

March 15, 2021

To The Ladies of the Parish:

How exciting! St. Michael Church renovations are complete, the finishing touches are under way, and Spring is in the air! For 29 years the St. Michael Women's Association has fostered parish community and fellowship through our many spiritual, educational, and social programs and events. Bingo Night, Movie Night, Advent and Lenten Presentations, Breakfasts, Christmas Luncheons, Spring Luncheons, Taize, Outreach. All these events brought us together to chat, listen, pray, sing, cry and laugh. Through these events we became friends and pew mates.

Throughout the years many of our SMWA members have served on our Board, have been on the parish council, have taught CCD, have volunteered organizing our parish Christmas Parties, have helped with Faith Formation, have bagged food for the Thanksgiving Drive, have provided Christmas Gifts to Nathaniel Witherell through our Giving-tree program, have produced parishioner cookbooks, have offered our young students scholarship money, cleaned our church, have supported parish programs such as WWP and Emmaus, have kept Jesus company at Adoration, have knitted and crocheted Prayer Shawls for the sick, served the poor at the Covenant House, hosted Parish Coffees, and served at the Parish Picnics. And this only touches the surface of what the Association has done here at St. Michael for all of these years. What a history!

On May 31st, my four years as president of the SMWA will come to an end. This experience has been wonderful for me; I loved it! But it is time for me to make a change and I must step down. Now...here is my big ask...Would one of you reading this prayerfully consider taking on the presidency of SMWA? It is a two-year commitment, September through May. We need you; we really do. I am here to help you get settled into the new role and the Board is here to help you every step of the way throughout your presidency.

Come September, with Covid (hopefully) behind us, St. Michael will be ready to shine its bright light, welcoming all our parishioners to mass and services as well as the many newcomers that have moved into our area. What a fantastic time to build up SMWA, come together to grow our parish and be that beaming light we are called to be in the name of Jesus Christ. Please find it in your heart to serve our parish as president of SMWA.

God bless you, Roberta Chiappelloni ([robertachiap@me.com](mailto:robertachiap@me.com))