



St. Vincent de Paul CCW Newsletter

December 2016

Practice stewardship of time, talent, & treasure.

President's Corner

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May this Advent be one that lifts your hearts and your souls to unbelievably joyful levels. From the "nudgings" of the Holy Spirit (through the Advent booklets and articles I'm reading and praying over plus through the reflections in my heart during morning, mid-day, and evening devotions), I am determined that THIS Advent and THIS Christmas will be a true epiphany for me (and you, too!!!). So many of the early Advent Scriptures and commentaries are reminding me that I need to approach this season and the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, more like an expectant and exuberant child than a frantic, fatigued materialist. Even with bumper stickers to remind me ("Jesus is the reason for the season!") and extra spiritual activities, I normally lose sight of the REAL preparation, REAL joy, and REAL purpose of December. I pray that, this year, you & I can truly ready ourselves for His coming and for the REAL Presence He brings. I have a written list...not who wants what: my family has opted to forego presents this year, but...of spiritual, charitable, and practical contributions that I can/will make as displays of my Christian/Catholic love. Most of the items on the list are "free"....they require a giving of self rather than some (usually unwanted!) trinket; some merely focus on Scripture and prayer (which EVERYONE can do, regardless of finances/health!). If nothing else, I urge you to focus your late Advent prayer on the "O" Antiphons (from December 17 - 23); these have been a remarkably-centering help to me in years past.

May His coming, His Love, His peace be in your hearts and with your families this month, the new year, and always! Have a blessed and heartwarming Christmas and a spiritually-productive New Year!!

THANK YOU to....

- ✠ Father John for celebrating a communion service for the Adopt-A-Precinct volunteers on Sunday, October 30
- ✠ Our Service Commission gals for their super contributions in using their knitting & sewing talents for those in need
- ✠ Kathy Yost & Roz Bauer for their planning/organizing in moving our Spirituality Commission efforts in new & exciting directions
- ✠ Patti O'Connor-Allen & her Leadership Commission gals for feeding the Adopt-A-Precinct volunteers on Election Day AND for the work they do in setting up our great fellowship meetings
- ✠ Lou Ann Finnucan & Joyce Tisovec (and their committee members) for their tireless endeavors in preparing the numerous details for our 2017 Fashion Show

Leadership Commission

Patti O'Connor-Allen

Our November General membership meeting was attended by 49 members and guests. We had 5 guests and 7 new members. Welcome!

Thank you to Gerri Rubico and Ethel Porpora for agreeing to be Hospitality Chairs. Our Lisa Yeager formerly chaired this, but due to her husband's health, had to step down. Please keep Lisa & her husband in your prayers. Gerri and Ethel need your help! Please sign up with them to bring in refreshments for February, March & April. Fruit and cookies are always a hit! In addition, pre-sliced cheese, crackers, chips, pretzels, veggies and soda! We have an average of 70-80 members attend each meeting, and need a good supply of refreshments. We also need people to stay after each meeting for 10-15 minutes to help with clean-up. Thank you so much to those who generously bring refreshments and give of their time.

Please remember to record your monthly service volunteer hours on the log in sheet at the check-in table each month. If you forget, you can email your volunteer hours to Suzanne Bergeron at suzybathome@yahoo.com. We recorded about 1254 hours last month!

January 15, 2017: CCW Sunday will be here before you know it!! It is for CCW women and women who are interested in CCW. We will meet before the 8 am Mass and walk in together. Wear blue and your CCW name badge, if you have one. After Mass, we'll have a continental breakfast in the Social Hall, followed by a business meeting. I am so blessed to have a fabulous committee (Lisa Yeager, Susan Pistilli, Gerri Rubico & Ethel Porpora). 17 members have offered to bring in food for the event!!! You are all angels. We will need your help with clean up, too, if you can.

God bless you all during this holy and glorious season!

Happy Birthday!



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| Susan Hinkley | 12/24 |
| Terri Masini | 12/19 |
| Nancy Elhaggi | 12/16 |
| Sandra Barbalato | 12/13 |
| Mary Konst | 12/9 |
| Diane McCarthy | 12/8 |
| Lisa Poerio | 12/6 |

Spirituality Commission

Kathy Yost

Although the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy has officially closed, I am deeply moved by the many different Works of Mercy that each of you do on a daily basis. Our combined efforts totaled 30,759 Works of Mercy. Along with many other affiliations from around the country, the Million Works of Mercy Project total has reached 1,830,992. Jane Carter of NCCW who headed the project reminds us that each of us plays a role in changing lives. We do it through who we are and this is what CCW is all about. No one can do everything, but everyone can do something. Each of us is part of the BIG PICTURE. Each one of us added together, is living out the Mission of Mercy!

As we journey through this Advent, open your hearts to prepare for the birth of our Savior. Spend time getting to know him better. He awaits. May the blessings of the King be with you and your families throughout the Christmas Season!

Service Commission

Laurel Fassino

The ladies of the Service Commission want to wish all their CCW Sisters a Very Merry Christmas. We are looking forward to a very exciting new year with all the great things we have planned.

The Service Commission members have been working on the dresses, shorts and shawls. We are very grateful for all the supplies that have been donated. Our parishioners are amazing. We have a request for seventeen shawls and hope to be ready to send more clothes out early in the new year.

I am happy to report that we have collected another 38 lb. of tabs. That is an amazing amount of tabs. At our last meeting you all donated two hundred dollars worth of toiletries and garments for women. These things were then donated to Melissa's Place in Wildwood and Hands of Mercy Everywhere.

Once again, Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year.

REFLECTIONS

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."
Matthew 24:44

