



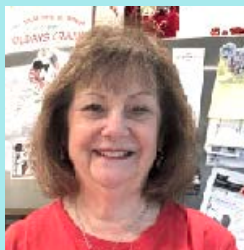
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"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13



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Welcome Back



Spiritual Advisor

Fr. Mark

Dear Ladies of the Council of Catholic Women,
Welcome home from your Summer vacations and trips! I hope this new season finds you refreshed in spirit, renewed in faith, and ready once again to share the many gifts God has entrusted to you. It is a joy to see the Council of Catholic Women gather, for your presence is a blessing not only to one another, but to the whole parish family.

The work of the Council is a beautiful witness to the heart of Christian discipleship: service rooted in love. Through your generosity, prayer, hospitality, and care for those in need, you help make our parish a place where people experience the compassion of Christ in real and tangible ways. Whether your service is visible to many or quietly offered behind the scenes, it matters deeply and bears lasting fruit.

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Mary's
Handmaidens****Barbara Wessels****Spirituality
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Your service to the parish also strengthens the bonds among you. In working side by side, sharing encouragement, listening to one another, and supporting each other in faith, you reflect the unity and charity to which the Church calls us. The Council of Catholic Women is more than an organization; it is a community of faith, friendship, and mission.

Blessings in Christ,

Fr. Mark

Mark Your Calendar

September 15th First General Meeting
- New Time 11:30am Brown Bag Lunch

Speaker: Tim Behler - Fr Ponce Mission

October General Meeting:
Respect Life Month

Domestic Violence Awareness
Speaker: Julia D'Arts
I Am A Safe Place

Breast Cancer Awareness

Jewelry and Craft Sale 10 24/25

November General Meeting
Speaker: Kristin McCall
Families in Transition

Thanksgiving Lunch

Spirituality

People of Faith Program

Barbara will be submitting a list of attendees for the People of Faith program

*at Living Hope Church on **Wednesday, September 23, at 10:00 a.m.***

*If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Barbara by **September 12** by email at*

*barbara.f.wessels@gmail.com or by text at **954-383-4864**.*

Advent Program - Save the Date!

We are working on a special Advent program that will be open to the entire parish.

*Our guest speaker will be **David O'Brien**, a Theology professor at*

***Saint Leo University in Tampa.** His presentation will focus on*

Mary and her journey during Advent.

*A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. The cost is **\$15 per person**.*

***Please mark your calendars for December 19!** More details will be shared as the program approaches.*

Barbara Wessels

Mass for Creation will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament the weekend of September 5th- 6th.



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Sunshine

THE FEAST of OUR LADY of SORROWS, September 15

In the year 1233, seven devout men in Florence, Italy had a vision from the Blessed Virgin Mary and formed a religious community that would later be known as the Servites. A further revelation instructed them to spread devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Mary.

The 7 SORROWS OF MARY: The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:33-35)

The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15)

Loss of the child Jesus for three days (Luke 2:41-50)

Mary meets Jesus on His way to Calvary (Luke 23:27).

Crucifixion and death of Jesus (John 19:25-30)

The body of Jesus being taken down from the Cross (Luke 23:50)

The burial of Jesus (Isaiah 53:8-9, Luke 23:50-56)

Sorrow, is one of the Beatitudes and is a holy quality. "Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted". Mourning, or holy sorrow results from a heart that witnesses sin and grieves over it. When Our Blessed Mother witnessed the brutal treatment of her Son, she felt holy sorrow because she grieved over the sins that inflicted that suffering. When our sorrow is holy, we are filled with compassion and empathy. Compassion means, "to suffer with".

Ponder the holy and Sorrowful Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary on this feast day. In prayer, we will be inspired to imitate her more fully, turning from all selfishness to embrace selflessness.

Deb DuCharme

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC
WOMEN INVITES YOU TO A MORNING
SPIRITUALITY RETREAT WITH DAVID O'BRIEN

Walking with Mary

An Advent Journey of Expectant Hope

David O'Brien brings over 30 years of ministry experience and practical knowledge of how to apply the Gospel to our everyday lives. Please join us for an inspirational Advent experience!

Saturday, December 19
9:30am – 1:30pm
in the Social Hall

Non Refundable Tickets \$15.00
Light breakfast & lunch included

**Blessed Sacrament
Catholic Community**
712 12th Street
Clermont, Florida 34711





Women Healing the Wounds Of Domestic Violence



On March 8, International Day of Women, Pope Leo XIV addressed a woman's question regarding domestic violence. He responded " We must eliminate this violence & seek ways to shape our mind-set. We must be people of peace who care for everyone."

On May 12 a packet developed by Catholic for Family Peace representing the work of nine organizations who work with domestic violence was delivered to the apostolic nuncio at the Vatican Embassy for the pope and to the president of the US Council of Catholic Bishops. NCCW was one of those organizations highlighted! Since 1995, NCCW has published a brochure, a 34 page manual and an 8 page outline "Women Healing the Wounds" offering programs to educate, prevent & help heal survivors of domestic violence. (Visit nccw.org) CCW's Kathy Bonner, along with Jeanie Illian, are the members who created this program. Kathy, in 2021, received the National Council of Catholic Women's highest award that of Our Lady of Good Council. She will be speaking at the Northern Deanery General Meeting at St Paul Catholic Church on Saturday, October 24, 2026.

Leadership

Membership Drive

The weekend of August 22–23 was Blessed Sacrament's CCW Membership Drive, and I am beyond thrilled to say it was a smashing success!

Not only did we welcome 10 new members, but we also collected an incredible \$945 to help cover the postage for our Boxes of Joy and \$800 for postage for Fr Ponce's mission in Uganda. What a blessing!

I am so proud to be a part of this organization, and I truly believed it was important for our parish to understand "Who CCW Is and What We Do." With Fr. Mark's blessing, I had the opportunity to speak after every Mass throughout the weekend. The response from our parish community was overwhelmingly positive and encouraging.

Our CCW members were thrilled that I took the opportunity to speak about the many ways CCW serves our parish and community. Even more exciting, several ministry leaders approached me afterward and said things like, "Maybe this is something we should do." That is exactly the kind of response I had hoped for!

What a wonderful way to kick off a new year of faith, service, fellowship, and growth. I am so grateful for everyone who helped make the weekend such a success, and I am excited about all that lies ahead for Blessed Sacrament CCW.

The best is yet to come!



Loretta Terrana
BSCCW President

Legislation

[Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship - PDF \(2023\) | USCCB](#) is the teaching document of the U.S. Catholic bishops on the political responsibility of Catholics. The Catholic Social Teaching (CST) Nuggets that will be presented this year are from this document and the USCCB website. You are encouraged to read it for yourself. The ideas will be broken down into small segments/nuggets.

Conscience is “a judgment of reason” by which one determines whether an action is right or wrong (CCC 1778). It does not allow us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling.” Conscience—properly formed according to God’s revelation and the teaching of the Church—is a means by which one listens to God and discerns how to act in accordance with the truth. The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.

Now to “form” our conscience, we will review Catholic Social Teachings, one at each general meeting.

Rights and Responsibilities. The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Every person has a fundamental right to life and a responsibility to speak out when systems and situations do not uphold the fullness of our inherent human dignity.

Please speak out by voting, the deadline to register to vote for the November 3, 2026 General Election is October 5th. <https://www.lakevotes.gov/243/Voter-Registration>

Blessings, Jeana Wresh

Service

Service Commission: Looking Ahead to 2026-27

Thanks to the generosity of our members, we have reached our goal of 100 boxes to send to Catholic Outreach this year!

Please bring any completed Boxes of Joy to the Handmaidens' and General Meetings in September. The final opportunity to turn in boxes will be at the meetings in October.

Thank you for helping us reach our goal and for your continued generosity and support!

Our ladies of Mary Handmaidens continue to be a beautiful example of faith in action. With loving hearts and willing hands, they will continue making items for Lake Hills, Head Start, and Blessed Sacrament. We are especially excited that they will also be making shorts, shirts, and dresses for Father Ponce to support his mission in Uganda.

Through these simple acts of service, our members are sharing not only their time and talents, but also the love of Christ with those in need, both in our community and around the world. Their dedication, generosity, and commitment to serving others are an integral part of helping CCW fulfill our many service goals and our mission. We are truly blessed by what our members do. May God bless their hearts, their hands, and the many lives touched by their faithful work.

Cindy Burnbaum

As we look ahead to 2026-27, the Service Commission is excited about another year of opportunities to make a difference in the lives of people in our community.

Our goal is to continue the projects that have become meaningful parts of our service while also finding new ways to reach people who need a helping hand. At the heart of everything we do is a simple belief: service is most meaningful when it combines practical help with genuine personal connection.

One of our major projects for the coming year will be a sweatshirt drive. We hope to collect sweatshirts for children and young people through high school age, with special attention to students who are experiencing homelessness and housing instability. A sweatshirt may seem like a small gift, but for a young person it can provide warmth, comfort, dignity, and the reassuring feeling that someone cares. We look forward to working together to make this drive a success and to getting these much needed items into the hands of local students.

Our relationship with Lake County HeadStart will also remain an important part of our service. The Service Commission will continue the three projects that are already underway with HeadStart while looking for additional opportunities to encourage and support the children. One especially meaningful part of this partnership is our reading program. Sharing a book with a child is about much more than reading words on a page. It is a chance to give a child individual attention, encouragement, and the joy of having someone take an interest in them. We hope to continue to expanding this program and strengthening the connections we have made with the children and staff.

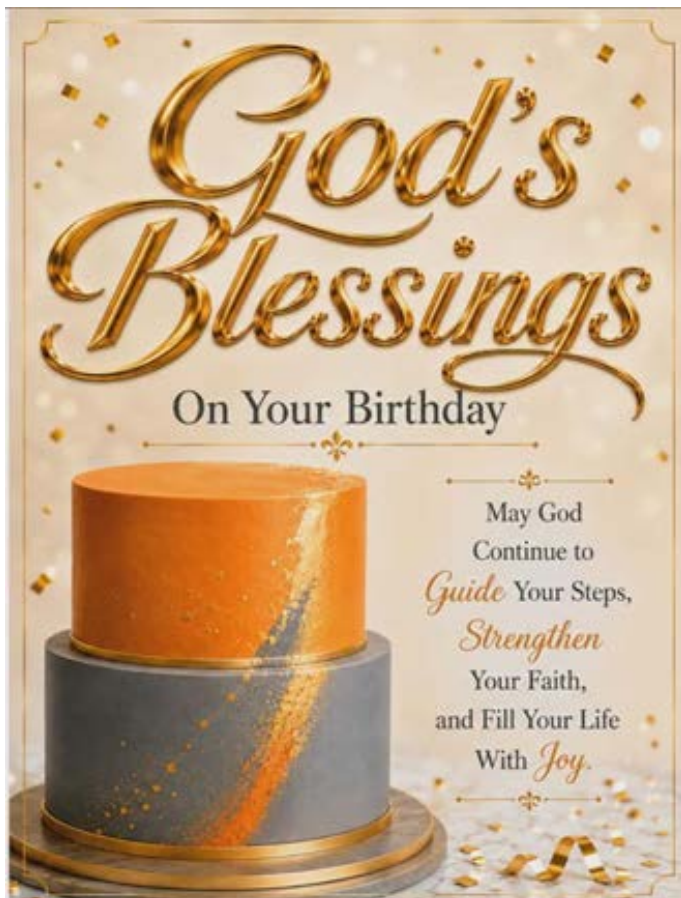
Another continuing commitment will be our monthly bingo visits to the Rehabilitation Center. These gatherings provide an opportunity for fun, fellowship, conversation, and encouragement. While bingo is the activity that brings everyone together, the real value is in the human connection - the smiles, the conversations, laughter, and time spent together. We look forward to keeping the monthly tradition going throughout the year.

As we begin this new year, the Service Commission is grateful for everyone who gives time, energy, resources, and heart to these efforts. Each project, whether large or small, gives us another opportunity to serve our neighbors and strengthen our community. The year ahead promises many chances to care, to read, to share, and to serve - and we look forward to doing it together.

Tillie Granucci



Anthony Ransom Performance!



September Birthdays

Lymaris Alonso. 9/12.

Carole Breza. 9/7

Phyllis Capece 9/4

Anne Ellis 9/3

Mary Alice Hernandez. 9/29

Mary Ellen Pollock. 9/29

Anne Marie Tertrault. 9/18

Carole Topp. 9/9

Liz Yook. 9/14