

Our Lady of Lourdes Social Justice Meeting Minutes November 13, 2025

Present: Karen Streich, Mary Yank, Terry Falk, Kevin Kane, Mary Conarchy, Sister Diana DeBruin, Jim Gill, Mary Botsford, Eileen O-Connor, Pat McKay

The Meeting opened with a prayer at 6:30 pm.

All Saints Choir Visit

Plans for the event were finalized. Committee members agreed to arrive at OLOL at 3:00 pm.

Updates:

The amount remaining in our memorial fund is \$3084.64.

Sign-up sheets for 2026 SJ meeting opening prayers and for Open Wide Our Hearts column articles were passed around. The word total for a six-page bulletin has increased to 300 words and for a four-page bulletin to 200 words. The new word count and due date information has been sent to all members.

SJ Website: The website has been refreshed with a few new topics and arrangement changes. Please check the website for the Nonviolence November topic, *Native American Heritage*.

All Saints Meal Program: OLOL continues to help out at the meal program in November and December. The number of meals provided twice weekly has increased from slightly over 200 to 600.

Future Events:

The GIFT presentation on January 11th will be provided by the SJ nonviolence group. It will include information on nonviolence heroes and will be interactive, including practice in nonviolence conversations.

On a weekday close to Earth Day, the SJ committee will hold a prayer service in keeping with the liturgy *Our Kinship with Nature*. Date and time will be announced.

Group members will participate in the annual park cleanup sponsored by Riverkeepers in April.

We are considering an OLOL group attendance at a Mass at the Congregation of the Great Spirit. Eileen spoke to a member of the congregation who said that groups are always welcome.

Kevin will contact Frank Vaisvilas, a former reporter on Native American Affairs.

Closing: Prayer for the Homebound

Next Meeting: January 8, 2025 **Opening Prayer:** Jim Gill

Adjourned: 7:24 pm