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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Happy Father's Day to all the men in our lives. See a special prayer for fathers on page 2.

It is with deep sadness that I inform you of the passing of Sharon O'Brien's husband, Albert J. Klavon. More on page 2.

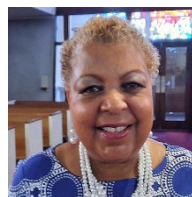
Cardinal Gregory will ordain new priests and deacons this month. See page 4 for dates and times.

The Josephites will ordain their new priests on June 3. Details on page 3.

It's Juneteenth this month! His Eminence Wilton Cardinal Gregory will celebrate a special Mass in commemoration on Sunday, June 18. See page 5.

National Council of Catholic Women is organizing a nationwide 72-hour prayer vigil for the weekend of Saturday June 10 to pray for peace and divine healing to come upon our nation. Details on page 8.

Your Sister in Christ Jesus,



Cheryl Holley, President

Let's keep our six African Americans on the road to sainthood in our daily prayers.



SATURDAY JUNE 3



**We mourn the passing of Albert Klavon,
beloved husband of Sharon O'Brien, CCW-ADW Past President and Province Director.**

Albert James Klavon, Ph.D., 87, of Silver Spring, MD passed away after a long illness surrounded by family on Friday, May 26, 2023. Relatives and friends may pay their respects at the Church of the Resurrection, 3315 Greencastle Road, Burtonsville, MD 20866 on Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m., immediately followed by a Memorial Mass.

Mass will be livestreamed at: <https://youtube.com/live/ezci3LVwxUQ?feature=share>

and online guest book is accessible at

https://www.legacy.com/link.asp?i=OB52089999&utm_source=copiedlink&utm_medium=ppn_confirmation&utm_campaign=share&utm_content=ppn_obit

Gifts to the Albert Klavon Scholarship Fund may be made at

<http://giving.umd.edu/to/klavon-scholarship>

The Albert Klavon scholarship is awarded to an undergraduate student majoring in Chemistry or Biochemistry, based on financial need and academic merit.

Prayer for Fathers

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family, and faith with joy in sacrifice.


We pray for our own Fathers and those around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

Source: <https://lordcalls.com/prayers-for-different-people/a-prayer-for-fathers>

SATURDAY JUNE 3


Invites you to the
Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of

REV. GEORGE AGWU LIWHULIWHE, SSJ **REV. WISDOM INI-OBONG UMANAH, SSJ** **REV. UGOCHUKWU HENRY IHUOMA, SSJ**

Through the imposition of hands by Most Rev. John H. Ricard, SSJ
(Superior General of the Josephites)

Date: 06-03-2023 **Time:** 10 AM
Venue: St. Luke Catholic Church, 4925 E Capitol St. SE Washington, DC.
Thanksgiving Mass: St. Joseph Catholic Church, 711 N Columbus St, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Thanksgiving Mass is **SUNDAY, JUNE 4**, at 11:00 am.

Livestream the **JUNE 3 Ordination Mass** at <https://www.facebook.com/stluke.stlukesedc>
Livestream the **JUNE 4 Thanksgiving Mass** at <https://stjosephva.org/>

African Catholic Association in collaboration with St. Augustine Catholic Church, DC
Saints of Africa Celebration
A Response To The Lord's Prayer: "That They May All Be One" (John 17:21)

Sat. June 3rd, 2023
SAC Church
1419 V Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Praise & Worship: 12:30 PM
Mass: 1:00 PM
Luncheon Feast After Mass

Main Celebrant: Fr. Patrick Smith
Homilist: Fr. Barthelemy Bazemo

LIVE @StAugustineMultimediaMinistry

For Info contact: Lydia: (202) 361-0501 | Alex: (240) 535-9304 | Albert: (646) 434-8335

Archdiocesan Ordinations



The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

Permanent Deacon Ordinations: JUNE 10

<https://adw.org/event/transitional-diaconate-ordination/>

Join us in-person or via livestream for the 2023 Mass of Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate! Cardinal Gregory will serve as principal celebrant and homilist for this Mass on **June 10, 2023, at 10:00 AM EDT** at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, D.C.



Priestly Ordinations: JUNE 17

<https://adw.org/event/mass-of-priesthood-ordination/>

The Mass of Priestly Ordination will take place **June 17, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. EDT** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Mass will be recorded and posted at <https://adw.org/ordination/> and later that day on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/washarchdiocese>.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

JUNE TEENTH

FREEDOM DAY

MASS TO COMMEMORATE JUNETEENTH

Sunday, June 18, 2023
10:30 a.m. ET

Mount Calvary Catholic Church
6700 Marlboro Pike
Forestville, MD 20747

Principal Celebrant
Wilton Cardinal Gregory
Archbishop of Washington

Concelebrant
Most Reverend Roy E. Campbell, Jr.
Auxiliary Bishop of Washington



The Roman Catholic
Archdiocese of
Washington

For more information, contact the
Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach
301-853-5335 or culturaldiversity@adw.org

For ASL interpretation, contact
deafcatholic@adw.org two weeks
in advance



Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center Offerings

For more information about the following events, visit www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301-365-0212. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.



Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Bethesda!

Fridays, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Come for an hour, for a moment, or stay all day. Visit Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center. The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed upon the altar in the chapel each Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (Please Note: any schedule changes will be announced on our website.) All are welcome.



Marriage Retreat~ Back to Basics

June 16-17, 2023

Refresh your marriage by going Back to Basics! This Marriage Renewal Retreat weekend is the signature marriage retreat of Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center and covers many of the topics presented in their highly acclaimed marriage prep program. You will learn practical tips and advice from our team of Catholic priests and married couples. You will experience a mixture of talks, questionnaires, time for personal reflection (individually and with your spouse); celebration of the Saturday Vigil Mass, and time for Confession and Renewal of Wedding Vows are all included. This is a two-day retreat, but you do not stay overnight. Retreat schedule~ Fri: 7:00-9:30pm, Sat: 8:30am-6:30pm. There will also be time to socialize with the other participants, but this program is about the couple, and no one will be put on the spot to share with the group. Cost to attend: \$335 per couple; EARLY-BIRD RATE: \$225. Visit our website for more information and to register at www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301-365-0612.



Personal "Retreat" Day this Summer

Jun 9, Jun 23, Jul 14

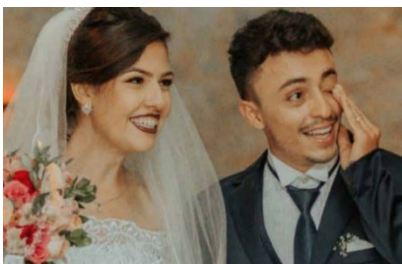
Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy, busy? Take a break this summer and enjoy your very own personal retreat at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center. During your personal retreat, from 9am-4pm, an experienced retreat director will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. The retreat schedule allows for one-on-one spiritual direction (optional), quiet reflection, Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, plus lunch; so you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Cost is \$100 per person. Advance Registration is required. Visit our website to register and to find more dates ourladyofbethesda.org. Or call 301-365-0612. We also have Mini-Retreats for Women and Evenings of Reflection for Men, each month.



Travel to the Holy Land with Our Lady of Bethesda!

Deadline to Book is June 29.

Explore the Holy Land and experience the places where Christ lived! Our Lady of Bethesda will host a pilgrimage to the Holy Land this fall: Sept 3-12 (\$3465 per person) Prices are all-inclusive LAND ONLY, based on double occupancy. Details at www.ourladyofbethesda.org or contact Pilgrimage Coordinator: Cristina Tallent at ctallent@ourladyofbethesda.org or 301-365-0612.



Three to Get Married Marriage Prep

Jun 8-11 / Jun 22-25 / Jul 13-16

The Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Program is a Catholic Pre-Cana program for seriously dating and engaged couples. This marriage preparation course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend schedule. FOCCUS administration is included. \$375 per couple. Space will be limited and these weekends fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! Find more information on the website ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, Bethesda, MD.

National Council of Catholic Women



Our hearts are breaking on behalf of families and communities who have lost loved ones through continued senseless acts of violence. The epidemic of crimes against citizens and immigrants alike is evidence of how far we have strayed from God's will for our country. We know we must engage with policymakers, but we must also pray and fast to attack these forces of evil. Believing the power of prayer stretches across time zones, the National Council of Catholic Women is organizing a nationwide 72-hour prayer vigil for the weekend of Saturday June 10th- Tuesday June 13th 2023 to pray for peace and divine healing to come upon our nation.

As Catholics, we have many beautiful devotions that can be prayed individually or in community with others. We have the Rosary, and we have Jesus Himself in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Because of this, we invite people to pray the Rosary and, when possible, make a special Holy Hour during this vigil before the Blessed Sacrament. This Rosary Vigil falls on the weekend of the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ and extends to our traditional Member Rosary Call on the 13th. We recognize some people are unable to go into their Church for reasons of health, transportation, etc., so please know that we welcome all prayers from wherever you are.

We are asking that people sign up for slots to help us cover as many different hours as possible. If you do not sign up formally but decide to pray intentionally for this Vigil, we welcome you too! The time slots on the online list are set to the Eastern Time zone, just so we can keep track. If you live in California and want to pray at 7:00 a.m. local time, please sign up for 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

Online sign-up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DADAA22A7F4C61-nccw1/Code: OLGC>

OR

contact NCCW Spirituality Commission Chair, Kim Padan by phone (217) 898-5256 or by email kim@gabrielsmom.com to select a time slot.

JULY 20-23



**The National
BLACK CATHOLIC
Congress**

CONGRESS XIII JULY 20-23, 2023

Founded in 1987, the National Black Catholic Congress organizes a national gathering every five years, renewing our mission with a Pastoral Plan.



Write the Vision
A PROPHETIC CALL TO THRIVE
THE NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS

FEATURING:



WILTON CARDINAL GREGORY

Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC will give the opening Keynote Speech and celebrate the Opening Eucharistic Liturgy



LYNNE' GRAY

Director of Music for Congress XIII. Ms. Gray is Music Ministry Director at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Washington, D.C.; Chair, NPM African-American Musicians Interest Section.



RAWN HARBOR

Director of Liturgy for Congress XIII, Raw'n is one of the preeminent African American Catholic liturgists and musicians in the U.S. today.

Early Registration ends February 28, 2023.
Regular registration ends July 15, 2023.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING
A PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS,
AND TO REGISTER:

nbccgathering2023.org

Join with other Black Catholics and those who minister to Black Catholics in the United States for a celebration of our faith and culture.



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More Information!

**VENUE:
GAYLORD
NATIONAL RESORT
NATIONAL HARBOR, MARYLAND**

201 WATERFRONT ST., NATIONAL HARBOR, MD 20745



JULY 21-23



**You are Invited to the
Fourth African National
Eucharistic Congress (ANEC)**



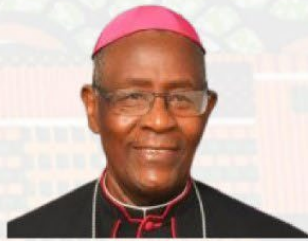
**A Response To The Lord's Prayer:
"That They May All Be One"**

July 21 - 23, 2023

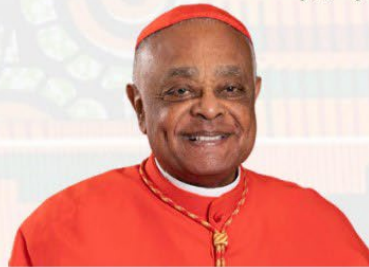
**Catholic University of America
Washington, DC**

Unity Mass

**Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Saturday, July 22, 2023 at 4:30PM**



Most Rev. Jerome Feudjio
Bishop of St. Thomas
in the Virgin Island
Main Celebrant Opening Mass
Friday, July 21, 2023, at 8:30PM



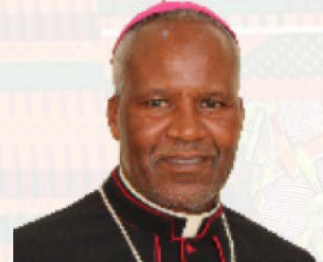
Wilton Cardinal Gregory
Archbishop of Washington
Keynote Speaker
Saturday, July 22, at 9:00AM
and Main Celebrant
Unity Mass



Most Rev. Andrew H. Cozzens
Bishop of Crookston, Minnesota
Speaker/Leader
"United in the Eucharist" Procession
Saturday, July 22, 2023, at 3:00PM



Most Rev. Eusebio Elizondo,
M.Sp.S., Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle
Chairman, PCMRT
Leader: Episcopal Encounter with
Young Adults
Saturday, July 22, 2023, 12:00-1:30PM



Right Rev. Wolfgang Pisa,
OFMCap
Bishop of Lindi Diocese, Tanzania
Celebrant Closing Mass
Sunday, July 23, 2023, 10:00AM

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - 400 Michigan Ave, NE, Washington, DC 20017



Hosted by the USCCB / Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church; the National Association of African Catholics in the United States (NAACUS) and the African Conference of Catholic Clergy and Religious in the United States (ACCCRUS). Register: <https://event.me/ED3v1v>

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: WWW.ANEC-US.ORG OR CALL 202-541-3359

Around the Archdiocese



Wilton Cardinal Gregory blesses the National Life Monument on May 17.

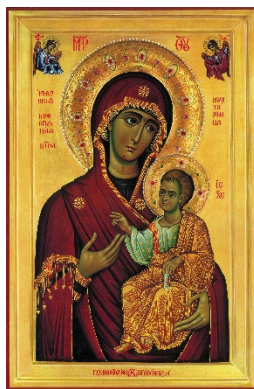
The new “National Life Monument,” a larger-than-life bronze sculpture depicting the Blessed Virgin Mary pregnant with the Christ Child, was unveiled and dedicated on the campus of The Catholic University of America’s Theological College in Washington, D.C.

According to the Canadian artist Timothy Paul Schmalz, the statue, titled “Advent,” is meant to be a symbol of beauty, a celebration of new life, and a bold pro-life statement in the nation’s capital.

Full article at <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/254344>

Ponder with Mary

A meditation on the *Magnificat* by Rose Folsom



He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

The “good things” God fills us up with are his very self. When he fills us via the sacraments, in prayer, and in service, we are filled with God’s own peace, knowing that he has our back and it is he who is accomplishing all we are doing. “Lord, you will decree peace for us, for you have accomplished all we have done” (Is 26:12).

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ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN

Join us to respond to the needs
of the Church and society
through a focus on spirituality,
leadership, and service.

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- ❖ Service projects
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