

Saint Rose of Lima WOMEN'S CLUB



Greetings from our president.....

September 2020

Peace be with you, my friends! I think this greeting has more meaning than ever given the situations we find ourselves dealing with. The pandemic is still raging all over the world and we are faced with social/political situations causing incredible divisiveness in our own country. Isolation and illness have separated us from our usual support systems of family and friends. This means there is a new “normal” that we are trying to navigate as a parish, community, state, and country, in order to maintain those vital connections important to our healthy lives, both spiritually and personally.

Normally, during the summer, the Women's Club focuses on membership renewal and a few events, such as the spiritually rejuvenating Miramar retreat and, new last summer, the social wine tasting event. Those two activities were not possible this summer. Yet, our members have not been idle! Noted in this newsletter are the **mask making** and **prayer shawl** committees' accomplishments by such dedicated women! Also, the **By-Laws Committee** worked diligently to update the current By-Laws which will soon be sent out to the entire membership for approval. Plus, a new committee is being formed to discuss a **potential change for the Club's name**. If you would like to be involved, please let me know. More on that later.

As we see nature heralding the beginning of autumn, we want you to know that we have started **planning some activities** that will allow us to get together...*still abiding by physical distancing and other safety protocols*. There were many suggestions offered in the renewal membership applications that were reviewed at the most recent virtual Women's Club meeting. Two activities, already planned for September, are presented further down in the newsletter. Also, a **virtual craft activity** is in the planning stages to be held via Zoom closer to Christmas.

As always, **Women's Club meetings are open to any member who wishes to attend**. The meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. Currently, I am conducting the meetings via Zoom. If you would like to “attend”, let me know by the Monday night before the meeting, so I can send you the link to log in.

So, as the Women's Club moves forward into the new season, we plan to stay active and connected to all of you! Look for announcements of upcoming events and activities through e-mail, the Parish bulletins, and our new website. We look forward to seeing you either in person or on the screen!

Peace and Love,

Susan Sabelli

Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.

Mother Teresa

Upcoming Events

Check the Bulletin as each date draws near.

Also, make sure you check the Bulletin often for new happenings.

Please remember that all your neighbors, friends, daughters, and sisters are invited to join us in our service, social, and spiritual events.

Note: Details for the September events are on the next page.

Event	Date
Coffee on the Common	Sept 12
Woodland Walk	Sept 19
Club Meeting	Oct 6
Club Meeting	Nov 10
Virtual Boxwood Tree Craft Event	Dec TBD

Reminder: Membership forms are due!

Please contact Lisa Gillingham if you have misplaced your form - stgillygirl@gmail.com.

If you have friends interesting in joining, ask them to take a look at our new website to see what we are all about!!

<https://www.saintroseoflima.com/womens-club>

Remember, whenever you are in a position to help someone, be glad and do it.

That is God answering someone else's prayers through you.



Please see the next page for details on our September events! Join us!

Coffee on the Common

Saturday, 9/12 – 10:00 AM

Bring a chair! Bring a beverage! And, of course, bring a mask!!

We will meet on the new town common. There is parking in the former Bank of America parking lot.

Let's take advantage of the outdoors while we can.

No need to register but if you email, saintrosewomensclub@gmail.com we will be able to notify you if plans change.

It will be so nice to see each other, even while remaining physically distant!

Need a ride? Need a chair?

Contact saintrosewomensclub@gmail.com or

Theresa Foster – 508.254.0949

Maureen Silenzi – 774-258-0556



Woodland Walk

Saturday, 9/19 – 10:00 AM

Please bring a mask. We will maintain a proper social distance while enjoying the great outdoors and each other!

This is more of walk than a hike. It is three miles of flat land on **Cold Harbor Trail** in Northborough (Not to be confused with **Cold Harbor Brewery** in Westborough --that could be our next outing!).

Park at the Cold Harbor Trailhead on Cherry Street by 10 AM.

The trail is dog-friendly. Bring your dogs, kids, and grandkids!

Bring your neighbors, sisters, and friends!

But remember.....bring a mask!

Please email saintrosewomensclub@gmail.com to let us know you are joining us and we will provide you with the details or call Lisa Gillingham at 508-468-5678. There are alternate plans if you want to shorten the hike. Contact us!



Mask Making Update

What started as a conversation between two Women's Club members has resulted in an extremely successful service project for our parish. As of September 1, over **2800 masks** have been made and delivered to over 30 human service organizations and individuals in need in our community.

We are very grateful to every one of you who have supported this meaningful work. We are especially thankful for Lisa Gillingham and Theresa Foster, who led this effort with great love.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The pandemic may have stopped the prayer shawl ministry from meeting in person but it did not stop the members from creating beautiful prayer shawls! As of this month, the members of this ministry have created **25 prayer shawls!**

Prayer shawls are given for many reasons:

- To support those who are experiencing a loss
- To journey with those who are struggling with serious illness
- To celebrate the birth of a child or special anniversary
- To accompany those moving away from our parish, reminding them of the love of the Saint Rose community

So many people have been comforted from the wonderful work of this ministry.

If you are interested in crocheting or knitting with us, or know of someone who could benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, contact Lee Zawacki (**508 393-9253** or zawackil@charter.net)



2020 – 2021 Women's Club Board Members

Never hesitate to contact a Board Member with questions or suggestions.
Curious as to what each officer does? See the next page.

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Officer	Responsibilities
President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates the agenda for and presides at all Women's Club meetings. • Oversees all activities of the Women's Club. • Acts as an ex-officio member of each committee.
Vice-President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performs all duties of the president in her absence. • Assists in coordinating and overseeing all programs throughout the year.
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receives dues and club monies. • Manages all disbursements. • Keeps a detailed itemized record of all accounts. • Presents an annual report at the May meeting.
Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records minutes of each Women's Club meeting. • Distributes minutes to members. • Gains approval of minutes before the next scheduled meeting. • When requested, sends cards and gifts of sympathy to members (In the event of a member's death or the death of a member's immediate family [spouse or child], a gift not to exceed \$75 is allowed).
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distributes membership forms to existing members in the spring. <p>Throughout the spring/summer, the membership chairperson (with assistance):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collects the membership fee (\$15). • Collates contact information to create an up-to-date membership contact list. • Contacts any former members who have not yet replied to the request for membership. • Identifies new members for the New Member Liaison and Communications Manager. • Maintains accurate membership records. • Compiles and distributes membership booklet to all members in the fall.
New Member Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contacts new members to welcome them to the Women's Club (personal note, email message, or phone call). • Checks in on new members throughout the year to answer questions, encourage participation, check in on involvement, etc.
Communications Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains up-to-date information on our website. • Works with officers and committee chairs to ensure proper publicity is provided for events through Bulletin announcements, posters, email messages, and Flock Notes. • Collaborates with President on the newsletters.
Immediate Past President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attends all Women's Club meetings to provide counsel and expertise. • Chairs a committee to consider potential officers for the open positions for the next year.