

St. Joseph Women's Society

# Mary & Martha News

October 2014

Columbia, SC

## Spiritual Reflection

Gwen Skipper

One of my favorite prayers is actually a song. I've never heard it sung, but it really says what I want to say to God in the morning.

*My Father, for another night  
Of quiet sleep and rest,  
For all the joy of morning light,  
Your holy name be blest.*

*Now with the newborn day I give  
Myself again to you,  
That as you will, so I may live,  
And what you will, may do.*

*In all I do, things great or small,  
In all I speak or frame,  
Your glory may I seek in all,  
Do all in Jesus' Name.*

*My Father, for his sake, I pray  
Your child, accept and bless;  
And lead me by your grace today  
In paths of righteousness.*

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## Annual Food Sale

The Annual Food Sale will be on Nov. 22 & 23 after each Mass. Since this is our biggest fund raiser for the year, we hope everyone will try to participate. At the October meeting, there will be sign-up sheets for food (casseroles, baked goods, canned goods, breads, etc.) and for help with selling the food, ornaments and cookbooks. Pre-ordering is available through October. If you want to participate but will not be at the meeting, contact Ellen Williams by phone (787-4828) or e-mail [elwil99@bellsouth.net](mailto:elwil99@bellsouth.net).

## NCCW National Convention

On September 24-27 nearly 600 Catholic women leaders from around the country gathered in Grand Rapids, MI for the National Council of Catholic Women's 2014 National Convention. Representatives from the South Carolina Council were Marlene Grover (President), Cherrin Moore, Pearlie Harris, Leslie Barhyte, Linda Marie Richardson, and our own Mary Sue Barnum. The participants attended talks and educational seminars, worshipped and enjoyed fellowship.

Nationally known authors and speakers addressed the convention theme, *Be the Voice of Catholic Women: Catholic Women United in Truth*. Beautiful liturgical music was provided by local choirs and musicians. In addition to daily Mass, convention attendees were able to enjoy morning and evening prayer, Rosary on the River, reconciliation, and many lively activities such as a purse auction, silent auction, and a talent show performed by the Spiritual Advisors to NCCW.

Each day of the convention, the women enjoyed the opportunity to experience ArtPrize throughout the streets of Grand Rapids under a flawless blue sky.

Further details about the Convention and information about the 2015 Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida (Sept 10-12) can be found at <http://nccw.org/>

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## Message from President

Gwen Skipper

Who are we as members of the Saint Joseph Women’s Society? We defined ourselves in our elevator statement as “friends in faith who share the Gospel; serve the parish, community, and world; and mold strong Catholic women leaders”.

We are also referred to as an affiliate of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women (SCCCW) and an affiliate the National Council of Catholic Women. The SCCCW divides the state geographically into Deaneries. We are in the Columbia-Midlands Deanery which runs across the middle of the state from Orangeburg, though Columbia and north to Rock Hill.

The activities performed by our organization support the goals that pass from the NCCW and relate to the goals defined generally by SCCCW Commissions. The three commissions are Spirituality, Leadership and Service.

The **Spirituality commission** is divided into two groups. The Church Commission works to create a group that is educated and dynamic, focusing on discipleship and holiness, giving personal witness and service to the Church and to the world. The Legislative Commission encourages legislative advocacy among all members. Guided by Catholic Social Teaching, it assists women in understanding the legislative process, provides the skill to analyze laws, and promotes activities that will bring about greater social and economic justice in our society at the local, state and national level.

The **Leadership Commission** provides organizational development, opportunities to assure successful organization and management of the Council and its programs. It serves to strengthen the leadership team at every ring of council.

The **Service Commission** is divided into three groups: Family, Community and International Concerns. The aim of the Family Concerns Commission is to support and enhance the importance of family life within the church and

society. The Community Concerns Commission engages the members of SCCW and all people in working to address the needs and concerns of their individual communities. The International Concerns Commission promotes responsibility for the world community through the conviction that our wealth and resources must be shared with all peoples. More information about the South Carolina of Catholic Women is available at [SCCCW.org](http://SCCCW.org)

### Help Needed

We need a member who would be willing to submit information to the *Miscellaney* so that activities from SJWS are publicized in the diocesan newsletter. If you might like to do this, contact Gwen Skipper: Phone 345-2250 or e-mail [gwenskip@bellsouth.net](mailto:gwenskip@bellsouth.net).



### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LUNCH



Thank you all who furnished the sandwiches, cookies, bananas and the money to buy the vegetables, chips and dip. Also thanks to Pat Wegrzynowski, Lois Barnett, Maria Carter, and Rebecca Hamby for helping to deliver and serve the food.

We served 177 students and received a very nice thank you from the International organization that offers this lunch each Friday. Many of the students personally thanked us for the delicious food. It is always a great experience for us and they really appreciate our willingness to provide the luncheon.

Claire Wagner  
Community Outreach Chair

## A Note from Janet

On October 15 the Catholic Church will begin a year-long celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of St. Teresa of Avila. St. Teresa was a Carmelite nun and is one of the four women recognized as a Doctor of the Church.

This announcement brought to my mind a memory of a friend who was anxious about her son. He was living far away and had no job. I gave her a copy of a prayer of St. Teresa that was especially meaningful for me. The next time I saw my friend she was joyous about her son's getting a job and settling into a new life. She told me that the prayer had given her great comfort, as it has many times for me.



St. Teresa of Avila

### The Prayer of St Teresa

*Let nothing disturb you.  
Let nothing frighten you.  
All things are passing away.  
God never changes.  
Patient endurance obtains all things.  
Whoever has God lacks nothing.  
God alone suffices.*

So Happy Birthday to this beloved saint whose feast day is on October 15.

Janet O'Keefe

For more information about St Teresa see [http://www.biographyonline.net/spiritual/st\\_teresa\\_avila.html](http://www.biographyonline.net/spiritual/st_teresa_avila.html)

## Calendar

### Oct 19

Women's Society monthly meeting after the 12:15 mass in the Lower Level of the Parish Life Center. Nel Killoy will speak about the *Palmetto Project*.

### Nov 1

8:00 AM: Rosary & Mass. 9:15 AM Breakfast at Lizard's Thicket, 400 Beltline Blvd.

### Nov 11

6:00 P.M. Parish All-Souls Memorial Event: Mass followed by reception

### Nov 16

Women's Society monthly meeting after the 12:15 mass in the Lower Level of the Parish Life Center. We will be writing Christmas card notes for shut-ins.

### Nov 22-23

Annual Food Sale after all masses

### December 5 (Friday)

Christmas Luncheon, 11:30 AM at Grecian Gardens, 2312 Sunset Blvd, Dutch treat.

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### Church Care Committee

Each week 2 different volunteers spend about an hour on Friday morning to look after the general appearance of our church in preparation for the weekend.

If you can serve on one of the Fridays in October or November please contact the committee chair, Samia Feghali. by phone 783-3643 Or e-mail [samia\\_feghali@yahoo.com](mailto:samia_feghali@yahoo.com)

### Dues Reminder

If you have not paid your dues (\$20) for 2014 you can drop a check in the collection in an envelope labeled "Women's Society" or send it to Treasurer, Beverly Stricklin at 5516 Lakeshore Dr, Apt. 601, Columbia, 29206. Please make checks payable to Saint Joseph Women's Society.