



# THE “LINK”

December 2019

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters in Christ:

The CCW-ADW is here to connect Catholic women. We have a new way to do that with the launch of our WEBSITE!! You can now visit [councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com](http://councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com) for the latest fun events and opportunities for leadership, spirituality, and service. A big thank-you to Mary Leibolt for designing this for us. Details on page 6.

As a Southern-Marylander, I was delighted to attend the Prayer Breakfast at St. Aloysius on November 16. Pat Copsey and her team at Bread of Life Center for Peace in Leonardtown offered a fun and inspiring morning of prayer, hymn singing to live music, and a talk. Photo on page 5.

Our Parish Ambassadors Program is bringing events for women into the parishes and making us aware of what’s happening around the archdiocese. We hope you will be part of this all-important connection as an Ambassador in your parish. It takes only an hour a month. See page 7 for details.

Wishing you and yours a blessed Advent and a heart open to receive the abundant blessings of the Christ child.

In Christ,  
*Carol-Ann Parker*  
President



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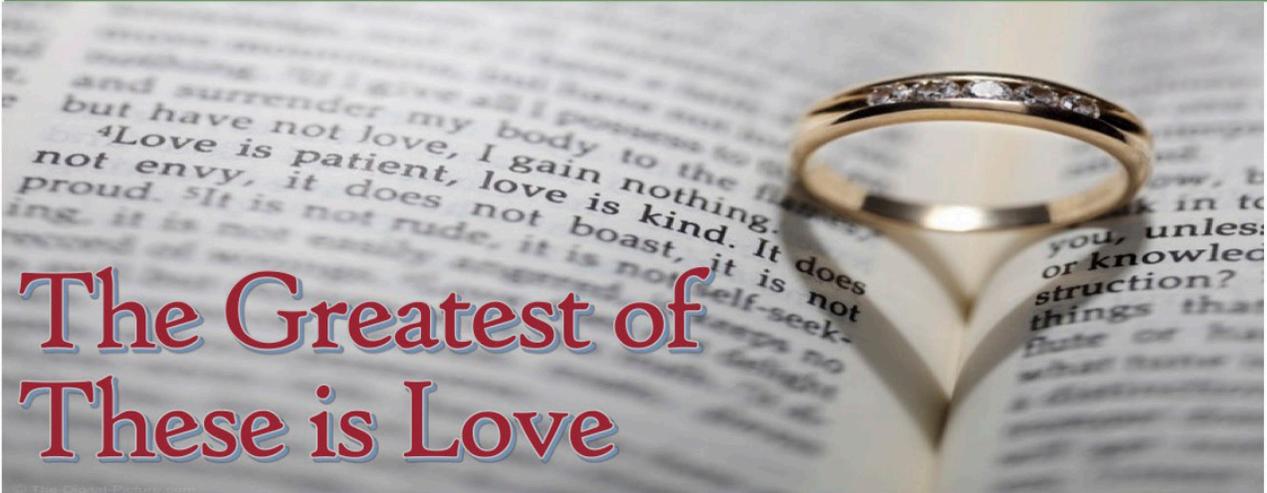
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## DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

Saturday, December 7, 2019  
*Night of Reflection for Couples*



**The Greatest of  
These is Love**

**\$15 per couple**

**Pre-Registration Required at:**

[www.animachristiretreats.org](http://www.animachristiretreats.org) under Upcoming Events

### **Schedule**

6:30 PM Welcome / Wine & Cheese  
7:00 PM Exposition / Adoration  
Talk #1— Fr. Dan Leary  
*Pastor, St. Andrew Apostle*  
8:00 PM Talk #2— Fr. Lee Fangmeyer  
*Pastor, Mother Seton, Germantown*  
8:45 PM Benediction  
9:00 PM Optional Social & Snacks

### **Save the Dates:**

#### **Additional Couples' Nights**

February 15, 2020—Fr. Dan Leary &  
Fr. Carter Griffin

May 9, 2020—Fr. Dan Leary &  
Msgr. Robert Panke

**Confessions will be available throughout the evening.**

St. Andrew Apostle Church  
11600 Kemp Mill Road ~ Silver Spring, MD 20902

## MORE DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

**Sunday, December 8**



### **The Gift of Joy**

The season of Advent s upon us! Please join us on Sunday, December 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Bethesda as we prepare to celebrate the first coming of Our Lord.

Let us come together for a warm afternoon of contemplation, prayer, and refreshments. Embracing the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, help us spread our Lord's message of love.

We will make Christmas and holiday greeting cards to share with those in need. Pre-cut paper, stickers, colorful pens, and scripture quotes are all provided. In addition, we are collecting casual clothing to provide warmth for the homeless.

Please consider bringing an item of adult clothing to donate when you join us on December 8 for fellowship and hot chocolate, home-made cookies, and other yummy goodies.

### **COME AND ENJOY!**

Sunday, December 8 from 2 to 4 p.m.  
Our Lady of Lourdes School Cafeteria  
7500 Pearl Street  
Bethesda, MD 20814

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**Please RSVP at [ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com](mailto:ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com).**

Questions? Email Spirituality Chairperson Carol Monaco at [ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com](mailto:ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com)

Looking forward to seeing you on December 8.

*Oh, Come Let Us Adore Him!*



# Walk with Mary

**DECEMBER//DICIEMBRE 14, 2019**

**PROCESSION//PROCESIÓN 11:30 a.m.**

*From Shrine of the Sacred Heart//Santuario del Sagrado Corazon  
To Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception//  
Basilica Santuario Nacional*

**ROSARY//SANTO ROSARIO 1:00 p.m.**

**MASS//MISA 2:30 p.m.**



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[adw.org/walkwithmary](http://adw.org/walkwithmary)



## WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO



Rose Folsom, founder of VirtueConnection.com, presents “How to Harvest the Garden of Your Soul” at the Bread of Life Center for Peace prayer breakfast at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Leonardtown. Photo by Carol-Ann Parker.



Have you visited the Bread of Life Center’s lovely Catholic shop? It’s called **Heavenly Presents** and it’s located in Leonardtown Square at 22697 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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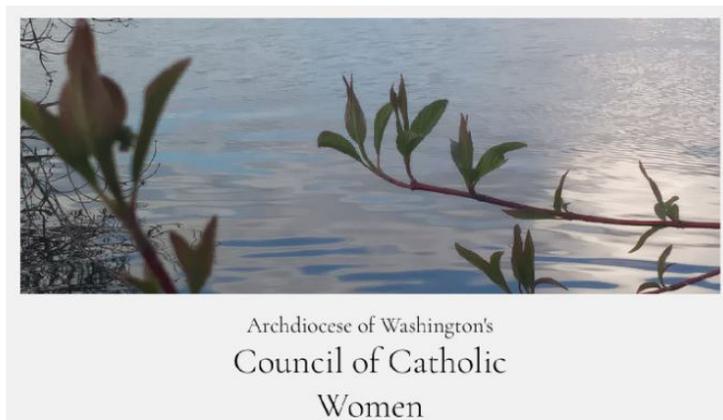
## Helping Those Who Hunger

**The Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild (FMGG):** Consider becoming an FMGG volunteer. Even as we wind our way to the Winter months, the Garden Guild welcomes helping hands to tend its greenhouse. The Garden Guild grows thousands of pounds of vegetables for the Monastery kitchen as well as local charities including the DC Central Kitchen, Little Sisters of the Poor, and Sacred Heart Parish’s Meal Program. For more information, send an email to [gardenguild@gmail.com](mailto:gardenguild@gmail.com).

## OUR NEW WEBSITE!!

### Big news— CouncilOfCatholicWomen-ADW.com

gives you up-to-the-minute news on what's happening for women in the Archdiocese. Thanks to CCW-ADW member Mary Leibolt for her beautiful design and set-up of this page.



#### The website features useful information such as:

- a calendar of events
- a page for parish website links
- a photo gallery of past events
- easy access to the CCW's newsletter The "Link"

Would you like to see what's going on around the archdiocese in other parishes? Want to let the archdiocese know about a great event your parish is hosting? How about having a link to your parish's website available to others or getting to other parish websites easily? Our new website can help you with these goals and more. The website can be found at [councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com](http://councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com).

For more information contact Mary Leibolt by email at [mfleib@verizon.net](mailto:mfleib@verizon.net)

## CCW NIGHTLY ROSARY FOR HEALING OF THE CHURCH



**Call in at 8:00 p.m. any Monday through Saturday  
605-468-8016, code 357090#**

**Since September 2018**, the Council of Catholic Women has been hosting a nightly Rosary call (Mondays through Saturdays at 8:00 p.m.) for the healing of the Church. We believe prayer is the foundation of action.

**With the intercession of our Blessed Mother** and by the power of the Holy Trinity, praying the Rosary can help restore the Church to a place of safety and moral guidance. The sex abuse scandal has caused "so much pain," says Sharon A. O'Brien, CCW's Immediate Past President. "Prayer will help us move forward."

**All are welcome** to participate. Each night, individuals dial 605-468-8016, ID 357090#, read meditations on the Rosary's mysteries, and pray together. —*Carol Monaco, Spirituality Commission Chair*

## CCW-ADW PARISH AMBASSADORS



**CCW's mission is to connect Catholic women.** Our new Parish Ambassador program will help accomplish that. Through the kind help of our Spiritual Advisor Msgr. Robert G. Amey, all 139 Pastors in the Archdiocese (ADW) were asked if they would sponsor one woman to become the Parish Ambassador to CCW for one year.

**In order to share more fully in the life of your parishes we need to know what is going on.** You, as an Ambassador, would share your Parish activities and accomplishments with CCW so we can then share them throughout the ADW. And you would share CCW's activities with your parish with bulletin announcement and flyers.

**If you are reading this, then this call is to you!** It will not require any new meetings and only an hour a month. If you are interested in being part of connecting Catholic women, please contact your Pastor and offer to be this year's Ambassador in your parish. If the position has already been filled, contact me to help you discern another opportunity to serve Catholic women. Email me at [ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com](mailto:ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com) or through our Facebook page @WashACCW. *—Carol-Ann Parker, CCW-ADW President*



### CCW-ADW Parish Ambassadors

Mary Leibolt—St. Andrew Apostle, Silver Spring, Maryland

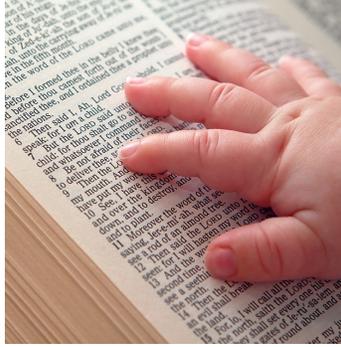
Betty Baklarz—St. Francis Assisi, Derwood, Maryland

Lynda Barbieri-Strain—St. John Vianney, Prince Frederick, Maryland

Debra Rausch—St. Nicholas, Laurel, Maryland

Denise Durham—Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Washington, DC.

## PONDER WITH MARY



### The “Beyond Me” Wonder of Advent

by Rose Folsom

**The Mass reading on Friday, November 29**, was a one-two punch describing the glory of Christ’s kingship in a vision of the prophet Daniel. “His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire—a thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.”

Overnight we go from the bombast of the Last Things and begin anticipating the birth of the King of the Universe come to us last March twenty-fifth as a zygote in the womb of an obscure virgin in Palestine.

God of surprises? Our God always dishes out reality in a way that our perception knows it cannot fully absorb. We have a longing to understand and love the truth, but Truth always leads us beyond our grasp and leaves us—in wonder.

These are the Christian Mysteries that keep us in wonder of the God who created everything from nothing and keeps us in being every second. We begin today to ponder the mystery of the Baby who himself is the Author of Life.

Mary’s “yes” at the Annunciation welcomed the King of Creation into her heart, into her womb, into the nation of Israel, into the human race—Mary’s “yes” welcomed the God of Eternity into time, that he might show us the way to his eternity.

Zygote-King, Shepherd-Master, God-Man. In union with Mary, we anticipate your birth and ponder the power of calling you—a newborn shivering in a manger—our destiny, our glory, and our brother, come Christmas Eve. Jesus, make our waiting, like that of Israel, like that of Mary, bear abundant fruit for your Kingdom.

*This article originally appeared at [VirtueConnection.com](http://VirtueConnection.com).*



# JOIN US TODAY!



## Individual Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Make check payable to ACCW.  
Send to Kathy Foley, Treasurer  
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Silver Spring, MD 20906

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

## Membership Benefits

Putting faith into action by:

- ❖ Learning about issues
- ❖ Visits to sacred sites
- ❖ Service projects
- ❖ E-newsletters
- ❖ Facebook group
- ❖ Access to NCCW program information and resources.

Members receive a discount on ACCW sponsored programs.

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