



# A Poetic Journey of Faith

Our Lady of Lourdes Council of Catholic Women — June 2019

## A note from our President

Welcome! This is our 2019-2020 year of Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL) Council of Catholic Women (CCW). We had a great and successful last year with many thanks to our Immediate Past President Gail Davey, the 2018-2019 Board of Directors, the many Committee Chairpersons, and our members for their leadership, spiritual support, charitable services, dedication and accomplishments.

We are looking forward to continuing our charitable works and upcoming activities. Our CCW organization is an amazing opportunity to network with other women and support one another on our spiritual journeys. All are welcome to join CCW, so please encourage your friends and neighbors to get involved.

Mark your calendar ... we hope to see you all at our first General Meeting on **Wednesday, October 2nd at 9:00 a.m.** in OLOL Parish Hall, and the first Wednesday of each month throughout the year through May 2020. Please come and share with us any ideas or suggestions that you would like as part of the CCW organization.

The Newsletter you are now reading is an example of one suggestion we received asking us to provide more transparency of the ongoing events and activities. This will also serve as a great way to keep our seasonal folks "in the know" when they are not in Venice. A huge thank you to Katie Morris and Joi Nemke for their creative efforts.

We hope that your Spirit will guide you to participate in any of our many activities, programs, events, or ministries and perhaps encourage you to try something new!

Peace and Blessings,

Mary Macklin

## 2018 – 2019 Woman of the Year

### Phyllis Joseph

We are excited to announce that Phyllis Joseph is the recipient of the "Woman of the Year" award for 2018 – 2019.

Originally from New York, Phyllis came to Florida in 1990 and remembers when the OLOL masses were being celebrated at the YMCA in Venice. She actively became involved in OLOL CCW in 1994 and has contributed in so many ways over the years:



- Managed OLOL's Gift Shop for 11.5 years
- Worked on the Fashion Show for 15 years
- Served as the CCW President from 2004 – 2006
- Served as the CCW Second Vice-President in 2003
- Attended three CCW meetings a month in the early days when CCW met during the day and in the evenings
- Participates in and sponsors card parties and tea parties

We are proud of Phyllis's service and dedication to OLOL's CCW and parish

## Our Mission

Our Lady of Lourdes Council of Catholic Women supports, empowers and educates all Catholic Women in spirituality, leadership and service. Our programs are planned to respond, with Gospel values, to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

## Upcoming Activities

Bridge – June 5, 12, 19, 26

Grandparents Praying for Grandchildren – June 3, 10, 17, 24

Maj Jongg – June 6, 13, 20, 27

Rosary Making Guild – June 5, 12, 19, 26

Sewing Ministry – June 5, 12, 19, 26  
(back to school clothes – all sizes)

## Our Board

### President

Mary Macklin (978) 877-7914

### Vice President

Donna McGinnis (941) 244-0953

### Secretary

Bernadette Raftery (704) 968-9580

### Treasurer

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Gail Davey (941) 493-7712

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### Service

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### Memberships

work over these years.

Congratulations Phyllis!

## CCW is collecting the following:

**For our military** – small items of snacks, personal items, writing paper, stamps, puzzle books and items from "home" to several military collection banks during the months of June, July, August and September. Containers are in the Church and Church Hall. Shipments are made the first Wednesday of the month.

**For our jewelry fundraiser** – We call it the Jewelry Exchange and NOTHING is wasted ... not even a single earring! We are accepting donations now of any unwanted costume or estate jewelry ... all donations are greatly appreciated!

For more information or to help with either collection, please contact Gail Davey at (941) 493-7712 or [kd967@comcast.net](mailto:kd967@comcast.net)

## CCW Membership

It's that time of the year again when we invite you to renew your membership for CCW. By now you should have received your 2019 – 2020 welcome packet mailed to your home. As a reminder, CCW is an amazing opportunity to be involved with a wonderful group of women as we network together and support each other on our spiritual journeys – feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to join our organization.

## Respect Life

Respect Life Ministry is dedicated to transforming today's culture of death into a culture of life. Pope John Paul II's encyclical The Gospel of Life provides hope and inspiration in the promotion of respect for all life, from fertilization to natural death. Want to know more about what is going on in our own diocese, click this link ... [Diocese of Venice Respect Life](#)

## Celebrating A Milestone



On Sunday, 6/9/19, over 100 friends attended Father Vince Sheehy's 85th birthday party at the American Legion including Father Jay, Father Tom Wantlend, and Seminarian Jacob Gwynn. As many of you know, Father was the founding pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes on July 1, 1986 and our parish has flourished over the years and serving Our Lord in many ways. A very special

thanks to CCW member Marie Kilkenny for coordinating such an amazing celebration for Father Vince!

## Remember ...

**Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer.** ~ Maya Angelou

Ellen Rush (941) 408-1768

### Hospitality

Donna McGinnis (941) 244-0953

## Key Links

[Diocese of Venice](#)

[Diocese of Venice – Council of Catholic Women](#)

[Diocese of Venice – Respect Life](#)

[Our Lady of Lourdes](#)

[Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center](#)

## Church Women United

**11/1/19:** World Community Day Celebration – “Resolve to Love” program. Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 790 So. Tamiami Trail, Venice. Bring canned food for The Salvation Army.

**1/3/20:** Annual Meeting – Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn St., Englewood. Bring canned food for Helping Hand.

**3/6/20:** World Day of Prayer Celebration – Lakeside Lutheran Church, 2401 So. Tamiami Trail, Venice. Bring canned food for So. County Food Pantry and purchase Spring Tea tickets.

**4/3/20:** Annual Spring Tea – Christ United Methodist Church, 1475 Center Rd. at 2:30 p.m., (doors open at 2:15). Tickets may be purchased from your church rep. or at the March luncheon.

**5/1/20:** May Friendship Day Celebration – Venice United Church of Christ, 620 Shamrock Blvd., Venice. Key Woman Awards and Dedication of the Least Coin from all the churches. Bring canned food for the Center of Hope.

**11/6/20:** World Community Day Celebration – The Salvation Army, 1051 Albee Farm Rd., Venice. Bring canned food for The Salvation Army.