

# Unveiling *the* News

**Of the Palm Beaches Central Deanery**  
Council of Catholic Women  
**Fall 2020**



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## ***President's Report***

### ***"I Thirst"***

***This president is grateful for having such a wonderful Board to work with. It has been a heck of a start to the new fiscal year. We live day to day not knowing when this pandemic will go away and our future is now "To be determined". But this president will not settle for this. This president will keep moving forward and not fear what we are lacking but what we can accomplish. What this president wants to focus on is not the person but the divine. This president would like our affiliates to give an hour of their time on the day of Eucharistic Adoration for the intentions of CCW. Our Spiritual chair has come up with a wonderful Litany of Prayers of the Faithful for CCW and I want our members to show up in pairs with their scarves on as an outward sign of our presence and give CCW a holy hour! Amen! The rest will fall into place, Amen! We have an awesome God, an awesome country and we know how to pray through adversity through our faith in action. There is so much to do! Let's continue to move forward and go with God!***

***Janet Richards,  
Central Deanery President  
2020-2021***

## **A Word from our Central Deanery Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Mark Mlay**

I love you always. In the love of Christ

Fr. Mark Mlay, Central Deanery Spiritual Advisor

## *And a Word from our Spirituality Chair, Dorothy Harper*

### Central Deanery General Meeting Mass Intentions

October 3, 2020 St Jude Church Tequesta

#### Our response is: Hear us O Lord!

Father, we cry out today for all those who are in positions of authority in our church. For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, the Cardinals, Archbishops and our own Bishop Gerald Barbarito, for all pastors, deacons, religious and leaders of ministries. In these times of persecution and division we ask for you, Holy Spirit, to come as in a new Pentecost with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel which is Right Judgement, Fortitude which is Courage, Knowledge, Piety which is Reverence and Fear of the Lord which is Wonder and Awe before our God. In Jeremiah 3:15 you said, "I will appoint over you shepherds after my own heart, who will shepherd you wisely and prudently." We pray for this imparting of spiritual gifts in the name of Jesus, Head of the Church, our Great High Priest, Chief Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. *Hear us O Lord!*

Father, we cry out today for our beloved nation. Because you have blessed and anointed America from its very beginnings, we are constantly beset by your enemies from without and within, we pray you release armies of mighty angelic beings to protect our homeland and us, your children, so that all generations will know the Lord is our God and we have no other gods before us! Protect us on Election Day November 3<sup>rd</sup> that we may be able to freely exercise our God given right to vote. Quicken our hearts and minds to vote in a way that is pleasing to you and will bless our nation with peace and prosperity for all. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven! We pray in the name of Jesus, Mediator between God and man, our Leader and Commander, Ruler of all Nations, King of Kings and Lord of Lords! *Hear us O Lord!*

Father, we cry out today for missing and exploited children, teenagers, men and women forced into slave labor and those being trafficked to satisfy the perverse sexual pleasures of evil people. For those involved who in any way condone, conduct, fund and facilitate this demonic business we pray for a deep conviction of sin to overcome them, for their hardened hearts to repent and for a complete

turning away from all iniquity. Father, release your angelic beings now to be a fiery hedge of protection around these suffering victims, may your light pierce this darkness, expose the corruption and lead authorities to their hidden locations so that all these precious souls may be rescued and renewed in your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Just One, our Advocate, Judge and Lawgiver, the Light of the World. *Hear us O Lord!*

Father, we cry out today for the victims of domestic abuse and their abusers. You created us in your image Lord and breathed your life in us. We were made to love you above all things and to love one another as you have loved us. Forgive us for not seeking your face in times of frustration, anger, hurt and shame. Instead we run after false gods while drowning ourselves in numbing drugs and addictive substances. These habits only cause us more shame and fuel our destructive anger verbally and physically towards others weaker and more defenseless. King David tells us how to be victorious over these overwhelming behaviors in Psalm 139 "Search me O God and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts and if you find any wicked way in me, lead me into the paths of eternal life." Let this generational pattern of sinful behavior end by your saving grace. Preserve us from the violent and those who stir up conflicts. We pray this in the name of Jesus, Prince of Peace, the Way, the Truth and the Life. *Hear us O Lord!*

Father, we cry out today for the sanctity of life at every stage from that first spark of life at the moment of conception until you call us home at the end of natural life. Hide our unborn, elderly, weak and dying in the secret chambers of your sacred heart. Forgive us for not speaking out loudly enough for those with no voice. Forgive our complacency and lack of love in defending our tiny babies. Proverbs 6 tells us the things that you hate – a heart that plots wicked schemes, feet that run swiftly to evil and hands that shed innocent blood. These things are an abomination to you. Give us the roar of the Lion of Judah to silence the evil one and send him back to the pit of hell. Give us your supernatural strength to fight this righteous battle against evil. We pray in the name of Jesus born of a Virgin, Creator of all Things, the Everlasting Father, the Author and Finisher of Life. *Hear us O Lord!*

Father, we pray for the Council of Catholic Women, celebrating 100 years in your service. Raised up as a powerful army of God's favored daughters, educated in the heavenly things of God by studying and loving your Word, daughters empowered by

**the holy sacraments and by your Holy Spirit to bring forth miracles, signs and wonders in our day. Keep us wise and vigilant with our lamps full of oil as we your Bride, await the coming of our Beloved Bridegroom. We pray in the name of Jesus Sweet Lover of our Souls, the Bright and Morning Star, the Rose of Sharon and Lily of the Valley. *Hear us O Lord!***

**Father, we cry out today for our CCW sisters who are sick and in need of healing, especially, (name your intention) that she may be able to continue her good works. Father your holy Word says, “By His stripes we are Healed!” We declare the power in the shed blood of Jesus is able to heal all our diseases, sicknesses, ailments, plagues and afflictions. May all Council sisters know and receive this healing Grace from the Fount of Divine Mercy. We pray this in the name of Jesus our Savior, Healer and Deliverer. *Hear us O Lord!***

**Father, we cry out today for all our CCW sisters, past and present, who have gone to be with our Lord, especially, (special intention here), may God remember their goodness. May the souls of all the faithful departed by the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus King of Saints, the Resurrection and the Life who conquered sin & death for us! *Hear us O Lord!***

## ***And our Legislative Chair, Irene McDuffee***

**The Church calls upon the Holy Spirit to grant light and guidance to all serving in the three branches of the government.**

**When working with representatives and agencies of the Florida government, we analyze the moral dimension of public policies.**

**We hope to lead decision makers to provide just solutions and opportunities for Catholics to responsibly participate in political life.**

**Members of PBDCCW seek to empower Catholic Women in spreading the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching in regard to Life and dignity of the human person, their rights to a quality of life and full human potential. By working for justice, we fulfill our mandate to build the Body of Christ.**

*And now let's see what the heck is going on in our affiliates . . .*



## ***St Rita***

***Liz Vanino - President***

Our first General meeting is scheduled for Thursday Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Our meeting will be held in the Parish Hall which Father Mario our new Pastor has just renovated.

We did not have a meeting in September because the ladies thought it was too early. I am hoping to discuss a date in October for Council Sunday and also discuss a date for Breakfast with Santa. Every year St. Rita's CCW promotes this event for the community children. We will also discuss having a Raffle "Santa's Sack" which will be our fundraiser. We are very behind because of the pandemic but hopefully we will meet in October.



## ST CLARE CATHOLIC CHURCH

OF NORTH PALM BEACH, FL

**Maria Shanahan - President**

We were fortunate to have an Adoration and prayer hour on May 9<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day weekend) outside the church. Fr. Mark along with dedicated parishioners in over 40 vehicles participated in the Adoration, Holy Rosary and Benediction Procession in the parking lot. God is great and worshipping together after being quarantined was truly a special blessing.

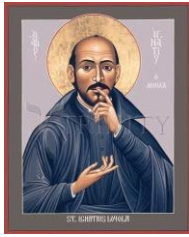
The Central Deanery held the Installation Mass at St. Clare on July 25<sup>th</sup> and our annual audit was completed on August 27<sup>th</sup>. We had our Planning/Board meeting September 16<sup>th</sup> and our first General meeting is scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup>.



## *St. Mary Council of Catholic Women*

**Natividad Perez - President**

Our Lady of Bethlehem pilgrimage is still going although we have to close the church during the pandemic crisis. However, since the church started to open with the standing protocol "No Mask-No-entry" with a minimum of 50 people in the church and mass schedule as usual. Planned project this year - collecting water bottles to make into a Christmas decor as our funds are raising. In the meantime, regular meetings with members will be scheduled after this crisis is over. Please continue praying for everyone.



**St. Jude, Tequesta  
President, Liz Schauer**

*The Saint Jude's CCW will be very busy this fall, starting off September 23rd, with a General meeting and our guest speaker is Sr. Jadwiga Drapala from, "The Sisters of the Most Holy Soul of Christ The Lord". We are honored to have Sister visiting us.*

*If the Rosary is known as the most 'powerful weapon', then we did it right by starting a "Rosary Making" group, which is growing faster than the pandemic!*

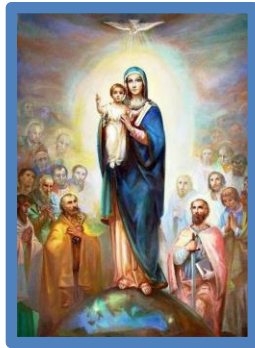
*From there we move on to our fundraiser in October-Paper Shredding, which proved to be a great opportunity for those who could confidently get rid of old statements.*

*In November we have our General Meeting with our "Potluck" lunch and our guest speaker, Norma Antedomeico speaking on 'Elder affairs'.*

*December 2nd we will be having our annual Christmas luncheon at the Wyndham Grand, at Harborside, followed by December 9th Advent Retreat with Fr. Brian Campbell talking about "The Coming of the Messiah".*

*May God guide our women*





# Our Lady Queen of the Apostles

Ann Behar- President

In the middle of August, we sent a letter to all our members by MAIL. This will help us to verify everyone's mailing address and make sure those members who do not have email, or do not check it on a regular basis will be contacted.

Included with the letter was our Membership Form and we asked them to renew and mail back to us. Dues and donations are coming in slowly. All facilities in our parish are closed. Daily Mass in church is back again and two Masses on Sunday.

We did get permission to have our SHREDDING fundraiser on Saturday, October 3rd.

At this time no meetings are scheduled.



**Dorothy Harper - President**

***The joy of the Lord is our strength! Be joyful, be strong!*** Though our official installation has been delayed due to the gradual reopening of our parish church and meeting rooms, arrangements are in process to have the ceremony during a daily mass by the end of September.

Thursday, September 3, our board met for a planning meeting at my home. It was wonderful to get together again. Discussions are underway as to how we can safely proceed with our usual events such as: St Francis Blessing of the Animals October 3, Council Sunday October 3-4, Angel Tree, Christmas Dinner, Memorial Mass January 11, 2021 and Irish Soda Bread Sale in March. I appreciate the generosity of our volunteers. There is no Council of Catholic Women without their "Yes!".

I feel it is important for us to move forward and to keep in close touch with one another. So, we will be utilizing Zoom for our meetings until things get back to normal. Somehow good things always come out of hardship and God blesses us with witty inventions and ways to overcome. Whoever heard of Zoom before Covid? Our first General Meeting will be September 14th from 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm via Zoom. We have some new ideas to share and look forward to members' input. May our Lady of Good Counsel bless us and pray for us!



**SAINT THERESE DE LISIEUX**

**Donna Leonardo - President**

During these trying, uncomfortable and uncertain times our Council has not been able to meet. Board of Directors have just begun to meet with the generosity of a few Sisters providing their homes and yards as a safe meeting place. As soon as our Parish buildings and grounds are available, we hope to be able plan.

Until then, prayers.

God's Blessings Always