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November 2023

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Now is the time to celebrate—Black Catholic History Month! See pg.4 for details of this month’s Mass with Cardinal Wilton Gregory, plus ways to celebrate at your local parish.

See pg. 5 for inspirational stories of people who dedicated themselves to spreading God’s love in our world.

Please join us every night to pray the Rosary by calling 605-468-8016, access code 357090#. See pg. 2

Come see the relics of St. Pio of Pietrelcina at the Holy Family Catholic Church, 2210 Callaway Street, Hillcrest Heights, MD. Details on pg. 6.

November also is Native American Heritage month. See pg. 7 for information on the Mass celebration at St. John Vianney Catholic Church.

The ORACLE Religious Association presents Well Women Witness Retreat. Details on pg. 8

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center continues to offer many opportunities for us to step away and recharge in the Lord. Fall dates on pg. 9.

Also, on pg. 10 is the reminder, a prayer, and link in support of the Parish Year of Eucharist/Eucharistic Revival.

Come see a performance of **Tolton: From Slave to Priest**. Details on pg. 11.

Not a member? See Membership Form on pg. 14. We need your voice and visibility.

Your Sister in Christ Jesus,



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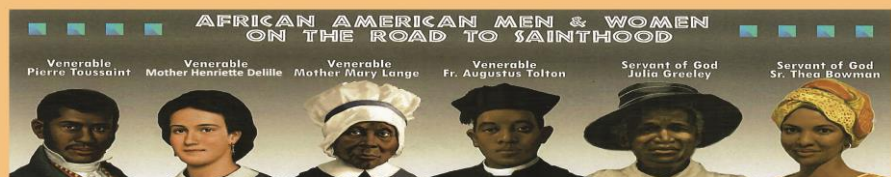
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Let's keep our six African Americans on the road to sainthood in our daily prayers.



***The Council of Catholic Women
Archdiocese of Washington
“Keep the Fires Burning”!!***

The mission of the Council is to support, empower, and educate women to help keep the divine fire burning. CCW-ADW also has volunteer opportunities with spirituality, leadership, and service programs. In addition, the Council welcomes volunteers to help with increasing membership, fundraising, newsletter editing, and website management.

For more information contact us at archdiocesecw@gmail.com.

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.

*Hail Mary,
full of Grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God
Pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

ALL SAINTS DAY NOVEMBER 1ST ALL SOULS DAY NOVEMBER 2ND



Souls and Saints

Our Lord's gift of the Holy Eucharist increases the gift of the Holy Spirit, nourishing our bodies, minds, hearts, and souls. The Eucharist augments our union with Jesus Christ, separates us from sin, and strengthens our charity. With our Lord, all things are possible.

Therefore, do not think that becoming a saint is out of the realm of possibility. This month as we honor holy men and women, and all the faithful departed, let us contemplate God's calling to us—the calling to Love. How many of us desire and resist this call at the same time?

As we search our souls, let's consider the Saints, imperfect people who dedicated themselves to love—God and humanity. Each of them did so—not in their own way, but in the way God willed them to do. Although they struggled, they belonged to God in their entirety. Can we say the same about ourselves?

Let us pray:

Dear Lord, help me to love as you want me to love as I follow the Saints toward your heavenly embrace. Amen.



NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

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

WAYS TO CELEBRATE

- Exhibit symbols that reflect African-American Catholic Culture: Pictures, religious symbols, kente cloth, Bible enthronements, posters of Black Biblical Scenes
- Highlight Black Catholic Role Models Sr. Thea Bowman, Fr. Augustus Tolton, Saints, and/or local people
 - Write essays or present plays about Black Catholic
 - Create/Develop/Design Liturgy Celebrations/Prayer Services
- Invite Black priests, sisters, deacons, and lay leaders to celebrate prayer services and other activities with the young people of your parish
- Incorporate music from Lead Me, Guide Me, the African-American Catholic Hymnal
 - Create a Litany of Saints to include Black Saints
- Sponsor a DVD or video showing, and facilitate a discussion on African American themes

Did you know?

St. Victor I (186 A D - 197 A D) from the Roman province in Africa, **St. Miltiades** (311 A D -314 A D) born in Rome of African descent, and **St. Gelasius** (492 A D - 496 A D) born in Rome of African descent were Roman Catholic Popes.

St. Martin de Porres (1579 - 1639) He was the first Dominican professed Black brother in 1603. Martin de Porres is called "Father of the Poor" because of his charitable acts and his dedication to prayer. He was canonized a saint in 1962.

Pierre Toussaint was a slave who after freedom continued to performed extraordinary charitable works. He is credited as the founder of Catholic Charities of New York.

St. Sister Katherine Drexel was the founder of the Blessed Sacrament sisters and the first and only Black Catholic University in United States: Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana. She was canonized on October 1st, 2000 becoming the second recognized American born Saint.

St. Charles Lwanga and the Ugandan martyrs In the resource Black Christian Saints and Other Exemplary Black Men and Women (128-13 1) we read the story of the faith filled witness of the Ugandan Royal Pages. This story highlights how even to the point of death they didn't give up their faith, and celebrated their execution with joy. The Martyrs of Uganda were beatified in 1902 and canonized by Pope Paul VI on October 18, 1964.

Harriet Thompson (1853) wrote to Pope Pius IX to plead for the Catholic Church to minister to black people in New York and address the concerns of racism. This was the beginning of the Black Catholic Movement. (Davis, 1990, Pg. 94-95)

Jean-Baptiste Pointe du Sable (d. 1818) was an authentic woodman, and trusted friend of the Native American people. He was one of the first settlers in Chicago.

<https://adw.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Black-Catholic-History-Month-Resource-Packet20131.pdf>

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



Relics of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Come see the relics of St. Pio of Pietrelcina at the Holy Family Catholic Church,
2210 Callaway Street, Hillcrest Heights, MD.
Tuesday November 7, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Relics available for public veneration:

1. Saint Pio's Crust of the Wounds
2. A piece of Saint Pio's Mantle
3. A Gauze with Saint Pio's Blood Stains
4. Saint Pio's Handkerchief
5. A Lock of Saint Pio's Hair

Prayer Schedule

9:00 – Holy Rosary – Joyful Mysteries
10:00 – Holy Rosary – Sorrowful Mysteries
11:00 – Holy Rosary – Glorious Mysteries
12:00 – The Angelus
1:00 – The Holy Rosary – Luminous Mysteries
2:00 – The Holy Rosary – Joyful Mysteries
3:00 – Divine Mercy
4:00 – The Holy Rosary – Sorrowful Mysteries
5:00 – The Holy Rosary – Glorious Mysteries
6:00 – Adoration and Confession
7:30 – Mass with The Most Reverend Juan Esposito, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese
of Washington, DC.
Before the conclusion of the Mass, Luciano Lamonarca, the Founder of the St. Pio Foundation will speak
about St. Pio and the Foundation's inspiring work.

For more information, please contact the parish at 301-894-2222 or via email at
pastor@holyfamilyparish.org



Saturday, November 11, 2023, 5:00 p.m.
St. John Vianney Catholic Church
105 Vianney Lane Prince Frederick, MD 20678
Principal Celebrant Bishop Evelio Menjívar Auxiliary Bishop of Washington
Rev. Joseph Pierce Pastor

For ASL interpretation, contact deafcatholic@adw.org two weeks in advance. 
For more information, contact the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach, (301) 853-5335, or email at culturaldiversity@adw.org.

An Hour With *Saint Kateri Tekakwitha*
By Margaret R. Bunson

Lord God, you called the virgin, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha,
to shine among the Native American people as an example of innocence of life.
Through her intercession, may all peoples of every tribe, tongue, and nation, having been
gathered into your Church, proclaim your greatness in one song of praise.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.



**ORACLE Religious Association
Sr./Dr. Oralisa Martin
PRESENTS**

WWW: Well Women Witness Retreat
NOVEMBER 10, 11, 12, 2023
(Friday, Sat., Sunday)
Washington, DC

WWW: Well Women Witness is a women's Retreat based on THREE women in the Bible:
1) The Samaritan woman at the Well (John 4:1-42),
2) The woman with the alabaster box (Matt. 26: 6-15), and
3) Mary, at the foot of the Cross of her Son (John 19:25-30).

Blessing each other in Jesus' Name, invoking the Holy Spirit to "stir the waters," we experience anointing and healing. There's a spirit-filled WWW Prayer Service; The Gospel is dramatized with Bible teachings. Women gather with alabaster boxes of perfumed oil for meditations with "letter writing."

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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.



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

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.



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.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Congress

<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org>

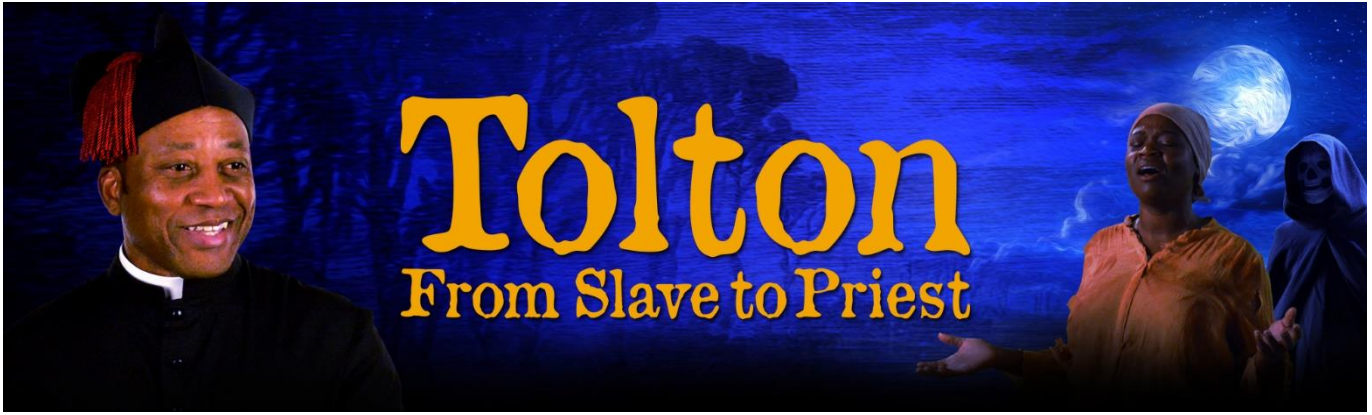
THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST – Parish Revival is from 6/11/23 – 7/17/24



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.



Tolton is a powerful multi-media live production, filled with music, drama, and inspiring performances. It brings a message of hope and healing for the wounds that plague our culture. Father Tolton's cause for canonization has been presented by Cardinal Francis George to the Vatican and is moving forward quickly. Bearing the insults of racial prejudice, he suffered with Christ, reminding us of these words of Psalm 118: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."

Performance Date and Time:

Sunday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Catholic University of America Della Ratta Auditorium (Maloney Hall)
620 Michigan Avenue Northeast
Washington, DC 20064

Tickets are free! For more information contact: Kate Schulz
Schulzk@cua.edu

The performances are sponsored by the Center for Cultural Engagement, Campus Ministry, Alumni Relations, The Rome School of Music, Drama, and Art, Busch School of Business, and the Office of the President.



CCW-ADW CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS -- Suggestions Welcome

NOVEMBER Black Catholic History Month

DECEMBER in person Christmas Card Making

December 9, Walk with Mary to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, see pg. 13 for more information.

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!



All are invited to join the annual archdiocesan celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe! Each year, we honor Our Lady through a pilgrimage through the streets of Washington, D.C. Our pilgrimage begins at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart and concludes at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, where together we pray the Rosary and celebrate Mass.

“Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness Of The Americas, extend your protection to nations all over the world and renew their fidelity to Christ. Inspire their political leaders to pursue policies of equity and justice. Protect Juan Diego’s brothers and sisters from discrimination. Care for all children. Keep families united. That your clemency, your compassion, and your protection be manifested through your holy image. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.”

For more information contact the Archdiocese’s Office of Cultural Diversity at culturaldiversity@adw.org

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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

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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**
contact our

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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