

# MARY & MARTHA NEWS

## Words from the President:

Dear Friends,

During this month of May, the month of Our Blessed Mother, I pray you and your families are all doing well and staying safe.

Our "sewing warriors" continue cutting fabric and elastic to size and sewing masks. This group of ladies include SJWS members, parishioners, friends of parishioners, and ladies from Our Lady of the Lake. It has been a ministry born out of need and it has grow to a ministry of love. Many thanks to those who have made donations of fabric, elastic, and monetary donations. Most especially thank you for your prayers so that we may continue this ministry as long as the need is there.

I miss seeing our members and having our monthly gatherings but we have to leave everything in God's hands. As soon as the risk of the Covid-19 threat passes and all is clear, we will meet again to celebrate each other in fellowship.

May God bless each of you and keep you and your families healthy.

Love and Prayers,  
María Carrero

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## Prayers:

### The Memorare

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

### Pope Francis's prayer to Mary during coronavirus pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



## SEWING WARRIORS

As of May 14, 2020, we have made and delivered 1,500 masks and the “sewing warriors” continue to sew masks daily.

These masks have been delivered to:  
 Lexington Medical Saluda Pointe Urgent Care  
 The Free Clinic  
 Lexington Oncology  
 Organizations that help the Homeless  
 ICU Nursss  
 Monsignor Harris and Father Touzeau  
 Church staff  
 Christopher Towers residents  
 Infection Control Office of the S.C. Department of Juvenile Justice  
 A Clinic for special needs individuals in Erie, PA

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A Special Thank You!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the ladies who have been part of this special ministry...cutting fabric and elastic, donating money, fabric, elastic, laundering masks, and delivering.

Julie Rotureau and her granddaughter Bailey	Sarah Fellona’s daughters, Maggie, Tessa, Addie
Teresa Sowers	Stephanie Stachon
Martha Becht	Mary Sue Barnum
Diane McConegly	Anne Hoppmann
Gwen Skipper	Jan Bozzo
Mary Lees	Dianne Mubarak
Angel Allen	Debby Johnson
Rebecca Rotureau	Ellen Roberts
Dawn Maillie	Lois Schmidt
Chris Charlton	Sarah Rotureau
Ann Funderburk	Terry Boyle
Kathy Rainwater	Susan Chapman
Christine Koenig	Amy Dupree
Beverly Seeley	Tinka Tiemann
Maria Carrero	Angie Kempson
Anna Kelley	Schyrl Amos

I pray I haven’t omitted anyone’s name because everyone is so important to this ministry. Thank you also to Joann’s Fabrics and Forest Lake Fabrics for their donations of material.

God bless you all!

***Please know that the SJWS Board Members have been thinking about and praying for all our members and their families. We ask God and the Blessed Mother to keep everyone safe during this time of social distancing. If you get a minute remember to check on those who may be lonely and need a friendly phone call or just a little note to say hello!***

***Thank you and God bless you all!***

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