

DeMarillac News



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LADIES OF CHARITY CAREGIVING, INC.

THE OFFICE IS OPEN



The Pittsburgh office of the Ladies of Charity is staffed and open for business. The office is located at 7604 Charleston Ave., Rm 20, Pittsburgh, PA. 15218. This is in the Regent Square section of the city in the old Wilkins School building. The first match up of a client and caregiver is about to happen right after the first of the year. The office administrator is David McCartney.



Ladies of Charity from different groups are already volunteering their services. A program for the caregivers has been formed. Each caregiver will be matched with a mentor. The mentor is a Lady of Charity who volunteers a flexible amount of time to offer support and companionship to a new caregiver. They will be responsible for one caregiver at a time and no personal information about the caregiver's client will be made known to the mentor without the client's permission.

The mentor will explain and model the spirituality of the program based on the Vincentian charism as well as the relationship to and the service of the Ladies of Charity. If you feel that you might be interested in participating in this program call our office 412-456-6924, leave your name and number and your information will be forwarded to Julia Lynn who is leading this program. Julia will then get in touch with you. The number of contacts with the caregiver as well as the mode of contact and the length of the mentor relationship will be decided jointly by the mentor and caregiver based on the needs of the caregiver. Most contact will probably be done over the phone.

The Ladies of Charity are also proposing a Caregiving Outreach Program which will be discussed on page 4 of this newsletter.

Most importantly we will always be in need of caregivers. It is felt that our ladies should be a good resource for knowing and recommending people who are in need of employment or seeking a job that offers better than minimum wage. The following is a copy of an ad which we have placed in some of the church bulletins.

LADIES OF CHARITY CAREGIVING, INC. is looking to employ caregivers to be companions and helpers for those who request our service. Experience is not necessary. Training will be provided for the caregiver. We are a non-profit company. All profits earned will go towards offering better wages and benefits to our employees and for more care to those we serve in their homes. For more information go to www.loccaregiving.org and click on "becoming a caregiver" option or you may call 412-731-4100. If no answer please leave a message; your calls will be returned.

If you feel comfortable, ask your pastor/administrator if he would put the ad in your bulletin. We need caregivers from all parts of the city. Place the ad wherever you think it would be visible and attract attention of those looking for a job or to improve their current employment position.

The furniture you see is only part of what was given to us to set up our office. Private Wealth Advisors are moving from their current site and gave us all the furniture you see in the picture plus another desk, reception chairs and file cabinets. This all happened by a conversation between one of their advisors and a Lady of Charity. He was so impressed with what we are trying to do he arranged for this to happen for us. Coincidental? I don't think so. The hand of God has been guiding this project from its onset and you better believe his hand was in the making of us receiving all this furniture. When you stand in this office with all the furniture around you, you feel like you're standing in the middle of a miracle. It is also God's plan that you help us in any little way you can.

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GOOD SHEPHERD, ST, MAURICE, & MADONNA/WORD OF GOD GROUPS WORKING TOGETHER



The Officers from Good Shepherd, St. Maurice & Madonna/Word of God have been meeting to see how the Ladies of Charity can work together now that they are transitioning four parishes into one. These women brought their groups together this September to bring some fun and relaxa-



tion to the women who reside at the P.O.W.E.R. facility on the Word of God campus. The women along with some of their children came to join the Ladies of Charity in a day of fun, games and food. One activity was a contest between some of the women and their children to see who could make the best mummy wrapping the kids in toilet paper. Bingo and other games were played and prizes were won by all. Food was provided by all three Ladies of Charity groups. The ladies have been joining each other at their parish meetings and the three groups have enjoyed seeing what each group is doing and participating together in each other's events. They are preparing for a joint re-commitment service to be held this March. Other groups are encouraged to follow the example of these Ladies of Charity as we move along together in the spirit of "The Church Alive".



FEEDING THE RESIDENTS AT RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

Earlier this year Madonna/Word of God Ladies of Charity worked together preparing dinner for those residing at the Ronald McDonald House -Children's Hospital while being able to stay close to family members who are hospitalized. Parents and their children enjoyed a delicious meal of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, carrots, salad, fruit and dessert. The Ladies enjoyed being able to do this for the families.



GUESS WHO CAME TO OUR LCUSA 2018 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY



401 Years later, alive and in person our dignitaries for the 2018 LCUSA National Assembly were none other than our patrons St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise de Marillac and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. How honored we were and how surprised were our guest membership attending the assembly. Together for actually the first time our patrons opened the ceremonies giving a brief history of who they were and what led up to who we are now. Elizabeth's younger self also graced us with a cameo appearance speaking of Elizabeth's younger years.



St. Vincent introduced our keynote speaker, Father, Richard Gielow, CM and expressed how pleased and appreciative he was of the work Father Gielow has been doing giving special significance to his work with the Ladies of Charity.



Our other main speakers included Sister Elyse Staab, DC, who presented an Apostolic Reflection on "Finding God in the Experience"; Kat O'Loughlin spoke on "Engaging Young Adults", Most Rev. Joseph Mele gave us insight on how "The More Things Change, The More Things Stay The Same" and Sister Paule Freeburg, DC told us all about Rosalie Rendu who was a "Heroine of our Past and a Model for our Future. In a recent e-mail, Father Mele wrote " Do you ever hear anything from the Ladies of Charity Convention? I hope they were pleased. I had fun that morning. Especially at the cookie table. If that was your idea, you get an A+!!!. Workshops & a "Bridges out of Poverty session were also offered, and a fun night on Friday with "Late Nite Catechism".





LADIES OF CHARITY CAREGIVING, INC.

More than just care

MORE THAN JUST CARE.....That is what the Ladies of Charity Caregiving, Inc. want to stress when reaching out to those in need of home care. The Ladies of Charity Caregiving want their clients to know that they will be given excellent home health care but they will also have the strength and support of over 1500 Ladies of Charity in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Those ladies who volunteer to help will bring the **MORE THAN JUST CARE** component to this service. The Diocesan Board would like to start an Caregiving Outreach committee to bring this component to fruition. Here is what we need and what services we want to offer:

We need:

- ◆ A Lady of Charity willing to serve as Chairperson of this Caregiving Outreach Committee
- ◆ This Chairperson will become a member of the Diocesan Board

The Purpose of this Committee will be: To provide prayers, service ministry & financial support to the Ladies of Charity Caregiving, Inc. by forming sub committees consisting of

- ◆ Prayer Partners
- ◆ Greeting Card Ministry
- ◆ Telephone Visitors
- ◆ Telephone Reassurance Calls
- ◆ Home Visits
- ◆ Financial Support (Raise funds to help caregiving clients having difficulty with making their caregiving payments)
- ◆ Mentors

The Outreach Committee Chairperson will appoint co-chairpersons to head each of the above committees. The Mentors have already been formed and are being led by Julia Lynn.

Implementation:

- ◆ The caregiving administrator & caregivers will be given a list of the above listed services we are offering to provide.
- ◆ During the process of evaluating the client or during the time of caring for the client the administrator or caregiver may see where this client may be a candidate for one of our services.
- ◆ When it is deemed the appropriate time, the administrator/caregiver may ask the client or a family member if they would be interested in taking advantage of the Caregiving Outreach Committee's services.
- ◆ In a conversation with the caregiver her/his mentor may also pick up on where they see our services may be of help.
- ◆ When a request for service is needed, the Caregiving Office will notify the Caregiving Outreach Committee chairperson of the need. She in turn will then notify the chair of the proper committee and that committee chair will go to the membership and find a Lady of Charity who is available or if needed in an area close to that client and is able to provide the requested service.

If you have any questions, or would be interested in taking on the chairperson position of the Outreach Committee, being the chairperson of one of the sub-committees or being a member of one of the sub-committees. Call the office to offer your services. If no one is in the office at the time of your call, you will be contacted in a timely fashion. The office number is 412-456-6924.

A member of the Caregiving Advisory Board will help the chosen chairperson in getting this committee up and running.

Let us show the world that **WE MORE THAN JUST CARE.**

ST. BERNADETTE JR. LADIES OF CHARITY HELP HURRICANE VICTIMS



Livia Chase, of St. Bernadette's Jr. LOC, brought a problem to her group in October, 2018. She learned from her aunt who lives in Raleigh , NC, that people there were in desperate need of help. Many were still trying to recover their lives and property after hurricane Matthew in 2016 and then hurricane Florence hit and brought more damage and flooding to the same areas.

The girls attending the meeting enthusiastically expressed interest in helping the hurricane victims. The group received permission to hold a parish collection. A notice went out in the bulletin, girls offered to speak and to collect at weekend Masses. Their efforts were rewarded with a collection of \$3,533.06 that went to Catholic Charities in Raleigh, NC.



Recently, St. Bernadette Jr. LOC received a letter from the Bishop of Raleigh, Luis Rafael Zarama, J.C.L. He said " I am deeply touched by your recent letter and generous donation to be used to assist those in need in the eastern part of our state. Your gift will be put to immediate use as our offices continue to work tirelessly to get food and supplies to those in need. The rebuilding process for many people will be multiple years. May our Lord Jesus bless and watch over you always.

Pictured to the left are from top to bottom Becca Whealdon and Livia Chase. Other girls helping with this project were Erin Gurtner, Annalise Alexander, Emma Whealdon and Jayla Chase.

ST. ANGELA MERICI JR. LOC SUPPORT TEEN HOMELESS SHELTER

Wishing to serve the homeless in their area, the Jr. Ladies of Charity of St. Angela Merici used money received from their LCUSA National Grant doing outreach to the McKeesport Family Links Teen Homeless Shelter. The girls really identify with this group and wanted to continue their previous support to the shelter. This fall they supplied backpacks for any teen needing them for school. They also gave other needed supplies and made gift bags for Christmas for the shelter.



St. Louise de Marillac Jr. LOC Blankets for the Needy



St Louise de Marillac Jr. Ladies of Charity devote their time and talent to help those who are in need in their community and nearby communities. These dedicated young women used their \$150 LCUSA grant money to make tie blankets. They worked diligently over an eight month period to complete this project. A total of eighty beautiful blankets were made. They were given to the children in Headstart in Clariton, PA as well as needy teenagers and senior citizens. The girls enjoyed making the blankets and were pleased that they were received so well by the recipients.



After Assembly Party

An after assembly party was held at All Saints in Etna for those who volunteered their time to put on the great

2018 LCUSA National Assembly

A JOB WELL DONE BY ALL!



November President's Meeting

Bernadette Jaketic presided at her first President's meeting November 10, 2018. The Meeting was hosted by the Ladies of Charity of St. Bernard Parish. It was a very well attended meeting and a lot of information was presented. All board members gave pertinent information on their various offices and committees. Two dates on the calendar that are a certainty were Cemetery Sunday which was held the day following this meeting and the 2019 Investiture which will be held on Sunday, April 28th. Karen Radu spoke on Ladies of Charity groups that may be merging together as we move forward with the "Church Alive" changes being made in our parishes and Father Gretz also gave some input on this subject. Peggy Keene gave an update on the progress of the LOC Caregiving Inc. and Julia Lynn explained the connected mentor program to Caregiving preparing interested Lady of Charity women to be mentors for those working as caregivers. We were updated on the status of our 501C3 application of progress on our application for a 501 c3. Meeting was closed with a prayer.



WHO ARE THE UNCLAIMED DEAD?



Pictured to the left is the monument in honor of St. Vincent de Paul placed on the grounds of Calvary Cemetery at the site of the burial of those souls who have passed with no one to claim their remains.

Pictured on the right are Ladies of Charity who on Nov. 11, 2018 attended our yearly service at Calvary Cemetery at the site of the St. Vincent de Paul monument to pray for the unclaimed dead.



Starting back to the beginning of the Ladies of Charity with a little woman known as Anna, the Ladies of Charity have been praying for unclaimed souls. One woman staying after Mass observed the funeral for Anna. No one was in attendance. She was an unclaimed soul. This one woman's experience led to a gathering of women attending funerals for other unclaimed souls and eventually these women became the first Ladies of Charity of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. So who are these unclaimed souls?

They are the unfortunate individuals who at the time of their death are totally alone in this world with no one to claim their body and to give them a proper burial. Here in Allegheny County and other counties across the United States the local morgue buries these souls. They are cremated and placed in a casket and buried in an unmarked grave.

When the Pittsburgh Ladies of Charity received their Charter and became a formal Ladies of Charity group one of the first committees they formed was the Society for the Unclaimed Dead. This committee has continued through all these years. In the beginning we would receive names of unclaimed souls from the St. Vincent de Paul Society but presently once a month the Allegheny County Morgue is contacted and we are given the names of the unclaimed souls. Sadly, some are even babies. Currently Philly Sysak is the chairperson on the Pittsburgh Diocesan Board for the Society of the Unclaimed Dead. She makes an effort to get the word out to as many Ladies of Charity groups as possible to have some one person or a Ladies of Charity group to adopt an unclaimed soul. Each soul that is adopted is enrolled in the Seraphic Mass Association for a one-time \$10.00 donation. If you or your group or even a friend or a member of your family would want to be a sponsor of an unclaimed soul you can send your \$10.00 check made out to the Seraphic Mass Association to Ladies of Charity office, 111 Blvd. of the Allies, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15222. Your check and contact information will be given to Philly and she will complete the request for to enroll the deceased in the Seraphic Mass Association. The name of the deceased will then be mailed back to the sponsoring Lady of Charity group or individual that has requested the name. A prayer card to be said for the deceased soul is included. Further confirmation is also sent by the Seraphic Mass Mission. You are now and forever a sponsor for an unclaimed soul.



2018 WORKSHOP “Saying Yes to God’s Will In the Face of Uncertainty”



- Father Mike Ackerman—Excellent Key Note Speaker



- Newly installed Diocesan Board Officers
From far right:
Helene Scheider 2nd VP;
Karen Tomaszewski 1st VP;
Claudia Van Treasurer;
Bernadette Jaketic President;
Father Jim Gretz, Spiritual Advisor
Nancy Bianculli, Financial Secretary



- Some of the attending membership

Voting from the membership to approved amendments to the by-laws was an integral part of this meeting all changes were agreed upon unanimously. This was in preparation for application for our 501C3 status.

Remember all the items you brought to the Workshop for to be donated to the Veterans? A thank you card was received from Michael Doherty. Words from the card are copied below.

Hello Ladies,

Just want to reach out and thank everyone for the wonderful donation. It took me two days to count it all. I Enjoyed every minute. It's not often we get new clothes, so it is greatly appreciated. So once again thanks to all and
God Bless.

Michael

We were also sent an itemized statement of the value of all items donated. Deodorant, body wash, toothpaste, shampoos, lotions etc. totaled \$1,1867.00. Underwear, sweatshirts, sweaters & socks totaled \$5,042.00.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

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| Martha Wlazinski — St. Anne | Frances Kukowski — Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Mary Frances Burket — St. Irenaeus | Margaret Lines — St. Damien of Molokai |
| Patricia Corcoran — Transfiguration | Mildred Litner — St. Peter |
| Dottie Craver — St. Bartholomew | Alverna Lober — St. Mary of the Mount |
| Rose Dasher — St. Killian | Anna Bea Maloy — St. Louise de Marillac |
| Rosemarie DiCola — Assumption | Virginia Mengo — St. Maurice |
| Mary Jean Donley — St. John Capistran | Carolyn Micher — St. Albert the Great |
| Martha Edwards — St. Robert Bellarmine | Rose Misko — Good Shepherd |
| Frances Ferro — St. Damian of Molokai | Gloria Pecora — St. Patrick, McKeesport |
| Phyllis Gallo — St. Robert Bellarmine | Margaret Perhats — St. Mark |
| Marguerite Hagan — St. Simon & Jude | Dolores Schaefer — St. Richard |
| Joanne Heinlein — St. John of God | Rita Sheehan — St. Stephen |
| Christian Kail — St. Benedict The Abbot | Mary Smialek — St. Robert Bellarmine |
| Alice Kebart — St. Patrick, Canonsburg | Norma Szabo — Holy Redeemer |
| Nancy Koren — St. Patrick, Canonsburg | Angeline Varrato — Holy Redeemer |
| Theresa Kowalski — Nativity | |



Lo "Those who love the poor in life will
have nothing to fear in death, as I
have seen on many occasions myself."

St. Vincent de Paul

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Pittsburgh, PA 15222

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOARD MEETINGS

Saturday, January 19, 2019
Saturday, February 9, 2019
Saturday, March 9, 2019
St. Paul's Seminary
9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S MEETING

Saturday April 13, 2019
Place to be Announced

INVESTITURE

Sunday, April 28, 2019
St. Paul Cathedral 3:00 p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING (used to be workshop)

Saturday, August 17, 2019
8:15 a.m.
St Anne, Castle Shannon

2019 Annual NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Sept 20 — Sept 21 2019
Salt Lake City, Utah

SUBMIT ALL ARTICLES & PARISH NEWS TO:

**Ladies of Charity
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Please note: THANK YOU, ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED YOUR ARTICLES AND PICTURES. KEEP THEM COMING. THE NEXT ISSUE SHOULD BE OUT IN April. DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES AND PICTURES IS FRIDAY, March 29, 2019

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