



Men's Club Newsletter

February 2019 Edition

Next Meeting

What: "General Meeting"

Speaker: Ashley Weerpass
"St. Joseph Parish Operational Plan"

When: Tues, February 5, 2019 @ 7 PM

Where: St. Joseph Parish Hall

Pizza \$5, Beer \$2, Sodas and bottled water \$1

Free to Prospective Members and Guests.

If you know someone you think may make a great member, please invite him.

February Interim President's Message

Don't miss our big meeting this Tuesday, February 5. Ashley Weerpass will be presenting the parish Operational Plan. Those of us working to revitalize the Club, considering our older and aging members, have been looking for a way to improve our impact and footprint by integrating ourselves better into the parish and other ministries. With the help of the Immaculate Heart of our Mother, we see this as a major initiative to help us better the Club. Show up and have your say in our future.

Our January meeting, postponed because of the New Year's Holiday to Bronco Billy's Pizza Parlor in Irvington was a blast with the Fremont Fire Department. It was an enthusiastic meeting with a lot of questions which went into overtime.

We thought we had resolved the date for our Chuckwagon BBQ at the last meeting and the January Board meeting, but a few more issues have cropped up. The current scheduled date of April 27 is the week after Easter, which is hard because we don't want to sell tickets on the Easter Holiday and the week before is already full of events with Palm Sunday. The alternate date is June 22. We will make a final decision on Tuesday.

After a couple delays, we took down the Christmas decorations on January 19. We had a good showing from the Club which made the work go quicker and merrier. Thanks to Ashley Weerpass, Al Rendon, Steve Radigan, Lou Zenzen, Mike Burns, Axel Brisken, Loren Gross, Jerome Hubacek, Peter Oey, and yours truly.

We successfully passed the 2019 budget at the Board meeting in January.

I attended Sister Marcia's and Deacon Dick's monthly 3rd Sunday catechesis seminar watching and reviewing the Bishop Barron's video series. As a Club we are trying to promote participation in all parish events. This one is on the Eucharist. The take home for me was his discussion of Eucharist as "play" or recreation. The word recreation, itself, means to re-create. If we fully understand Eucharist (which is Greek for thanksgiving), we would truly rejoice at the opportunity to celebrate a restful day where worldly duties are put aside for a few hours.

Lent is coming up, a little later than average this year, with Ash Wednesday on March 6, and Sister Marcia has staged our annual Lenten Retreat on the first Friday and Saturday of Lent, March 6-7. The presenter is Franciscan Br Rufino Zaragoza. His topic is "You, Christ Jesus, Are the Way". We also have the Mission Crab Feed on Saturday, March 2, and Fr Bonacci will be presenting a Scripture series on the four Monday evenings of February.

Do you know what "the biggest lie in the history of Christianity" is? Matthew Kelly does. And you will, too, if you have picked up and read your Christmas copy of his book by that name. Some copies are still available in the back of the church. OR you can come to Deacon Lance's "readers' digest" version and discussion on Monday night, February 11, in his penultimate swan song as a deacon at St Joseph's. Deacon, a fellow Men's Club member, is retiring and moving away. His actual swan song is his last sermon, at all the Masses on the February 16-17 weekend.

Spiritual VP and 1st Quarter President
Dennis Dubro

Message from our VP of Fellowship

As your Fellowship V.P., I would like to ask you what kind of activities do you want other than our given Chuckwagon BBQ, Spouse dinner, and possibly a Men's Club sponsored picnic for the entire Parish? Would you like to have a bowling night or Bocce Ball? How about a game night with cards or "Mexican" dominoes? Let me know so we can try to squeeze them in. I'm also looking for a member that would be willing to chair the Fellowship with me. Contact me at donaldkaefer@gmail.com

Fellowship VP
Donald Kaefer

Possible date change for Chuckwagon BBQ

The board is discussing the possibility of changing the date for the Chuckwagon BBQ. Below are the two dates we can use the Hall as well as some of the Pros and Cons of each. Please reply to me with any additional comments and/or come to the General Meeting Tuesday to discuss. Steve Conn, sfconn@gmail.com, 510-220-6710

April 27th

- Pro's
 - o During the school year and likely to get Scouts + SJ School Service Club members to help.
- Con's
 - o Ticket sales would all be during Lent, including the last weekend of sales would be on Easter.
 - § In the past, we have done both ticket sales and the St. Patrick's event during Lent with no problems, just not on Easter weekend.
 - § We can mitigate Easter weekend by closing off ticket sales the week before. This also helps the Treasurer/Table Assignment Leader have more time to complete his pre-work.

June 22nd

- Pro's
 - o No ticket sales during Lent
- Con's
 - o Not during the school year and not as likely to get Scouts + SJ School Service Club members to help.
 - o Potentially 1/13 of our parish families on Summer Vacation that week; men + youth not able to help and parishioners not able to attend.

Message from our newest member/VP Ashley Weerpass (VP Membership)

I joined the Men's Club in September 2018 during the parish ministry fair event. I retired about a year ago and I was looking for a way to contribute to the St. Joseph Community, my second home of 35 years. For many years I observed how active and selflessly giving members of the club have been to the community. It was clear to me that if I was going to contribute, why not with a group who has clearly the experience and methodology to do so effectively. I am serving on the board as membership chair to help evangelize how effective this club is in all they do and to encourage others to experience the engine of contribution which is the club. I would appreciate members sharing with me any ideas and suggestions they have on how we can make the club a greater part of their lives. Ashley Weerpass (Membership VP)

Recent Events:

Christmas Tree and Creche Takedown: As happens each year, the Men's Club Elves assisted the Environmental Ministry with decorating the Church. As you can see, some need ladders, but others don't. Many thanks to the volunteers, Jerome Hubacek, Peter Oey, and Lou Zenzen, pictured, and the many others not in the picture.



General Meeting at Bronco Billy's with the Fremont Fire Department:



Upcoming Events:

General Meeting:

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7:00am in the St. Joseph parish hall. J Ashley Weerpass to present the Parish Operational Plan.

Spiritual Warfare Day of Reflection

February 23, 8am-4pm in Menlo Park. See email and flyer from Dennis Dubro dated 1/2/19.

SF Bay Catholic Mean's Conference:

Saturday, 3/2/19. See email from Dennis Dubro dated 1/17/19.

Bishop Barron Series:

Every 3rd Sunday of the month for 6 months. See email from Dennis Dubro dated 1/17/19.

Soups and Stations:

Date TBD. Possible dates are 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, or 4/12. Board to decide on date asap. Please provide any input to a Board member prior to next board meeting.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>January</u></p> <p>8th: Meeting, a week later & at Bronco Billy's Pizza, 41200 Grimmer at Blacow</p> <p>18th: (new date) Crèche+Tree Tear-Down @ 9am</p> <p>15th: Board Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>February</u></p> <p>5th: Meeting,</p> <p>19th: Board Meeting</p> <p>TBD: Men's Club 9:00am Mass & Brunch + Membership Drive at each Mass</p> <p>TBD: Ski Trip</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>March</u></p> <p>5th: Meeting,</p> <p>19th: Board Meeting</p> <p>TBD: Soup & Stations, choose one Fri 3/9-4/12</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>April</u></p> <p>2nd: Meeting,</p> <p>13-14th: BBQ Publicity & Ticket Sales</p> <p>14th: Help w/ Palm Sunday Celebration</p> <p>16th: Board Meeting</p> <p>20th: Help w/ Easter Vigil Reception</p> <p>20-21st: BBQ Publicity & Ticket Sales</p> <p>26th: Set-up 6-10 pm</p> <p>27st: Chuckwagon BBQ</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May</u></p> <p>7th: Meeting,</p> <p>21th: Board Meeting</p> <p>TBD: Accelerated Reader's Lunch</p> <p>TBD: Grade 4 Walk & BBQ</p> <p>TBD: Santacruzian Parade</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>June</u></p> <p>2nd: Parish Breakfast</p> <p>4th: Meeting,</p> <p>18th: Board Meeting</p> <p>TBD: 6th Grade Scholarship</p> <p>TBD: 12th Grade Joe Faria Memorial Scholarship</p> <p>TBD: BBQ at Central Park for Homeless</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July</u></p> <p>2nd: Meeting,</p> <p>16th: Board Meeting</p> <p>TBD: Parish Picnic</p> <p>TBD: Mission Fence Painting Service Project</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>August</u></p> <p>6th: Meeting,</p> <p>20th: Board Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>September</u></p> <p>3rd: Meeting, Spouse's Dinner @ Dominican's,</p> <p>17th: Board Meeting</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>October</u></p> <p>1st: Meeting, <i>Retreat Prep</i>,</p> <p>15th: Board Meeting</p> <p>TBD: Feed the Homeless</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>November</u></p> <p>5th: Meeting,</p> <p>15-17th: Men's Weekend Retreat,</p> <p>19th: Board Meeting</p> <p>TBD: BBQ Lunch for Olive Harvest</p> <p>TBD: (Fri 29th?) Crèche Set-up</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>December</u></p> <p>3rd: Meeting, <i>Election + Feedback for 2020 + Retreat Discussion</i></p> <p>17th: Board Turnover Meeting</p> <p>TBD: Christmas Party</p> <p>TBD: (Mon 23rd?) Tree+Nativity Set-up</p>

2019 Men's Club Board of Directors:

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President	<i>open</i>	NA	NA
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Men's Club New Members:

The Men's Club of St. Joseph Catholic Church at Mission San Jose share common interests in three aspects of life within our parish community. These are Fellowship, Service, and Spirituality. Our club welcomes men of all ages, and our members range in age from the 50s to 80s. General Meetings are typically held on the 1st Tuesday of the month, starting at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We begin with Pizza & Beverages, followed by a speaker, and finishing with a brief discussion of upcoming items.

To join the Men's club:

1. Send your contact information to our Membership VP (name, address, email, & phone)
2. Write a check for \$40 to St. Joseph's Men's Club (\$20 for dues, \$20 for shirt *{specify size}*)
3. Confirm the date & location of the next meeting on the Parish website: <http://bit.ly/StJosMensClub>

Please join us at our next General Meeting. We look forward to meeting you!

St. Joseph's Men's Club Membership Application

First Name	Street Address
Last Name	City
Spouse's Name	Zip Code
Email Address	Check # or Cash
Cell Phone	Shirt Size
Home Phone	Date