



Kim Nguyen

WOSJ President

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS--- Mark Your Calendars!



April 17th	Board Meeting 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm <i>Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home 6:00 pm</i> <i>Pope Francis's Encyclical on the Environment</i>
May 15th	Board Meeting 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm <i>Visit Medjugorje 7:00 pm</i> <i>Present by Loren Gross</i>
June 19th	Installation of New Executive Board and Committee Members 2018-2019



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.



Pocket Prayer Squares

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 Donna Phair at 510-651-9307 or email at phair_math@yahoo.com.



Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home

April 17th

6:00 pm

Come to our meeting to learn about Pope Francis's second encyclical of taking care of a place we all call home, EARTH. Pope Francis unites us with the concern for our planet and every living thing that dwells on it, especially the poorest and most vulnerable. Activities planned:

- 6:00 pm GREEN Salad Dinner: Contact Adrienne for a list of foods needed.
- Start a GREEN Project: Re-use materials to make Earth Day cards and magnets. Have any single earring you can't part with? Bring it to make an heirloom refrigerator or file cabinet magnet.
- 7:00 Laudato Si Video: Pope Francis's Encyclical on the Environment and discussion.
- 7:30 Complete projects, enjoy coffee, treats and socializing with fellow members.

For more in detail, please contact Adrienne Stephens at (510) 651-8672



Visit to Medjugorje

May 15th 7:00 pm

Loren Gross, member of St Joseph Men's Club and head Usher, will speak on his many visits to Medjugorje. If you are not familiar with Medjugorje, this is a great way to find out its messages. Many reports receiving special graces and answers to their prayers.



Lenten Soup Night

Our Lenten Meatless Soups were delicious! Everyone enjoyed the variety of homemade soups prepared by WOSJ's members. It was amazing, how people just pitched in and put it together.

Thanks to all those that brought soups, bread and rolls, and juices, most of them home made. Thanks to Julie Killie and Adrienne Stephens for decorating the tables very tastefully for Lent. Thanks to those that stayed and helped clean up before the Stations of the Cross.

Farewell Sherry Dunn and Nancy Newman

It was a very nice Women of St Joseph gathering to say goodbye to Sherry Dunn and Nancy Newman! We are grateful for their generous contribution of time, talent, and treasure and all they do for Women of St Joseph and our Parish Community over the years. We will miss them! May God be always by their side and in their heart.



Palliative Care and the Teachings of the Catholic Church on Death



Father Jeff Finley gave an informative talk on Palliative Care and the difference between that and Hospice Care. Father Jeff returned from Provincial Director of his order of the Blessed Blood in Canada to be appointed to the new role as Palliative Care Coordinator at Washington Hospital. He had previously served as Chaplain to Washington Hospital as well The Dominican Sisters.

Palliative care involves a team effort (doctor, nurse, social worker and spiritual) at making a treatable disease/disability manageable for the patient and their family. Hospice is supportive care for people in the final stages of a terminal illness and focuses on comfort and quality of life to live each day as fully as possible in their own home.

Father Jeff's new goal is to start a program of Palliative care meetings in the home rather than the hospital.

Easter Vigil



The Easter Vigil reception went well! Thank you to all for your generosity and the successful inspirational team works of WOSJ. My special thanks to Julie Kille for the beautiful flower arrangements. You are all truly appreciated!



Happy Birthday to those born
in April

Frances Haagerson	4/1	Joanne Laus	4/5
Toni Shellen	4/5	Kim Nguyen	4/9
Kerin Romero	4/28	April Mempin	4/30

Spiritual Corner



An Easter Prayer

Prayer from Fr. Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA

Good and gracious God, Our most glorious Creator,

As we greet the signs in nature around us, of Spring once again regaling us in bloom, in the songs of returning birds and fields soon to be planted, we give you praise for an even greater sign of new life: the Resurrection of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, that we especially celebrate at this time. The sadness and despair of his death has given way to the bright promise of immortality, for the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over treason, light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death.

We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever.

Amen.

*Peggy Mosko
Spiritual Chairperson*