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# Women of St. Joseph

JANUARY 2020



## President's Message

*Ladies of St. Joseph,*

*December was a busy month for most of us. I hope everyone had a chance to attend one of the many activities for December.*

*I had a chance to finally see the Creche Museum in Mountain View this year, and attend the showing of the documentary of Saint Faustina. I really didn't know anything about her, and this was very inspirational.*

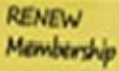
*Our January meeting will be hosted by the Refugee Committee. Please see the paragraph "Made INTO America" that describes the meeting.*

*Last month I asked you to mark your calendar for January 26 for the Men's Club and Women's Club Communion Brunch, but we had a conflict with that Sunday, and are rescheduling for February 9<sup>th</sup>. I will be looking for Eucharist Ministers and Lectors for the Mass.*

*I want to thank you for being such a wonderful group of women, and teaching me how to be a better Catholic. Some of our members are very sick, and could use your prayers.*

*I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and best of health in 2020.*

*Judy Huckabay*  
WOSJ President



## **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.



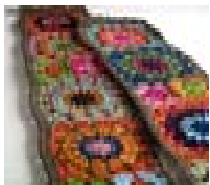
## **Helping Hands and Hospitality**

- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 2:00 PM*. Please contact Donna Phair at 510-651-9307 or email at [phair\\_math@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 8:45 AM and 11:45 PM. Please contact Kay at 510 683-3899 or email at [wordsbyKay@comcast.net](mailto:wordsbyKay@comcast.net) for more in detail.

## Coming Events

\*\*\*\*\**Save the date*



### **Made INTO America**

"Who are these clamoring to enter our land, our homes, our hearts? Why are they here disturbing our peace? What do they want from us who have more than enough for ourselves? Where do they come from, speaking such foreign words we do not understand? We suspect they come to steal, harm or kill, to spoil our culture, taking advantage of our good will. We fear most what they themselves flee: hunger, poverty, disease, violence, war, oppression. Most of all we dislike the truth they reveal about ourselves, who put conditions on God's unconditional love for all." (Reprinted from *Maryknoll magazine*, <https://maryknollmagazine.org>)

Did you know that our parish is home to many refugees? Our past Women's Club president, Kim Nguyen, is only one of our many parishioners who came to the US as a refugee.

Please join us at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. The theme of our next Women's Club meeting is *"Made INTO America."* We will hear from several refugees—some of whom have been in the US for many years and some newly arrived.



### **WOSJ & St. Joseph's Men's Club Communion Brunch**

On Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>, Communal Mass at 9:00 am, St. Joseph Church. Brunch is at 10:30 am at Spin-A-Yarn 45915 Warm Springs Blvd, Fremont, CA. Cost \$25 per person to be paid by February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Please make your check out to *St. Joseph Church with WOSJ* in the Memo section. RSVP to Peggy Mosko at (510) 656-6605 or email at [apmosko@comcast.net](mailto:apmosko@comcast.net)



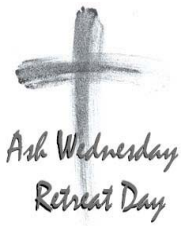
### **Family Bingo Night**

Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Parish Hall. We need a Decorations and a Photographer Chairperson to work with the rest of the committees.

The Prize/Raffle/Silent Auction Committee needs gift card donations (\$10 - \$25 cards) or monetary donations to buy the items needed to make up baskets. (Gift cards can be purchased through the school - call Lauri to order). Last year a few already made gift baskets received at Christmas were donated.

Donations should be provided to the raffle committee by February 1st. Please contact Lauri Kaefer at 510-552-7431 or email at [lkaefer@comcast.net](mailto:lkaefer@comcast.net). Lorraine Leen at 510-366-2826 or email at [lorraine@leen.com](mailto:lorraine@leen.com). They will arrange to pick up whatever you have to donate.

This event will benefit our Parish School AND our Faith Formation Program. Our first Family Night was SO financially successful because so many of you donated your time, cash and gift cards. It will be another fun evening, so plan on helping in whatever way you are able.



## Ash Wednesday Retreat

The Sisters are having an Ash Wednesday Retreat again this year at Dominican Center. Facilitator is Sister Jane Frances Garrison, O.P. is a Dominican Sister of Mission San Jose on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 am-3 pm.

Join us for a quiet day of prayer as we enter into the season of Lent. The day includes contemplative prayer, Eucharist with distribution of ashes, a simple lunch, and personal time to reflect, journal and share. Cost \$40 (includes lunch). Register by February 19<sup>th</sup> online at <http://bit.ly/2020AWDayofPryr>.

Please contact Donna Phair at 510-651-9307 or email at [phair\\_math@yahoo.com](mailto:phair_math@yahoo.com) if you want her to complete your online registration, or bring your information to the January meeting.



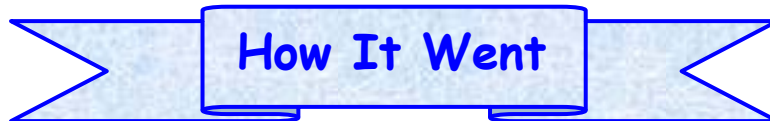
## St Patrick's Day Meeting Dinner

Did you know 2020's St Patrick's Day falls on our monthly meeting date, Tuesday March 17th?

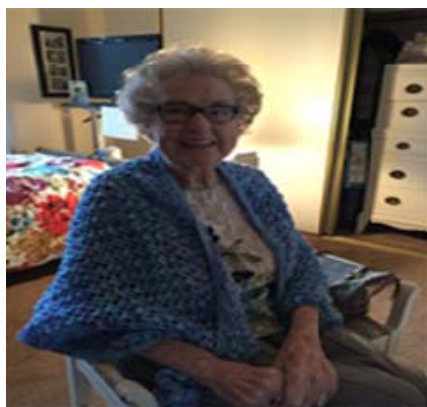
A dinner for Men's and Women's Club has been proposed. The Women will cook and the Men will clean! Decorations will be limited to the tables, and dinner served buffet style.

*This is not a parish wide event. Attendance will be only members of the Men's Club and Women of St Joseph plus spouses.*

Adrienne `O Stephens, *St. Patrick's Day Coordinator*, needs to determine if this will be a viable event based on attendance and participation. And if you be available on March 17th to assist cooking the traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner, make carrot cake (recipe supplied), set the tables, or wash table cloths. Please respond to Adrienne by January 10<sup>th</sup> at 510-651-8672 or email at [ecoaes@comcast.net](mailto:ecoaes@comcast.net). She looks forward to hearing from you all!



## Visiting Eleanor Chesterman



Madelyn Rudy, JoAnn Miller and Nancy Dorighi visited and delivered a prayer shawl to Eleanor Chesterman on December 13th at her lovely small group home. Eleanor was very pleased to receive the shawl and sends her love to WOSJ friends.





## **Our Ladies of Guadalupe Procession and Mass**

Judy was in the procession with Our Lady of Guadalupe, carrying a flag and singing. The Mission was full, the children were dressed in beautiful costumes and enjoyed Mexican tamales at the reception afterwards. She learned that Lupita Angst and Adrienne Stephens both know how to make Nicaraguan tamales, Naka tamales. Her grandmother is from Nicaragua, and it was fun to compare notes.

## **Christmas Tea and Cookies**



Ladies, we had about 25 of us show up at Lauri Kaefer's house for our annual Christmas Tea. There were plenty of cookies, lots of tea, a beautiful prayer for Advent and many announcements of the activities that will be coming up.

The WOSJ collected \$640 in donations that was given to LifeElderCare. Thanks so much for your generosity.



## **The Crèche Exhibit**

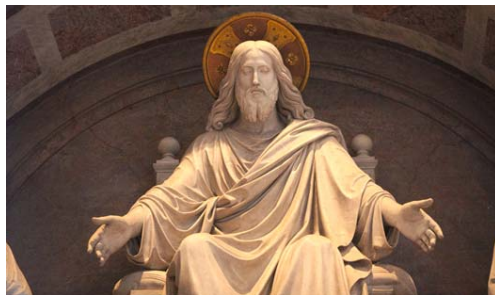
The Crèche exhibit was fantastic. Adrienne drove Judy, Norma and Peggy to the Latter-Day Saints Church in Palo Alto where they spent about an hour and a half enjoying a wonderful display of exhibits on loan from all parts of the world and made from every kind of material. Also, live music and demonstrations of art and crafts.

Then they proceeded back to Fremont to see the movie about St. Faustina, a dramatic re-creation, scientific analysis, unknown facts and recently disclosed documents that tell the story of Sister Faustina Kowalska -- a Roman Catholic nun who sees visions of Jesus Christ in the early 1900's.



*Happy Birthday to those born  
in January*

Lumin Wearne	Jan 6	Marianne O'Connell	Jan 10
Vivian Mason	Jan 13	Barbara Cheung	Jan 16
Aimee Hubacek	Jan 18	Jo Ann Miller	Jan 20
Barbara De Muri	Jan 27	Sara Rozzano	Jan 31



***January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus  
And a month for rededicating ourselves to God.***

*"Blessed be the most holy name of Jesus without end!" Amen*

*Donna Phair*

*Spiritual Chairperson*