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Service to Children, for Love of the Christ Child

Save the Date: Saturday April 18
at 3:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting, Elections, Tea and Mass

St. Angela Merici Large Hall and Church

We'll kick off our 10th anniversary celebration with a special Annual Meeting. We will elect our new slate of officers and then pour the tea and enjoy sweets and sandwiches as our leadership and partners describe the work of our programs over the past year and our plans going forward. As is traditional, there will be fun door prizes donated by the board. After the meeting, all are invited to the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Angela's where a special section is reserved for CCSMB members. Members will participate in the liturgy by reading, singing, and bringing up gifts, and our officers will be sworn in on the altar . .

To help us prepare the perfect high tea, please make sure to:

[RSVP HERE](#)



Hello Anne,

“It is love that moves the earth and stars in their orbits, and this same love will guide us and give us strength to equal our desire for the work that lies before us:”

***to make Christ a living reality to the children of our country."* (Source: The Wisdom of Mary Virginia Merrick, Oct 15)**

Valentine's Day has come and gone yet the warmth of love lingers. Ash Wednesday arrived soon after and now we are in the midst of the Lenten Season. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and alms giving. Prayer is an integral part of the Christ Child Society. Each CCSMB Board meeting opens with the Mary Virginia Merrick prayer and ends with a prayer and intentions.

Our Prayer Group led by Mary Niksarrian meets monthly and focuses on a theme identified by short readings in the Bible. Each meeting also begins and ends with a prayer. In addition, we specify intentions to pray for during and between meetings. Through Mary's leadership we have a growing list of people and situations needing spiritual support. Through our prayers we support each other, our family, our friends and people worldwide whom we do not even know.

I must say that sharing a prayer intention has been a blessing for me – to know that many are providing spiritual support helps me in the most challenging of times. So, this Lent and beyond, I encourage you to join CCSMB in prayer.

Lent is also a time of alms giving--and you are so generous. I am grateful for the gifts of time, energy, and expertise so many have been giving to the Christ Child. It is the love behind the gift giver that guides and strengthens us for the work that lies before us.

As we prepare our hearts for Easter we are also preparing for our 10th anniversary celebration, which kicks off at our April 18 Annual Meeting, Elections, Tea and Mass. Please mark your calendars for this special Annual Meeting--and read below to learn more about our plans for our anniversary celebration and how you can get involved . . .

Blessings to each of you this Lenten Season,

Joanne Noto, Co-President



Our 10th Anniversary

by Gail Courley, Secretary & 10-Year Anniversary Celebration Chair

Planning is under way to celebrate this momentous milestone all year long! Our celebration will begin at our Annual Meeting on April 18, and other events will follow.



The CCSMB 10-Year Anniversary Planning Committee will be in touch soon with the Chairs of Baby Bundles/Car Seats, Yarns & Stitches, Literacy, Book Club and Walking Group to determine when and how each group would like to celebrate our CCSMB 10 Year Anniversary and offer any help we can provide.

10th Anniversary Schedule

April 18: **Annual Meeting, Tea, Elections and Mass** (3 p.m. at St. Angela's

We are also planning several major events, listed on the left. After the Annual Meeting, in the early fall we will hold an event focusing on the Canonization of our founder, Mary Virginia Merrick, Servant of God. In this event we will revisit our founder's inspirational life and learn about the canonization process. Then in November--possibly on the 7th--we will hold our Shower of Love in the morning as usual followed by an evening ticketed celebration event, which we are hoping will be at the same venue. Finally, Mary Nikssarian on behalf of CSSMB

August/September: **Canonization Event** (date, time and location TBD)

November: **Shower of Love**, from 10 a.m.-noon (date and location TBD)

November: **10th Anniversary Party**, evening event (same date as Shower of Love, location TBD)

December 8: **10th Anniversary Wrap Reception**, The Marsh Building, Monterey, sponsored by *Spirituality and Outreach*

Spirituality and Outreach has already offered to host a "Wrap" reception to complete our anniversary year and look forward with hope for the next 10 years!

We are looking for CCSMB members to help with the planning of the Canonization of Mary Virginia Merrick event, the Combined Shower of Love (day) and 10 Year Anniversary (evening) events and the Wrap Party. If you are interested in helping in one or more of these upcoming events (which occur at different points in the year), please click on the button below. Let's make our 10th anniversary memorable!

[Click Here to Get Involved](#)

Volunteering and Social Opportunities

Want to Learn How to Play Mah Jongg?

Mah Jongg is all the rage now, and we are lucky in this community to have a teacher recommended by many new players to orient us to the game!



If we can put together either a cohort of 8, 12 or 16 members interested in learning, Nakelle Fitzpatrick will teach American Mah Jongg "101" for a fee of \$ 65.00 per person for a 2-2.5 hour session at a mutually agreeable date.

If there is further interest, additional instruction could be available--and who knows? Maybe we'll create a new CCSMB social group around American Mah Jongg . . .



**Tell us you're interested
by March 15 . . .**



Literacy Craftorama

Wednesday, March 4

5:30 p.m., St. Angela's
Small Hall

Our next book is *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. It is a beautifully illustrated tale about the lifecycle of a caterpillar. Please bring scissors so we can prepare our butterfly craft project. The Craftorama should only take an hour. Let Ann know if you can make it.

[Let Ann know you're coming](#)



Christ Child Prayer Group

Tuesday, March 10 at 5:45
pm

The Marsh Building

700 Camino El Estero,
Monterey

As usual, the evening will consist of one hour of praying together in one accord with gratitude, thanksgiving and intercessory prayer. We will end promptly at 7:00 p.m.

If you have prayer requests please send them to Mary and please RSVP if you plan to attend, using the button below.

Please enter the building on the backside off of Cortes St., which intersects the Marsh Building and the San Carlos Cathedral complex. The octagon-shaped front door is located between two Asian pillars; please ring the doorbell, and you will be joyfully greeted.

[Let Mary know you're coming and/or your prayer intentions](#)

Yarns & Stitches

Wednesday

March 11
and 25

10:30-noon

As usual, we meet in St. Angela's Small Hall in Pacific Grove.



Contact
Joan with
any
questions



Help Pack Baby Bundles

Wednesday, March 18

1:00-3:00 p.m.

We will Pack bundles together on the second floor of the Victorian House at St. Angela Merici Church

And the **March Donations of the Month** are: **Long-Sleeved White Onesies (0-3 months)** or **Boys Sleep & Plays (0-3 months)**.

Please drop these off at the St. Angela Merici parish office in Pacific Grove on 9th Street across the street from the church between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. **Thanks for thinking of us!**

To pack or with questions, contact Dee



Walking Group Outing

Saturday, March 21

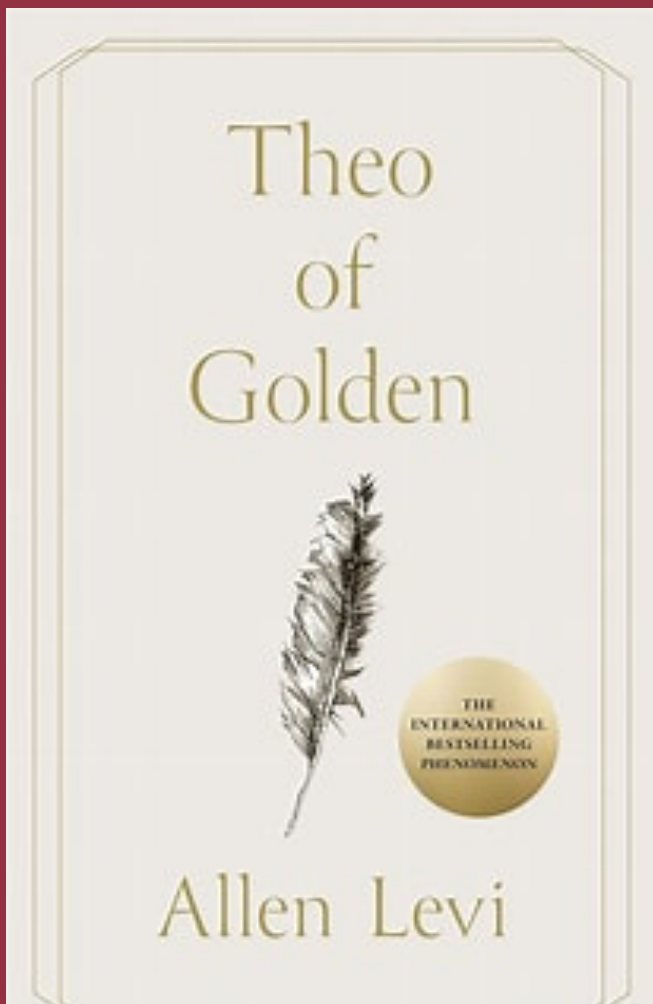
10:00 a.m.

We will meet at Starbucks at the Crossroads, and then we'll carpool to Soberanes Point Trail in Garrapata State Park (where parking is limited). We'll take an easy and scenic walk along the water—perfect for a beautiful morning together.

After the walk, there's an option to gather for lunch for anyone who's interested

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Let Lydia know if
you're coming



Book Club Dinner

Wednesday March 25

**5:30 p.m. at Petra's on
Lighthouse in Pacific Grove**

This month we will discuss "*Theo of Golden*" by Allen Levi.

Join us for a fun discussion and good meal. Remember to bring cash to pay your portion of the bill and to RSVP below.

LET JALYNNE KNOW



Our March Birthdays!

Vivyan Finch (3/1)

Irene Leyva (3/3)

Katy Varellas (3/8)

Chris Haupt (3/17)

Marijane Flagg (3/26)

Sarah Hills (3/30)

Check out our 2026 Calendar [HERE](#)





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