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THE “LINK”

September 2022

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters in Christ,

LINK is back after our August break! We pray you enjoyed your summer.

Hard to believe it's been 25 years since the Our Mother of Africa chapel was dedicated at the Basilica. A beautiful celebration is planned this month and we hope you can join us! See page 3 for details.

Do you know who the first Filipino saint is? See page 4 to learn how you can join in celebrating his feast day this month.

Registration is open for this year's National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) Convention in November, “WIDE Open HEARTS: Abiding in Faith, Hope, and Love.” Register on page 5.

One of NCCW's top issues is eliminating human trafficking. See page 6 for how we can help by informing ourselves and spreading the word about this tragic reality. There's something for our youth video makers, too.

Join the Southeast Deanery for the 33rd Annual East of the River Fall Revival for 3 days of Praise, Worship, and Spiritual Presentations. More info on page 10.

Celebrate “Eco-Spirituality” for the feast of St. Francis. Downloadable program materials are on page 10.

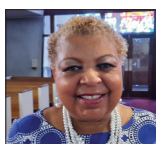
Looking back with pride and forward with hope. See page 11 for remarks made at our “Meet and Greet” about the offerings CCW has provided during the pandemic and an inspiring look to our future.

Not a CCW-ADW member yet? We hope you'll join us. Why become a member? Read all about it on pages 12 and 13!

Please share the flyers and information in LINK with your community.

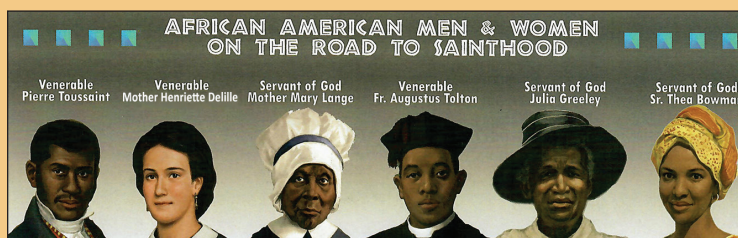
Finally, ponder the Our Father with Mary in a lovely meditation by Rose Folsom on page 14.

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, SEPTEMBER 10

Triumph of the Cross: At the Cross with a Mary's Spirit in a Martha's World

A Day of Reflection with the Sisters
in the Spirit Spiritual Director:
Father Cornelius Kelechi Ejiogu, SSJ

Saturday, September 10, 2022

11 AM - 5 PM

St. Luke Catholic Church
4925 East Capitol Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20019



Lunch will be
provided



Free Will Offering
suggested

Please **RSVP** for this in-person event by
September 3, 2022 via email, text or call to:

Thelma Adams: thelmaadams43@icloud.com

Text: 301-848-9840

or

Lisa Simmons: green36@cox.net **or** Call 703-992-6038

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Note that free registration is still open after September 1.

OUR MOTHER OF AFRICA CHAPEL *25th Anniversary Celebration*

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17, 2022

UPPER CHURCH

1:00 PM EDT / PROGRAM

1:30 PM EDT / ROSARY

2:00 PM EDT / MASS

FOLLOWED BY A PROCESSION TO
THE CHAPEL FOR A BLESSING

BASILICA OVERVIEW TOUR:

11:00 AM EDT



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CELEBRANT:

MOST REV. ROY E. CAMPBELL, JR.

LOCATION:

**THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

400 MICHIGAN AVE. NE, WASHINGTON, DC 20017

PLEASE RSVP BY SEPT. 1, 2022: <https://bit.ly/OMACHapel2022>

IMPORTANT: Visiting priests who wish to concelebrate Mass must mail a Letter of Good Standing from their Bishop to: National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Director of Liturgy, 400 Michigan Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20017

Please bring your alb. Deacons must also bring a stole.



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24



The Roman Catholic
Archdiocese of
Washington

Commemoration of the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz

**Saturday
September 24, 2022**

**Procession and
Rosary Prayer
4:30 p.m. ET**

**Mass Celebration
5:30 p.m. ET**

Principal Celebrant and Homilist
The Most Rev. Mario E. Dorsonville
Auxiliary Bishop of Washington

**Cathedral of
Saint Matthew the Apostle**
1725 Rhode Island Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20036



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

"Even if I had a thousand lives, I will still offer them to Him"

Organized by the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach in collaboration with the DC Filipino Catholic Community.
For more information, contact us at 301.853.5335 or culturaldiversity@adw.org

FROM THE PROVINCE DIRECTOR

The National Council of Catholic women (NCCW) was founded in 1920 and is the parent organization of the local Council of Catholic Women ministries throughout the country. We, the Washington Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women (Council of Catholic Women-ADW) is part of the Washington Province of NCCW and Shelia Parker is our Province Director!!

National Council of Catholic Women



Shelia Parker

Mission: The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) 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

Purpose: To unite the Catholic women of the United States to develop their spiritual growth and leadership potential, and to motivate and assist them to act upon current issues in the church and society through service.

Please contact me at (240) 687-6167 or Scparker61@verizon.net if you have any questions or want more information about NCCW. To register for this year's Convention, click the link in the green box below.

May your life be filled with blessings!!

Shelia

Join us for the 2022 Convention
in Minneapolis, Minnesota

Registration for NCCW Convention NOW OPEN!

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

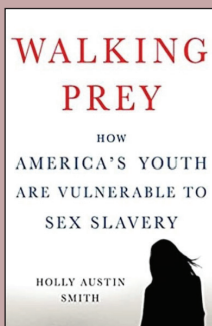
WIDE *open* HEARTS
Abiding in Faith, Hope and Love

2022 CONVENTION

NCCW

November 2-5, 2022

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking Book Club



September's Book
Walking Prey
by survivor Holly Austin Smith.

Read her amazing book during August and September. Then join us for a very special (virtual) "Meet the Author" on Wednesday, September 28th at 7pm Eastern. The book is available on Amazon.

Register for the Book Club:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeY3HaqVOjbxnS1EOWmEbWu0a71LIn803l68aBTrqwKbAjtFg/viewform>



**2022 Saint Bakhita
Youth Video Contest**

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking

A great opportunity for high school students to learn more about trafficking and share with us their creativity in a 3-minute video.

The deadline is March 30th, 2023. Cash Prizes!

Share this with your local schools, teachers, youth groups, etc.

Video Contest Information Link:

<https://www.sistersagainsttraffickingfilmfest.com/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=754220ed-ab5b-4891-a806->



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



Like Mary and Joseph, families have a mission to welcome Jesus into their homes and lives, to “listen to him, speak with him, take care of him, protect him and grow with him, and in this way improve the world” (Pope Francis, 2014). The Holy Family of Nazareth shows families how to be holy and how to help others be holy. The witness of families who answer God’s call, who open the doors of their hearts, reaches far beyond the walls of their home. This witness speaks the Gospel by their example to their extended family, to neighbors, to friends, to schoolmates, to everyone. It brings Christ to the world.

Explore resources for Family Life at <https://adw.org/living-the-faith/marriage-family/family/>

Resources for the family provided by the Archdiocese include:

“Called to the Joy of Love” Introduction to Natural Family Planning for Engaged or Married Couples
Virtual event 10 am to 12 noon, Sept 24. Register (\$10 per couple): <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-nfp-for-engaged-or-married-couples-tickets-339977751607>

Anti-Pornography. Here you’ll find links to resources for men and women to find healing and for families to educate themselves on the harms of pornography so that they are better able to protect their children: <https://adw.org/living-the-faith/marriage-family/family/anti-pornography/>

“At the Well” Ministry for Separated and Divorced Catholics. Advocates for and encourages the spiritual, emotional, and social recovery and development of those who are separated, divorced, or are Catholics in irregular marriages following a divorce. <https://adw.org/living-the-faith/marriage-family/ministry-separated-divorced-catholics/>

Courage is an apostolate of the Roman Catholic Church to assist those with same-sex attraction. Endorsed by the Pontifical Council for the Family, Courage seeks to help people develop an interior life of chastity and move beyond the confines of the homosexual identity to a more complete identity in Christ. Courage meetings provide members a place to share their concerns and struggles, to support one another and find support for themselves. Strict confidentiality is maintained. <https://adw.org/living-the-faith/marriage-family/family/courage-apostolate/>

Domestic Abuse. Catholics for Family Peace aims to inform everyone on ways the Catholic community can promote family peace and prevent and respond to domestic abuse. We provide resources and promote prayer for all families. Our initiative provides education, resources, and research that help pastoral leaders, clergy, and parishioners recognize domestic abuse and respond with compassion. <http://www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org/>

“The joy of love experienced by families is also the joy of the church.”

Pope Francis

FRIDAY, SEPT 23 – SUNDAY, SEPT 25

Washington Retreat House

Fall Yard Sale



8 AM – 2 PM each day

4000 Harewood Rd NE / Washington DC 20017

Inside * Weather Resistant * HUGE selection

Enter through the garage and bring your mask.

IF ANYTHING IS LEFT ON SUNDAY...THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL
“Sack-it-to-ya” price per bag, starting at 10 a.m. till it’s over!!



OUR LADY of BETHESDA
RETREAT CENTER

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center

7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817

Back by Popular Demand:

Understanding Stress & Anxiety in a Post-Pandemic World

Begins Thursday, September 8

Combining the Catholic faith and psychology, provides some education on how the brain works and gives some exercises that may provide you with more peace in the world.

Sign up for individual evenings (\$60 each) or the whole season of 6 evenings (\$300)

Register: <https://ourladyofbethesda.org/understanding-anxiety-and-stress-workshop#panel--1>

Week-End Spiritual Exercises for Women

October 14-16

This format is great for first-timers or those whose busy schedules won't allow more than a weekend. Experience the essentials of the Spiritual Exercises in this intense weekend experience.

\$300 per person

Register: <https://ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/retreats/retreats-women#panel--1>

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

VIGIL MASS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

**Nourish Peace at Home:
Faith Resources
for Help and Healing**

**Saturday, October 1, 2022
4:30 p.m.**

The National Catholic Domestic Violence Awareness Partners invite you to a vigil Mass for the 6th Annual Observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

CELEBRANT

Bishop Bruce Lewandowski

Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Baltimore



LOCATION

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (Great Upper Church)

400 Michigan Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017. Free parking is available.



Registration for Reserved Seating is Requested

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mass-in-observance-of-domestic-violence-awareness-month-washington-dc-tickets-344425454807>



This Mass is hosted by a subcommittee of the National Catholic DVAM Partners that is coordinated by Catholics For Family Peace and the USCCB Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, in collaboration with the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

For more information, email catholicfamilypeace@gmail.com.

MON, OCTOBER 3 – WED, OCTOBER 5

The Southeast Deanery and Partnering Churches Present the
33rd Annual East of the River Fall Revival

"We have come this far by Faith"

October 3, 2022 through October 5, 2022

Starts at 7 PM with Praise and Worship

This is a Live and Virtual event Hosted by and live streamed from

St. Luke Catholic Church

Revivalists:

Monday, October 3, 2022



Rev. Monsignor Raymond G. East,
Pastor, St. Teresa of Avila,
Washington, DC

Tuesday, October 4, 2022



Rev. Patrick A. Smith, Pastor,
St. Augustine Catholic Church,
Washington, DC

Wednesday, October 5, 2022



Rev. Raymond B. Kemp,
Professor, Georgetown University,
Washington, DC

To join the Revival Live Stream, please go to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stluke.stlukesdc/>

Or Dial: 425-436-6339. Access code: 269615

The East of the River Fall Revival video will be available on YouTube @

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxLUpGPb4HGGIYm9NWkBN7g/videos?view_as=subscriber

**Follow the East of the River Fall Revival
on Social Media at:**

Facebook: Southeast Deanery Revival

Instagram: @eastoftheriverrevival

Twitter: errc_dc

Support the Revival

mail checks to:

ERRC / ST. LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4925 E. CAPITOL STREET

WASHINGTON, DC 20019

or submit electronically via the St. Luke

WEBSITE

<http://www.stlukechurchssj.org/Donate>

Click on Fund ERRC

Contact us at: errcommittee.sedc@outlook.com

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi 2022

Eco-Spirituality: Behold God in Everything!



This year's program focuses on Ecological Spirituality, one of the seven goals of the Vatican's *Laudato Si'* Action Platform. The 90-minute program includes prayers, readings, reflection/discussion questions, a short video, a Franciscan contemplation exercise, and suggested activities.

Downloading the program gives you an email with all of the links to the Facilitator Program Guide, an In-person Program Guide, an Online or Individual Program Guide, and a Blessing of the Animals Liturgy.

Download the program guide at

<https://catholicclimatecovenant.salsalabs.org/feastofstfrancis2022downloadform/index.html>

CCW-ADW IN FAITH AND ACTION

Spirituality Chair Carol Monaco's reflections on the many ways CCW-ADW has helped us grow as women of faith and action, with a look toward our abundant future – with your participation. Her remarks were originally given at our June 25 Meet and Greet.

Snapshots from our Meet and Greet



The past work and continuing mission of the Council bring us together so that we can build on what we are called to do as children of God, now and in the years to come. Your help—your participation in the Council—can make that happen.

Each and every woman has talent, gifts from God that our Lord wants each of us to use in order to share God's love. Wherever we go, in whatever we do, like Mary our Blessed Mother, we can be conduits for the Holy Trinity—God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—to work in our lives, our parishes, our communities, our world.

For that purpose, the Council has three committees—Spirituality, Service, and Leadership. Like the National Council of Catholic Women's commissions, the purpose of our committees is to carry out our mission of spiritual growth and discipleship guided by Catholic social teaching, support service to the Church and our communities, as well as develop and strengthen our leadership skills.

For the sake of our mission, we have hosted several programs. For example, in 2018 we hosted Treasures of the Rosary in collaboration with the Archdiocese's Office of Family Life at the Franciscan Monastery. We learned that the mysteries of the Rosary teach us how to live a life of faith, hope, and love. By adhering to God's will, participating in Jesus' redemptive work, and following the promptings of the Holy Spirit, prayers and good works keep us connected to Heaven and to one another.

In addition, in 2018 we started hosting a nightly Rosary call. Any night of the week at 8 p.m. you can call in and pray the Rosary for the healing of Church, healing from the pandemic, and for callers' personal intentions. During the height of the pandemic, this nightly Rosary helped to maintain a sense of community at a time when we were all isolated. And it continues. The number to call is 605-468-8016, access code 357090.

During the pandemic, we also co-hosted with the Office of Family Life virtual workshop series for women—Finding Your Inner Balance and Dignity of the Woman. Both were meant to help deepen our faith and to recognize God's grace in our daily living as we face our daily challenges. By our faith in God's grace, we can become a source of spiritual strength for others.

In our recent collaboration with the Office of Family Life, we co-hosted a series on the Holy Eucharist based on Timothy O'Malley's book *Real Presence*. In that series, we learned that the past, present, and future come together in the Holy Eucharist. Jesus Christ sacrificed himself for our redemption. By giving us his Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist, Christ is present within us for the sake of our salvation. In the Eucharist, we receive the total self-giving love of the Word made flesh. The love that we receive, we are called to give. Let us always remember to share that love.

CCW-ADW IN ACTION

Become a member today and be part of the “Can’t Miss a Thing” Club

We thank CCW-ADW Members for their contributions and dues, which support our social, spiritual, and educational gatherings and our service projects. Without our members, none of this good work would be possible! Your membership dues and the fire of the Holy Spirit in our souls make it possible to be the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus to address current needs in our church and community.

We look forward to learning, serving, and praying with you!

2021

Last year, CCW-ADW supported the Tolton Ambassadors-DC to promote the cause for Sainthood of the first acknowledged black priest in the US. <https://sites.google.com/view/toltonambassadorsdc/home>



Venerable Augustus Tolton

2022

This year’s project was the Our Lady of Perpetual Help **Global Meals for the Hungry** Service Project—without your support this would not have been a landmark success. (Thank you, Holy Spirit!)



The goal was to pack 35,000 meals with 150 volunteers. We packed 55,000 meals with 180 volunteers! These meals have been shipped to Puerto Rico with over \$15,000 raised to support the delivery.



CCW-ADW Board members who helped carry out the project were Cheryl Holley and Michelle Dorsey, Planning Team, and other CCW-ADW members who were crucial to our success.

**If you’re not a member yet, join today with the form on the next page
and be a part of CCW-ADW Catholic women in action.**

We need your voice and visibility!

Cheryl Holley

President

JOIN US TODAY!



Individual Membership

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Parish _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Individual Membership is only
\$25.00 per year.

Make check payable to ACCW.
Send to Michelle Dorsey, Treasurer
5757 Gladstone Way
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Membership Contact:

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

Putting faith into action by:

- ❖ Learning about issues
- ❖ Visits to sacred sites
- ❖ Service projects
- ❖ Monthly e-newsletter with upcoming events
- ❖ Monthly tea
- ❖ Access to NCCW resources.

Members receive a discount on
ACCW sponsored programs.

Join the **National Council of Catholic Women**
directly to receive NCCW's *Catholic Woman*
magazine with national and international news
and inspiring stories. Dues are \$50.00 per year.

Shelia Parker, Province Director
scparker61@verizon.net

PONDER WITH MARY



Strolling Through the Our Father

by Rose Folsom / LINK editor and designer

<https://VirtueConnection.com>

St. Augustine said that every prayer we could ever think of is already in the Lord's Prayer. Sharing with you a meditation on the Our Father that came to me one day in prayer. Join me on a stroll through this most powerful prayer — the one Jesus himself gave us — as we ponder with Mary how it applies to the stresses we're facing today.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Lord of heaven and earth, your name is above every other name in the universe. You are the Lord of all. Grant me the grace to revere everything about you because your name encompasses all that you are. Grant me the grace to hold in reverence everything you have created, for you promise us that it is good. Grant me the grace to cling to the good and always be filled up by the goodness you have put in me and in every other human being and in all creation.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

I want to want your will, Father. Help me to realize at every moment, especially this precious moment, that your will is working powerfully in me. I invite you, Lord, to work your glorious will in me throughout this whole day.

Give us this day our daily bread.

"I am the bread of life," your son reminds me. Can I be like Mary and choose the better part today? Even in my busiest times, will you place his heart close to mine so I may feed from the only nourishment my soul needs?

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lord, forgiveness is hard for me. My pride is pricked by so many evils. Let me stay close to you, Father, and soak in your mercy so that I may show your mercy to those who so greatly test my charity and patience by unjust words and actions. Blessed Mother, who stood resolutely at the foot of the Cross, trusting that God would bring the greatest mercy out of the greatest injustice, pray for me.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Lord it seems that I am surrounded by the evil that has been unleashed on the world. And I am ambushed by my own unloving thoughts and desires. Be my refuge today, Lord. When I am tempted to answer evil with evil, focus my mind on the good I can do in that moment, so that your love becomes the driving force for every thought, word, and action throughout this day.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and forever.

Lord, draw my mind to your glorious purpose for me and let my thoughts and imagination find their peace and happiness in you alone. Thank you, Father, for calling me in this moment to unite with your son's Sacred Heart in prayer. I love you. Be with me always.

Amen.