

MARY & MARTHA NEWS

Dear Friends,

During this season of Advent, I wish you all peace, happiness, and good health. As we await the coming of the Baby Jesus on Christmas Day, may you experience all the beauty of this special time of the year.

Thank you to all who participated in the annual Giving Tree event. Whether you purchased gifts, gave a monetary donation, wrapped gifts or are helping with the delivery.....everyone is thankful for your thoughtfulness.

Please mark your calendars to help decorate the Chrismon Tree December 17 at 11:30 am in the church. All volunteers welcomed! The Chrismon Tree will be blessed by Monsignor Harris at the St. Joseph School children's 8:15 am Mass on Friday December 20, 2019.

Thank you all for your many kind words and support during my first year as your St. Joseph Women's Society President. On behalf of the entire SJWS board I want to wish you all a blessed and safe Christmas.

With love and gratitude,
Maria

THE SCCCW CONVENTION WILL BE HELD MARCH 13, 14, 15, 2020 IN GREENVILLE, SC. Convention information and registration forms will be emailed to you by the end of December. Please consider attending this wonderful weekend with our Catholic sisters from around the state!

IMPORTANT DATES for your calendars:

December 17 @ 11:30 am: Decorate Chrismon Tree – Claire Wagner and Mary Sue Barnum.

December 20: Chrismon Tree Lighting & Blessing at 8:15 a.m. St. Joseph Children's Mass.

December 23 @ 10:00 am: Decorate Church for Christmas – Sophie Sagrera and Mindy McBurney.

January 19: Annual Luncheon and Meeting in Donor Hall at 1:30 p.m.

January 26: Columbia Deanery Meeting – Corpus Christi Church at 1:30 p.m.



During this most special season of giving let us not forget those who are less fortunate than us, all who are sick, and every person who has no one to pray for them. Prayer is powerful and that is one of the greatest gifts we can give!

Thank You Letter

Dear Maria & Ladies SJWS,

Have a blessed & happy Advent! Thank you for your support of Family Honor's work during the past year. You made a difference in the lives of many children, teens, women, and men! God bless you!

~Brenda & staff

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.

Greetings and JOYous Blessings of the Season.

I would like to remind all that our Winter Meeting of the Columbia Deanery of the SCCCW will be held at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Lexington, SC on Sunday, January 26, 2020.

The Board meeting will begin at 12:30 pm followed by the General meeting at 1:30 pm. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$7.00 per person.

This will be a very busy meeting as we will be holding elections of officers for the upcoming term as well as honoring our Deanery Catholic Woman of the year.

My hope is that our ladies of SJWS will attend the Winter meeting to show support for the Columbia Deanery and SCCCW. For more information, please contact me @ kkmfb519@aol.com or 803-360-8084.

JOY in Your JOURNEY 2019

HOPE for 2020

“May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and peace in believing [through the experience of your faith] that by the power of the Holy Spirit you will abound in hope and overflow with confidence in His promises.”

ROMANS 15:13 AMP

Lovingly,

Martha Brecht, President

Columbia Deanery of the SCCCW

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC WOMAN OF THE YEAR.....

Congratulations to Julie Rotureau our St. Joseph Church Catholic Woman of the Year! We wish Julie many blessings and thank her for her continued work in our parish and community.

A note from the SJWS Treasurer....

Just a reminder that the SJWS voted to increase our yearly dues to \$25.00 effective January 2020. If you would like you may pay the annual dues at our January 19 meeting/luncheon.

We will also be selling 50/50 SCCCW raffles tickets. The tickets are \$5.00 each. Drawings will be held at the SCCCW convention in March 2020.

FROM THE DEVINE KITCHENS....

Congratulations to Gwen Skipper and Teresa Sowers, co-chairs of the Ways and Means Committee, for a very successful “From the Devine Kitchens Fall Sale” in November. A special thank you to everyone who participated by baking, cooking, working and buying.

January Meeting/Luncheon.....

Watch the church bulletin for upcoming information and to make reservations for our annual January luncheon on January 19, 2020. The cost of the luncheon is \$18.00 person. Please plan to attend and invite a friend. Hope to see you there so we may celebrate the New Year with good friends, great fun, and delicious food.