

There's a point in every true friendship where you stop being friends and become sisters.



The Holy Father has announced that 2025 is going to be a Jubilee year, also known as a "holy year." A Jubilee year is something which happens every 25 years and is a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of Creation.

The theme for Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope," and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis.

We can celebrate and participate in the Jubilee year by performing works of mercy and penance. We can feed the hungry, care for the sick and clothe the naked as works of mercy. We may also fast, abstain from meat or avoid an extra pleasure for at least one day, as acts of penance. We can be "Pilgrims of Hope" by bringing Christ to a world that is so desperately in need of His peace, healing and love.

In February, love and friendship are celebrated in many countries around the world. This celebration offers us the opportunity to get closer to the model of love and friendship given by Jesus: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15: 12-13.

... Barbara Wessels

One of the greatest opportunities available to all the faithful during a Jubilee is the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence, a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. Such an indulgence, which applies to sins already forgiven, cleanses the soul as if the person had just been baptized. Plenary indulgences obtained during the Jubilee Year can also be applied to souls in purgatory with the possibility of obtaining two plenary indulgences for the deceased in one day, according to the Apostolic Penitentiary.

God, through his Church, is inviting us to spiritual renewal this Jubilee year and nothing should stop any of us from responding to that call.

BSCCW Fashion Show
Fashions By Dillard's

Saturday
February 8, 2025

Doors open at 10:30
Luncheon at Noon
Tickets \$35
(non-refundable)

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Hope we'll see you at
the
Around the World
Fashion Show
Saturday 2/8/25!

To show love to your sister, you can express genuine interest in her life, offer support and encouragement, spend quality time together, give thoughtful gifts, compliment her, be there for her during tough times, share inside jokes, and simply give her a hug or a warm gesture; essentially, demonstrating that you care about her and value your sisterly bond.

Exactly what CCW sisters do for each other ❤️

Upcoming Events

BSCCW Around the World Fashion Show -
10:30am Sat 2/8 - Wesley Center

Mary's Handmaidens - 1-3pm
Tue 2/4, 3/4 - Social Hall

CCW Board Meeting - 1-3pm
Tue 2/11, 3/11 - Adult Ministry Building

CCW General Meeting - 11am-1pm
Tue 2/18, 3/18 - Social Hall

Evening Circle - 6:30-8pm
2/27, 3/27 - Social Hall

CCW Mass 8:30am second Thursday of month
Thu 2/13, 3/13 - Blessed Sacrament Church

JMJ Baby Shower - after masses
Sat/Sun 2/8 & 9

Eucharistic Display - Social Hall
Sat 2/8 2pm-8pm, Sun 2/9 9am-2pm

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What You Can Do To Fight Against Pornography

The United States Conference of bishops urges us all to be responsible consumers of media. We can protect our families and others by making our voices heard. Ask yourself what media portrayal of sex or violence has most offended you recently, and then contact the media outlet responsible to complain. Alternatively, ask yourself what is the best thing you've seen in the media recently and contact that media outlet with your thanks. Make this a habit.

Warning Signs

Your child may have been accessing pornography on the internet without your knowledge

- Your child quickly changes or turns off the computer screen when you enter the room.
- Your child is hiding CD's, disks or flash drives.
- Your child spends an excessive amount of time on the internet.
- You have checked the history files or "cookies" have been deleted. (meaning that someone is trying to remove traces of their access to certain websites.)
- Your child is often on the computer late at night.
- Your child becomes more distant, secretive in nature or withdrawn.
- You find unfamiliar charges on your credit card statements, especially those distinguished only by a non-descriptive name such as "website".
- Watch for behavior changes in your child - they may become more sullen, use language that seems unusual, have inappropriate sexual knowledge, have a change in sleep habits, drop in grades or have lost interest in areas of their life that previously had great meaning.

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Spirituality - Barbara Wessels, Connie Brewer

People of Faith



In spite of the inclement weather on January 22, the People of Faith program at Blessed Sacrament was a success. Seventy-four people were in attendance, the largest number of people we've had. Including Blessed Sacrament, ten churches were represented from Clermont, Orlando, Winter Garden, Groveland, Davenport, and Leesburg. The theme was Comfort in the biblical sense whose primary idea is to come alongside to give aid, in time of need. The free-will offering amounted to \$565 which was presented to Aneesa Timmons from Head Start of Clermont by Tillie Granucci, Service Commission Co-Chair.

February 8 & 9 JMJ Baby Shower



CCW asks Blessed Sacrament parishioners to support JMJ Pregnancy Center through our annual baby shower. Please help fill the crib in the narthex on February 8 and 9. CCW members will be in the narthex to assist you with placing your baby items in and around the crib. There will be a box available for cash or check donations. Some suggested items: receiving blankets, pajamas, onesies, socks, hats, bibs, burp cloths, diapers, wipes, towels, and bottles. Thank you for your generosity.

Happy Birthday!

Shirley Velasco 2/1

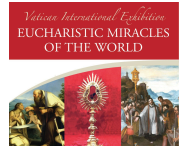
Wanda Gilrane 2/2

Tillie Granucci 2/7

Donna Kidder 2/16

Carol Klein 2/18

Bernadette Harwood 2/28



Miracles of the World Coming to Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community will be hosting the Vatican-approved international Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit Saturday, February 8th and Sunday, February 9th. The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit is a traveling display designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis. It contains an extensive assortment of photographs and historical descriptions of Eucharistic miracles recognized by the Catholic Church that have taken place throughout history. The Exhibit will be available for viewing on Saturday, February 8th from 2:00pm to 8:00pm and on Sunday, February 9th from 9:00am to 2:00pm, in the Social Hall. Along with the Exhibit, there will also be relic from Blessed Carlo Acutis on display.

We pray for all our sisters and their families. 🙏

Heavenly Father, We lift up all those who are facing various illnesses and losses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace. Amen



Special prayers for Sue Brown and husband, Mike, who is in Hospice.

2025 Golden Rose Award Recipient, Catherine Furlong



The National Council of Catholic Women's Golden Rose Award is a way to recognize and promote young ladies who are "making a difference" in their parish and community through their outstanding leadership skills, service and spirituality. BSCCW is pleased to honor Catherine Furlong, daughter of Peter and Rachel Furlong, with this year's parish Golden Rose Award. Catherine's spiritual work is marked by several years of sharing her musical talents in worship through the youth choir and work with the young members of the faith formation program. Her leadership ability shines with her activities in the parish Bible camp for the past three years. Examples of her commitment to service is seen as she assists with weekly faith formation for younger students, volunteering the past three years at the parish Bible Camp, and as a member of the American Heritage Girls she recently participated in the Wreaths Across America program. Catherine is a deserving recipient of BSCCW Golden Rose Award.



The Women in Mission at Living Hope Church will be hosting "Have a Heart ❤️ for Mission" on Feb 12, 2025 in the Social Hall. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and treats. Program to begin at 10:00 a.m. with a presentation by Anointed Community in Groveland and conclude by 11:30 a.m. All are invited. Donations of individually wrapped snack items (i.e. granola bars, fruit cups, etc.) would be appreciated. Email wim@lh.today for more information or to RSVP by February 7.

Anointed Community Services International (ACSI) empowers economically and technologically disadvantaged individuals, focusing on women, underprivileged youth, and seniors. They provide leadership development, education, career advancement opportunities, eliminate food insecurities for seniors, and remove barriers to basic needs to foster community success.

Mother Of The Bride Prevents The Wedding Night From Being Ruined. This Is Genius.

Jennifer's wedding day was fast approaching. Nothing could dampen her excitement, not even her parent's nasty divorce.

Her mother had found the PERFECT dress to wear and would be the best dressed mother of the bride ever!

A week later, Jennifer was horrified to learn that her father's new young wife had bought the exact same dress as her mother!

Jennifer asked her father's new young wife to exchange it, but she refused.

'Absolutely not, I look like a million bucks in this dress, and I'm wearing it,' she replied.

Jennifer told her mother who graciously said, 'Never mind sweetheart. I'll get another dress. After all, it's your special day.'

A few days later, they went shopping and did find another gorgeous dress.

When they stopped for lunch, Jennifer asked her mother, 'Aren't you going to return the other dress? You really don't have another occasion where you could wear it.'

Her mother just smiled and replied, 'Of course I do, dear. I'm wearing it to the rehearsal dinner the night before the wedding.'

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We welcome your ideas and input for the next newsletter!

Take a moment to value your life ...

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class with some items in front of him. When class began, he picked up a large mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed it was. The professor picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly; the pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He asked if the jar was full and the students agreed it was. He picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked if the jar was full and the students responded "yes!" The professor poured 2 cups of coffee into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed. "Now", the professor said, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are important things, your God, your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions. Things, that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, house, car. The sand is everything else - the small stuff. If you put the sand in the jar first, there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Pray to God. Play with your children. Take time for medical checkups. Take your partner out to dinner. There will always be time to clean the house. Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand." One of the students raised her hand and asked what the coffee represented. The professor smiled and said, "It just goes to show you no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a cup of coffee with a friend".

