



A Poetic Journey of Faith

Our Lady of Lourdes Council of Catholic Women — August 2019

A note from our President

Another month has flown by and your Board has completed its work on the Member Blue Book for the coming year. We think we have planned a year of meetings filled with spiritually engaging speakers and fun activities that support our theme of "A Poetic Journey of Faith".

You spoke – we listened. The CCW Board has received suggestions for a trip to Marie Selby Gardens, a CPR course from the Red Cross, and some spirituality talks from Deacon Lin. Rest assured we are working on this as this newsletter comes to you and all details will be made available at the meetings and in the monthly newsletter.

As a reminder, we meet the first Wednesday of every month starting in October @ 9:00am and our December 4th gathering will be an **evening meeting** with Christmas music and cheer as we each bring our wrapped box filled with goodies for nursing homes and veterans. Our hope is that this meeting will allow the moms and the working women of our parish the opportunity to attend!

As an FYI, our annual CCW Membership Drive will be on September 14th and 15th this year – please think about someone you know who might benefit from membership in CCW. You don't have to sign up for everything and yes, we raise money for charity, but membership is more than what we do ... **it's who we are and who we are becoming through God's grace.**

Always through Mary and in Christ,

Mary Macklin

A Fond Farewell to Fr. Martin



Last month, the parish said goodbye to Father Martin as he embarks on his next big adventure of becoming the pastor at Holy Cross in Palmetto, FL. Although he will certainly be missed, we were excited to be asked to participate in his farewell by helping at his goodbye celebration. The following ladies answered the call for help with smiles on their faces and love in their hearts. May God continue to bless you!

Helpers @ 8:00am Mass: Alida Yoezle, Andy Orin, Colleen Christensen, Donna McGinnis, Gail Davey, Margaret Baranick, Mary Chieffo



Helpers @ 10:00am Mass: Gail Davey, Jeanne Vagnetti, Julia Campbell, Kathy Oliver, Katie Morris, Trudy Gingras, Veronica Battles

Televised Mass at OLL – Thursday, 8/29/19

The Diocese of Venice will be at Our Lady of Lourdes taping two Sunday Masses on August 29, 2019. The videographer will be here at the Church promptly @ 12 noon and Gail Ardy will be here at 12:15pm to greet and answer any questions you may have. Taping will start at 1:00pm and it will

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 – August 7, 14, 21, 28

Grandparents Praying for Grandchildren – August 5, 12, 19, 26

Mah Jongg – August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Rosary Making Guild – August 7, 14, 21, 28

Sewing Ministry – August 7, 14, 21, 28 (back to school clothes – all sizes)

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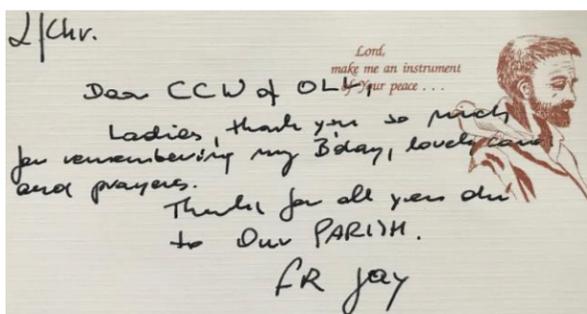
take 35-40 minutes to tape the first Mass. There will be a fifteen-minute break before the second Mass is taped. The second Mass will start taping at 2 p.m. If you are free and can attend these masses, it would be greatly appreciated as they need as many people as possible to be in the congregation.

Thank you for your generosity!

- Military collection a huge success – CCW shipped over 30 boxes of small items including snacks, personal items, writing paper, stamps, prayer cards, puzzle books and items from "home" to several military collection banks during the summer to our military personnel serving our country!
 - **Operation Gratitude** – See attached thank you note
 - **Support Our Troops** – See attached thank you note



- Ribbon Cutting and Blessing for St. John Paul II Villas – On July 26, 2019, Bishop Frank J. Dewane was present to give the blessing and cut the ribbon with others in front of the new Welcome Center of St. John Paul II. Philomena Pereira, CEO of Catholic Charities, also acknowledged the welcome baskets donated by our Council of Catholic Women during her recognition of special guests and benefactors to St. John Paul II. (See attached video)
- Fr. Jay's note of thanks for remembering his birthday –



Are you being spiritually fed?

Starting your morning with God is the key to strength and success. Take a minute to visit the following sites ... you won't be disappointed!

[Dynamic Catholic](#) (Daily Reflection)

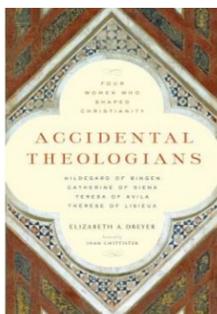
[Gratefulness](#) (Living gratefully)

[My Catholic Life](#) (Morning Offering)

[Word on Fire – Bishop Robert Barron](#)



CCW book club



Did you know that our CCW has a Book Club? We are a group of women who enjoy reading and discussing a variety of books on topics ranging from history to fiction to self-help and spiritual growth. We meet once a month on the first Thursday, and take turns facilitating the discussions. Our first meeting for the coming season will be on **Thursday, October 3rd** in the Grade 7 classroom in the Education Building at 10:00am. The

book is **Accidental Theologians: Four Women Who Shaped Christianity** by Elizabeth Dreyer. Dreyer writes about the history-changing effect of Hildegard of Bingen, Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Avila, and Theresia of Lisieux, four women Doctors of the Church. Interested? Call Kathy Quinnan at 941-445-8137.

Ellen Rush (941) 408-1768

Hospitality

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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.

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](#)

Please pray for ...

We wanted to let everyone know that one of our members, Pat Killory fell and had a severe break in her ankle after she returned to Falmouth, MA and is recovering from her third operation. Please keep her in your

CCW membership

Don't forget to send in your membership form for 2019 – 2020 by **Friday, September 20th** if you want to make certain that your personal information is included in the **CCW 2019 – 2020 Member Blue Book**.

Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to join our organization as well. Please contact Ellen Rush directly at (941) 408-1768 if you have any questions.

NEW – CCW Mentor Program

New this year is the CCW Mentor Program where volunteers reach out and contact new members and remind them of the monthly meetings. They are also encouraged to attend the monthly CCW meetings with new member for one year and review the CCW Member Blue Book together. It will be a wonderful opportunity to share their experiences and answer new member's questions.

Many thanks to the following ladies who have already stepped up to help guide our new members into active CCW service in the 2019 – 2020 year:

Mary Ann Andrus	Phyllis Joseph
Mariann Arlauskas	Jeannine Martin
Mary Lou Birk	Andy Orin
Camille Blair	Jayne Porsche
Joan Brizek	Esther Sebesto
Mary Chieffo	Mary Lou Shaw
Gail Davey	Kay Stewart
Marie Festa	Barbara Trela
Trudy Gingras	Jeanne Vagnetti
Patricia Haggemiller	Kathy Yaglenski
Marion Hennig	Alida Yoezle
Janet Henry	

Sharing one's gifts is a blessing – revealing another's gifts to them is Divine!

God calling ...

Secret Sisters is a spiritual ministry within CCW which calls on members to pray for one another over the course of a year. Typically, prayers are said, and cards and notes are sent for birthdays, holidays and support. A closing brunch gathering will take place in the Spring. Often a small token or gift is exchanged at this time. The "secret" is not knowing who is praying for YOU! If you wish to sign up now in order to be given your assignment at the first meeting, please contact Jeanne Vagnetti 231.527.8673 or email her jeannevagnetti@gmail.com.



In need of prayer?

Joline Lambert, VDCCW Spirituality has clarified the process of submitting prayer requests including praise and thanksgiving for answered prayers or blessings for the 'Pray Together Wednesday' prayers should be submitted directly to her at JL3B@comcast.net no later than Sunday by 7:00pm. All requests received after that will automatically be included in the following Wednesday's prayer. For your time sensitive or more urgent requests, trust that your Leadership Board will cover you with prayer in those moments.

CCW is continuing to collect jewelry

We are currently collecting gently used jewelry for 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

prayers as she is unsure if she'll be able to return to Venice this winter. She is a true prayer warrior! Feel free to drop her a note:

Pat Killory
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Falmouth, MA 02536
patkillory@gmail.com
(508) 245-8807

are greatly appreciated! For more information, please contact Gail Davey at (941) 493-7712 or kd967@comcast.net

Mark your calendars

December 11, 2019 – Christmas luncheon and the show the “Sounds of Christmas” at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater in Ft. Meyers

February 19, 2020 – Mardi Gras Madness Fashion Show @ Plantation Golf and Country Club

Remember ...

Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy.

~ Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

Don't want to receive the CCW monthly communication email,
please contact Katie Morris (kms915@outlook.com)