



The Catholic Women's Club of the parishes of Christ the King and Saint Paul

March 2021



A message from the president:

Hello CWC Friends!

Is there light at the end of the tunnel? With winter storms, Covid and the discipline of Lent pressing on me I wonder. This is our second Lenten season under the impact of Covid. The media gives us mixed messages about Covid and when we might be able to be together again. This year, however there are positive signs. The light is starting to shine brighter. Most Athens businesses are open, campus is busier and many have received vaccines.

During Lent we reflect on the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert. As he fasted we are asked to fast, sacrifice something meaningful or do something extra meaningful for forty days. From my catechism days I can recall the three tenets of Lent, to draw closer to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This year I am repeating my personal sacrifice of last year because to be honest last year I flopped. Personal sacrifice is hard. Our culture "wires us" to want and need and further tells us "we deserve it" - whatever "it" is. You don't hear much about sacrifice in today's world. This year it is no less hard but with God's grace I am succeeding. If we succeed with our Lenten pledges we emerge stronger, more focused and enthusiastic as we step into the light of Jesus's resurrection on Easter Sunday!

Here is a simple prayer I've been saying during the first few weeks of Lent.

"Lord may this Lent leave me totally transformed and on fire with your light for service and love of others. Amen"

Hope you enjoy reading all of the CWC news.
Forward in Faith,
Lynne Genter, CWC President

Our Adopted Seminarian : Joe Beigel

Fr. Mark, Fr. Tom, and Fr. Matthew have assured us that the prayers of our community are important to seminarians. Sending Joe cards to let him know that you are praying for him is a great source of encouragement. We are approaching Easter and Joe's birthday is in April. April offers a wonderful opportunity to reach out to this young man who had entered the Seminary and is studying toward the priesthood.

Let us pray for Joe, as well as all of our seminarians, deacons, and priests, and let us pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood for our Diocese.

Joseph Beigel
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Discovering our Dignity – Walking With Purpose

The twenty-two week study of women in the bible commenced on January 7. Both the daytime and evening sessions are filled to capacity. Eileen Sirois is facilitating the Thursday morning group and Nadia Mitchell is the facilitator for the evening Zoom group. Twenty-one grateful women are involved in the study groups and can't thank Eileen and Nadia enough for their time, insights, and spiritual leadership.

Thus far participants have learned about women of the Old Testament; including Eve, Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, Rachel and Rahab. Although they lived long ago, we discover that we struggle with some of the same problems and temptations today, and we have much to learn from their stories.

Easter Cards

Many thanks to Jacki Legg for all the work she put into designing and filling the orders for the Christmas cards. The project was quite successful and has been the only fundraiser in this time of COVID. Jacki has designed 6 lovely Easter cards which can be ordered through March 14. Order forms are available on the CWC web page and in the Gathering Space at CTK. Your support is much appreciated and the funds raised through this effort will be put back into our parishes.

Amazon Smile

Many of you are familiar with the Kroger charitable donation program and have signed your Kroger cards up to benefit the Religious Education program in our parishes.

Are you aware that Amazon also has such a program? It works just like the Kroger card.

Instead of using [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) to sign in you would go to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com). When you sign in the first time you will select your desired charity. Both St. Paul and Christ the King are registered on the site and the process is easy. Then you just shop as usual. You do not even need to change your password. If you make a purchase from a company which offers a donation to charities, they will automatically credit the church with a donation. It will benefit the parishes but costs you nothing.

[smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) - AmazonSmile: You shop. Amazon gives.

Lenten Friday Fish Fries

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for organizing and carrying out the Friday Fish Fry dinners during Lent. A great deal of time and effort goes into organizing and running a project like this. Due to the covid considerations, the CWC will not be able to help in the kitchen or with sales this year, but we can support the Knight's by coming out to purchase carry out dinners. Dinners will be available for carry out from 4:30 till 6:30 p.m. Through the generosity of the Knights, money raised from the Friday Fish dinners will be shared with other parish groups, including the CWC.

Scriptural Rosary

The Scriptural Rosary seems to have been well received, especially as views on the web site. We plan to continue at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Please check the Sunday bulletins for more information and the online link.

Consider joining us for this devotion on March 9. We will be praying the Sorrowful Mysteries during this season of Lent.



During Lent, consider saying a Rosary for all those who have entered the Religious life following their call to discernment

Hospitality Welcome Packages

Since September of 2020, several hospitality welcome packages have been sent to new families who have registered at Christ the King or St. Paul. The welcome packages include a welcome card, a bottle of holy water and a house blessing prayer card for the family's new home, information about the parishes and ways to get involved, information on who to contact if there are questions, information about Athens and Athens County, and several other items all intended to help new parishioners feel welcomed and informed about their new parish and the community.

Thank you to Trudy Montle and Kay Marcinko for their efforts in this important new project.

LEE ERVIN

Some of you may have noticed a newer voice cantoring over the past several months. Lee Ervin is from the Athens area, but has spent many years working in South Carolina. He converted to Catholicism several years ago and recently came back to Athens for a short time. Soon, he will leave us and join the monks of Belmont Abbey for priestly discernment and formation. He will enter into a four-month postulancy (March-June) which leads to a one-year novitiate, followed by temporary vows and permanent vows.

Mary Help of Christians Abbey (aka Belmont Abbey), of the American-Cassinese Benedictine Congregation, follows the Rule of St Benedict of Nursia. The monks of Belmont Abbey live the Rule of work and prayer (ora et labora) through the Divine Office, the Mass, and the administration of Belmont Abbey College. The College, founded in 1876, is a Catholic liberal arts college with more than 1,400 students enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs. Belmont Abbey also provides accommodations for spiritual retreats. The Abbey and the College are situated on a beautiful 700 acre site located 15 miles west of Charlotte, North Carolina. Additional information on the Abbey and the College can be found at: belmontabbey.org.

Please remember him in your prayers as he discerns his religious vocation.

After March 5, his address will be:

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