



St. Vincent de Paul

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# CCW Newsletter

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

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**Elsie 552-4432**

"Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law." Romans 13:10

Powerful statement, isn't it? So no cruel words, no gossiping, never being impatient, never angry, just always being there for and loving our "neighbors"! But, how can this be possible for any of us: we can be quite unloving at times? Nothing is impossible for God (See also Zechariah 8:6, Matthew 17:20 & 19:26, Mark 10:27, Luke 1:37 & 18:27). Ask our Lord to forgive you for your thoughtlessness to date and, then, for His help to teach you to love everyone, every day. The strategy is to make the way that God loves, YOUR habit. Supposedly, it takes 21 days for an action to become a habit. So, for the next 21 days, use that one line from Romans to accomplish the three Lenten tenets of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving!

- 1) Pray for everyone you encounter each day;
- 2) Refrain from even thinking evil thoughts about anyone along your path; and, at the very least,
- 3) Afford each individual you see a kind smile.

What a Lent you'll have! How benevolent and joyful you'll be when we all rejoice at His Resurrection on Easter Sunday! How pleased your Father will be that you are making His ways your ways!

## SERVICE COMMISSION

**Laurel Fassino**

The Service Commission Ladies are all working hard to complete their projects as the end of our year is almost here. It has been a busy year. We are very grateful to the parish for their donations of supplies. This makes our donations possible.

The knitting and crocheting ladies will be giving out prayer shawls and lap blankets to anyone in need at the healing mass on March 10. The ladies are now making blankets for needy children. They also are making infant sweaters, hats and blankets.

The sewing ladies are finishing the potholders that they are making for the spring ODCCW Convention in April. They were requested by the Northern Deanery. Pillowcase dresses and Tee shirt shorts will again be sent to Sri Lanka. One of the crocheting ladies is making purses for the girls to carry. The Sisters in Sri Lanka have also asked if we could send them fabric so they could also make dresses.

We wish you all a happy spring and a glorious meaningful Easter.

## LEADERSHIP COMMISSION

**Gerri Rubico, Ethel Porpora**

As our CCW year continues we are growing each month. We welcomed three new members in February which brings our membership total to 112. It is always encouraging to see continued interest in CCW. Our speaker this month was Barbara McManus from the Wildwood Soup Kitchen. It was interesting to learn facts like the number of people served daily and the overwhelming number of volunteers, many from our parish. Her slide presentation showed just how many people it takes to run this successful operation. She was grateful for our in kind donations of canned goods for the kitchen. A big thank you to Mary Konst and Karen Tambush who are doing a great job with the organization of refreshments for each of our meetings. Also to Karen Kehres for her beautiful hand cards sent to members who may need a little support. Thanks to all who stepped up to help Nancy Guarneri fill the open spot for the remaining Lenten Soup Suppers.

Remember that our March meeting will be held at the Hiers-Baxley Life Event Center located at 3975 Wedgewood Lane. You will receive full directions from your contact person before the March meeting. Always remember that we are here to help answer any questions you may have about CCW.

## SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION

**Kathy Yost**

The Morning of Reflection was a resounding success! Over 250 women and men attended this morning of Lenten preparation. Our thanks to Deacon Dana, Spirituality Commission members, CCW sisters, all ministries involved, the chefs & bakers, & all who helped in any way from the beginning to the end. Your prayers, presence, and participation are all outward signs of God at work in each of you & at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Through Deacon Dana's powerful words, our beautiful music ministers, the Mass, rosary, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and individual healing prayer, we experienced a deeper awareness of how we are "Called to the Way of the Disciple".

Eucharistic Adoration - Imelda Giglio is coordinating CCW adorers for Fridays 12-1 or 1-2. Sixteen plus members have participated in the graces & blessings of this one on one time with Jesus. He is inviting each of us to enjoy the graces! Contact Imelda @ memalbinj@gmail.com. Pray the Rosary! Join CCW sisters along with our church family in praying the rosary on April 13th after the 8 AM Mass in the Church. Patti O'Connor-Allen is organizing & leading us in our commitment. We encourage everyone to attend & if that is not possible, say your rosary wherever you are.

Help needed - We have been asked to help staff the Prayer Room at Convention Sunday April 29 & Monday April 30. Please contact Patti O'Connor-Allen at 552-4432 for more information.



## THANKS TO...

1. Kathy Yost, Roz Bauer, Ethel Porpora, Gerri Rubico, The Amazing Grace Notes, Deacon Dana, all setup & clean-up crews, and all "food preparers" who helped to make our 3rd Annual Morning of Reflection a spiritual (and culinary!) success!

2. Nancy Guarneri, her team, and our "soup chefs" for fabulous February Lenten Soup Suppers!



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS



*Happy Birthday!*

Donna Fleming	3/1
Eileen McGuirk	3/2
Karen Kehres	3/4
Patti O'Connor-Allen	3/5
Marianne Mulyk	3/13
Patty Porter	3/14
Cheri Price	3/18
Merly Lavengco	3/23
Judy Schmah	3/28