

The Messenger

St. Mary Magdalene Council of Catholic Women, Newnan GA

Pope Francis

The choice of name and the simple greeting—Buona sera—to the people gathered in Saint Peter’s square on the night of his election, March 13, 2013, gave the first hint to this Pope’s personality and priorities. The decision to live in the Domus Sanctae Marthae guest house and not the Papal apartments was the second hint. His was to be a papacy of a “shepherd close to his flock.”

The first to choose the name Francis after the beloved Saint Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis emulated this great saint’s love for God’s creation, commitment to those in poverty, and for his solidarity with all women and men. In his writings and addresses, the joys, hopes, griefs, and anxieties of migrants, the marginalized, the poor, and the abandoned were always close to his heart.

Pope Francis believed that “human life is grounded in three fundamental and closely intertwined relationships: with God, with our neighbor and with the earth itself.” His encyclical, *Laudato Si*, subtitled “on care for our common home,” the Pope advocated for the protection of the environment and respect for God’s creation.

Pope Francis’s legacy is a synodal church (journeying together) where women and men, along with clergy and religious, gather to listen and discern the Spirit’s action in our daily lives and in our decision making. We are called to contribute to building God’s reign among us.

In his memory, let us challenge ourselves to manifest Pope Francis’s legacy by recalling our responsibility to be of service to the Church, society, and to one another.

May the soul of Pope Francis, and the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

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Upcoming CCW Fall Events

We are happy to announce that the CCW Welcome Back Luncheon will be held on **Sept. 21st from 1 PM -3 PM**, at the Madras Community Center 2355 US-29, Newnan. More information on registration to follow. Please don't miss the opportunity to celebrate our community of sisterhood at SMM!

AACCW Convention

We are fortunate that the Atlanta Archdiocese CCW Convention will take place locally this year. Mark your calendar for **Sept. 26 - 28th** at St. Matthew's Church in Tyrone.



Prayer Circles

St. Agnes' Prayer Circle

St. Agnes Circle did not meet for the April 15th meeting. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 20th at SMM at 10 a.m. in rooms 101/102. We will watch the movie Fatima.

St. Margaret's Prayer Circle

St. Margaret's Circle met on Wednesday, April 16th at Margaret Hennum's house. We had lunch and planned on going over our book Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table chapter 7. However, time got away from us by visiting with each other. In the end, we did agree that chapter 7 had a lot of good information.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14 at a restaurant. Location to be determined.



SMM Service Opportunities

There are a few upcoming service opportunities that are being offered to all Parishioners. Minimum age is 10 years. All minors must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

May 3, 8 - 11AM

Bridging the Gap, 19 1st Avenue, Newnan, GA

Dress is casual attire with closed toe shoes. We will box food and distribute it to BTG clients. The warehouse is not a conditioned space and we will be loading cars outdoors.

Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449ADA82DA20-55148319-bridging#/>

June 25, 6-8 PM

Midwest Food Bank, 220 Parcade Court, Peachtree City, GA

Dress is casual attire with closed toe shoes. We will be repackaging food for distribution to food pantries. This is an indoor service project. Signup at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449ADA82DA20-54823626-midwest#/>

July 19, 8 -11 AM

Bridging the Gap, 19 1st Avenue, Newnan, GA

Dress is casual attire with closed toe shoes. We will box food and distribute it to BTG clients. The warehouse is not a conditioned space and we will be loading cars outdoors.

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April Tulip Social Memories

We had a wonderful time at our April Tulip Social. Deacon Eden assisted with the induction ceremony as we welcomed a new CCW Board. Congratulations to our newest board members:

Karen Jacobs-White, President
Barbara Wood, Secretary

Brandi Smith, Vice President
Angelica Medve, Treasurer

We look forward to the enthusiasm this group of women will bring to SMM CCW in the upcoming years to come. We also expressed our sincerest thanks to Suzette Binek for her years of service to the CCW Board. Our guest speaker, Teresa Barczak spoke about her life changing experience as a result of a lightning accident.



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April Tulip Social Memories (continued)



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