

# Our Mother of Perpetual Help CWL Newsletter

January 2017

New Year greetings from your 2017 CWL Council Executive! We have closed the Holy Doors and completed the Year of Mercy but we must continue to find ways to be Merciful to our neighbours. Remember - *"The bread that you store up belongs to the hungry; the coat that lies in your chest belongs to the naked; the gold that you have hidden in the ground belongs to the poor."* - St. Basil

**CWL EXECUTIVE:** The new CWL Executive as of January 2017 are: President - Kathy Ruddy, Past President & Communications Chair - Audrey Shelton, Treasurer - Irene Mendes; Secretary - Shelly Snyder; Community Life Chair - Evelyn Carter; Organization Chair-Sandra Willard, Christian Family Life Chair - Silvia Aird.

**VALENTINE TEA:** The Valentine Tea is **Saturday February 11**. Keep us in mind when cleaning closets and baking. Put your unused treasures aside for our White Elephant Table and make an extra batch of sweets to put in the freezer until the Tea. To donate



sandwiches and sweets for the tea tables or a gift of your time in the kitchen, please call Audrey at 705- 647-6205.

**MEETING DATES:** We have changed our meetings to the second Wednesday of every month which means our meetings will be **January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10 and our June Potluck is June 14.**

Our **March meeting** will actually be an Amazing Race activity! We hope to have a good turnout of members and friends who will participate in this fun filled evening. See you there!



**THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL** will be celebrated April 24 with a Mass and social. Join us in thanksgiving for our patroness Mary.

**12 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PALLIATIVE AND HOSPICE CARE:** The Catholic Women's League of Canada will once again sponsor 12 Hours of Prayer across the country on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Plans will be made by our council soon and details will be available in the bulletin. We hope all parishioners will join us as we storm heaven for accessible palliative and hospice care for all Canada's citizens.



**THE TIMMINS DIOCESAN CONVENTION** is hosted by St. Anthony of Padua and Sacred Heart of Jesus CWL councils in Timmins May 6 & 7<sup>th</sup>. Plans are to have Monseigneur Pat LeFluer and Sr. Margot as speakers and Bishop Poitros presiding at Mass. Each year we budget money to pay most of the expenses of our members who attend the convention. Call Kathy (648-5221) if you are interested in attending.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:** Thank you to everyone who has already paid their membership dues. If you are wondering why your cheque was not cashed in December, it is because we don't deposit the money until January so that it does not show up in our 2016 financial statement.

## Join or Renew Your Membership



For those who have not renewed their membership yet, please do so soon. The fee is \$25.00 again this year. If you know someone who could become a CWL member, ask them! People respond to a personal invitation. Let them know that the CWL meets with government officials with resolutions that show our concern for the environment, health care and safety. We support many local, national and international charities. We minister to the youth, poor, elderly and grieving of our parish. We strive to provide Faith, Fun and Fulfillment for our members. We are much more than bake sales and potlucks! New members please contact Sandra at 705-647-1226.

## school breakfast program

**BREAKFAST PROGRAM:** A group of CWL members gather the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

Wednesdays of the month at 1p.m. to prepare snacks for the children of St. Michel school. We cut carrots, celery and fruit and spread cheese on bagels while visiting and offering support to one another. If you would like to be part of this ministry call Audrey.



**PRAYER REQUESTS:** If you would like our council members to pray for a special intention (sick family member or yourself) call or email Audrey and she will send out a prayer request to her CWL email contact list.

**CWL NEW VIA EMAIL:** If you would like to receive the CWL emails, please forward your email address to Audrey at: tealinaround@yahoo.com Keep on top of the latest CWL news by email!

**C J T T 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Our CWL council will be highlighted on CJTT during the month of



January. They are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by spotlighting 50 different volunteer based community organizations. So listen for our council's spotlight and be ready to talk about the CWL to those who comment on it. It's time to blow our CWL horn!