



# THE “LINK”

February 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](http://councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com) for the latest fun events and opportunities for leadership, spirituality, and service. Be sure to email me at [ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com](mailto:ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com) so we can publicize your group’s event.

**Speaking of fun events**, there’s still time to sign up for our 2nd Annual Valentine-making party at [ValentinesForHomeless.eventbrite.com](http://ValentinesForHomeless.eventbrite.com). Details on page 2.

**Lent begins** with Ash Wednesday on February 26. Check out our Lenten enrichment series on page 6, with more to come in the March issue.

**Registration opens on February 3** for the much-anticipated centennial convention of the National Council of Catholic Women in Arlington, Virginia, August 26-29. Click the link on page 5 to claim your spot!

In Christ,  
*Carol-Ann Parker*  
President

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## FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

**Sunday, February 2**



Claim your spot today for our annual Valentine party by clicking here: [ValentinesForHomeless.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/valentines-for-homeless)  
\$5 donation to CCW-ADW.

**Sunday, February 2**

**1:30–3:30 p.m.**

St. Andrew Apostle Catholic Church  
11600 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902  
(St. Andrew's cafeteria -- same location as last year's party)

Join us as we munch cookies and other goodies while creating uplifting Valentines for our homeless sisters at the Harriet Tubman Shelter in DC.

**Share God's love for Valentine's Day!**

**All supplies provided. No artistic talent needed – just bring your heart!**



Scenes from last year's Valentine-making party at St. Andrew Apostle: making new friends while having fun with stickers, markers, and colorful paper — reminding our homeless sisters how much God loves them. Sign up now at [ValentinesForHomeless.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/valentines-for-homeless)

Saturday, February 8

8<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Sweetheart Charity Ball

*a potluck dinner-dance featuring the music of*

**Dino & Friends**

*swing, samba, waltz, and more*

**Saturday, February 8, 2020 7-11pm**

Fannon Hall • Saint Ambrose Church • Cocktail Attire

3107 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Cheverly, MD 20785

**Tickets: \$25 each and \$200/table for 10**

**Reserve Tickets or Make a Donation Online at**

<https://forms.gle/AFLw44tFg7a6329UA>

*All tickets will be held at **Will Call** this year to save on postage.*

*For more information, contact [sweetheartcharityball@gmail.com](mailto:sweetheartcharityball@gmail.com)*

This anti-human trafficking initiative of St. Ambrose Church benefits:



**FAIR GIRLS' Vida Home Shelter** provides the only safe house specifically for female trafficking survivors in the DC area. [www.fairgirls.org](http://www.fairgirls.org)



**Sasha Bruce's Promise Place Shelter** Promise Place, in Capitol Heights, helps homeless youth, including those who have experienced or are at-risk of trafficking. [www.sashabruce.org](http://www.sashabruce.org)



**St. Ambrose Parish Conference of St. Vincent de Paul** serves people in need in our area with food, rent, and other aid. For more information, contact the St. Ambrose Parish office at **301 773-9300**.

St. Ambrose Parish Conference  
of St. Vincent de Paul

*Lovely jewelry from **Karana Rising**, made by trafficking survivors, and beautiful pottery by **Liz Lescault** will be available to purchase for your Valentine or loved ones.*

## FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

Saturday, February 15

### MATTHEW 25 CHARITY WALK

*“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.”*

Matthew 25:35-36

Saint Andrew Apostle parish in Silver Spring is hosting a charity walk to raise money for three local nonprofit organizations who are living out the values outlined by Christ in Matthew 25: providing food for people who are hungry, drink for people who are thirsty, clothing for people who need clothes, and welcoming strangers.

**What:** A walk to support local organizations

**When:** February 15th, 2020. Mass Begins at 8:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 8:30 a.m.

**Where:** Saint Andrew Apostle Catholic Church, 11600 Kemp Mill Rd., Silver Spring, MD

**Attire:** Purple in support of those in need and to be a visible, united sign of God’s love as we walk together. Suggested donation: \$25 per walker or \$50 per family. Non-perishable food items will also be collected for the food pantry.

#### Can’t walk?

Pledge your support at one of the following levels: Step: \$100 / Stroll: \$200 / Stride: \$300

#### About the Organizations:

**The Food Pantry at Silver Spring Christian Reformed Church**, the next-door neighbor to Saint Andrew the Apostle, has a food pantry to serve the needs of our brothers and sisters in our local community. Every \$100 donated can buy 50 boxes of tissues, and every \$300 donated can buy 150 cans of soup.

**The Northwest Center** promotes the dignity of women and a respect for all human life by offering the loving support and comprehensive aid necessary to help women continue their pregnancies, deliver healthy babies, and adequately care for themselves and their children. Their maternity home provides housing and other comprehensive assistance to women and their babies. Every \$25 donation will cover the cost of diapers and wipes for one baby for one week, and every \$100 donation provides life-affirming counseling for three women facing unplanned pregnancies.

**Shepherd’s Table** is an interfaith nonprofit in Silver Spring that provides basic services including meals, social services, medical support, clothing, and other assistance in an effective and compassionate manner. Every \$100 donated will cover the cost of 20 meals.

#### Would you like to help out?

We need volunteers to help with setup, registration, clean up, and water/snack tables. Just let us know on the registration form.

REGISTER at <https://standrewapostle.org/matthew-25-walk/>

## NCCW NATIONAL CONVENTION 2020

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

**Registration opens Feb 3! [Click here for information.](https://www.nccw.org/nccw-convention/)**

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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.



## **100th Anniversary Convention**

**August 26-29, 2020**

**Washington D.C. Area**

**Crystal Gateway Marriott**

**1700 Richmond Highway**

**(formerly Jefferson Davis Highway)**

**Arlington, VA 22202**

REMEMBER: Get your (or your group's) ad in early for the for the biggest NCCW Convention Program Book!

Click here for the ad form:

<https://www.nccw.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2020Convention-Program-Ad-form-FINAL.pdf>

Deadline for receipt of ads and payment: Monday, June 15th, 2020.

## 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](http://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

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 to 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, 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*.

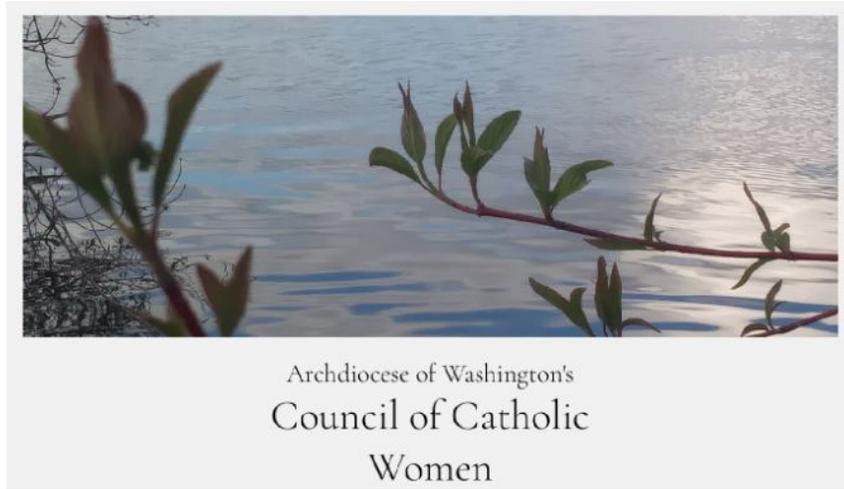
**Lisa travels internationally** giving workshops on faith, family, and Catholic new media topics. Selected an Egan Journalism Fellow with Catholic Relief Services, Hendey has traveled, written, and spoken on behalf of CRS, Unbound, and other non-profit organizations in Rwanda, the Philippines, India,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

**Lisa’s speaking schedule** has included the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, Catholic Marketing Network, the University of Dallas Ministry Conference, the Midwest Family Conference, and the National Council of Catholic Women. Hendey lives with her family in Los Angeles, California. Visit Lisa at [www.lisahendey.com](http://www.lisahendey.com) or find her on social media @lisahendey.

## 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](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*

## PONDER WITH MARY



### Big Faith in Small Packages

By Rose Folsom  
VirtueConnection.com

**Every time the priest said, “Body of Christ,”** 2-year-old Joseph, sitting in the pew behind me, proclaimed, “Amen.” Mothers and grandmothers were almost melting in their places as his sweet little voice told the truth that is hidden from the clever and the self-sufficient.

When little Joseph enters the chapel with his mother for weekday Mass, he goes to the front, drops to his knees, and looks at Jesus in the tabernacle for a moment. He then toddles to his seat. After Mass, he and his mother go up to the tabernacle where Joseph says in a chirpy voice that could only belong to a 2-year-old, “Ba-bye, Jesus!” As his mother leads him out of the chapel, he looks back with another “Ba-bye, Jesus.”

Not everyone knows what Joseph knows. Or maybe we are not childlike enough to believe that Jesus means what he says in Luke 22:19: “This is my body.”

#### Wisdom in small packages

One of my favorite saint stories is of the 5-year-old Peter Julian Eymard (1811-1868), who would later found the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. Little Peter’s babysitter-sister lost track of him one morning. She looked everywhere she could think of, with no luck. She stopped by the church and there was Peter, snuggled up next to the tabernacle. “What are you doing up there?” she asked. “I can hear Him better from here,” he answered.

#### Wide-eyed faith

I don’t think there is such a thing as “blind” faith. These little ones believe for two reasons: because their parents believed and shared the reality of it, and because the young souls experienced something of the love of God in their hearts which, rather than making them “blind,” opened their eyes to the reality of the invisible God. These faith-filled tikes responded not to a “belief,” but to someone who is really present in the tabernacle.

#### Simple faith

Just a few weeks ago, we peered into the manger at Bethlehem to ponder the baby Jesus, who challenges us to ask ourselves: “How can my faith become more childlike?”

#### Here are three things to consider:

1. Call to mind the words of Jesus in Matthew 19:14: “Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”
2. Ponder the promises of God, which inflame our hearts to want to be His trusting children.
3. Indulge in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. A famous story has an old man in the back pew of the church, day after day, year after year. The pastor asks him what he does, just sitting back there. The man replies, “I look at Him...and He looks at me.” Maybe the very old and the very young have a special gift for simple faith. But we in the middle, who tend to complicate things, can remedy that if we show up and let Jesus himself be our guide to a childlike faith that brings us the kingdom of heaven—starting now!

To see more of Rose’s articles, subscribe at [VirtueConnection.com](http://VirtueConnection.com)

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Individual Membership is only \$25.00 per year.

Make check payable to ACCW.  
Send to Kathy Foley, Treasurer  
3306 Farthing Drive  
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.

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.

Visit [www.NCCW.org](http://www.NCCW.org).