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October 2023

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters in Christ,

It was wonderful to meet and greet you on Sept. 30 at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church in Camp Springs, Md. See this issue for photos and details.

Unique Online Shopping Fundraising Event from the Goodies and Gifts store. See pg. 4 for details.

Remember, you can join us every night to pray the Rosary by calling 605-468-8016, access code 357090#. See pg. 5

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center continues to offer many opportunities for us to step away and recharge in the Lord. Fall dates on pgs. 6 and 7.

Also, on pg. 7 is the reminder, a prayer, and link in support of the Parish Year of Eucharist/Eucharistic Revival.

Check out pg. 8 for an ‘Upcoming Events’ list.

Mark your calendar for a retreat day with Msgr. Charles Pope: Our Lady and the Year of the Holy Eucharist. See pg. 9 for details.

The Blind Men Witness Retreat is scheduled for Oct. 13-15 at St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church, Washington, DC. More information on pg. 9.

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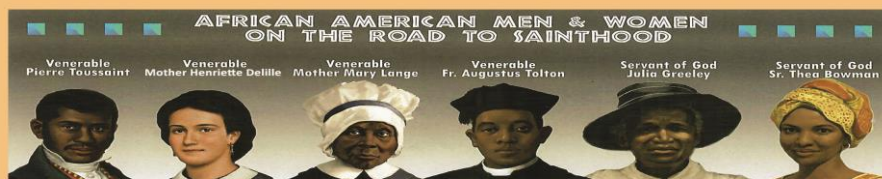
Not a member? See Membership Form on pg. 13. We need your voice and visibility.

Your Sister in Christ Jesus,



Cheryl Holley, President

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



The Council of Catholic Women Archdiocese of Washington

2nd Annual Meet and Greet



“Keep the Fires Burning”!!



Our Meet and Greet was a beautiful day of spiritual renewal and fellowship. CCW-ADW executive team—Cheryl Holley, president; Carol Monaco, vice president; Mary Althea Holland, Secretary; and Elizabeth Mariani, Treasurer; were installed during Mass. Each officer accepted the pledge to serve.



The installation was followed by the Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, and luncheon & fellowship.



The mission of the Council is to support, empower, and educate women to help keep the divine fire burning. CCW-ADW has volunteer opportunities with spirituality, leadership, and service programs. The Council also welcomes volunteers to help with increasing membership, fundraising, newsletter editing and website management. For more information contact us at archdiocesecw@gmail.com.



Many Thanks and Blessings!

We thank Father Ryan Pineda, Pastor, for celebrating the Mass, and his staff for hosting our Meet & Greet. We thank all of our liturgical ministers and Dehrric Richburg, Minister of Music. We thank Anna Friday for leading the Rosary. Anna is a faithful participant in CCW-ADW's nightly Rosary call. We also thank Archdiocese of Washington Representative Patrice Fitzpatrick for her fellowship. In addition, we thank Ellen Jane Pairo, CCW-ADW Parliamentarian, who provided the history of the council, and Spirituality Commission chairperson Carol Monaco. Thanks to Melody Atkinson for her support, Phyllis Winston for sharing her experience as a CCW member, and to Anita Coleman, Province Director, with her invitation to Membership, Fund Raising, and Volunteer Opportunities.

“Save The Date”



October 9 – October 23, 2023

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Council of Catholic Women – ADW

Unique Online Shopping

Fundraising Event

“Goodies and Gifts Store”

Over 500 items

Holiday, Birthday, Chocolates, Household Items,

and more...



*Council of Catholic Women – ADW
Fundraising Event will help us to achieve.*

OUR GOAL:

“Develop a Mentoring Youth Program”

CCW-ADW appreciates your Support.

October 9 – October 23, 2023

Thank You!





NIGHTLY ROSARY

**Call in at 8:00 p.m. 7 days a week
605-468-8016, code 357090#**

Since September 2018, the Council of Catholic Women has been hosting a nightly Rosary call for the healing of the Church and for participants' personal intentions.

We believe that prayer is the foundation of action.

Our Lady of the Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

The great power of the Rosary became known throughout Christendom. Our Lady appeared before Domingo de Guzman (St. Dominic) and taught him the complete Rosary prayer, urging him to preach it to the world as remedy against sin. Saint Louis De Montfort once wrote: "The Rosary is the most powerful weapon to touch the Heart of Jesus, Our Redeemer, who loves His Mother."

On October 13, 1917, Our Lady appeared before three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. When asked her name, the Blessed Mother said: "I am the Lady of the Rosary." At Fatima, Our Lady taught us to pray the Rosary every day. Mary dispenses special graces, blessings, and protection to those who are devoted to the Rosary.

May the Rosary inspire us to honor Mary's living memory, to learn from her example, and to embody her spirit. Amen

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center

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! (see website for full details www.ourladyofbethesda.org)

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.



Personal "Retreat" Day (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Fridays OCT 13, 2023; NOV 17, 2023; & DEC 15, 2023

Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy, busy? Take a break 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. The cost is \$100 per person. Advance Registration is required.

OUR LADY OF BETHESDA RETREAT CENTER continued



Three to Get Married Marriage Prep

NOV 16-19, 2023; & DEC 14-17, 2023

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.

THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST – Parish Revival is from 6/11/23 – 7/17/24



Parishes throughout the country will coordinate events for deeper encounters with Christ through Adoration, Mass, and other enrichment opportunities.

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Lord Jesus Christ, the Eucharist is your gift to us. As we celebrate your mysteries, the very work of our redemption is accomplished, and we are filled with every grace and blessing. May the liturgy become the pattern of our lives.

To find more information use this link National Eucharist Congress website
<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>



CCW-ADW CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS -- Suggestions Welcome

OCTOBER is Respect Life month. Every life is precious and must be loved and protected. For more information and resources, go to <https://www.usccb.org/respectlife>

NOVEMBER Black Catholic History Month – Six Black American Catholics On The Road To Sainthood

November 4, please join Cardinal Wilton Gregory for this year’s celebration of Black Catholic History Month. See pg. 11 for details.

November 19 Virtual Tea

DECEMBER in person Christmas Card Making

December 12, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ladies of Charity is presenting *Miracle of Christmas*. See pg. 12 for details.

JANUARY Human Trafficking Awareness Month

January: ADW celebrates the Martin Luther King, Jr Mass. More details to come.

January 19, 2024: March for Life, Washington, DC Metro Area

January 21, 2024: Virtual Tea

FEBRUARY Black History Month; and National Heart Healthy Month - National **Wear Red Day Feb 3**.

MARCH Women’s History Month – **Venerable** Mother Henriette Delille, **Venerable** Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, **Servant of God** Julia Greeley, and **Servant of God** Sister Thea Bowman.



Together, we give God the Praise and Keep the Fires Burning!



Msgr. Pope Retreat

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Our Lady and the Year of the Holy Eucharist
A day of retreat with master Msgr. Charles Pope

Registration Fee

\$25

9:00 AM: Check-In

9:30 AM: Talk #1: "Mary as Arc of the Covenant"

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM: Adoration & Confession

12:00 PM: Holy Mass w/ Rosary to follow

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: Lunch (*On your own*)

3:00 PM: Talk #2 "Imitation of Mary in our Devotion to Jesus"

4:00 PM: Blessing of Religious Items

Click here to [register](#)

Please contact Lisa Rush at l.m.rush@msmary.edu or 301-447-5521 if you have any questions.



ORACLE Religious Association

Sr./Dr. Oralisa Martin and Msgr. Raymond East

PRESENT

BMW: Blind Men Witness Retreat

OCTOBER 13, 14, 15, 2023 (Friday, Sat., Sunday)

At St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church, Washington, DC

BMW: Blind Men Witness is a weekend men's retreat based on the "Man Born Blind" (John 9:1-41). This man in the Bible had no name. He was seen as SIN! The question asked was: *Whose sin was committed HIS of His PARENTS?* **To all you MEN out there, could you identify with the experience? Others naming and defining you! Limited mobility! Controlled and guided by others!**

Jesus Christ has something waiting for you. God has an intent to **heal** His men of pains, assaults and the crises imposed. Before solving one problem, in comes another, and another and ... The men receive the anointing and go to ORACLE's pools and face wash. There's preaching, teachings, meditations, song, discussions, letter-writing, delicious meals, and closing Sunday Mass. For more info and to *register*, visit ORACLE's website, <https://www.oraclereligious.com>. **CONTACT US:** ORACLE Religious Assn – Sr. Dr. Oralisa Martin 202-528-8633, email: drmartin@oraclereligious.org

White Mass

One Living Church, One Diverse Family, One Common Home

All are welcome to join the White Mass on October 15th at 11 am as we celebrate the giftedness and contributions of people who are Deaf and living with disabilities bring to our families, communities, and Church.

This year's White Mass will be celebrated at St. Rose of Lima (11701 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg MD 20878). We wear white to symbolize our unity as one Church family through our Baptism. The principal celebrant is Bishop Evelio Menjivar, Archdiocese of Washington Auxiliary Bishop.

For more information, please contact the Office of Deaf and Disabilities Ministry specialneedsministry@adw.org or 301-853-4560/301-200-5430 VP.

Upcoming Events

Holy Trinity's Young Adult Community invites adults in their 20s and 30s for a weekend retreat of faith and fellowship.

Being part of a faith community might be seen as an unusual choice for young people today. And yet, young adults continue to be attracted to the Catholic faith. This retreat draws on the four pillars of Catholic life – faith, sacraments, life in Christ, and prayer – to explore why that is. Using the Ignatian spiritual tradition as a guide, retreatants will hear from our peers, and reflect together, on the joys and challenges of living out the sacramentality, community, and solidarity which permeate our Catholic faith. [Information and Registration](#)

Date: October 20-22, 2023

Location: Mar-Lu-Ridge Retreat Center, Jefferson, MD (carpools arranged)

Contact: Allison Walter at yacs+retreat@trinity.org



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 THE MERITORIOUS FOURTH DEGREE LADIES OF GRACE
 SR. MARY ANTONA EBO, CHAPTER #47

PRAYER BREAKFAST

"PRAYING WITHOUT CEASING: SOMETHING GOOD IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN"

Inspirational Messenger:



SISTER RITA MICHELLE PROCTOR, OSP

20th Superior General / Oblate Sisters of Providence

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023 - 9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

**ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH - CEDAR ROOM
 4275 4TH STREET, SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20032**

TICKETS: \$35.00 - NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR!



Purchase Tickets via Eventbrite: [Praying Without Ceasing](#) or scan QR Code

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

- ✦ GRACIOUS LADY ANITA COLEMAN / 202-412-2202
- ✦ GRACIOUS LADY ELMA GARNETT / 301-265-0859

- ✦ GRACIOUS LADY CONNIE TARDY / 202-321-5346
- ✦ GRACIOUS LADY LOIS WEBER / 202-291-7488



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Share, Learn, and Celebrate

Please join Cardinal Wilton Gregory for this year's celebration of Black Catholic History Month which will take place Sunday, November 4th in Washington, D.C. at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church (3800 Ely Place, SE).

Cardinal Gregory will celebrate the Mass with Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, and Rev. Zygmunt Kurzawinski, Pastor. For more information, contact ADW's Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach (301) 853-5335 or culturaldiversity@adw.org



5:00 pm: Praise and Worship

5:30 pm: Mass

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church
LADIES OF CHARITY
Present**



Miracle of Christmas
On Stage Musical Play
With Live Animals

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

**Premiering
at the
Sight & Sound
Theatres**

Lancaster County, PA

**BUS LEAVES AT 7:15 AM
CHURCH HALL "PANORAMA ROOM"**

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH
1600 MORRIS ROAD, S.E.
WASHINGTON, DC 20020**

DONATION: \$160.00 Adults/Children 12 and Under \$135.00

INCLUDES: TRANSPORTATION VIA COACH BUS,
TICKET TO SHOW, LUNCH AT MILLER'S SMORGASBORD
50/50 RAFFLE, PRIZES, REFRESHMENTS, MUSIC & MOVIES ON BUS

PAYMENT PLAN:

NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT: Adults \$60.00/Children \$45.00 - Due September 1, 2023

2nd Payment: Adults \$50.00/Children \$45.00 - Due October 1, 2023

Final Payment: Adults \$50.00/Children \$45.00 - Due November 1, 2023

NO REFUNDS AFTER November 1st

**SHOWTIME: 11:00 AM ♦ BUFFET: 3:00 PM
BUS ARRIVES DC at 7:15PM**

(CUT HERE AND SEND IN WITH PAYMENT)

SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRES TRIP: Miracle of Christmas

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **AMOUNT OF PAYMENT:** _____

FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

Monica Price 202-421-1956 ♦ Bernadette Smith 301-567-8044 ♦ Toni Gaines 301-222-7285
or any other Ladies of Charity member

Checks made payable to: Ladies of Charity

All proceeds fund the OLPH FOOD PANTRY

Council of Catholic Women -Archdiocese of Washington **Individual Membership Form**



Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Parish _____

**Individual Membership is only
\$25.00 per year**

**Make checks payable to ACCW
Send to Elizabeth Mariani, Treasurer
15008 Sunflower Ct
Rockville MD 20853**

Membership Contact

Anita Coleman, Chair

ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com

Our website is:

<https://www.councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com/>



**Join us and respond to the needs
of the Church and society
through spirituality,
leadership, and service**

Membership Benefits

Putting faith into action by:

- ❖ Learn about issues facing the Church today.
- ❖ Participate in Service projects.
- ❖ Visit to sacred sites.
- ❖ Receive the Monthly e-newsletter with upcoming events.
- ❖ Attend Monthly Teas.
- ❖ Gain access to NCCW resources
- ❖ Vote in board elections.
- ❖ Vote on the programs to be offered.
- ❖ Receive discounts on ACCW sponsored events.
- ❖ Publicize events in our monthly newsletter to over 500+people.

To join the **National Council of Catholic Women**
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Memorare to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Remember, O most gracious Virgin of Guadalupe, that in your heavenly apparitions on the mount of Tepeyac, you promised to show your compassion and pity towards all who, loving and trusting in you, seek your help and call upon you in their necessities and afflictions, you promised to hear our supplications, to dry our tears, and to give us consolation and relief.

Never has it been known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, we fly to you, O Mary, ever-Virgin Mother of the true God! Though grieving under the weight of our sins, we come to prostrate ourselves before you. We fully trust that, standing beneath your shadow and protection, nothing will trouble or afflict us, nor do we need to fear illness, or misfortune, or any other sorrow.

O Virgin of Guadalupe, you want to remain with us through your admirable image, you who are our Mother, our health, and our life.

Placing ourselves beneath your maternal gaze, and having recourse to you in all our necessities, we need do nothing more. O Holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us.

Amen