

MARY & MARTHA NEWS

Dear Friends,

Hope everyone has had a great summer and all are ready for a great SJWS year!

Wonderful news! Mary Ellen Perretta had a beautiful, healthy 9 lbs. baby boy - Andrew Thomas born on August 14, 2019. Congratulations and many blessings to the Perretta family.

Many thanks to all the ladies that made our first annual Women 2 Women social on August 14, 2019 such a success. Great teamwork enabled us to put this event together. We had 48 ladies participating and among them were new parishioners.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

September 7 & 8 - Ministries Fair. The SJWS will have a table set up with volunteers to share information about our ministry.

September 15 - SJWS monthly meeting at 1:30 pm in Ursuline Hall. We will have signup sheets for many of the upcoming events and to assist committee chairs with their ministries. I ask that you consider volunteering to help.

September 22 - Columbia Deanery of the SCCW at 1:30 pm in Ursuline Hall - Sister Mary Cecile will be our guest speaker. We will be hosting this Deanery meeting and will also have a "Silent Auction". I hope and pray we can have a large attendance of SJWS members at this meeting.

Please continue to keep members of the Women's Society and their families in your daily prayers.

I look forward to seeing you all at our September meetings.

May God continue to bless you and all you do for the SJWS and our parish.

Maria

Thank You Letter From Birthright

Dear Gwen,

Thank you for making me feel so welcome today at the St. Joe's Women's Society Tea/Luncheon Fundraiser to benefit Birthright of Columbia. What an honor it was to be among the many wonderful women and friends as they came together to share fellowship and benefit Birthright of Columbia with their donations.

Please extend our warmest thanks to ALL the planning committee, including the talented chefs, table assistants and guests. I was honored to be able to talk to each table and thank them for their generosity which has blessed the many girls and women who come through our doors everyday seeking hope, love and encouragement for their babies and themselves.

Please thank Julie and Beverly for their speedy accounting of the collection. We are speechless and blessed by the huge donation amount collected. (\$3100)

Looking forward to seeing you and Hilde and others on Monday with all the baby items collected by St. Joe's. More blessings for the young girls, women and babies.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to come share a beautiful day of fellowship with the Women's Group.

Blessings,

Anita Campanelli

Assistant Program Director

Birthright of Columbia

ANNUAL FUND RAISING EVENT!

Make-Take-Donate

The last two years the Make-Take-Donate sessions have created a lot of casseroles for the sale. Would you be willing to lead a session? The sessions are scheduled for October 4th and October 11th and limited to six participants. All you need is a recipe that you like and that freezes well and your willingness to lead. You will purchase all ingredients and containers for the dish and be reimbursed from the \$15 collected from each participant.

2019 Fall Sale - November 23 & 24

November is not as far away as you think. The fall sale is our only fundraiser to earn money to provide gifts to the parish as well as making our outreach ministry possible. The sale has focused on our delicious homemade casseroles and baked goods. If cooking is not in your wheelhouse, I am sure you have another talent to share. Are you crafty? Can you decorate? Head up one of the areas of the sale? Be present to help with the sale? Have a great idea that we might try?

Our success is dependent on us pooling our talents. Find your niche and make this the best fundraiser ever. Contact either Gwen Skipper or Teresa Sowers and let us know how you want to get involved.

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.

**Have you ever wondered about Purgatory; Heaven?
Gwen Skipper**

I recently picked up books by “Anne” a lay apostle, The "Mist of Mercy- Spiritual Warfare and Purgatory" and "Climbing the Mountain- Discovering your Path to Holiness". In 2003 Jesus revealed a mission of great mercy to Anne a lay apostle. The volumes which Anne recorded came from locutations from God the Farther, Jesus, Mary and many Saints. In "The Mist of Mercy" Anne writes of her mystical experiences of purgatory, accompanied by Jesus. The souls she meets there and the conditions they face will change forever your view of how God prepares souls for eternal joy in Heaven. Now you need to read the rest of God’s story about Heaven in "Climbing the Mountain".

From Your Treasurer

Looking forward to being with each of you at our September 15, 2019, meeting! This past summer has just flown by.

Stop by to see me at the meeting, or get in touch, if you owe dues...or just want to check on your status. Several ladies are on my pending list.

And, just a reminder that this year's dues remained at \$ 20. For 2020, we have an increase that parallels the Columbia Deanery dues increase. This was voted and approved at our February, 2019 meeting.

Starting in January, dues will be \$ 25 per member for the 2020 calendar year.

Please join us on the 15th!

Blessings!

Julie Rotureau