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Women of St. Joseph

MARCH 2020



President's Message

Ladies,

For a short month, February was filled with activities. It started out with the Spanish Organ concert, not a WOSJ event, but many of you helped out with this. The Communal Mass and Brunch with the Men's club, was the next morning. Over 30 people, including Father Mark and Father Manny attended the brunch at Spin-A-Yarn.

Many of us attended the Care of Creation inaugural meeting on February 18. Family Bingo Night on February 22, had well over 140 attendees. It was so nice seeing kids, parents and grandparents all playing Bingo together.

We ended the month with the Ash Wednesday Retreat on February 26. I hope you were able to attend at least one of these activities.

Sister Jane Francis led the Ash Wednesday Retreat. She reminded us that it is our job to bring Christ to people. She reassured us that God is with us during the difficult times we are facing at home and in the nation. She suggested that we don't limit ourselves to helping only those in our Parish, Family and Community. I received my Rice Bowl on Ash Wednesday and I'm putting a dollar in every time I play bridge or my husband goes fishing.

I'm looking forward to the Lenten Supper sponsored by the WOSJ on March 6. I really enjoy the fellowship and attending the Stations of the Cross at the Mission. Don't forget to attend the St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 17.

My husband and I will be enjoying a corned beef and cabbage dinner, with some Irish Coffee and other goodies.

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

This has been a busy month we are frantically trying to finish prayer shawls to fulfill requests and are in need of more volunteers to help make them. We will notify the members by email of more practice/tutorials during Lent.

Thank you for all your prayers for our members. Please continue to keep them and their families in your hearts as we keep you and yours.

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.

Coming Events



St Patrick's Day Meeting Dinner

March 17th

Did you get your invitation by email? The joint St. Joseph Men's and Women's Club St Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner is fast approaching, Tuesday March 17th, St Patrick's Day.

This is not a parish wide event. Attendance will be members of the Men's Club and Women of St Joseph, plus spouses. Save a seat at this event by making your reservation today! Contact Adrienne Stephens at 510-651-8672 or email at ecoaes@comcast.net. Cutoff date is March 10th.

Volunteers are still needed. Contact Adrienne Stephens to sign up.

- Set Up 5:45 - Come early to help out! 3 needed: Place-mats and utensils, condiments on tables and plate deserts.
- Drink Server 6:15-7:00 - 1 more needed
- Set Up Buffet Table 6:15pm - 2 needed
- Deserts and Coffee (7:45-8pm) - 4 needed: Plated deserts from kitchen to tables, coffee carafes on tables

Manny thanks for helping your club make this a fun and successful event!



Chuck Wagon BBQ at St Joseph

March 28th

It's spring and time for a great hoedown! The event will be at our parish hall on Saturday March 28th at 6:30PM. Tickets go on sale on March 14th and 21st weekends at \$20 per person.

It promises to be another night of great food, dancing and socializing with friends. Music by *Sylvia Herold and the Saddle Pals*. We look forward to seeing you at the event.

How It Went

Spanish Organ Concert Reception

The annual Spanish Organ Concert at the Old Mission San Jose was a great success thanks in part to Women of St. Joseph members who helped serve at the reception, contributed food or beverage items, or helped during the concert: Gail Noeth, Kathleen Wade, Margherita McIntosh, Judy Huckabay, Toni Shellen, Jenny Boris, Pat Samuels, Carmen Pusich, Theresa Nguyen, Canice McLaughlin, Irene Andersen, Alicia Herrera, Anna Boken, and Jan Giovannini-Hill.

Ash Wednesday Retreat

Thank you to all the members who participated. We had a lovely time with Sister Janet and all who attended benefitted from her lovely reflections.

Family Bingo Night



CONGRATULATIONS WOSJ!! We had another excellent Family Bingo & Pizza Night that was an excellent community-building fundraiser for our St. Joseph School and Faith Formation programs!

The Bingo Event Team began work in November with Lorraine Leen reaching out for Silent Auction and Raffle prizes and Pat Samuels and I got publicity started reworking the flyer/form to be ready for printing. Soon after that I confirmed that Judy Huckabay (kitchen), Adrienne Stephens (beverages), Nancy Dorigi (finance), Kay Tierney (Volunteers), Cathy Marron (photographer) and Angela Pappachan (new bingo display) would all take positions on the team. As Chair of the event I can't thank these ladies enough for all they did over the past months.

Thank you also to the members who donated gift cards, small items and money, who helped after Masses and who worked the night of the event. And a very special thanks to Brian Samuels who got the Bingo Machine working for us on the day of the event! Mrs. Calton (Principal of SJS) and S. Bernadette (Faith Formation) were very grateful to the WOSJ for hosting the event. If you missed this event - I hope you have the opportunity to help in the future. (by *Lauri Kaefer*)



*Happy Birthday to those born
in March*

Alba Olivares	3/13	Gerry Fulks	3/19
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***As March we begin, we are preparing for Easter.
This is a short Lenten prayer to say as we approach
Easter the Holiest Catholic feast.***

*Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
And giving His life on the Cross.
Help us to bear witness to You
By following His example of suffering
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.
Amen.*

*Donna Phair
Spiritual Chairperson*