

SAINT LAWRENCE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW)

The Saint Lawrence Council of Catholic Women (CCW) serves as the means through which all the women of the parish can unite to help support both the Pastor and parish goals, further their own talents, nourish their spiritual needs, and be of service to the parish family. Our CCW is a chapter of the Arlington Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, a national organization. Speakers are frequently invited to the monthly meetings which are held on the **third Thursday** of the month at **7:30 p.m.** in Hammond Hall. Every woman in the Parish is a member of the CCW.

Did you know that the following ministries are carried out by the women of our CCW?

Bereavement Committee: Pray the Rosary at wakes, attend funeral Masses, and prepare receptions following a funeral.

Pro-Life: Hold a pro-life baby shower in January of each year, participate in the March for Life, support the *Forty Days for Life*, participate in the Franconia Road Life Chain, and collect and distribute the baby items from the cradle in the vestibule of the Church.

Christ House: Provide, deliver and serve dinner once a month at the homeless shelter in Old Town Alexandria. Each member makes a meal only once or twice a year.

Carpenter Shelter: Make sandwiches for lunch once a month for the homeless. Each member is generally asked and makes sandwiches two or three times a year.

Rosary Makers: Make Rosaries for the missions, military, parishioners, etc. Members meet on Mondays in Hammond Hall at 10:00 a.m.

Share Sunday: Non-perishable food items are collected outside the church by our CCW members, who stand there in all types of weather. It is our outreach in Christ's name to neighbors in need in our local communities of Franconia, East Springfield, Kingstowne, and Newington. SHARE SUNDAY is held on the third Sunday of the month.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets: Donated non-perishable food items and gift cards are sorted and packed for both holidays for delivery to our parish members in need.

Hospitality: Many of the Parish receptions, e.g., Easter, Confirmation, Ordination, priest's anniversaries, Pro-Life Chili supper, Lenten soup suppers, VRS snacks, etc., are provided by the CCW.

Please join us if you are interested in any one of those activities.

MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL, PRAY FOR US