



OUR Parish Times

High School Open House
Pull-Out Section Pages 20-21

AUGUST 2019

Living the Faith Together

FREE

Catholic Schools – The Partners You Need

As a Catholic mother I wanted my children to understand that they were given gifts from God, and that those gifts were meant to be used for good. As we worked hard to raise young people who understood that they were not the center of the universe and as we regularly reminded them that they were here for a reason, we did not work alone. We were supported by their teachers and by friends who shared our values and our belief that what we do with our time on earth matters.



Patricia McGann

Our kids' heroes were Luke Skywalker,

Continued on page 26



Campers and Leaders at Vacation Bible School at the Shrine of St. Jude

Vacation Bible School: Faith, Fun, and Leadership

By Marilyn Mullan; Photo by Tom Roach

The Shrine of St. Jude Catholic Church held another successful Vacation Bible School last month for 85 campers ages 4 to 10. This program is run using older students, ages 11 through high school, to work as Buddies, Captains, Guides, and Interns. The high school interns actually run the various stations, teaching crafts, games, songs, Bible stories, Saint stories, and symbols of the Holy Spirit (which was the theme this year).

The camp serves a dual purpose: to enable the campers to learn about their faith while having fun and to help the counselors develop leadership skills.

It is a great joy for the adult volunteers to watch students grow and mature. Many counselors volunteer their time year after year, growing into very skilled leaders who are wonderful examples of Christian service and care for others.

Effective Kindness

Welcome to the 2019-20 editions of Our Parish Times. If you are a new reader, OPT is an independent publication prepared by Lawrence and Kathleen Hamm to enable Montgomery County Catholic parishes to share the joy of living in active Christian communities. OPT is a unique model of local Catholic communication publishing for over twenty years. OPT relies entirely on volunteers from local parishes to gather and share the joy. If you have ideas for inclusion, seek out your



Chuck Short

Continued on page 14

Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory Visits St. Jane de Chantal



Photo by Elizabeth Amy

Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory (second from left) during one of two masses concelebrated with priests at St. Jane de Chantal Parish during his visits. Pastor Fr. Giese (right) was also present and provided welcoming remarks to the Archbishop before each mass.

Shortly after starting his tenure in the Archdiocese of Washington, Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory visited St. Jane de Chantal Parish. On a Sunday morning in July, Archbishop Gregory celebrated two masses and met with parishioners. As Pastor Fr. Giese mentioned during his welcoming remarks, it was very generous of the Archbishop to devote a full Sunday morning to the St. Jane de Chantal parish. It is a sign of his love and devotion to his new home – our Archdiocese.

In a Mass concelebrated with parish priests, Archbishop Gregory gave a moving homily and committed himself to his new flock. After mass, parishioners treasured the

Continued on page 22

Responding to God's Call

Every year around this time there is a buzz in our parishes as we get back to regular work and school schedules. For some, things are a little different than they were a few months ago.



Fr. John Enzler

Some parishes received a new pastor over the summer, while others watched a long-loved pastor go off to a new assignment or retire. Still others gained a parochial vicar, lost a parochial vicar, or both.

This year is particularly exciting because

Continued on page 29

Supporting the Pro-Life Movement

by Ana Maria P. de Jesus, EPS DC15

Since the time I have learned about the awful process of terminating fetal life in the mother's womb, I have strongly opposed the idea that fetal life is expendable

Continued on page 10



Photo by Ana Maria P. de Jesus

Alfredo de Jesus works at Knight of Columbus's pro-life booth at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair.



Former pastor of St. Martin's in Gaithersburg installed as Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston.

See page 39.

Monday, September 2

2019 Ride for Vocations

Registration is now open for the 2019 Ride for Vocations! All funds raised on behalf of the Ride for Vocations and Run for Vocations directly benefit vocation promotion and seminarian formation in the Archdiocese of Washington. Register online at depriest.org/register-to-ride. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Baugher at baughers@adw.org or 202-636-9020.



They're Back!

By Angelyn Tugado-Marzan

Armed with rosaries, pro-life advocates once again stood by the white picket fence August 4, 2019 outside the Wildwood Medical Center at 10401 Old Georgetown Road in Bethesda, Maryland. The center houses the clinic of Dr. LeRoy Harrison Carhart, known for performing abortions late in pregnancy.

The advocates who find abortion as "evil" represented various parishes and organizations. Among those present were parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Jane de Chantal, as well as members of the Maryland Coalition for Life, the 40 Days for Life campaign, and

St. Giuseppe Moscati DC Catholic Medical Guild, a chartered guild of the Catholic Medical Association (CMA).

"By our prayers and witness, we hope to convert hearts to love and support of both pregnant women and their unborn children," revealed Dr. Mary Andrews, outgoing president of CMA's Washington DC Guild. "We hope that pregnant women, boyfriends, spouses, will be inspired to choose life. We also trust in the Divine power of prayer to drive out evil. So long as this clinic is open for the business of abortion, we'll be back every first Sunday to pray."

Jill Gadwood, who heads the Bethesda chapter of the 40 Days

for Life campaign, invites all who value life to join the prayer vigil outside the Carhart late-term abortion clinic on September 1, 2019 and every first Sunday of the month from 1:15 - 2:00 in the afternoon.

"It's been so wonderful to have a big crowd of pro-life supporters praying together on the first Sunday of each month," said Gadwood, who organized the free screening at the Regal Majestic in downtown Silver Spring last Spring of the movie "Unplanned", the true story of Abby Johnson's conversion from Clinic Director and Employee of the Year at Planned Parenthood to ardent pro-life advocate.

OPT

SIGNS BY TOMORROW

SIGN & GRAPHIC SOLUTIONS PROVIDER

Located in Rockville, MD near the Shady Grove Metro Station
Call us 301-881-7446 or visit us online at SBTRockville.com

The Goehring Family serving the Archdiocese for over 25 years

**Traditional
Catholic Latin Mass**

You are Cordially Invited to Attend

Sundays at 8:00 a.m.

**Traditional Latin Mass Congregation
Old St. John the Evangelist Church**

9700 Rosensteel Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910
1/2 mile west of Georgia Ave.,
off Forest Glen Rd., Rt. 192

www.tradlatinmass.org
E-mail: JSteis@aol.com

Latin Mass in accordance with the "Motu Proprio"
of Pope Benedict XVI, issued July 7, 2007

SAVE THE DATE!



**CATHOLIC
BUSINESS
NETWORK**
OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INC.

**26TH
ANNIVERSARY
Gala**

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2019

MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER
IN NORTH BETHESDA

HONOREES ARE:

Business Person of the Year
Jim Boland, Boland Trane

Community Leader
Msgr. John Enzler, Catholic Charities DC

Founders Award
Gerard McLoughlin, Founders Bank



DYER & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants

*Providers of "surrogate-CFO" services
as well as tax and financial reporting services
to some of the most successful businesses and individuals
in the region...*

**IS PLEASED TO JOIN OUR PARISH TIMES
IN SUPPORTING
CATHOLIC EDUCATION BY CONTINUING OUR**

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

*5% of fees from participating clients are donated to
The Washington Jesuit Academy for tuition assistance.
Contributions are made in the client's name, up to \$100 per year, and will be matched
by the SHEPHERD FOUNDATION.*

<p>Gregory B. Dyer, CPA Holy Redeemer Parish Georgetown Prep '76 De Chantal '72 Past President, Catholic Business Network - MC</p>	<p>Dana Evans Holy Redeemer Parish</p>	<p>Vanessa Smith-Terrell St. John the Evangelist</p>
<p>Dominic Cipollone Mother Seton</p>	<p>Michelle Fegan St. Patrick</p>	<p>Adam Giegel St. Sebastian</p>

**10415 Armory Avenue
Kensington, Maryland 20895
(301) 654-6200
www.dyerepa.com**

Index

Christ the King.....	28	St. Jane de Chantal	12
Holy Cross.....	6	St. John Neumann.....	33
Holy Redeemer.....	9	St. John the Baptist.....	13
Mother Seton.....	29	St. John the Evangelist	16
Our Lady of Lourdes.....	19	St. Jude.....	35
Our Lady of Mercy.....	8	St. Martin of Tours.....	18
Our Lady Queen of Poland.....	30	St. Mary - Rockville	4
Resurrection.....	27	St. Mary - Barnesville	37
Senior Services.....	23-25	St. Michael.....	38
St. Bartholomew	15	St. Patrick.....	36
St. Bernadette	5	St. Peter.....	34
St. Elizabeth	17	St. Raphael	10
St. Francis of Assisi.....	31	Woods Academy	26
St. Francis International School...	32		

Help 'em Smile

Join the Mid-Maryland Dental Mission of Mercy & Health Equity Festival-Help provides 1,000 uninsured people experiencing dental calamity with 2MM worth of emergency treatment. Dental and medical professionals and patient support volunteers, at least 18 years old, are needed to volunteer. Event is September 12-14, 2019 at University of Maryland Xfinity Center, College Park, Md. For information and to sign up visit www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/MOM.

OPT

Hunger in Montgomery County: Responding with Charity and Justice

By Mary Bennett and Phil Chimento

Food is a basic necessity of life. In well-off Montgomery County it would be easy to assume that no one is hungry. But there are areas in the county where poverty and hunger exist. According to the Montgomery County Food Council, more than 61,000 people—nearly 5.8 percent of an approximate population of 1,052,600—are food insecure, including 12.9 percent of the county's children.

In order to be food secure, people must have physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs for a healthy life. Some of the groups most affected by food insecurity in Montgomery County are children, seniors, immigrants, and the disabled.

Food Security Plan Community Update

On June 28, 2019, the Montgomery County Government and the Montgomery County Food Council held a "Food Security Plan Community Update." In 2017, the County released the 5-year Food Security Plan, which described the number of those experiencing food insecurity, the different groups affected, and the challenges each group faces. It also put forth goals for each year of the plan.

The Update presented how many organizations in the county—governmental, nonprofits, businesses



and others—have been working to implement the plan's recommendations. Some of the findings were quite interesting:

- Montgomery County has the highest percentage of people (64 percent) in the state of Maryland who are eligible for the SNAP (food stamps) program but are not participating in it. One of the ways this is being addressed is the Senior Hunger and SNAP Outreach Program, which is using trained volunteers to help seniors navigate the SNAP application and enrollment process. Seniors are one of the populations most at risk for food insecurity.

- Food insecurity is also growing among college students. In a study at two community colleges in Maryland, 56 percent of

the students reported being food insecure. In response, Montgomery College, in partnership with the Food Council and the Capital Area Food Bank, created the "Fuel for Success Food Campaign" which provides an open food market, hot meals, and grab and go bags of food to students free of charge.

Catholics are challenged to practical and tangible responses

Each year Pope Francis reminds us, through letters commemorating World Food Day, of our responsibilities as Catholics to address hunger and malnutrition. In 2013, he wrote: "It is a scandal that there is still hunger and malnutrition in the world." He called us to address "together, in all areas, a problem

that challenges our personal and social conscience, to achieve a just and lasting solution."

Pope Benedict XVI, in his encyclical *Caritas in Veritate* wrote: "The problem of food insecurity needs to be addressed within a long-term perspective, eliminating the structural causes that give rise to it and promoting the agricultural development of poorer countries" (para 27).

And in his 2018 World Food Day letter, Pope Francis challenged us: "We can dream of a future without hunger, but this is only reasonable when we engage in tangible processes, vital relations, effective plans and real commitments."

A Justice and Advocacy Council priority

We are urged by our spiritual leaders to live our faith in ways that reflect the principles of Catholic social teaching. There are numerous opportunities to practice charity related to food insecurity throughout the year. Many churches in Montgomery County have been helping by holding food drives, filling backpacks of food for school children to take home on the weekends, taking food to homeless shelters, and serving as food distribution sites.

Continued on page 5



Kathleen & Lawrence Hamm
PUBLISHERS

Danny Gannon
Michael Roseleigh
DISTRIBUTION

Prepress by Electronic Ink
www.eink.net



Parish Community Services, Inc.

5212 Goddard Road Bethesda, MD 20814

Phone: 301-706-9684

OurParishTimes@gmail.com

PUBLISHED IN ALTERNATE MONTHS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

Longing for Belonging – Forty Years On

Catholics with and without disabilities are one in the Body of Christ and should be participating together in the sacraments and the life of the Church

We receive calls from sorrowful parents who have been told their child with Down syndrome cannot be prepared to receive the Eucharist. Other families with Deaf members cannot locate a Sunday Mass with a sign-language interpreter. We all belong, but does it feel that way?

"We face these continuing challenges and ask this question as we launch our Longing for Belonging fundraising campaign and prepare for our Recognizing the Body of Christ anniversary events," said Janice Benton, Executive Director of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD).

"Among our God-given rights is one of belonging – belonging to the human race; belonging in the Catholic Church. We are all one through the unity of the Body of Christ. We all belong. Yet many faith-filled Catholics with disabilities do not feel that sense of belonging. Many continue to have a longing for belonging," said Benton. "We all belong, but not all of us recognize this unity in the Body



Photo courtesy of National Catholic Partnership on Disability

Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, and Janice Benton, Executive Director of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability.

of Christ. Catholics with and without disabilities, one in the Body of Christ, should be participating together in the sacraments and the life of the Church."

NCPD was created by the U.S. bishops nearly 40 years ago, fol-

lowing their Pastoral Statement on Persons with Disabilities to lend support, guidance and education to dioceses and, through them, to parishes so that every person is rightfully recognized as belonging

Continued on page 28



Centro Tepeyac Women's Center Gala

September 28, 2019

6:00 - 7:00 pm Cocktails

7:00 - 9:00 pm Dinner & Program

Bethesda Marriott
5151 Pooks Hill Road
Bethesda, Maryland

Keynote ~ Victoria Robinson

Tickets can be purchased at centrotepeyac.org \$100/pp



Centro Tepeyac is a non-profit agency offering assistance to anyone facing an unplanned pregnancy or facing post-abortion stress.

free | kind | caring | confidential

12247 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902 | 301.946.1022



**“BE WHO YOU ARE
and be that well.”**
-St. Francis de Sales



**Georgetown
Visitation**
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

October 19
1 - 4 p.m.

Register at
[www.visi.org/
openhouseRSVP](http://www.visi.org/openhouseRSVP)

An all-girls Catholic high school in Washington, DC
www.visi.org 202.337.3350

f @visidc
i

It pays to advertise in
Our Parish Times

St. Mary's School
**Openings are still available for the
2019-2020 School Year**

If you would like the opportunity to tour the school, call the school office for an appointment: 301-762-4179. We would be delighted to share with you what St. Mary's can offer your family. We look forward to meeting you!

OPT

**Upcoming St. Mary's Parish
Events and Activities**

Blessing of a Child in the Womb

At the 5 PM Mass on Sunday, September 1, Fr. Fields will confer the Rite of the Blessing of a Child in the Womb. This blessing sustains parents by imparting grace and comfort, unites the parish in prayer for unborn children, and fosters respect for human life. All expectant parents, along with other family members are invited to receive the blessing. If you cannot attend, please know that any priest or deacon will be privileged to confer the Rite anytime outside of Mass.

Father Michael Russo to Visit

Fr. Russo will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Mary's on Sunday, September 8, at 12:30 pm. Please plan on attending this celebration to welcome back Father Michael to St. Mary's for a visit.

**St. Mary's Book Group to Discuss
John Henry Newman**

The St. Mary's book group meets twice a month (usually on Thursdays from 5-7 pm in the school library to discuss books related to our faith. The first chapter of their latest

read, Aver Cardinal Dulles' biography of John Henry Newman will be discussed at the next meeting on Tuesday, September 3 at 5 pm in the school library. Cardinal Newman will be canonized a saint by Pope Francis October 13, 2019 in Rome. We would love you to join us! For further details contact aleksandradoran@gmail.com.

Chinese Evangelization

Do you know any Mandarin Chinese speakers who do not know the Lord? Our Lady of China Pastoral Mission will be hosting monthly faith seminar and discussion sessions in Mandarin at St. Mary's to introduce topics of faith. Join us for the first talk, Saturday, September 14, 10am to Noon in the school library. Can I be a good person if I don't believe in God? Please invite your friends and neighbors to attend! For details you can share with your Chinese friends, see <https://ourladyofchina.net/ricci>.

Save the Date!

Sodality Fashion Show

All ladies of the parish are invited to a Fashion Show sponsored by the Sodality on Sunday, October 13, 2019. 2:00-4:00 pm in the Parish Hall. The afternoon will feature clothes modeled by members of the parish in misses, petite and plus sizes. The cost will be \$7.00. Light refreshments will be served. Fall will be here before you know it so get your friends together and make your plans now! Look for more information soon. For any questions, please call Claire Funkhouser at 301-762-7223.



Holy Land Pilgrimage with Father Fields

Father Kevin Fields will host a 12-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan November 2-13, 2020. Please visit our parish's website for more information: www.stmarysrockville.org.

OPT

IS YOUR INSURANCE AGENT FREE TO GET YOU A BETTER DEAL?

AN INDEPENDENT AGENT HAS FREEDOM OF CHOICE.
With access to many different providers, **Trusted Choice® Independent Agents** have more options at their fingertips. They can competitively shop around for you and put together a plan that suits both your needs and your budget. The only one they answer to is you.
Find your independent agent. Find a better deal at trustedchoice.com

Free to do what's right for you.™

Trusted Choice
INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENTS

LET'S TALK ABOUT WHAT FREEDOM OF CHOICE CAN DO FOR YOU.

JWM
JOSEPH W. McCARTIN
INSURANCE, INC.

Joseph W. McCartin Insurance, Inc.
www.mccartin.com
301-837-1095

St. Mary's Parish
520 Veirs Mill Road Rockville, MD
Msgr. Robert Amey, Pastor
301-424-5550

St. Mary's School
Mrs. Debby Eisel, Principal
301-762-4179
Mrs. Debby Eisel, Parish Editor
301-762-4179



Father Bradley Berhorst, of Jefferson City, MS who was ordained in June, will be moving into the student rooms of the St. Bernadette rectory. Father Berhorst will be studying for two years to get his License in Canon Law at the Catholic University of America.



Photo by Laura Denion

On May 1, St. Bernadette's Sodality served a 'sloppy joes' dinner to Catholic Terps at the University of Maryland Catholic Student Center.

HUNGER

Con't from page 3

Catholic Charities holds an annual food drive during Lent in parishes across the county. In addition, the Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive has spread from the original Blessed Sacrament event to 12 parishes in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in Maryland and in DC, The Mulholland Family Foundation conducts a large Summer in the City food drive each year.

There are also opportunities to work for social justice and structural change. The Justice and Advocacy (J&A) Council of Montgomery County is made up of parishioners from the forty Catholic parishes and is committed to creating a just and caring community through local advocacy efforts. The J&A Council meets with local elected officials, writes letters of support regarding issues that affect the poor and vulnerable, and monitors all the legislation that the County

develops.

Food Insecurity is one of the priorities that J&A is advocating for this year, along with affordable housing, immigration, economic justice/wealth inequality, and addiction recovery and support.

For more information about joining with the J&A Council, contact Brian Dorsey at: brian.j.dorsey@gmail.com. You can also get involved at the State level through the Maryland Catholic Conference. The next J&A meeting is Wednesday, August 28 from 7:30pm to 9pm at Holy Redeemer Parish, Kensington.

Mary Bennett is a member of St. Patrick's in Rockville. Phil Chimento is a member of St. Rose of Lima in Gaithersburg.

The Justice & Advocacy Council of Montgomery County is an official voice of the Archdiocese of Washington.



St. Bernadette Middle Science Science teacher Gina Riaz attended a three-day QuarkNet workshop held at The Catholic University of America this summer. She learned how to use a cosmic ray detector and about the inner workings of the CERN particle collider in Switzerland. She returns to the new school year armed with a variety of activities her students can do with real world data from the collider with a particular emphasis on our eighth-grade students to use while studying this year's physics unit. Gina is pictured here with Ken Cecire, of QuarkNet and University of Notre Dame, who facilitated this professional development opportunity along with additional professors from The Catholic University of America.

St. Bernadette Parish

70 University Blvd., East
Silver Spring, MD

Rev. Msgr. K. Bartholomew Smith, Pastor
301-593-0357

St. Bernadette School

Mr. Ted Ewanciw, Principal
301-593-5611

Kate Doyle Rodgers, OPT Editor
301-593-5611



Come see what the buzz is all about!

2018-2019 OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

Monday, August 27: 1:00-2:30 PM
Thursday, September 13: 9:30-11:00 AM and 1:00-2:30 PM
Sunday, October 14: 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
Thursday, November 8: 9:30-11:00 AM and 1:00-2:30 PM
Thursday, December 13: 9:30-11:00 AM and 1:00-2:30 PM
Thursday, January 10: 9:30-11:00 AM and 1:00-2:30 PM
Sunday, January 27: 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
Wednesday, January 30: 9:30-11:00 AM and 1:00-2:30 PM
Thursday, February 14: 9:30-11:00 AM and 1:00-2:30 PM
Thursday, March 14: 9:30-11:00 AM and 1:00-2:30 PM
Friday, April 5: 6:00-7:30 PM
Thursday, May 9: 9:30-11:00 AM and 1:00-2:30 PM

The Right Choice is Right Here

St. Bernadette is a Kindergarten through Grade 8 National Blue Ribbon School for girls and boys offering a faith-filled education built with academic excellence developed with a strong community rich with tradition.

We offer a unique House system integrated with a social outreach initiative called "Greater Love."

80 University BLVD East Silver Spring, MD 20901 301-593-5611
www.saintbernadetteschool.org #BeeOurs

10th Annual White Mass
See page 40 for details

Holy Cross Welcomes Director of Development and Admissions

Holy Cross is pleased to welcome Christine Zalewski as the Director of Development and Admissions, a newly created role for this school year. Mrs. Zalewski will be responsible for the development and execution of the school's marketing and development strategic plan.

Although her role is new, Mrs. Zalewski is not a newcomer to Holy Cross. Over the past two years, she supported the marketing goals of the school on a part-time basis while working as the teaching assistant in Kindergarten. Prior to joining the Holy Cross staff, Mrs. Zalewski served as a Manager of Organizational and Leadership Development for a private corporation in the health care field. While this position honed many skills transferable to her new position, she credits her role as the parent of two Holy Cross alumna and her work as a volunteer for many school functions as the best preparation. "As a



We love Holy Cross all year long! Members of the Holy Cross School family showed their school spirit through the summer by snapping and submitting photographs of themselves donning school spirit wear.



parent and volunteer I developed a love for the school. And, my insight into the Holy Cross community will surely be a strong advantage," Mrs. Zalewski explained.

Mrs. Zalewski hit the ground running over the summer by implementing a summer spirit contest. Families were invited to submit photos of themselves enjoying a summer activity while wearing their Holy Cross spirit wear or holding a prepared "I Love Holy Cross" sign. The photos were posted on social media, and all participants will be entered into a drawing to win a new spirit wear item.

Additionally, Mrs. Zalewski

launched a Buddy Family program that partners new families with a Buddy family to help ease the transition to a new school. Buddy families will serve as ambassadors by being a resource, providing an additional point of contact, and helping new families connect with others at Holy Cross. Other priorities will be strengthening the school's social media strategy and improving the on-line experience of cur-

rent and prospective families at the school's website.

Mrs. Zalewski concluded, "I am thrilled to take on this new challenge. At the end of the day, achieving marketing and develop-

ment goals is about helping to fulfill the school's mission to provide the best Catholic education to our children and to grow future leaders that value our guiding principles of faith, scholarship and service."

OPT

Holy Cross Parish
4900 Strathmore Avenue, Garrett Park, MD

Fr. Robert Buchmeier, Pastor
301-942-1020

Holy Cross School
Lisa Maio Kane, Principal
301-949-0053

Lurana Hogan, Parish Editor
l.hogan@hcross.org

Holy Cross School ...
A 2013 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
PreK-3 through 8th Grade



OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

Monday, November 11, 2019
9:00 – 11:00 pm

Sunday, January 26, 2020
1:00 – 3:00 pm

4900 Strathmore Avenue • Garrett Park, MD 20896
www.hcross.org • 301-949-1699

Pastor: Rev. Robert Buchmeier • Principal: Lisa M. Kane




Holy Cross welcomes new faculty this year. Pictured, from left to right, are Lori Kellam, Adele Mathews, Yvie Killian, and Brennan Striegel. Not pictured is Thomas Treadwell.

New Faculty and New Assignments

“We are blessed at Holy Cross. Many of our newly hired or reassigned faculty have been part of the Holy Cross family for years, and they have returned to share their talents with us. It is heartwarming to see how generously our school family continues to enrich our school,” shared Holy Cross Principal, Mrs. Lisa Kane.

Mrs. Yvie Killian, whose two children graduated from Holy Cross, is joining the faculty to teach Middle School Science and Seventh and Eighth-Grade Religion. Mrs. Killian has over twenty-five years of teaching experience with MCPS. She is a very active member of Holy Cross Church where she directs each year's Christmas Pageant.

Miss Helen Brennan Striegel, a 2011 graduate of Holy Cross School, is returning as

our Fifth-Grade teacher. Miss Striegel is a graduate of University of Dayton. She is certified in Elementary Education K-6 and holds additional certifications in reading and teaching students with dyslexia.

Mr. Thomas Treadwell joins our faculty as our new Physical Education teacher. Thomas taught PE at Our Lady of Mercy and has coached basketball for the past five years.

Two members of the staff will take on new assignments this year. Mrs. Lori Kellam, who was the Director of the After Care program since 2017, joins our faculty as the teaching assistant in First Grade. Mrs. Adele Mathews, whose official role was the Kitchen Manager (but who was always on hand to lend a hand whenever one was needed) will join the Kindergarten classroom as the teaching assistant.

OPT



GEORGETOWN PREPARATORY SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY OCTOBER 20, 2019 12-3 PM

Founded in 1789, Georgetown Preparatory School is America's oldest Catholic boarding and day school for young men in grades nine through 12, and the only Jesuit boarding school in the country. Situated on 93 acres in beautiful suburban Washington, D.C., Prep's mission is to form men of competence, conscience, commitment and compassion; men of faith and men for others.

Prep's campus features state-of-the-art academic, athletic and student centers, small classes and a curriculum that prepares its graduates to earn admission to the world's best colleges and universities.

REGISTER ONLINE AT
www.gprep.org/admissions

10900 ROCKVILLE PIKE | NORTH BETHESDA, MD 20852 | 301-493-5000 | WWW.GPREP.ORG



MIND



BODY



SPIRIT



**NOW IS THE
TIME FOR GIRLS.**

To find their voices,
speak their minds,
stand up for their beliefs,
and lead change.

Be Empowered.

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 3

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



The Academy of the
HOLY CROSS

All-Girls, Grades 9-12
4920 Strathmore Ave., Kensington, MD

www.AcademyOfTheHolyCross.org • 301.942.2100

Mercy Welcomes New Staff Members!

We are excited to announce several new additions to our growing school community:

Mark Elliott: Athletic Director, brings an international view to Mercy as Mark has spent more than 20 years teaching in American schools worldwide. We welcome him to Mercy after his latest assignment in China.

Vivian Norse: Inclusion team and Universal Design for Learning (UDL) instructional coach, Vivian joins us from a Washington DC charter elementary school. Vivian completed George Washington University's master's certificate program in Special Education for Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Learners. Prior to teaching, Vivian, a graduate of Georgetown University,

worked in the New York world of finance where she discovered her passion for serving others.

Christina Syski: Christina will be the new co-teacher in kindergarten. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Christina previously taught at Blessed Sacrament and most recently taught kindergarten at St. John Catholic School, Panama City, Florida.

Taryn Veith: Kindergarten small group and academic support, Taryn attended local Catholic schools, including Visitation, and graduated from Manhattan College with a degree in education. She worked for St. Jane's, taught first grade for MCPS, and most recently worked in Boston at MIT in their Sand Box project which supports student innovation by providing seed funding for student-initiated entrepreneurship ideas.

Jane Trinite: Jane will join the pre-kindergarten team. She holds a master's in education with a focus in early childhood from Towson University. Previously, Jane worked as a Head Start teacher and with a Collaborative Autism Preschool Program for MCPS. Jane serves on the board of The Dwelling Place of Montgomery County.

Our Lady of Mercy Parish

9200 Kentsdale Drive
Potomac, MD

Fr. William Byrne, Pastor
301-365-1415

Our Lady of Mercy School
Ms. Deborah Thomas, Principal
301-365-4477

Gerry Burgess, OPT Editor
301-330-5676

OLOM School News

60th Anniversary for Our Lady of Mercy School!

We are overjoyed to be celebrating our school's 60th anniversary this year! In conjunction with the parish, we will be launching new programs and events to mark this very special anniversary, including a 5K run/walk to be held on November 16.

Mercy Expands Differentiated Instruction Through UDL

Mercy's professional development focus this year will be Universal Design for Learning (UDL). This approach to teaching differentiates instruction in the classroom to enrich, extend for gifted and talented students, and support learners with varying needs. At Mercy, we are already blessed to have small groups for language arts and math led by certified teachers; UDL will continue to lead us forward

in science, social studies, and religion. A faculty member from Notre Dame of Maryland University will lead our year-long professional development project and we have hired a mentor/team teacher to help us implement this teaching method. We are proud to offer this unique educational opportunity for all of our individual student learners.

Exciting News for the Science Department!

Mercy's science lab underwent a full renovation this summer! Students will enter a state-of-the-art science classroom when they return in September. Modular desks, new flooring, storage, and lighting, multi-use workspaces, and much more. Additionally, Mercy's science teacher, Mr. Pat Sharp, was recently accepted into the American Meteorology Society (AMS)/NASA/NOAH Datastream Certificate Program which he will begin working towards this fall.

OPT

Mercy Health Clinic Golf Classic

On Monday September 16, the Sixteenth Annual Mercy Health Clinic Golf Classic will take place at Manor Country Club in Rockville. About one hundred golfers will participate, supported by fifteen volunteers. Our Lady of Mercy parishioners Ed Treacy and Phil Dolan have organized the event since its inception. Some of the OLOM supporters who have been involved as players or volunteers have included Ray Chappell, Carole Bittman, Lin and Mary Pearce, Trina Hope, Alvina Long, Agnes Maroshek, Lita Treacy, and Dr. Joe Guire.

Community sponsors include Roberts Oxygen, Adventist Health Care and Vito Services.

Participants include golfers from across the area. The driving range will open at 10 AM for warm up followed by a shotgun start at noon. A box lunch is available. There are many contests on the course including a hole-in-one

for a two year car lease from Sheehy Automotive, men's and women's longest drive and closest to the pin, "Beat the Pro" and hotshot cannon drive as well as prizes for the first and second foursomes with the lowest scores both gross and handicapped. Each golfer also receives a player's gift.

All net proceeds support the mission of Mercy Health Clinic to provide free health care meeting both primary and specialty needs of low-income residents of Montgomery County who have nowhere to turn for their medical needs except expensive emergency care. Last year Mercy served two thousand patients and the need continues to grow. The county provides funding for the clinic through the Montgomery Cares program, approximately sixty percent of the clinic's budget must be raised through other sources including events like the annual golf classic.

For additional information about the Mercy Health Clinic Golf Classic, contact Joan Ronnenberg @mercyhealth-clinic.org or call (240) 773-0332.

OPT

Langley Park Back to School Drive

Another long-standing end of summer tradition at Our Lady of Mercy is the Langley Park School Supply Drive. Our parish partners with St. Elizabeth and St. Camillus to provide school supplies and uniforms for elementary school students who are part of the Catholic Community of Langley Park. Donation boxes were filled to overflowing with many items necessary for students to be prepared to get the new school year off to a good start.

The project has multiple stages. It begins with parishioners placing donations in the collection boxes after church for two weeks before the supplies are delivered. The second stage at Mercy involves volunteers sorting

the donations into boxes and bags of similar items such as notebooks, crayons, binders, pens, pencils, paper, and clothing. Stage three involves transporting and unloading the donations at the Community Center, and Mercy, St. Elizabeth and St. Camillus put together and impressive amount of material to get the kids off to a good start. Once the supplies are organized in the Community Center, they are almost ready. The final step took place on Sunday morning August, 18, when volunteers met in the community center for the final sorting of the supplies. The volunteers were invited to attend the 10:30 AM Mass and help with the distribution that took place between 12 Noon and 2 PM.

OPT

Do Not Suffer in Silence

No one should tolerate abuse. If you have been a victim of child sexual abuse or adult abuse, please contact the Archdiocese of Washington Office of Child and Youth Protection & Safe Environment at 301-853-5328, to receive the assistance you need.

OPT



OUR LADY OF MERCY
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Be inspired. Be challenged. Be you.



Two-time National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

Stop by this fall and discover the difference!

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, October 10
8:30-10:00 am
Pre K - 8th

PRIVATE TOURS

Monday - Friday; all grade levels

SHADOW THE PRIDE DAYS

Monday - Friday; all grade levels
Full or half day

9222 Kentsdale Drive, Potomac, Maryland 20854 ♦ 301-365-4477
www.schoololom.org | schooloffice@olom.org



Left to right Alana Pitcher, Mary Woo, Joan Hosmer, Missy Tally, Johnny Franco

Meet the New Faces at Holy Redeemer

by Magda Mooers

There are several new faces at Holy Redeemer this year.

We are excited to welcome **Joan Hosmer** as the new principal. Mrs. Hosmer has served the Archdiocese of Washington for over twenty years. Before coming to Holy Redeemer, she has served as the principal at Our Lady of Mercy School in Potomac and St. Andrew Apostle School in Silver Spring. Along with her vast experience, Mrs. Hosmer brings her strong faith, dedication to education and serving the needs of every child as well as her strength in and devotion to relationship building to our community. Holy Redeemer looks forward to the new school year under the stewardship of Mrs. Hosmer.

Joining our first-grade team is **Mary Woo**. Mary is joining us from St. John the Evangelist School in Silver Spring where she began her career as a para-educator for a student with Downs Syndrome. Mary taught first grade for six years and has also worked with small groups of fourth graders helping them with reading and math.

Our new PE teacher is **Johnny Franco**. Johnny is a graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania where he played defensive back. After graduation he remained at IUP as coach of the defensive backs and kickoff team. From February through July, he worked as a Defensive Coordinator in the Italian Professional Football League. In addition to working with us as PE teacher, Johnny begins this fall as an assistant football coach at Gonzaga.

Michelle Corcoran, a graduate of Loyola College in Maryland, will be one of our first grade aides. She has worked as a Chief

Instructional Assistant at the Kumon Math and Reading Center in Bethesda and has been an active parent volunteer at her son's school.

We have two new nurses this year. **Alana Pitcher** received her nursing degree from the University of Maryland and she brings a wealth of school nursing experience to us. She served as the Director of Health Services at Stone Ridge School for the past 23 years where she developed and coordinated all aspects of the school health program. Joining Alana is **Missy Tally**. Missy has her nursing degree from Georgetown University where she worked as a general medical floor nurse for several years. She was then head nurse in a private allergy/asthma practice for 25 years before moving this past year to Catholic Charities to work in a day program for adults with developmental disabilities. Alana and Missy will make a great health team.

Holy Redeemer has always been blessed with dedicated teachers and staff. We are pleased to welcome our new and returning faces and look forward to the start of the upcoming school year.

OPT

Holy Redeemer Parish
9705 Summit Avenue
Kensington, MD

Rev. Mark Hughes, Pastor
301-942-2333

Holy Redeemer School
Mrs. Colleen Ryan, Principal
301-942-3701

Monday, September 2
2019 Ride for Vocations

Registration is now open for the 2019 Ride for Vocations! All funds raised on behalf of the Ride for Vocations and Run for Vocations directly benefit vocation promotion and seminarian formation in the Archdiocese of Washington. Register online at dcpriestorg/register-to-ride. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Baugher at baughers@adw.org or 202-636-9020.

OPT



Excellence. Purpose.
HEART.

Stone Ridge
School of the Sacred Heart

Learn more at
WWW.STONERIDGESCHOOL.ORG

Empowering leaders to serve with faith, intellect, and confidence.

Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart is an all-girls, Catholic, independent school located in Bethesda, Maryland, with a co-educational Little Hearts program for children age three months through Kindergarten.

St. Anselm's Abbey School.



Where a **rigorous curriculum** keeps students challenged and engaged.
Where a **warm community** encourages every boy to be himself.
Where dozens of sports, arts, and clubs give rise to **confident leaders**.
Where a strong **Benedictine tradition** grounds values and inspires faith.

Where Bright Boys Become Exceptional Men.



Open House • Sunday, November 3 • 11am to 3pm

Grades 6-12 | 40-Acre D.C. Campus | www.saintanselms.org

Who's New

For the 2019-20 school year, SRS welcomes and introduces new staff. With a background in political science and experience teaching sixth-grade social studies in the Harford County Public Schools, John Henderson, a participant in the ADW certification cohort, joins the middle-school team to teach social studies and seventh-grade religion. Originally from Syracuse, New York, Andrew Price is our physical-education teacher and SPARK instructor who formerly played on the men's soccer team while at Canisius College and also taught third grade at Our Lady of Victory in Washington, D.C.,

for 11 years.

Already familiar to us at SRS, Potomac-native and mom of three children in the school, Molly Nagel brings experience in special and elementary education while serving as resource teacher and assisting as librarian. And for the second half of the year, Rebecca Maurer, back to the D.C. area and expecting her first baby in September, will be returning as SRS music and drama teacher. Also returning is Patty Timm as 4-Plus assistant at St. Raphael Nursery School, having previously worked as a teacher's aide at Montgomery Blair High School, SRNS, and St. Elizabeth School.

OPT



St. Raphael School's theme for the new school year – Shine! – celebrates not only recent accolades received locally and nationally but also reflects on the goodness that is the core of SRS.

St. Raphael Shine!

By Nina Cardillo

This year's St. Raphael theme – Shine! – is a celebration of merits and a reflection of who we are and whose we are...a celebration of the honors received last year for distinguished teaching and leadership awarded by the Archdiocese of Washington as well as the National Catholic Educational

Association. And a celebration of student excellence recognized through scholarships granted to our graduates and achievement of honor roll and honor society by our middle-school students.

We shine, too, with our love for God and His goodness within us, focusing on being children of God and becoming the best versions of ourselves. At St. Raphael, this *shine*

is reflected by committing to God's work in each of us and together, beginning and ending every school day with prayer as we offer to Jesus "all that we think, say, and do" at Morning Prayer and examine our conscience at dismissal with the Act of Contrition. To God be the glory, St. Raphael shine!

OPT



Photo by Susan Wooten

The band is back together: Patty Timm, right, and Susan Wooten reunite this year in St. Raphael Nursery School's 4-Plus Program. Timm assisted Wooten for five years earlier in her career and returns to the familiar role.

What's Ahead

Aug. 27 **Opening Mass** and festivities kick off the new school year.
Sept. 27 **Grandparent's Day**

welcomes grandparents to a special Mass with Archbishop Wilton Gregory, classroom visits, and light reception.

Sept. 29 **St. Raphael Parish Picnic** celebrates our parish feast day with fellowship and food.

Sept. 30 **St. Raphael Golf Classic** remembers Fr. Bill Finch with a day of golf and memorial reception.

Oct. 19 **Angels on the Run 5K** and kids' runs – proceeds benefit the school!

Oct. 21 **SRS K-8 Open House** invites interested parents to a presentation and tour of our campus.

For details about these events and more, visit our website: www.straphaelschoolmd.org

OPT

St. Raphael Parish St. Raphael School

1513 Dunster Road
Rockville, MD

Rev. Michael Salah, Pastor
Teri Dwyer, Principal

MJ Zafis-Garcia,
OPT Editor

301-762-2143

www.straphaels.org
www.straphaelschoolmd.org

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram:
@SRSrockville

St. Raphael Sodality's new year is filled with spiritual growth and renewal

Welcome to the 2019-2020 Sodality year. We hope you had a wonderful and restful summer. We have an exciting year planned ahead and look forward to seeing each of you. We are happy to celebrate Sodality's 25th anniversary this year, and are very fortunate to include Monseigneur Reverend Mike Wilson, the founder of Sodality, in the celebration. Another of our many events will be a virtual tour of

the Holy Land presented by Father Mike Salah. Please watch the bulletin for more announcements and come join the fun.

If you are not currently a member, please consider joining us. To join St. Raphael's Sodality, please send \$25 dues payable to St. Raphael's Church (note Sodality dues in the memo line) to 8702 Laurel Valley Lane, Montgomery Village MD 20886.

OPT

PRO-LIFE

Con't from page 1

as long as it is legally within the state-imposed fetal age limit. With increasing concern on the growing disregard for the life of the unborn, I have consciously explored ways to work for the promotion of "respect for life at all stages."

When my husband, Alfonso, joined the Knights of Columbus at St. Michael the Archangel (Council 15084), he was invited to come on First Saturdays and to pray the rosary outdoors as part of the council's life-activity projects. Serendipitously, he extended the invitation to me and, with curiosity, I accompanied him just to see the abortion clinic. Thinking this to be a short-term project, we slowly got

involved in the activity and thus, every first Saturday, I became a prayer-warrior with them.

Notwithstanding every Saturday, a group of members of the K of C and other like-minded fervent believers gather early in the morning in front of a clinic in Silver Spring. With the rosary as their defense, these amiable men from different parishes fight the "culture of death" by praying the four mysteries of the rosary. Some volunteers wear encouraging messages persuading the undecided clients to call a help line for support. While others walk around or just hand pamphlets, the prayer group continues the rosary with appropriate prayers-of-supplication recited between mysteries for the unwanted/unborn fetuses fighting for life. Among this group are members

of our parish at Church of the Resurrection.

As I observe the volunteers, I begin to learn many other ways to share my knowledge and skills as a retired ultrasound educator to use in working for this movement. In conversation with women volunteers, I get introduced to other interesting activities of the pro-life movement. More recently, at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair in Gaithersburg, my husband and I volunteered to watch the pro-life booth equipped with materials that show the different stages of fetal development for kids to visualize life inside the mother. There are many more ways to promote the culture of life, and those who have been silent proponents are invited to be more active.

OPT

FALL OPEN HOUSE

COME RUN IN OUR FIRST ANNUAL 5K FUN RUN! SEPT. 21, 9 A.M. VISIT OUR SITES FOR MORE INFO!



for boys

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

11811 Claridge Road, Wheaton, MD 20902
301-963-8022 www.avalonschools.org

Reserve your place at the Open House at www.avalonschools.org

For more information call *John J. Acevedo, Director of Admission*, at 301-963-8022 or email him at jacevedo@avalonschools.org

the Avalon School

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1-3 P.M.

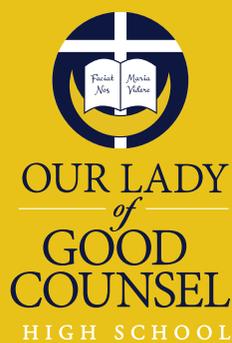
10401 Armory Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895
301-949-7997 www.brookewood.org

Reserve your place at the Open House at www.brookewood.org.

For more information call *Helen Williams, Director of Admission*, at 301-949-7997 or email her at hwilliams@brookewood.org.

Brookewood SCHOOL

for girls



OUR LADY of GOOD COUNSEL HIGH SCHOOL

olgchs.org

Good Counsel is a Catholic, private, co-educational community that inspires each student to excel, serve, and love.

OPEN HOUSE

Join us Sunday, October 27

10a.m. - 1p.m. / 17301 Old Vic Blvd., Olney, MD 20832

come explore

#BeAFalcon

Follow on facebook.com/olgchs / twitter.com/olgchs

instagram.com/olgchs



The St. Jane de Chantal SPRED program held a special May Crowning celebration in May. Participants from left to right: Alex Fidler, Andrew Flaherty, Bill Lawler, Theresa Conley, Michael Hamm, Fr. Keith Burney, Barbara White and Julia Bryson. Photo courtesy of Bill and Lisa Lawler

St. Jane de Chantal SPRED Program Celebrates May Crowning

By Bill Lawler

The SPRED (Special Religious Development) program at St. Jane de Chantal offers an opportunity to persons with special

need to meet, learn about and share their faith and to give thanks for the many different gifts we all have. SPRED was started by families with special needs members and has been together for over 30 years.

From September to May, there is class twice a month and a group prayer service once a month. There are special celebrations as well, including the May Crowning event. Each class includes crafts and song and every year has a different focus. Past themes have included Old Testament stories, Living Sainthood and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. If you, a family member or friend are interested in being part of this special community, please contact Bill and Lisa Lawler at wlawler@msn.com.

OPT

St. Jane de Chantal Parish

9601 Old Georgetown Road
Bethesda, MD

Fr. Samuel C. Giese
Pastor

301-530-1550

St. Jane de Chantal School

Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton

301-530-1221

Susana and Mario Cerritelli,
OPT Editors

St. Jane Thanks Fr. Keith Burney for His Service

In July, Fr. Keith Burney, St. Jane de Chantal Parochial Vicar for the last three years, ended his tenure and moved to a new assignment in another parish in Bethesda. After mass on one of the last Sundays before his departure, the Pastoral Council held a reception in his honor. Parishioners had the opportunity to say farewell and to personally thank Fr. Burney for his service to the parish. Fr. Burney was a leader of both the Youth Group and the Young Adult Group, and he was a big presence in St. Jane de Chantal's school where his visits to the classroom were always received with excitement from students and teachers. He was particularly loved by the second graders, whom he helped prepare for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. A few tears were shed by some second graders upon news of his departure. Fr. Burney's creativity and love for the sacraments led him to start the new tradition of "Carpooling with Jesus". Once a week before the school's afternoon carpool



Photo by Ronda Dever

Parishioners of St. Jane de Chantal Parish had best wishes for Fr. Keith during a farewell reception held in his honor.

departure time, he offered a Holy Hour of adoration and opportunity for confessions to allow busy parents a few minutes with Jesus before returning to their obligations. He will be remembered fondly, and his warm presence

will certainly be missed along with his sense of humor and commanding voice. But parishioners can take solace in knowing that his new assignment is just a few minutes away.

OPT

St. Jane's Fond Farewell to Sally Daniels

After serving for 16 years as St. Jane de Chantal's Director of Religious Education (DRE), along with the responsibility of leading Youth Ministry for the past 5 years, Sally Daniels left the Parish in May to take on a new position in the Archdiocese of Washington DC in the Office of Family Life. At a special farewell party in her honor, Pastor Fr. Giese, took to the stage to praise her hard work and dedication to the Parish. Upon her departure, Sally relayed the following sentiments: "St. Jane de Chantal is a wonderful place to work. There is a wonderful family atmosphere and I will certainly miss serving here. The best part of being Director of Religious Education was working with the children and families, preparing them



Pastor Fr. Giese took to the stage at St. Jane de Chantal to praise Sally Daniel (foreground) for her hard work and dedication to the St. Jane de Chantal Parish for over the past 16 years.

for the Sacraments, and seeing the children each week for CCD coming with smiles and enthusiasm. I have enjoyed working with the volunteer teachers who have served over the years, and I have enjoyed the group of adults I have worked with studying the Bible. It was a joy attending Encounter Service Camp and retreats with the teens, as well as watching them grow into young adults and taking on responsibility. Each group of people that I have worked with has given me new skills and responsibilities, joys and challenges, but in everything, I have found that I see the face of Christ in each person I encounter. I will certainly miss serving the people of St. Jane in my capacity as DRE, yet I also know that service to the people of the Archdiocese will also offer new opportunities to serve God in another capacity. As scripture tells us, there is a time and a season for everything, and I know that God guides us in all circumstances." Sally Daniels will certainly be missed by members of the St. Jane de Chantal Parish, and parishioners wish her the best of luck in her new position.

OPT

More St. Jane de Chantal News on page 22

Trust the NALLS with your real estate needs from Start to Finish.



Find Your Home with...

Tom Nalls, REALTOR®

301-237-5170, O: 301-340-8700
Georgetown Preparatory School, Class of 1978



Settle Your Home with...

John Nalls, Attorney at Law
202-686-0100

Gonzaga College High School, Class of 1982



Get Your Money with...



Joseph Nalls

Loan Officer

301-529-8611

Gonzaga College High School
Class of 1983



Who's New at St. John the Baptist School

St. John the Baptist Catholic School welcomes three, new, well-qualified teachers to take on the responsibilities of teaching first grade, middle-school math, and music.

Ms. Christine Morin will teach first grade. Dr. Elizabeth Garbee will teach middle-school math and help the school develop a STEM program. Ms. Sandi Lewanika will teach music. SJB students and families welcomed the new staff members.

Here are their thumbnail bios.

Ms. Christine Morin – Ms. Morin received her Master's in Arts in elementary education and early-childhood education from St. Mary's College in St. Mary's, Maryland, in 2019. Ms. Morin graduated from St. Mary's as an undergraduate in 2018. She was a student teacher in Kindergarten at White Marsh Elementary in Southern Maryland, and she is a parishioner at Holy Redeemer in Kensington and a graduate of St. John's College High School. At St. Mary's, Ms. Morin was on the All-Academic Team and played basketball. Her passion for teaching started at a young age learning from her mom, who was a para-educator in Montgomery County.

Ms. Morin also credits her "25 little cousins that have inspired me to be a loving and compassionate individual. This will be my first



L-R: Elizabeth Garbee, Sandi Lewanika, Christine Morin

year of teaching and words cannot describe how excited I am to be able to educate students. My goal is for my students to come into class every day with a smile and be excited to learn!"

Dr. Elizabeth Garbee – For Dr. Garbee, teaching in an elementary and middle school will be a career change. Math will be nothing new. For the past two years, Dr. Garbee has been a program asso-

ciate at the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a Mirzayan Policy Fellow at the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine, where she co-authored a book on the integration of arts in STEM. Previously, she was a research assistant at the Risk Innovation Lab of the Consortium for Science Policy and Outcomes and an associate at the Science and Technology Policy

Institute.

Dr. Garbee taught nanoscience and science communication to graduate-level students as an instructor at Arizona State University. In 2018, she received her PhD from Arizona State University in the Human and Social Dimensions of Science and Technology. Dr. Garbee's research focused on the value of a STEM PhD from student and non-academic employer perspectives. She wanted to better understand how to broaden the career possibilities for individuals earning STEM degrees.

In 2014, she received her bachelor's from Oberlin College, where she majored in astrophysics and minored in Classical Greek Literature. She's a certified Suzuki violin teacher, an avid hiker, and a frequenter of used book stores. Dr. Garbee was a math tutor at Pine Creek High School in Arizona. She's enthusiastic about coming to SJB to build a STEM program and teaching math to students in grades 4, 6, 7, and 8.

Ms. Sandi Lewanika – While she was getting her master's degree in Music, Ms. Lewanika taught the History of Jazz to 73 students at the University of Rhode Island, where she was a graduate teaching assistant. She graduated from Xavier University of Louisiana in 2014 with a bachelor's in music and from the University of Rhode Island in

2016 with her master's degree in Music.

Ms. Lewanika has been a substitute teacher in Alexandria public schools for three years. She taught music during and after school at Lafayette Elementary in DC as part of the Children's Chorus of Washington.

Ms. Lewanika has been a collaborative pianist at the International Lyric Academy in Vicenza, Italy, an organist with the Episcopal Church of the Creator in Clinton, Miss., a piano teacher with the Salvation Army in Jackson, Miss., and a music teacher with the ARS/ASLAN Performing Arts Center in Madrid, Spain. She grew up in Mississippi.

OPT

**St. John
the Baptist Parish**
12319 New Hampshire Ave.
Silver Spring, MD
**Rev. Y. David Brault,
Pastor**
301-622-1122
**Brian Blomquist,
Principal**
301-622-3076



stjohnschs

#spirit #fun #friendship
#scholars #lasallian
#cadets #community
#artists #athletes
#leaders #entrepreneurs
#service #creativity
#tradition #teamwork
#innovation #champions
#caring #family
#WeAreStJohns



Add a comment...

SHORT

Con't from page 1

parish editor.

People are the heart of Catholic communities. Welcome to our new pastors, Msgr. Robert Panke, St John Neumann in Gaithersburg and Fr. Justin Huber, Our Lady of Presentation in Poolesville. We are blessed to have several newly ordained priests, Fr Joseph Cwik at St Francis Assisi, Fr. Ebuka Mbanude at Holy Redeemer, Fr. Stefan Megyery at St Elizabeth's, Fr. Patrick Mullan at St Patrick's, Fr. Jan Pietryga at St John the Evangelist, and Fr. Michael Russo, at St Bernadette's. Welcome also new deacons, school principals, teachers and parish staff who will

help us grow in faith and service. Thanks to those who served us well and earned their retirement.

One beloved former pastor who certainly earned retirement is Bishop Mark Brennan formally of St. Martin's in Gaithersburg. Bishop Brennan inspires us with his service. At age seventy, so the story goes, Msgr. Brennan, while pastor at St Martin's, received a call from Pope Francis's representative informing him the Pope wished to make him an auxiliary Bishop and assign him to Baltimore. A surprised Fr. Mark asked if there was some mistake. Surely the caller had the wrong Fr. Mark since he was already seventy and preparing to retire. No mistake, no rocking chair. A new adventure began for this devoted servant known for his

love of the poor. After a year in Baltimore, the Pope again called on this capable and humble priest, now seventy-two, not for retirement, rather to assume the challenging mission to lead the West Virginia Diocese in reform and healing. Bishop Brennan is a great model for each of us, especially we aging Catholics. We do not know for what or when God will summon us! Let's all pray for him.

We start the new school year with hope and enthusiasm. Students, athletes, teachers and parents set goals for the year. Others plan annual parish liturgies and ministries. We look forward inspired with kindness and hope. Yet, we end this summer sadly aware the spirit of kindness is challenged everywhere in our nation and local communities and

hope wanes. Given the increasing trend of demeaning and unkind political and social discourse, we can anticipate a year that will test our Christian values and influence our children's perception of respectful community engagement. In preparation I hope you will join me in reflecting on the importance and urgent need for kindness, not just in today's column, but throughout what may be a transformative year.

Let's reflect on the nature of kindness. Kindness is a virtue. Like all virtues, it involves conscious choice. It's not a matter of DNA and it's not a fleeting emotion. For Christians, it's far more spiritual. Kindness is Christ's voice through the Holy Spirit ever present in our lives. We are given the choice to lis-

ten. If we choose to hear the Voice, we will be inclined to kindness. To grow in kindness, we need to practice the disciplines of kindness.

I wish I were a kinder person, especially when I get behind the wheel of my car! I'm working at it. So far, I've come up with six disciplines to help me become a kinder person. I would welcome any ideas you have.

Practice Availability, the discipline of being aware and present to events and people around us at all times. We cannot be kind to someone if we don't even notice them. Whether family, co-worker, neighbor, restaurant worker, homeless person, all deserve our kindness yet are often invisible to us because we are unavailable to them.

Practice Empathy, the discipline of understanding the conditions and feelings of others. During a class on poverty and food stamps, a fellow student noted to the professor that he often saw food stamp recipients purchasing junk food with food stamps. His view was they should only buy healthy food. Good point, replied the professor, but many of the poor are uninformed about nutritional values and seek practical products which quickly fill empty stomachs. Listen for a moment to the voice of the Holy Spirit and we may understand the stress and conditions that may be present in the lives of others.

Practice Compassion, the discipline of caring deeply and unselfishly for others, especially those who are suffering. Stressing the words "deeply" and "unselfishly"

Practice Charity, the discipline of generously sharing our time, talent and treasure to help those who are in need. Stressing the word "generously".

Practice Forgiveness, the discipline of acknowledging that people make mistakes, sometimes say unkind things. They often feel great remorse for their action. Forgiveness helps them and those they hurt to heal.

Practice Action, the discipline of taking effective steps each day to practice each of these disciplines.

You will find your own guide to kindness when you listen carefully to the voice of the Holy Spirit and allow the breath of Christ to fill your heart.

Kindness today!
Chuck Short,
cshort5@verizon.net



FOR 50 YEARS, FITZGERALD AUTO MALLS HAS EARNED THE TRUST OF OUR CUSTOMERS BY DOING BUSINESS THE FITZWAY

Our ISO 9001 Certification sets us apart from other auto dealers.
It is the highest recognition available for quality with a focus on the customer.
We are the only dealer group in North America with this distinction.

First dealership to be named an
EPA Green Power Partner in the USA

Recipient of the National Capital Business Ethics Award

The nation's largest private
Child Safety Seat Inspection Program



FitzMall.com

Marriage Encounter

Let Jesus multiply the love in your marriage. Strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on October 25-27, 2019 in Gaithersburg. Go to moments-4marriage.org to sign up or call 301-541-7007.

St. Bart's Welcome Seminarian James Glasgow

Seminarian James Glasgow joined us in the latter part of July. James is the third of seven children and grew up in Olney, MD. After graduating high school, he attended The Catholic University of America studying Mathematics and Philosophy. After three years at CUA, James discerned a call to enter seminary and began studies at St. John Paul II seminary the following year. Upon graduating college in 2016, he then began his theological studies in Rome at the Pontifical North American College.



James is slated to be ordained to the diaconate this coming October in Rome. James was delighted to be at St. Bart's this summer with Fr. Knestout –

the very same priest who was assigned to his parish growing up and who he would serve Mass for as an adolescent.

OPT

St. Bart's says YES! To Becoming a Responsive Classroom School

With a quick hand shake and a "It's good to see your face" from Principal Frank English, the teachers hop on board Coughlin's bus, coffee in one hand and the weekly agenda in the other. This marks the first official day "back to work" for many. The trip to the Basilica feels like a short one but the trip back feels a bit longer and substantially quieter as teachers reflect on the readings and statements shared at the Archdiocese of Washington's Catholic Schools Opening Mass. Motivating, affirming, and also sobering because in just one week an entirely new set of students will sit before them. In business school, one is drilled in the S.W.O.T. Analysis – identify the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats-- in any prospective dealing. Now if you are a teacher, multiply this by the number of students in your class, dissect the curriculum before you, and formulate a way to ensure that each and every student will learn and flourish academically, spiritually, and personally.

After a quick lunch and a visit to their classrooms, the teachers



Mr. English greets a group of students during his morning rounds.

OPT

At St. Bart's small class sizes make a big difference, instruction is diversified, the faith-based values last a lifetime, diversity and inclusion is promoted, and self-discovery in a safe, nurturing environment is possible. Last spring when the 2019 Golden Apple Teacher of the Year, Ms. Kerry Parker, asked about the possibility of becoming a Responsive Classroom School, the answer was a resounding, "YES!" from the teachers, administration, and the always supportive St. Bartholomew parents.

reconvene for a crash course in Responsive Classroom, an evidence-based approach to teaching that focuses on engaging academics, positive interpersonal relationships, effective classroom management, and developmental awareness. This framework implies that the curriculum is responsive to all students, and that some change may be necessary to ensure that learning is optimized for all learners.

St. Bartholomew Parish

6900 River Road
Bethesda, MD 20816

Rev. Mark Knestout
Pastor
301-229-7933

St. Bartholomew School
Frank English, Principal
301-229-5586

Frank Maguire, OPT Editor
202-512-8226



Church Hall Renovation Proceeding Apace

Renovation work on the Church Hall is progressing at a good pace but we will not be finished until late September. Flooring, paint colors have been chosen. Installation of lighting is nearly complete. Restrooms have been completely gutted from top to bottom. New floor will go in once the floor is levelled for the new tile.

Our regular Sunday coffee and doughnuts after the 8:30 and 10:00 AM Masses will be relocated and the restrooms in the school building will still be needed on the weekends until work is completed. We are working on schedule despite the delay from asbestos removal taking twice the amount of time expected for abatement.

OPT

Study of Saints (SoS) Book Club

Have you ever prayed for the intercession of a Saint? Oftentimes when we do, we are invariably in need of something. Praying for the intercession of a Saint to ask Jesus the Lord is like sending out an S.O.S. call for help.

In this book club, we will read works by or about Saints. Through this Study of Saints (SoS), we will learn about the martyrs and religious who have dedicated their lives to God and learn what they are the Patron Saints of. By knowing our patron Saints, we can understand

better whose constant intercession we can rely upon in sending our own SOS.

The OsS Book Club meets on fifth Sundays from 3:00-4:00pm in the Delacroix Conference Room at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. The next meeting will be on September 29 to discuss Joan of Arc by Mark Twain, published by Ignatius Press (1989).

Our Lady of Lourdes is located at 7500 Pearl Street at East-West Highway in Bethesda, Md. 20814

OPT



Men fully alive

Fall Open House

Sunday, October 27 from 12:30-4:00 pm

HEADMASTER'S PRESENTATION AT 2:00



Visit The Heights Forum for book reviews, interviews, and articles: heights.edu/forum
A resource for parents and teachers of "Men Fully Alive!"

50
years

1969 - 2019

THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL

THE HEIGHTS IS A PRIVATE, INDEPENDENT, PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR BOYS IN GRADES 3-12 LOCATED IN POTOMAC, MD.

T: 301.765.2093

10400 SEVEN LOCKS ROAD POTOMAC MARYLAND 20854

heights.edu

St. John the Evangelist Parish
 10103 Georgia Ave.
 Silver Spring, MD
 301-681-7663
Rev. Joseph Calis
 Pastor

St. John the Evangelist School
Mrs. Margaret Durney,
 Principal
 301-681-7656
Monica M. Bradford, OPT Editor
 bradfordsm2@comcast.net

New Starts at St. John the Evangelist

The faculty, staff, parents, and students at St. John the Evangelist School are happy to greet a number of new faces at the beginning of this school year. We welcome Mrs. Joann Tschiffely as our new third grade teacher. She is an experienced primary-grades teacher and comes to us with great enthusiasm. Mrs. Constance Sanneman will join our faculty part time to teach Middle School mathematics. She has been an Archdiocesan teacher for several years and loves to teach math. Mrs. Colleen Zarzecki is our new librarian and sixth and seventh grade Religion teacher. Mrs. Jacklyn Price is our new school counselor. She is a certified school counselor



New St John the Evangelist faculty: (L-R) Constance Sanneman, Colleen Zarzecki, Joann Tschiffely

Continued on page 22



St. John the Evangelist School
OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY Nov. 14 8:30-11:30AM 6:00-8:30PM	SUNDAY Jan. 26 11:30-2:00PM	THURSDAY Feb. 13 6:00-8:30PM
---	--	---

SJE Vacation Bible School: A Miracle of Cooperation

After a somewhat uncertain start, the dedicated volunteers of SJE parish put together a wonderful week of Vacation Bible School again this summer. Because some long-time volunteers were unable to help us again this year, whether SJE would even be able to hold VBS was in doubt. Due to the persuasive efforts of the ingenious Sister Roberta Harding, I.H.M., SJE's long-time Director of Religious Education, volunteers stepped up to the plate and made the magic happen yet again.

The theme of this year's VBS was "Around the World in 5 Days".



Grades Pre-K to 8th
 Before- and after-school care
 Low student/faculty ratio
 Nationally-recognized special education program

10201 Woodland Drive
 Silver Spring, MD 20902

www.sjte.org
 (301) 681 7656

When your home needs improvement I CAN HELP.

I am Dan Gannon, and my company is

Gannon Construction & Improvements, Inc.

- Like you, I own a home and know that something always needs to be done.
- I own a company that values its clients.
- We have been helping your neighbors with their needs and would like to help you with yours.
- We take care of windows, roofing, siding, kitchens, and other projects.
- You are invited to look at our jobs in your neighborhood.
- Hope to hear from you.

Call me at 301-455-8626 for a FREE estimate

Gannon Construction & Improvements, Inc.

Licensed, bonded and insured by the Maryland Home Improvement Commission (MHIC#66333).
 All labor is guaranteed for a minimum of one year and in most cases two to five years.

541 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville, MD 20850

Students learned about the theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love as they studied the lives of five different saints and how these virtues were perfected in their lives. They discovered what Jesus taught to bring that virtue into the world as the missionaries every Christian is called to be.

Students learned about the virtue of Faith by looking at the life of St. Juan Diego, the first indigenous person from the Americas to be canonized. In the difficult life of St. Brigid of Ireland, they learned more

about the virtue of Hope. In the life of St. Martin of Porres, the children learned about the virtue of love. On the fourth day, they explored the virtue of love further by learning about St. Nicholas of Myra (otherwise known as Santa Claus!). Finally, students looked to the example of St. Kateri Tekakwitha to learn what they should do with their newfound knowledge of these virtues. As missionaries in their daily lives, like St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the children were fired up to share their faith, give others hope, and reflect God's love in the world.

OPT



Welcome, newly ordained Fr. Stefan Megyery

St. Elizabeth is proud to welcome our new Associate Pastor Fr. Stefan Megyery. Fr. Stefan was born in Berlin Germany and spent his childhood there before his family moved to a small town in Lower Saxony. He is the youngest of three children. Having both, the German and the Hungarian citizenship he is strongly connected with his family in both countries. After finishing High school he studied History, Psychology and Social Science first in Trier, then in Budapest (Hungary) and finished his studies in Berlin. After finishing his studies, he wrote his PhD in History. The process of writing his thesis is deeply connected with his vocation story. In October 2012 he came to the United States



St. Elizabeth's new associate pastor, Fr. Stefan Megyery

for 6 months in order to do research at the National Archives in Washington DC and at the Presidential Libraries of Presidents Truman (in Independence, MO), and Eisenhower (in Abilene, Kansas).

When he came here, priesthood was not at all in his mind but it was during his time here, that his vocation grew and became stronger. This is why, after he had finished his 6-month research stay and had gone back to Germany, he decided to enter the seminary. He was blessed to be accepted as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Washington DC by Cardinal Wuerl. From 2013-2015 he concluded his Pre-Theology program at Saint John Paul II Seminary in Washington DC, and after that

moved to Theological College where he studied Theology. His time in the seminary was a tremendous blessing, for example, he went on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic, had the chance to serve for Pope Francis during his visit to Washington, and took part in a Spanish Immersion Program in Guatemala. This June, he was ordained to the priesthood by our Archbishop Wilton Gregory. Having had parish assignments as a seminarian in Bethesda, Rockville, and Southern Maryland, he looks forward and has already made a tremendous impact at his first assignment as Parochial Vicar at St. Elizabeth in Rockville.

OPT

St Elizabeth Moments



Mrs. Gleason's science camp had a busy day making electronic coloring robots and magnetic slime!



Our incoming Kindergarteners got a headstart at on the year at summer camp.



Rising eighth grader, Sophia Weise, holding up the Leaning Tower of Pisa while in Italy!



Mrs. Penny visiting campers at another fun day at St. E's summer camp.



It's wonderful to welcome our Vice-Principal, Ms. Alicia Jones, to our St. Elizabeth School family! This is going to be a great year

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

Walking with Purpose

Women's Bible Study
Starting this Fall!
Sign up by going to:
stelizabethchurchmd.org/biblestudy

Join us as we explore the core questions that we need to wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us.

- How can I conquer my fears?
- What is the role of the Holy Spirit in my life?
- What does the Eucharist have to do with my friendship with Christ?
- What are the limits of Christ's forgiveness?
- Why and how should I pray?
- What is the role of suffering in my life?
- What challenges will I face in my efforts to follow Jesus more closely?

St. Elizabeth is Walking with Purpose

After having a book club discussion for the book *Walking with Purpose* by Lisa Brenninkmeyer, St. Elizabeth is launching the Bible Study *Opening Your Heart by Walking with Purpose*, this Fall. There are two time options on Monday's and participants in the bible study will

learn how they can conquer their fears, the role of the Holy Spirit in their lives, what the Eucharist has to do with their friendship with Christ, why and how should they pray, among other topics. Registration for the Bible Study is online through the St. Elizabeth parish website.

OPT

Lifelong Parishioner Mary Penny named Principal of St. Elizabeth School

St. Elizabeth School is very happy to welcome Mrs. Mary (McCarthy) Penny as

our new Principal. Mrs. Penny, a life-long St. Elizabeth parishioner, has served as St. Elizabeth School's Director of Admissions and Institutional Advancement and has been our current Vice-Principal. Working closely with administration, faculty, parents, and students, Mrs. Penny has worked on and improved the enrollment, academic programs, safety initiatives, and daily operations. Currently, she is completing the Master of Arts in Leadership in Teaching and the Administration and Supervision Certification program from Notre Dame of Maryland University.

A graduate of St. Elizabeth, Connelly School of the Holy Child, and the University of Notre Dame,

Mrs. Penny understands the value of Catholic education. Her background

Continued on page 22



Mrs. Mary (McCarthy) Penny

St. Elizabeth Parish
917 Montrose Road
Rockville, MD

Msgr. J. Wilfrid Parent
Pastor
301-881-1380

St. Elizabeth School Principal
Vincent P. Spadoni
301-881-1824

Gerry Moore,
OPT Editor
202-887-6475

Saint Elizabeth School
Preschool-8th Grade Blue Ribbon School

*Rich in Faith, Scholarship,
Service and Tradition*

- Challenging Academic Curriculum
- French and Spanish
- Integrated Technology Program
- Variety of Extracurricular & Athletic Programs
- Structured Before & After Care Program
- Music, Art, P.E. & Computer

FALL OPEN HOUSES
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
October 10 November 14 December 12

www.stelizabethschoolmd.org
917 Montrose Road • Rockville, MD 20852
301-881-1824

St. Martin's Parish New Director of Faith Formation

By Emily Moldiz

David Guillen joined St. Martin of Tour's Staff in June 2019 as the new Director of Faith Formation.

Q: Tell us a little about yourself and family.

A: My name is David Guillen. I'm 30 years old, first generation American from a Salvadoran family. My parents have been St. Martin's parishioners for over 35 years. I have an older sister, and a nephew and niece. I've been a part

of the St. Martins family my entire life. For years I helped Religious Ed and the youth and young adult ministries in the parish as a volunteer. I spent the past two years in seminary formation discerning the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Washington.

Q: When did you start at St. Martin's?

A: I started at St. Martin's as an employee 2 months ago, but both as a volunteer and as a seminarian I've "been" at St. Martin's for years.

Q: What are your responsibilities at St. Martin's?

A: I'm responsible for the helping coordinate the faith mission of the parish. In general, this means helping to evangelize and helping parishioners grow in the faith and find spiritual fulfillment in the parish. This means directing Religious Education, youth and young adult ministry, family catechism, assisting the many ministries of the par-



Photo courtesy of St. Martin's Parish.

David Guillen is St. Martin's new Director of Faith Formation.

ish and finding creative ways to help meet the spiritual needs of our parishioners.

Q: Why did you decide to pursue a life/career in Ministry for the church?

A: I owe my faith life to ministry from the Church. In particular, my experience in high school encountering Christ in the Eucharist through my parish's youth ministry program. From that time on I've felt indebted to give back to the Church that has given me so much. What began as a desire to give back, led to a deeper discernment. I realized that Christ was inviting me in a special way to be a part of the mission of His Church through ministry. I'm simply doing my best to respond to His invitation.

Q: Do you have any interesting/funny stories of working in ministry?

A: There are so many that one particular story doesn't jump out. The number of times I've had to take extraordinary lengths to avoid getting pranked by teens come to mind.

Q: What are you most excited about working at St. Martin's?

A: I'm excited to find ways to let our parishioners know their parish cares about them, loves them and wants to help them in their lives. I'm excited to help form teams to respond to the specific faith needs of our parish. I'm excited to work with Fr. Dave, the associate priests, and the entire parish staff to build a bridge between our office and its resources to our parishioners. I'm also super excited for sleepless weekend retreats with our young parishioners, bringing them closer to Christ and surviving on caffeine and the Holy Spirit!

Q: Who is your favorite Saint and why?

A: My favorite saints are Maximilian Kolbe and Oscar Romero. They both are very tangible examples for me. Both were "modern" men who understood their place and mission and ultimately gave their lives for it. In particular, Oscar Romero is special for the personal experience my grandmother and parents had with him.

OPT

St. Martin of Tours Parish
201 South Frederick Ave.
Gaithersburg, MD
Fr. David Wells,
Parish Administrator
301-990-3203
St. Martin School
Stephen Lamont, Principal
301-990-2441
Catherine Cooksey,
Parish Editor
240-477-8706
www.smsmd.org






ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PreKindergarten through 8th Grade

FALL OPEN HOUSES
OCTOBER 18
NOVEMBER 19
9:00 - 11:00 AM

Academic Excellence
Faith Centered Mission
Dedicated Faculty
Caring Community
Diverse Student Body
21st Century Technology
Performing Arts
After Care Program
Clubs & Sports



Take-a-Tour Tuesdays
8:30 am - 1:30 pm
No Appointment Necessary

Please contact us at 301-990-2441 or at office@smsmd.org.
115 S. Frederick Ave. Gaithersburg, MD 20877
www.smsmd.org

It pays to advertise in Our Parish Times



Photo courtesy of St. Martin's

Campers show off the flower crowns they made during Renaissance Week at St. Martin's Summer Camp.



Photo courtesy of St. Martin's

Campers experiment with chemical reactions, creating an erupting volcano from a watermelon.

A Summer Blast at St. Martin's School

By Anne Gemunder

Throughout the school year, our students are immersed in environments that foster their education and contribute to their development. Come summer, camp offers another unique venue for growth, teaching students new skills, helping them to become independent and self-confident, and present opportunities for new friendships to form.

This summer, St. Martin's teachers offered students six exciting weeks of camp, each with a different theme. Campers created castles and catapults, danced around a maypole, and engaged in pretend medieval sword fighting during Renaissance week. During Health and Movement week, they practiced first aid basics while making their own kits, whipped up healthy foods, and used their STEM minds to engineer an

obstacle course. Students constructed miniature Ancient Wonders of the World, prepared food-truck treats, and took a walking tour through Olde Town Gaithersburg during Cityscape week. Each week, campers enjoyed an entertaining Thursday Morning Kids Concert at Gaithersburg's City Hall Pavilion. Students who are new to SMS had a chance to get to know some teachers and form new friendships; for current students, relationships were strengthened.

Our campers had fun getting out of their comfort zone and taking some risks with their skills. Our parents appreciated camp as a distraction-free option, which allowed time for kids to kick the tires on a new interest. Our teachers hope to offer this incredible opportunity to learn new skills, have fun, and stretch campers' imaginations again next year.

OPT

The New Discovery Center at OLOL Promotes 21st Century Learning

By Bridget Launi

During the summer months, schools are always abuzz preparing for the new school year. This year has been no exception at Our Lady of Lourdes. Over the summer, workers have been busy transforming a former first grade classroom into a new space called the Discovery Center. Centrally located in the school, this new space will promote STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) activities and innovative learning for our youngest students through Grade Eight.

The Discovery Center has received a complete makeover, including new LED lighting, window shades, a 65" tv, new walls, flooring, furniture, and cabinets. Perhaps even more exciting than these changes are the STEAM products that students will find there. New products include: 30 iPad



Some of the new products for the Discovery Center.

Airs and keyboard cases, Sphero Robots, Cubelets Robot Blocks, littleBits Modular System, Osmo Learning System, and Bloxels EDU.

Teachers are excited to share this space with their students and will be taking an active role in designing new opportunities for student engagement and learning. The Discovery Center will enable its users to develop 21st century skills including collaboration, creativity, communication, and critical thinking.

This is such an exciting time at Our Lady of Lourdes as we prepare for the new school year and all the learning that will occur. Teachers are looking forward to learning alongside their students as all of us seek knowledge and answers to questions in a fun and innovative way in our new Discovery Center.



A summer work in progress. Former classroom being transformed into the new Discovery Center at OLOL.

OPT

50-Year Class Reunion for Former OLOL Students and Alumni Shout-Out

By Nan Kiyonaga

The OLOL Class of 1969 will be holding a 50th Class Reunion in Fall 2019. Members of the Class of 1969 are busy contacting former classmates and excitedly planning for the event. Anyone interested in attending the reunion or helping to organize the event should contact Nan Kiyonaga at the school at nkiyonaga@bethesda-lourdes.org.



OLOL Cafeteria Scene from Days Gone By

Our Lady of Lourdes School is working diligently to update their Alumni database in order to help bring together generations of Our Lady of Lourdes School Alumni who share that special OLOL bond. Please update your contact information on our school website by clicking on the Alumni Tab. We are always interested in hearing from our alumni whether it is to organize a class reunion, to listen to or read stories about their time at OLOL, or answer requests for school tours. Help us keep you informed of current school events, news and updates from former classmates and faculty of Our Lady of Lourdes School, and any class reunion plans underway. We love to hear from you!

Questions? Please contact the school at 301-654-5376 or send an e-mail to Nan Kiyonaga at Lourdes at nkiyonaga@bethesda-lourdes.org.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

OPT

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

7500 Pearl Street
Bethesda, MD

Msgr. Edward Filardi, Pastor
301-654-1287

Ms. Amy Moore, Principal
301-654-5376

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School

A 2015 National Blue Ribbon School

FALL OPEN HOUSE DATE: October 22, 2019
~ 9:30-11:30 AM & 1:00-2:30 PM



2019-2020 TOUR DAYS

November 19, December 17, February 27, May 13

School tours available between 9-11 AM & 1-2:30 PM

Call 301-654-5376 or go online to <http://bit.ly/OLOLTour> to reserve your tour.



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School provides a solid foundation in the Catholic faith, fosters academic excellence, and educates children to be successful leaders who serve the world.

- Since 1941, proudly providing Catholic faith-based education and curriculum for students in preschool 3's through 8th grade.
- NEW Discovery Center provides opportunities for hands-on experiences with open ended-materials that integrate STEM components and correlate to our standards.
- Resource center and support programs
- Enrichment classes (before & after school) include: Latin, Italian, Math and Science.
- Extracurricular activities include: CYO sports, drama club, band program, children's choir and more!
- Licensed after care program

At Our Lady of Lourdes, the door to a Catholic education is always open. Come in and see the difference traditional Catholic values, a strong, inclusive community, and an exceptional faculty and staff can make in your child's life.

Our Lady of Lourdes Welcomes New Seventh-Grade Teacher

Our Lady of Lourdes School is fortunate to be welcoming back all but one of our teachers from last year. Thus, we only have one new teacher joining the staff this year and we are so happy to have her coming on board.

Ms. Maria Vivanco will be the new 7th grade homeroom teacher. She comes to us from Northern Virginia with 7 years of teaching experience in the Diocese of Arlington. Ms. Vivanco attended Marymount University



New Seventh-Grade Teacher Ms. Maria Vivanco.

for her undergraduate studies and received her master's in Curriculum and Instruction from George Mason University. Having been a student and a teacher in the Diocese of Arlington, she is thrilled to continue sharing her love for her faith at Our Lady of Lourdes. Ms. Vivanco can be caught cheering on the Redskins during football season and reading during her free time. She is looking forward to joining the great community that is OLOL.

OPT

Archbishop Carroll HIGH SCHOOL
 4300 Harewood Rd., NE Washington, DC 20017
 Larry Savoy, President
 Elana Gilmore, Principal
 Michael Powell, Sr., Director of Admissions
 202-529-0900 ext 135

CO-ED
 Highly competitive athletic programs: Football, Basketball, Cross-Country, Track & Field, Soccer, Volleyball, Lacrosse, Baseball and Softball
WCAC
LIONS Green & Gold

SPECIALIZED Educational Programs
JIM VANCE MEDIA PROGRAM
 Project Lead the Way
 STEM/Engineering
 International Baccalaureate
 Fine Arts

OPEN HOUSE
Sunday October 27
 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Freshman Early Decision Appl. Deadline **DEC 14**
 Financial Aid Application Deadline **JAN 31, 2020**
 Admission Notification **FEB 2020**
 Registration Deposit Due **Mid-March 2020**

Freshman Class Size: 125 • Tuition: \$14,788 • KNOW • LOVE • SERVE • www.achsd.org

the Avalon School
 Richard B. McPherson President
 Kevin J. Davern Headmaster
 John J. Acevedo Director of Admission
 11811 Claridge Road, Wheaton, MD 20902
 301-963-8022 www.avalonschools.org

Boys Grades K-12
 Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Soccer
Competitive Athletics Program

Open House
Sunday, November 3
 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Steps to Admission:
 • Application
 • Shadow Visit
 • Teacher Recommendation
 • Transcript
 • Family Interview

Application Deadline **Rolling Admission**
 Notification of Admission **Rolling Admission**

For information: John J. Acevedo @ 301-963-8022

Avg. Class Size: 15 • Academic Kindergarten Half Day \$4,100 Full Day \$8,275 • Gr. 1-2 Lower \$8,275 • Gr. 3-5 Elementary \$13,200 • Gr. 6-8 Middle \$14,700 • Gr. 9-12 Upper \$16,500

Brookewood School
 Richard B. McPherson President and Headmaster
 R.J. Hawley Executive Director
 Helen Williams Director of Admission
 10401 Armory Avenue, Kensington, MD 301-949-7997 www.brookewood.org

Girls Grades 1-12
 Basketball, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Volleyball
Bengals Blue & White

Special Programs
 Small Classes • Personal Attention • Content-Oriented Curriculum • Advanced Placement (AP) Courses • Latin • Spanish • Advanced Mathematics Program • Full Religion Program • Actors Guild • Poetry • Journalism • Dress Code • Transportation • Interscholastic Sports • Co-ed Kindergarten

Open House
Saturday November 2
 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Steps to Admission:
 Shadow Visit
 Application
 Transcript
 Recommendation
 Family Interview

Application Deadline **Rolling Admission**
 Notification of Admission **Rolling Admission**

Average Class Size: 13 • Tuition: Grades 1-2 \$8,275 Grades 3-5 \$12,800 Grades 6-8 \$14,450 Grades 9-12 \$15,900 • For more information: Helen Williams 301-949-7997

DeMatha Catholic High School
 4313 Madison Street, Hyattsville, MD 20781
 Fr. James Day, O.S.S.T., President
 Dr. Daniel McMahon, Principal
 Mr. Tommy Paolucci, Admissions Director
 www.dematha.org • 240-764-2210

Boys
 Wide range of co-curricular activities including 15 competitive interscholastic sports teams, and numerous clubs and organizations moderated by faculty.

Curriculum
 College Prep, Honors, Advanced Placement level courses to meet needs of a diverse student body.

Open House
Sunday, Nov. 3
 11:00 a.m.

Entrance Exam: **Archdiocesan HSPT** required

Freshman Application Deadline **December 15**
 Financial Aid Application Deadline **December 15**
 Freshman Notification of Admission **Feb. 2020**
 Registration Deposit Due **Mid-March 2020**

Freshman Class Size: 215 • Tuition: \$18,850 • Application / Financial Aid: Admissions Office 240-764-221015

ES Elizabeth Seton High School
 Sr. Ellen Marie Hagar '74 President
 Melissa Davey Landini '99 Dean of Admissions
 5715 Emerson Street Bladensburg, MD 20710
 301-864-4532 www.setonhs.org

Girls
 Basketball, soccer, volleyball, softball, golf, swimming, crew, cross country, lacrosse, indoor and outdoor track, tennis, field hockey, cheerleading and dance.
Washington Catholic Athletic Conference
Roadrunners
 Scarlet, Gold, and White

Pre-Career Programs
 Engineering & Design Law, Health Science / Pharmacy, Hospitality & Tourism
AP & Honors Courses
Scholars Program
 Small classes and personal attention

Open House
Sunday, November 3
 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Entrance Exam: **Archdiocesan** test results required.

Schedule a Shadow Day Online

Application Deadline **December 12**
 Archdiocesan Financial Aid Application **Required**
 Notification of Admission **February 20**
 Registration **March 14**

Total Enrollment 603 Students • Tuition \$15,250

Georgetown Preparatory School
 10900 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD 20852
 www.gprep.org 301-493-1215
 Rev. James R. Van Dyke, S.J., President
 John Glennon Jr., Headmaster
 Brett Graham '92, Admissions Director

Boys
15 Interscholastic Sports
Over 20 Clubs and Organizations
Hoyas Blue & Gray

College Placement:
 Virginia • Yale
 Notre Dame
 Georgetown
 Harvard
 U.S. Naval Academy
 Boston College
 Duke • Princeton
 Penn • Stanford

Open House
Sunday, October 20
 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
 REGISTER ONLINE

Admissions Process: Please visit www.gprep.org to set up your admissions account. Also, be sure to set up your Hoyas-for-a-Day visit.

Application Deadline **Jan. 7, 2020**
 Supplemental & Aid Deadline **Jan. 21, 2020**
 Notification of Admission **Feb. 21, 2020**
 Registration Deposit Due **March 13, 2020**

Tuition: Day: \$38,330 Boarding: \$62,090 • Forming Men of Competence, Conscience, Commitment & Compassion; Men of Faith, Men for Others since 1789

Gonzaga College High School
 19 Eye St., NW, Washington, DC 20001
 Rev. Stephen W. Planning, S.J., President
 Mr. Thomas K. Every II, Headmaster
 Mr. Andrew C. Battaile, Dean of Admissions
 202-336-7101

Boys
 7 Freshman, 16 Junior Varsity, and 17 Varsity Sports
Washington Catholic Athletic Conference
Eagles Purple & White

Special Programs
 Comprehensive advanced placement, band, choral arts, internet applications, earth systems, science laboratory.

Open House
Sunday November 24
 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Entrance Exam: **Archdiocesan** test results are required.

Application Deadline **December 11**
 Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **Jan. 10, 2020**
 Notification of Admission **Feb. 27, 2020**
 Registration Deposit Due **March 13, 2020**

Freshman Class Size: 245 • The Catholic, Jesuit school located in the heart of our nation's capital city. • Tuition: \$23,550

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL HIGH SCHOOL
 A Xaverian Brothers Sponsored School
 17301 Old Vic Boulevard Olney, MD 20832
 Paul G. Barker Ed. D., President
 Thomas Campbell '93, Principal
 Maria Nichols '04, Director of Admissions
 Admissions@olgchs.org
 www.olgchs.org

COED
 Offering a comprehensive college prep curriculum including the IB Program, AP and Honors courses, the STEM Program, and the Ryken Program.

Home of the Falcons
 Extensive co-curricular activities, 54 sport teams, Performing Arts, Speech & Debate and over 55 cultural and academic clubs.
 Member of the W.C.A.C.

Open House
Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019
 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Prospective Parent INFORMATION NIGHT
 Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019
 7:00 PM

Freshman Application Deadline **Dec. 13, 2019**
 Freshman Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **Dec. 13, 2019**
 Freshman Notification of Admission **Feb. 20, 2020**
 Freshman Registration **Friday, March 13, 2020**

Tuition \$24,215

CONNELLY SCHOOL OF THE HOLY CHILD
 9029 Bradley Boulevard, Potomac, MD 20854
 Shannon Gomez, Ed.D. Head of School
 Meghan Burke Cross Director of Enrollment Management
 301-365-0955
 www.holychild.org • admissions@holychild.org

Girls 6 - 12
 Field Hockey, Cross Country, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball, Golf, Equestrian, Basketball, Swimming, Diving, Lacrosse, Softball, Track, Dance Team, Ice Hockey
Independent School League Artificial Turf Field
Tigers • Blue & Gold

Special Programs
 • College Prep Curriculum
 • Internship and Entrepreneurial Programs
 • Online School for Girls
 • AP & Honors Courses
 • Fine Arts & Performing Opportunities
 Our student/faculty ratio is 7:1

Open Houses
Upper School
 Saturday, October 26 10:30-1:30pm
 Online Registration for visit days begins in September

Entrance Examinations:
Upper School
 SSAT • In-house achievement test for grades 6-8

Application Deadline & Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **UPPER SCHOOL December 8**
MIDDLE SCHOOL February 1

Notification of Admission: **UPPER SCHOOL End of February**
MIDDLE SCHOOL Mid March
 Reg. Deposit Due: **Mid March**

340 Students • Tuition Grades 9-12 \$34,2500 • Book Fee \$390 • Technology Fee Grade 9 \$1,300 Grades 10-12 \$470

Area High School Open House Dates

Class of 2024

The Academy of the Holy Cross
 4920 Strathmore Ave., Kensington, MD 20895
 Kathleen Prebble, President
 John Sullivan, Principal
 Jordyn Brock, Admissions
 301-942-2100 • www.academyoftheholycross.org

Girls
 Basketball, bocce, crew, cross-country, equestrian, field hockey, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, poms/cheer, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, Washington Catholic Athletic Conference
Tartans • Lavender & White

Special Programs
 AP & Honors Courses
 Project Lead the Way Engineering
 Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment
 Senior Project Internship

Open House
Sunday, November 3
 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Entrance Exam **HSPT**
 (Offered at Holy Cross Dec. 7, 2019)

Application Deadline **Dec. 9, 2019**
 Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **Jan. 6, 2020**
 Notification of Admission **February 2020**
 Registration Deposit Due **March 6, 2020**

Freshman Class Size: 120 • Tuition: \$26,300 • Financial Aid: 301-942-2100

OAKCREST SCHOOL
 1619 Crowell Road, Vienna, VA 22182
 Dr. Mary T. Ortiz, Head of School
 Cynthia Bertolini, Director of Admissions and Enrollment Management
 703-790-5450

Academic Excellence
 6:1 student-teacher ratio
 Rigorous Curriculum
 16 AP Courses

Faith-Character
 Daily Mass
 1-to-1 mentoring
 Virtue-Based Workshops

Extracurriculars
 19 Teams
 17 Sports
 Beautiful fields on 23-acre campus
 Show Productions
 Over 25 Clubs

Bus Transportation
 available from Maryland and Virginia
 Lunch Service

Application Deadlines
 Upper School January 17
 Middle School January 30
 Financial Aid Application Due **February 3**

Open House
 Saturday October 19
 2:00 to 5:00 pm
Oakcrest.org

An independent school for girls in grades 6-12 • Freshman Class Size: 30 • Tuition: US \$28,270 / MS \$26,960

ST. ANSELM'S ABBEY SCHOOL
 4501 SOUTH DAKOTA AVE, NE WASHINGTON, DC 20017
 Bill Crittenberger Headmaster 202-269-2350
 Peter Young, '01 Director of Admissions 202-269-2379
 admissions@saintanselms.org www.saintanselms.org

Boys
 Soccer, Cross Country, Basketball, Swimming, Wrestling, Tennis, Baseball, Track, Lacrosse, Golf, Fencing
Potomac Valley Athletic Conference
Panthers

Special Programs
 Challenging academic program for students of above average ability in grades 6-12

Open House
Sunday November 3
 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Benedictine School

Entrance Exam Dates **November 16**
January 11
February 8
 Exam also offered by appointment

Application Deadline **Rolling**
 Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **Feb. 3, 2020**
 Admission Notification **Feb. 21, 2020**
 Registration Deposit Due **March 13, 2020**

Freshman Class Size: 45 • Tuition: \$28,700 Middle; \$29,700 Upper • Financial Aid: Ms. Ieva Young @ iyoung@saintanselms.org

SJC ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL
 Mr. Jeffrey W. Mancabelli, President
 Mr. Christopher J. Themistos, Principal
 Mrs. Susan Hinton, Director of Admissions
 202-363-2316 • www.stjohnschs.org
 2607 Military Road, NW, Chevy Chase, DC 20015

Coed
 Coed: crew, cross country, equestrian team, golf, rifle team, swimming, track, female basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis, volleyball, Male: baseball, basketball, ice hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, wrestling, rugby.
WCAC
Cadets Scarlet & Grey

Special Programs
 Scholars Program • Benilde Program • 1:1 Technology Program (iPads) • Cadet Corps (optional) • Entrepreneurial Center for Innovation & Social Impact • New Visual & Performing Arts Wing • New Student Center

Open House
Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019
 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Entrance Exam **Archdiocesan HSPT** results are required.

Application Deadline **Dec. 6, 2019**
 Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **Jan. 31, 2020**
 Notification of Admission **Feb. 27, 2020**
 Registration Deposit Due **March 14, 2020**

Tuition: \$20,675

SAINT JOHN'S CATHOLIC PREP
 Dr. Thomas Powell, President
 Will Knotek, Principal
 Kelly Weeks
 Director of Enrollment
 3989 Buckeystown Pike Buckeystown, MD 21717
 E-mail: kweeks@saintjohnsprep.org • 301-662-4210

Special Programs
 Guaranteed College Admission & Scholarship Program • Mount Saint Mary's Senior Year Partnership • Seton Scholars Program • AOPA • 19 athletic teams • Over 20 clubs • Coed • Buses from Montgomery Co.

VIKINGS
 Green, Gold & White
 Founded in 1829

Open House
Sunday November 4
 1:00-3:00PM

HSPT or Institutional Testing **Required**

Class of 2019 **5.1million in scholarships**

Financial Aid & Scholarship Deadline **December 20**
 Notification of Admission **February 20**

School Size: 300 • Tuition: \$16,900 • Financial Aid: Kelly Weeks kweeks@saintjohnsprep.org • www.saintjohnsprep.org

ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI HIGH SCHOOL
 113 St. Mary's Place, Laurel, MD 20707
 Mr. Jeffrey Palumbo, President/Principal
 Mrs. Stacy Springer, Director of Admissions
 301-725-3228 Ext. 2202 www.pallottihs.org

Coed
 Over 20 varsity athletic teams: Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA)-Men Interscholastic Athletic Association of Maryland (IAAM)-Women

Grades 9-12 College Prep Curriculum
Honors & AP Courses
 96% College Placement
 Accelerated & Computer Science Programs
Visual & Performing Arts Program
Learning Center

Open House
Sunday, Nov. 3
 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Visit the web site for 2020-2021 application!

Admissions Application Deadline **Dec. 13, 2019**
 Financial Aid Application Deadline **Jan. 3, 2020**

400 Students
 1:11 Teacher Student Ratio

Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart
 Catherine Ronan Karrels '86, Head of School
 9101 Rockville Pike • Bethesda, MD 20814
 301-657-4322
 www.stoneridgeschool.org

Girls Grades 1-12 (Coed PS-K)
 Basketball, crew, cross country, equestrian, field hockey, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, squash, swimming/diving, tennis, track & field and volleyball

Special Programs
 Honors/AP Courses
 1:1 Laptop
 Social Action
 Exchange Program
 STEAM Certificate

Open House
Upper School (Grades 9-12)
Sunday, Oct. 20
 12:30 – 3:00 pm

Required Entrance Exam: **SSAT**
 Register at www.ssat.org (School Code: 7494)

Application Deadline **Dec. 6, 2019**
 Financial Aid Deadline **Jan. 15, 2020**
 Decision Notification **Feb. 28, 2020**
 Contract Due Date **March 13, 2020**

Freshman Class Size: 100 • Tuition: \$37,100 • Financial Aid Available

THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL
 10400 Seven Locks Rd., Potomac, MD 20854
 Alvaro J. de Vicente, Headmaster
 Richard S. Moss, Director of Admissions
 301-765-2093 • admissions@heights.edu
 www.heights.edu

Boys 3-12
 The Heights forms "men fully alive" through a rigorous curriculum implemented with a highly personal approach to education and character.

Challenging liberal arts; innovative science and math; small classes; individual mentorship; WCAC Athletics; extensive extracurriculars; rich sacramental life.

Open House
Sunday, October 27
 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Admissions: Call us any time or visit our website at www.heights.edu/admissions for an overview of our application process.

Upper School Applicants Admissions Deadline **Jan. 10, 2020**
 Admissions/FA Notification **Feb. 27, 2020**
 Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **Jan. 10, 2020**
 Enrollment Deadline **March 13, 2020**

Freshman Class Size: 65 • Financial Aid: Phil McGovern (CF0) 301-365-4300

Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School
 Dr. Barbara McGraw Edmondson, Head of School
 Mary Kate Blaine, Principal
 Janet Donnelly Keller, Director of Admissions
 Tel: 202.337.3350
 Fax: 202.342.5733 • www.visi.org
 1524 Thirty-fifth Street NW Washington, DC 20007

Girls 9-12
 A Catholic High School in the Salesian Tradition Educating Women of Faith, Vision, and Purpose Since 1799 • Small Class Sizes • 100% College Acceptance • Bridge Program at Georgetown • AP & Honors • Extensive Service Program • ISI Champion Athletics • Dynamic Performing and Fine Arts • Strong STEAM Focus • More than 50 Clubs
Cubs • Gold, White & Green

Open House
Saturday October 19, 2019
 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Entrance Exam **HSPT**
 (Offered at Visitation Dec. 7, 2019)

Freshman Application Deadline **Dec. 6, 2019**
 Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **Jan. 6, 2020**
 Freshman Notification of Admission **Feb. 21, 2020**
 Registration Deposit Due **Mid-March 2020**

Freshman Class Size: 130 • Tuition: \$31,200 • Financial Aid: Janet Keller @ 202.337.3350 ext. 2241

Archbishop Carroll HIGH SCHOOL
 4300 Harewood Rd., NE Washington, DC 20017
 Larry Savoy, President
 Elana Gilmore, Principal
 Michael Powell, Sr., Director of Admissions
 202-529-0900 ext 135

CO-ED
 Highly competitive athletic programs: Football, Basketball, Cross-Country, Track & Field, Soccer, Volleyball, Lacrosse, Baseball and Softball
WCAC
LIONS Green & Gold

SPECIALIZED Educational Programs
JIM VANCE MEDIA PROGRAM
 Project Lead the Way
STEM/Engineering
 International Baccalaureate
 Fine Arts

OPEN HOUSE
Sunday
October 27
 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Freshman Early Decision Appl. Deadline **DEC 14**
 Financial Aid Application Deadline **JAN 31, 2020**
 Admission Notification **FEB 2020**
 Registration Deposit Due **Mid-March 2020**

Freshman Class Size: 125 • Tuition: \$14,788 • KNOW • LOVE • SERVE • www.achsd.org

the Avalon School
 Richard B. McPherson President
 Kevin J. Davern Headmaster
 John J. Acevedo Director of Admission
 11811 Claridge Road, Wheaton, MD 20902
 301-963-8022 www.avalonschools.org

Boys Grades K-12
 Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Soccer
Competitive Athletics Program

Open House
Sunday, November 3
 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Steps to Admission:
 • Application
 • Shadow Visit
 • Teacher Recommendation
 • Transcript
 • Family Interview

Application Deadline **Rolling Admission**
 Notification of Admission **Rolling Admission**

For information: John J. Acevedo @ 301-963-8022

Avg. Class Size: 15 • Academic Kindergarten Half Day \$4,100 Full Day \$8,275 • Gr. 1-2 Lower \$8,275 • Gr. 3-5 Elementary \$13,200 • Gr. 6-8 Middle \$14,700 • Gr. 9-12 Upper \$16,500

Brookewood School
 Richard B. McPherson President and Headmaster
 R.J. Hawley Executive Director
 Helen Williams Director of Admission
 10401 Armory Avenue, Kensington, MD 301-949-7997 www.brookewood.org

Girls Grades 1-12
 Basketball, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Volleyball
Bengals Blue & White

Special Programs
 Small Classes • Personal Attention • Content-Oriented Curriculum • Advanced Placement (AP) Courses • Latin • Spanish • Advanced Mathematics Program • Full Religion Program • Actors Guild • Poetry • Journalism • Dress Code • Transportation • Interscholastic Sports • Co-ed Kindergarten

Open House
Saturday
November 2
 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Steps to Admission:
 Shadow Visit
 Application Transcript
 Recommendation
 Family Interview

Application Deadline **Rolling Admission**
 Notification of Admission **Rolling Admission**

Average Class Size: 13 • Tuition: Grades 1-2 \$8,275 Grades 3-5 \$12,800 Grades 6-8 \$14,450 Grades 9-12 \$15,900 • For more information: Helen Williams 301-949-7997

DeMatha Catholic High School
 4313 Madison Street, Hyattsville, MD 20781
 Fr. James Day, O.S.S.T., President
 Dr. Daniel McMahon, Principal
 Mr. Tommy Paolucci, Admissions Director
 www.dematha.org • 240-764-2210

Boys
 Wide range of co-curricular activities including 15 competitive interscholastic sports teams, and numerous clubs and organizations moderated by faculty.

Curriculum
 College Prep, Honors, Advanced Placement level courses to meet needs of a diverse student body.

Open House
Sunday, Nov. 3
 11:00 a.m.

Entrance Exam: **Archdiocesan HSPT** required

Freshman Application Deadline **December 15**
 Financial Aid Application Deadline **December 15**
 Freshman Notification of Admission **Feb. 2020**
 Registration Deposit Due **Mid-March 2020**

Freshman Class Size: 215 • Tuition: \$18,850 • Application / Financial Aid: Admissions Office 240-764-221015

ES Elizabeth Seton High School
 Sr. Ellen Marie Hagar '74 President
 Melissa Davey Landini '99 Dean of Admissions
 5715 Emerson Street Bladensburg, MD 20710
 301-864-4532 www.setonhs.org

Girls
 Basketball, soccer, volleyball, softball, golf, swimming, crew, cross country, lacrosse, indoor and outdoor track, tennis, field hockey, cheerleading and dance.
Washington Catholic Athletic Conference
Roadrunners
 Scarlet, Gold, and White

Pre-Career Programs
 Engineering & Design Law, Health Science / Pharmacy, Hospitality & Tourism
AP & Honors Courses
Scholars Program
 Small classes and personal attention

Open House
Sunday, November 3
 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Entrance Exam: **Archdiocesan** test results required.

Schedule a Shadow Day Online

Application Deadline **December 12**
 Archdiocesan Financial Aid Application **Required**
 Notification of Admission **February 20**
 Registration **March 14**

Total Enrollment 603 Students • Tuition \$15,250

Georgetown Preparatory School
 10900 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD 20852
 www.gprep.org 301-493-1215
 Rev. James R. Van Dyke, S.J., President
 John Glennon Jr., Headmaster
 Brett Graham '92, Admissions Director

Boys
15 Interscholastic Sports
Over 20 Clubs and Organizations
Hoyas Blue & Gray

College Placement:
 Virginia • Yale
 Notre Dame
 Georgetown
 Harvard
 U.S. Naval Academy
 Boston College
 Duke • Princeton
 Penn • Stanford

Open House
Sunday, October 20
 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
 REGISTER ONLINE

Admissions Process: Please visit www.gprep.org to set up your admissions account. Also, be sure to set up your Hoyas-for-a-Day visit.

Application Deadline **Jan. 7, 2020**
 Supplemental & Aid Deadline **Jan. 21, 2020**
 Notification of Admission **Feb. 21, 2020**
 Registration Deposit Due **March 13, 2020**

Tuition: Day: \$38,330 Boarding: \$62,090 • Forming Men of Competence, Conscience, Commitment & Compassion; Men of Faith, Men for Others since 1789

Gonzaga College High School
 19 Eye St., NW, Washington, DC 20001
 Rev. Stephen W. Planning, S.J., President
 Mr. Thomas K. Every II, Headmaster
 Mr. Andrew C. Battaile, Dean of Admissions
 202-336-7101

Boys
 7 Freshman, 16 Junior Varsity, and 17 Varsity Sports
Washington Catholic Athletic Conference
Eagles Purple & White

Special Programs
 Comprehensive advanced placement, band, choral arts, internet applications, earth systems, science laboratory.

Open House
Sunday
November 24
 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Entrance Exam: **Archdiocesan** test results are required.

Application Deadline **December 11**
 Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **Jan. 10, 2020**
 Notification of Admission **Feb. 27, 2020**
 Registration Deposit Due **March 13, 2020**

Freshman Class Size: 245 • The Catholic, Jesuit school located in the heart of our nation's capital city. • Tuition: \$23,550

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL HIGH SCHOOL
 A Xaverian Brothers Sponsored School
 17301 Old Vic Boulevard Olney, MD 20832
 Paul G. Barker Ed. D., President
 Thomas Campbell '93, Principal
 Maria Nichols '04, Director of Admissions
 Admissions@olgchs.org
 www.olgchs.org

COED
 Offering a comprehensive college prep curriculum including the IB Program, AP and Honors courses, the STEM Program, and the Ryken Program.

Home of the Falcons
 Extensive co-curricular activities, 54 sport teams, Performing Arts, Speech & Debate and over 55 cultural and academic clubs.
 Member of the W.C.A.C.

Open House
Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019
 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Prospective Parent INFORMATION NIGHT
Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019
 7:00 PM

Freshman Application Deadline **Dec. 13, 2019**
 Freshman Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **Dec. 13, 2019**
 Freshman Notification of Admission **Feb. 20, 2020**
 Freshman Registration **Friday, March 13, 2020**

Tuition \$24,215

CONNELLY SCHOOL OF THE HOLY CHILD
 9029 Bradley Boulevard, Potomac, MD 20854
 Shannon Gomez, Ed.D. Head of School
 Meghan Burke Cross Director of Enrollment Management
 301-365-0955
 www.holychild.org • admissions@holychild.org

Girls 6 - 12
 Field Hockey, Cross Country, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball, Golf, Equestrian, Basketball, Swimming, Diving, Lacrosse, Softball, Track, Dance Team, Ice Hockey
Independent School League Artificial Turf Field
Tigers • Blue & Gold

Special Programs
 • College Prep Curriculum
 • Internship and Entrepreneurial Programs
 • Online School for Girls
 • AP & Honors Courses
 • Fine Arts & Performing Opportunities
 Our student/faculty ratio is 7:1

Open Houses
Upper School
 Saturday, October 26 10:30-1:30pm
 Online Registration for visit days begins in September
Entrance Examinations: Upper School
SSAT • In-house achievement test for grades 6-8

Application Deadline & Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **UPPER SCHOOL December 8**
MIDDLE SCHOOL February 1

Notification of Admission: **UPPER SCHOOL End of February**
MIDDLE SCHOOL Mid March
 Reg. Deposit Due: **Mid March**

340 Students • Tuition Grades 9-12 \$34,2500 • Book Fee \$390 • Technology Fee Grade 9 \$1,300 Grades 10-12 \$470

Area High School Open House Dates

Class of 2024

The Academy of the Holy Cross
 4920 Strathmore Ave., Kensington, MD 20895
 Kathleen Prebble, President
 John Sullivan, Principal
 Jordyn Brock, Admissions
 301-942-2100 • www.academyoftheholycross.org

Girls
 Basketball, bocce, crew, cross-country, equestrian, field hockey, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, poms/cheer, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, Washington Catholic Athletic Conference
Tartans • Lavender & White

Special Programs
 AP & Honors Courses
 Project Lead the Way Engineering
 Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment
 Senior Project Internship

Open House
Sunday, November 3
 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Entrance Exam **HSPT**
 (Offered at Holy Cross Dec. 7, 2019)

Application Deadline **Dec. 9, 2019**
 Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **Jan. 6, 2020**
 Notification of Admission **February 2020**
 Registration Deposit Due **March 6, 2020**

Freshman Class Size: 120 • Tuition: \$26,300 • Financial Aid: 301-942-2100

OAKCREST SCHOOL
 1619 Crowell Road, Vienna, VA 22182
 Dr. Mary T. Ortiz, Head of School
 Cynthia Bertolini, Director of Admissions and Enrollment Management
 703-790-5450

Academic Excellence
 6:1 student-teacher ratio
 Rigorous Curriculum
 16 AP Courses

Faith-Character
 Daily Mass
 1-to-1 mentoring
 Virtue-Based Workshops

Extracurriculars
 19 Teams
 17 Sports
 Beautiful fields on 23-acre campus
 Show Productions
 Over 25 Clubs

Bus Transportation
 available from Maryland and Virginia
 Lunch Service

Application Deadlines
 Upper School January 17
 Middle School January 30
 Financial Aid Application Due **February 3**

Open House
 Saturday October 19
 2:00 to 5:00 pm
Oakcrest.org

An independent school for girls in grades 6-12 • Freshman Class Size: 30 • Tuition: US \$28,270 / MS \$26,960

ST. ANSELM'S ABBEY SCHOOL
 4501 SOUTH DAKOTA AVE, NE WASHINGTON, DC 20017
 Bill Crittenberger Headmaster 202-269-2350
 Peter Young, '01 Director of Admissions 202-269-2379
 admissions@saintanselms.org www.saintanselms.org

Boys
 Soccer, Cross Country, Basketball, Swimming, Wrestling, Tennis, Baseball, Track, Lacrosse, Golf, Fencing
Panthers

Special Programs
 Challenging academic program for students of above average ability in grades 6-12

Open House
Sunday
November 3
 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Entrance Exam Dates **November 16**
January 11
February 8
 Exam also offered by appointment

Application Deadline **Rolling**
 Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **Feb. 3, 2020**
 Admission Notification **Feb. 21, 2020**
 Registration Deposit Due **March 13, 2020**

Freshman Class Size: 45 • Tuition: \$28,700 Middle; \$29,700 Upper • Financial Aid: Ms. Ieva Young @ iyoung@saintanselms.org

SJC ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL
 Mr. Jeffrey W. Mancabelli, President
 Mr. Christopher J. Themistos, Principal
 Mrs. Susan Hinton, Director of Admissions
 202-363-2316 • www.stjohnschs.org
 2607 Military Road, NW, Chevy Chase, DC 20015

Coed
 Coed: crew, cross country, equestrian team, golf, rifle team, swimming, track, female basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis, volleyball, Male: baseball, basketball, ice hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, wrestling, rugby, WCAC

Cadets Scarlet & Grey

Special Programs
 Scholars Program • Benilde Program • 1:1 Technology Program (iPads) • Cadet Corps (optional) • Entrepreneurial Center for Innovation & Social Impact • New Visual & Performing Arts Wing • New Student Center

Open House
Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019
 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Entrance Exam **Archdiocesan HSPT** results are required.

Application Deadline **Dec. 6, 2019**
 Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **Jan. 31, 2020**
 Notification of Admission **Feb. 27, 2020**
 Registration Deposit Due **March 14, 2020**

Tuition: \$20,675

SAINT JOHN'S CATHOLIC PREP
 Dr. Thomas Powell, President
 Will Knotek, Principal
 Kelly Weeks
 Director of Enrollment
 3989 Buckeystown Pike Buckeystown, MD 21717
 E-mail: kweeks@saintjohnsprep.org • 301-662-4210

Special Programs
 Guaranteed College Admission & Scholarship Program • Mount Saint Mary's Senior Year Partnership • Seton Scholars Program • AOPA • 19 athletic teams • Over 20 clubs • Coed • Buses from Montgomery Co.

VIKINGS
 Green, Gold & White
 Founded in 1829

Open House
Sunday
November 4
 1:00-3:00PM

HSPT or Institutional Testing **Required**

Class of 2019 **5.1million in scholarships**

Financial Aid & Scholarship Deadline **December 20**
 Notification of Admission **February 20**

School Size: 300 • Tuition: \$16,900 • Financial Aid: Kelly Weeks kweeks@saintjohnsprep.org • www.saintjohnsprep.org

ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI HIGH SCHOOL
 113 St. Mary's Place, Laurel, MD 20707
 Mr. Jeffrey Palumbo, President/Principal
 Mrs. Stacy Springer, Director of Admissions
 301-725-3228 Ext. 2202 www.pallottihs.org

Coed
 Over 20 varsity athletic teams: Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA)-Men Interscholastic Athletic Association of Maryland (IAAM)-Women

Panthers Blue & White

Grades 9-12 College Prep Curriculum
Honors & AP Courses
 96% College Placement
 Accelerated & Computer Science Programs
 Visual & Performing Arts Program
 Learning Center

Open House
Sunday, Nov. 3
 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Visit the web site for 2020-2021 application!

Admissions Application Deadline **Dec. 13, 2019**
 Financial Aid Application Deadline **Jan. 3, 2020**

400 Students
 1:11 Teacher Student Ratio

Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart
 Catherine Ronan Karrels '86, Head of School
 9101 Rockville Pike • Bethesda, MD 20814
 301-657-4322
 www.stoneridgeschool.org

Girls Grades 1-12 (Coed PS-K)
 Basketball, crew, cross country, equestrian, field hockey, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, squash, swimming/diving, tennis, track & field and volleyball

The Gators Blue & Gold

Special Programs
 Honors/AP Courses
 1:1 Laptop
 Social Action
 Exchange Program
 STEAM Certificate

Open House
Upper School (Grades 9-12)
Sunday, Oct. 20
 12:30 – 3:00 pm

Required Entrance Exam: **SSAT**
 Register at www.ssat.org (School Code: 7494)

Application Deadline **Dec. 6, 2019**
 Financial Aid Deadline **Jan. 15, 2020**
 Decision Notification **Feb. 28, 2020**
 Contract Due Date **March 13, 2020**

Freshman Class Size: 100 • Tuition: \$37,100 • Financial Aid Available

THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL
 10400 Seven Locks Rd., Potomac, MD 20854
 Alvaro J. de Vicente, Headmaster
 Richard S. Moss, Director of Admissions
 301-765-2093 • admissions@heights.edu
 www.heights.edu

Boys 3-12
 The Heights forms "men fully alive" through a rigorous curriculum implemented with a highly personal approach to education and character.

Cavaliers Red & White

Challenging liberal arts; innovative science and math; small classes; individual mentorship; WCAC Athletics; extensive extracurriculars; rich sacramental life.

Open House
Sunday, October 27
 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Admissions: Call us any time or visit our website at www.heights.edu/admissions for an overview of our application process.

Upper School Applicants Admissions Deadline **Jan. 10, 2020**
 Admissions/FA Notification **Feb. 27, 2020**
 Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **Jan. 10, 2020**
 Enrollment Deadline **March 13, 2020**

Freshman Class Size: 65 • Financial Aid: Phil McGovern (CF0) 301-365-4300

Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School
 Dr. Barbara McGraw Edmondson, Head of School
 Mary Kate Blaine, Principal
 Janet Donnelly Keller, Director of Admissions
 Tel: 202.337.3350
 Fax: 202.342.5733 • www.visi.org
 1524 Thirty-fifth Street NW Washington, DC 20007

Girls 9-12
 A Catholic High School in the Salesian Tradition Educating Women of Faith, Vision, and Purpose Since 1799 • Small Class Sizes • 100% College Acceptance • Bridge Program at Georgetown • AP & Honors • Extensive Service Program • ISI Champion Athletics • Dynamic Performing and Fine Arts • Strong STEAM Focus • More than 50 Clubs
Cubs • Gold, White & Green

Open House
Saturday
Oct. 19, 2019
 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Entrance Exam **HSPT**
 (Offered at Visitation Dec. 7, 2019)

Freshman Application Deadline **Dec. 6, 2019**
 Financial Aid Appl. Deadline **Jan. 6, 2020**
 Notification of Admission **Feb. 21, 2020**
 Registration Deposit Due **Mid-March 2020**

Freshman Class Size: 130 • Tuition: \$31,200 • Financial Aid: Janet Keller @ 202.337.3350 ext. 2241



Quentin Walsh, Abigail Rakow, and Sebastian Bilinski after Maryland state competition

Avalon and Brookewood Students Succeed at Global Science Competition

Avalon student Quentin Walsh began creative science and technology projects through Destination Imagination as a kindergartner. His passion built over years of experience, and this past year, he started a creative science team with two other Avalon students, Alessandro Ratti and Sebastian Bilinski, and Brookewood student Abigail Rakow.

Destination Imagination is a non-profit program that emphasizes STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts, math) through team-building projects. The company holds regional, statewide, and global competitions which challenge small groups of students to cre-

ate a clever solution to complex STEM problems. Each competition has an instant challenge, in which teams build/solve something extemporaneously, and a central challenge, in which teams work to prepare product together over time.

Brookewood and Avalon's team, "Square Rutabaga," designed, built, wired, and programmed a drone from scratch. As part of the creative aspect of their performance, the team had to perform a skit in relation to the theme of their drone. "Square Rutabaga" performed a skit in which an alien explored outer space, mimicking the drone exploring its surroundings, and encountering new objects. At the

D.C. area regionals, the team came in first place. At state competition, the team placed high enough to compete at the Global competition in Kansas City, Missouri in May of this year.

Team Square Rutabaga competed with hundreds of other teams from all over the United States and from around the world. The design of their drone won eighth place overall, and they placed 18th out of 58 teams in their middle school age division. Brookewood and Avalon's team this year was led by Brookewood's science teacher Christiana Rakow.

We are so proud of our Avalon and Brookewood students!

OPT

NEW STARTS

Con't from page 16

and will also teach our students about Internet safety. Finally, we are delighted to welcome Fr. Jan Pietryga as our new parochial vicar. Fr. Jan is newly ordained and brings a wealth of enthusiasm and energy to our school and our parish family.

In addition to these new faculty members, we have also seen some shifts and realignments in our teaching assignments. Miss Debrot, our former third-grade teacher, will now teach first grade. Mrs. North, a long-time resource teacher, will be taking on additional hours, while our former sixth grade

homeroom and math teacher, Mrs. Maureen Rossi, will be moving to the Resource Department full-time. Mrs. Amy Maddox is also a valued member of our resource team.

Over the summer, SJE school has seen some major changes, particularly in the upper hall. We have added lockers for all middle school students, about which the students are enormously excited. Additionally, we received a generous anonymous donation which allowed us to purchase new classroom furniture for the upper hall.

Teachers formally began work on August 21st, although many of them have been hard at work throughout the summer months. They kicked off the year with a

general planning meeting, a lovely lunch, and time to work in their classrooms. Later that week, they participated in CPR training, which was mandatory for our Preschool teachers and After Care staff and optional for other teachers and staff. Additionally, SJE hosted a workshop presented by the Catholic Coalition for Special Education (CCSE) on *Including Students with Developmental Disabilities in Catholic Schools: Guiding Principles for Administrators and Teachers*. Teachers from around the Archdiocese also attended.

All in all, it was a busy start to another wonderful school year at SJE.

OPT

PENNY

Con't from page 17

as a comptroller and a certified public accountant has tremendously benefitted the business of our school. Mrs. Penny also worked with the school administration to

establish the St. Elizabeth School Preschool Program. She has served in the capacity of President of both our School Advisory Board and our Home and School Association. Additionally, Mrs. Penny served as President and Treasurer of the Mothers' Club of Gonzaga College High School, and currently serves

as its Past President. Mrs. Penny is married to Chris and together they have four boys who are all alumni of St. Elizabeth School. Mrs. Penny remains steadfast in her passion and commitment to St. Elizabeth School. The school community looks forward to a bright future under her leadership.

OPT

St. Jane de Chantal

Meet Fr. Chip Lockett – New Parochial Vicar at St. Jane

In July, St. Jane de Chantal Church welcomed Fr. Chip Lockett, our new Parochial Vicar. When you meet him, he is quick to introduce himself as Fr. Chip - a name he has gone by for the past five years. He also adds, however, that he doesn't mind being called Fr. Lockett, if parishioners are more comfortable with that.

Born in Washington, DC, Fr. Chip grew up in Alexandria, VA, where he studied at St. Mary's School and attended St. Mary's Church. He is a graduate of Gonzaga College High School. While growing up, he enjoyed being active in Boy Scouts, playing violin, playing tennis, and collecting comic books. To this day he continues to enjoy camping and hiking, as well as spending time with friends and listening to music. For college, he studied chemistry at The Catholic University of America. Afterwards, he went on to University of Maryland to earn a doctorate in chemistry. However, God had other plans.

After a few years of graduate school, he decided to obtain only a master's degree in chemistry and enter the seminary. In 2007, he joined the seminary at Theological College at The Catholic University of America and was ordained a priest in 2014. For his first three years as a priest, he was assigned to St. Mary's in Rockville. For his second assignment, he spent two years at St. Elizabeth in Rockville. Now, he is excited at joining the St. Jane de Chantal. He can't wait to get to know the parish community, and he thanks everyone for the warm welcome, love and hospitality.



Fr. Chip Lockett, new Parochial Vicar at St. Jane de Chantal Parish, poses for a photo in the narthex of the church following mass.



Photo by Elizabeth Amy

Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory and Pastor Fr. Giese posed for photos with parishioners during the Archbishop's visit to St. Jane de Chantal Parish.

GREGORY

Con't from page 1

opportunity to meet and welcome the new Archbishop. He was all smiles and posed for photos with

everyone. Parishioners know they are in good hands and look forward to Archbishop Gregory's leadership to take the archdiocese along a path of holiness and encounter of God in His church.

OPT

Annual Gabriel Network 5K and Toddler Trot Saturday, October 5, from 8:00-10:00 am

We'll be running at a new location, the Mid-Atlantic Community Church in Gambrills in Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

Remember, all proceeds will give housing and supportive relationships to women and children right here in Maryland and DC.

Get your tickets today and tell your friends! If you won't be running, you can still join us as a race sponsor or a runner sponsor.

For tickets and more information visit: www.eventbrite.com/event/gn5k2019-tickets66681378799.

OPT

County prepares for 2020 census

Montgomery County officials are taking measures this summer to ensure that residents participate in the 2020 census. For the first time, residents will be able to fill out the census form online. They also may answer questions via mail or phone.

A county "Complete Count Committee (CCC), made up of volunteers, is raising awareness of the census and encouraging residents – including immigrants and other difficult-to-reach communities – to participate. Immigrants' participation in the census has no effect on their legal status in the country.

CCC's serve as state and local "census ambassador" groups that play an integral part in ensuring a complete and accurate count of the community in the 2020 Census. Success of the census depends on community involvement at every level. The U.S. Census Bureau cannot conduct the 2020 Census alone.

The Complete Count Subcommittees in Montgomery County:

- Up County – Catherine Matthews, Chair. Mansfield "Kasey" Kaseman, Co-Chair,

- Britta Monaco, Co-Chair
- Mid County – Luisa Montero-Diaz, Chair, Jessy Mejia Terry, Co-Chair
- Bethesda-Chevy Chase – Ken Hartman, Co-Chair. Julian Norment, Co-Chair
- East County – Jewru Bandeh, Chair, Yi Shen, Co-Chair
- Silver Spring – Reemberto Rodriguez, Co-Chair, Diane Vu, (Temporary) Co-Chair

The county is also developing fliers and marketing materials in different languages and with faith communities and congregations to plan events to promote participation in the 2020 census.

Under the U.S. Constitution, the census is taken every 10 years, with the goal of determining the country's population and where everyone lives. The data are used to apportion congressional seats in the House of Representatives and to determine grant-funding levels for state and local governments and other federal programs, such as free and reduced-price meal programs, Medicaid and pre-kindergarten funding.

OPT

Lyft and Uber for Seniors

Providing on-demand ride services to seniors improves access to care, reduces social isolation

Providing seniors with access to on-demand ridesharing services not only facilitates access to medical appointments, but likely also reduces their social isolation and improves their quality of life, according to an independent study conducted by University of Southern California, Los Angeles researchers and published in the *Journal of mHealth*.

"Access to transportation is more than getting from point A to point B; it encompasses multiple human facets of life," Dr. Leslie Saxon, executive director of the university's Center for Body Computing and principal investigator of the study, said in a statement. "This research underscores how ride-sharing platforms can provide a significant benefit to the well-being of older adults, empowering them to become active participants in their own care as well as in other areas of their lives."

The study included 150 participants with chronic disease and a mean age of 72 years. Two in five reported living alone, and few reported having used ridesharing services regularly due to cost, unfamiliarity and discomfort. Over a three-month period, 93% of the cohort ordered a ride. The Lyft mobile app was used by 86% of participants and the call-in service by 16%. Participants ordered an average of 69 rides per person, and the average cost of a ride was \$21.72.

Medical appointments represented nearly a third of the senior's ride destinations, with the remainder comprising errands, entertainment and social activities. More often than not, these participants said they used services as their primary mode of transportation to

both medical appointments and social engagements. Saxon and colleagues noted no significant change in daily step activity among participants.

Following the study, 92% percent of participants reported that access to unlimited rides improved the quality of their daily lives; however,

the researchers saw no significant change in scores for validated tools measuring life satisfaction and geriatric depression. More than four-fifths of the participants said they would continue to use rideshare transportation, with the remainder citing cost as the primary barrier.

"The study results show high adoption of networked transportation by an older population with chronic disease, and as a result of the transportation, easier access to health care, increased social engagement, and improved subjective quality-of-daily-life," Saxon and colleagues wrote in the study. "These results confirm that patients had the health resources available, i.e. established medical care and socializing opportunities, yet transportation was a significant barrier to accessibility."

OPT



14TH ANNUAL UNITY WALK
"EMBRACING THE STRANGER"

Today, more than ever, our message of friendship and unity is critical. Join us as we walk down Massachusetts Avenue, NW, and visit houses of worship and other religious centers in a public celebration of diverse faiths and cultures within our community.

SEPTEMBER 8
 12:30 pm - 6:30 pm
 Washington Hebrew Congregation
 3935 Macomb St NW, Washington, DC 20016
 #ALLFAITHSONEFAMILY IFCMW.ORG

Service projects, speed dialogues, exciting speakers and performers and a special 150th anniversary celebration of Gandhi's birth at the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial

Interfaith
 COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

Assisted Living and Memory Care that's fit for a ... well, you know.

Isn't it about time you were treated like royalty? You bet it is. Come see for yourself just what assisted living and memory care with *A Whole Lotta Heart* is all about.

Please call 301.339.7088 for more information or to schedule your complimentary lunch and tour.



NOW OPEN, TOUR TODAY!

THE LANDING
 OF SILVER SPRING

13908 New Hampshire Avenue • Silver Spring
 301.339.7088 • TheLandingOfSilverSpring.com

A LEISURE CARE ASSISTED LIVING & MEMORY CARE COMMUNITY

It pays to advertise in Our Parish Times

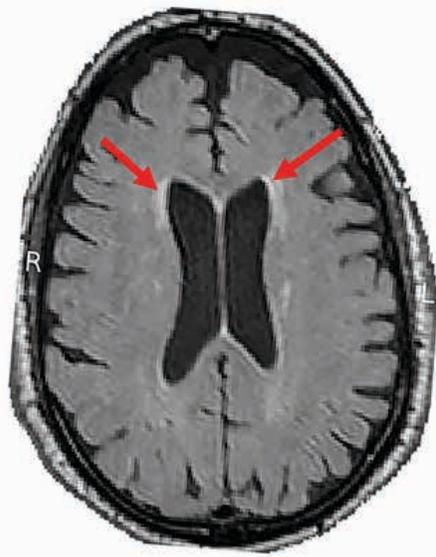
Intensive blood pressure control may slow age-related brain damage

NIH-funded imaging study shows link between blood pressure and white matter lesions

In a nationwide study, researchers used magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) to scan the brains of hundreds of participants in the National Institutes of Health's Systolic Blood Pressure Intervention Trial (SPRINT) and found that intensively controlling a person's blood pressure was more effective at slowing the accumulation of white matter lesions than standard treatment of high blood pressure.

"These initial results support a growing body of evidence suggesting that controlling blood pressure may not only reduce the risk of stroke and heart disease but also of age-related cognitive loss," said Walter J. Koroshetz, M.D., director of the NIH's National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS). "I strongly urge people to know your blood pressure and discuss with your doctors how to optimize control. It may be a key to your future brain health."

Brain white matter is made up of billions of thin nerve fibers, called axons, that connect the neurons with each other. The fibers are covered by myelin, a white fatty coating that protects axons from injury and speeds the flow of electrical signals. White matter lesions, which appear bright white on MRI scans, represent an increase in water content



Scanning for White Matter Lesions

NIH funded study found link between blood pressure and white matter lesions. Arrows highlight examples of lesions seen on magnetic resonance imaging brain scans. Courtesy of SPRINT MIND Investigators.

and reflect a variety of changes deep inside the brain, including the thinning of myelin, increased glial cell reactions to injury, leaky brain blood vessels, or multiple strokes. These changes are associated with high blood pressure, or "hypertension."

As described on the NIH's Mind Your Risks website, several studies have suggested that people who have hypertension have a greater chance of accumulating white matter lesions and also of experiencing cognitive disorders and dementia later in life.

These observations were tested in a "gold standard" randomized clinical trial, called SPRINT Memory and Cognition in Decreased Hypertension (MIND), which examined whether controlling blood pressure levels could prevent or slow white matter lesion progression and aging brain disorders. The results were published on Aug. 13, 2019 in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Launched in 2010, the NIH-supported SPRINT effort initially enabled scientists to compare the effects of standard versus intensive blood pressure control on cardiovascular health and mortality. More than 9,300 adults who were at least 50 years old and had a high risk for cardiovascular disease received either

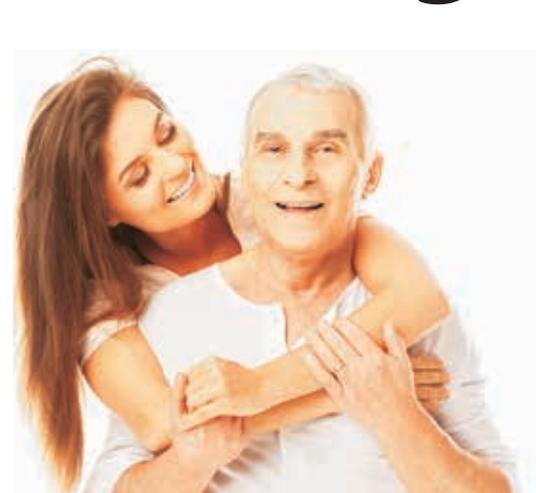
standard treatment, which lowered systolic blood pressure, the first of two numbers measured during an exam, to less than 140 mm Hg (<140 mm Hg), or intensive treatment to lower the same pressure reading below 120 mm Hg (<120 mm Hg). In August 2015, NIH surprisingly ended the trial early after initial results showed that 3.3 years of intensive treatment significantly reduced the rates of death and cardiovascular disease.

"Intensive treatment significantly reduced white matter lesion accumulation in people who had a higher chance of experiencing this kind of damage because they had high blood pressure," said Clinton B. Wright, M.S., M.D., director of the Division of Clinical Research at NINDS, and an author of the study.

In the future, SPRINT MIND researchers plan to look at how controlling blood pressure may affect the accumulation of white matter lesions in critical regions of the brain affected by aging brain disorders and what factors may make some people more responsive to treatment.

Source: National Institute on Aging

Let's Talk Assisted Living.



It's a conversation we've been having with seniors and their families for over 30 years. At Victory Housing, you'll discover our simple and straight-forward approach to assisted living. From all-inclusive rates to individualized care, our award-winning communities offer the ideal setting to call home. **Call or visit us today, let's talk.**



OUR ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITIES

Bartholomew House
Bethesda • 301-320-6151

Grace House
Silver Spring • 301-924-4424

Marian Assisted Living
Olney/Brookeville • 301-570-3190

Byron House
Potomac • 301-469-9400

Malta House
Hyattsville • 301-699-8600

Raphael House
Rockville • 301-217-9116



www.VictoryHousing.org

A Non-Profit Organization



Senior forum and resource fair

County Council Vice President Sidney Katz and Council member Andrew Friedson will co-host a senior forum and resource fair on Thursday, September 5, 9:30 am- 12:30 pm at the Potomac Community Recreation Center at 11315 Falls Road. Free.

Topics to be covered include how to reduce the risk of dementia, fall prevention and detecting and avoiding financial abuse.

Attendees also will have the opportunity to interact with a wide range of county and private service providers about subjects such as aging in place, preventing elder abuse, lifelong learning and transportation.

Organizations participating in the resource fair include the following:

- Affiliated Sante Group
- Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area Chapter
- EveryMind
- Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland, Inc.
- HIP
- MCPD "Keeping Seniors Safe"
- Metropolitan Washington Ear, Inc.
- Montgomery County DOT-Enhanced Mobility & Senior Services
- Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services Aging &

- Disability Services
- Montgomery County Food Council
- Montgomery County Recreation Senior Programs
- Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office, Crimes Against Seniors and Vulnerable Adults
- Montgomery County Volunteer Center
- Potomac Community Village
- Rebuilding Together
- The ALS Association - DC/MD/VA Chapter
- Washington Metropolitan Oasis
- WISH Program

OPT

SOAR Fall Trips!

The Montgomery County Department of Recreation has released its Fall 2019 Senior Outdoor Adventures in Recreation (SOAR) travel program for active adults age 55 and over. Each activity or trip requires substantial walking and/or physical exertion. Program participants should be in good physical condition and consult with their physician if they have any concerns before registering or participating in an activity. Programs are held rain or shine; participants should dress accordingly.

You may register for a SOAR trip in any of four ways. The fastest and easiest way is to use the internet and go to ACTIVEMONTGOMERY.ORG. You may also mail your trip application, fax it to 240-777-6818, or register in person at 4010 Randolph Road. M-F, 9:30am to 4:00pm.

If you have questions about the registration process, please call 240-777-6840. If you have questions or require more information about a specific trip, call the SOAR Coordinator at 240-777-4926. Unless noted, all transportation is provided on restroom-equipped motor coaches.

Fall SOAR trips include:

Walking Tour of Harpers Ferry
Sep 5
\$59

Tour of Port Deposit, Md.
Sep 11, Sep 12
\$75

Walking Tour of Capitol Hill
Sep 18, Sep 19
\$45

Sailing on 18th Century Schooner Sultana, Chestertown, Md.
Sep 26
\$89

Tour of Charles County, Md.
Oct 3
\$85

Potomac Eagle Scenic RR Trip

Oct 16, Oct 17
\$90
Tour of Monticello, Charlottesville, Va.
Oct 24
\$89

Winfield Partker & Band in Concert
Blackrock Center, Germantown
Nov 6
\$45

Guided Walking Tour of Naval Academy
Nov 14
\$49

Longwood Gardens (Pa.) Holiday Lights
Dec 5
\$63

OPT

Support the Older Americans Act Reauthorization 2019

Millions of seniors rely on programs under the Older Americans Act for access to food, transportation, and caregiving services. These programs help seniors live independent lives and allow them to remain a part of the community. However, the Older Americans Act is set to expire on September 30. Reauthorizing the Older Americans Act will best ensure the stability of countless programs that provide a valuable safety net to seniors.

- Congregate and Home-Delivered Nutrition Services. The OAA supports programs that provide meals in congregate settings like senior centers and adult day-care centers, home-delivered meals services like "meals on wheels," and nutrition counseling.
- Home and Community-Based Supportive Services. Through area agencies on aging, the OAA supports many programs that allow seniors to remain active for as long as possible in their community and prevent the need for costly medical interventions. These programs include home care, adult day care, wellness, and transportation.
- Family Caregiver Support Services. Family caregivers play

an instrumental role in helping seniors remain in their homes and in their communities. The OAA recognizes this with programs to offer caregivers counseling, respite care, training, support groups, and supplemental services.

• Employment Services. OAA funding supports part-time community service employment and training for low-income, unemployed people aged 55 and older. The main OAA program to provide employment services is the Senior Community Service Employment Program, which has helped over one million seniors reenter the workforce since the program's creating in 1965.

Support the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act through outreach to your legislators' offices, and those of key House and Senate Committee members, by September 30.

For a directory of key staff members on the House and Senate committees with jurisdiction over OAA reauthorization and appropriations, visit: www.asaging.org/sites/default/files/files/PPolicy/OAA-key-comm-staff-directory.pdf

Source: American Society on Aging

OPT

Parental and Spousal Bereavement Support Group

St. Elizabeth Bereavement Ministry will offer an eight-week bereavement support group series for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse or significant other. The eight consecutive Wednesday evenings run September 11 through October 30 from 7:00-8:30 pm.

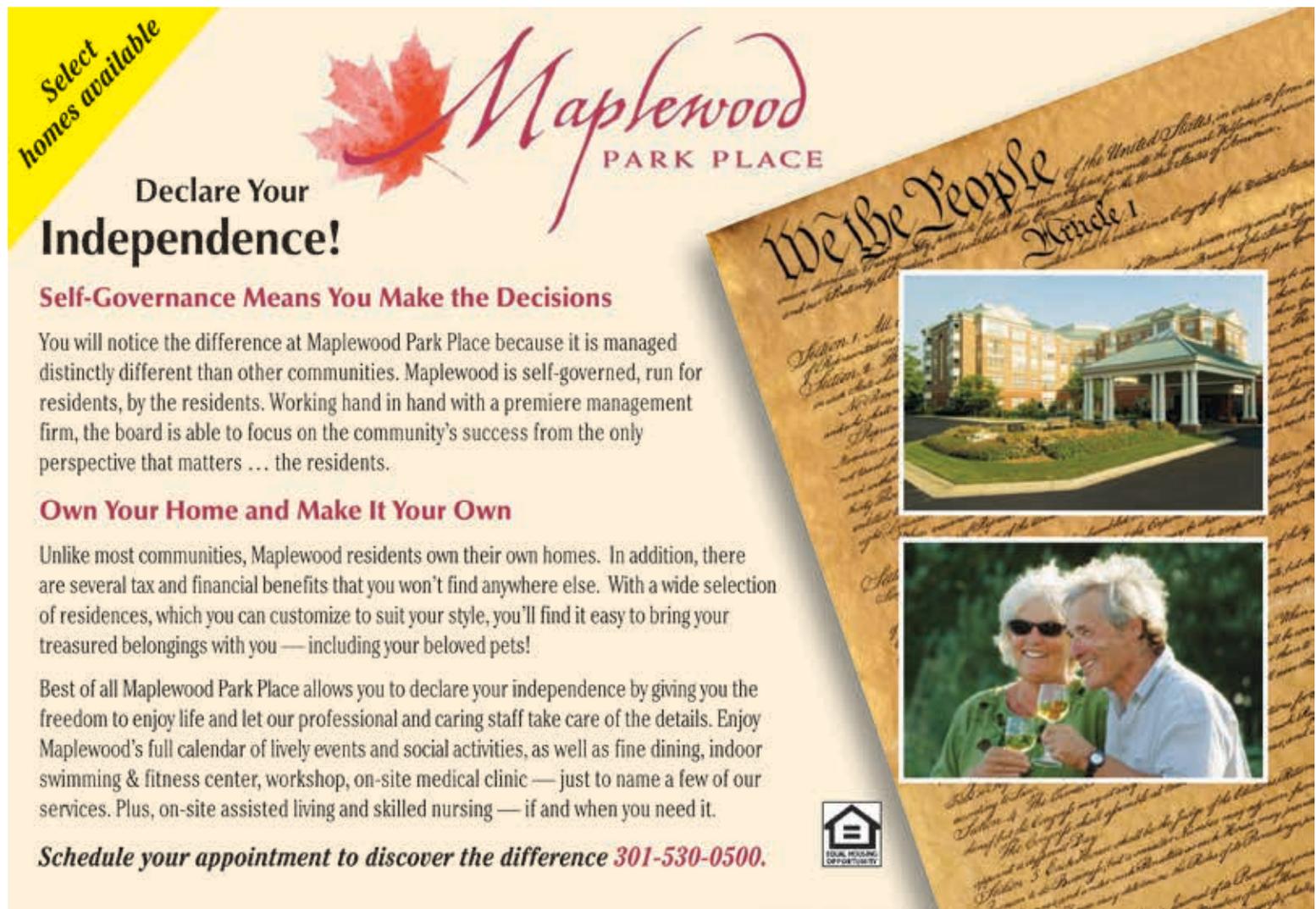
There is no fee, but REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. To register contact Deacon Kevin Byrne at kevin_byrne@verizon.net or Claudia McAuliffe at 301-881-1457. St. Elizabeth is located at 917 Montrose Road in Rockville, Md.

OPT

Help 'em Smile

Join the Mid-Maryland Dental Mission of Mercy & Health Equity Festival-Help provides 1,000 uninsured people experiencing dental calamity with 2MM worth of emergency treatment. Dental and medical professionals and patient support volunteers, at least 18 years old, are needed to volunteer. Event is September 12-14, 2019 at University of Maryland Xfinity Center, College Park, Md. For information and to sign up visit www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/MOM.

OPT



Select homes available

Maplewood PARK PLACE

Declare Your Independence!

Self-Governance Means You Make the Decisions

You will notice the difference at Maplewood Park Place because it is managed distinctly different than other communities. Maplewood is self-governed, run for residents, by the residents. Working hand in hand with a premiere management firm, the board is able to focus on the community's success from the only perspective that matters ... the residents.

Own Your Home and Make It Your Own

Unlike most communities, Maplewood residents own their own homes. In addition, there are several tax and financial benefits that you won't find anywhere else. With a wide selection of residences, which you can customize to suit your style, you'll find it easy to bring your treasured belongings with you — including your beloved pets!

Best of all Maplewood Park Place allows you to declare your independence by giving you the freedom to enjoy life and let our professional and caring staff take care of the details. Enjoy Maplewood's full calendar of lively events and social activities, as well as fine dining, indoor swimming & fitness center, workshop, on-site medical clinic — just to name a few of our services. Plus, on-site assisted living and skilled nursing — if and when you need it.

Schedule your appointment to discover the difference 301-530-0500.



New Faculty Profiles

The Woods Academy is pleased to welcome the following new faculty and staff members to our community:



Michele Bernard
Montessori Preschool
Assistant Teacher



Randall Bednar
Upper School Religion Teacher



5 Years
Raymond Briscoe
Assistant Head of School



15 Years
Charmaine Taverner
Art Teacher



20 Years
Erin Ricca
Athletic Director

Faculty & Staff Anniversaries

At the completion of the 2018-2019 school year, the following faculty and staff members celebrated milestone anniversaries at The Woods Academy.

Building Lasting Bonds

A Look at Prayer Partners at The Woods

by Katya Pilog, Curriculum & Media Specialist

Payer Partners, the pairing of older mentor students with younger students, has been a long-standing tradition at The Woods. The idea originated decades ago with the intention of having our older students model moral and spiritual guidance to our younger students. As years have passed, the School has found that this relationship served both our younger and older students in numerous ways. The Prayer Partner program is one of the ways that we fulfill our mission of being an inclusive Catholic community. We strive to offer opportunities for all school community members of various ethnic heritages, cultures, races, faith traditions, and economic backgrounds to interact with and learn from one another.

The Woods has carefully noted that fostering these relationships as special and memorable provides students the chance to create lasting connections across grade levels. Opportunities for these bonds, between senior and junior partners, to grow happen all throughout the school year. Some of the activities include chapel services, reading buddies, sports events, and even



Jake Ricca (4) with prayer partner Chima Blanchard (8)



Rhea Ranchhoojee (4) with prayer partner Leah Mancabelli (8)

reasons why Prayer Partners will always be ingrained in The Woods culture. The program:

Provides our students the opportunity to create a deep relationship with a fellow student who can serve as either a mentor or a mentee.

Helps create a culture of connectivity among our students from all types of backgrounds.

Allows our students to give back to the community through activities like praying for others around the world during chapel services and service projects for local organizations.

Gives students learning experiences outside of the classroom setting and helps our students lead lives of significance.

There is nothing more heartwarming than a Woods graduate returning to campus and not only seeking out favorite teachers to visit but also seeking out his/her prayer partner.

We find that there are four main

There is nothing more heartwarming than a Woods graduate returning to campus and not only seeking out favorite teachers to visit but also seeking out his/her prayer partner.

Upcoming Community Events at The Woods Academy

- Opening Mass of the Holy Spirit – Tuesday, August 27 @ 9:00 AM
- Family Fun Day – Saturday, September 14, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Grandparents & Special Friends Day – Friday, October 11 (woodsacademy.org/grandparents)

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Con't from page 1

Anne of Green Gables and Michael Jordan; but they also learned to admire the patriots who shaped our country. They studied the lives of the Saints, and learned from their stories that each of us must make sacrifices for the good of others. The Catholic education my children received at Saint Jane DeChantal, The Academy of the Holy Cross, DeMatha Catholic, and Georgetown Prep supported and reinforced the lessons we taught our children, and I am grateful for the life lessons that they learned in Catholic schools and in those school communities.

It can be tough today for children to find heroes. Thanks to unfettered access, our children are exposed to the worst sins of people – a Governor discussing murder as a reasonable option for pregnant mothers, priests violating a sacred trust, actors and actresses having children with their latest boyfriend or girlfriend, athletes feeling free to abuse their wives and disrespect their country, and unstable isolated people expressing their anger with guns in the halls of elementary schools.

At the Spanish Catholic Center doctors and dentists provide care to children and adults; at the Jeanne Jugan House the Little Sisters welcome the ill and the elderly. Volunteers serve Christmas dinner at the Shrine, and parishio-

ners across the Archdiocese serve meals to homeless people daily. Parish priests open their doors at all hours to those in need, and rush off to the hospital in the middle of the night to share someone's final moments. Catholic school teachers spend hours creating lessons that will reach all of their students, not just the ones who learn easily.

It's important to tell our children about these quiet heroes who live out the social values of our church. Martin Luther King said that home is the place where we go from – with the lessons learned, with the knowledge of who we are. As parents and grandparents we need to communicate to our children that this is where we come from – that as Catholics this is how we live. Our children need to know that we, each of us and all of us, are the Catholic Church and we are in the business of looking for the Face of God in others. We are in the midst of a battle for the souls of our children, and no parent can do this alone. Do the lessons taught in our Catholic schools hold their own against the lessons taught on the internet and the television? Are parents able to stand steady against the obstacles that exist as they work to raise young people of character and faith? Catholic education remains Catholic – Catholic school communities provide families with the support and positive connections we need to keep our children grounded in values.

OPT

10th Annual White Mass
See page 40 for details

The Woods Academy

6801 Greentree Road
Bethesda, MD 20817
301-365-3080

Head of School
Joseph E. Powers

OPT Editor
Jodie Shoemaker
Director of Marketing,
Communications, & Alumni
Relations
www.woodsacademy.org



Resurrection Youth Attend Transformative Conference in Ohio

by Lisa McDonough Peacock

In February 2019, a dedicated group of youth and parents worked with Mrs. Helene Stever, Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry, and Resurrection's Pastor, Father John Barry, to take the youth to Franciscan University of Steubenville's Youth Conference. The group decided on a date that most could attend and brainstormed on how to raise funds to defray the costs. The parish held a bake sale fundraiser after Masses in mid-May. The help of the Resurrection Women's Ministry and others who donated baked goods, along with a direct appeal from high school youth after Masses was a huge success. The response from the parish was beyond wildest dreams as enough money was raised to enable ten youth, four adults and Fr. Barry to attend the conference. The Franciscan University in Steubenville has been running youth conferences for forty years.

The team began the weekend early with a group barbecue two nights before departure, where the youth could hang out and get to know each other better. On Friday morning, the group headed



Photo by Church of the Resurrection

Above, Fr. Niba blesses the group in a commissioning Mass on July 7.

to the conference and that is when the transformation began. The trip was the first Catholic Youth Conference many had attended. Seeing our young people so moved by the Holy Spirit and connecting with God and others in a new way was beautiful.

The young people and we the adults are so appreciative of the parish's generosity in making this trip possible. The youth of the parish and world are not the

'future of the Church'... they are the Church and it is through kindness and experiences like the trip to Steubenville, that we witness Christ working in our world. The first evening, all participants went to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and truly felt God's mercy.

The connections made with other youth from nearby parishes will grow strong as we will be attending a Fall Retreat with our new friends from St. John's up in Westminster and also plan to head back to Steubenville in 2020.

OPT



Resurrection Parish youth, adults, and Fr. Barry in Steubenville for the Main Campus Conference in July.

Resurrection Prepares for its First Kid's Festival

by Emily Kranking

Parishioners and the community are invited to come on down to Resurrection's first annual Community Kid's Festival on Sunday, September 1st from 11:30am to 2:00pm. There will be plenty of fun and games for the whole family! Families can participate in fun and chaos with sack races, cupcake walks, fun derby horse races, and other classic carnival games. Meanwhile, kids will immerse themselves with moon bounces, slides, and face painting. So, grab your friends & family, and get ready for an afternoon of entertainment, faith and laughter.

Volunteers are needed for games, set up, and word of mouth. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, August 28th at 7:30 pm in the St. Pius Room (212) of the Parish Life Center. If you have any questions or would like to sign up to volunteer, please email John Laudwein, Festival Coordinator at laudwein@verizon.net.

OPT

Church of the Resurrection Parish

3315 Greencastle Road
Burtonsville, MD

Rev. John M. Barry, Pastor
301-288-4662

Susan Ahearn, Emily Kranking
Parish Editors
240-205-3195

Get to Know Deacon Chuck Bieberich

By Susan Abern-Peirce

What does a deacon do?

Permanent deacons are ordained to serve the local bishop and are conformed to Christ the Servant. In most cases, the bishop assigns a permanent deacon to a parish, where he helps the pastor to serve the people of God. Deacons assist at the altar during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, proclaim the Gospel, preach at Mass and other liturgies, distribute Communion at Mass and outside of Mass by taking Communion to the sick, preside at Communion Services, and impart the Eucharistic Blessing at Eucharistic Worship outside of Mass. They also can baptize adults and children, receive baptized Christians into full communion with the church, officiate at marriages, and celebrate wake, funeral and burial rites.

How long have you been a deacon at Resurrection and what are your duties?

I've been at Resurrection for just over six years. My

main duties include serving at several Masses each weekend, teaching the baptism preparation class, performing baptisms, ministering a Holy Hour with Benediction on First Thursdays at Riderwood Village, and closing First Friday Adoration with Night Prayer and Benediction at the parish. I teach a few RCIA sessions each year, and a class for our youth on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Can you describe your involvement with Adoration at Resurrection?

When I arrived at Resurrection, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was held for one hour each First Friday morning. Hoping to give more working people an opportunity to adore Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, I asked if we could hold a Holy Hour on First Friday evenings. I then asked the pastor if we could 'fill in the blanks' and have all day Adoration each First Friday. We've been doing that for several years, and I hope more people will come to enjoy the untold

spiritual benefits of spending time adoring our Lord and Savior.

What do you like most about being a deacon at Resurrection?

While I enjoy every aspect of my ministry, I have to say baptisms are my favorite. It is incredibly humbling, and frankly, quite scary, to know that God entrusts me with the sacred task of making new Christians!

What do you do when you are not at Resurrection?

When I'm not at Resurrection, my ministry of justice and charity is to serve on Saturdays at Marian Assisted Living in Brookeville. I've been married to my wife Beth for 32 years and we have four children. I'm a biology professor at UMBC where I teach, run a cancer research lab, train PhD students, and serve as an Associate Dean for Research. I love going to the beach with my family, and I also really enjoy surf fishing.

OPT

Resurrection Parish Welcomes Author & Speaker Mary Lenaburg!

Talk & Book Signing!

Books available for sale or bring your own copy for Mary to sign! This evening is free and open to all. Bring a friend or two!

Wednesday
September
18th @ 7pm



Meet author **Mary Lenaburg** on September 18 at Resurrection Catholic Church in Burtonsville. Enjoy an evening hearing the amazing story of how she learned to trust God during the most challenging times of her life. No matter what season of life you are in, you will benefit from hearing Mary's story of triumph over tragedy, joy from despair, and above all, an abiding love for family and God.

Join us as we listen, laugh, cry, grow, and learn how to

#BeBraveInTheScared

Sponsored by the Resurrection Women's Ministry
Resurrection Catholic Church • 3315 Greencastle Road, Burtonsville, Maryland
rwm3315@gmail.com



Christ the King Little Flowers club members Zoe Nyamekye, Ada Refsland, and Zelda Refsland enjoy each other's company and sharing their latest creations and their club sashes and badges

Little Flowers

By Ada Christine Refsland, 9-year-old CTK parishioner

This summer a group of mothers and daughters from Christ the King started a club for girls ages 5 to 12. The club is called Little Flowers and is based on the teachings of Saint Therese of Lisieux. The club meets two Saturdays a month. During each meeting the club learns about a saint, a virtue, and a flower. We also do crafts, eat a snack, and play with our fellow club members. For example, one meeting we learned about Saint Joan of Arc, obedience, and carnations. That particular meeting we talked about water transportation, because the craft was dying carnations. The snack

included baguette because Joan of Arc was French. Club member Zoe Nyamekye recently said, "my favorite activity from Little Flowers is arranging flowers and learning about saints."

Some club members have had the opportunity to meet members from other Little Flowers clubs. The first Little Flowers club was started 25 years ago by Rachel Watkins and there are now clubs located all across the country.

We are always open to new members. For more information or to offer support for this new club please contact club mother, Rhena Refsland at rhenatan@gmail.com. Please pray for the success and welfare of our new club.

OPT

The Newest Choir Members

By Katie Holland, parish editor, assisted by CTK DRE Isidra Molina

Christ the King welcomes its latest additions to the Choir. Our Choir developed, out of need, from the largely Filipino prayer group, The Lord is My Shepherd. It has always welcomed new members of any group or community, or individual. The parish welcomes Christian Atem, brother of parishioners Anita Atem and Margaret Forbin. The family originates from Cameroon. This month we welcomed as well, Hans Many, MD, a medical doctor from



L-to-R: Christian Atem and Hans Many

The Congo. Their voices contribute much to our growing musical ensemble led by Froilan Manansala, Music Director for the English-speaking community. Christ the King is looking for more voices and for those who have a musical talent of any kind.

OPT

Feeding the Homeless

By David Belli, parishioner

Christ the King parishioners and friends serve an evening meal at Shepherd's Table on the fourth Thursday of every month. Shepherd's Table is in its new building, Progress Place, at 8106 Georgia Avenue, on the west side of Georgia Avenue just south of the new Silver Spring fire station. We have a dedicated group of volunteers, a number of whom have been serving for many years. Each month, three or four volunteers work "setup," which runs from 4:00 to 5:30 pm, to help the cook with last minute food prep, put dessert trays together, and put eating utensils and ice water on the 15 tables where guests eat. Another 10 to 12 people serve the meal and clean up, from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Jobs include serving

the meal, desserts, and beverages, bussing tables, and washing dishes, pots, and pans. Guests are required to leave by 7:30pm and everyone pitches in to help with cleanup. On an average night, we might serve 140-160 meals to the homeless, and other people in need. While there is plenty of work to go around, we have a good time doing it. Interacting with our guests, many of whom we see from month to month, and catching up with fellow volunteers, are among the pleasures of our service.

Shepherd's Table's mission is to provide help to people who are homeless or in need by providing basic services, including meals, social services, medical support, clothing, and other assistance in an effective and compassionate manner. Since 1983, Shepherd's Table has been a

necessary and effective resource welcoming and serving those in need within Silver Spring, and is supported by volunteers, religious organizations, government, businesses, foundations, and individual donors. Shepherd's Table provides a range of services for those in need within our community, including: serving breakfast, lunch and dinner during the week, and brunch and dinner on weekends; offering clothing and toiletries; and providing access to vision care; and hosting a resource center to check mail, use the telephone, get prescription assistance, and much more. There is a bi-lingual counselor on-site. For more information, visit their website at <https://shepherdstable.org>. Christ the King welcomes more parishioners to join in on the effort.

OPT

Christ the King Parish Notes

Christ the King Religious Education registration has begun! After Masses on Sunday, August 18, DRE Isidra Molina and catechist-parent Lelibeth Jenkins registered the students from area non-Catholic schools into CTK's religious education and RCIC classes. To bring the Faith to our parish children and Sacraments to some, classes begin Sunday, September 22, 9 until 10:15am. Teaching will be in both English and Spanish. Teacher-catechists are still needed, three to teach in the English language. Last year Christ the King had 200 children and expects 225 this coming school year.

Donations have been overwhelming in gener-



L-to-R: Isidra Molina and Lelibeth Jenkins

osity lately at Christ the King! A large gift contributed by an anonymous donor enabled the parish to purchase its new piano. TVs were donated to the Religious Education program. Crepe myrtles in abundance now are planted around the Church grounds, which also now have picnic tables, a snow cone machine and a gas grill for the luncheons after Masses. Thanks to all who have been so moved in their contributions to the parish.

Our new Archbishop Wilton Gregory is expected to Celebrate our parish feast day at all Masses, the weekend of The Feast of Christ the King November 24!

OPT

BELONGING

Con't from page 3

in the Church – with access to the sacraments, full participation in the liturgical celebrations, and fulfilling their obligations as Catholics and parishioners.

The Longing for Belonging campaign seeks generous supporters to enable NCPD to continue its pioneering ministry. We have seen much progress over 40 years. But we also recognize that there is much more work to be done before we can say that all Catholics with disabilities experience the sense of belonging that is inherent to their being. Donations may be made and more information may be found on NCPD's website: www.ncpd.org.

During this campaign, NCPD is

celebrating the closing of the 40th anniversary year of the Bishops' Statement with its Recognizing the Body of Christ anniversary events this November 8-10. A celebration dinner will be held on Friday, November 8 recognizing the pioneers in this ministry and honoring Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, for the Knights' years of financial support and for their ongoing work with people with disabilities.

In addition, at the dinner NCPD will celebrate Janice Benton who is retiring after 40+ years working in this ministry. We are collecting stories of Jan Benton and other pioneers. Share your stories at 40thAnniversary@ncpd.org.

On Saturday, November 9, NCPD is hosting a symposium for clergy, pastoral and catechetical ministers,

seminarians, theology students and academics to understand the distinctively Catholic approach to disability. The symposium is co-sponsored by Catholic University of America's Institute for Human Ecology. A leadership networking session with national leadership from NCPD will be held on Sunday, November 10 to explore the future direction for promoting meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in parish life. The session also will look at Catholic education. For more information and to register for any of these events, please visit <https://ncpd.org/join-us>.

OPT

Christ the King
2301 Colston Drive
Silver Spring, MD
301-495-2306

**Fr. Stephen Carter, OFM, Cap.,
Parochial Administrator**

**Katie Holland,
OPT Editor**
kh7@georgetown.edu

Stephen Ministry at Mother Seton Parish

By MaryBeth DeLuzio

Stephen Ministry is a special ministry of care and concern for others. Our Stephen Ministers, after extensive training and preparation for caring ministry through the Stephen Series; have studied and practiced skills in such areas as dealing with feelings, crisis intervention, asserting oneself with gentleness and firmness, and numerous other topics to prepare

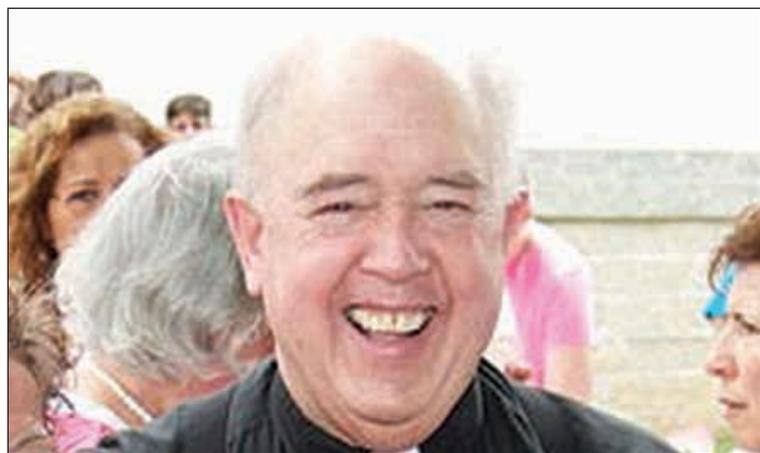
them to help people who are experiencing problems in their lives. Stephen Ministers will be assigned to minister in our congregation and community, working with people who are experiencing such life crises as hospitalization, retirement, financial setback, grieving, or any of a number of other difficulties people face in daily living.

A big congratulations to our new class of Stephen leaders, Laurie Saenz, Anne-Marie Kim and Bill

Mayfield. They spent a week in Pittsburgh training to lead our Stephen Ministers on the journey to be equipped to give lay Christian Care giving. Please keep these people in your prayers as they carry the love of Christ to their care receivers.

OPT

Stephen Ministry leaders Laurie Saenz, Anne-Marie Kim and Bill Mayfield



Fr. Louis Faust

Happy 80th Birthday, Fr. Lou!

Mother Seton Parish is celebrating Fr. Louis Faust's 80th birthday. Fr. Lou was born in Washington D.C. on September 9. After college, he worked in advertising and publicity on Madison Avenue, New York,

but had a secret hunger to become a priest. Thankfully for us he accepted this calling and has been in the priesthood for 45 years.

As he approaches his 80th birthday, his wish is to reach 50 years as a priest. "Content in my heart with what God called me to do and would gladly do it again. Hope to continue here at MSP with the Daily Mass, until no longer physically able to do so, (which doesn't seem to be coming very soon). Love serving the people of this parish. Amazed of how time has flown in my first 80 years."

Parishioners and the entire staff here at Mother Seton wish our dear Fr. Lou a wonderful birthday filled with many blessings.

OPT

Vacation Bible School at Mother Seton Parish

By MaryBeth DeLuzio

This summer Mother Seton ROARED into VBS. We had a great time learning about God is Good no matter if life is WILD, SCARY, UNFAIR, CHANGING, or GOOD. We had



Above, having fun at VBS
At left, Fr. Lee at VBS class with campers



about 160 campers and volunteers with the ticket to ROAR and all had a great time.

Kids from kindergarten to sixth grade, loved learn-

ing unique things about different people from around the world with music, exciting games and the daily Bible story. We thank all our volunteers for their time and great work during Vacation Bible School 2019.

OPT

ENZLER

Con't from page 1

we had 10 new priests ordained in mid-June who are now in their first assignments. It was one of our biggest classes in years, and it's been inspiring to see their faith, energy and prayerfulness both before and after their ordinations.

I have also been blessed to attend special anniversary Masses for a few of our faithful priests. I'm at an age right now where those celebrating 50 years of priesthood were just a few years ahead of me. I know them well for their ministry and their care for others. I've also realized that some of those ordained 25 years were with me as seminarians and parochial vicars in years past.

These celebrations of service are a gift to the priesthood. We rejoice

in the good they have done and in the leadership of our pastors. We recognize that they have been shepherds to thousands of people throughout their careers, and we know that those years have not been without struggles, challenges and difficulties.

The young men just ordained also know the challenges and struggles that come with the priesthood through their work in parishes, their seminary education, and the news. It was only a little over a year ago that we began to realize that we had problems in our Church far beyond our comprehension. The allegations against our former cardinal, Theodore McCarrick, the Pittsburgh grand jury report, and reports from other dioceses had to weigh upon all those preparing to become priests.

I find it moving and uplifting

that they kept their resolve. They recognized the good of the Church. They kept their desire to serve the Lord Jesus. They weren't willing to turn away from "the call" they have received personally to follow the Lord as a priest.

It gives us all great hope and confidence when we see these young men make a life decision to enter the priesthood knowing that we are far from perfect but that we try our best each and every day to do the work of God.

It's hard to believe that I have been ordained 46 years now. I can honestly say I wouldn't trade my priesthood for anything. I cherish the opportunity to serve every day. I am so blessed that my job is my ministry, and my ministry is my job. I am always impressed how so many of you do such great work on top of your family commitments

and your secular job.

Priests are called to be both leaders and servants. I try my best to be a servant leader who is eager to do my best to help others and find my reward not in recognition, accolades or position but in the good I try to accomplish through the Lord Jesus.

The call is universal: to make Jesus alive and present in the lives of others. This call runs through all of us, not just priests, and we hear it in different ways at different times.

I recently spoke with Ben Bralove, who is studying at the St. John Paul II Seminary. He converted to Catholicism from the Episcopal Church while in college and attends Blessed Sacrament, where I last served as pastor. He attended Cornell University and then went on to medical school at Boston University. He spent six

years as a doctor before deciding the Lord was calling him to become a priest.

As our schedules fill back up after summer, let's take a moment to consider what the Lord is calling each of us to do right now and how we can better serve and lead. Let us also celebrate those who have responded to God's call, whether single, married or in a specific way as presbyters in the church.

As St. Paul tells us: "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

May we all celebrate the blessings of our vocations and continue to pray for each other in the months and years ahead.

OPT



Our traditional Corpus Christi (Boze Cialo) procession to four outdoor altars, prepared by several parish organizations, took place on June 23, 2019, after the 12 noon Mass at Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish, Silver Spring. Pastor Fr. Jerzy Frydrych, S.Chr., presided with participation of parish groups including the Knights of Columbus, Rosary Society, Polish Legion of American Veterans, Polish Scouting Organization, and first communicants.



The St. Maximillian Kolbe Council 16634 Knights of Columbus officers stand in cross formation at OLQP Parish as District Deputy and Council member Andy Michaels conducts the installation ceremony.

Installation of Council 16634 Knights of Columbus Officers

By Bozenna Buda, ED

New Officers of the Saint Maximillian Kolbe Council 16634 Knights of Columbus were installed for the 2019-2020 year at Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish in Silver Spring, MD, after Mass on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15, 2019

The new officers are: Grand Knight David Birely; Deputy Grand Knight Stanley Scofield; Chancellor Jacek Marczyński; Warden Stefan Witczak; Treasurer Janusz Bilinski; Recorder Andy Michaels;

Advocate Terry Roberts; Outside Guard Roman Korzan; Inside Guard Franklin Morton; Trustee 3 Year Richard Okreglak; Trustee 2 Year Maciej Poltorak; Trustee 1 Year Aleksander Macander; and Financial Secretary Tomasz Kolodziej. Rev. Jerzy Frydrych, OLQP Pastor, is Chaplain of the Council.

The Council was formed in February, 2017, and has been growing as new members continue to join.

OPT

Our Lady Queen of Poland Polish Picnic and Mass on September 22

Our Lady Queen of Poland
9700 Rosensteel Avenue
Silver Spring, MD
Rev. Jerzy Frydrych,
S. Chr. Pastor
301-589-1857
Bozenna Buda,
OPT Editor
301-495-3377
bbudadc@gmail.com

The Holy Mass for the opening of the new academic year for both the Polish Saturday Supplementary Schools will be held at 12 noon on Sunday, September 22, 2019, at Our Lady Queen of Poland and St. Maximillian Kolbe Parish in Silver Spring. The OLQP Parish Fall Picnic featuring traditional Polish food and music also will be held on that day, between the hours of 11am and 3pm on the parish grounds. Everyone is invited to attend.

OPT

Three Months and Three Sacraments

This has been a very busy time for Our Lady Queen of Poland Pastor Fr. Jerzy Frydrych. In May, we had the First Communicants. In June, we had the Sacrament of Confirmation with

Bishop Dorsonville, and in July, Fr. Jerzy baptized the twin daughters of the Poltorak-Mihalich Family as we welcomed them into the OLQP community. May God bless them all!

OPT



Pastor Rev. Jerzy Frydrych, S.Chr., stands with the First Communicants after celebrating Holy Mass on May 9, 2019, at OLQP, Silver Spring.

OLQP Pastor Fr. Jerzy Frydrych (2nd from left) with Bishop Dorsonville (center) during the Confirmation of candidates on June 2, 2019 at OLQP Parish, Silver Spring. On far left is Sister Danuta who prepared the confirmandi.



OLQP Pastor Fr. Jerzy Frydrych baptizes the Poltorak-Mihalich twins as their parents Marta and Matthew present them and the godparents look on during Holy Mass on July 27, 2019, at Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish, Silver Spring.

Visiting priest Fr. Jacek Orzechowski, OFM, enjoying Polish food with OLQP parishioners and friends after celebrating the Holy Mass on August 18, 2019. Fr. Jacek, a Franciscan friar, was born and grew up in Poland where he was involved in the youth movement "wiatlo i ycie" ("Light and Life").



He was ordained a priest in the United States in 2002 and has ministered at intercultural pastoral settings including, most recently, at St. Camillus Church in Silver Spring. Over the last two years, he has served at the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington in the area of Parish Community Organizing and Advocacy. He continues to be inspired by Pope St. John Paul II in his ministry and defense of human dignity.

Will Garcia the Eighth St. Francis Parishioner Ordained a Permanent Deacon

By Melissa Montealegre Egan

On June 22, Archbishop Wilton Gregory ordained St. Francis of Assisi parishioner Wilberto Garcia as one of nine new permanent deacons in the archdiocese at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC, making him the church's eighth confirmed member called to serve those in need and teach and preach the Gospel.

Born in the Dominican Republic, Deacon Garcia grew up in the South Bronx and Queens, New York, where his grandmother often offered her grandson a slice of blueberry pie after he accompanied her to Mass. Deacon Garcia graduated from City University of New York with a bachelor's degree in computer science and Stevens Institute of Technology with a master's degree in the same. He met his wife, Lourdes, two years before completing his undergraduate work and they married in 1986. They have two adult children, Katherine and William, and four grandchildren.

Having felt "little pushes" to explore the permanent diaconate



On June 23, family, friends, and Fr. John Dillon flank the newly ordained Deacon Will Garcia following the first Mass at which he gave a Homily at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Derwood, Md.

for much of his adult life, Deacon Garcia attended in 2015 an archdiocesan "Come and See" event for men interested in entering the permanent diaconate. Four years later, his brother deacons selected

him and Deacon Mark Asselin to represent their deacon class at the Ordination Mass. Deacon Garcia assisted Archbishop Gregory at the altar, a feeling he described "as if I were in a dream."

"I wanted to do the best job I could, not for me, but because I wanted my brother deacons to be proud, and for this moment to be perfect for them," Deacon Garcia said. "So, my thoughts were on try-

ing to do a good job."

After the Mass, Archbishop Gregory handed each of the new permanent deacons a letter with his assignment, along with a book of the Gospels. Deacon Garcia and his wife looked at the letter and read his assignment: St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

"I've become very fond of Fr. Dillon, (former Parochial Vicar) Fr. Jack Berard, the wonderful deacons and the caring staff at St. Francis of Assisi," said Deacon Garcia. "Being around such great people is cause for reflection and cause to at least try to mimic their commitment and great love for ministry."

At St. Francis, Deacon Garcia – a computer scientist for the federal government -- will serve a ministry to the sick and homebound. He and Lourdes have already begun bringing Holy Communion to homebound Spanish speakers at their parish and see a great need for more ministry work with their native brothers and sisters.

"The last two months have solidified my belief that the Catholic Church is where I should be, because it is the Church that our Lord started," he said.

OPT

Ministry Fair Illuminates the Service Contributing to a Vibrant Parish

By Melissa Montealegre Egan

Nearly 80 parishioners signed up to join ministries at the St. Francis of Assisi Ministry Fair held June 8 and 9 in the Gathering Space at St. Francis of Assisi Church, providing new and longtime members an opportunity to engage their talents and skills with parish life.

Organized by the Pastoral

Council, the Ministry Fair drew 36 ministries active at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, representing many of its liturgical, catechetical, community building, social concerns and administrative groups. As they walked through the Gathering Space, visitors could browse ministries as diverse as the Altar Servers, the Legion of Mary and Prayers of the Faithful Writers, cross the room to check

out Upcounty Community Resources, Children's Liturgy of the Word and Couples for Christ and then head to Pax Christi, the Health Ministry and Just Haiti Coffee. Throughout the room, branded signs with each ministry's name dotted each table, providing some unity to the busy setup.

Ann Pierre, a member of the three-person planning committee for the Ministry Fair, said the event was a success in many ways, especially in making a mid-sized Catholic parish appear small. "Many hands made light work and the Knights of Columbus members did a great job setting up tables and breaking down at the end," Pierre said. "Each ministry lead took pride in their display, which created an inviting atmosphere."

The St. Martin's Food Pantry Ministry held the distinction of attracting the most volunteers at the Ministry Fair, with nine people signing up. Ministry Co-Coordinator Carolyn Brauer attributed their success to having one or two people staffing the table after each Mass and purposefully engaging people as they approached.



Knights of Columbus Council 2323 members Bernie McGuire and John DeMare wait to discuss the men's service organization at the St. Francis of Assisi Ministry Fair on June 8 and 9 in the church's Gathering Space.

Continued on page 36



St. Francis parishioner Alex Scaltrito listens as Parochial Vicar Fr. Joe Cwik gives a talk on how to attract young people back to the Catholic Church during the parish's Communications Ministry meeting on Aug. 5.

"To Be Fully Dedicated and Have a Hermit's Heart"

Fr. Joe Cwik's Prayer on His First Priestly Ministry

By Melissa Montealegre Egan

While growing up in the suburban community of Poolesville, MD, Joseph Cwik experienced snatches of God's call to the priesthood during his elementary, middle and high school years. But it wasn't until he prayed before the Blessed Sacrament during a retreat his junior year at the University of Maryland when he finally stopped to listen.

"In the silence, it kind of clicked

Continued on page 32

More St. Francis of Assisi News on Page 32

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
6701 Muncaster Mill Road
Derwood, MD
Rev. John J. Dillon,
Pastor
301-840-1407
Melissa M. Egan
OPT Editor
301-972-4844
melissa.egan74@verizon.net

The 10th Year of Saint Francis International School is the 65th Year of Catholic Education at St. Camillus!

After a great 10th Summer @ Saint Francis program including four weeks of Saint Francis Summer Academy and a week of Peace Camp, Saint Francis International School faculty and staff have returned to the building to start the 10th school year since SFIS was founded in 2010.

As the teachers returned, a major re-roofing project over the wing of the building built in 1960 was being finish. This is the first of many new roofs that need to be taken care of over the next decade at St. Camillus parish. This is because 2019-2020 also marks the beginning of the 65th year of Catholic school held at St. Camillus. The original St. Camillus School opened in 1954 and rapidly grew – in terms of buildings and enrollment – over the next decade; by the early 1960s, St. Camillus School had over 1,200 students enrolled each year.

Year 10 at SFIS has a lot of great things in store, including a major anniversary celebration in partnership with St. Camillus Church. Former parishioners and alumni of St. Camillus



At left, SFIS teachers pray together as they prepare for students to return. Below, a major roof replacement on the 1960 wing of the St. Camillus School building took the entire summer.



are invited to join us for an open house and block party on October 19, which is the anniversary of the very mass celebrated at our Silver Spring campus. Mass will be at 9 am in the Camillia Room and will be followed by activities throughout the school demonstrating how Saint Francis International School, St. Camillus Faith Formation, and other ministries use the building.

At 12:30, everyone is invited to a barbecue in front of the school and in Broad Acres Park. There will also be a Founders Dinner in the Camillia Room on the evening of the 19th – tickets are available from the St. Camillus parish office. Finally, Bishop Dorsonville will celebrate the 10:30 am mass on Sunday, October 20. Mass will be followed by a procession and re-dedication of the Mary Shrine and the Parish Life and Education Center and a light reception.

St. Camillus will also be kicking off a campaign to ensure that there is adequate funding to keep the parish facilities going for at least another 65 years!

St. Francis International School
www.saintfrancisinternational.org
Tobias A. Harkleroad,
 Principal
St. Camillus Campus
 1500 Camillus Drive
 Silver Spring, MD 20903
St. Mark Campus
 7501 Adelphi Road
 Hyattsville, MD 20783



Above left STEM is always an important part of Saint Francis Summer Academy.

Above, SFIS held another Peace Camp in partnership with St. Camillus Church and the Little Friends for Peace.

At left, New floors, carpets, and fresh paint await students in many of the classrooms that received the new roof.

CWIK

Con't from page 31

– He hadn't changed, but I had," said Fr. Cwik. "There was a lingering thought that 'Perhaps He wasn't done with me yet.'"

Seven years later, Fr. Cwik has been on an extraordinary journey – one that sent this one-time competitive swimmer and soccer player into a vocation where he is saving souls, not shaving seconds. He traded in his aerospace engineering textbooks at the University of Maryland for philosophy tomes at Catholic University of America. And he has traveled from Washington DC, to Rome, Italy, where he has attended seminary at the North American Pontifical College, to Derwood, MD, where he has spent the first few months of his priestly ministry after his ordination to the priesthood on June 15.

At St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Fr. Cwik has learned the rhythms and routines of a parish priest, celebrating both daily and weekend Mass, administering the sacraments and getting to know parishioners. Fr. John Dillon, the

pastor at St. Francis of Assisi, said he has long felt that having a newly ordained priest is a great blessing for a parish.

"I know that it is a time of formation for Fr. Joe as a newly ordained priest," said Fr. Dillon. "I want him to have experience administering the Sacraments, namely, Penance and Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. I want him to have the experience of hearing Confessions and of going on sick calls to the hospital, Casey House or home visits."

Earnest and gregarious, Fr. Cwik embraces his vocation as a priest and shepherd, noting that priests are often a bridge to help others know Jesus Christ. As a Millennial priest, he feels strongly that the Church must show young people what it has to offer – God's presence to them always and His bottomless love.

"When you're a Cradle Catholic, you never have quite that encounter of 'What do I believe?'" he said. "To not be afraid to wrestle with that question, to be open to grapple with that. It can be a huge spark to move someone from being more distant to start coming back."



RCIA Service Recognition

From left to right: On Aug. 11, Deacon Jim Datovech speaks about the service of St. Francis parishioners Terry Davis, Don Dean and Sara Dean to the parish's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Ministry, as Fr. John Dillon looks on behind the group. Davis has led the St. Francis RCIA team over the past 30 years and the Deans have served as senior catechists for several decades; they are all retiring from their longtime leadership roles this year.



Parishioner-chefs from around the globe brought their favorite recipes to SJN TASTE night.

SJN Taste Trip Covers 17 Countries

By Rus Wester

At the close of June, over 175 SJN parishioners took a “tasting trip” as they enjoyed 35 different dishes, baked goods, cheese and wine from 17 different countries – all while seated in their own SJN Parish Center.

In its fourth year, Cheryl Harskowitch again led the food tour, created and served up by fellow parishioners – favorite dishes from their home countries.

New countries visited this year were Poland, Malawi, and Norway. Back again were the Philippines, Spain, Ireland, Lebanon, China, Puerto Rico, Mexico, El Salvador, Cuba, Italy and the USA. There were twenty-one-plus different parishioner-cooks and bakers.

Cheryl was pleased with the evening’s festivities: “Every year the food and attendance is great, but this year was exceptional. Several new SJN parishioners were in attendance. The food was excellent and there were many tasty samples for everyone to enjoy. It was Fr. Kevin’s last big social event before moving on to his new position of Vice-Rector of Saint John Paul II Seminary. No one left hungry or thirsty. Over 40 people cooked, baked, served, set up or cleaned up.” We asked Cheryl if she’ll organize another *Taste*. The quick response: “Oh, Yeah!”

OPT

St. John Neumann Parish

9000 Warfield Road
Gaithersburg, MD 20882

Msgr. Robert Panke
Pastor

Rus Wester
OPT Editor

Welcome Monsignor Robert Panke!

By Rus Wester

Ordained in 1996, Monsignor Robert Panke’s first assignment was as associate pastor at St. Peter’s in Olney, Maryland. In 2000, he became chaplain of the Newman Center at George Washington University for two years, until becoming director of priest vocations for the Washington Archdiocese. He was named a prelate of honor by Pope Benedict XVI in 2006. Added responsibilities came in 2011 when Msgr. Panke was named as Rector of the Archdiocese’s new Seminary, Saint John Paul II.



Rev. Monsignor Robert Panke, eighth SJN Pastor

Presbyteral Council, Priest Retirement Board and Archdiocesan Vocations Team and a chaplain to the George Washington University Knights of Columbus.

Monsignor Panke was named the Eighth Pastor of Saint John Neumann On June 7, 2019. He expressed his hope to continue building a culture of Vocations...here at SJN. “For 17 years of my priesthood, I was totally dedicated to priest formation, and during that time, we had 119 priests ordained in the Washington Archdiocese. It’s an extraordinary thing that God has done.”

He has been an Archdiocesan Consultant, a member of the Welcome, Monsignor!

OPT



SJN welcomed its new Pastor, Rev. Monsignor Robert Panke, with post-Mass receptions on his first weekend.

Parish Picnic – Still a Favorite Summer Kick-off



Summertime music included Pastor-vocalist, Father Kevin Regan.



Parish children played soccer, climbed the jungle gym, threw water balloons, provided lots of laughter and managed to crack open several Piñatas.



The Bauer family (true gamers!) are convinced that filling a few bingo cards is essential fun on Picnic Day.



Oh, there was food – and lots of it! Traditional hotdogs, burgers, sausage and peppers, baked beans, watermelon, and a stop by the ever-popular Cake Wheel table for some sweets.



Saint Peter's welcomes New Principal Kristen Cocozzella and Vice Principal Nelson Abreu

With the ringing of the bell on the first day of school at Saint Peter's School in Olney, the children will be greeted by a new Principal, Mrs. Kristen Cocozzella, and new Vice Principal, Mr. Nelson Abreu.

Mrs. Cocozzella joined St. Peter's two years ago as the Vice Principal and was promoted when former Principal, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Whelan retired at the end of the 2018-19 school year. Prior to joining Saint Peter's, Mrs. Cocozzella was a teacher for five years at Saint Elizabeth's and Connelly School of the Holy Child. Mrs. Cocozzella received her Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education from the University of Dayton and her Master's Degree in Human Resource Development from Towson University.

Mrs. Cocozzella describes her mission at Saint Peter's as follows:

"We work diligently to maintain a program that is personalized, caring, and high-achieving. Our school's mission is to unlock



New Principal, Kristen Cocozzella and New Assistant Principal, Nelson Abreu

all the doors of the human character to release the spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional, and physical potential of each child. Toward this end, the school is committed to continual self-evaluation and growth.

Our dedicated faculty and staff have created a challenging academic and learning environment for all students. Our school has a reputation for innovation, creativity, strong spirituality, and excel-

lence. We have a highly qualified and progressive teaching staff that is committed to providing our students with culturally relevant and rigorous instruction. We work hard to help each student develop essential skills to reach his or her highest potential."

Mr. Abreu is joining Saint Peter's this year to fill the vacancy when Mrs. Cocozzella was promoted. Prior to joining Saint Peter's, Mr. Abreu was the Principal at Saint Ambrose for two years and a teacher, Assistant Principal and soccer coach at the Academy of the Holy Cross for nine years. Mr. Abreu holds his Bachelor's Degree of Science from University of Maryland and his Master's Degree in Leadership in Teaching from Notre Dame of Maryland University.

Mr. Abreu connects his professional life and his personal life as follows:

"My spiritual experiences have also been vital to my development as an educator. In my life, I have relied on my faith to not only help

me through difficult times, but to also act as a compass for the person which I desire to be. Working in a Catholic school for these past eleven years has allowed me to develop and learn the Gospel and how vital it is to our daily lives. Additionally, it has allowed me to realize my passion for nurturing spiritual, social-emotional, and academic growth in students. At a young age, my parents fostered my relationship with God and it has been an incredible part of my life. It is something I fully cherish and strive to pass on to my students."

The Saint Peter's School community is very fortunate to have leadership that has a strong foundation in Catholic education and a faith in God. Their leadership will help foster the students of Saint Peter's in their academic and spiritual life, and the school community is fortunate to have them!

OPT

Saint Peter's STREAM Lab to Open in September



STREAM Lab Building Supplies Ready to Go



STREAM Lab Gathering and Learning Space

St. Peter's Church
2900 Sandy Spring Road
Olney, MD
Rev. Thomas Kalita, Pastor
301-924-3774
St. Peter's School
Mary Elizabeth Whelan, Principal
301-774-9112
Sheila Pfeifer, Parish Editor
301-570-5551
www.stpetersolney.org

Saint Peter's has been implementing a STEM curriculum for grades Kindergarten through 8 since 2014-15. The school has fully adopted a STEM program through partnership with Project Lead The Way, a non-profit organization that develops STEM curricula nationwide. STEM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The goal of STEM education is to encourage student interest in these subjects at an early age and to benefit them when they enter the job market; in turn, this should benefit the greater economy. However, Saint Peter's curriculum is better described at STREAM, where the

"R" is Religion and the "A" is the Arts. One goal of former Principal Whelan was to create a STREAM Lab, which is more commonly known as makerspace. This goal has been fulfilled, the STREAM Lab plans to make its debut in September 2019.

The STREAM Lab will be accessible to all students from PK-8 as a place to explore, problem-solve and build. The STREAM Lab will have state of the art equipment including a SLAB wall for building, iPads for exploring, and Ozobots for coding. According to Principal Cocozzella, "the STREAM Lab is one step further to create a full STEM environment for our children; we are teaching the

leaders of our future, and we need to keep that in mind as we continue to grow and develop as school. Without the support of our donors, our "STREAM Dream Team", this STREAM Lab would not have been possible, and we would like to thank them for their generosity. Our dedicated families see the value of this new space for our students to explore."

The students are very excited to begin seeing their designs and visions come to life. According to fifth-grade student, Camden Ranero, "I cannot wait to have the opportunity to see my ideas come to life!"

OPT

It pays to advertise in Our Parish Times

SJRCS Welcomes New First-Grade Teacher

By Michelle Blanchard Ardillo

Bridget McDonald joins the St. Jude Regional Catholic School (SJRCs) faculty as the new first grade teacher, replacing Teresa Phillip who will be moving to a classroom on the pre-school wing. A Maryland native, Ms. McDonald graduated from Towson University and comes to SJRCs with four years of teaching experience. She loves to read and cook as well as participate in outdoor activities like swimming and running. Her favorite books are

the *Junie B. Jones* series and the *Harry Potter* series.

Ms. McDonald is “excited to be a part of a wonderful community and school,” and she is looking forward to meeting all of her new students and families. She hopes to bring a positive and enthusiastic outlook on learning and counts among her goals having her students grow both academically and socially while having a fun and enjoyable school year.

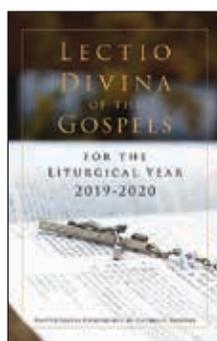
We welcome Ms. McDonald to the St. Jude community!

OPT

Bishops Conference Announces the Publishing of Lectio Divina of the Gospels

On August 20, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) announced the publishing of *Lectio Divina of the Gospels* for the Liturgical Year, 2019-2020.

Lectio Divina of the Gospels takes the reader through the traditional process of lectio divina, with reading, meditation, prayer, and contemplation, focused on the Gospel readings for Sundays and major feasts. A unique guide is offered for each Gospel reading to help the reader explore the sacred texts with greater attention and allow the Word to permeate their mind and imagination more deeply. Each week’s lectio divina includes



dedicated space for writing out reflections, thoughts, and prayers.

This book takes the reader through the liturgical year, beginning with the first Sunday of Advent on December 1, 2019, and concluding with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe on November 22, 2020.

This lectio divina prayer guide can be used for personal meditation, as a tool for family prayer, and for small-group reflections on the Sunday Gospel.

The print edition of the guide in English or Spanish may be purchased online for \$15.95 at: www.usccb.org.

OPT

St. Mary - Barnesville



Girls Scouts from St. Mary's Parish in Barnesville are recognized with religious medals. From left to right: Christine Chalk, St. Anne's Medal; Perrin Chalk, Mary, the First Disciple Medal; Brenda Murtha, Catholic Committee on Scouting and previous recipient of the St. Anne's Medal.

Girl Scout Religious Medals

During the spring of 2019 Girls from St. Mary's and Our Lady of the Presentation worked with Brenda Murtha and Christine Chalk on the religious medal for their age group.

Family of God – Yana Brizhik, Alina Jung and Abigail Eisenhart
I Live My Faith – Alina Jung and Lillian Avedt

Mary the First Disciple – Perrin Chalk, Zoe Antonishek, Abigail Antonishek, Caroline Simons, Tessa Brizhik, Mila Brizhik, and Gabriella Avedt.]

Christine Chalk was awarded the St. Anne Medal for her 10 years of service to Catholic Girl Scouts as an adult.

OPT

A Work in Progress

Sanctuary Renovation Project

By John Naughton; Photos by Tom Roach

Just a few short months ago, on June 24, the dust started flying in the Shrine of St. Jude Catholic Church as the contractors began ripping out the sanctuary floor and tearing down the back wall, all of which have been a part of the church for quite a few years.

The refurbishment of the sanctuary has long been a dream of Fr. Paul D. Lee, STD, Pastor, to make it a more beautiful place to worship God. In 2015, he secured from abroad a previously used altar and matching ambo



The Shrine of St. Jude Catholic Church sanctuary on June 27, 2019, a few days after renovations started.



The Shrine of St. Jude Catholic Church sanctuary August 17, 2019. Note the new center aisle made of tile and the white paint throughout.

which exude reverence.

Working with architects and the Archdiocese, securing the finances, and the help of parishioner Kevin Keegan, the planning has taken the best part of four years; but Fr. Lee's goal will soon be realized, including replacing the center aisle rug with engaging tile.

Meanwhile while work is being done in the main church, weekday Masses and other services are celebrated next door in Madigan Hall (named after Fr. John Madigan, St. Jude's pastor from 1974 to 1990), and regular Thursday and Saturday morning Eucharistic Adoration continues in St. Clare Chapel in the former convent building. At the end of each week, the contractors leave the Church in condition for weekend Masses.

Everyone is anxious to see the finished sanctuary, especially Fr. Lee, who says every Sunday at Mass, “I can't wait until this is finished.”

Looking down the main aisle from the back of the Church one gets the feeling the sanctuary will be beautifully finished.

OPT

Fr. Robert Kosty Celebrates 45 Years as a Priest

Fr. Robert (Bob) Kosty has come full circle at the Shrine of St. Jude in Rockville, MD, since serving as a transitional deacon there – before his ordination – from 1973–1974.

Following his ordination at St. Matthew's Cathedral on May 18, 1974, Fr. Bob's first assignment

was at Sacred Heart parish in La Plata, MD, followed by Mt. Calvary Catholic Church in Forestville, and Holy Family Church in Hillcrest Heights. As a Pastor, his first assignment was at Our Lady's Church at Medley's Neck in Leonardtown and then as pastor of two parishes—St. Catherine Church in McConchie

and St. Ignatius in Hilltop.

On Oct. 31, 2016, Fr. Bob arrived back at the Shrine of St. Jude as a Senior Priest, where he is always delighted to run into his former students—who are now adults with children of their own.

The Sodality of St. Jude, which recently honored Fr. Bob with a bottle of wine and an anniversary cake, along with St. Jude parishioners and staff, congratulates Fr. Bob on his 45 years of service as a priest.

OPT

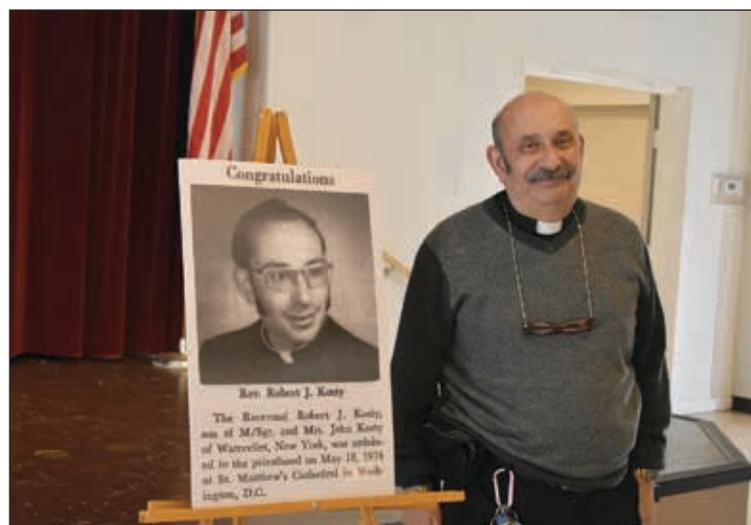


Photo by Tom Roach.

Fr. Robert Kosty, senior priest at the Shrine of St. Jude, was surprised by the Sodality of St. Jude in May with an anniversary cake and bottle of wine to honor his 45 years in the priesthood. Here he is pictured at that event with a photo of him from 1974, the year he was ordained a priest.

Shrine of St. Jude Parish

12701 Veirs Mill Road
Rockville, MD

Fr. Paul D. Lee, STD,
Pastor

301-946-8200

St. Jude Regional
Catholic School

Mr. Glenn Benjamin, Principal
301-946-7888

Maureen Martin,
OPT Editor

MaureenCMartin@verizon.net

Parish Religious Education Program Notes

Don't forget to Register!

Online: www.stpatricksm.org/wp/
Paper: registration forms are available in the back and sides of the church

Family Day

Classes begin on Tuesday, September 17 & Wednesday, September 18.
Parents are invited to join us for all sessions!
New families MUST attend. We look forward to seeing you!

- Catechists still needed! Please contact Maria Kaplan saintpatrickreled@gmail.com
- Classroom Assistants needed on Tuesday and Wednesday 4:45 – 6:00
- Counts towards FIA (7th and 8th grade)
- Get your SSL hours (High School)

St Patrick Leisure Club

Did you know that the Saint Patrick Leisure Club is celebrating its 34th year? You do not want to miss the coming 2019-20 season! We thrive with our fellowship of young at heart parishioners from Our Lady of Grace, Saint Patrick's and a sprinkling of other parishes. It is so good to be together for the rosary, Mass, a light lunch and Bingo. Learn about spiritual opportunities, retreats and fun field trips.

The only membership requirement is to sign up! \$10 for the year

and \$4 for each monthly lunch. Bring a guest for \$5. Mark your calendar for Thursday, September 12 at Our Lady of Grace Parish Hall. After 11:15 rosary, followed by Mass with Father Early, join us for a sandwich and salad catered luncheon by Innovative Gourmet. Call Mary Dugan, 301-873-3902 for your \$16 reservation by September 1. Those that prepaid in June (the luncheon without food) are good to go!

OPT

Life Connection Mission Yard Sale, October 19

Save the date, mark your calendars! The yard sale to help Life Connection Mission, Haiti is scheduled for Saturday, October 19. We need furniture, clothes, toys, bicycles, yard tools, sports equipment, lamps, art work, and more! For more information contact Christie Anne Short at christianne.short@stpatrickadw.org.

org. Please begin telling friends and family and encourage them to join our efforts. Look through garages, basements, and spread the word for neighbors to do the same. Thank you in advance for your help and support, and be on the lookout for more information to come in September. Please no books, mattresses, or electronics.

OPT

Volunteer Web Designer and Graphic Artist Needed

Do you have some spare time to share your skills with the parish? Are you familiar with web design and can you help create web pages with audio/video and other content to advertise programs and highlight events? We're also looking for a graphic artist to share their talents and help design booklets/brochures. Please contact Monica Ludwig: monica.ludwig@stpatrickadw.org or 301-924-2285 x315.

OPT

St Patrick's Health and Wellness Ministry Needs You!

The Health and Wellness is currently recruiting new members. My name is Rose Attig, RN, CN. My husband and I became members of the St. Patrick's Community in November 2016. I am the Health and Wellness Coordinator and a Registered Nurse as well as a Certified Faith Community Nurse. I have been active in my previous parishes as a Coordinator certified Faith

Community Nurse. I have been active in my previous parishes as a Coordinator of a Health Ministry. I am also the Medical Manager at the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center, counseling and performing sonograms in our mission of affirming life.

Currently, the H&W ministry has a few active members and we are in need of new members to continue our monthly B/P screenings, annual

Flu Shot Clinic, and our semi-annual Bloodmobiles. You need not be a Health Professional to be a part of this important ministry, and your commitment can be as much or as little as you can offer. I ask that you consider and pray about joining us. I would be very happy to speak to anyone needing more information.

Contact me at either ancientoaks2@icloud.com or 301-926-2018. Thank you.

OPT

MINISTRY FAIR

Con't from page 31

"The Food Pantry ministers stepped up and came out to answer questions," Brauer said. "Refreshments helped people linger and talk."

The St. Martin's Food Pantry volunteers at St. Francis sign up to transport food donated by parishioners that helps stock the food

pantry at the parish in Gaithersburg. With about 18 volunteers before the Ministry Fair, ministry members fulfill their commitment to the St. Martin's Food Pantry about once every six months. In addition, members help distribute grocery bags for special food drives sponsored by the archdiocese and the Mulholland Family Foundation throughout the year, as well as occasionally sort and pack food into boxes to make ready for distribution at the pantry.

In speaking about the overall benefit of the Ministry Fair, Brauer said she was grateful to associate ministry coordinators' faces with their ministry names and get to know people outside of Masses one might attend.

"It looked colorful and it looked lively," Brauer said. "I had the feeling, 'We've been needing this for a long time.'"

OPT

Bringing Together Communities With Diverse Cultures and Faiths

EVERYTHING IS FREE!

Food and Drink
Lunch of Your Choice
Traditional / Kosher*
Halal / Vegetarian
Ice Cream
Music & Dancing
DJ
Performances
Children's Activities
Train Rides
Carousel
Zumba
Large Playground and More!

Join us at 2 pm for the 4th Annual Friendship Walk

FREE
Satellite Parking and Shuttle Service to and from
WHEATON ICE RINK / ATHLETIC FIELDS
11717 Orebaugh Ave.
Wheaton, MD 20902

* Restaurant under Rabbinical Council of Greater Washington

7th Annual MONTGOMERY COUNTY
FRIENDSHIP Picnic

SAVE THIS DATE
for a FREE, Fun-Filled Afternoon!

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 22, 2019
12 - 4 p.m.

Wheaton Regional Park
2000 Shorefield Road
Wheaton, Maryland 20902

Kindly bring one non-perishable food item for a Family Justice Center donation.

RSVPS are encouraged! For more information and to RSVP, visit:
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/humanrights

Sign language interpreters and other auxiliary aids/services upon request, with as much advance notice as possible, preferably at least three (3) business days before event.
Contact Beverly Marshall at 240-777-8479; TTY users use Maryland Relay 711; or send a request to beverly.marshall@montgomerycountymd.gov



144th Annual Chicken Dinner

Parishioners welcomed guests from all over the state to our Annual Chicken Dinner. Each year those interested in a beautiful drive in the country with a destination for a homecooked meal, head to St. Mary's. Families upon their arrival share stories of generations of their families coming for this spectacular event. Many first timers marvel at the bounty of the meal and wonderful fellowship.

The sit-down dinner is served family style. The menu includes barbecued chicken, unlimited potatoes, applesauce, green beans, coleslaw, and rolls. The event sold over 1,000 dinners this year! Once finished, those who still had room, purchased dessert at the Baked Goods stand or tried their luck at the Cake Wheel.

The venue also boasts a Country Store with fresh vegetables and canned jams, Craft Stand, White Elephant Sale, games and most importantly Jousting, which is the state sport of Maryland. Riders wait for the call to "Charge", and head to spear the golden ring.

Guests as they departed for the day grabbed a Take Out for their meal the next day! The weather, food, and satisfied guests made for an outstanding event.

OPT



Above, young people enjoy the games (ring toss) at the 144th Annual Chicken Dinner

At right, Little Sisters of the Poor, from Washington, out for a fun filled day in Barnesville at the Fair



Pat Sutherland, Liz Weigand and Chris Miller help to serve some of the 950 barbecued chicken dinners at the 144th Annual Chicken Dinner



Above, children partake of games at the Fair which began in 1875.

At right, the Fair Maiden captures the ring as she rides for victory.



Riders participate in the Annual Jousting Tournament (State Sport of Maryland) in Barnesville. Competitions by the Jousting Association run throughout the summer and fall around the Tri-State area.



One Call concert June 29, with 81 participants representing 24 Dioceses, 45 parishes, and 11 instrument types

St. Mary's Vacation Bible School



July 2019 Vacation Bible School members

"You Work Great Things In Me"

By Jennifer Owen

Harmonies of those who passed by brushed up against my voice. They blended in with the echoes of the prayer reverberating throughout the church. "Take me, take me as I am. Summon out what I shall be. Set your seal upon by heart and live in me." These words linger in the air as the echoes die out. Light pours from the entryway, three square tiles opened to the sky. The light beams down and shines on the altar. Fragmented reflections bounced off the water surrounding the altar and dances on

the walls.

From June 25 to June 30, Rosie Ballmann and I attended "One Call," a summer institute at St John's Abbey and University in Collegeville, Minnesota. "Young people can and should play a vital role as liturgical musicians and leaders in our parishes and schools." Their mission is dedicated to the engagement, empowerment, and ongoing support of young liturgical musicians. This camp addresses the lack of youth in parishes. Rather than wondering where the youth has

Continued on page 39



Fr. Kevin and VBS Leader Brenda Murtha wearing this year's T-shirts designed by Liz Smith, our DRE.

From July 8-12 St. Mary's Pavilion was turned into a Construction Zone, as our VBS Taking it to the Streets, led us through journeys of faith. We went through the desert with Moses, over Water with Noah, enriched our faith with the Holy Spirit, walked to Emmaus with Jesus and journeyed with St. Paul.

Our children, teen helpers and staff of dedicated adults from St. Mary's and Our Lady of the Presentation had a great time. The week ended with Fr. Kevin O'Reilly's famous Hot Dog Picnic for all the families. We could not

have the event without the support of Fr. Kevin and the Knights of Columbus Council 6901

OPT

St. Mary's Parish
18230 Barnesville Road
Barnesville, MD 20838
Rev. Kevin O'Reilly,
Pastor
(301) 972-8660
www.stmaryonline.com



Farewell to Fr. Luiz!

Our beloved Fr. Luiz Marroquin has returned to El Salvador to be reunited with his family. As a parish we thank him for his work at St Michael and pray for him and his family.

OPT



Fr. Santiago Martin

Welcome Fr. Santiago Martin

St. Michael the Archangel parish would like to welcome our new parochial vicar Fr. Santiago Martin. Here are 10 facts about our new parochial vicar.

Fr. Santiago Martin:

Was born and raised in Segovia, Spain. A beautiful tourist city located northwest of Spain's capital Madrid

Is the second of two children
Is an uncle to his sister's 4 children

Has lived in the United States for

14 years

Before finding his vocation Fr. Santiago worked as a primary school teacher, teaching physical education.

Belongs to the christian formation known as the Neocathechumenal Way

Attributes the Neocathechumenal Way for helping him grow in faith and discover his vocation to the priesthood

Spent 10 years of formation in the *Redemptoris Mater Seminary* of our diocese

Was ordained a priest 4 years ago
He has served parishioners of Elizabeth Ann Seton in Germantown, Maryland and Our Lady Help of Christians in Waldorf, Maryland.

"I hope that my time here would be a learning experience through which you help me to grow in my priesthood as well as I hope my ministry leads you all to Christ the source and summit of our spiritual lives."

—Fr. Santiago Martin

St. Michael's Parish

805 Wayne Avenue
Silver Spring, MD

Rev. Msgr. Eddie Tolentino,
Pastor

301-589-1155

Edwin Méndez,
OPT Editor

301-589-1155

Join us in Celebrating Michaelmas on September 28

By Sandra Bonne-Année

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Silver Spring invites all within our parish, archdiocese and local community to join us in celebrating Michaelmas, The Feast of St. Michael the Archangel. This year the feast will be celebrated

on Saturday, September 28. Our clergy will offer a multicultural Mass at 5pm, followed by a potluck featuring cuisine from the many countries represented in our parish. Parishioners will provide entertainment to make it an evening of warmth, laughter, music and dance.

This year's theme for our

multicultural celebration is "In Diversity, Unity". We would like to extend an invitation to you to come and visit our parish and join us in the feast of our namesake. We also invite you to join us for our service weekend, September 21 and 22. Together, the faith can be stronger and we can share our light with more of the world.

OPT

Michaelmas

In Diversity, Unity
En la Diversidad, Unidad

Michaelmas is faith, service, and community.
Misa San Miguel es fe, servicio, y comunidad.

FAITH | FE 9.28.19

5:00PM Multicultural Mass | Misa Multicultural
Feast and Celebration Immediately Following | Celebración le sigue inmediatamente

SERVICE | SERVICIO

1. Canned Goods Drive | Campaña de comida enlatada
 2. Clean Student Desks | Limpieza de escritorios para estudiantes
 3. Reupholster Chairs | Retapizado de sillas
 4. Shepherd's Table | Centro comunitario "La mesa del pastor"

St. Michael the Archangel Workshop Series

Environmental Stewardship and Going Green

By Jason Giovannetone

The Green Team at St. Michael the Archangel parish in Silver Spring conducted a three-part workshop series on Environmental Stewardship and Going Green during the second half of July. Speakers included Jodi Rose, Executive Director of the Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake; Ann English from the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection and director of the RainScapes program; Tamim Younos, president of the non-profit Green Water-Infrastructure Academy; Fr. Brian Sanderfoot, pastor of St. Francis de Sales in northeast Washington; and Bob Simon, former democratic staff director of the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and former advisor to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

The purpose of the workshop series was to inform not only St. Michael's parishioners, but the wider Silver Spring community and beyond, about the benefits and need for increased environmental stewardship in terms of water, landscape, and energy conservation. Specific topics revolved around the Bible's message regarding our role as environmental stewards, stormwater retention and rainwater harvesting, reduction in the consumption of plastics, and energy conservation. Specific techniques related to stormwater retention and rainwater harvesting were discussed and included installing rain



gardens using native plants, the conversion of impermeable parking lots using permeable pavers as was done at St. Francis de Sales, and details on the types of rainwater harvesting infrastructure that can be used. Several ideas for reducing the consumption of plastics and promoting energy conservation that can be implemented at the parish and home levels were identified on the final day.

Several incentives for such work were identified, including the Montgomery County RainScapes program rebates and the Chesapeake Bay Trust grants. All speakers helped raise awareness of the myriad of resources that are available to aid implementation of any of the ideas that were discussed over the three days of the workshop.

In direct response to the Pope's

encyclical letter *Laudato Si'*, efforts related to rainwater harvesting and storm water retention on the St. Michael the Archangel School building and surrounding property are already in the planning and design phases. These efforts include installation of rainwater harvesting infrastructure on the building for the purpose of using the rainwater for non-potable purposes both indoors and outdoors, including flushing toilets, hot water heaters, and irrigation of outdoor gardens. Similar to what was done at St. Francis de Sales Parish, there are also plans to convert much of the parking lot surrounding the school to a green area that includes native gardens while converting the remainder to permeable pavers.

OPT

Former pastor of St. Martin of Tours Parish in Gaithersburg

West Virginians meet their new bishop, Mark E. Brennan, as humble, holy man

WHEELING, W.Va. – People from around the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston already have a good feeling about their new shepherd, Bishop Mark E. Brennan, who was installed Aug. 22 as the ninth bishop of the diocese.

Ron and Jenny Gaither came from Fairmont, W.Va., southwest of Morgantown, came to the installation of the bishop because they believe he is an honest and holy man. The parishioners of St. Anthony in Fairmont said they were hoping to get someone who could help Catholics in West Virginia forget about the scandals in the church. They said they had heard from priests who already met Bishop Brennan that he is a wonderful man.

John Neely of St. John Neumann Parish in Marlinton, W.Va., a town that has a population just over 1,000, said he hopes the bishop will be concerned with the rural parts of the state.

"It's very important to get someone down to the parishes," he said, noting that they haven't had bishops visit in 20 years.

Many of the priests in the rural areas serve three or four parishes. "Our pastor has an hour (to drive) to each of his other churches," Neely said. "They do everything for themselves; they don't have an office staff."

He said he wants Bishop Brennan to be "a man of the people and for the people – the poor people of the diocese."

Father John Chapin Engler Jr., is one such pastor of three parishes in a rural part of the state northwest of Charleston. Before solemn vespers Aug. 21, Father Engler said, "It's a new day. I'm just thrilled" with the appointment of Bishop Brennan. He said the people of the diocese had been praying a prayer provided by Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori, who was apostolic administrator of the diocese from September 2018 until Bishop Brennan's installation. The people of the diocese prayed for a humble and noble pastor full of zeal and a love for Jesus and the poor. "It's almost like he knew when he wrote it" the kind of man the pope would appoint.



CNS photo/Bob Roller

Bishop Mark E. Brennan greets people following his installation Mass Aug. 22, 2019, in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling, W.Va. Bishop Brennan, a former pastor of St. Martin of Tours Parish in Gaithersburg, became the ninth bishop to head the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

He praised Bishop Brennan for showing up in his own Ford Taurus, carrying his own bag and serving breakfast at Wheeling's Catholic Charities Aug. 21.

Father Engler's country parishes in Bancroft, Nitro and Dunbar are small – 30, 50 and 70 parishioners. He said their needs are the same as many others in the diocese, "to continue to try to be a light for people in darkness."

Noting that the state is about 4 percent Catholic, "that means 96 percent are not. He seems to have a knack for reaching out, with a pastoral zeal for the poor," Father Engler said of the new bishop.

He said the bishop had already agreed to visit his three parishes for their combined Labor Day picnic. That sends a good message to his people that they won't be forgotten, he said.

Sam and Karen Gross came from the Basilica of the Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral in Charleston, where Sam is a Fourth-Degree Knight of Columbus and participated in the honor guard at the installation Mass.

"He's a fresh change," Sam said, noting that Bishop Brennan's crozier

is made of wood, not gold.

Karen said she believes the bishop will help heal and end the divisiveness in the church and "bring a spiritual message to us so we can all be disciples of Jesus Christ."

The Grosses also mentioned the challenges of life in the diocese, noting that priests in rural parishes have needs that parishioners in Charleston, Morgantown and Wheeling cannot even imagine.

She said the bishop is humble and approachable. "You can tell by his demeanor that he puts others ahead of himself," she said. "Jesus brought him to us for a reason."

Morgan Yost, who works for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston on the program staff of the youth ministry office, said she hopes the bishop will see the youths as part of the church community now, not just in the future, and hopes he will see that they have a role in the church.

She said the bishop sent a video message to a Catholic summer youth camp held in Huttonsville, W.Va., shortly after his appointment was announced July 23. In that video, he said he hoped to be able to visit the

camp in person next year.

Lia Salinas, director of Hispanic Ministry for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, attended the installation Mass to honor her former boss, as Bishop Brennan had been Hispanic vicar for the archdiocese when he was auxiliary bishop of Baltimore until his appointment to Wheeling-Charleston.

"He's a pastor who smells like his sheep. We're sorry to lose him but we know this is what West Virginia needs," she said.

"He's a person you grow to love, a real servant of God," Salinas said.

She described the bishop as a hard-working people person, noting that he will spend as much time talking to a janitor as with a clergyman or a business executive.

That attitude was visible after the installation Mass when Bishop Brennan blessed the crowd gathered on Eoff Street from a small balcony on the corner of the cathedral. Returning to the street level, still in his liturgical vestments, the bishop crossed the street to greet residents

of the Formosa Apartments who had been sitting on chairs in front of their building.

Yvette Smith, Zyanne Hamlin and Kiara Moore, who live in the building, and Carrie Chambliss, who lives around the corner, were pleased to meet the new bishop, whose cathedral directly faces the apartments.

Smith, who said she can get a feeling about people just by looking at them, said she felt "good vibes" when Bishop Brennan shook her hand. She told him she might consider attending his church when he is there.

Smith said she hopes the church opens more doors and helps the homeless and people who need help, like those who live in the Formosa.

Chambliss added that maybe they could use some prayers too, "because we're all sinners."

"I expect good things from him, the neighbor said.

Source: Christopher Gunty, Catholic Review

It's Time to Spruce Up!



- Interior & exterior painting
- Wallpapering - removal & hanging
- Pressure cleaning - walks, siding driveways, decks
- Fully licensed and insured
- Neighborhood references
- Free Estimates
- Serving your community since '80
- Quality custom work

Jim Kuzma • Painting
301-608-0988
2326 Montgomery Street
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Member St. Jude's Parish

email:zmapaint@aol.com

Joe Maier

Billy Silk

**Plumbing Repairs and Remodeling • Drain Cleaning
Water Heaters • Hot Water and Steam Heat**

**MASTER PLUMBING
& MECHANICAL INC.**

301-650-9100

Serving the parish community in Montgomery County since 1986
Senior citizen discount • Gas company financing



Licensed - Bonded - Insured
in MD and DC #878



GREAT THINGS

Con't from page 37

gone, One Call Institute works on receiving their contribution. They strive to attain the gifts and talents of the individual and applying them to leadership and participation. During the camp, there were various guest speakers, teachers, and leaders who were composers, teachers, and choir directors. We participated in lectures, classes, rehearsals, and ensembles. In addition to the musical aspect, everyone joined in morning and evening



prayer every day, Sunday mass, and Taizé prayer. As the final capstone there was a concert with all the

scripture and pieces we rehearsed through the camp.

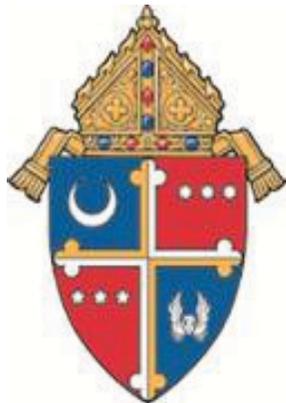
Participants came from the Lone Star state of Texas, the Centennial State of Colorado, the Bay State of Massachusetts, North Star state of Minnesota, and the Old Line State of Maryland... in all, 81 participants. We sang as a whole in rehearsal. We had more of a bond in smaller ensemble groups, and we had private lessons. We worked together in peer groups. This experience we shared put aside our prejudices. We were all one family. One family of faith.

OPT

IT'S GOOD NEWS!

**... AND GOOD FOR YOUR BUSINESS
Advertise in Our Parish Times
CALL (301) 706-9684
OurParishTimes@gmail.com**

*Renewing Baptismal Promises,
Recognizing the Gifts of Persons with Special Needs*



ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON 10TH ANNUAL
WHITE MASS

**Sunday, October 27, 2019
11:30 AM**

Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle

1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20036

Principal Celebrant

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE MOST REVEREND WILTON D. GREGORY

Archbishop of Washington

REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON

Rector, Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle

The Mass has the designation, "White" because of that color's connection to our baptismal promises and it has now become a tradition that all the participants at the liturgy wear white, to symbolize the bonds of community we all share through this sacrament of initiation. In fact, the Catholic Bishops in 2017 based their Sacramental Guidelines for Persons with Disabilities on this primary foundation:

*By reason of their baptism,
all Catholics are equal in dignity in the sight of God
and have the same divine calling. (#1)*

Wheelchair Accessible • Sign Language Interpreted • Metro: Farragut North/Red Line

Parking available at SP Plus Parking Garage next to Cathedral.

For more information, contact specialneedsministry@adw.org or 301-853-4560.



IS PROUD TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON.

Rev. Msgr. John Enzler, Chairman • Brian P. Sullivan, President