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President's Message

Hopefully, you and your families are all well. This year has been very confusing, weatherwise, to our bodies and our gardens! Is it Spring, or is it still Winter...hard to tell. I love the sun, but we are all worried about the water supply and the only way to fix that is RAIN. Yuk

March 20th the WOSJ will be cooking soup for the Lenten Soup Night at the Hall. Usually there are about 20 people who attend. If you would like to bring some soup, drinks, or bread for this event, please let me know ASAP. (Email: solodmom@aol.com, phone: 510-471-6224) Thanks.

Last week, a few ministry heads met with Father Manny to talk about Pope Francis' thoughts on helping the poor. Father Manny has asked for ways that we can help the poor. One of the ways the St. Joseph community is helping is our "Socks for the Soul," spearheaded by our own Deacon Lance. He is asking for men's white socks: however, Stan Peter's people he helps includes an equal number of women. If you can donate for either men or women, we would be eternally grateful.

We are decorating cookies for Abode again this year. Please remember that we would welcome your children to come and help. If they are not able to come to the meeting, please encourage them to make cookies that we can decorate.

We have some good events happening in the next couple of months and I hope you can come to them. If there is something you think we might all be interested in, please let me know!

Hugs and Blessings to you,

Sherry Dunn
President

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS--- Mark Your Calendars!



March 17	Board Meeting	6:30pm	Church Hall
	General Meeting	7:30pm	Church Hall
Topic: Decorating cookies and filling Easter bags for Abode			
April 21	Board Meeting	6:30pm	Church Hall
	General Meeting	7:30pm	Church Hall
SWAP MEET			

Membership Notes

We currently have 68 members. Please invite a fellow parishioner to our group.



Helping Hands

If you know anyone that would like to attend our meetings and/or events but needs transportation, please contact Liz Hormel (656-8495). She will arrange for one of our members to assist in having the need met. Also, let Liz know of anyone needing help from WOSJ.

Women of St. Joseph polo shirts

Margherita McIntosh has WOSJ polo shirts, if you would like to purchase one. Please email her at mvmcintsh@aol.com. The prices are according to size: S-XL: \$16.75, 2XL: \$20.01, 3XL: \$23.28, 4XL: \$26.54.



St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Music

Saturday, March 14th

Join us for this year's good old-fashioned St. Patrick's Day feast of Corned Beef & Cabbage, Red Potatoes, Carrots, and Dessert in the St. Joseph Parish Hall, Saturday, 3/14/15, from 6:30 to 11:00 p.m. We will have live Irish music by **Kerbside** and a Pot O' Gold Cash Raffle so big you'll want a shot at it. All for \$20 Dine-in or \$15 Take-out. Contact Al Rendon, 510-656-2427 or wt6k@arrl.net



Swap Meet

Tuesday, April 21st

7:30pm

This should be a REALLY fun night!! Save the stuff you don't want and bring it to the meeting—it might just be the one thing someone else has been looking for.



Cookie Decorating and Filling Easter Bags

Tuesday, March 17th

7:30pm

We will be decorating cookies and filling Easter Bags for the Abode children. You are invited to bring your children to help decorate the cookies or you can have your children bake cookies for that night.



We Need Your Help! WOSJ volunteers

#1 Lenten Soup Night

Friday, March 20th

We need donations for our Lenten Soup Night on the 20th. There have been approximately 30 to 50 people attending the dinner, so we need meatless soups to provide for all. Please let Sherry Dunn know if you are able to provide soup, bread, or juices for this event.

#2 Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 4th

The WOSJ have been asked to help with the Easter Vigil this year. They are looking to have the WOSJ donate food/desserts for a light reception. If you have been to the Easter Vigil in the past, it will be the same. Please contact Sherry if you can help with this event. We will need people to set out desserts prior to the end of mass, help with clean up and help with baking or bringing desserts. For those with emails, she will send one out for volunteers. If you do not have email, please call her at (510) 471-6224. Thank you all so much for any help you can give.

#3 Picnic in the Park

Sunday, July 19th

Our 5th annual Picnic in the Park will be held at the Quarry Lakes Osprey Park again this year. It is a really beautiful park with lots of parking and easy access to the picnic area.



Father Jun Manalo

Wow, this was really an interesting evening. Father Jun brought pictures of the children he helps when he visits his home country. He also told us about his son—he adopted a little boy when he was 3 days old. The boy currently lives with Father Jun’s sister.



Happy Birthday to those born in March

Calkins Charlene	Mar 8	Young Michele	Mar 18
Olivares Alba	Mar 13	Fulks Gerry	Mar 19

Spiritual Corner

ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER

May the Strength of God pilot us.
May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Shield of God defend us.
May the Host of God guide us.
Against the snares of the evil ones.
Against temptations of the world

May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us,
Christ be over all!
May Thy Salvation, Lord,
Always be ours,
This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.

St. Patrick

Nancy Newman
Spiritual Chairperson

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Mail to this slip and a check for \$20 payable to "Women of St. Joseph" to:
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