



## ST. ANNE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN NEWSLETTER

February 2018

**Mission Statement:** The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its membership to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. Our programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the church and society in the modern world.

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In November of 2017, the Council of Catholic Women held elections for officers for the years 2018-2019. Those elected were as follows:

President	Eileen Gibney
Vice-President	Merylen Ott
Secretary	Barbara Dittmar
Treasurer	Linda Williams

The newly-elected slate of officers took effect at the January 8, 2018 Board Meeting.

### A message from our president~

Thank you for electing me to serve as president. Since CCW began in 2009, we have strived to use our mission statement as our guide. We have made a strong commitment to spirituality and our members whole heartedly support the church in its social ministry. We have traditionally provided educational programs of interest to women in the parish.

I plan to continue what has already been initiated while improving and extending them to meet our needs. CCW welcomes new members who will share with us their ideas, interests, and friendship. I believe our organization is a wonderful opportunity for women to build friendships and to serve God in the community and our parish. Following our Gospel values and seeking ways to enrich ourselves in practicing our faith will be our main goals for this next year.

Blessings,  
Eileen Gibney

### WHAT DO WE DO?

Following our mission statement, the Council has traditionally woven into its work many instances for studying, celebrating, and practicing our faith. CCW always extends an invitation to the women of the parish to our events. We have initiated several programs that we share with the parish:

- Annual Communion Breakfast
- Living Rosary
- Lighthouse CD Ministry
- Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our members pray Adoration on the first Tuesday of the month, and also support our seminarians through prayer in their year of formation.

Members take an active role assisting with the RCIA program, Faith Formation, Social Ministry, and Homebound Ministry.

Our spiritual endeavors inform our mission work. Several of our members are leaders in the Social Outreach of the Parish, and our members support their work in . . .

- Bristol Faith in Action
- Soup Kitchen
- Meals on Wheels
- Family Promise
- Hospice House Meals

We also support Bristol Faith in Action through donations of food, hygiene items, and cleaning supplies for distribution. Monetary donations are given to St. Anne's School as well.

Finally, we have guest speakers from the community who bring us information on a wide range of topics.

### Annual Program Schedule 2017-2018

**September 11** -- Dinner welcoming the new Music Director. Chris Neal spoke about his life and career and entertained us with a piano concert.

**October 9** -- Dinner Story of Fatima and Scripture Rosary with Soup/Salad Dinner

**November 13** "Saints Alive" --Fifth Grade of St. Anne's "Saints" gave costumed recitations of lives of the saints. Pizza/Sandwich Dinner

**December 12** Members attended the Hispanic Community's special celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day. CCW provided desserts.

**January 21** --Spiritual Sunday, Respect for Life Prayer Service at St. Anne's Church. Members provided reception and donations for Abortion Alternatives.

**February 12** Valentine Luncheon at 12:30pm at the Knights Hall. Guest speaker: Jennifer Long, Coordinator for Crisis Center Outreach. Topic: Self Care, Life, and Balance.

**March 12** Women's Stations of the Cross. Donations for Bristol Faith in Action will be accepted.

**April 9** Business Planning Meeting for the next calendar events .

**May** Saturday: Communion Breakfast

**May 14** Business meeting finalizing calendar and planning of upcoming fundraiser/bake sale.

**June 9,10** CCW fundraiser/bake sale at St. Anne's.

## At a Glance

The St. Anne Council of Catholic Women provides an opportunity for women of the parish to come together to share our faith through spiritual programs, outreach, and social events.

Women interested in becoming a member may contact:

Barbara Schreiber 276-669-7371  
Eileen Gibney 423-652-7425

CCW meets the 2nd Monday of the month from September to May.  
Place: Knights of Columbus Hall  
Time: 6:30

Notices of events are advertised in the church bulletin and on the calendar on the church website.