

MARY & MARTHA NEWS

A Message from the President....

Dear Friends,

Already, the autumn season is filled with activities and events. Just take a look at the calendar. This is so true for an active membership in our Women's Society!

None of our efforts can touch others without the help of many hands. I never cease being so proud of each of you, in our work, because you continue to be "all in" with our projects, especially anything to do with serving and benefitting others. You give good example to others about living our faith – faith in action, from easing the pain of our bereaved, to helping others in other parts of the globe outside our homes, even to ministering to one another with our Parish. I could go on about the many ministries you are involved with. Your works reflect a respect for life!

As forerunner to our October 16 meeting, we offer this issue of Mary and Martha, and hope you will continue to find the contents interesting, and informative. We meet next in Donor Hall on the 16th (if bumped, then we move to Ursuline Hall, upstairs).

Please read within this issue about several items:

- Boxes of Joy, a project we will work on October 16
- The Deanery Retreat, in Charleston, "Living the Goodness of God as We Serve", on October 22 – please sign up and come!
- Catholic Woman of the Year
- Vote to accept our working budget
- The Memorial Mass Reception – November 7
- "From the Devine Kitchens"- our Fall Sale –planning for our biggest fundraiser this year –online sales and pick up in time for Thanksgiving
- and so much more.



In Him,
Julie

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Prayer Requests

Our prayers are so important, and the needs are ongoing.
Thank you for keeping family and friends and SJWS
sisters close in your hearts.

Please keep Teresa Chmura in your prayers. Teresa is recovering from surgery had last Monday. Her daughter, Eva, said she is doing well, and will soon be taking some treatment.

For Beverly Stricklin as she continues a series of chemotherapy for lymphoma.

For Mark Nix, son of Marjorie Nix, has been undergoing surgeries and treatments for prostate cancer which has led to some other problems. Please keep Mark close in prayer too.

For Mirtha Vallini, who is battling cancer of the leg.

For Mary Jo Cavanaugh, recovering from right reverse shoulder replacement surgery; and continued prayers for her sister, Barbara, in Buffalo, who has been diagnosed with ALS-Lou Gehrig's Disease.

For Maria Carter, who is in Nursing Care, that she knows we are praying for her.

For "Aunt Pat" Atkins, who remains in nursing care.

For Gayle Michaelis, for continued healing.

For the family of Allison Corbett as they grieve her death.

For the families of Mike Tronco and Mark Whitlark, as they grieve their deaths. We are grateful for the opportunities to assist with these funeral receptions.

For the dignity of all human life. May we work together, despite our differences, to truly appreciate God's great gift of life, from conception to the grave.

For our newborn, “Jules” Miller, daughter of Rebecca Rotureau and Camilo Miller, and granddaughter of John and Julie Rotureau.

For our “expectant grandparents, Sims and Libby Tompkins, Gary and Mary Bettin, and Larry and Jamie Vickrey, and for their families,

For the healing of individuals named in our weekly SJ bulletin, who are shut- in or sick.

Specifically too, for Monsignor Harris and Father Frei, for stamina and strength as they shepherd us.

For any and all sisters, and family, who need our prayers, or who may have been inadvertently omitted here.

**In every age,
O Lord, you
have been
our refuge.**

PS 90:1

Upcoming Important Dates for Your Calendar:

- October 16: SJWS Monthly Meeting
 - Open Invitation to the Ladies of the Parish
 - Starts promptly at 1:30 PM, Ministries and Admin Bldg, with a light lunch; advance thanks to Irene Lightsey’s Hospitality Group
- October 22: Deanery Retreat – *SIGN UP NOW*
“Living the Goodness of God as We Serve”, Day trip to Charleston, SC – Flyer and Registration form included
- October 28: Online Ordering OPENS -Fall Sale-From the Devine Kitchens
- November 7: Memorial Mass @ 6 pm, followed by Reception hosted by SJWS and the KOC
- November 13: SJWS Monthly Meeting (yes, is a little earlier than usual)
- November 15: Online Ordering CLOSES -Fall Sale “From the Devine Kitchens

- November 19-20: Curbside Pick Up of Orders-Fall Sale “From the Devine Kitchens

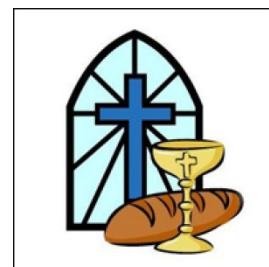
Mass Intentions - Dates for Your Calendar

December

11th @ 8 am (Church) – for Bonnie Del Vecchio, sister of Beth Barry

January

1st @ 12:15 (Church) - - for Major Margaret “Peg” Wood Brandon (a member of the Jacque-Kamler Guild.



May their souls and all the souls of our faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

Also, in January

8th @ 8 am (Church/intentions) – for Jerry White, of our Parish, to show our support of his Diaconate Studies.

If ever you notice a misprint or omission, please bring this to our attention.

Food for the Bereaved

Thank you for responding to the call!

We signed up 7 new members for our Bereavement Committees at our last meeting. So happy for your helping hands

In the last issue, described the work of our three rotating groups, and we encouraged our SJWS members and other members of our Parish to sign up. Questions?? or to sign up, please contact Julie Rotureau, Gwen Skipper, Therese Dionne or Maria Carrero. We’d love to get you involved!



Whether cooking is your nitch, or table decorating or helping in the kitchen, there is a need you can fill, and the company is so enjoyable! Even, we’d really like to add a fourth group to the rotation, and that would require someone to step up to this leadership role. Thank you!

Hospitality Committees

A little background...these groups rotate turns serving a light lunch for our monthly meetings.

If you haven't received a call, either since you joined the SJWS, or if it's just been a long, long time, please sign up at our November meeting. Our current Hospitality chairwomen are Shawn Giese, Irene Lightsey and Regina Spell. They would love to add you to their committee rosters! Thank you!

Community Sunday - last weekend

THANK YOU to each one of you who helped make this event successful! We served a lot of doughnuts 😊

The Columbia Deanery FALL RETREAT

We hope you will give a strong consideration to a day trip to Charleston for our Fall Retreat.

All the details are on the attached flyer and that is followed by a registration form. The cost is minimal. Carpooling is encouraged! If you have not met Fr. Fabio, you are in for a treat! And, we will have time with our new President of the SCCCW.

Please send your registration form and check to
Brenda Peters, 357 English Legend Drive, Irmo, SC 29063.

October,,,The Month of the Rosary

By: Maria Carrero



As Catholics, we observe the month of October as the month the Holy Rosary. Our Blessed Mother Mary has requested during her many apparitions that we pray the rosary daily.

I was blessed with the opportunity to visit Fatima last year and pray the rosary in front of the apparition site of Our Lady of Fatima or Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima as she was referred to originally.

There were three revelations of Fatima. The three secrets as reported by Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco, the three visionary children of Fatima are:

- A vision of the souls in Hell.
- Prediction of the end of WWI and a prediction of the beginning of WWII as well as a request to consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- A vision of the Pope, along with other bishops, priest, religious and lay people, being killed by soldiers.

While in Fatima, we were told of St. Pope John Paul II's visit to Our Lady's shrine. He was devoted to Our Lady of Fatima and knew in his heart that she had saved his life during an assassination attempt. St. Pope John Paul II went to Fatima to thank Our Lady of Fatima for saving his life and to offer her the bullet that struck him. According to the National Catholic Register, "Casa Leitao (creators of the crown) explained that the rector, wondering what to do with the bullet, went to the crown and found one empty space which it would fit where the eight arches come together. The empty space had the same caliber that fit the bullet from St. John Paul II. The

bullet found the perfect fit in the empty space left in 1942 at the union of the eight stems that make up the Queen's crown. Using a gold weld, Casa Leitao then affixed the bullet permanently in that one open space in the crown, which prophetically was waiting to be filled."

This month of October brings to mind the last message of Our Lady of Fatima, 105 years ago, on October 13, 1917.

According to published reports, on July 1917, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco announced Our Lady's promise to give a public miracle in Fatima on October 13th - that everyone would see and could believe in. This prediction spread rapidly throughout Portugal, so that on October 13 a crowd estimated over 50,000 was gathered.

It was a very rainy day and all onlookers got soaked. At noon everything became silent as the children listened to Our Lady's message. The crowd did not hear the Blessed Mother talking to Lucia. Our Lady's message was"

"I want a chapel built here in my honor. I want you to continue saying the Rosary every day. The war will be over soon, and the soldiers will return to their homes....I am the Lady of the Rosary People must amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend our Lord anymore, for He is already offended too much!"

At that moment Our Lady opened her arms and Lucia asked the crowd to look at the sun. Suddenly the people witnessed the miracle of the sun and everyone that had been soaking wet from the rain were completely dry.

Let us all continue to pray the rosary for our families, friends, church, and the world. I truly believe that Our Lady rejoices at the sound of us praying the rosary!

Ladies, it is TIME!

Our biggest fundraiser of the year

If you have not already, please contact Martha Becht or Teresa Sowers and sign up to prepare your favorite Thanksgiving dishes, desserts anything yummy and fun! We are working now on the ONLINE ORDERING set up and are going “live” on Friday, October 28, 2022.

We need your COMMITMENTS to make this fundraiser a success! Again, this is our largest funding source for the year to accommodate our outreach efforts.

Martha Becht email kkmfb519@aol.com; (cell) 803-360-8084

Teresa Sowers phone (h)803-776-8231 (cell) 803-626-5049



**ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S SOCIETY
PRESENTS**

From the Devine Kitchens

CASSEROLES, HOMEMADE CAKES & BAKED GOODS,
ADVENT WREATHS, COOKBOOKS, HANDMADE ITEMS
AND SO MUCH MORE!

**ONLINE ORDERING
STARTING
FRIDAY, 10.28.22 @ 12PM**

(PAPER ORDER FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE
AT THE FRONT DESK OF
MINISTRIES & ADMINISTRATION BUILDING)

**LAST DAY TO ORDER
IS MONDAY, 11.15.22
AT 12 PM**

CURBSIDE PICKUP OPTIONS:
11.19.22 FROM 4 PM - 7 PM
11.20.22 FROM 8 AM - 2 PM

Columbia Deanery

FALL RETREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022

9:30 am—4:00 pm

Diocesan Assembly Hall

901 Orange Grove Rd. Charleston, S C

Join us for a Full day of Fellowship, Planning, Prayer, and Fun

Invited Guest Speakers

**Father Fabio Refosco, C.O. and Ms. Elease Amos- Goodwin, SCCCW
President**

**Continental Breakfast and Box Lunch \$15.00 (Payment due at September
Deanery Meeting)**

Break out Session

Praying Rosary in the Chapel

Door Prizes!!

You won't want to miss this EVENT!

See You THERE!

Yvonne Pygatt & Julie Rotureau, Retreat Co-Chairs

Gwen Skipper, Columbia Deanery President

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 (cell no.): _____ Is receiving a text message OK? _____

Phone (home no.): _____

Email Address: _____
(we send info directly to you and/or to the SJWS Email Group on Flocknote)

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 2022 DUES of \$25 (annually).

I'm already a member, renewing my membership for 2022. I am including the 2022 DUES of \$ 25 (annually).

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