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MAY 2017

Women of St. Joseph

President’s Message

Dear Women of St Joseph,

During the month of “April Shower”, Women of St Joseph involved in many activities: Chuck Wagon Barbecue, Lenten Soup Night, Parish Lenten Retreat, and Easter Vigil.

I am grateful to each one of you for providing such delightful soups, refreshments, and for assisting with the setup and clean up during those events. Special thanks to Judy Huckabay and Adrienne Stephens for their dedications.

I thank God for the Executive Board and the Committee Members and all of you for journeying with me from June 2016 – June 2017. I encourage you to come for an election of Officers for 2017-2018 on our next meeting: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 follow with a fun social gathering, game, and refreshment.

As we celebrate Mother’s Day in May, let us remember that Mary is our Mother. As Mother, she loves us with an undying love and all she wants is to lead us to her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May we always imitate Mary, our Mother to say “yes” to God’s will.

Have a Blessed Mother’s Day to you all!

Sincerely,

KimNguyen
WOSJ President
UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS--- Mark Your Calendars!

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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 are still $15
Good news! WOSJ polo shirts will continue at the sale price of $15 for the remainder of this membership year, through June 20, 2017. Our polo shirts are a sign of unity and can be worn to any function where WOSJ gather as a group such as the senior luncheon in January, the Easter Vigil reception, and to the monthly meetings. Available sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL. Contact Nancy Dorighi at ndorighi@comcast.net or 510-657-7543.

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 solodmom@aol.com. We currently do not have any shawls or lap blankets in our possession.

Free Strawberry plants
Nancy Dorighi likes to offer ten free strawberry plants to any of our members who wants them. Please contact Nancy at 510-657-7543 or email at ndorighi@comcast.net.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Group Convalidation**  
**Saturday, June 10, 2017**

At 10:30 am, 5-6 couples who were not married in the church will receive group convalidation of their marriage at a special Mass. WOSJ has been asked to host a reception for them and their families (possibly 200+ people) immediately following Mass as a gift from the parish. Nancy Dorighi needs volunteers to help prepare food on Friday, June 9, 2017, and/or serve at the reception on June 10, 2017. Please contact Nancy at 510-657-7543 or email at ndorighi@comcast.net.

**Social Gathering, Fun, and Game**  
**Tuesday, May 16, 2017**

Join us for an evening of fun, social, strawberry shortcake made by Judy Huckabay, and games. Bring you Mexican Train, cards, cribbage, and whatever suits your taste. Only YOU can make it a fun event! Any question, please contact Adrienne Stephens at 510-651-8672 or Bea Taus at 510-490-8965.

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

- Wine Tasting  
  Sunday, May 21, 2017
- Potluck and Installation  
  Tuesday, June 6, 2017
- San Francisco Discovery Museum Tour  
  Sunday, June 25, 2017
- Social and Membership Drive  
  Saturday and Sunday, July 8 & 9, 2017
- Horn Blower Cruises  
  Saturday, July 22, 2017
- Social and Membership Drive  
  Saturday and Sunday, August 12 & 13, 2017
- Backyard BBQ  
  Sunday, August 20, 2017

**Annual Wine Tasting**  
**Sunday, May 21, 2017**

This year we are going to Treasure Island for our tasting. Treasure Island is an artificial island in SF Bay built in 1936-1937 for the Golden Gate Int'l Expo World Fair. It was used as a Naval Station and auxiliary air facility for airships, blimps, dirigibles, planes and seaplanes. The first winery (in an old Navy prison) we will be attending produces all Sulfite-Free wines--no headaches!! We will bring our lunches to the 2nd winery and eat on picnic tables next to the Bay Bridge.

For any questions, please email Sherry Dunn at solodmom@aol.com, Nancy Dorighi at ndorighi@comcast.net, or Margherita McIntosh at mvmcintosh@aol.com.

Carpool will be set up when a head count is established. Please email Sherry Dunn at solodmom@aol.com if you like to attend.
**Potluck and Installation**  
Tuesday, June 6, 2017

At 6:30pm, our Potluck dinner and installation of officers for 2017-2018 will be at *Dominican Sister of Mission San Jose – In Arts Activity Room*. Please bring your favorite dish to share with the group! Come to celebrate our year end, come to cheer and support our new leaderships!

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**HornBlower**  
Saturday, July 22, 2017

The date has been selected! Put Saturday, July 22, 2017 on your calendars to attend the Women’s Club Horn Blower Brunch Cruise on the world renowned San Francisco Bay. Reservations for the cruise will be made on Friday, May 19, 2017. We have 17 ladies signed up to date! There is still time to add your name to the list. For more information and to join us, please contact Adrienne Stephens at 510-651-8672 or email at ecoaes@comcast.net. Detailed information will be sent directly to members who have signed-up for the event.

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**How It Went**

*The Transforming Lives Tour* (from Adrienne Stephens) arrived at our April 18th meeting. In my mind, before the “tour,” Catholic Charities was just another one of those organizations parishioners were asked to donate to once a year. They had no face. What a difference a Tour makes! It opened my eyes to the many ways Catholic Charities lives out our faith with helping the least of our communities by welcoming the stranger, fostering self-sufficiency and healing trauma. I was impressed by the CEO of Catholic Charities, Chuck Fernandez, who made the time in his busy schedule to help present the program.

A heartfelt thank you arrived in my email box from Sween Gardner:” Thank you, again, for hosting the tour at St. Joseph's this week. Your "Women of St. Joseph" group was very warm and welcoming, and your hospitality was amazing! I appreciate you taking the time to learn more about Catholic Charities.”

Catholic Charities has an awesome website with loads of information on the many things they do and how to get involved: [www.cceb.org](http://www.cceb.org). If you were unable to attend our meeting, the Transforming Lives Tour is offering at Catholic Charities main office in Oakland. I also have a link with informative videos presented at the meeting; please email me at ecoaes@comcast.net.
Happy Birthday to those born in May

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Dearest Mother of our Lord

Mother’s Day is a time to reflect on all the love our mothers have shown us throughout our lives.

Sweet and Blessed Mother, guide our mothers that they too may lead us to Your Son, just as you show us.

May they imitate Your love and devotion.

May we in return also be loving, patient, understanding and supportive to our mothers.

Blessed Mother, we pray for all mothers, aunts, our grandmothers....living and departed.

Online Catholic Prayers for May

Nancy Newman
Spiritual Chairperson