

MARY & MARTHA NEWS

From the President

Dear Sisters in Christ,

It is with a humble heart that I have accepted the responsibility of President of the St. Joseph Women's Society. All past presidents have been an inspiration and role models for me.

For those ladies that are not familiar with me, I have been married to James (Jim) Carrero for 43 years and we have two sons and daughters in law, Jason and GinnyLyn, and Joseph and Megan. We have three grandchildren William, James, and Catherine.

After 30 years of being associated with St. Joseph School as the Office Manager/Secretary and volunteer, I moved on to other opportunities in 2015. From 2015 -2018, I worked as an Interpreter for Spanish speaking families in Lexington School District 2.

As your President, my hope is to continue the amazing work the women's society members have done in the past and with everyone's help to build upon our many ministries and increase membership. We are blessed to have board members, Teresa Sowers, Julie Rotureau, and Rebecca Rotureau who are devoted to the Women's Society's mission.

May God and Our Lady of Good Counsel bless you and all you do.

~Maria Carrero, President

We are happy to announce that St. Joseph's Women's Society has 7 new members and 1 returning member.

Pam Brown, Colleen Fennessy, Shawn Giese, Jamie Hall, Blair Pugh, Mary Lu Dalton, Ashley Darnell, and Jessica Butch

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING THESE LADIES!

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Ecclesiastes 7:9

Do not let anger upset your spirit, for anger lodges in the bosom of a fool.

I Corinthians 16:14

Let everything you do be done in love.

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SCCCW 2019 Convention Project

This year SCCCW will again be supporting a pro-life commitment to provide “A place for women experiencing a crisis pregnancy where they can care for their babies while receiving education for their journey to independent living.” St. Clare’s Home is underway will be located in Greenville and provide housing for those expectant mothers who choose life and are in need of shelter. SCCCW members raised \$11,680 toward this home in 2015. The funds are being held in trust by the Diocese for this project. St. Joseph Women’s Society will make a donation from the treasury toward the project. If you would like to add a personal donation please contact Julie Rotureau, treasurer. More information about St. Clare’s home is available in the Call to Convention.

The Community Service Project for the Beaufort Deanery (sponsors of the 2019 SCCCW CONVENTION) is: To provide items to support St. Francis Center, Family Promise, and St. Vincent de Paul Pantry.

The Beaufort Deanery is inviting convention attendees to participate in its community service project in an effort to “break the cycle of poverty through advocacy, respect and compassion”.

If you are not attending the convention, but would like to help with this community project, PLEASE BRING YOUR ITEMS TO DONATE TO THE FEBRUARY 17, 2019 MEETING.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Lists of needed items are as follows:

St. Francis Center

Canned Goods, Napkins, Plastic Cutlery, Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue, Dish Soap, Disposable Plates, Cups, and Bowls, Shampoo, and Laundry Detergent

Family Promise

Men’s Women’s & Children’s Socks, Women’s New Underwear, T-shirts, Pajamas, Gloves, Men’s New Briefs, Toilet Tissue, and Hand Sanitizers & Tissue

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry

Rice, Grits, Soup, Fruit Juice, Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce, Crackers, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Fruits and Vegetables, and Canned Meats (beef stew, chicken, etc.)

SC COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

50/50 Raffle

DRAWINGS

EACH DAY DURING CONVENTION

\$ 5 PER TICKET

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

BLUE TICKET

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

PURPLE TICKET

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

BEIGE TICKET

50/50 Raffle - a Convention Fundraiser

As of now, we have 120 available, tickets Selling Fast. Available at our Feb 17 Meeting –

Contact Person is Julie Rotureau, Treasurer (rotureau@att.net)

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....IMPORTANT UPCOMING MEETINGS...

***Sunday, February 17-Monthly Meeting – Spotlight on Committees**

***Sunday, March 24-Lenten Retreat after the 10:30 a.m. Mass**

Followed by a light lunch and monthly meeting

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT BOTH MEETINGS AND LENTEN RETREAT

2019 Dues Reminder

Membership Dues for our organization (\$20) are collected at the beginning of each calendar year. Please make checks payable to Saint Joseph Women's Society and include a message providing your e-mail address. You may request that information, such as "Mary and Martha" be sent to you by US Mail, rather than email. You can pay dues at SJWS meetings, or drop your dues in the Sunday Collection or at the church office in an envelope labeled "Women's Society." We've included a form on the next page for your convenience.

Julie Rotureau, Treasurer

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St Joseph 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 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 (home): _____

Phone (cell): _____

Email: _____

Or:

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

 YES, I am ready to join the Women's Society now. I am including the 2019
DUES of \$20.

I'm already a member, renewing my membership for 2019. I am including the
2019 DUES.

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St. Joseph Women's Society 2019

Month/Date	Activity	
February		
17	<i>Monthly Meeting - 1:30 Ursuline Hall MAB</i>	
March		
5	Shrove Tuesday	
6	Ash Wednesday	
8,9,10	<i>SCCCW Annual Convention</i>	Hilton Head Island
15	<i>Lenten Soup Supper</i>	SJWS Responsibility
24	<i>Lenten Retreat - Mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by</i>	Sister Mary Cecile
	<i>Retreat and then monthly meeting.</i>	
31	Parish Picnic	
April		
20	<i>Decorate Church before Easter</i>	Flowers/Decorating - 10:00 a.m.
21	Easter Sunday	
27/28	<i>Belk Charity Ticket Sales after all Masses</i>	Benefit St. Joseph Youth Group
28	<i>Columbia Deanery Meeting</i>	St. Martin de Porres
May		
4	First Communion	
5	<i>May Procession, Catholic Woman of the Year</i>	
	<i>crowns Blessed Virgin - Beverly Stricklin</i>	
19	<i>Monthly Meeting - 1:30 Ursuline Hall MAB</i>	
June	No meeting	
July	No Meeting	
20-28	<i>Birthright Baby Shower- Church Narthex</i>	
24	<i>Birthright Tea Room Lunch-Donor Hall</i>	

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St. Joseph Women's Society Catholic Woman of the Year

You might be wondering why and how does the Women's Society select a Catholic Woman of the Year. Let me give you a little insight to this distinguished honor.

Each year at a Fall meeting of the Women's Society, a member of the Society is nominated for this honor. If multiple nominations are received, a ballot vote is taken.

What is the criteria for this nomination? You must be a member in good standing, involved in Church, affiliate, civic and other activities.

As the SJWS nominee, your application is given to the Deanery where you compete among other affiliate Catholic Women. If you are chosen as the Deanery winner, your application is then sent to the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women (SCCCW) for judging. Each of the seven Deaneries has one nominee to submit to SCCCW.

Our 2019 St. Joseph Women's Society nominee is Beverly Stricklin. Beverly not only has been chosen as our Catholic Women but also as the Deanery Catholic Women. Here is an excerpt from her application and a quote from Msgr. Harris.

Our nominee was born in Columbia, South Carolina, but grew up in Denmark, South Carolina, where she graduated Salutatorian of the 1959 class of Denmark Olar High School. She graduated from Winthrop College in 1963 with a BA in Mathematics and received a Master's in Educational Administration from the University of South Carolina. She taught math and served as an Administrator for special needs students in Richland School District One for forty-four (44) years.

Our nominee was raised Southern Baptist; she taught Sunday school in college at a mission church and also played the piano for several classes. In 1976, she and husband became members of St. Joseph Catholic Church, and both their sons attended St. Joseph School and were altar servers for the parish. She served on the St. Joseph School PTO board as well as the parish's Board of Education. For at least 10 years, she has taught CCD and presently teaches "Touching Safety" classes to CCD students and assists with the CCD Christmas Pageant and May Procession.

Our nominee has been a member of the St. Joseph Women's Society for fourteen years. She has served as treasurer for four years and also helps with church care, making soup for Lenten soup suppers, and being a co-chair of a food-for-the-bereaved group. She helps cook for the Memorial Mass each November and helps host the Tea Room Luncheon that raises money for Birthright of Columbia in July. Within the Columbia Deanery, she has served as the Spirituality Commission Chair for the last three years. She has been on the nominating committees at both the affiliate and deanery levels. She has attended the last six SCCCW Conventions and assisted in planning the Masses at the recent convention in Columbia in 2017.

Our nominee serves on the Senior Life Board of St. Joseph Catholic Church and currently is the co-chair of the Bereavement Group. She is a member of the parish Women's Bible Study and St. Vincent de Paul. For the last few years she has been volunteering with the Snack Pack Program that the Women's Society took on as one of their community projects.

Our nominee supports Catholic Charities with donations and contributions of needed items. She has been a board member of her condo association for eleven years, serving as treasurer, pool committee chair, and landscaping committee chair. She drives people to appointments and walks dogs for sick friends. She volunteers regularly at her grandchildren's schools.

If you ask our nominee what she is most proud of, she will tell you that it is seeing her sons passing their strong faith onto their families, and having their children involved and having a deep based faith.

Our nominee is a woman of virtue, integrity, passion, prayer, love and a great devotion to God and His call to help others and serve Him daily. These qualities make our nominee an excellent candidate for the SCCCW Catholic Woman of the Year.

Congratulations Beverly!!

SJWS Catholic Woman of the Year and the Columbia Deanery Catholic Woman of the year!!