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Women of St. Joseph

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President's Message

Ladies of St. Joseph,

Many thanks to Kay Tierney for hosting the January 21 meeting. I like to refer to it as "Meet an American", since we got to meet and greet the Refugee families and honor those among us that are former Refugees and now citizens. Unfortunately, I missed the meeting due to a cold.

For those of you that have been sick with colds, flus and viruses, I wish you a fast recovery. For those of us with more serious illnesses, I will keep you in my prayers.

Next week, at the February 9, 9:00 am Mass the WOSJ and the St. Joseph Men's Club will have a Communal Mass. Thank you for the Lectors, Ushers and Eucharist Ministers that volunteered to serve. I will be there as an Usher, in my WOSJ T-shirt. Let's show the Parish community how large a ministry we have, and what a friendly group we are.

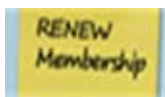
*I received over 20 replies from you when asked if you would attend the St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 17. On January 21, Adrienne O'Stephens presented the menu and a detailed plan for the event to the Board, and they decided to support the event by offering it to our Members and the Men's Club Members at **NO CHARGE!** I do a lot of asking of you to help during the year, and the Men's Club have treated us to some of their events, so we both deserve it.*

I've found that one way to learn more about my Catholic Faith is to teach it. When I was growing up it was called Catechism. I've been helping Sister Bernadette this year on Wednesdays as a Faith Formation teacher. I'm so impressed with the energy and knowledge the children have. I'm very proud of our next generation of Catholics.

Blessings and Good Health

Judy Huckabay

WOSJ President



Membership Notes

WOSJ has 83 members, but 17 of them still owe dues for fiscal year 2019/2020 which ends on May 31st. If you received an email sent January 8th regarding dues, please respond by mailing a \$20 check made out to St. Joseph Church with "WOSJ dues" on the memo line. It can mail out to Canice McLaughlin 40623 Encanto Way, Fremont, CA 94539.



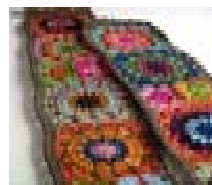
Helping Hands and Hospitality

- 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

Margaret Sweet who attended Krista's Prayer Shawl ministry. She was gifted with two prayer shawls, one for a bone-marrow transplant patient and one for a colleague at work that has late stage cancer. She attended the Prayer Shawl meetup and is re-learning crochet and knitting, so she can also make Prayer Shawls for others. She is now interested in becoming a WOSJ member.

If you are interested in learning how to make a prayer shawl. Whether you need a pattern, a refresher course on how to knit or crochet, or have never held a hook and yarn, please contact Krista Phair at Krista.l.phair@gmail.com. Stay tuned for more drop in events coming in the Spring.

Please continue your supplications for our members and their loved ones. Let us know if you know anyone who could use prayers, or to request the gift of a prayer shawl.

Please contact Donna Phair at 510-651-9307 or email at phair_math@yahoo.com for a prayer shawl or to volunteer to make one.



Spanish Organ Concert Reception

Feb 8th

Once again, our music director, Ron McKean, will dazzle us with an organ concert in the Old Mission.

First of all, please come...you will not be disappointed. Secondly, can I again count on WOSJ to help with the reception? We have asked other ministries to help too. Please see the [SignUp Genius](#) sent out by email and sign up to bring something. Every item helps defer the cost of the reception, and allows the donations to go to the Mission where they are needed. Or if you would prefer to donate money, you may do so at <https://missionsanjose.org/donate>. Please contact Nancy Dorighi at 510-657-7543 or email at ndorighi@comcast.net.



WOSJ & St. Joseph's Men's Club Communal Brunch Feb 9th

On Sunday February 9th, Communal Mass at 9:00 am, St. Joseph Church. Brunch is at 10:30 am at Spin-A-Yarm 45915 Warm Springs Blvd, Fremont, CA. Cost \$25 per person to be paid by February 2nd.

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



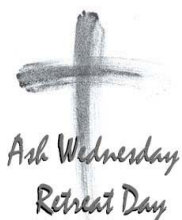
Family Bingo Night Feb 22nd

Saturday, February 22nd 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.

Kay Tierney sent the Sign-up Genius link via email on January 26th to the membership so if you haven't already, take a look at the available opportunities. 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. Lorraine Leen at 510-366-2826 or email at 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 Feb 26th

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 26th 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 19th online at <http://bit.ly/2020AWDayofPryr>. Please contact Donna Phair at 510-651-9307 or email at phair_math@yahoo.com if you want her to complete your online registration, or bring your information to Mass at 9 am on Sunday.



2020 Lent Retreat March 14th

Be transformed and enriched through the Lenten Readings! Facilitator is Dr Michael Galvan, Program Director for Community Resources for Independence, a peer-based disability resource organization that advocates and provides resources for people with disabilities, on Saturday, March 14th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at St Joseph Parish. Continental breakfast & lunch are provided. The Sign-Up sheet will email out for you to sign up as your volunteer to help and clean up. If you are available on March 14th to help set out and monitor the food tables, in the kitchen, set up tables and chairs, please email to Sister Marcia at sistermarci@gmail.com.



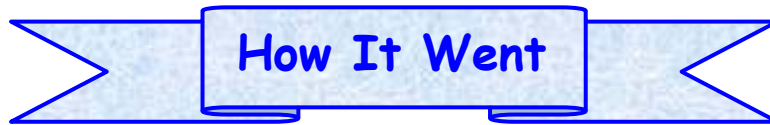
St Patrick's Day Meeting Dinner

March 17th

The St Joseph Men's Club will join us for a St Patrick's day corned beef and cabbage dinner on Tuesday, March 17th, St Patrick's Day. The Men's club has generously treated us to their spouse dinners. This year we are reciprocating for their generosity over the years. The Women of St Joseph will fund this event for all attending. Aren't we lucky!

Please contact Adrienne `O Stephens, St Patrick's Day Coordinator, at 510-651-8672 or email at ecoaes@comcast.net if you are available on March 17th to help in the kitchen, set tables, or make Irish Soda bread and carrot cake with recipe and ingredients supplied. A few bakers have signed up already but we could use a few more.

This is not a parish wide event. Attendance will be only members of the Men's Club and Women of St Joseph, plus spouses. Look for more details in our March newsletter.



Made INTO America

Kay Tierney introduced a refugee family from Afghanistan, and three refugees from Viet Nam. They each told about their experiences fleeing their countries and what it was like to settle in the USA. They described some of the many challenges and successes they experienced over the last few years. Kay is looking for volunteers to drive some of the students to the adult school.



*Happy Birthday to those born
in February*

Anna Boken	Feb 2	Cynthia Dos Remedios	Feb 14
Irma Snortum	Feb 15	Peggy Mosko	Feb 21
Linda Fleming	Feb 22	Madelyn Rudy	Feb 22
Lucy Josen	Feb 24	Donna Phair	Feb 28



The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. It starts with the feast of the Presentation on February 2nd and progresses to Ash Wednesday February 26th and the beginning of Lent.

*Prayer for Gods Guidance
Father in Heaven,
You made me Your child
and called me to walk in the Light of Christ.
Free me from darkness
and keep me in the Light of Your Truth.
The Light of Jesus has scattered
the darkness of hatred and sin.
Called to that Light,
I ask for Your guidance.
Form my life in Your Truth,
my heart in Your Love.
Through the Holy Eucharist,
give me the power of Your Grace
that I may walk in the Light of Jesus
and serve Him faithfully.*

*Donna Phair
Spiritual Chairperson*