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March 2020

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters in Christ:

The CCW-ADW is here to connect Catholic women. I hope you've had a chance to visit our new website at councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com for the latest fun events and opportunities for leadership, spirituality, and service. Be sure to email me at ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com so we can publicize your group's event.

Speaking of fun events, there's still time to sign up for our “Lenten Virtues for Women” series beginning Wednesday, March 4. Sign up at [LentenVirtues.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). Details on page 2.

Lisa Hendey's in the house! The founder of CatholicMom.com will be speaking at the Encounter Grace women's conference on Saturday, March 28. Details and registration link on page 5.

Have you registered for the National Council of Catholic Women convention yet? It's in Arlington this year! Juicy details on events and speakers on page 7.

May God grant you a blessed and fruitful Lenten season.

In Christ,

Carol-Ann Parker
President



MARCH HAPPENINGS

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, and 18

LENTEN VIRTUES FOR WOMEN

Lenten Virtues for Women: *discover fresh ways of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving*

7:15 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday evenings

March 4, 11, 18

St. Andrew Apostle Church
Wheaton, Maryland

Talk, followed by
discussion and fellowship.



Rose Folsom, Lay Dominican and founder of VirtueConnection.com, will lead us in three
Lenten evenings of prayer, learning, and fellowship.

You'll come away with ways to practice the Lenten Virtues of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that you may not have thought of before! You'll know exactly what these virtues are and their power to bring you closer to Christ. And your Lenten experience will be deeper with the weekly encouragement of your Catholic sisters.

One \$5 donation to the Council of Catholic Women-Archdiocese of Washington covers all three evenings. Can't make all three? No problem. Just attend when you can — we'd love to see you!

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER: <https://lentenvirtues.eventbrite.com>

WHERE:

St. Andrew Apostle Catholic Church / 11600 Kemp Mill Road / Silver Spring MD 20902 / Rectory Basement meeting room (down a flight of outside stairs).

WHEN:

Wednesdays, March 4, March 11, and March 18 from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.



MORE MARCH HAPPENINGS

Near Front Royal, Virginia: Fri Mar 13–Sun Mar 15
on the beautiful, secluded acreage of San Damiano Spiritual Life Center

Faithbooking/Spiritual Retreat
March 13-15, 2020
Theme: *Belonging....*

Psalm 78:4 - "We will tell the next generation of the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord."

Come and reflect on God's blessings in your life.
Refresh your soul by gifting yourself this time of solitude!

Personalize this retreat by spending time any way you choose!

Many people have chosen to use the weekend as a silent, reflective time, others have knitted, worked on their spiritual cards, painted, or worked on other projects that bring spiritual peace.

Perhaps consider *leaving a legacy* by creating a Faithbook - which is a tangible, written expression of God's presence in your life. Choose the format that is right for you - a journal, a digital story or a scrapbook.

We are happy to guide you through whatever process is best for you.

Location: San Damiano Spiritual Life Center, White Post, Virginia
Cost: \$305.00 through February 22, 2020; \$325.00 after February 22, 2020
2 nights in a private room, 3 meals on Saturday & 2 meals on Sunday.
(On Your Own for Dinner Friday Night)

3:00pm Friday through 3:00pm Sunday

Welcome and opening meditation at 7:00pm Friday night.

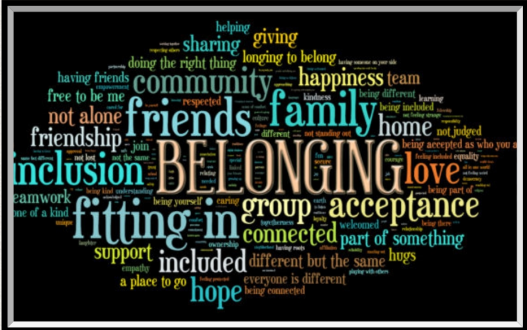
Optional meditations will be offered throughout the weekend.

To register or for more information:
www.legacylife.photo

MaryBeth Piccinino
marybethpiccinino@gmail.com

or

Colleen Duffy Kiko
faithbook@legacylife.photo



MORE MARCH HAPPENINGS

Saturday, March 21



Join us in the 100th Anniversary celebration of Women in the Schoenstatt Movement



Woman touched by God, authentic reflection of Mary
Mujer inspirada por Dios, reflejo auténtico de María

Take time out in this season of Lent to grow closer to the Lord

Program Highlights

- Holy Mass
- Brunch
- Two presentations and discussions
- Sending out prayer with covenant renewal



Featuring:



Sr. M. Deanne Niehaus
National Moderator of
Schoenstatt Mothers

St. Raphael Catholic Church

1513 Dunster Rd. Rockville, MD 20854
Duffy Center

Saturday, March 21, 2020

9 am - 2:00 pm

For all women ages 25 and up

Cost: \$ 20 per person

It includes brunch, coffee and drinks

Info: María Elena: 240-274-7300 Monica 703-725-2565
mariaelnavzla00@hotmail.com

MORE MARCH HAPPENINGS

Saturday, March 28

Encounter Grace Women's Retreat: The Grace of Yes with Lisa Hendey



The Grace of Yes

How do we prayerfully give God our best “yes” and live as generous spirits in the world around us?

Inspired by Mary’s strong and faithful “fiat,” we will focus together on generosity in our faith lives, our relationships, our work, and during times of challenge, and how sometimes a prayerful “no” can be our best “yes” to God and our loved ones.

With time for quiet reflection and guided conversation, we will spend a restorative day contemplating our unique calling to be of love and service to those around us while nourishing our own spiritual, emotional, and intellectual reserves.

REGISTER HERE:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/encounter-grace-womens-retreat-the-grace-of-yes-with-lisa-hendey-tickets-85281819217>

About Lisa

Lisa M. Hendey is the founder of CatholicMom.com and the bestselling author of *The Grace of Yes: Eight Virtues for Generous Living*, *The Catholic Mom's Prayer Companion*, *I Am God's Storyteller*, and the “Chime Travelers” children’s fiction series that dynamically combines time travel and the lives of the saints.

Lisa has produced and hosted multiple programs and has appeared on EWTN, CatholicTV, KNXT TV, and as a part of the “Momnipotent” DVD series. She serves as the technology contributor for EWTN’s SonRise Morning Show and is a regular family correspondent on Relevant Radio. She blogs at a variety of online venues and her articles have appeared in *Catholic Digest*, *National Catholic Register*, and *Our Sunday Visitor*.

Lisa travels internationally giving workshops on faith, family, and Catholic new media topics. Selected an Egan Journalism Fellow with Catholic Relief Services, Hendey has traveled, written, and spoken on behalf of CRS, Unbound, and other non-profit organizations in Rwanda, the Philippines, India, Tanzania, Kenya, and Colombia to support their humanitarian missions worldwide. Visit Lisa at www.lisahendey.com or find her on social media @lisahendey.

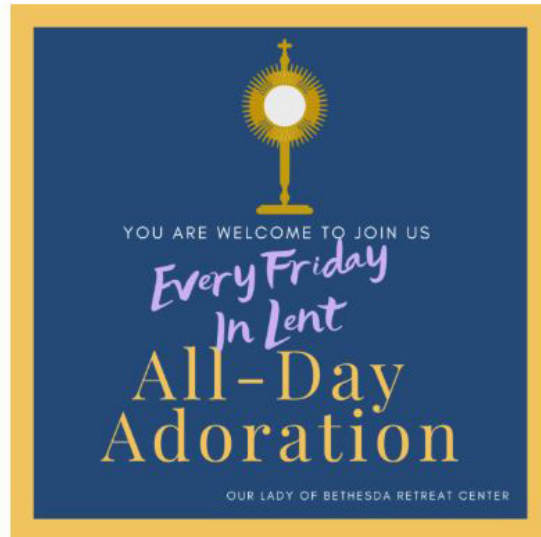
LENTEN ADORATION

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center

7007 Bradley Boulevard / Bethesda, Maryland 20817 / 301-365-0612

<https://ourladyofbethesda.org/>

Join Us for
Friday Adoration During Lent



Come adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament
EVERY FRIDAY of Lent

8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, April 3 to Sunday, April 5

The Way Retreat for survivors of any type of abuse

The Way is a free, 3-day guided meditation and prayer program. It is an opportunity for healing and prayer and for survivors of any type of abuse by anyone to reflect on God's plan for their lives. Retreats for men and women are held separately. Next Women's Retreat is April 3-5, 2020 To register: Please contact Deborah McDonald at mcdonald@adw.org or 301-853-4466.

The domestic violence pastoral resource packet, "Listen With Love," was developed under the guidance of the Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Priest Advisory Committee. For information about the new video or packet contact laura.yeomans@CC-DC.org.

NCCW NATIONAL CONVENTION 2020

The National Council of Catholic Women convention will be in the DC area this summer!

Registration: <https://www.nccw.org/nccw-convention/>

The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.



Catholic women of all ages are invited

to discover NCCW's rich history and its vision for the future through inspiring conferences, daily liturgies, informative exhibits, and fun events. Together with women from around the country, attendees will deepen their faith, grow as leaders and as sisters in Christ, and discover new ways to serve the needs of society both today and in the future.

"Convention is an exceptional opportunity to learn, pray, and celebrate the unique gifts of women as we look to the future, transforming the world through fulfilling our mission to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service," said NCCW President Jean Kelly.

Speakers at the 2020 Convention include

His Eminence, Timothy **Cardinal Dolan**, Archbishop of New York, who will give the keynote address and celebrate the opening Mass on Thursday, August 27.

Abby Johnson, internationally known pro-life activist, who will receive the 2020 NCCW Lifetime Achievement Award and will speak at the AWARDS Breakfast Friday, August 28.

Gloria Purvis, the creator and host of the popular EWTN TV series, "Authentically Free at Last," who will speak on Saturday, August 29.

Convention attendees will have the opportunity to experience The Jersey Tenors™, an Opera/Rock mash-up sensation, and to attend the NCCW Centennial Mass in the Great Upper Church at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, August 26 at 12:30 pm.

The National Council of Catholic Women

was founded by the US Catholic bishops in 1920. For more information about the 2020 NCCW Convention, visit the website www.nccw.org.

HONORING OUR MOTHERS



200 N. Glebe Road Suite 725/ Arlington, VA 22203

Honor that special woman in your life on Mother's Day

Patient, loving, forgiving, friendly, kind and understanding. Do these words bring to mind a woman or women in your life who gave you gifts of life, hope, faith, countless hugs and kisses, and life lessons upon which you rely to this day?

The National Council of Catholic Women is pleased to bring you the opportunity to remember and honor these women in a very special and beautiful way this Mother's Day by having them prayed for in Masses on Mother's Day weekend at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

[Click here for Mother's Day Remembrance Form](https://nccw.z2systems.com/neon/resource/nccw/files/Mothers%20Day%20Form(1).pdf?secureIdCustomer=1&)

[https://nccw.z2systems.com/neon/resource/nccw/files/Mothers%20Day%20Form\(1\).pdf?secureIdCustomer=1&](https://nccw.z2systems.com/neon/resource/nccw/files/Mothers%20Day%20Form(1).pdf?secureIdCustomer=1&)

At our Board meeting in May, our NCCW Board will walk down to Mary's Garden, a beautiful and peaceful site at the Shrine that was donated by the NCCW, to recite the rosary for our NCCW and its members, past and present. Your intentions will be included. This practice and this Garden present a tangible and lasting connection with the Basilica and our NCCW.

Would you like to honor your mother, daughter, godmother, grandmother, aunt, and important women in your life by having them remembered in Masses said at this National Shrine of Mary on Mother's Day 2020? A minimum donation of \$20 per name is requested. Donations will be split between our NCCW and the Basilica.

Please send completed forms directly to the NCCW office by April 30, 2020. If you wish to let those you are honoring know of your special remembrance, please be sure to include their name(s) and address(es) and an acknowledgment card will be sent to them noting that a donation has been made in their honor by you (or you may request your gift be given anonymously).

Thank you for participating in this beautiful way of honoring your mother and those women who have been important to you in your life.

If you are planning to attend the Mass at the Basilica on Wednesday August 26, you can visit Mary's Garden yourself.

God Bless all the women in our life,

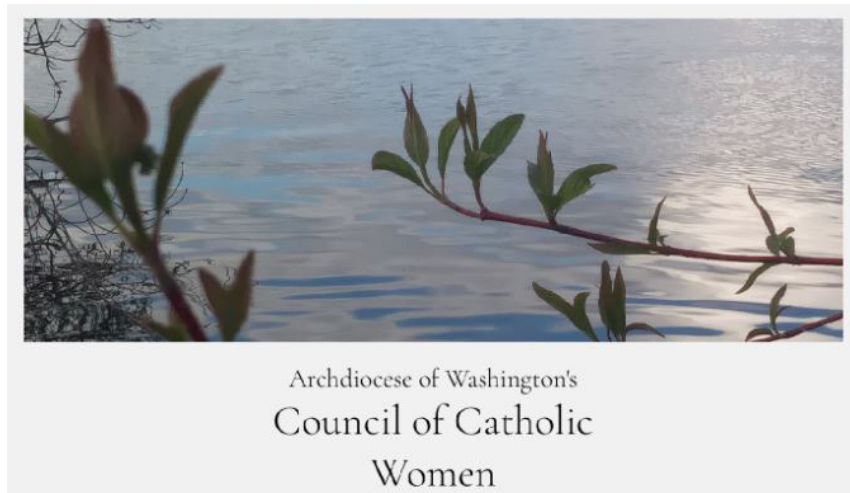
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CCW-ADW WEBSITE

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 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**.

For more information contact Mary Leibolt by email at 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*



What Cross Do You Bear?

By Carol Monaco

JourneyToOurLady.com

Have you ever stopped to wonder why God chose a carpenter to be the foster father of His Son, Jesus Christ? To answer this question, we need to consider that every aspect of Christ's life prepared Him for His ultimate mission, including the cross He would have to bear. Perhaps working with wood during His life with Joseph and Mary helped Jesus to embrace His cross. Let us think about that.

Certainly, Joseph taught Jesus everything he knew about his craft and how to work with different kinds of wood to create household items and various working instruments. In essence, Jesus developed a relationship with the wood that provided a means of support for His family. Is it any coincidence that wood became the cross He would have to carry to His crucifixion? With nails in His hands and feet, Christ was united with His cross.

Embrace the Cross

By embracing the cross, Jesus embraced all of us with all our troubles, worries, and sins. He carried us all on His journey. He stumbled, He fell, and needed help carrying His cross, but Christ did not give up. From His cross He united with us before His death by giving us mercy when He said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" [Luke 23:34]; He gave us hope when he said to the repentant criminal, "Today, you will be with me in Paradise" [Luke 23: 43]; He gave us love when He gave us Mary to be our Mother; and He gave us faith when He said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." [Luke 23:46]

How does this analogy relate to our own lives? The cross that we bear may come from our careers, our home, our own mind or body, or from circumstances beyond our control. Whatever that cross may be, Christ prepares us. Through His life, His struggles, and His suffering, Christ shows us how to handle our cross; not with anger, resentment, or despair, but with faith, hope, love, and mercy.

In Unity with Christ

In unity with Christ, our burdens—no matter how large—will not defeat us. What's more, when we unite with Christ we have the ability to look beyond our own cross and use our suffering to help others in need. By sharing the grace of faith, hope, love, and mercy, we discover consolation and dignity when all else is bleak.

True, we will stumble and likely fall, but we will receive the help we need to carry on. With our Lord's grace and Mary our Blessed Mother by our side, we will not fail on our journey. By embracing our cross, by embracing Jesus, we too can help make all things new and help others on the path to Heaven.

Christ looked beyond His own pain and suffering to give us what we need for our daily living and for when **we face our own cross. May we have the courage to look beyond our own troubles to help those in greater need than ourselves and when our troubles overwhelm us, may we have the faith to trust the Lord's loving mercy. Amen.**

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Make check payable to ACCW.
Send to Kathy Foley, Treasurer
3306 Farthing Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Membership Contact:
Carol-Ann Parker, President
904-699-6255
ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com



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

Membership Benefits

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- ❖ 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.

Join the **National Council of Catholic Women**
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