

MARY & MARTHA NEWS

A Message from the President....

Dear Friends,

Happy 2021! A New Year filled with hope for a brighter, healthier future. With the pandemic affecting so many both physically and emotionally, I pray that our Good Lord and Our Lady of Good Counsel protect and bless each of you and your families.

The Nominating Committee approached the SJWS Board and asked us to stay one additional year. We appreciate this opportunity to work with each and every one of the members and with God's help and your continued support we will be able to make this a great, productive, and spiritually uplifting year. On behalf of the entire board, thank you for your trust in us.

It has been a while since we have had a newsletter so this one is full of information. Enjoy reading this issue and as always if any member of the Board or I can do anything for you or if you have any ideas for the SJWS, please contact us.

Blessings and hugs,
María

The Saint Joseph Women's Society are friends in faith who share the Gospel; serve the parish, community, and world; and mold strong Catholic women leaders.

Report from St Joseph Women Society Nominating Committee

We met in October to select officers for the next two years. Covid-19 continued to have us in uncertainty as to when we could meet again face to face. The committee decided to ask the present officers to continue for one more year. They graciously accepted the challenge. This should have been sent in November but with the sale and the holidays, it was not. The officers for 2021 are:

President Maria Carrero
Vice president Teresa Sowers
Secretary Rebecca Rotureau
Treasurer Julie Rotureau
and Past President Mary Sue Barnum

We thank all of them for helping get us through this difficult time. May God bless each member and help us serve Him willingly this New Year.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Becht
Beverly Stricklin

MINISTRIES AND OUTREACH PROJECTS

Although we have not met since last February, I want you all to know that you have been in my daily prayers. In spite of the pandemic, the St. Joseph Women's Society members were busy accomplishing many wonderful projects.

1. **Sewing Warriors cloth masks making ministry.** From March through September the Sewing Warriors donated sewing materials, cut fabric and elastic, sewed, laundered, and delivered over 4300 masks.
2. Since we were unable to have the annual **Birthright Tea Room**, we were able to collect online Birthright Tea Room monetary donations in lieu of having the luncheon. Through the generosity of our members and parishioners the SJWS was able to present Birthright with a check for \$2,700.
3. **Birthright Baby Shower** was also a success! Again through everyone's generous spirit the SJWS was able to deliver two carloads of baby items to Birthright of Columbia.
4. **The first ever online .. "from the Devine Kitchens" fall sale** was accomplished successfully through the tireless work of Jamie Hall, our "tech" expert, Martha Becht and Teresa Sowers, co-chairs of the Ways and Means Committee, and so many of our SJWS members. A special thank you to all who participated in this annual fund raising event by cooking, baking, canning, crafting, selling and buying. We were able to raise approximately \$4,200 which will be used for our outreach ministries.

We have been blessed with so many wonderful SJWS members and parishioners who have always joined in to help us reach our goals with our ministries.

FEBRUARY MEETING



We hope to have a SJWS monthly meeting on ***February 21***. The theme will be our second annual “Share the Love” meeting. This is where I ask members to bring needed items for “Clean of Heart”.

Because of pandemic rules, we are only allowed to have 25 members at each meeting. Keeping the board in mind, we will have room for ***only 20 members***. We will not be able to serve lunch but will have pick up refreshments. ***If you are interested in attending the February meeting, please email me as soon as possible.***

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to donate items for “Clean of Heart”, there will be a box by the front desk in the Ministries and Administration Building (MAB) so that you can drop off your items.

ITEMS NEEDED at Catholic Charities and Clean of Heart.

1. Small toothpaste
2. Tooth brushes
3. Double Edge razors.
4. Bottled water
5. Individual fruit cups.
6. Self-opening cans of protein; Vienna sausages, beanie weenies, tuna, chicken.

Clean of Heart will be open three days a week beginning in February. They seem to be seeing a lot of people for clothing so specific items go quickly.

Needed clothing items: men's pants waist 32 and 34, hoodies L, XL, 2XL, men's shoes size 9 and 10. Volunteers are needed to work at Clean of Heart on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings. If interested contact Sr. Angelita at 917-428-5244.

From Julie Rotureau, Treasurer:

Happy New Year! I pray this finds each of you doing well and staying safe.

******* It's dues time again!! *******

Please drop off your 2021 Membership form and dues to the parish office, or place in the collection basket, or even mail directly to me ([3200 Cornwall Rd, Columbia, SC 29204](mailto:3200_Cornwall_Rd_Columbia_SC_29204)). The amount remains the same, at \$25.00 annually. You are encouraged to use the form attached to this email, or simply enclose a note with your check. *We appreciate your membership! THANK YOU!*

Women's Society Interest Form and Membership Form

For more information, please visit our website at www.stjosephcolumbia.org to contact us, please send email to womensociety@stjosephcolumbia.org or simply fill out this info, leave it today, or drop it in the collection plate during Mass, or mail it to the parish office.

Name _____

Address _____

How may we contact you? _____

Phone (home) _____

Phone (cell) _____

Email: _____

or

Mail: _____

_____ Yes , I'd prefer receiving correspondence at the above address instead of email.

_____ YES, I am ready to join the Women's Society now. I am including the 2021 DUES of \$ 25.

_____ I'm already a member, renewing my membership for 2021. I am including the 2021 DUES of \$ 25 St. Joseph Women's Society are friends in faith who share the Gospel; serve the parish, community, and world; and mold strong Catholic women leaders

IN MEMORIAM

So many loved ones and friends were lost this past year. May they Rest in Peace in the arms of Our Loving Lord. Please continue to pray for the response of their souls as well as for the love ones they left behind.

*“The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I lack.
In green pastures he makes me lie down;
To still waters he leads me
He restores my soul.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
Your rod and your staff comfort me.*

Psalm 23:1-4

MEMORIAL MASSES

Manuel "Manny" Lifchez, brother-in-law of Tinka Tiemann (husband of Delight),
February 26, 6:00 PM

Arthur Brown, father-in-law of Pam Brown, February 25, 7:30 AM

Zygmunt Wtodarezyk, brother-in-law of Teresa Chmura, March 7, at 10:30 AM

Anne Smith - Honorary SJWS Member - March 29 at 7:30 a.m

Bob Sakara, husband of Anne Sakara, April 15 at 7:30 a.m.

Shirley Stiglbauer - Honorary SJWS Member - April 21 at 7:30 a.m.

FROM REGINA SPELL AND TERESA SOWERS... HISTORY COMMITTEE!

ITEMS ARE NEEDED FOR THE 2020 SCRAPBOOK!

Although the SCCCW convention will not take place this year, we are putting together a scrapbook so that the SJWS may have a record of the year. We are accepting any pictures or any articles/items to record events from last year. We have some pictures from Annual Meeting, Community Sunday. If you have any pictures you would like to share we would greatly appreciate it.

Thank You Notes....



Thank you for all the congratulations and well wishes for our sweet Baby Cam. He was born on Wednesday night, January 13, 2021. He cannot wait to meet all his "Aunts" in the SJWS! ~Rebecca Rotreau



I would like say a heart felt Thank You for all the thoughts, prayers, help and care when I had my fall and support during the loss of my husband. The group of Ladies that make up St. Joseph's Women's Society are a really great bunch of Ladies. My heart felt thanks to each and everyone of you. Thank you, Anne Sakara

Calming Angry Voices By Gwen Skipper

We are all aware of the many angry voices in our country. These voices are drowning out all of the good that we know is out there. Sadly President Trump have contributed greatly to the volume of of negative rhetoric. Our elected national congressional leaders have done little to calm things, many by remaining silent others by repeating false information. That gets down to me. What have I done to find out the truth? How have I shared, lived the truth?

I recently read this quote. "If you do not live what you believe, you will believe what you live."

I have searched for dependable sources for news and information. Maybe you have sources you would like to share.

info@catholicclimatecovenant.org

Catholic News Agency-EWT www.catholicnewsagency.org

www.catholicvote.org

www.charlestandiocese.org/south-carolina-catholic-conference

My prayers are are for all that are angry, for our leaders and all of us to live what we believe. Mother Teresa puts it this way "The world is changed by your example not your opinion".