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MARCH 2018

President’s Message

Dear Women of St Joseph,

7 years ago, I joined the WOSJ; in no time, I became the newsletter editor, and then vice president. With your love, encouragement, and support, two years ago, I accepted the role of being the President of the Women of St Joseph (WOSJ) to support our parish community together with all of you.

My two-year term as President is almost over. I appreciate your help, your generous donations to various charities, your dedication and contribution of time, talent, and treasure for many events occurred in our parish; “whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” (1 Corinthians 10:31)

I wish to express to you how deeply grateful I am for your continued loyalty to our ministry. Each of you is an ANGEL to me! The Women of St Joseph can’t exist without you and Board Members. Please consider a gift of time and talent to serve on our next year’s board.

Jesus’ entire ministry was inspired and supported by a life of prayer. He prayed regularly from the beginning of his ministry until his last breath on the cross. In this Lenten Season, we should imitate Jesus to be alone with God in prayer every day. Our heart is very small and narrow, but prayer enables our heart to love God and serve one another. One thing that we can do during this Lenten Season is to spend time to pray so that God will inspire us to serve on our next year’s board.

Sincerely,

Kim Nguyen
WOSJ President
UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS--- Mark Your Calendars!

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**WOSJ Board Members 2018-2019 Need to be filled**
The purpose of our ministry is to bring together all the women of St. Joseph Parish, as a *spiritual, social and service organization.*

1/ **Board Positions:** President, 2 Vice Presidents, and Treasurer.
2/ **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. For more in detail, please contact Sherry Dunn at [solodmom@aol.com](mailto:solodmom@aol.com).

**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.

**Have you paid your 2017-2018 dues?**
Thank you to all members who renewed their membership for the current year. A few who still have not paid will receive a 3rd and final notice in early March. To be included in the annual roster for distribution, you must pay by the March general meeting, March 20. If you are not sure whether you owe dues, you may contact Nancy Dorighi at 510-657-7543 or email at [ndorighi@comcast.net](mailto:ndorighi@comcast.net).

**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](mailto:ndorighi@comcast.net).
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.

Lenten Soup Night
Friday, March 16th  6:00 pm

WOSJ will be sponsoring the Lenten Soup Supper on March 16th; before Stations of the Cross. This is a great opportunity for us to get together for dinner, fellowship and reflection. The Soup Supper starts at 6:00 pm and Stations of the Cross starts at 7:00 pm.

Deacon Lance request that WOSJ bring meatless soups, rolls, and beverages to provide for 40 people. We need to bring 7 or 8 soups; each in a crockpot and bread, rolls, crackers. Judy will be in the Church Hall at 5:00 pm to collect foods and beverages from the members and to set up tables.

Please contact Judy Huckabay at 510-226-0717 or email at kcuhi@yahoo.com for more in detail.

Easter Vigil
Saturday, March 31st  8 pm – 11 pm

The WOSJ have been asked to help St Joseph Parish with Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 31st from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

We need volunteers to assist with the setup and clean up. We also need help with baking home-made decorated cupcakes, cookies, and brownies. These goodies can be dropped off at the back of the church on March 31st; between 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Will be more detail in the future email!
WOSJ Lenten Day of Renewal Retreat
The Presenter was Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy, OFM. We enjoyed the time to be together to prepare for the lent season.
Future of Fremont

David Bonaccorsi, Fremont Councilmember presented an interesting power point talk about the future of Fremont. Traffic issues & improvements, housing developments and major state 2017 legislation affecting Fremont were discussed followed by questions & answers submitted by the audience.

“I had a wonderful time. I so enjoyed the engagement I received from those who attended. And the question and answer period were as interesting for me as the privilege of making a PowerPoint presentation. What an honor! Thank you and WOSJ for the invitation.” by David Bonaccorsi.

Birthdays of the Month

Happy Birthday to those born in March

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Lenten Prayer for Transformation

Loving Father,
I invite you into my life today
and make myself available to you.
Help me to become the-best-version-of-myself
by seeking your will and becoming a living example
of your love in the world.
Open my heart to the areas of my life that need to change
in order for me to carry out the mission
and experience the joy you have imagined for my life.
Inspire me to live the Catholic faith
in ways that are dynamic and engaging.
Show me how to best get involved in the life of my parish.
Give me courage when I am afraid,
hope when I am discouraged,
and clarity in times of decision.
Teach me to enjoy uncertainty and lead your Church
to become all you imagined it would be
for the people of our times.
Amen.

Peggy Mosko
Spiritual Chairperson