

MARY & MARTHA NEWS

From the President

Dear Friends,

May the blessings of Easter be with you throughout the year!

March and April came and went in a flash and I want to thank you all for participating in three important events...Lenten Soup Supper, Retreat/March SJWS Meeting, and the St. Joseph Parish Picnic. Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and treasure.

These were all special events for the SJWS ministry and our parish community. March was a busy month but so rewarding.

Our next meeting will take place on Sunday May 19 in Donor Hall at 2:00 pm. This would be a great opportunity to invite a friend to come join us. We are so proud and feel blessed that so many of our parish ladies have joined the St. Joseph Women's Society this year. We continue our sisterhood in the Catholic tradition.

Please remember to keep friends and families in your daily prayers. We all benefit from the power of prayer.

Blessings to all!

~Maria Carrero, President

We are happy to announce that St. Joseph's Women's Society has 4 new members and 1 returning member:

Buff Long, Stephanie McCabe, Katharine Presty, and CeCe Zimmerman, and our returning member Lois Barnett.

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING THESE LADIES!

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Our Blessed Mother
Take my hand, O Blessed Mother.
Hold me firmly lest I fall.
I grow nervous while walking and
Humbly on thee call.
Guide me over every crossing,
Watch me when I'm on the stairs.
Let me know that you're beside me.
Listen to my fervent prayers.
Bring me to my destination,
Safely along the way.
Bless my every undertaking,
And my duties for the day.
And when evening creeps upon me,
I'll never fear to be alone.
Once again, O Blessed Mother,
Take my hand and lead me home.

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.

Thank You Notes

Thank you for the Mass you arranged to have said for Curtis. Knowing he will be remembered in the prayers of the church means so much to me at this very sad time in my life ~Maria Carter

Thank you for the wonderful meal you prepared and served for the reception following Curtis' funeral. The food was delicious and the table centerpieces were beautiful. Your kindness in remembering me at this very sad time in my life is greatly appreciated. Words cannot express how very difficult each day is without Curtis being a part of it. ~Maria Carter

St Joseph Women's Society, From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank all the ladies for their kindness towards me. I am so grateful to be part of such an amazing group of women. ~Mary Ellen Perretta

Mother's Day will be celebrated this year in a very special way thanks to you. Mothers and their babies have been blessed in so many ways by your continued support. Thank you and God bless you. ~Birthright of Columbia

CONGRATULATIONS TO BEVERLY STRICKLIN-The 2019 St. Joseph Catholic Woman of the Year and The 2019 Columbia Deanery of the SCCCW Catholic Woman of the Year. We are so proud of you and wish you many continued blessings!

"In Loving Memory"

These Mass dates are coming up soon. Please remember our loved ones in prayer and also by participating at the scheduled Mass.

For Curtis Carter, son of Maria Carter
Tuesday, June 4 -or- Sunday, June 16, at the 12:15 Mass
(we arranged for one of these Masses on a week day, and the other is a Sunday opportunity is also being celebrated in memory of him)

For Louise Ramos, mother of Mary Ellen Perretta
Sunday, July 14, 12:15 Mass

For Gina Mallios, friend to every member of the SJWS
Sunday, July 14, 10:30 Mass

Calendar

Month/Date	Activity	
May		
4	First Communion	
5	<i>May Procession, Catholic Woman of the Year crowns Blessed Virgin - Beverly Stricklin</i>	
19	<i>Monthly Meeting – 2:00 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-<u>Donor Hall</u></i>	

CONTACT INFORMATION	PHONE	E-MAIL ADDRESSES
President: Maria Carrero	803-609-1434	mariadccarrero@hotmail.com
Vice President: Teresa Sowers	803-776-8231	-
Secretary: Rebecca Rotureau	803-315-68708	rrotureau3@gmail.com
Treasurer: Julie Rotureau	Home-782-2835 Cell 463-4877	rotureau@att.net

We here, we have no fear; we have given ourselves, our faults, our sins, our weaknesses to the Lord. We have placed them before his cross, where he died the innocent man's death to free us from sin.

In confession, we descended back into the waters of our baptism, and those purifying waters have sprung forth from Christ's side on the cross and have washed us clean.

~Father Rhett Williams

Shared on Facebook by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston

COME TO THE NCCW CONVENTION 2019!

THE THEME: CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

Come One! Cone All!

The 2019 NCCW Convention is in Atlanta at the Renaissance Waverly Hotel and Convention Center August 21-24.

Room rates are \$139 single, \$159 double, \$179 triple, \$199 quad, plus applicable state and local taxes. Hotel reservations must be made by July 29 to receive the NCCW rate.

Early Bird registration (\$300) is online until June 1. Registration after this date until the cutoff date - July 29 is \$350.

Speakers at convention are:

Mother Dolores Hart, O.S.B., is the Director of Education at the Abbey of Regina Laudis in Bethlehem, Conn. She made her film debut with Elvis Presley in the 1957 film "Loving You." Delores acted in nine more movies before she answered a mysterious call she heard with the "ear of the heart".

The Most Reverend Peter Rosazza, D.D. a bishop advisor to the National Catholic Student Coalition.

Kim Michael Polote, an American Traditions Gold Medal winner and Savannah native. She is a world singing and inspirationally speaker.

Dan Misleh, who is the founding executive director of Catholic Climate Covenant.

Come and join us! Come and be inspired both spiritually and mentally with your sisters in Christ from all over the United States! Join us and be spiritually uplifted during Mass celebrated by over 25 Spiritual Moderators and 600 women and religious. Listen to the wonderful speakers and take back ideas to spread in your organization. Above all – you will meet and make many new friends.

Go to www.nccw.org for more information about convention! Join us in Atlanta! Hope to see you there!