



St. Vincent de Paul

CCW Newsletter

February 2018

Every tree is known by its own fruit (Lk 6:44)

President's Corner

Elsie 552-4432

February is one of my favorite months of the year, not only because I always get to celebrate the anniversary of my birth (This one will be the 29th anniversary of my 39th birthday!!!), but also because of Valentine's Day (mmmmm...chocolate!) and President's Day (Although it's not such a big deal anymore, now that I'm retired and am "off" every day!!!). Most importantly, over the past 16+ years (since I began my return to Catholicism!), February usually includes the beginning of what I like to call my "yearly spiritual revitalization"....most people just call it Lent!!!

I honestly look forward to Ash Wednesday each year. It signals that I have just a little over 40 days to refocus and rejuvenate my faith life using "mega doses" of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. That intense 7-week renewal will then translate into truly passionate rejoicing in the promises of salvation through Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday! Is there anything more cleansing, anticipated, rewarding, joyous??

I pray that each of you uses the first 9 days of February to thoroughly/properly develop your 2018 Lenten plans and strategies. On Ash Wednesday, I will pray that this coming Lenten season comprehensively prepares you to enjoy the most fulfilling and most jubilant Easter you've ever experienced.

Service Commission

Laurel Fassino

February is here and with it comes the start of the busy end of year time. The ladies of the Service Commission are working to complete their many projects. The knitting and crocheting ladies are very busy. They are now making children's blankets, infant sweaters and hats, infant blankets and adult prayer blankets and shawls. These things are all given out to anyone in need. Blankets and shawls will be given out at next healing mass. The ladies are very grateful to the parish for all the yarn that has been donated by the parish.

The sewing ladies continue making dresses. And shorts. The ladies are very creative and the dresses are very creative and new styles are evolving.

The Northern Deanery has asked us to make 100 potholders to be given out at Convention and we are busy completing them.

As we go into the last months of the 2017/2018 year we ask all our membership for new ideas. Our ladies are so creative and always looking for a new challenge. Keep the challenges coming!

Leadership Commission

**Gerri Rubico
Ethel Porpora**

Once again the January CCW Fellowship meeting was a great success. Our speaker was Mike Leahy of Our Mother's Attic. He gave a slide presentation with information on the history of the ministry and the programs it benefits.

We currently have 108 paid members, 23 of whom are new to CCW this year. The interests in CCW is continually growing and our members appear eager to be involved with our mission.

If you have any changes in your contact information please let us know. This is important for our membership directory which is always being updated. You will be receiving a new directory by email.

Our Lenten Soup Suppers begin on Friday, Feb. 16th. Please contact Nancy Guarnieri (352-205-7848) if you can help. Soup Suppers are held every Friday during Lent after the Stations of the Cross. She is still in need of soup makers. The dates are Feb. 16, 23 March 2, 9, 16, and 23.

Again, we would thank all who help in so many different ways. It is truly a blessing to work with all of you.

Spirituality Commission

Kathy Yost

February brings thoughts of Valentine's Day and the many ways we experience love. When we think about how much God FIRST loved us - that He sent His only Son Jesus to this world to suffer and die just to open the gates of heaven for one each of us!!! He saved our lives! How can we show Him our love in return? We can begin by thanking Him each and everyday. We can strive to be the person He created us to be until we get it right. We can get to know Him through his words in sacred scripture, by attending daily Mass - even one extra day a week. We can begin our Lent by attending the Morning of Reflection on Saturday, February 10 from 8 AM Noon and learn through the Mass, rosary, Deacon Dana's words, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, song, praise, reflection and individual healing prayer how we are "Called to the Way of the Disciple". Remember ALL parishioners are invited. Spend just an hour a week with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. Imelda Giglio is coordinating CCW adorers for Fridays 12-1 or 1-2. The graces & blessings will be priceless. Contact Imelda @ memalbinj@gmail.com. Pray the Rosary! Join CCW sisters along with our church family in praying the rosary the 13th of each month thru April. Patti O'Connor Allen is organizing and leading us in our commitment. Our next rosary will be Tuesday February 13 after 8 AM Mass in the church. I encourage everyone to attend and if that is not possible, say your rosary wherever you are. Continue to remember all those on our CCW Prayer Calendar and pray for their intentions daily. Make this month and each day the rest of your life your love letter to God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit.

February Birthdays



Happy Birthday!

Sandy Kilber	2/2
Pat Cupitt	2/5
Carol Picone	2/5
Tina Shimpeno	2/5
Dari Longo	2/6
Anne Bosler	2/8
Barb Hendricks	2/8
Linda Hanover	2/9
Denise Anderson	2/13
Elsie Esseck	2/20
Harleth Herremans	2/22
Jeanette Thomas	2/22

