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Women of St. Joseph

SEPTEMBER 2021



President's Message



Ladies,

How apropos is it that Pope Francis declared 2021 to be the “Year of St Joseph” our patron saint, our example, our guide?

While we don’t know much about Joseph, the man we do know who gave the care, support, and nurturing to his family so that they could thrive.

In this year of Covid, we are all feeling so frustrated by our inability to do the active, outgoing things; we look towards the example of St Joseph and be satisfied with what we can do.

I look forward to serving as your president this coming year. Until we can all meet again in sisterhood, stay healthy, and take solace in the fact we are all where we are supposed to be.

May we bloom in place for the remainder of this year!

Blessing to all.

Eileen Juan

WOSJ President

Welcome 2021-2022 Board and Committee Members



MEMBERSHIP DUES

The WOSJ fiscal year begins on June 1, 2021. We have had 31 of our 75 paying members have sent in their \$20 dues.

Our membership due is \$20. Make the check payable to *St Joseph Church*, write *WOSJ* on the memo line, and mail it to *Canice McLaughlin 40623 Encanto Way, Fremont, CA 94539*

If you have a question, please send an email to Canice McLaughlin at Canice@comcast.net or call at 510-490-0737 to leave a message.



I Love You Helping Hands

Dear Angels, Friends are like stars not always seen but always there. Please let me know if you need a card for someone or support in any way. Love and blessings to you all. Madelyn Rudy

Dorothy Day and The Catholic Workers Movement

In 2019 the Women of St Joseph had a presentation from Casa de Clara in San Jose, an independent arm of The Catholic Workers Movement founded by Dorothy Day. There was an interest in this topic because Dorothy Day was getting closer to canonization. For a refresher on the incredible life of Dorothy Day:

<https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/dorothy-day-saint-and-troublemaker.html>



For me, the most valuable aspect of that meeting was learning how Casa de Clara was living out Dorothy Day's legacy as a community committed to a shared life of prayer and action in joyful service to people on the margins of life. They offer transitional housing for women with children and single women. They even raised enough money to purchase a portable shower called "Shower to the People". What a great treat for the homeless to get a shower, clean pair of socks and t-shirt along with their nails and even hair cut!

I receive their quarterly newsletters and was surprised to get one recently from Fumi, the former coordinator of that house, and Jessica also a team member. They are starting a NEW Catholic Worker house in Portland Oregon named Dandelion House. Why dandelion? "It is tenacious and resilient, thriving in city sidewalks and lawns. Fumi likes dandelions for the beauty and joy they bring him in the springtime and hope the house will be infused with some of that spirit."

He asks for help to get the project off the ground. They already have received a generous donation of \$400,000 and need \$300,000 more to purchase a home. If you are interested in helping to get Dandelion House up and running, consider a donation by check made out to Dandelion House, P. O. Box 12004, Portland, OR 97212.

They are waiting for their 4013C, nonprofit status number. If you prefer a tax write-off, the local Catholic Workers Hospitality House of San Bruno will accept checks for Dandelion House. They request our donations be sent in one envelope. Please make your check out *the Catholic Workers Hospitality House of San Bruno with a note that the donation is being made for Dandelion House, Portland Oregon. Mail your check to Adrienne Stephens 48426 Spokane Place Fremont 94539.* I will confirm when the collection of checks is sent to San Bruno – *Adrienne Stephens*

Mark Your Calendars!

Annual Baby Shower

September 14th,

7 pm

Our Women of St. Joseph's Baby Shower meeting is on *September 14th at 7 pm via ZOOM.*

The guest speaker will be *Michael Cobb from St. Rose Hospital.* St. Rose's clients need all the basics like diapers, sleepers, onesies, baby outfits, blankets, rattles, booties from newborn to 12-month sizes.

If you wish to donate, there will be a donation box at the back of the church from August 29th to September 26th.

Items may be dropped off at *Lauri Kaefer at 38695 Chrisholm Place, Fremont, CA 94536, or Adrienne Stephen at 48426 Spokane Place, Fremont, CA 94539.*

You also have the option to shop online and have it shipped to *Lauri Kaefer + Your Last Name.* *Be sure to include your last name in the address* so we will know who it is from and that it is for the hospital.

If you have any questions, contact *Pat Samuels at 510-396-0981 or Lauri Kaefer at 510-552-7431.* Thank you for your generous support of families who are in need.

How It Went

Ice Cream Social

On August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption, the Women of St. Joseph held an ice cream social after 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses. People enjoyed the individually wrapped frozen treats and spent time in fellowship on the sunny plaza. Thank you to the volunteer shoppers and servers who made this event a success.

170 treats remain, WOSJ is supporting the Family Faith Formation ministry managed by Sr. Bernadette. The ice cream was a big hit at the August 28th kickoff picnic with enough left over for September 12th, the first day of class.

Thank You

Dear Fr. Anthony, Fr. Mark, our Deacons, Men's Club, Women of St. Joseph, St. Joseph School, RCIA, FFM Families, Catechists and Volunteers,

Sincere THANK YOU to everyone for your support of our Family of Faith Ministry Year One Kick Off Picnic last Saturday, August 28.

Thank you to all who helped to make the Picnic success. Special thanks to the members of St. Joseph Men's Club for all the hard works to provided us with delicious BBQ (the hot dogs, hamburgers and watermelon were so good!), thanks to the Women of St. Joseph for the delicious ice-creams, Family of Faith Ministry Catechists and Volunteers who helped with games, activities, set up and clean up.

Your help was immensely appreciated.

God bless,

Sr. Bernadette, Jimmy and Grace
St. Joseph Family of Faith Ministry

*****NOTE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL CHAIR**

WOSJ We have prayer shawls. Please contact me to send a request that your party is included in WOSJ prayers. Anyone needing a prayer shawl or who knows someone in our parish who would appreciate one, please contact me at phair_math@yahoo.com or call 510-703-8141 and leave a message. We deliver sanitized and sealed!



September 15th, A Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows on her feast day.

O most holy Virgin, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ: by the overwhelming grief you experienced when you witnessed the martyrdom, the crucifixion, and death of your divine Son, look upon me with eyes of compassion, and awaken in my heart a tender commiseration for those sufferings, as well as a sincere detestation of my sins, so that being disengaged from all undue affection for the passing joys of this earth, I may sigh after the eternal Jerusalem, and that henceforward all my thoughts and all my actions may be directed towards this one most desirable object. Honor, glory, and love to our divine Lord Jesus, and the holy and immaculate Mother of God.

Amen.



*Happy Birthday to those born
in September*

Martha Magana	Sept 4	Liz Hormel	Sept 5
Jessica Hur	Sept 9	Colleen Perez	Sept 16
Dawn Skala	Sept 23	Jan Giovannini-Hill	Sept 28