

The Messenger

St. Mary Magdalene Council of Catholic Women, Newnan GA

Called By Name Prayer

During the Fall Luncheon, our very own Joyce Campisi shared the following wonderful prayer with us:

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for the gift of this day and bringing us here to be with you in prayer and fellowship to learn and reflect on how You have called each of us by name.
We ask you to open our minds to your word so that all we hear, do, and experience today will ignite a fire in our hearts to respond to Your call. Like your servant Samuel said, "here I am Lord, I am here to do your will."
You made each of us unique for the purpose of spreading the good news of your kingdom. You know our strengths, guide us in using them for Your glory. Help us to always remember that You are our Father and know everything about us and are here walking with us so we need not be afraid.
Lord, help discern how we cause everything You have given us and to be a blessing in building Your kingdom here on earth. Guide us in every area of our lives so that all of our works and actions will bring You glory.
When you call us home, we pray that we have lived our lives so that You will say "good and faithful servant, I have called you by name, you are mine." In Jesus' name and with the intercession of our blessed Mother Mary, we pray. Amen.

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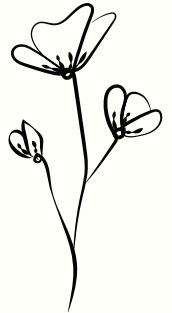
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Welcome Back Luncheon Memories

Our Fall CCW Welcome Luncheon was held on September 10, 2023 from 1-3 PM at the Central Community Center. It was a fun-filled afternoon and a great start to our new CCW calendar year. We had a total of 48 attendees, including our guests. We shared a wonderful Italian lunch, celebrated our Woman of the Year, Kathy Holcomb, had our long awaited prayer partner reveal, participated in a blessing of the CCW board by Deacon Weeks, and heard from our guest speaker, Tracy Sands, a local Christian artist and author, who shared her personal story and how we are all called by name. If you weren't able to make it, we've included details in this newsletter to keep you informed.



WORDS OF WISDOM

While reviewing the website, thegodminute.org, I found a beautiful devotion to Mary. It is called the 3 Hail Marys Devotion. It was given to St. Melchide by our Blessed Mother in the 13th century and consists of praying, you guess it, 3 Hail Marys. Each Hail Mary is said in honor of a person of the trinity and traditionally it is said twice a day, once in the morning and once at night. This devotion is designed to preserve a perfect purity of mind, heart, and body in the midst of the dangers of our world. See additional sections on how to say the 3 Hail Marys Devotion.

Parish Picnic Thanks

As so eloquently put by Mr. Benson, one of our parishioners, our Parish picnic was a wonderful opportunity to remind ourselves that we are one community at St. Mary Magdalene, one family of Catholics, one body in Christ. Our parish picnic gave us a chance to gather as Catholics to embrace, share, and strengthen what unites us, our faith. Many thanks goes to all the CCW members, Knights of Columbus, and fellow parishioners that made our picnic possible. Your efforts were truly a blessing to us all. We look forward to next year's picnic and festivities when we will be celebrating our 25th year as St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. I will share a few photos in next month's newsletter about the picnic.



Parish Mission

Come join the Parish for our Fall Mission.

Dates: October 15-17, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7-8 PM

Presenter: Father Ron Hoyer from www.thegodminute.org

Theme: The theme is Ignite Your Faith. There will be a short reception each night following his presentation.

Father Terry has requested "light snacks" for the receptions so there will be opportunities for women to donate time/food. At the time of this writing, the event organizers are still firming up the details on whether you will just sign up to help in the Narthex or if a sign up genius will be created. More details to come.



WORDS OF WISDOM

Make the Sign of the Cross.

"The first Hail Mary will be in honor of God the Father, whose omnipotence raised my soul so high above every other creature that after God I have the greatest power in heaven and on earth. In the hour of your death, I will use that power of God the Father to keep any hostile power far from you."

Say the Hail Mary.

"By thy pure and Immaculate Conception, O Mary, make my body pure and my soul holy."

CCW Calendar of Events 2023-2024

Our calendar of events is listed below. We have many opportunities for you to get involved. For some of these opportunities, you can even participate as a family. What better way to help your children become disciples in Christ than by getting them engaged. Plug in where you can, even if it is for just one activity. We'd love to see you!



2023	
CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
YOU ARE CALLED BY NAME COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN ST. MARY MAGDALENE	
SEPTEMBER	
1	Newsletter released
7	CCW Meeting, 7 PM, SMM Room 101/102
10	Welcome Back Luncheon, 1-3 PM Central Community Center
30	CCW/KOC Sponsored Parish Picnic after 5 PM Mass
OCTOBER	
1	Newsletter released
5	CCW Meeting, 7 PM, SMM Room 101/102
13-15	AACCW 2023 Annual Convention St. Peter's Lagrange, GA
25	Midwest Food Bank, 6:30-8:30 PM
29	5th Sunday Rosary with KOC
29	Filled Boxes of Joy Deadline
NOVEMBER	
1	Newsletter released
2	CCW Meeting, 7 PM, SMM Room 101/102
3	Service Project for SVDP - Pumpkin Pie Bake
11-12	Poinsettia Plant Sales in Narthex
18	Bridging the Gap, 8- 11AM
19	Coffee & Donuts for Parish after 9 AM & Noon Masses
TBD	Plant pickup
DECEMBER	
1	Newsletter released
6	Midwest Food Bank, 6:30-8:30 PM
14	CCW General Meeting, 7 PM Rooms 101/102/107/108 Celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe Meals on Wheels Guest Speaker & Postcard Service Project
31	5th Sunday Rosary with KOC

WORDS OF WISDOM

"The second Hail Mary will be said in honor of the Son of God who communicated His inscrutable wisdom to me. In the hour of your death, I will fill your soul with the light of that wisdom so that all the darkness of ignorance and error will be dispelled."

Say the Hail Mary.

"By thy pure and Immaculate Conception, O Mary, make my body pure and my soul holy."

CCW Calendar of Events 2023-2024 (Contd.)



WORDS OF WISDOM

"The third Hail Mary will be in honor of God the Holy Ghost who filled my soul with the sweetness of His love and tenderness and mercy. In your last hour, I will then change the bitterness of death into divine sweetness and delight."

Say the Hail Mary.

"By thy pure and Immaculate Conception, O Mary, make my body pure and my soul holy. O my Mother, preserve me from mortal sin during this day."

Make the Sign of the Cross.

CCW Interest Card

During the Fall Luncheon, we provided each participant with a CCW Interest Card. This card allowed everyone to express their interest in various activities through the year. This will enable us to better serve you this year by ensuring that you are informed of the details of the activities that most interest you. We also asked members to share their contact information since we hope to update our CCW Directory this year. Finally, everyone was given an opportunity to express their interest in joining this upcoming year's Prayer Partner Program. Our President, Suzette Binek, has been visiting our Prayer Circles, and providing those that were not able to attend the Fall Luncheon with an opportunity to complete a CCW Interest Card.

If by chance, we missed you, don't fret! You can still fill out a card. Simply print out this page, fill it out, and place it in the CCW Inbox in the ministry closet. Don't know where that is? Just ask an usher and they will be happy to show you. We respectfully ask that all cards are returned to us by October 15th so that we can begin to implement some of the planning for these activities. We look forward to hearing from you!

CCW INTEREST CARD	
GET INVOLVED Please let us know what you are interested in attending or volunteering for. (Circle all that apply)	CCW DIRECTORY We are updating our directory. Please fill out the information below.
Parish Picnic, Sep 30	Name:
5th Sunday Rosaries	Phone Number:
Pumpkin Pie Bake for SVDP, Nov 3	Full Address:
Poinsettia Sales, Nov 11-12	Email Address:
Parish Coffee & Donuts Event, Nov 19	Birth Day (Month/Day):
Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast, Dec 14	
Monastery of Holy Spirit Field Trip, Jan 12	PRAYER PARTNER PROGRAM
CCW Bake Sale, Feb 10/11	Interested (Circle One): Yes No
Lenten Meal & Stations, Mar 8	Anniversary Date:
Spring Plant Sale, Mar 9/10	Husband's Name:
Tulip Tea Social, April 11	Hobbies:

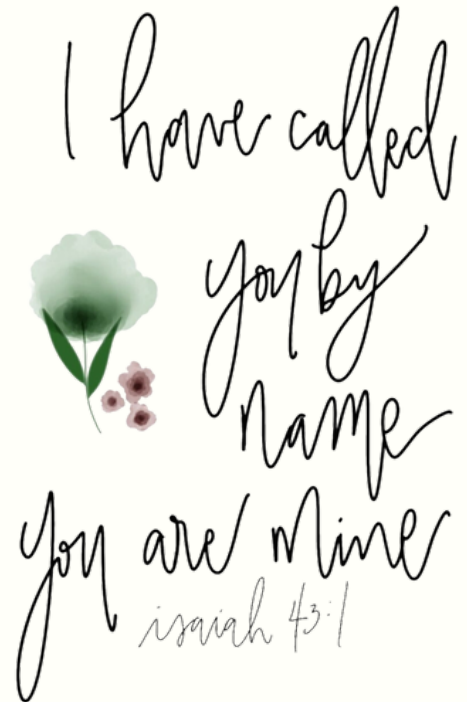
WORDS OF WISDOM

Who Was Our Lady of Good Counsel? Our Lady of Good Counsel is one of the titles of the Blessed Virgin Mary, named after a painting miraculously rescued from Albania during the Turkish invasion. In 1467 in a small Albanian church there was a painting of Our Lady with the child Jesus, the origins of which no one remembered. Albanians were fleeing the Turkish invasion, and two men, Giorgio and DeScalvis, both strongly devoted to Mary, were given a dream where Our Lady told them to flee the country and follow the painting.

SMMCCW Points of Contact

As we begin a new calendar year, we have had some changes in the SMMCCW leadership and prayer circles. If you need to reach us, please use the points of contact below. Please note that we have a few open positions that we need to fill and ask that you prayerful consider taking a more active role in the SMMCCW. There are opportunities available regardless of whether you can only commit to helping with one activity or you have abundant availability!

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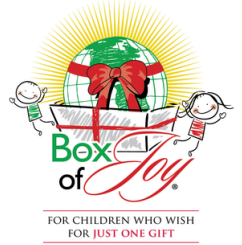


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When they woke from their dream, the painting was enveloped in a white cloud and began floating on its own accord toward the Adriatic Sea. They followed it and walked across the water all the way to the Italian coast. Some days later, both the white cloud and the painting disappeared. Giorgio and De Scalvis began a search and discovered the Augustinian church of Santa Maria in Genazzano. Concurrently, the people of the town heard exquisite music and saw a cloud hover over the unfinished wall in their church.

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Boxes of Joy



Each year, we participate in the Boxes of Joy service project. Judy Maurer is the coordinator for the Atlanta Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. If you are interested in participating, please contact Judy and let her know how many boxes you need. She will leave boxes in the Ministry Closet with your name on them. They come pre-assembled. You will be helping poor children in South America who might never receive any Christmas gifts. Do not tape your boxes closed. Please just put a rubber band around them. The cost to ship the box is \$9 per box. There is an envelope attached to a flyer for you to put into the box with your check. If you do multiple boxes, you may put just one check in one of the boxes. When the boxes are shipped down to Florida, they are processed to make sure nothing is put into the boxes that is not on the list. Judy shared that she shops at the dollar store to fill her boxes and usually can get \$16-\$20 worth of merchandise into one box. Cross Catholic Outreach puts a small coloring book with how to pray the Rosary in three languages, along with a rosary. That is how we evangelize. Please help us be the leaders in this activity to make a child smile. Questions, call Judy at 770-251-0852.

Prayer Circle Updates



St. Agnes Prayer Circle

No news to report at this time.

St. Margaret's Prayer Circle

Our St. Margaret's Circle met at Jamie Bowne's home for lunch and to discuss the first chapter of the book, *Living a Chocolate Life*. We spent our time reviewing several bible verses from chapter one. One of them is Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God". Grace is "one of the best gifts we'll ever receive, even finer and richer and more extravagant than the most exquisite chocolate!" The author, Deb Burma goes on to say even when we fail and crumble under the weight of our sin, our Heavenly Father lavishes his Grace upon us and forgives us of our sins through Christ's atonement on the cross.

Jamie made a delicious chocolate cake from a recipe in the book, and also brought back some chocolates from France for us to sample!

Next month our circle will be filling boxes for the Boxes of Joy.

St. Monica's Prayer Circle

We are looking for someone to step up and lead this Prayer Circle for the upcoming year. This circle typically meets the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Parish Hall at 7 PM. If you are interested, please contact Thalia Eden.

St. Theresa's Prayer Circle

St. Theresa's Circle meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Rooms 101/102 in the Parish Hall at 11:00 AM. If you are interested, please contact Judy Maurer. They are welcoming new ladies at this time.

WORDS OF WISDOM

When the cloud disappeared, the beautiful painting of Our Lady of Good Counsel was revealed. Pope Urban VIII made a pilgrimage there in 1630, as did Pope Pius IX in 1864. On November 17, 1682, Pope Innocent XI had the picture solemnly crowned. Many saints have venerated Our Lady of Good Counsel throughout history. Her feast day is April 26. Our Lady of Good Counsel is the patroness of Albania and she is also the patroness saint of the Council of Catholic Women.

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CCW Poinsettia Sale



**IT'S TIME TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS
DECORATING AND GIFTING!**

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

This year, we will be able to offer several added colors of this beautiful plant!

We have 6" and 8" sizes available in each color.

They will be on sale in the Narthex,

6 INCH POT of any color is \$15.00

8 INCH POT of any color is \$30.00



RED



PINK



WHITE



JINGLE BELL



MARBLE

Plant pick up will be determined in November once the order is placed.

Please watch your Flocknote, the church web site, or the OSV order form to find out the pickup date after November 9th.

4 ways to order:

1. Use this link: <https://www.osvhub.com/st-mary-magdalene-cath-church-t/forms/smmccw-poinsettia-sales-3> to order.
2. Narthex sales – November 4 and 5 after all Masses.
3. Order form in ministry closet – Council of Catholic Women slot and turn in to office with payment.
4. Use the QR code if using credit card or bank account.



LAST DAY TO PLACE ORDERS WILL BE NOVEMBER 9, 2023

Any questions or concerns, please contact Cheri Hooper via email cheri24hooper@gmail.com or phone or text at 817-991-2415.

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SAINT MARY MAGDALENE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



WORDS OF WISDOM

Mary's extraordinary qualities, including her ability to provide simple yet profound guidance, have long been viewed by the Catholic Church as honorable and worthy of imitation. In 1903, the title "Mother of good counsel" was also added to the Litany of Loreto. The Litany sets forth a number of beautiful ways for us to follow her lead and, in turn, bring peace to ourselves and the people around us.

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The CCW Explained

NCCW - AACCW - SMMCCW

Sounds like a pot of alphabet soup!

Remember when the women of the church were called the Altar Society, Rosary Ladies or Women's Guild. Some parishes still use those names. So why do we identify as the Council of Catholic Women? There are several layers to CCW, each having a board of directors, bylaws and governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

Let's start at the top.

NCCW - National Council of Catholic Women was formed in 1920. Yes, we are 103 years old. The U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops encouraged women to unite, join together and be in solidarity on Catholic women issues.

Their mission statement reads:

The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

Over the years this organization has worn many hats. It has evolved into a working voice for Catholic women. At one time, as many as 6,000 Catholic Women would gather at a convention. NCCW has annual Conventions all over the country open to ALL. This year it was in Salt Lake City, Utah, and next year it will be in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

NCCW represents Catholic women (you and me) not only at USCCB Meetings, as well, represents Catholic women at the United Nations, and the World Union of Catholic Women (WUCWO). NCCW enjoys partnering with many other organizations, among them Catholics Relief Services, Cross Catholic Outreach and most recently Catholic Charities. Membership is open to ALL Catholic Women. Members have access to many resources NCCW offers. Check out all platforms of social media FB, Instagram, twitter. Especially the most valuable <http://www.NCCW.org>. The website is a wealth of resources for personal growth and group programs, including spiritual and service projects.

Connecting women across the USA is done by first creating Provinces. A province director serves on the National Board and network's information to the Archdioceses/Dioceses throughout the country. We are United as Catholic women.

That brings us to

AACCW

In 1957 Atlanta was a diocese and Bishop Francis Hyland formally established the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

In 1962 Atlanta was elevated to an Archdiocese and was known as AACCW

(Atlanta Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women).

In 2005 Archbishop (now Cardinal) Wilton Gregory proclaimed that ALL women of the Archdiocese of Atlanta are members of Council of Catholic Women. AACCW shares information received from the Province regarding programs, service projects and spiritual events.

AACCW follows the mission statement, bylaws and structure of NCCW.

The Archdiocese is sectioned into DISTRICTS, very similar to how parishes are divided. There are approx 125 parishes in the Atlanta Archdiocese. There are four districts that meet twice a year. Each district has approximately 25 parishes. SMMCCW is in The Southwest District. There are numerous projects AACCW sponsors. Most recognizable is Women of the Year and Youth of the Year. Box of Joy is another project sponsored by AACCW. These projects are extended to the parishes. Some parishes choose not to participate.

In 2011 St Mary Magdalene's Women's Guild voted and chose to identify with Catholic Women around the archdiocese/nation thus becoming SMMCCW.

We are proud to be a Council of Catholic Women affiliate and members of the NCCW. It has been through the efforts of several dedicated women of SMMCCW to keep an active group affiliated with the Archdiocese. They attend district meetings to learn of new programs and ideas to share with the women of the parish.

At the same time, SMMCCW Circles were formed to give a choice of meeting times, to be inclusive of all women of the parish. Circles are named after saints chosen by the women in the circle. They meet once a month in fellowship with spirituality and service in mind. The circles are small groups of 8-12 women of diverse age coming together to share their friendship and faith. If you are not in a circle and would like to be, contact any board member listed in this newsletter and they will help you. Remember: Where two or more are gathered in my name, there am I. Mathew 18:20.

There is so much more information to add to these different levels of Council. It is most difficult to be concise in sharing my passion for Council of Catholic Women. I welcome any questions. call/text 706-473-8156

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I remain your sister in Council

Blessings to all

Judy Williams.

WORDS OF WISDOM

The God Minute is an online prayer community, led by priests, nuns and lay people who start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10 minute guided reflection and then uploaded for all to share. Listen/pray with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work or taking the dog for a walk.

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Recap of the National Convention for NCCW

Hello, my sisters in Christ.

What a year it has been so far! We have lost several of our beloved sisters, knowing that they have gone to their Heavenly Father. We will miss them and keep their families in our prayers.

On Tuesday, I got on a plane at 8:00 am and started on a trip to Salt Lake City, Utah for the 103 National Convention for the NCCW. Imagine, 103 years. I had booked a seat on the Salt Lake City Trolley Tour. If you know me well, I love Music, all kinds. We visited Temple Square where the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Performs, it is grand. We had a concert by Andrew Unsworth, one of the 4 full-time organists. It was mesmerizing! The Temple Square Conference Center is more impressive in person than watching their Broadcasts. We visited the State Capital, which used Georgia Marble to build the Center Hallway of the Building. We stopped and looked at some of the other famous homes, the Cathedral of the Madeline. The Arena where the Football played, think that 58,000 seats make it big! Wednesday, we had an opening liturgy at 8:00 am and it started the day beautifully. At 12:30 pm we attended a beautiful Awards Luncheon. We had an amazing Speaker/Performer Donna Stoering. Her theme was "Prayer as Music, Music as Prayer" Living a Eucharistic Life in todays world" I could fill the page with her marvels. Look up her story at www.donnastoering.com. It is worth the read. She is the Executive/Artistic Director for Listen for Life projects worldwide.

We had lots to fill in the afternoon, dinner was on our own. We had a wonderful presentation by our Gold Sponsors, CRS – Catholic Relief Services, Cross Catholic outreach, Holy Cross Family Ministries and We Teach Think.

Thursday, we had the opening of the General Session, the introductions of all the different Commission Chairs, past presidents, Gold Sponsors, Province Director of San Francisco, the DCCW President of the SLC Diocese. We then had a presentation by Krisanne Vaillancourt Murphy, she is executive director of Catholic Mobilizing Network (CMN) the national Catholic Organization to end the death penalty. It was interesting to hear a different side to the story. Our Mass was at 11:45 am, and our principal celebrant and homilist was Most Reverend Oscar A. Solis, D.D. of Salt Lake City. We celebrated our Provinces and had an excellent dinner and then some fun after our pictures were taken. Our Ice Breaker was to guess our nicknames. We laughed about it and remembered them the next day. All in all, a great evening.

Friday, had us down to breakfast at 8:00 am for Breakfast with the Panel. Our panel consisted of Julie Boerio-Goates, Susan Northway, Kimberly Tosti "Our Encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist" It was enlightening as well as thought provoking. Our meeting was called to order at 10:00 am, our opening prayer was offered by Very Reverend Miguel Gonzalez NCCW Chair of the Spiritual Advisors. All the Committee Heads gave their reports.

At 1:30 they held the Purse Auction and made a little over \$12,000. Ask me about this if you want to know what is involved! The reason we made so much this year is because Utah does not allow raffles! We had two presentations, and I was involved in one given by The Leadership Training and Development Team. It was well received. Mass was celebrated at 5:00 pm, the principal Celebrant/Homilist: The Most Reverend William A. Wack, CSC, he is fantastic, having a quick wit and a fine sense of humor. The Madeline Choir School came and gave a lovely concert.

Saturday had us up and ready for a 9:00 am presentation by Ellen Bachman, past president of the NCCW, Building Future Councils. Handouts were given about starting Jr. Councils in our parishes. The ages would be from Middle School to HS. We can get more guidance from the NCCW on this. The next presentation was "Encountering Forgiveness: Healing and Restoring Victims and Perpetrators of Crime". The Speaker was Jean Welch Hill. The Director of Salt Lake County Office of Criminal Justice Initiatives. The following were some of the Associates Reports. We then had the Installation of Province Directors, the Installation of the Nominating Committee. The most important was the NCCW recommitment Service: Beth Mahoney NCCW President Elect. Invitation to Convention 2024 in Oklahoma City, August 15-17, 2024.

Mass with the installation of the new officers. Principal Celebrant/Homilist: The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D. The Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha S.V.D. Bishop of Fall River, The most Reverend Oscar A. Solis, D.D., Bishop of Salt Lake City. The Very Reverend Miguel Gonzalez Chairman of the NCCW Spiritual Advisors. The Closing Banquet followed and was a perfect end to a fantastic Convention.

Respectfully submitted, Judith Maurer

WORDS OF WISDOM

Why did Cross Catholic Outreach start the Box of Joy Ministry? In developing countries, Christmas is not always a day marked by feasting and gift-giving. In fact, the hardships of poverty leave many children resigned to deprivation. In 2014, Cross Catholic Outreach began the Box of Joy ministry as a way to combat this hopelessness and bring smiles to the faces fo children around the globe.