### St. Joseph Women's Society

# Mary&MarthaNews

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#### Spiritual Growth

A SUGGESTION FOR SUMMER READING The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen.

The beloved spiritual writer meditates on the parable of the prodigal son after reflecting on Rembrandt's famous painting of the prodigal son's return. In the book Nouwen explores how in our life we are often either the younger son or the elder son while we are called to be the father. Great reading while you are sitting by the pool. I am sure that you will see your own reflection.

Gwen Skipper

Note: 5 copies available at Richland County Library

# >>>>>>>>> A Spiritual and Social Gathering

We will come together on August 3 at 8:00 AM to recite the rosary and attend the first Saturday Mass at St. Joseph's. We have made a reservation at Lizard's Thicket on Beltline for us to go to breakfast together after Mass.

## >>>>>>>>> Catechetical Conference

The Diocesan Catechetical Conference, *On Fire with Faith* is to be held at Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church on September 20 and 21. Ronald Rolheiser and Adele Gonzalez are to be keynote speakers. Take advantage of this opportunity to grow your faith. Find out more about the conference at http://sccatholic.org/catechesis-and-christian-initiation/fire-faith

#### **Birthright Tearoom Lunch**

On July 24 from 11:30AM to 2PM, our Women's Society is planning a wonderful luncheon experience for the benefit of Birthright. The House on Blossom will be converted to a quaint tea room. A delicious meal, prepared by our own resident chefs, will include entree, dessert and beverage.

Sally Chardos of Birthright will be with us for the event. A minimum \$10 donation will go directly to Birthright, so plan to be generous.

Contact Libit Woodington, Special Events Chair, to make reservations by e-mail (stjoewomen@aol.com) or phone (695-0307). Be prepared to specify preferred seating time when you make the reservation. Don't miss this great event!

# >>>>>>>> Membership Directory

The 2013 Women's Society Membership Directory was distributed at the last meetings. The following members joined the Society after the directory was printed. You may want to add their contact information to your copy of the directory.

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### Message from President Gwen Skipper

The South Carolina Council of Catholic Women approved three resolutions at the 2013 convention. Your convention representatives will strive to put these resolutions into action in the coming year. One of the three resolutions will be included in the next three issues of *Mary and Martha*. You will note within this issue that several of our Women's Society's activities support the goals suggested by the resolutions.

#### Resolution # 1 Year of Faith

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, and all bishops call upon Catholics that this Year of Faith be a time of spiritual renewal and personal encounter with Christ for us all.

Be it resolved, that The South Carolina Catholic Council of Catholic Women members will encourage and inspire others to proclaim their love for Christ and His Church and remind us of ways to serve those in our midst who are overlooked, ignored, or rejected, so that all may experience the peace and healing of Christ's love.

### >>>>>>>>> Church Care Schedule

Fran Mauldin would like to thank everyone who volunteered to do Church Care in July.

#### **July Schedule**

July 5	Gwen Skipper	Millie McQuitty
July 12	Nancy Barnes	Lois Barnett
July 19	Fran Mauldin	Angie Kempson
July 26	L.Woodington	Theresa Harper

It is time to build the August Schedule.

If you would like to volunteer for a Friday in August, please contact Fran by phone 771-8800 or e-mail fmauldin@hotmail.com

#### A Summer Note from Janet

The great American game of baseball is sometimes called a "civil religion." The playing field is a pastoral-like place, reminding us of the green pastures where the Good Shepherd leads us. The Trinity is echoed in the three strikes of the batters, the three outs in each inning, the 3x3 (or nine) players on a team. The base-lines and the clear rules of the game reflect the Ten Commandments of God.

Like the baseball players, we step up to the run of life toward the home plate (Heaven Itself). The baseball game sometimes brings the players great joy and sometimes breaks their hearts. Such is the "Game of Life" for us all.

Janet O' Keeffe

### >>>>>>>> Birthright Collection

From July 20-July 28 a crib will be placed in the back of the church to receive donations. The following are desired items: Baby wash cloths, lotion, crib sheets, blankets, disposable diapers, wipes, ointments, infant gowns and sleepers, and maternity clothes. (All donations, new and gently used, are tax-deductible. Birthright does NOT accept car seats or any type furniture.)

#### Calendar

July 20-28 - Birthright parish wide collection

July 24 - Birthright Tea Room Lunch- 11:30AM-2PM Blossom St. House

Aug 3-8AM - Rosary & Mass, -St. Joseph Church, Breakfast at Lizard's Thicket

Sept. 1- Rosary for the Unborn- After 8:15AM Mass

Sept 7 & 8- Tailgating and Community Sunday

Sept 15- Women's Society Monthly meeting

Sept 29- Columbia-Midlands Deanery Meeting-St. Martin de Porres

Oct. 5- 8AM- 12PM Morning Retreat with Sister Christina Murphy