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Women of St. Joseph

DECEMBER 2019



President's Message

Ladies of St. Joseph,

Our November meeting hosted LifeElderCare. The presentation was very informative and most of the meeting Tammy Duran hosted questions from the audience. This is a Non-profit organization in Fremont, that's main goal is to help Seniors stay in their homes independently, with a little help. For those unable to attend, you can view their website at lifeElderCare.org. We were so impressed that the board decided to direct our Christmas Tea donations to LifeElderCare. Speaking of the Christmas Tea, I hope to see you there on Sunday, December 8. We did our best to find a time between the many activities during the Christmas Season.

I plan to be at the Advent Retreat on Saturday, September 14, to help set up the breakfast refreshments. I always come away with valuable guidance from both the Advent retreat and Lenten retreats, and would love to see you there.

In January, the Refugee Committee will update us on our Refugee families and the Refugee program on January 21, 2020. We will have a Communion Mass and Brunch with the Men's Club on Sunday, January 26. More information to follow after Christmas.

If I don't see you at Mass, the Christmas Concert on December 7, the Christmas Tea on December 8, or the Advent Retreat on December 14, please have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Judy Huckabay

WOSJ President

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Membership

Membership Notes

- WOSJ membership due for 2019-2020. It is \$20 payable by cash or check (preferred) made out to “ST. JOSEPH CHURCH” with WOSJ in the Memo section of the check. It can mail out to Canice McLaughlin 40623 Encanto Way, Fremont, CA 94539.



Helping Hands and Hospitality

- Do not let a transportation problem stop you from attending our meetings or events. If you need a ride, please call *Norma Neto* at 510-651-9263.
- If there are members who would like to donate desserts to our meetings, please contact *Lauri Kaefer* at 510-791-1980 or email at lkaefer@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 are now available in sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL, and 3XL. Contact *Canice McLaughlin* at 510-490-0737 or email at canice@comcast.net



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please continue your supplications for all our ill and dying. Let us know if you know anyone who could use the love, prayer, and caring represented by the gift of a prayer shawl.

Krista Phair has offered to give tutorials on how to knit or crochet a prayer shawl. She will be available at Mission Coffee on January 10 and 17 from 10:00 to 2:00PM. Please contact Donna Phair at 510-651-9307 or email at phair_math@yahoo.com for more in detail.



Baptismal Shawls

The Baptism Ministry hopes to find a few ladies who sew and can make a simple stole out of white satin for future baptisms.

If you sew and are interested, please contact Lauri Kaefer at 510-791-1980 or email at lkaefer@comcast.net for more in detail.

Volunteers needed

Kay Tierney asked for volunteers to drive members from our refugee family to and from school. The time frame is December 2 to March 5 and the days are Mondays and Thursdays. Pick up times are 8:45AM and 11:45PM. Please contact Kay at 510 683-3899 or email at wordsbyKay@comcast.net for more in detail.

Coming Events

******Save the date*



Christmas Tea and Cookies

Sunday, Dec 8th from 1:30 to 4:00pm Lauri Kaefer's Home at 38695 Chrisholm Place, Fremont, CA 94539. Bring a plate of cookies to share and your favorite tea cup.

Your donation this year will go to *Life Elder Care*. Please make checks out to St. Joseph Church - WOSJ so one check can be made out to the organization.



Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 14th from 8:45 to 3:00pm. Those planning to attend need to sign up in order that food supplies are ordered. Sr. Marcia needs a few volunteers to help with set up and serving. Please contact Sister Marcia email at sistermarci@gmail.com for more in detail.



Family Bingo Night

Saturday, February 22, 2020 in the Parish Hall. It is 3 months away, but many things must be done early. As chair I want to thank all the ladies who have accepted Chairpersonships:!

Publicity - Pat Samuels already has the flyer done and timeline for advertising.!Raffle/Silent Auction & Bingo Prizes - Lorraine Leen is working to get family oriented prizes that take letters and online applications to get (she already has San Jose Children's Museum and Oakland Zoo passes - Yay Lorraine!)!Kitchen - Eileen Juan (a new member who is GREAT in the kitchen)! Beverages - Adrienne Stephens and Money - Nancy Dorigi and Sign-up Genius - Kay Tierney all accepted the positions again. THANK YOU!!

So, how can YOU help? We need someone to oversee Decorations and a Photographer. We also need gift card donations (\$10 - \$25 cards) or monetary donations to buy the items we will need for prizes and to make up baskets. Gift cards can be purchased through the school.

That is it for now. Our first Family Night was SO successful because so many of you donated cash and gift cards. It will be another fun evening event, so plan on helping in whatever way you are able! Please contact Lauri Kaefer at 510-791-1980 or email at lkaefer@comcast.net for more in detail.

How It Went

Elder Care

Canice introduced Tammy Duran and Deepa Chordiya from Life Elder Care. Both Tammy and Deepa spoke about services available to seniors sixty and older in Alameda County. This was a very informative meeting.



*Happy Birthday to those born
in December*

Gail Noeth	12/1	Miriam Keller	12/3
Clarice Chiatello	12/ 11	Helen Campbell	12/16
Krista Phair	12/20	Margaret Purcell-Brisken	12/20



December is the Month of the Divine Infancy

*Come, long-expected Jesus.
Excite in me the joy and love and peace
it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord.
Raise in me, too,
sober reverence for the God who acted there,
hearty gratitude for the life begun there,
and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.
I pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
whose advent I hail.*

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Donna Phair
Spiritual Chairperson*