



God of heavenly wisdom, you have given us Mary, Mother of Jesus, to be our guide and counselor.

Grant that we may always seek her motherly help in this life and so enjoy her blessed presence in the life to come.

O Mother of Good Counsel, Patroness of the National Council of Catholic Women intercede for us, that we may be wise, courageous and loving leaders of the Church. Help us, dear mother, to know the mind of Jesus, your son.

May the Holy Spirit fill us with reverence for God's creation and compassion for all God's children. May our labors of love on earth enhance the reign of God; and may God's gifts of faith and living hope prepare us for the fullness of the world to come. Amen.

Feast Day: April 26

The Council of Catholic Women meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. from September through June in the Church Hall.

ALL ladies of the parish are welcome! We hope to see you at our next meeting or event.



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## St. Joseph Parish Council of Catholic Women

The St. Joseph Parish Council of Catholic Women (CCW) shares a commitment to our faith and the moral values of God and our Catholic Church. We are dedicated to serving the Church, our community and those less fortunate around the world. The members of CCW are still dedicated to those same values: spirituality, leadership and service. We mentor each other as we go through the various stages of life and along the way make great friends and share many new experiences.

If you are looking for a place to be with other women of similar interest, to make new friends, to share new experiences and use your special skills and talents effectively in service to the church and the larger community, become an active member.



## Our History



In March of 1920, the U.S. Catholic Bishops founded the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) after witnessing the important work done by Catholic women's organizations during World War I. In its early years NCCW worked on programs which emphasized the sanctity of marriage, education of women and the dangers of birth control and divorce.

In the 1930s after World War I, NCCW welcomed and aided immigrants in key cities as the United States received a great influx of European Immigrants who spoke little or no English. It was at this time our council was established.

The 1940s were dominated by World War II. Women volunteered and worked where needed. In 1946 a Foreign Relief Committee was added to the NCCW committees to help children overseas. This committee changed its name in 1955 to Catholic Relief Services.

In the 1950s NCCW increased its international ties, joining the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations.

The 1960s NCCW were years of unrest. The Vietnam War, antiwar protests, civil rights movement, and the assassination of President John Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Senator Robert Kennedy - all these had a profound effect on American life and American Catholic women. Finally there was the renewal of the Church through Vatican Council II. As women stepped forward to take on leadership roles in the Church, council started supporting them and helping develop their leadership skills.

Mother Teresa spoke at the 1960 NCCW convention. Prior to speaking at the convention,

Mother Teresa had received very little recognition of her mission to God's poorest in the streets of Calcutta. After her appearance, contributions poured in from her listeners and the steady flow of NCCW aid through the Madonna Plan eventually allowed her to send teams of her sisters to many other parts of the world.

In the 1970s health issues such as breast health awareness were being addressed and NCCW, in 1976, developed a Breast Cancer Education Program.

In the 1980s, 90s and 2000s, NCCW continued to initiate programs addressing the concerns of Catholic women and remains a strong force helping Catholic women live their faith in the modern world.

NCCW's activities mirror events in the country and the world, but its strength is the parish-based women who serve the poor, the elderly, the forgotten, and advocate at state and national legislatures, who support one another in the various circumstances of their lives, and join voices in prayer and worship.

***Saint Joseph's Council was established on October 3, 1937 at the request of the Most Rev. George L. Leech, Bishop of Harrisburg and Father Albanese the pastor.*** The founding officers and members of the first Council were: Lena Adami - President, Vera Repa - Vice President, Mary Mandrilla - Treasurer, Rose Dalto - Secretary, Lena DiPasquale, Mary Longo, Josephine Mechiorrie, Virginia Jordan, Rose Fantuzzi, Millie Digiandomenico, Katie Ressa, Louisa Sacco, Antonia Montecalvo, Mary Carabba, Rose Capobianco, Filomena Apriceno, Emma Matucchi, Mary Tuzzi, Santa Norce, Regina Caciolo, Cosomina Marinaro, Teresa DiPasquale.

## What we do in a year!

### Church

- Eucharistic Devotions
- St. Joseph Day Altar
- Altar Server Lunch
- Pro-Life Sponsorship
- Box of Joy Program

### Family

- Gold/Silver Anniversary Celebrations
- Holiday flowers to Shut-ins
- Parishioner support

### Community

- Danville State Christmas Party
- Lucille Whitmire Scholarship Award
- Beyond Violence Women's Shelter donations
- Summer Picnic
- Christmas Covered Dish

### Organization

- Diocesan Conference
- Diocesan Annual Weekend Retreat
- Deanery Meetings
- Spring Craft Bake Sale
- Rosary Sales
- Christmas Craft Bake Sale
- Election Day Maria Assunta Bake Sale

*And More*