

St. Joseph Women's Society  
*Mary & Martha News*

September 2015

Columbia, SC

**Spiritual Reflection**

**Surprise!**

I love it when I am surprised by a verse of scripture. This reading from the Gospel of John (16-23b-28) was recently part of my daily reading.

*Until now you have not asked anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.....* John 16:24

*On that day you will ask in my name, and I do not tell you that I will ask the father for you, for the Father loves you, because you have loved me,,,,,* John 16:26

I have read or I should say have read over these verses many times. On this day I see differently. Jesus is telling us to go to the Father; but to ask in His name. I cannot go to the Father using Jesus name, expecting to receive my request to be granted, if I ask for something inappropriate. That would be using Jesus' name in vain.

Gwen Skipper

**Help Wanted**

The Women's Society is looking for someone who would be willing to scan some of our historical documents and save them to a thumb drive. Contact Gwen Skipper if you would be willing to work on this project.  
Gwen Skipper gwenskip@bellsouth.net

**International Student Lunch**

Our Women's Society is scheduled to furnish lunch to the International Students at the University of South Carolina on Friday, September 25, 2015. Our goal is to reach out our hand of welcome to those students who come to our community from other countries.

Each year we do this by providing a sandwich, a piece of fruit, a cookie and a friendly smile. I hope many of you will want to support and participate in this special event. We have invited the ladies of St. Martin de Porres to join us in hosting this luncheon. They will let us know their decision in early September.

Details about the event and how our members might be involved will be provided at our September meeting.

Claire Wagner, Outreach Chair



**September Meeting**

Helen Moniz, Mission Coordinator of *Mater Ecclesiae* will be the speaker for the first meeting of the year, September 20. *Mater Ecclesiae* is an organization that sends missionary sisters into third world countries to do the work of Jesus. We meet after the 12:15 Mass in the Ministries and Administration building. A light lunch will be served. Don't miss this opportunity!! Hope to see everyone there.

Linda Oliver, VP/SJWS

*The Saint Joseph Women's Society are friends in faith who share the Gospel; serve the parish, community, and world; and mold strong Catholic woman leaders.*

## Message from President

Summer of 2015 was a busy and productive time for the Women's Society. There were many opportunities for members to come together including the June social, the spiritual retreats, the craft sessions, and the Tea Room lunch. I hope you were able to get involved in some of these activities. Heartfelt thanks to those special women who made our summer program a great success.

The Women's Society closet in the Ministries building is complete and paid for. Our equipment and our kitchen and table setting supplies were moved from the space in the Parish House to the Ministries Building on August 29th. The closet will be open for inspection at the September meeting. Come and see what you have accomplished.

As we begin the fall we are proud of the range of activities and events that are planned. In addition to our monthly meetings, we are hosting the Columbia-Midlands Deanery Meeting. Our Outreach Committee will host the USC International Students lunch in September; many members are working in preparation for the Fall Food and Craft Sale; and the Snack Pack ministry has added another school, thus providing food for weekends to about 60 children.

Your help will be needed for all of these events. They also provide many opportunities for you to meet and enjoy the company of women with common interests. Please be generous with your time and talent so that all of our projects will be a great success.

We moved the retreat sponsored by the Women's Society from the first week in October to the second week of Lent 2016. Also, for your future planning the 2016 SCCCW convention will be held in Myrtle Beach Friday, March 11 through Sunday, March 13. Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to participate.

Hope to see you at the September meeting.

Gwen Skipper

## Crafting with a Purpose

For the past several years, Ellen Williams, was the chair of the St Joseph Women's Society Ways and Means Committee. She provided leadership for the annual food sale held on the weekend before Thanksgiving. The sale has been the primary fund raiser each year to support the projects of SJWS.

This year Ellen was enthusiastically looking forward to adding a new dimension to the sale to attract customers and raise more funds. Her idea was for members to begin work in the summer on art and craft projects that people might find useful as gifts and home decorations during the winter holidays.

Ellen's passing left us all saddened, but with a determination to make her dream a reality. Ellen wanted ladies to come together in small groups to meet and enjoy each other's company as they exchanged ideas and techniques for making items we could sell at the November fund raiser. So, in memory of our dear sister, Ellen Williams, the food sale was renamed.

This year the Saint Joseph Women's Society will present, **From the Devine Kitchen: A Festival of Foods, Baskets, and Gifts for the Entire Family.** The event will be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 21 and 22 after each Mass. Merchandise for the Festival will be made by women in the parish

This summer members of the parish attended "crafting sessions". We created ornaments, nativity sets, wreaths and floral pieces, aprons, pot holders, and much more. In October, we are planning a packaging and pricing session and will invite all ladies of the parish to join us for fellowship, laughter, and memory making time!

Let's start talking up the sale with our friends, families, and parishioners. With your help and God's blessings, we can honor Ellen's memory by making this the biggest sale ever!

Maria Carrero, Julie Rotureau, & Gwen Skipper



## Pope's Visit to USA

We have been hearing about Pope Francis' visit to the United States for some time. As I looked at the Itinerary found on the web I was amazed at all he would be doing in the 5 days he will be here. More details and recent revisions of the schedule can be found on the web.

<http://www.popefrancisvisit.com/official-final-schedule-of-pope-francis-u-s-visit-2015/>

I invite our members to pray for the success of his many meetings and for his well-being and safety while in our country. Teri Kuhs, Editor

### Schedule: 2015 Apostolic Journey Of Pope Francis To The United States Of America

*Here is the schedule for Pope Francis' September 2015 Apostolic Journey to the United States of America as released by the Vatican on June 30, 2015. All times listed are Eastern Daylight Time.*

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 (WASHINGTON, DC)

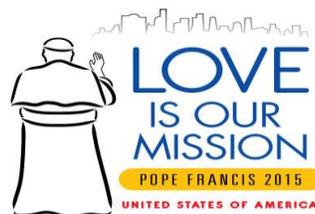
- **4:00 p.m.** Arrival from Cuba at Joint Base Andrews

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23 (WASHINGTON, DC)

- **9:15 a.m.** Welcome ceremony and meeting with President Obama at the White House
- **11:30 a.m.** Midday Prayer with the bishops of the United States, St. Matthew's Cathedral
- **4:15 p.m.** Mass of Canonization of Junipero Serra, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

#### THURSDAY, SEPT. 24 (WASHINGTON, DC and NEW YORK CITY)

- **9:20 a.m.** Address to Joint Meeting of the United States Congress
- **11:15 a.m.** Visit to St. Patrick in the City and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington
- **4:00 p.m.** Depart from Joint Base Andrews
- **5:00 p.m.** Arrival at John F. Kennedy International Airport
- **6:45 p.m.** Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St. Patrick's Cathedral



#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 (NEW YORK CITY)

- **8:30 a.m.** Visit to the United Nations and Address to the United Nations General Assembly
- **11:30 a.m.** Multi-religious service at 9/11 Memorial and Museum, World Trade Center
- **4:00 p.m.** Visit to Our Lady Queen of Angels School, East Harlem
- **6:00 p.m.** Mass at Madison Square Garden

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 26 (NEW YORK CITY and PHILADELPHIA)

- **8:40 a.m.** Departure from John F. Kennedy International Airport
- **9:30 a.m.** Arrival at Atlantic Aviation, Philadelphia
- **10:30 a.m.** Mass at Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia
- **4:45 p.m.** Visit to Independence Mall
- **7:30 p.m.** Visit to the Festival of Families Benjamin Franklin Parkway

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 (PHILADELPHIA)

- **9:15 a.m.** Meeting with bishops at St. Martin's Chapel, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
- **11:00 a.m.** Visit to Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility
- **4:00 p.m.** Mass for the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families, Benjamin Franklin Parkway
- **7:00 p.m.** Visit with organizers, volunteers and benefactors of the World Meeting of Families, Atlantic Aviation
- **8:00 p.m.** Departure for Rome