



St. Peter's Catholic Women's League Goderich

EASTER NEWSLETTER

President's Message



Greetings CWL Sisters,
First, I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful in-person meetings. I love the discussions and the fantastic suggestions you make. Next, thanks to my amazing Executive for all their hard work and support. Without them I am

not sure I could manage my position.

As Easter approaches, I find myself reflecting on how Christians treated, persecuted, and crucified our Lord and Savior. They did this because of who he was, of who he "claimed" to be... I then think of how I treat others, how I speak about them, how I think about them. Am I that different from those who crucified Jesus? Jesus wants us to love our enemies as ourselves. Everyone has different beliefs on how life and spirituality should be and how we should treat others. We don't have to agree with their opinions and beliefs; however, we need not persecute them either. We should lift them up to the Lord and pray for them. So, on my Lenten journey, I try to lift people up to the Lord instead of persecuting their ways.

May God Bless each and every one of you. Have a blessed Easter. God Speed.

Tracy van Diepen, President

Organization

We now have 109 members. New members are always welcome! General meetings are held at the Columbus Centre Lounge at 7 p.m. on the last Monday of the month. If you're a female over 16 years of age, feel free to come to any meeting and learn more about what we do.

If you're new to our area and need to transfer your membership, please provide your: ID number (on your membership card or contact your former Council), full address, e-mail (if applicable) and phone number. Blue membership envelopes are at the Anglesea St. church entrance near the CWL drop-off box.

Joanne Doherty, Vice-President



*Is prayer your
steering wheel
or your spare tire?*



Ephesians 2:19-22 "Whenever you feel unloved, unimportant or insecure, remember to whom you belong."

2022-2023 Theme: 'Catholic and Living It!'

The goal of this theme is to create "stronger families, members, councils, parish communities, partner organizations and beyond".

"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God." – Leo Buscaglia

Volunteers Needed

We're still looking for volunteers for the following:

- Faith Chair – one or more person/team
- Service Chair - one or more person/team
- One or two people to prepare quarterly Newsletters
- One person to prepare bi-weekly bulletin entries
- One or two people to print event posters from other councils etc., write newspaper submissions and/or provide photos (2-3 times per year)
- One person to update the Motions Book after each meeting
- One person to help Vice President with Organization (membership tasks)
- Prepare for monthly Timbit Social (monthly sign-up sheet available at General meetings)

If you have questions, please contact anyone on the Executive.

Installation of New Executive – 22 April

Our Executive will be installed immediately after the 5 pm Mass, Saturday, 22 April. We hope you can attend.

Welcome – Seven members new to our Council will be formally welcomed at the April 17th General Meeting.

A detailed guide to seniors' programs and services is online at www.ontario.ca/seniorsguide

We need days of failure because they help humble us, and through them we can see how God's grace is poured out on the humble.

Treasurer's Report

Fundraisers

19 notecard packages and 49 milk chocolate smoothies unsold

Activities this Past Quarter

CWL Christmas Dinner at the Legion

Hosted Rural Response for Healthy Children Christmas Bureau

Several Funeral Lunch Caterings

February Operating Balance \$11,973.96

Laurie Glazier, Treasurer

Of 800 Mint Smoothies we purchased, we have only 49 milk chocolate ones left. They'd make a nice addition to an Easter basket or just a special treat. Contact Joanne Doherty to purchase. Art cards are also available.

Social Justice – Thank you to those who joined us for the Screening of 'The Letter'. If you have not had the chance to watch it, please go to www.theletterfilm.org/. It tells the story of a journey to Rome of frontline leaders to discuss the encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* with Pope Francis. The exclusive dialogue with the Pope, included in the film, offers insight into the personal history of Pope Francis and stories never seen since he became the Bishop of Rome. In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis invites us to hear the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor and we plan on taking actions to address both in the coming months. We also plan on providing opportunities to learn more about the history of Indigenous people in Canada and how we can continue to work towards reconciliation. Thanks for your continued support and encouragement. Wishing you a Blessed Easter!
Erma Weernink, Social Justice Chair

"Social Justice demands that we fight against the causes of poverty: inequality and the lack of labour, land, and lodging; against those who deny social and labour rights; and against the culture that leads to taking away the dignity of others."

~ Pope Francis



What's Coming Up?

Dr. Simone Collection, Saturday, 3 June, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon – We will be collecting items for third world countries. A list of accepted items is at the church entrances and at https://lhcfp.dol.ca/catholic-womens-league#CWL_Goderich. Items can be brought to our church (Anglesea Street) on 3 June (times above).

Timbits Social – All parishioners are invited to come downstairs following Mass the 1st Saturday (5 pm) and Sunday each month (starting in May) for refreshments and Timbits.

St. Peter, St. Joseph CWL - Retreat to honour Mother Mary, Queen of Angels – 6 May in St. Joseph Parish Hall. Open to all ladies in our Parish Family. Please bring your rosary as we'll be exploring the multi-facets of prayer. Mass: 8:15 am. Retreat 8:45 am - 3:00 pm. \$20.00 (includes lunch, snacks, and a welcome gift bag). Must pre-register. Contact Dianne Tschirhart at 519 565-5275 or cocirescue@gmail.com



Our Lady of Good Counsel is one of many titles given to Mary. This title was given after a Marian miracle that took place in Italy during the 15th century. The miracle took place in a town south of Rome called Genazzano. The church where the miracle took place, Santa Maria, was already a pilgrimage site where miracles were reported. In 1467 on the Feast of St. Mark, people heard "exquisite music." They said that a cloud came down and destroyed an unfinished wall of the church. When the cloud disappeared, it left behind a fresco on a very thin piece of plaster of Mary holding the infant Jesus. It is thought that the fresco had been miraculously relocated from Scutari, Albania.

