

# MARY & MARTHA NEWS

## A Message from the President....

Dear Ladies,

*Happy New Year!*

January is close to being half over, already. No rest, it seems following the Christmas Season and the holiday break, as we are busy as ever with the work of our Affiliate, Deanery and SC Council.

Our main effort this month is to plan and prepare for our Annual Meeting and Luncheon, which will be held on Sunday, January 22, 2023. Please read with the newsletter about the details. By the time we release this issue, the deadline for registrations will be close, even perhaps passed. We hope to have a capacity crowd! We are thrilled to have Seminarian Daniel Perry to join us and speak. Looking forward to a full "Donor Hall" house, we're partnering with our Youth Ministry for their service hours during the event, and also sharing Daniel's time with them, as we expect he will be here for the entire weekend. Martha Faller Becht, SJWS Catholic Woman of the Year will also be honored. There will be our traditional presentation to Monsignor Harris of our annual gift to the Parish. *Gourmet Rose*, a big favorite of our ladies, is catering the event.



I hope more of you will be able to join us at the Winter Columbia Deanery Meeting, hosted by the Corpus Christi Women's Club. Look for the "Call to Columbia Deanery of the SCCCW Winter 2023 Meeting" information from Gwen Skipper, within this issue. We will be rooting for our favorite Catholic Woman, Martha Becht, to be named as our Deanery CWOY!

Of course, at this time of year, we are beginning to gear up for our SCCCW Annual Convention. Come to sunny Myrtle Beach for this event, March 3-5, 2023, at the Landmark Resort and make a weekend of it!

Happy January! Hope to see you at the Annual Luncheon.

In Christ,  
Julie

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# *Prayer Requests*

Our prayers are so important, and the needs are ongoing. Thank you for keeping family and friends and SJWS sisters close in your hearts.

- For the members of our St. Joseph Women's Society, for a happy and healthy 2023.
- For the Greiner family and for family of Sybil Buckland, who recently died. We served funeral meals for them. In thanksgiving for our "Food for the Bereaved" groups.
- For Leslie Michael, who has been very ill.
- For Beverly Stricklin as she continues to improve, and who is close to completing chemotherapy, from lymphoma.
- For Mark Nix, son of Marjorie Nix, has been undergoing surgeries and treatments for prostate cancer which has led to some other problems. Please keep Mark close in prayer too.
- For Mirtha Vallini, who is battling cancer of the leg.
- For Mary Jo Cavanaugh and Jim Carrero, both who are recovering nicely from hip replacement surgery.
- For Maria Carter and Pat Atkins, who remain in Nursing Care.
- For Chris Segars, who is recovering nicely from her second knee replacement surgery.
- For all the families who have lost loved ones and for all the dear ones who have died. May eternal rest be granted unto each of them.
- For the dignity of all human life. May we work together, despite our differences, to truly appreciate God's great gift of life, from conception to the grave.
- For our "expectant grandparents", Sims and Libby Tompkins, and Larry and Jamie Vickrey, and for their families. For the healing of individuals named in our weekly SJ bulletin, who are shut- in or sick.
- Specifically too, for Monsignor Harris and Father Frei, for stamina and strength as they shepherd us.
- For the Seminarians of the Diocese of Charleston, for good grades, perseverance, and a growing love to serve and shepherd the Catholics in our Diocese.
- For any and all sisters, and family, who need our prayers, or who may have been inadvertently omitted here.

## **FROM your Membership Committee:**

SJWS is an affiliate member of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW). NCCW was formed in 1920 by the bishops as a way to unify the voice and mission of Catholic Women. The mission of NCCW guides us, our work and our heart to "respond with a YES". We encourage and lift each other up through prayer, service work and mentoring.

SO.....

WHAT DO YOU GAIN BY BEING A MEMBER of the ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S SOCIETY?

- ✓ The joy of fellowship
- ✓ Growth as a Catholic woman
- ✓ An increase and deepening of personal spirituality
- ✓ Satisfaction of knowing that, as part of a national organization, the NCCW, we are making a difference locally, nationally, and globally.

St. Joseph Women's Society is so excited to welcome these ladies who have joined or returned our affiliate over the past few months!!

Cathy Brennan

Karen Karumchek (returning)

Connie Pfrommer

Tanya Simpson

Blessings in the New Year!

— Julie Rotureau, Martha Becht, Beverly Stricklin, Mary Bettin

**Upcoming Important Dates for Your Calendar:**

- January 18            Last Day to Reserve Luncheon Seats
  - Open Invitation to the Ladies of the Parish
  - Starts promptly at 1:30 PM, Ministries and Admin Bldg, with a light lunch; advance thanks to Irene Lightsey's Hospitality Group
- January 22            Annual Meeting and Luncheon, Donor Hall
- January 29            Winter Deanery Meeting Hosted by Corpus Christi,

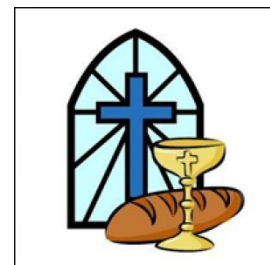
**New Calendar for Remaining 2023 Meeting Dates is Forthcoming**

- March 3-5            SCCCW Convention, Myrtle Beach, SC

## Mass Intentions - Dates for Your Calendar

### January Mass already said for

The Mass was already prayed on Jan 13, for , Dr. Eldred Spell, brother-in-law of Regina Spell, in between newsletter.



### February

5<sup>th</sup>@ 8 am (Church) for Ollie Jashinsky, sister of Pat Wegrzynowski

May their souls and all the souls of our faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

*If ever you notice a misprint or omission, please bring this to our attention.*

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Thank You!

Our Lady's Rosary Makers thank the Women's Society for their support of our Ministry. We have completed our first full year as a ministry and would like to share with you where the rosaries have gone, as well as our expenses and donations.

We have made and distributed a total of **8,580** rosaries in 2022.

**155** went to the Columbarium and Adoration Chapel at St. Joseph's

**105** went to miscellaneous areas such as Box of Joy, School children etc.

**470** went to Father Frei. He takes them to the Sisters of Charity in Charlotte, Hospital visits, USC Student center etc.

**1,350** went to Fort Jackson for the Recruits

**6,500** were sent around the world – Africa, India, Cameroon, Philippines, Venezuela to name a few.

Our expenses for supplies were **\$1,277.00** and expense for postage was **\$364.00**. Total Expense **\$1,655**  
Donations for 2022

**\$935.00** from the Rosary Makers, **\$200.00** from Anonymous, **\$60.00** from friends of the Rosary Makers, **\$300.00** from the **St. Joseph Women's Society**. Total Donation - **\$1,495.00**.

**NOTE:** We did have a \$155.00 balance from 2021, so we ended 2022 with \$9.00 in the account.

We are very grateful for your support and are always open to donations to help support this ministry. Anyone wishing to learn to make rosaries and join our ministry please contact Mary Bettin at [mbrosary@gmail.com](mailto:mbrosary@gmail.com)

## All about Mary “Our Lady of Good Success”

In the 1600's Our Lady appeared to a Conceptionist sister, Mother Marianna de Jesus Torres in Quito, Ecuador. Our Lady greeted her saying: "I am Mary of Good Success, the one whom you have invoked with such tender affection. Your prayer has greatly pleased. Your faith has brought me here. You love invited me to visit you." Our Lady stated that it was Her wish to be made known to the Conceptionist Convent in Quito and the rest of the world as "Our Lady of Good Success". She foretold that the church would be in a state of crisis in the Twentieth Century. Our Lady asked Mother Mariana to be a victim soul for this particular time.

Venerable Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres witnessed multiple heavenly visitors and was a recipient of the stigmata in addition to her reception of Our Lady of Good Success. Over the course of forty years Our Lady appeared to Mother Marianna a total of four times. Her first appearance was on February 2, 1594.

Throughout the decades, she prophesied on many things to come, including the declaration of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, local events in Ecuador like the election and martyrdom of a truly Christian president, and a decline of faith among the people around the world including priests and religious.

This apparition was approved on February 2, 1611 by Bishop Salvador de Riber before the final appearance occurred on December 8, 1634.

January 3, 2023

Happy New Year. It is time for us to get back to work. Hope you had an opportunity to relax, pray and play during this special season. In preparation for our winter Columbia Deanery meeting and upcoming convention there is much to do.

The Columbia Deanery winter meeting is being hosted by the Corpus Christi Women's Club on January 29. The board meeting will be held from 12 noon and the General meeting will begin at 1:30PM. Please encourage your members to attend. The meeting agenda will be sent closer to the meeting.

Hoping you are planning to attend the 92nd Annual Convention of Catholic Women in Myrtle Beach from March 3-5, 2023. The fall packet for the convention was forwarded to you on November 17. Please read over the details and share with your members.

Dates to remember:

- 1-7 Affiliate reports to deanery president. Either email or Mail. (Total 4 copies)
- 1-7 Deanery commission chairs provide a report to the deanery president that applies to activities that relates to the deanery level.
- 1-7 Nomination for Catholic Woman of the Year to deanery president. Either mail or provide the original and one copy at 1-7 SCCCW board meeting. The deanery nomination will be turned in at SCCCW pre-convention on 1-21.
- 1-7 Convention Marketplace: Each affiliate provides a \$25 gift card for "Gift Card Basket", "Marketplace Silent Auction Form" for items to be auctioned at convention.
- 1-21 Affiliate year-end reports to SCCCW commission chairs(Leadership, Service, Spirituality) at pre-convention meeting.
- 1-21 Deanery nominee for CWOY
- 1-21 Nominee for Women Religious of the Year
- 1-21 Rev. William Pentis Multicultural Award Application
- 1-29 Convention Marketplace-Items for Columbia Deanery themed basket "It's a Party". Gift cards and Silent auction form if not already provided.
- 2-3 Special room rates at Landmark Resort expire.
- 2-7 Convention Booklet ads due.
- 2-14 Convention registration due. The Columbia Deanery has received an anonymous Donation to cover the convention registration for a deanery member who has not previously attended a convention. The person will be selected at the winter deanery meeting. Be there to put your name in the hat.

Many of the items are due prior to the deanery meeting. Call me if you have questions. Looking forward to seeing you at Corpus Christi

Gwen Skipper  
Columbia Deanery President

Columbia Deanery of the SCCCW  
Fall General Meeting  
September 25, 2022  
Hosted by: St. Joseph Women's Society

The Fall Deanery meeting of the Columbia Deanery of the SCCCW was called to order by our Deanery President, Gwen Skipper at 1:25pm.

Julie Rotureau, President of St. Joseph Women's Society offered a warm welcome on behalf of the ladies who hosted the meeting.

Cheryll Stetar, Spirituality Chair led us in our opening prayer and offered our meal blessing before Lunch.

A delicious lunch was enjoyed by those in attendance as the meeting progressed.

Gwen Skipper welcomed new members, guests and each affiliate.

**SPEAKER:**

At this time, Gwen explained that the ladies from Catholic Charities of the Midlands were unavailable to attend our meeting today but will reschedule for a future meeting.

**ROLL CALL OF AFFILIATES — Project Donation for St.Martin de Porres Catholic School**

Project Donation — \$310.00 received

Members present — Twenty (20), Youth Member - One (1)

Corpus Christi Catholic Women - 1 member

St. Martin de Porres Rosary Altar Society - 6 members

St Joseph Women’s Society - 9 members, 1 youth member

WinGs, Our Lady of the Lake - 4 members

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:**

A committee for review of the May 22, 2023 General and Board Meetings was appointed by President Skipper to include Delores Guillard, Thesa Briggs and Suzy Howell.

The misspelling of the name “Cheryll Stetar” was the only correction found by committee.

Minutes (taken by Julie Rotureau) of the May 22, 2023 with corrections were emailed by Secretary, Martha Becht prior to this meeting in order that everyone had the opportunity to review.

Gwen stated that the minutes were reviewed by a committee of 3 and accepted, therefore no vote would be required.

A new set of Minutes from the April 18, 2021 Columbia Deanery Board and General Meetings were located by Mary Sue Barnum and were submitted for review by committee and approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT: (Written report provided)**

Brenda Peters gave her report to include the following:

Beginning Balance brought forth from 5/1/22 of	\$1836.00
Income for period 5/1/22 – 8/31/23 reported as	\$ 65.07
Total expenditures of	\$ 25.00
For an ending Balance of	\$1876.07

Treasurer’s Report will be filed for audit.

As a reminder, Brenda mentioned that Annual dues to SCCCW are due by November 1, 2022 and she would be sending them as required.

**AFFILIATE REPORTS**

Gwen gave each Affiliate representative the opportunity to talk about several items from their report if they wished to do so.

**Corpus Christi Catholic Women - Thesa Briggs** provided a written report from their affiliate President, **Dolores Alexio**, and gave a verbal report sharing their activities over the Summer to include:

A “Wine and Cheese” Meeting was held in August as a “kick off” to monthly meetings

Participated in Masses for deceased members

Donated to Corpus Christi Assistance Ministry and Mission of Lexington

Had representation at Father Joseph’s “Meeting of the Minds” monthly meeting

Had representation at the Oktoberfest planning meetings

**St. Martin de Porres Rosary Altar Society - Malorie Harrison** stated that their affiliate has been off for the summer months. No written report was provided.

**St. Joseph Women's Society - Julie Rotureau** provided a written report and presented a verbal report sharing several of their most recent events:

A "Sip and Paint" Social where participants painted "I Love You To The Moon and Back Again", a great time for socializing

The Annual Tea Room Luncheon to benefit Birthright which raised gross proceeds of \$2700.00, all given to the organization

"Women to Women, Last Call Before Fall", an annual event held before the busy school/church calendar fills up to invite all of the women of the parish to see SJWS in action and consider joining the organization

**Our Lady of the Lakes ... WinGs (Women in God's Service) - Lauren Frick** provided a written report from their affiliate President, ***Suzy Howell*** and also gave a verbal report to tell of their involvement with their Hospitality Room held after their 10:30 Sunday Mass. She also spoke of their recruitment efforts in preparation for their Fall meeting, with 8 new members joining!

### **COMMISSION REPORTS**

#### **Spirituality Commission - Co-Chair Cheryll Stetar and Mary Lees**

A folder containing information about Adoration and the Eucharistic Revival was given to each of the members.

Cheryll talked about Adoration and the Adoration Chapel at Our Lady of the Lakes. She also spoke about the the 40 hours of Adoration program at OLOL's.

Mary spoke about the Eucharistic Revival and the 20 Answers to the Eucharist.

They also reminded us of several upcoming events in the Columbia area: the Right to Life March and the Abolition of the Death Penalty.

#### **Service Commission - Co-Chair Delores Gilliard and Juanita Henry**

Delores spoke to the membership about the Three (3) Service projects proposed by the SCCCW Service Commission. We were given a very comprehensive handout, explaining in detail each of the recommended service projects.

- ***The Seafarer's Ministry***
- ***Boxes of Joy***
- ***Walking with Moms in Need***

Juanita reminded us that a "very important aspect of service is the power of prayer". She reminded the ladies that "one thing each of us can do is pray for those who are working to make the projects a success and pray for those who will benefit from the work of our deanery members".

#### **Leadership Commission - Thesa Briggs**

Thesa gave us a handout that she received at the Leadership Workshop hosted by the Greenville Deanery.

She shared several highlights from the workshop... the 3 "M's"...

- Marketing
- Mentoring
- Membership

She related that her biggest takeaway from the workshop was "Use props" when giving presentations at meetings.



## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**By-laws and Standing Rules** - Mary Sue Barnum, Parliamentarian, and Chair of the Committee for Review reported that the committee, consisting of Mary Ellen Perretta, Yvonne Pygatt and Chris Segars is still in the process of reviewing and updating the By-laws and Standing Rules. She said that the committee also felt it important to focus on Zoom Meeting Protocols.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **COLUMBIA DEANERY INFORMATION:**

#### **Columbia Deanery Retreat (Tentative Agenda attached)**

asked that Julie Rotureau and Yvonne Pygatt, Co-Chairs for the Deanery Retreat give details for the upcoming event. A tentative agenda was presented to the board members and discussion of highlights followed.

The retreat theme will be “Living the Goodness of God as We Serve” and will be held at the Diocesan Assembly Hall, 901 Orange Groove Rd., Charleston, SC on Saturday, October 22, 2022. The guest speakers will be Fr. Fabio, SCCCW Spiritual Advisor and Eleese Amos-Goodwin SCCCW President. We will begin the day with a continental breakfast, followed by a very uplifting talk by Fr. Fabio. A breakout discussion session is planned, as well as a delicious box lunch. We will pray the Rosary and spend time in silent prayer in the beautiful chapel overlooking the marsh.

**Columbia Deanery Project: Visit to the Big Red Barn** in Blythewood, SC is on hold at this time as the directorship is in process of changing.

### **SCCCW INFORMATION ...**

**2023 SCCCW Convention** March 3-5, 2023 in Myrtle Beach, SC at the Landmark Resort and headed by the Myrtle Beach Deanery. Registration will be \$150.00. Fall packet will be sent in November, 2022 with further details.

#### **2023 SCCCW Convention Marketplace... sponsored by the Columbia Deanery**

Discussion was had concerning what this year’s marketplace should be.

It was decided that the 50/50 Drawing was not a viable possibility as we are not allowed to sell tickets on diocesan property.

A motion was made by Cheryll Stetar for the Columbia Deanery to sponsor several Basket raffles and a Silent Auction. The motion was seconded by Brenda Peters. Some discussion followed and the motion was accepted.

President Skipper proposed the following:

- **2 basket raffles to be held....**
  1. Themed Deanery Basket... each Deanery to be assigned a theme, to assemble basket for raffle
  2. Affiliate Gift Basket... each affiliate to donate a \$25.00 gift card and basket will be assembled by Columbia Deanery for raffle
- **Silent Auction...** Items of \$25.00 value or more will be accepted from each Deanery, affiliates, or Individual
- **Purse Auction.... Sponsored by Myrtle Beach Deanery ....** Details unavailable at this time

**2023 SCCCW Service Projects...**

As a reminder, the SCCCW Service Commission is requesting that our Deaneries become involved in several Service Projects during the coming year. These projects were presented by the Deanery Service Co-Chairs in today's reports.

**NCCW INFORMATION...**

**Service Project:** Yvonne Pygatt, serving as Service Chairperson for the NCCW, spoke, once again, about the focused project "Walking with Moms in Need" and encouraged each of us to become involved. As a reminder, she advised that this directive comes from the USCCB.

For further information, she referred the membership to the NCCW Service webpage:

<https://www.nccw.org/commissionscommittees/> choosing "Walking with Moms in Need"...

<https://www.usccb.org/prolife/walking-moms-need>

Yvonne also reiterated becoming involved with "Boxes of Joy".

**Winter, 2023 Deanery Meeting:** January 29, 2023, hosted by Corpus Christi Catholic Women.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:36pm closing with our pray to Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Becht, Secretary

**St Joseph Women's Society**  
***Interest Form and Membership Form***

For more information, please visit our website at [www.stjosephcolumbia.org](http://www.stjosephcolumbia.org)

To contact us, please send email to  
[womensociety@stjosephcolumbia.org](mailto:womensociety@stjosephcolumbia.org)

Or, simply fill out this information, drop it in the collection plate during Mass,  
or mail it to the parish office at *3512 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29205.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

How may we contact you?

Phone (cell no.): \_\_\_\_\_ Is receiving a text message OK? \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home no.): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:  \_\_\_\_\_  
(we send info directly to you and/or to the SJWS Email Group on Flocknote)

Or:

Mail:  "Yes, I'd prefer receiving correspondence at the above address"

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 YES, I am ready to join the Women's Society now. I am including the 2022 DUES of \$25 (annually).

I'm already a member, renewing my membership for 2022. I am including the 2022 DUES of \$ 25 (annually).

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