The Avalon School Moves to Wheaton Campus

The Avalon School, an independent Catholic boys school established in 2005 in Montgomery County will relocate its current Gaithersburg campus to the school facilities and grounds of St. Catherine Laboure’ in Wheaton, Maryland. The move is scheduled for July, 2018, and will allow Avalon’s 220 students to begin the 2018-2019 school year in a larger, refurbished building.

Avalon will continue to operate as an independent, Catholic school for boys in grades K-12.

The campus is comprised of a building with 22 oversized classrooms, lab space, and a large auditorium and stage, as well as a field and a gymnasium. An added advantage is that St. Catherine Laboure’ Church offers two daily Masses and has an Eucharistic Adoration chapel.

The Order of Malta and Our Lady of Mercy Parish Study the Refugee and Migrant Crisis

The Federal Association of the Order of Malta, in conjunction with Our Lady of Mercy parish, conducted a year-long focus on the plight of migrants and refugees. Using the context of the SEE/JUDGE/ACT method of studying a topic, the 2017-2018 meetings of Malta were used to SEE what is happening in the migrant and refugee crisis throughout the world. The Order wished to use this time to respond to Pope Francis’ invitation to “see with new eyes, listen with new ears, and to understand more deeply.”

Under the direction of the Dames of Malta Nancy Clark and Constance Battle, the monthly meetings, took place from September to May on Wednesday mornings after the 7 am Mass. The Order extended an invitation to all parishioners to hear the wide range of speakers from Catholic Relief Services, the Jesuit Relief Service, the Center for Migration Studies in New York, Georgetown University, and Cedar Lane Universalist Church in Bethesda. The various speakers provided education on global migration; the Syrian and Calais, France refugee crises; the dilemma of undocumented university students, and reflections on an experience of deportation, death, and detention in the Arizona desert.

Vote for Justice

Blessed spring! This is the final issue of Our Parish Times for this year. The stressed publishers and appreciated volunteer parish editors need the summer to prepare for next year’s edition. Traditionally, we use this issue to thank the many individuals who enrich our parish life through service. Whether in schools, sports events, liturgical services, social concerns, or other acts of love, parish life is only as inspiring as the people who work at it. So, thank you Reverend clergy, deacons and seminarians for spiritual guidance.

A Critical Time in Montgomery County

I always look forward to this issue of Our Parish Times because we read so much about upcoming graduations, celebrate with our young people their many achievements over the past few years, and look forward to new beginnings.

This particular year marks what in many ways is also a new beginning for Montgomery County. There is a sea change coming as term limits have forced many of our present councilmembers to step down. There will be a whole new crop of leaders taking office next January from the County Executive to the makeup of our County Council. This is a critical election, and I urge you to become involved, familiarize yourself with the candidates and the issues and be sure to vote. It’s our right and responsibility, and it’s also a great example to our graduates and all of our young people to see us engaged as citizens and Catholics.

My fellow priests and I have to be very careful and avoid endorsing particular candidates, but I do want to encourage you and everyone to not wait until November but start getting involved now ahead of the primary election coming up on June 26. (Early voting is also available.) Montgomery County leans so strongly towards the Democratic Party that the primary is especially important. As president of Catholic Charities in Montgomery County, I urge you to vote and get involved now! It’s your vote that makes the difference.
You are cordially invited to attend Catholic Latin Mass

Traditional Latin Mass Congregation
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Latin Mass in accordance with the “Motu Proprio”
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A new film entitled “Pope Francis – A Man of His Word” opens a unique window onto the Holy Father’s ideas and his encounters with people from all walks of life. “Pope Francis - A Man of His Word”, written and directed by three-time Academy Award nominee Wim Wenders, is intended to be a personal journey with Pope Francis, rather than a biographical documentary about him.

Msgr. Dario Edoardo Viganò, Prefect of the Vatican Secretariat for Communication, set the project rolling when he invited Mr. Wenders to make a film with the Holy Father.

“Pope Francis’ ideas and messages are central to the film, which presents his work of reform and his answers to today’s global questions regarding death, social justice, immigration, ecology, wealth inequality, materialism, and the role of the family.

The film’s direct-to-camera visual and narrative concepts place the Pope’s many encounters in theatres May 18

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Day of Service Sends Holy Cross Students into the Community

On Monday, April 23, The Academy of the Holy Cross entire school community left campus to perform a Day of Service as part of the 150th Anniversary. The event celebrated the deep commitment the founders of the Academy, the Sisters of the Holy Cross, have to social justice. Groups traveled to 18 different locations in Maryland and Washington, DC to complete numerous different service activities such as cleaning, gardening, preparing and serving meals, organizing donations of food, clothing, toys, and housewares, greeting veterans, and visiting with residents.

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Good Counsel High School Receives National Recognition

Named a distinguished school for STEM and career learning program

Our Lady of Good Counsel High School has been recognized as a Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished School for providing broad access to transformative learning opportunities for students through PLTW Engineering. It is one of just 133 high schools across the U.S. to receive this honor. PLTW is a nonprofit organization that serves millions of K-12 students and teachers in over 10,500 schools across the U.S.

“When we started just a few short years ago, I knew we had the talented teachers it takes to build a STEM program,” said Dr. Paul Barker, President of Our Lady of Good Counsel High School. “Our graduates are getting into select schools like CalTech and MIT. Now, we are proud of being named among the top 1% of Project Lead The Way schools nationwide. It’s a recognition of a lot of hard work.”

The PLTW Distinguished School recognition honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs. To be eligible for the designation, Our Lady of Good Counsel High School had to meet the following criteria:

- Offer at least three PLTW courses;
- Have at least 33 percent of students participate in PLTW;
- Have 70 percent of students or more earn a Proficient or higher on PLTW End-of-Course Assessments, or 10 percent of students earn the AP + PLTW Student Achievement.

Through PLTW programs, students develop STEM knowledge as well as in-demand, transportable skills that they will use both in school and for the rest of their lives, on any career path they take.

PLTW Engineering™ empowers high school students to step into the role of an engineer and adopt a problem-solving mindset. Students engage in collaborative, real-life activities like working with a client to design a home, programming electronic devices or robotic arms, and exploring algae as a biofuel source.

“It is a great honor to recognize Our Lady of Good Counsel High School for their commitment to students,” said Vince Bertram, President and CEO of PLTW. “They are a model for what school should look like, and they should be very proud of ensuring students have the knowledge and skills to be career ready and successful on any career path they choose.”
St. Martin’s Parish News

By Gabriel Amores, Eighth Grader, and Emily Moldiz

Confirmation Retreat

In March eighth graders from St. Martin of Tours Parish and Mother Seaton Parish went on a Confirmation Retreat at the Sandy Hill Camp and Retreat Center. There they learned about the Catholic faith and what it means to be Confirmed.

The eighth graders listened to talks hosted by Brother Pierre Toussaint and Brother Gabriel, Cindy and Maria, Josh, and Todd about their experiences with Confirmation. They also talked about life experiences and conveyed a lesson from the stories to the students.

The friars, Josh, and Todd encouraged the students to sing religious songs. The lyrics were displayed on a large screen, and the staff played the music and sang. One time, the students choreographed a song. All the songs were beautiful, and the staff did a great job of motivating the students to sing.

The eighth graders also participated in many activities. One highlight of the Confirmation Retreat was the Confirmation Retreat Trivia. Each gender had five representatives that competed against each other. There were questions from many different subjects, including karaoke, world places, spelling, acting, theme songs, and other categories. The students had lots of fun with this activity, and the girls won the competition.

On Saturday evening, the eighth grade Confirmands experienced a Eucharistic Adoration. They were surprised when they were given letters written by their parents. The letters were very touching and encouraging. In the middle of the room, there was a recreation of the burning bush that glowed. The Eucharist came around to each of the students, and they had the chance to look at the host and pray. The camp staff sang religious songs.

Congratulations to our talented St. Martin’s School Band for receiving a Superior Rating at the 56th Annual Archdiocese Music Festival! Photo courtesy of St. Martin’s School.

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Teyah Sahn
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Elijah Bonanno
Our Lady of Good Counsel
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Gabriel Amores
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Anne Cooksey
Andrew Dris
Freddy Orantes
Quince Orchard
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St. Martin’s School News

By Emma Leath and Brian Amugi, Eighth Graders

Family STEM Night

April 18 was an exciting night at St. Martin’s as we hosted our annual Family Stem Night. This event encourages students to become more interested in science, technology, engineering, and math in cool, fun ways. Each class in the school had projects they worked on and performed many experiments. That evening, the students had opportunities to try activities from chemical reactions to chromatography, optical illusions to math palindromes.

Family STEM Night was an amazing event of discovery, exploration, and creativity for the whole family. Photo courtesy of St. Martin’s School.
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The Monks and Faculty of St. Anselm’s Congratulate Our Seventy-second Graduating Class

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Ian Adoremos
McLean, VA
The Catholic University of America

Abbas Ali
Alexandria, VA
Claremont McKenna College

Carlos Alvarado-Flores
Hyattsville, MD
Drexel University

Benjamin Borzekowski
Takoma Park, MD
Oberlin College

Joshua Brogi
College Park, MD
Wabash College

Frederick Buchanan
Hyattsville, MD
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

John Cerrettelli
Bethesda, MD
St. John’s University (MN)

Kevin Clark
Washington, DC
The College of William & Mary

Samuel Cohen
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The College of William & Mary

Luke Craver
Hyattsville, MD
SUNY Binghamton

Marcus Domnmos
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Randolph-Macon College

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James Englander
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Washington, DC
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Silver Spring, MD
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Cherry Chase, MD
University of Pittsburgh

Daniel Goda
Washington, DC
Cornell University

Michael Henshaw
Alexandria, VA
Northeastern University

Henry Hermens
McLean, VA
The College of William & Mary

Quinten Howe
Washington, DC
Cornell College

Darius Kuddo
Rockville, MD
McGill University

Charles Kumukumian
Bethesda, MD
Dickinson College

Matthew Laszkowski
University Park, MD
University of Maryland

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Robert Leher
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University of Virginia

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Washington, DC
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University of Maryland

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Washington, DC
College of Charleston

William Sullivan
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Emmanuel Tamrat
Alexandria, VA
College of Charleston

Ryan Torpey
Rockville, MD
Rochester Institute of Technology

Konrad Wampler
Washington, MD
Tufts University

Jack Werwinski
Silver Spring, MD
University of Maryland

Justin Williams
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How to Be a Hero

We were thrilled to welcome Mrs. Julia Harrell to a recent Monday Morning Chapel. Mrs. Harrell is the author of How to Be a Hero: Train with the Saints, which was released last year. In her book, Mrs. Harrell teaches us how we can develop the virtues that saints of the Catholic Church have displayed for 2000 years.

Recently, during National Volunteer Week, The Woods Academy collaborated with Comfort Cases, a charity founded to support kids in foster care. We chose Comfort Cases because we wanted to show our love for the foster kids who are often forgotten by our fast-paced society. Comfort Cases helps support kids in the foster system by distributing backpacks filled with supplies we often take for granted. A typical case is filled with a toiletry set, a blanket, a stuffed animal, a notebook with writing utensils, and a book. The kids who receive these cases are ecstatic because they get to call something their own and have a device in which to carry their supplies instead of trash bags.

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Emails were sent out detailing websites and stores where you could buy supplies and flyers were handed out to remind students to bring in supplies. Though the first week was a little slow, the Upper School came through in the second week and brought boatloads of supplies.

On Friday, April 20, after our campaign to collect supplies, a “Packing Party” was held in the gym to assemble cases. We were thrilled that Rob Scheer, the Founder of Comfort Cases, was able to join us for this event.

There was a great turnout and sorting the supplies went quickly. After sorting the supplies, we organized them on tables. We then lined up to assemble backpacks. You could see the happiness radiating from any given student when they assembled a backpack because of how proud they were to be supporting children in the foster system. When we ran out of supplies, we had completed 180 cases. As we were leaving, we couldn’t have been happier because we knew that our efforts had such a large impact on the lives of children throughout the foster system.

Above, 180 cases were packed during that Rob Scheer, the Founder of Woods Academy. Thank you to all of the student and parent volunteers who made this possible.

At right, Grade Seven student Martin Gaszner was one of the several student ambassadors that led the Comfort Cases supply collection during National Volunteer Week.

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this region, I also want to let you know how important the leadership of both the County Executive and County Council are to the success of our programs here in Montgomery County. Our agency spends close to $10 million annually just in the county, and over $3 million of that comes from the government. The county contracts with us to provide services to the vulnerable in our community, subsidizes medical and dental programs at our McCarrick Family Center in Silver Spring and assists with our growing Latino population, especially in Gaithersburg.

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The Class of 2018 has been accepted to the following High Schools:

- Academy of the Holy Cross
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- Bullis School
- Connelly School of the Holy Child
- DeMatha Catholic High School
- Georgetown Preparatory School
- Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School
- Gonzaga College High School
- Holton-Arms School
- Landon School
- McLean School of Maryland
- Our Lady of Good Counsel High School
- Pingry School (NJ)
- Sidwell Friends School
- St. Andrew's Episcopal School
- St. John’s College High School
- Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart
- The Heights School

The Class of 2018 has been awarded $140,000 in merit scholarships.
As a follow-up to Holy Cross’ impressive 2018 Middle School Science Fair, 12 of its 54 middle school students competed in the Montgomery County Science Fair, sponsored by ScienceMONTGOMERY, on Saturday, March 10, 2018. For these 12 students, it was yet another chance to show off their creative projects. The students were judged on how well they conveyed the various steps of their experiments and explained if the data from their science fair experiments supported their original hypotheses.

Holy Cross believes that its own Middle School Science Fair and the Montgomery County Science Fair challenges students and helps them learn how to plan over an extended period, a valuable skill to develop early.

The judges and those visiting the Montgomery County Science Fair were given a glimpse into the future through a group of young minds that are beginning to take shape! All students entered in the Montgomery County Science Fair must be sponsored by an adult scientist. At Holy Cross, this responsibility goes to their highly dedicated science teacher, Mrs. Shari Connor.

Mrs. Connor recently stated that, “Win, lose or draw, competing at Montgomery County Science Fair is a great experience for students, and I’m thrilled so many at Holy Cross are willing to take a risk, put themselves out there, and give it a try. I am so proud of all these kids, and thankful for their families helping to make it all happen!” On Sunday, March 11, 2018, the following Holy Cross students were recognized as winners at the 2018 Montgomery County Science Fair.

**Division Winners:**
- Michael Ryan (1st Place, Behavioral Science)
- Cata Stiehm-Conrad (1st Place, Behavioral Science)
- Grace Fogarty (2nd Place, Behavioral Science)
- Cole Rodia (2nd Place, Biology)
- Croix Harris (3rd Place, Behavioral Science)
- Mykel Bailey (Honorable Mention, Behavioral Science)
- Brady Heaftiz (Honorable Mention, Behavioral Science)
- Jessica Kotchenreuther (Honorable Mention, Behavioral Science)
- Lilly Weaver (Honorable Mention, Behavioral Science)
- Diego Lopez (Honorable Mention, Physics)
- Maegan Mathews (Honorable Mention, Physics)

**Community Awards:**
- Mykel Bailey (Outstanding Achievement Certificate in an Atmospheric or Earth Science) from American Meteorological Society (DC Chapter)
- Croix Harris (3rd Place). Rockville Science Center Certificate in Excellence in Communication of Science, Invitation to exhibit his display at the 29th Rockville Science Day on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at the Rockville Campus of Montgomery College
- Diego Lopez (Honorable Mention). Rockville Science Center Certificate in Excellence in Communication of Science, Invitation to exhibit his display at the 29th Rockville Science Day on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at the Rockville Campus of Montgomery College
- Cata Stiehm-Conrad (Certificate for Middle School Projects demonstrating excellence in Math, Applied Science, Technology, and Engineering) from Broadcom MASTERS, plus a chance to win a trip in October 2018 and up to $25,000.
- Michael Ryan (Certificate for Middle School Projects demonstrating excellence in Math, Applied Science, Technology, and Engineering) from Broadcom MASTERS, plus a chance to win a trip in October 2018 and up to $25,000.
- Michael Ryan (2nd Place). Rockville Science Center Certificate for Excellence in Communication of Science. Invitation to exhibit his display at the 29th Rockville Science Day on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at the Rockville Campus of Montgomery College
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Walter Johnson

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Wheaton Magnet Engineering

Garrett Ranger Handelman
Good Counsel

Caroline Elisabeth Killian
Holy Cross

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parish also had two other opportunities to interact with people who are directly affected by the immigration dilemma. On February 23, the Order was the host organization for Mercy’s annual Simple Supper/ Speaker/ Stations event. In addition to ADW Catholic Charities’ Msgr. John Enzler and Fr. Jacek Orzechowski, who spoke on the role of Catholic Charities assistance with refugees and immigrants, a woman under Temporary Protected Status also shared her story about her concern for her and her family as they face future deportation back to their home country. The annual Bilingual Stations held on the audience face-to-face with the humanity that join in a conversation and faces are a cross section of and those who live in favelas and elders and workers, refugees, children, and between world religions. There is also a presence of Saint Francis of legendary moments in the Saint’s own life as a reformer and ecologist. His call for peace in areas of conflict and between world religions. There is also a presence of Saint Francis in the film, connecting back to the Pope’s namesake, through accounts of legendary moments in the Saint’s own life as a reformer and ecologist. Lives what he preaches In an era of deep distrust of politicians and people in power, Pope Francis - A Man of His Word shows us a person who lives what he preaches and who has gained the trust of people of all faith traditions and cultures across the world. The film is produced by Mr. Wenders with Samantha Gandolfi Branca, Alessandro Lo Monaco (The World’s Smallest Army), Andrea Gambetta, and David Rosier (The Salt of the Earth). The film is a production of Celestes Images, Vatican Media, Solares Fondazione delle Arti, PTS Art’s Factory, Neue Road Movies, Fondazione Solares Suisse, and Decia Films.

March 23 also provided a chance to pray together the Stations of the Cross in the Church. Fr. Bill Byrne, pastor of Our Lady of Mercy, and Fr. Erik Lopez of the Catholic Community of Langley Park, led the two congregations in both English and Spanish, respectively. Following the Stations people from both parishes shared a meal of tamales and tamales made by the women of Langley Park and were entertained by the Central American music provided by the Langley Park DJ.

The year of learning about the issue of migrants and refugees concluded with a presentation on May 9 by Sister Pat Mensing, SSJ, OLOM Pastoral Associate for Social Justice/Social Concerns. Sister Pat’s Powerpoint presentation wove in excerpts from Pope Francis’ latest exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate (“Rejoice and Be Glad”), which pointed to the Pope’s invitation to live the Gospel message of the Beatitudes through serving those who are powerless in the immigration crisis. Following the presentation those in attendance shared their reflections about what they have learned from the presentations as well as how they feel the Order and parish are being called to act in specific steps regarding this issue for the coming year.
We are excited to move Avalon to a formal school facility, and to have access to our parish school in 2013 but provides a service next school year from its current site in Germantown, as well as from the Wheaton service in Gaithersburg, from Milestone Center in Rockville. Our Parish Times, Lawrence and Kathleen Ham. Many readers may be unaware of the uniqueness of this periodical. OPT is one of the only papers of its kind. It is a fully independent Catholic newspaper reporting the good news and activities occurring in the Montgomery County parishes of the Archdiocese of Washington. Most parishes participate, and all parish editors are volunteers along with those who contribute articles or columns for the paper. OPT was envisioned by its founder, Paul Zurkowski, in 1991 as a vehicle to promote Catholic unity by building proactive education and service-centered Catholic communities working together for good. Zurkowski’s vision seems very much like that of his namesake, St Paul, known for his work to unify the early Christian church. The Hamm’s have built their ministry on both Paul’s vision and today OPT has grown in content and readership. We are grateful to the Hamm’s for helping build a more unified Catholic community here.

Let’s continue by acknowledging Judge Marielsa Bernard, St Raphael’s, who recently retired as a County Circuit Court judge and was recognized earlier this month by St Ann’s Center for Children, Youth and Families with its esteemed Mary McGrovy Award for Advocacy. For over 150 years, St Ann’s, a mission of the Daughters of Charity, has served young women, many of them mothers, who are in critical need of assistance and housing. For more than two decades, Judge Bernard heard cases involving abused and neglected children, often teen girls. She pressed the system to provide better protective services, treatment and housing alternatives and compassionate care to guide struggling youth to navigate enormous challenges. We also celebrate PCR’s 22nd Patricia Sullivan Dinner at which over 600 PCR members, families, friends, and supporters gathered to celebrate and raise funds to support its important mission to promote inclusive lives for people with developmental differences. This year PCR honored Vince Burke, Lizzy Demarea, Aidan and Kate McLoughlin, Natelli Homes, Inc., and Mark Rosenfeld.

We celebrate the life of retired Msgr. James Beattie who died last month. Msgr. Beattie was the beloved pastor of St Bartholomew’s parish for twenty years. He served at St Camillus and as pastor at St Catherine Labourou.

Before breaking for summer, there is one important responsibility I urge you to fulfill. Please vote in the coming local primary election on June 26th (early voting begins on June 14th). It may be easy to forget or skip a primary election, especially one that is non-presidential and has been moved from the more familiar fall season to June. Yet, local elections are critically important to our quality of life and the moral direction of our community. As a county with a lopsided Democratic majority population, many of the decisions made in the June primary elections will be sustained in the general election in November. So, to make a difference for the future of our county, vote in June primary elections. By doing so, we render unto Caesar his due. By casting our votes for candidates that seek to unify our communities in love, justice and goodness, we render unto God the things that are God’s. We should be very proud of the leadership of the Justice and Advocacy Council of Montgomery County, a Catholic advocacy group which recently planned and conducted a well-attended and informative debate including candidates for the important office of County Executive. Msgr. John Enzler ably served as moderator. For the many who attended, it was an opportunity to ask specific questions of the candidates and to testify to the enduring principles of Catholic social justice. To paraphrase the late Cardinal Hickey, as you prepare to vote, our foremost concern should not be about who we are and our policies fair to the poor and vulnerable in our community.

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Adult Faith Formation Program Changes the Parish Landscape

By Melissa Montealegre Egan

In groups of four or five, the parishioners stood at the altar at St. Francis of Assisi Church, all eyes on them. One person held a poster board high and swiveled slowly, so Mass attendees could read what was written: ‘Void and empty.’

Flipping the poster board, the parishioner displayed the other side: ‘Fulfilled and overflowing.’

Such was the scene March 4 during the 11:15 am Mass, when graduates of Sharing Christ were commissioned. With St. Francis of Assisi Church having recently adopted the ChristLife Series (Discovering Christ, Following Christ and Sharing Christ) as its main adult faith formation program, the 14 Sharing Christ graduates joined a small, faith-filled group that had completed the final course.

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Over the past three and a half years since St. Francis began offering the series, ministry leaders have gleaned important lessons. For example, instead of consecutively offering the seven-week courses, coordinators now space them out, offering Discovering Christ at least twice a year, and the other courses less frequently.

Doing so builds a bigger base of people from whom coordinators can tap to help at subsequent offerings of Discovering Christ, DeAusen said. Depending on the number of participants, each seven-week course requires about 20 people to operate it, including people to serve food, greet, serve as worship leaders, and facilitate small groups. St. Francis initially relied on core team members from its Couples for Christ Ministry to mentor recent graduates, but now people have gained their own experience.

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Basketball Fundraiser Evolves into Community Building Event

By Melissa Montealegre Egan

Since 2012, the Hoops for Haiti annual basketball fundraiser has emerged on the St. Francis calendar as a fun event where people could have a whole-family night. But, on April 14, thanks to targeted outreach, the fundraiser evolved into a celebration of community, camaraderie and tradition.

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In Discovering Christ, participants learn they need to belong to a community. So, program leaders at St. Francis introduce participants to other ministries and small groups that attendees can join to stay connected and foster that sense of community. St. Francis offers the Christian Life Program organized by Couples for Christ. After completing the Christian Life Program, parishioners belong to a ‘household,’ a small group of three to four couples or four to six adult women. This process provides a more intimate environment for personal growth and support in the Christian life.

“We want to see where the Holy Spirit leads the parish,” DeAussen said. “That’s the beauty of what we do.”

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properties of flying planes to properties of racerscars. The event has evolved and expanded to filling most of the classrooms with several stations in each room. Close to 400 people attended, and it was fun for people of all ages, parents and students alike.

The eighth graders, along with volunteers, alumni, teachers, and parents were in charge of various stations for the kids to learn from and enjoy. Some of the students’ projects were Colleen and Ian’s Creamery where you made ice cream, ASCII Names where people made cool necklaces and bracelets in code of their names, and Xpandin’ Foam where they made overgrowing cups of foam. Some of the adult’s stations were Harmonics by Bob McMichael, father of alum, and Traveling Water Experiment by Aaron and Mark Milton, and alum and his father, where they found out who was able to transfer water the furthest with the least amount spilled. Another fun station was Build a Better Paper Airplane by alum Freddie Stamper where students used engineered a plane that flies farther by using science.

At the end of the night many cool prizes were given out such as a periodic table tote bag, a 3D model of the school, and many science books. This turned out to be a great and educational evening for all.

Eighth-Grade Day Out

On March 26, our whole class went to Catholic University for 8th-grade day out. It was an inspiring day for everyone, as there were two speakers, one for boys and girls. The boys’ speaker was Marlon Smith, an Amazon best-selling author and world-renowned inspirational speaker. In accordance with my gender, I was one of those listening to him. Mr. Smith was very animated and was able to talk to us with honestly from his own experiences, which were not actually that different than what we might experience later in life. Some of the topics he made a point on were thinking before you act and random acts of kindness.

The girls’ speaker was Julie Marie Carrier, a popular speaker and television personality. Being a boy, I wasn’t there myself to hear her speech myself, but I was able to talk to the girls and they gave very enthusiastic reviews of her speech. From what I found out, she spoke about being self-confident, loving yourself just the way you are, and understanding that you’re unique. She gave all the girls her book, “Be-YOU-tiful.” At the end of the day, all the 8th graders loved it and planned to use what they learned that day in their day-to-day life.
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A Couple of Tours of Biblical Proportion

By Mary Ann Fitzgerald

In March, St. Bernadette’s Tuesday Club seniors gathered aboard a motor coach for a trip to the new Museum of the Bible in Washington DC. Everyone was greatly impressed with the museum. The always changing and moving ceiling was quite engaging. The interactive displays brought the bible to life; in particular, the one in the synagogue with an actor playing the role of a rabbi was especially well done. Although one can bring their own lunch, there is a Mediterranean style cafe available, plus some vending machines. Although the museum is not yet providing docents for groups, there was no problem getting around the museum without assistance and elevators are available between the floors. Afterwards, the Tuesday Club ventured to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to view the newly completed dome. We were awed by the beauty and spectacular workmanship. Our second religiously themed excursion for this year will be an eight-day trip from October 14-21. We will be going to the “Great Passion Play and Holy Land Tour” in Eureka Springs, AR followed by The Ark Encounter and Creation Museum in Kentucky. From there, we travel on to see “Our Lady of the Snows” in Illinois with the trip wrapping up in Branson, MO for four fun-filled shows. We are extending an invitation to everyone to join us on this trip as it is not limited to St. Bernadette’s club members or parishioners. The package price is $1,479 for double occupancy ($475 additional for single). Included is the travel by motor coach, 7 nights lodging, 7 breakfasts, and 7 dinners; a dinner cruise on the Branson Belle; admission to all events, plus all taxes, gratuities, and tips. This will be a unique and exciting trip, so we encourage you to get together with your family and friends and not miss this wonderful opportunity. For further information and reservations, please contact: Mary Ellen Hudson at 301-593-3622, or Lewis Hicks at 301-593-0414.

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The Buzz from The Hive

St. Bernadette’s Friday Night on the Field

By Emma Gallagher, Grade 7 and Riley Peake, Grade 7, St. Bernadette Student Council, Directors of Public Affairs

If you are ever looking for something to do on a Friday night, St. Bernadette has it all! For entertainment, Grades Kindergarten through Grade Two plays T-ball. Older kids love to come and cheer on the players. In both the fall and the spring, we have a movie night under the stars after the games are over. If you get hungry, there is a snack shack serving delicious hotdogs and hamburgers fresh off of the grills cooked by our dedicated team of volunteers as well as beverages, candy and popcorn. An ice cream truck can usually be found in the parking lot providing dessert. If you are considering joining our school community, coming to the field on a Friday night is a great way to meet people and get a sense of who and what we are all about. Parents can socialize while children can play. The activities on the filed begin at 5:30 PM and last until around 8:00 PM. We hope to see you at a Friday Night under the lights!

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Maryland Catholic Conference Wraps Up 2018 Legislative Session

The 438th legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly adjourned its 90-day session in April. Lawmakers considered more than 3,100 introduced bills and approved nearly 900 measures. Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. (R), along with Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. (D-27) and Speaker of the House Michael E. Busch (D-30A), signed 114 bills into law yesterday during a ceremony in the State House.

The Maryland Catholic Conference advocates the Church’s public policy positions for the more than one million Catholics living in the state. Many of the initiatives addressed by the Conference during the 2018 legislative session resulted in a successful outcome.

“As so many legislative leaders have noted, the General Assembly worked in a bi-partisan manner to solve many key issues this session,” said Mary Ellen Russell, executive director of the Maryland Catholic Conference. “As advocates for those most in need, we are pleased that a number of issues passed that will help to improve lives and build a safer and more just society.”

Among the measures the Conference supported that successfully passed both chambers are bills to expand the Earned Income Tax Credit (SB 647/HB 856), and to increase funding for child care subsidies (SB 379/HB 430) and Head Start programs (SB 373/HB 547). Additionally, the Conference supported the Tyrone Ray Safe Streets Initiative (HB 113), which requires the Governor to include $3.6 million in his budget each year, allocated to Baltimore City, for the disbursement of grants to violence prevention or intervention programs operated by a community-based organization in a neighborhood affected by violent crime.

The Conference was a lead agent in advocating for the Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) program, which has been funded at $7.6 million, an increase of approximately $1.6 million for this popular and growing program. For the 2018-19

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Saint Francis is a vibrant school family that seems to always have something exciting and dynamic going on. Sometimes what is going on happens in the church and follows traditional rituals and sometimes it happens in the gym or the cafeteria or dozens of classrooms and seems far more ordinary or worldly to the average person, but from a Franciscan perspective all the moments in all of the places are chances to encounter God and make God present in a world that is imperfect.

On the one hand, the Saint Francis family has experienced students being baptized, making first penance, and making first communion during this Easter, and will soon see many eighth graders be confirmed, which are all clear sacramental encounters with God’s grace, but throughout Lent and up to Mother’s Day the students also held an almsgiving project that raised $851.05 to help send local volunteers to Puerto Rico next month to help with hurricane recovery and $3,152.50 to help the Holy Spirit. Continued on page 54
Spring Brings Renewal to our Parish

Now that the weather finally feels like Spring, the activity level at St. John the Evangelist also feels like Spring! The school is certainly bustling with renewed activity. Our initiation sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion were beautiful. The entire parish community experienced a call for renewal of our own Baptismal vows.

Just like Mother Earth springing forward, new projects and new ideas are popping up all over school. Our sixth grade Science class celebrated Earth Day by cleaning up our little corner of the planet. They made a renewed effort to limit our carbon footprint.

Now that it is May, our school has rededicated itself to the Blessed Mother. Following the valuable lessons taught to us by our founders, Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we pray the rosary together, ask for Mary’s intersession every day, and celebrated her annual May crowning. All students processed down the aisle at church to bring their flower offerings to the Blessed Mother before the crowning. Another annual Spring celebration at our school is Cinco de Mayo. Each grade from first through eighth performed a song or dance in Spanish. The eighth graders completed the festivities with their colorful dance, complete with flowing skirts and sombreros!

This year’s Confirmation class gathers in front of the altar with our Pastor and the Bishop after receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on April 27th. The confirmandi completed six months of preparation prior to receiving the sacrament.

The eighth grade performed a Mexican dance choreographed by one of their classmates, Isabella Rodriguez, for the school Cinco de Mayo celebration!

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The school’s crowning of Mary took occurred at the First Friday mass. Eighth graders led the mass and collected the flower offerings from the younger grades.
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St. Jane’s Environmental Committee – Let There Be Light

by Maureen Wilkerson

On a grey Sunday, after morning Masses, parishioners at St. Jane Frances de Chantal were treated to an exchange event where either incandescent or CFL lightbulbs were turned in for new, dimmable LED bulbs. The St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish Environmental Committee, a recent addition to the parish to raise awareness of the role of community in the stewardship of God’s creation and preservation of the natural resources awarded to us from God’s love, had arranged this free event with the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Ms. Johnson, who works with the DEP, provided much useful information not only about the lightbulbs, but also about a variety of other energy related programs that our county provides, i.e. a free home energy audit which can also include free LED bulbs. She brought a lightbulb display which lit the various types of bulbs to demonstrate their comparative strength, and hues. Children as well as adults were fascinated by her presentation.

Members of the Committee felt that her presentations were also helpful to raise awareness conserving energy use and conservation, a laudable goal expressed by all recent popes, and most recently by Pope Francis in Laudato si.

St. Jane de Chantal Second Graders Go Back in Time

by Mrs. Catherine Skibo

The second grade of St. Jane de Chantal School made their annual visit to the Seneca Creek School House. Students went back in time to the mid-1900’s to see what it is like to live during that time as school child. The trip was complete with chores, games, and lessons. Boys had to bring in wood to feed the fire, while other students brought pails filled with lunches. Only the boys were allowed to play outside for recess. The lessons were memorized and read out of early primers, and even the dunce hat may have been used once or twice! This is always a favorite field trip for the second grade students. Afterwards, some second graders decided they wanted to go back in time, but most were happy to return to their modern day schooling experience!
Congratulations Class of 2018

Emily Blackstone
Visitation
“Everything you ever wanted is on the other side of fear.”

Katherine Blackstone
Visitation
“When nothing goes right... go left.”

Courtney Blouguist
Holy Cross
“To be the best, you must be able to handle the worst.”

Peter Burkart
Gonzaga
“You have got to hand it to short people... we usually can’t reach it anyways.”

Grace Carr
St. John’s
“Be the type of person you want to meet.”

Kate Celeste
Holy Child
“I’m on a seafood diet. I see food and I eat it.”

Quinn Connolly
Gonzaga
“You have to be able to accept failure to get better.”

Charlotte Covell
Holy Cross
“The two most important days in a person’s life: the day they are born and the day they find out why.”

Lizzy Cresswell
Holy Child
“My brain is like the Bermuda Triangle: Information goes in, and then it’s never found again.”

Matthieu Croquez
Lycee Rochambeau
“Everything I forgot anyways.”

Conor Crowley
Georgetown Prep
“Life does not have hands, but it can sure give you a slap sometimes.”

Massimo D’Arella
Gonzaga
“If Cinderella’s shoe fits perfectly, then why did it fall off?”

Patrick Emerson
Georgetown Prep
“Do or do not, there is no try.”

Shawn Flynn
Walter Johnson
“Don’t give up on your dreams. Keep sleeping.”

Maggie Gieson
St. John’s
“If a dream is worth dreaming, then it’s worth chasing.”

Jazlynne Goldstein
Good Counsel
“Those we love have hands, but it can sure give you a slap sometimes.”

Phillip Karas
Winston Churchill
“Marry someone who has a different favorite cereal than you so they don’t eat yours.”

Michell Lide
Holy Cross
“I’m not weird. I am limited edition.”

Courtney Macdonald
Visitation
“I am ready to face any challenge that is foolish enough to face me.”

Gabriel Manzano
Walter Johnson
“They call me Bubbles in the classroom because I am always rising to the top.”

Emma Maynard
Visitation
“I am not short, I am just more down to earth than other people.”

Shea McCarthy
St. John’s
“Make guacamole.”

Gabriel Varanelli
Visitation
“The two most important days in a person’s life: the day they are born and the day they find out why.”

John Smithideal
DeMatha
“The ceiling is the roof.”

Michael Merola
Winston Churchill
“Whoever is trying to bring you down is already below you.”

Katie Stach
Holy Cross
“My bed is a magical place where I suddenly remember everything I forgot to do.”

Will Stankic
Visitation
“Success isn’t just about what you accomplish in life, it’s about what you inspire others to do.”

Sarah Owens
Holy Cross
“Oh good, you haven’t started either?”

Isabella Totia
Holy Child
“What goes right and wrong is your life, but how you handle it is who you are.”

Lily Valaik
Holy Child
“I enjoy long, romantic walks to the fridge.”

Nicolas Varanelli
Gonzaga
“It’s a good thing I outran a Black Pepper snake.”

Michael Veith
Gonzaga
“Never argue with stupid people; they will drag you down to their level and then beat you with experience.”

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**INTERAGES Program at St. Mary’s School and Sunrise Assisted Living**

Residents at Sunrise Assisted Living were invited to St. Mary's School for an end of the year celebration of the INTERAGES program. Kindergarten and seventh-grade students visit with the residents of Sunrise throughout the school year. Seventh-grade students interviewed the residents about their lives on earlier visits to Sunrise, and residents had been most generous in sharing their wisdom and experiences. Later, the students wrote introductions for each of the residents to share what they had learned at their year end celebration. St. Mary’s loves the relationship their students can form with the residents of Sunrise Assisted Living through this wonderful program which teaches us about the love and respect for all human life.

Above, parishioners and students of St. Mary’s School gathered for this beautiful devotion to our Blessed Mother on Sunday, May 6 following the 12:30 Mass.

Above right, Children from the parish and school who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 5, participated in the procession honoring Mary. Marian hymns were sung by the participants and the St. Mary’s Choir.

At right, at the close of the devotion, children brought their flowers to the feet of Mary, our Mother and patroness of our parish. St. Mary’s was also blessed with the presence of the Archdiocesan Tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe from May 5 through May 8.

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St. Mary’s students in preschool through eighth grade are gearing up for our fifth annual Mustang Marathon fun run. Donations supporting excellence in education at St. Mary’s School can be made at www.bidpal.com/mustangmarathon2018.

**Class of 2018**
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Students attending the following high schools:
Congratulations, St. John’s Class of 2018!
This year’s senior class collectively earned more than $32 million in scholarships.
Two Graduates

Joshua R. Seaton
Katherine Lamoreaux

By Katie Holland, OPT parish editor, with parishioners and proud mothers Benita Seaton and Liz Weiss

Joshua Seaton graduated from West Virginia University May 11, 2018 with a Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies and has since been interviewing to get his dream job in the construction industry with an emphasis on Business, Landscape and Sustainable Design. Joshua was a long-time volunteer, in many capacities, at Christ the King. He graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes in 2008 and from St. John’s College High School in 2012. He played freshman football, JV and Varsity Lacrosse, Soccer and Rugby while at SJC and was a proud member of the ROTC. He continued ROTC at WVU but did not commission. Joshua has played on the WVU Men’s League Soccer Teams for the last three years.

Katherine Lamoreaux is graduating this year from St. Edward’s University in Austin, Texas with an economics degree. Kate too was a long-time volunteer, in many capacities, at Christ the King. She was a 2010 graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School and a 2014 graduate of Holy Cross Academy. She is the daughter of Liz Weiss and Etienne Lamoreaux and the twin sister of Paul Lamoreaux.

Upcoming Events

- The Charismatic Renewal Group of Christ the King will host a three-day retreat in Spanish on September 7, 8 and 9 in a retreat house in the mountains near Philadelphia. Contact the Rectory for enrollment and directions.
- A Prayer event on the Vigil of Pentecost May 19 will be held 5:30 pm to midnight, with guest lead Fr. Francis Russo, OFM Cap. (in Spanish).
- Fr. Steve Carter is beginning a Young Adults Book Study Group (in English) in the Rectory Tuesdays 7pm, starting with “The Purpose Driven Life” by Rick Warren.
- Mrs. Isidra Molina, Christ the King’s Director of Religious Education is also working to establish a Literacy Program, together with Catholic Charities, its announcement is coming soon.

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A Reenactment of The Passion of Christ

By Katie Holland, OPT parish editor, with Liz Weiss, parishioner and Josh Lamoreaux, parish office administrator

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Christ the King Choir centered in the Sanctuary

Jesus arrives at Christ the King

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It was also encouraging that Ms. Johnson indicated that the St. Jane de Chantal parishioners had the largest turnout she had seen doing this type of event at a congregation! She distributed approximately 200 lightbulbs and collected even more.

Other parish organizations might consider taking advantage of Ms. Johnson’s presentations and programs. The St. Jane de Chantal Environmental Committee would welcome input from not only de Chantal parishioners, but also from any similarly oriented groups in other parishes.
Bishops Support Legislation Keeping Kids First in Adoption and Foster Care

On May 1, the start of National Foster Care Month, numerous faith leaders and nonprofit organizations sent a letter to House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady urging the committee to give a high priority to the enactment of the Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act of 2017 (H.R. 1881) this year.

The Inclusion Act protects child welfare providers from being discriminated against by federal or state government entities due to the providers’ religious beliefs or moral convictions.

The letter states that “keeping kids first involves protecting the birth mother’s choice to place the child with the family she feels is best,” and it quotes a birth mother who chose to work with a Christian adoption agency “because their values match mine.”

The letter continues: “At a time when the opioid crisis is driving more children into foster care and adoption, we need all available agencies to assist with placing vulnerable children in stable homes. Faith-based agencies in particular excel at recruiting good families who can provide stability for children in crisis; that excellence is propelled by both the faith-driven mission of these agencies as well as their connections to houses of worship where they can recruit prospective foster and adoptive parents.”

In addition to three bishops, each a chair of a USCCB committee, signatories of the letter included Bethany Christian Services, Catholic Charities USA, Buckner International, Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Assemblies of God, Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, and many other organizations concerned about the freedom of adoption and foster care providers to serve children in need of loving homes.
Spring is the Season of Sacraments!

The second graders at Holy Redeemer Catholic School celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 28. There were 65 children celebrating from the school and CCD program. The children were nervous and excited to finally meet Jesus!

A few quotes from the day:
“...I was nervous, but it was worth it! After I received communion, I felt blessed!”
“...It was the best day of my life!”
“When I got the Body of Christ it felt like a magical moment!”

On Wednesday, May 16, over seventy eighth graders from both the school and the Parish will be confirmed. These young men and women have worked hard all year preparing for this big day through their prayers, studies, and community service. May the Holy Spirit guide them as they finish their elementary years and move on to high school.

Second Annual Holy Redeemer PaintNite!

A happy group of Holy Redeemer parents, teachers and parishioners painted the night away in the school’s auditorium at the Second Holy Redeemer PaintNite on April 25. Participants followed the PaintNite instructor, step by step, in the creation of a landscape featuring the Washington Monument in a moonlit sky. The PaintNite company makes the lesson a breeze, providing detailed instructions and all the supplies needed to complete one’s masterpiece. Many a talent for painting was revealed and toasted with a sip of wine and beer. Lots of laughs, lots of fun and great fellowship again marked this event.

The HR PaintNite is run by HR’s Arts Festival committee as a fundraiser for the school’s Arts Festival in May. The festival takes place over two days during which students participate in various arts-only workshops and activities. The Arts Festival has become one of the most anticipated events by the entire school community.

Cardinal Connection

Located in close proximity to The Catholic University of America (CUA) has its benefits. Currently, there are six CUA graduates on the faculty and staff at Holy Redeemer and two others with past connections to the campus. Who knows if it’s because both schools have the Cardinal as their mascot but whatever the reason it is a nice coincidence.

Pre-K-Grade Four teacher Sharon Morin Bretting graduated in 1998 and studied early childhood education. Some of her best memories were living in Conaty Hall and Centennial Village Quinn House. She enjoyed going to the DuFour center and watching the men’s basketball games. A standout memory was an article in the yearbook about how she and her roommate lived together all four years. She loved walking up to O’Boyle Hall to the education department. Mrs. Bretting loved all her student teaching experiences and her advisor, Dr. Taylor. She feels so lucky to have stayed so close to her dear CUA friends.

One of our fifth-grade teachers, Pam Manfreda August, graduated in 1991 with a BA in elementary education. Dr. Barton is the teacher she remembers most. “Dr. Barton taught us how to teach math. She gave us riddles almost every day as examples of how to get kids thinking, forcing us to figure out a problem, some of them taking almost a whole class period.” Mrs. August brings her love for math into the classroom every day.

Cory Hudson, who teaches PE, graduated in 2009. Mr. Hudson was a member of the CUA baseball team. His most favorite memory is winning back-to-back conference championships. Mr. Hudson brings his enthusiasm for sports to our students every day. His most memorable class was Poetry of Rock where he studied different rock bands and their influence on poetry.

Colleen Boyd teaches fourth grade. She graduated in 2016 with a BA in Elementary Education. Ms. Boyd’s Favorite memories are attending Luaupalooza and Freshman Retreat, a great opportunity to grow in her faith and meet new people. Spring of her freshman year Ms. Boyd received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Her favorite teacher was Dr. Agnes Cave, head of the Education Department. “Dr. Cave prepared us for the real world. The education department, elementary education specifically, is such a small group that I truly got to know and care about each of my classmates and I felt that my teachers really got to know me.”

Meredith Eib, a 2017 graduate, received a Bachelor’s of Music in Musical Theatre and an interdisciplinary minor she created entitled “Music as a Form of Education in Service.” Currently, she teaches music and heads the drama department at Holy Redeemer. Two professors who meant the world to her while she was at CUA (and still today) are Dr. Rachelle Fleming in Musical Theatre and Dr. Rosalind Flynn in the drama department. Meredith actively studies voice with Dr. Fleming and Dr. Flynn helped her set up her classroom! Ms. Eib was the recipient of CUA President’s Award and worked directly with President Garvey as a
Library Theater Returns

Above, the third-grade play “The Enchanted Bookshop” was the culmination of a yearlong “Library Theater” program, a feature of the regular Library curriculum. Students experienced the art of storytelling, performance, and drama basics in a six week workshop this past fall. Then for eight weeks this spring, led by Mrs. Swanda and Mrs. Guarini, third-grade students prepared their roles in this 35-minute play which required memorization of lines, costuming, and stage blocking. We are very proud of the cast of this “Library Theater” play!

Spring into Service

At right, St. Patrick’s School has been busy with two important service projects this spring. First, our fourth-grade class, in partnership with the Kindergarten students, conducted their annual Lenten service project to make bagged lunches for the Men’s Shelter on Gude Drive in Rockville. In four weeks, they made 1,824 sandwiches. Lunch bags were filled with sandwiches and fruit and the bags were decorated with prayers and encouraging messages. In April, there was a school-wide drive to benefit S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat). The school collected hundreds of diapers, granola bars, and adult socks—enough to fill three large car trunks!
connection

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member of his President’s Society. She played Jo March in Little Women the Musical main stage production. Additionally, she was able to perform at the Kennedy Center, singing for singer/songwriter Audrey Assad and had many more musical opportunities. “CUA certainly shaped me and I’m ever grateful for it.” Ms. Eib is currently directing the HR spring musical, Godspell, Jr., at the bottom floor of Gibbons Hall.

Librarian, Mrs. Ann Enkiri, attended Catholic University’s Campus School from 2nd through 8th grades. “We benefited from CUA’s education department: Student teachers interned at our school and they also used the students to sample many national standardized tests. Mrs. Enkiri made her First Holy Communion in the Crypt Chapel and her Eighth Grade Graduation was held in the Basilica. Mrs. Enkiri has many fond memories of Campus School and of the Shrine.

Other notable Catholic University connections and alumni are in the front office. Admissions Director, Ms. Lynn Doyle worked at CUA for 19 years and all of her children attended the school. Ms. Doyle has fond memories of helping and working with the students in the registrar’s office. Assistant Principal, Mrs. Magda Mooers, attended Catholic University in the 1980’s. She was involved both intercollegiate and intramural sports. Her favorite memories are attending football games in the “bowl”, keeping score for the men’s basketball team, and going to 10pm mass in the bottom floor of Gibbons Hall.

“My favorite class was Biomedical Ethics with Father Mohan. He challenged our thinking and prepared us for the debates of life.” Mrs. Mooers returns every year to CUA for Homecoming and is in contact with many of her CUA classmates.

Holy Redeemer is blessed to have this connection to Catholic University and thankful for all the wonderful CUA alumni in the building. Go Cards!

“all you need is faith, trust, and a little pixie dust”

At left, St. Patrick’s School recently finished a weekend of performances of its second annual school musical, “Peter Pan, Jr.” More than 60 students in grades five through eight formed the cast and crew of the production. The play was directed by Mrs. Gina Swanda and Mrs. Jill Ecko with Mrs. Cindy Ladd leading the stage crew.

On top of the world!

Congratulations to eighth-grader Aaron Siegle, at right, who finished in Fourth Place in the Maryland State Geography Bee. Following his 4-point victory as the St. Patrick’s School champion, Aaron represented the school again this year at the state competition, a qualifying round for the National Geography Bee held in Washington DC.

class of 2018

Xavier Arguello Maduro
David Chinsom Agwamba
Connan Ford Anderson
George Brooks Beall
William Alexander Bonadio
Robert Paul Bowell, Jr.
Joseph Peter Brach
Carlos Arthur Brooks
John Anthony Buono
Thomas Joseph Byrne
Lucas Fernando-Johannes Maria Cremer
Joseph George Czinkovich, III
Thomas Frederick Davis
John Paul DeAgostino
Joel Benjamin Denser
Marc Bosco deSa
Cameran Allen Dazio
Andrew Vincent Dougherty
Nicholas James Djumovic
Paul Thomas Egan
Anthony Francis Esquível
Ryan Joseph Ewing
James Michael Fairbanks
Anthony Pasquale Falcone
Nathan Gregory Feldman
Isaia James Fowler
James Kevin Gilday
Michael Patrick Gilday
Alexander Bishop Grecham
Nelson Humberto Guachamin
YuFeng Guo
Stephen David Herrick
James David Higgens
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Patrick Richard Kelley
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Issac Shimon Liang
Thomas Henry Malouf
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Alvaro Jose Ramos
Matthew Edward Reilly
Kevin Thomas Reim
Henry Gustav Reinhart
Vicent Nabil Ruzkalla
Andrew John Francesco Byland
John William Schindler
Michael Paul Schmidt
Demetrios Tyrene Shepard-Lewis
Aidan Lewis Smart
Raphael Alexis Soria
Joseph Sergei Spalding
Peter Thomas Spence
Wyatt Steele Vance
Joseph Thomas Willard

College acceptances

The following list is representative of the wide variety of colleges and universities where Heights students have been accepted over the past three years:

- Ave Maria University
- Baylor University
- Boston College
- Bard College
- Bucknell University
- California University at Berkeley
- California University of Los Angeles
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Catholic University of America
- University of Chicago
- College of Charleston
- The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina
- Clemson University
- Claremont McKenna College
- Colgate University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- University of Dallas
- Dartmouth College
- Davidson College
- Denison University
- Dickinson College
- Fordham University
- George Mason University
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Gettysburg College
- Harvard University
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- James Madison University
- Johns Hopkins University
- The Julliard School
- Loyola University Maryland
- Marymount University
- University of Maryland
- University of Maryland, College Park
- Miami University
- Oxford University
- University of Michigan
- Mount St. Mary’s University
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Northwestern University
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania State University
- University of Pittsburgh
- Pepperdine University
- Princeton University
- Providence College
- Rice University
- University of Southern California
- Stanford University
- St. Joseph’s University
- Texas A&M University
- Tufts University
- University of Vermont
- Villanova University
- Virginia Military Institute
- Virginia Tech
- University of Virginia
- Wake Forest University
- Washington and Lee University
- Wesleyan University
- College of William and Mary
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, Irvine
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of California, San Diego
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- University of Washington
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
- Wesleyan University
- Brown University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Duke University
- Emory University
- Florida State University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Harvard University
- University of Houston
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Johns Hopkins University
- University of Kentucky
- University of Michigan
- University of Michigan-Dearborn
- University of Minnesota
- University of Missouri-Columbia
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania State University
- University of Pittsburgh
- Pepperdine University
- Princeton University
- Providence College
- Rice University
- University of Southern California
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- Texas A&M University
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- University of Vermont
- Villanova University
- Virginia Military Institute
- Virginia Tech
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- Washington and Lee University
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"Be who you are and be that well." — St. Francis de Sales
MoN Class of 2018 pictured with Mary following May Crowning Mass

School Community Celebrates Patroness at May Crowning

Each year the Mary of Nazareth School community honors Mary, our patroness, with a Mass and May Crowning. In gratitude for her many graces and the intercession of our Blessed Mother, the eighth-grade students crown Mary and make an offering of flowers. This year’s May crowners were eighth grade students, Fiona O’Connell and Eduard Ioana. Each individual grade also honors Mary with a classroom May Crowning and prayer service.

MoN Hosts Rest Stop Along Bike Tour in Support of Veterans

2018 marks the sixth year that Mary of Nazareth School has hosted a rest stop on its campus for the Face of America bike tour. The Face of America tour consists of a 110-mile ride from the Pentagon to Gettysburg and is one of the largest annual non-competitive bicycle rides in the Washington, D.C. region.

Participants ride together to honor US troops and inspire injured veterans. Mary of Nazareth students and families welcomed riders to the school’s 190+ acre campus, cheering them on and handing them refreshments. Second-grade student Lucas Phommachanh had the opportunity to meet and speak with Col. Gregory D. Gadson, a double amputee and graduate of Georgetown University’s Public Policy Institute, while the FOA riders took a break from their two-day ride in route to Gettysburg. The event, created and organized by World T.E.A.M. Sports, celebrates its eighteenth race this year.

Race day events were organized by Mary of Nazareth’s Social Concerns Committee, which works during the academic year to provide classroom instruction and volunteer opportunities that raise students’ awareness of their responsibility to act as good stewards within their communities.

MoN Holds First Ever STEM Fair

Middle School Science teacher Ms. Jennifer Massey put a new spin on the MoN Science Fair this year. As in previous years, seventh-grade students were required to select a project, conduct research, plan an experiment, analyze results, and draw conclusions. This year, however, the project had to be problem-

The cast of Seussical Jr. joined together following the production’s opening performance.

Students Celebrate the Arts with Spring Musical

This March, Mary of Nazareth held the first Spring Musical to be debuted in 15 years, Seussical Jr. Students in grades five through eight were invited to audition for parts in the musical and spent several months preparing.

The production offered students an authentic experience in performing arts, not only with opportunities to perform as part of the cast, but also as members of the production staff. Parent volunteers Mrs. Roxanne Stone and Mr. John Feeney served as the Executive Producers. Mrs. Stone, who has worked in the theatre onstage and off for nearly 40 years, says of her experience, “Along the way, I’ve learned so much from these kids. Their creativity, joy, and excitement have been a source of inspiration and fuel to keep us going.”

In total, there were four showings of Seussical Jr., all of which were well attended by family and friends of our school. Congratulations to all participants on your hard work, dedication, and creativity!
Congratulations
Mary of Nazareth
Class of 2018
Confirmation and First Communion at Mother Seton Parish

By Dominique Seraphin

On April 13, 2018 our parish welcomed Bishop Mario Dorsonville as he confirmed 90 of our Confirmation Candidates. The candidates had a nervous excitement before Mass as they gathered in the parish center. As they sat and waited for Mass to begin, Bishop Dorsonville, on his way from the rectory to the Church to vest before Mass stopped by the parish center to address the confirmandi. During his time with confirmandi he reminded them that their lives would no longer be the same and that although they might not feel a difference after Confirmation the gifts of the Holy Spirit would manifest themselves throughout their lives in the good times and bad times. The confirmation Mass was definitely filled with the Holy Spirit. We pray that our candidates recognize and respond to the workings of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

On Saturday May 5, 109 children received Jesus for the first time. Fr. Lee and Fr. Ben spoke to the children about what it is like to receive Jesus. He nourishes us to help us live our lives according to his will. We should continue to come to Mass to receive Him as often as possible especially on Sundays. The children looked beautiful in their dresses and suits. After processing into the church, and in their seats, they looked in awe about what was happening. They have worked hard and prepared for this day and everyone was excited.

Daughters of Mary Breakfast

By Laurie Saenz

The Daughters of Mary Breakfast was held at the Holiday Inn on April 29. The annual event is sponsored by the Sodality of Our Lady at Mother Seton Parish to honor the Blessed Mother while evangelizing about her. The day is all about Mary including table decorations with a statue of the Blessed Mother surrounded by flowers. Books and religious articles are given to the children in attendance all having to do with Mary.

RCIA Mass at Mother Seton Parish April 7

By Brenda Rosado

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Fr. Benjamin Garcia gives the children Holy Communion

Receiving Jesus for the first time

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Sodality members celebrate together

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Susan Conroy's joyous lecture
Knights of Columbus Host St. Nicholas Breakfast

Over 150 hungry guests spent a snowy December morning enjoying the annual “Breakfast with St. Nicholas” in the Parish Center. In addition to the delicious pancake breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus and their spouses, supported by members of the eighth-grade Confirmation class, the Bauer family (Ron, Raelene and Marla) again brought excitement to the children by generously donating over 130 toys and stuffed animals.

Fr. Joe remarked, “It was a great day for the parish and a joy to be part of it with you all. Thanks to all the Knights for a momentous morning and blessed occasion for our families to prepare for the Birth of the Lord.”

Above, there is a fourth smile under the beard!

At left, the Bauer family prepares to distribute gifts to the children.

Rummage Sale Success
Funds Picnic

Many hands helped the sale bring in nearly $9,500: The Spanish-speaking community and Goshen Enterprises put up tents; the men’s group loaded and delivered a large truck of furniture and other items stored in the priests’ rectory garage. Meanwhile, a small army of dedicated volunteers got us unpacked and set up for the sale. We opened the doors for business with welcoming smiles, lots of treasure for sale and prices that pleased everyone. Best of all, many community members learned about our parish and the friendliness of its members as they were invited to find the Real Treasure…across the street in our church.

St. Valentine’s Dinner Dance

A little snow never held our parish back from dinner and dancing. The first social event of the year, celebrating our 40th Anniversary Jubilee, took place with an accumulation of 2.6-inches of snow that fell between 2 and 10pm of the event day, February 17.

“It was pretty amazing to see 135 people unbundling at the door to reveal their dancing clothes, and yes, they had their dancing shoes on,” said event organizer, Cheryl Harskowitch. “Father Joe welcomed all with a champagne toast, Chef Luis Jovel prepared a scrumptious dinner, over 30 volunteers set up a beautiful and romantic environment, and Dan Arnold & his Swing Theory Jazz Band made great music the entire evening.”

Father Joe was pleased with the diversity of parishioners attending and was grateful for the many donations that resulted for the school children of Jerusalem. It allowed him to deliver a generous check to the Latin (Roman Catholic) Patriarchate from the people of SJN parish.

St. Patrick Honored in March

By Rus Wester

One hundred and thirty-five, fun-loving Irish folk of SJN gathered for their annual feast of corned beef and cabbage, whiskey chicken, soda bread, dark ale and the Hurley Irish Dancers. No SJN Irish party would be complete without the “not-so-wee” Leprechaun/Emcee, Tom Firestone and our resident Irish raconteur, Father Peter Sweeney.

In his opening comments this year, the good Father Sweeney pledged to be on hand each St. Paddy’s Day at least until his 90th birthday. He began his remarks with a hand-out of 135 people unbundling at the door to reveal their dancing clothes, and yes, they had their dancing shoes on,” said event organizer, Cheryl Harskowitch. “Father Joe welcomed all with a champagne toast,

Knights of Columbus Leprechaun/Emcee Tom Firestone keeps the party flowing.

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Resurrecting the Family

Helen Alvaré is a George Mason University Professor and speaker and delegate to various UN conferences concerning women and the family. Sodality and Knights of Columbus were honored to host Helen speaking about Resurrecting the Family... for the good of all people and the restoration of Holy Families. One of Helen’s messages that resonated with the group was to keep doing what you are doing – show what strong marriage looks like. Children are the beneficiaries of such a marriage.

Congratulations, Class of 2018!

Natalia Adams
Academy of the Holy Cross

Brian Bromley
St. John’s College High School

Matias Camp
Thomas S. Wootton High School

Max Edmonds
Gonzaga College High School

Alex Gerbracht-Smolarczyk
Georgetown Preparatory School

John Grintzias
St. John’s College High School

Alexandra Gunz
Academy of the Holy Cross

Tomas Hurtado
Colegio Everest (Chile)

Mick Kaibni
Our Lady of Good Counsel

Connor Kearns
Richmond Monticello College

Conor Kelly
Gonzaga College High School

Elin Mardruga
Academy of the Holy Cross

Sean McGlasson
Winston Churchill High School

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Ben Navabi
Georgetown Preparatory School

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Caleigh Rose
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Annabella Zara
Academy of the Holy Cross

Benjamin Zelaya
St. John’s College High School

St. Raphael School News

St. Raphael School Presents “Shrek the Musical Jr.”

By Nina Cardillo

Hard work, diligent rehearsal, and the blend of individual talents and personalities culminated in an uplifting presentation of “Shrek the Musical Jr.” by the St. Raphael School Performing Arts Program. The middle-school cast and crew, led by music teacher Karen Shantz, delivered the Shrek message that “what makes us special makes us strong” with enthusiastic singing and dancing, and through the portrayal of misfit characters working together for a greater good and ultimately finding true love and happiness in the deeper layers beneath the surface.

Many teachers, parents, and vol-

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unteers contributed their time and
talent to bring this tale to life with
colorful costumes, sets, and props,
as well as behind-the-scenes logis-
tics. We are grateful to those who
came out to support the show and
to all who were involved, especially
the “Shrek” cast, whose convincing
performances that everyone indeed
has a unique story and that beauty
is truly more than skin deep made
us all want to sing out loud, “I’m a
Believer!”

Sacraments and Spring
Celebrations

The sacraments of First Holy
Communion and Confirmation were
received with great joy this month
at St. Raphael Catholic Church,
where 105 First Communicants
and 128 Confirmandi across the
parish reached these milestones in
their Catholic faith journey. The
parish welcomed Bishop Herbert
Bevard, bishop of St. Thomas,
U.S. Virgin Islands, who celebrated
Confirmation Mass along with our
pastor, Fr. Mike Salah, and our
parochial vicar, Fr. Dave Wells.
Congratulations to all the children,
as well as the parents, teachers, cut-
echists, and priests who made this
spiritual step possible!

With anchors aweigh, this year’s
nautical-themed SpringFest trans-
formed SRS’s Trumpet Room in
sailing splendor as the community
gathered for an evening of fun and
fundraising. Silent and live auctions
benefited the school while everyone
aboard enjoyed live music, a buffet
dinner, and the popular cornhole
tournament. Thank you to all of
the volunteers and participants who
made this year’s event a shipshape
success!

SRS also hosted its annual Girls’
Night Out, a spring shopping bou-
tique. This one-stop shop had it all—fabulous vendors and great
raffle, appetizers and drinks, and an
emporium filled with SRS family
and friends.

And finally, SRS school moms
enjoyed a heartwarming morning
with their children at the Mother’s
Day celebration. This annual tradi-
tion began with Mass, during which
Our Blessed Mother was crowned
with a beautiful wreath honoring
Our Lady as Queen of May, fol-
lowed by a light reception. The
children’s video messages and gifts
made for precious keepsakes and
loving memories from this day.

End-of-School Events

May 22: St. Raphael Nursery
School Picnic and Basket Raffle
closes out the nursery school year
with a fun-filled family celebration.
Tickets are now available for the
annual basket raffle that benefits
the preschool.

June 1: Eighth Grade Graduation

wishes all the best to our SRS
Angels who are ascending to new
heights and preparing for high
school.

June 4: Father’s Day Prayer
Service brings together SRS dads
and their children for prayer and a
light reception.

June 12: Field Day and June 13:

Closing School Mass mark the end
of the school year and start of sum-
mer break.

For more information about our
school, visit our website at www.
straphaelschoolmd.org. Have a
blessed and safe summer!

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do with our Blessed Mother. The
Sodality is celebrating 25 years at
Mother Seton Parish this year, and
their motto is: “To Jesus through
Mary.”

Susan Conroy, the speaker at this
year’s breakfast, spoke of Mary,
particularly about Mother Teresa’s
devotion to her, but mostly Susan,
a writer, speaker, and TV host on
EWTN, spoke of her 11-year
relationship with Mother Teresa, now
St. Teresa of Calcutta. Susan, at
age 21, traveled alone to Calcutta to
work alongside Mother Teresa and
her Missionary Sisters of Charity
in Calcutta, and later in the Harlem
district of New York.

Joy and grace radiated from
Susan as she shared pictures and
spoken of Mother Teresa and her
Sisters, as they lovingly and joy-
fully care for the poor and orphans.
Susan told the 150 guests who
attended the breakfast that in order
to join Mother Teresa’s Missionary
Sisters of Charity three qualities
were necessary: willing hands, a
loving heart, and most important
of all, a spirit of joy. Guests at the
breakfast were spell bound by
Susan’s presentation, and were
thrilled to be able to meet her after-
ward as she signed their books. To
learn more about Susan Conroy, to
buy her books, or schedule her as
a speaker, go to her website: www.
susanconroy.com.

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Sacrament of Confirmation. Their
sponsors, parents and other
family members were there to share
with them this wonderful occasion,
along with parishioners who
were asked to pray them all
through the month of April. May
God continue to bless them all
throughout their lives.

Fr. Lee Fangmeyer baptizes the children

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est fundraiser of the year for the
Knights,” said Tom Firestone. “In
the words of one who should know,
Father Sweeney said the food was
elemental! Add to that the won-
derful Irish dancers, and it’s easy to
see why our guest-list was so strong
and growing. We really had a terrif-
tic time celebrating the feast day of St.
Patrick.”

Circle the March 2019 date on
your calendar, because you don’t
want to miss even one of these
annual gatherings!”

St. Raphael School second-graders mark a milestone as they celebrate their First Communion May 5. Photo by Tom Carrington

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SR student Benjamino Zelaya stands proudly with Bishop Herbert Bevard, left, and Pastor Mike Salah. St. Raphael School’s eighth grade class received the sacrament of Confirmation on May 5. Photo by Cindy Zelaya

St. Raphael School second-graders mark a milestone as they celebrate their First Communion May 5. Photo by Tom Carrington
Mercy seventh graders, along with Mrs. Thomas (Principal), Mr. Treadwell (P.E. and Athletic Director), and Mr. Sharp (Science) had the exciting opportunity to attend the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) Karen Noonan Center for an additional Outdoor Education experience this year. This is a special opportunity for Mercy because Karen Noonan was a Mercy graduate who perished in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. This center offers an outstanding hands-on educational program that supports our science program.

The Center is situated on 20 acres of marsh in southern Dorchester County, Maryland. Watermen communities, pine forests, underwater grass beds, and native oyster reefs surround the center. Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, one of the largest tidal wetlands on the East Coast, is also close by.

Geometry at Mercy
A New Educational Extension Opportunity

In December a new enrichment opportunity was offered to students participating in eighth grade math. Due to the enthusiasm and interest of students and faculty members, a high school level Euclidian Geometry course was designed. In addition to taking Algebra I during the academic day, participants gather twice a week after school to explore the world of Geometry.

Course content includes theorems and proofs on congruency and similarity of polygons, parallelism, circles, areas and volumes, coordinate geometry and trigonometry. Additionally, students have been challenged to apply geometry principles to real world problems. Students work collaboratively to integrate algebraic skills to find missing measures of geometric angles and figures. State and national standards are used as a guideline, and skills are continuously evaluated.

We are proud of the participants who have extended their learning in the field of mathematics.
Congratulations
Class of 2018!

College Matriculations
American University
Belmont Abbey College
College of William and Mary
Columbia University
Duke University
George Mason University (2)
Hillsdale College (2)
James Madison University
Marymount University
Roanoke College
Saint Mary’s College
The Catholic University of America (4)
Thomas Aquinas College
University of Dallas (2)
University of Mary Washington
University of Maryland, College Park (2)
University of Virginia (3)
Virginia Tech (4)
Lions’ Roar Kate Truax 5K 2018

The sun hid behind the clouds and kept the temperatures perfect for the runners in the Tenth Annual Lions’ Roar Kate Truax 5K at Our Lady of Lourdes School. As the last two runners arrived at the finish line the sun popped out, and the day was perfect for a picnic. Over 600 registered for the event, and enjoyed the run, great food, moon bounce, music by a deejay, and great company!

Kate Truax taught at Lourdes for seven years. She was loved by all. A beautiful young woman who shared her love of books and history with her students, Kate made an impact on every child in the school. Kate died in 2013 after a fierce battle with cancer. She is remembered with love each year.

The excitement before First Holy Communion is almost unbearable! The excitement before First Holy Communion is almost unbearable!

Kate’s mother and her sister run in the race every year. They will always be a part of the Lourdes community.

Above, Ava and Lianna prepare to run in the 10th Annual Lions’ Roar Kate Truax 5K.

At left, Alumni Alex Ballestero, James Gueco, Augustine Orrego, Tyler Collins and Cristian Rodas served as Race Marshalls for the Lions’ Roar Kate Truax 5K.

The five Mercy Character Pillars: Caring, Trustworthy, Respectful, Faithful, Responsible

Verso L’Alto Character Program

The school kicked-off the Verso L’Alto Character Program on March 19. Each week, students and staff focused on one of five character pillars. Students participated in school-wide activities designed to heighten how that week’s pillar could be lived. The five Verso L’Alto Pillars are: Caring, Trustworthy, Respectful, Faithful, Responsible. Students concluded the Pillars Initiative with a final celebration on April 27.

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Programs Offer Opportunities for Growth in Religious Formation

Religious Formation at Mercy is offering three new programs. Taking place now are two video Bible study series. The programs are part of the Jeff Cavin Video Bible Adventures. The Acts of the Apostles (Part 2) is offered on Sunday mornings from April 22 to June 10, from 9:50 to 10:50 AM in the Enzler Room. The focus of the program is Acts; the spread of the Kingdom and it shows how the early church was enlivened by the Holy Spirit.

The second video series is Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. It is an eight-part study that will help participants to “uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it is all about.” This program is offered on Tuesday evenings beginning April 24 through June 10 from 9:50 AM to 10:50 AM in the Enzler Room. To register, email alanave@olom.org

Starting June 26, OLOM will present the Tuesday Summer ALPHA Film Series. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. It will take place Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in the Youth Room/Parish House. Teens and adults are welcome. You can come every week or when you can. Contact Anna at alanave@olom.org if you are interested.

Mercy U

Mercy U is a Lay Theology Institute that is a partnership of Our Lady of Mercy and the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception, (Dominican House of Studies). The goal of the institute is to “equip graduates to engage the world with reason informed by the teachings of the Catholic Church.” Registration for 2018-2019 course offerings will open on August 1, 2019.

Fall 2018: God and Man in Thomistic Philosophy; the instructor is Dr. Brian Carl

Classes meet on Saturdays, September 22 and 29 and October 13 and 20, 2018.

Winter 2019: Reason and Revelations (Systematics); the instructor is Rev. Brian Chrastek, O.P. Classes meet on Saturdays January 19 and 26 and February 2 and 9, 2019.

Spring 2019: Theological Anthropology in Augustine’s Confessions (Systematics); the instructor is Rev. Andrew Hofer, O.P.

Classes meet on Saturdays March 23 and 30 and April 6 and 13 2019.

For more information on the certificate program and to register, go to www.mercyu.org
Congratulations Class of 2018 Graduates
Patricia McGann, Principal • Rev. Msgr. Edward Filardi, Pastor

Sofia Appolonio
Bethesda Chevy Chase High School
“It has been magical... but the world is calling me.”

Amanuel Beniam
Undecided
“Do what is right, not what is easy.”

Andrew Cabrera
DeMatha Catholic High School
“When you are determined to learn no one can stop you.”

Merid Daniel
St. John’s College High School
“Pursue your talent even if others may not believe in it.”

Claire Deaussen
Academy of the Holy Cross
“Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed.”

Ian Eskenazi
St. John’s College High School
“Yes! You will indeed 97%% guaranteed.”

Gabriella Fernandez
Academy of the Holy Cross
“Use your knowledge and your heart to stand up for those who can’t stand, to speak for those who can’t speak.”

Natalie Goodman
Academy of the Holy Cross
“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

Drake Greene
DeMatha High School
“For with God, nothing will be impossible.”

Diego Guevara
The McLean School
“If you can dream it, you can do it.”

Christian Hansen
Bethesda Chevy Chase High School
“They laugh at me because I’m different; I laugh at them because they are all the same.”

Nicholas Hessick
St. John’s College High School
“Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction.”

Guyer Kopplin
Gonzaga College High School
“Find a way forward or make one.”

Caroline Krauth
St. John’s College High School
“Not all those who wander are lost.”

Sean Lacey
St. John’s College High School
“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Quincy Long
Georgetown Preparatory School
“Don’t fear failure. Not failure, but low aim is the crime. In great attempts, it is gracious even to fail.”

Grace O’Hanlon
Undecided
“I liked Lourdes so much, I am back to finish middle school here after being away for five years.”

Taryn O’Leary
Academy of the Holy Cross
“How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”

Nicholas Palazzo
Georgetown Preparatory School
“Imagine with all your mind. Believe with all your heart. Achieve with all your might.”

Andres Peterkofsky
Bethesda Chevy Chase High School
“If you can’t fly, then run, if you can’t run, then walk, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving.”

Tess Polis
The Connelly School of the Holy Child
“Just because my path is different, doesn’t mean I am lost.”

Sean Quinn
St. John’s College High School
“Baseball is ninety percent mental and the other half is physical.”

Christopher Rivieers
Our Lady of Good Counsel High School
“The only way to discover the limits of the possible is to go beyond them into the impossible.”

Emma Robinson
Elizabeth Seton High School
“To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world.”

William Smith
Walter Johnson High School
“It’s better to have a great team than a team of greats.”

Yonathan Solomon
St. Albans School
“I can’t change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.”

Jack Squier
Georgetown Preparatory School
“If you can’t fly, then run, if you can’t run, then walk, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving.”

Max Stan
Our Lady of Good Counsel High School
“Go out to explore the world but remember to come back and thank the ones who taught you how to do it.”

Otto Troxler
Connelly School of the Holy Child
“It always seems impossible until it’s done.”

Ashley Tsozock
Gonzaga College High School
“Today you are you! That is truer than true! There is no one alive who is yourer than you.”

Noah Vetter
The Heights School
“Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face.”

Seanus Walsh
A conversation with St. Bartholomew’s new permanent Principal, Frank English

B ringing a tidal wave of positive energy, Frank English has been named permanent Principal of St. Bartholomew School in Bethesda. English, who has 32 years in Catholic education, combines a plain-spoken approach with a deep passion for education and religious instruction. He holds a Bachelor’s in Finance from St. John’s, also teaching basketball, football, and baseball.

• Tell us about your early life.

I’m the eldest of three children, born in Washington, DC. My Dad was from Pennsylvania, and my mother was from Galway, Ireland. They moved to Rockville and were one of the founding families at St. Jude’s. I went to school at St. Jude’s, and then St. John’s High School. I loved it. I had some incredible teachers who gave me good direction and good advice. They were a great influence on who I was to become and how I am as a teacher. In high school, I was always influenced by people who knew in the Peace Corps, so after college, I served in the Dominican Republic. I returned with a new view of the world. I appreciated our country. The Peace Corps had a great influence on my life.

English’s first teaching job was at St. Bernardette’s in Silver Spring. He then taught at St. John’s, also coaching basketball, football, and baseball.

• How does coaching influence your approach to education?

Coaches have to explain ideas and inspire people. I can teach kids and I can coach kids, but I can get them really far if I can convince them how much I care about them. If you have a relationship with the kids and they say, “Wow, this guy really cares about me,” you can take them far.

• What has made an impression on you at St. Bart’s?

The kids embraced me. They walk by my office on their way to math, and I say “hello” 25 times. I love the feeling of knowing I’m at a good place, and that makes me work harder. I’ll do anything I can to make this school better. It’s the same with our faculty. They’re dedicated. We have an incredible faculty.

• Many people feel children today are under a lot of pressure. How can you help them cope?

Success for people is different things. A lot of time with academics we should focus on the result. We should focus on how hard they tried. I know people who got straight A’s. It was theirs. They worked hard. I’ve never been a great student. I struggled. With students like me, I can look in the eye and tell them that you do come out on the other side. The people who truly achieve things in life are those who can say, “Oh my gosh, it was tough, but I worked really hard and I didn’t quit.”

• What are your goals for St. Bart’s?

I would like to get a few more kids into a few more classes, but I want to continue to offer small group instruction. Our math might have eight or ten people in a class. That’s an incredible ratio. I also want to make sure teachers push themselves in terms of professional development. I want an incredible art room, a big music room, a new computer lab, and leadership training for fifth, sixth, and seventh grades. We can add to what we have. What we have is really good.

Two St. Bart’s students lead effort to help the homeless

A Lenten Service Project organized by two St. Bartholomew seventh graders made an immediate impact on those in need. Students Jack Gallagher and Liza Jane Triandafilou collected ‘Promise Packs’ for Catholic Charities to distribute to children who are in and out of homeless shelters.

St. Bart’s provided more than 70 backpacks and bags filled with school supplies, blankets, dental supplies, socks, gift cards and personal notes of kindness. Seven of the packs saw immediate use when they went to a family that lost its home in a fire.

“Service at St. Bart’s is really important,” said Gallagher. “We learned to give back to those in need.” Adds Triandafilou, “I think this will mean a lot to the kids who get a backpack, and that makes me feel really good. For the first year of doing this project, I think it turned out very well. Next year I hope we can collect 100 packs!”

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Academic support available at St. Bartholomew this summer

S tudents in the Bethesda area can keep their academic skills sharp this summer by taking advantage of St. Bartholomew School’s summer enrichment program. Taught by the school’s certified and experienced teachers, classes range from Pre-K Prep and Enrichment, all the way to advanced academic skills for seventh and eighth graders. Specialty classes include STEM & Robotics, plus standardized test preparation for students planning to apply to private high schools. Classes are available from July 9-20. Sessions range from 30 minutes to two hours.

Options are available for all-day enrollment, including aftercare. Students need not attend the parish school to take advantage of enrichment classes. For more information and a complete list of classes, contact Mrs. Coakley or Ms. Tehan at acoakley@stbartholomew.org or etehan@stbartholomew.org.

Mother-Son Mass and Brunch an Afternoon to Remember

S t. Bart’s Held a Mother-Son Mass and Brunch on Sunday, March 11. The afternoon started with a special Mass featuring music from the St. Bart’s “Rock Band” that provides music at the 8:00 p.m. Sunday Mass. Immediately after the Mass, participants headed down to “the Jazz Hall” to enjoy a catered brunch buffet and a performance from a talented high school quartet. Moms and Sons of all ages were welcome and had a wonderful time.

Organizer Amy Smith told OPT, “Our first annual Mother-Son Brunch was a great success! Mothers and sons of all ages came to pray, sing, and enjoy a catered brunch and two omelet chefs! Music at Mass was provided by the 8pm Rock band, and while eating, attendees were serenaded by a stellar jazz quartet.”

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“The only time you should ever look back is to see how far you’ve come.”
–Anonymous

Lauren Nicole Chamberlin
ST. JOHN’S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL
“Every moment wasted looking back keeps us from moving forward.”
–Hillary Clinton

Joshua Mendoza DeAusen
CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOLS
“The lesson is that you can still make mistakes and be forgiven.”
–Robert Downey Jr.

Arielle East Fausnaugh
WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL
“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched—they must be felt with the heart.”
–Helen Keller

Tyler Chase Harmon
ST. JOHN’S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL
“Life moves fast. If you don’t stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.”
–Ferris Bueller

Samuel David Henry
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL HIGH SCHOOL
“Time flies, so be the pilot.”
–Marques Brownlee

Gabrielle King Hughes
STONE RIDGE SCHOOL OF THE SACRED HEART
“Success isn’t about how much money you make, it’s about the difference you make in people’s life.”
–Michelle Obama

Alyssa Renee Johnson
ANNAPOLIS AREA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
“If my life is going to mean anything, I have to live it myself.”
–Rick Riordan

Camilla Nicole Karns
HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL
“Keep your face always toward the sunshine and the shadows will fall behind you.”
–Walt Whitman

Kevin Patrick Kiernan
GONZAGA HIGH SCHOOL
“Man believes in the possible, God believes in the impossible.”
–Ray Lewis

Daniel Kronick Nakshin
ST. ANSELM’S ABBEY SCHOOL
“Push yourself, because no one else is going to do it for you.”
–Anonymous

Devin Claire Ryan
ST. JOHN’S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL
“You must do the thing you think you cannot do.”
–Eleanor Roosevelt

Jennifer Joelle Shanklin
ST. JOHN’S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL
“Don’t pray for life to be easy, pray for yourself to be strong.”
–Anonymous

Maya Brooks Solomon
HOLTON-ARMS SCHOOL
“No matter where life takes me, find me with a smile.”
–Mac Miller

Kyra Nyrvana Velasquez
UNDECIDED
“Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.”
–Albert Einstein

Michael Beville Ward
WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL
“Me shooting 40% at the foul line is just God’s way to say nobody’s perfect.”
–Shaquille O’Neal

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2018

Mr. Vincent P. Spadoni  Principal
Monsignor J. Wilfrid Parent  Pastor
St. Elizabeth students had a ball climbing on all kinds of different trucks on our Annual Truck Touch Day.

Hats off to all of our St. Elizabeth students for the wonderful spring musical performance of Alice in Wonderland, Jr.

At left, congratulations to our Catholic Business Network Essay winners. (L-R) Evelyn Meale, Maggie McHugh, Alexis Bruce, Luke Peterson, Rafael Carbonell, and Marcos Egan.

At right, we had a wonderful Donuts for Dads celebration.

Congratulations to Mrs. Wolfgram, our Archdiocese of Washington Golden Apple Teacher!

Our 5th grade students performed “Gifts for the King”, a beautiful retelling of Henry Van Dyke’s “The Other Wise Man”.

Rockville project to bring a Wegmans, jobs, homes

Developer B.F. Saul has reportedly signed a lease with Wegmans, a family-owned supermarket based in Rochester, New York, to build a store in Twinbrook Quarter on the roughly 18-acre site along Rockville Pike north of Halpin Road. This would be the first Wegmans in southern Montgomery County. The site, across from Congressional Plaza, is now occupied by one-story box stores, including Party City, CVS and others.

There is no projected date for when a new Wegmans would open, but according to the developer, it would be in the first section. Saul is proposing constructing 11 buildings along Rockville Pike. When completed, the overall project could result in more than 3,450 jobs, 1,865 homes, retail, a 1.1-acre central green and two dog parks—one for small dogs, one for big dogs.

Saul’s development team presented the project to City of Rockville officials on Monday, April 30. The overall project could take a quarter century to complete.

Yet more development for downtown Bethesda

The Montgomery County Planning Board today approved, with conditions, a sketch plan for redevelopment of 8000 Wisconsin Avenue (bounded by Woodmont, between Cordell and Fairmont) to construct a 200-foot-tall tower to replace a surface parking lot and adjacent low-rise buildings. The tower would have up to 441 housing units and 20,000 square feet of retail space. The developer is Aksoylu Properties.

Two abutting properties are currently being developed: a 17-story apartment complex at 7900 Wisconsin Avenue and a condominium building at 8008 Wisconsin Avenue.
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$12,000,000 in College Scholarship Awards
12 International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Candidates
7 NCAA College Athletes
116 Women of Courage, Compassion and Scholarship!
Youth Group Preparing to Spring into Summer!

The ever-energetic St. Bart’s Youth Group has had a busy Spring, with Sky Zone on March 11, Scavenger Hunt on March 18, Mini Golf on April 15, and Capture the Flag & Pizza on April 29. The Middle School Youth group has been going on trips (they visited the Bible Museum), serving the homeless of the DC area (they assembled packages for Cup of Joe) and playing plenty of outdoor games (they have played capture the flag, kick the can, and more). The group will keep enjoying the warm weather and will go on several adventures this summer. Please contact Maria Archer (32kaufmann@cua.edu) to join their mailing list!

“Cookies for a Cause” Successful at St. Bart’s

As part of St. Bartholomew Parish’s “Serve Before Service” activities on Sunday nights, the parish held “Cookies for a Cause” on the evening of April 15. Parishioners were urged to bake cookies and bring them to the church hall on Sunday Night, before the 8:00 p.m. “Rock Band Mass,” where the cookies were combined with others for variety, then put in single-serving plastic bags for delivery the next day to homeless shelters run by Catholic Charities.

Organizer Dan Keen advised that this activity also took place last July and that “it was a lot of fun.” Dan commented: “Plus, baking together is a great way to spend time with loved ones. And, of course, you get to do quality control by sampling what you make.” Dan, however, noted that store-bought cookies were “OK too.”

Pastoral Leaders of Young Adults Meet in D.C.

Over 130 pastoral leaders in the field of young adult ministry representing 53 Catholic archdioceses and dioceses, and 26 national organizations, movements, and apostolates are attending the National Young Adult Ministry Summit this week, May 15-17, at the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C.

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap. of Philadelphia and Chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, said, “During these months in anticipation of the global Synod on ‘Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment,’” it is essential that Catholic leaders gather together to discuss and advance the Church’s work with young adults.”

The Summit is an invitation-only gathering focused on peer conversation and networking around best practices and emerging models of ministry with young adults, especially in view of the Synod and the increasing number of religiously-disaffiliated young adults in their 20s and 30s. The ad-hoc National Advisory Team on Young Adult Ministry was developed in 2016 to assist the USCCB Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth with efforts related to serving the field of young adult ministry in the United States. The Summit has been organized by the National Advisory Team in their work to advance this mission.

The May 2018 gathering will also be live-streamed so that those unable to attend can still participate in plenary discussions and engage in an online dialogue. This digital opportunity is supported by the Catholic Apostolate Center, which is also providing generous financial support to the Summit.

For more information about the event or the live-streaming, contact the USCCB Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth at 202-541-3040 or email yam@usccb.org.
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Celebrating the Sacraments at the Shrine of St. Jude

The Joy of Easter Sacraments

The community of St. Jude prayed at the Easter Vigil, “Grant that we may share in the gladness of our brothers and sisters who at Easter received their Baptism…” And we did rejoice with the 18 people who were baptized! The candidates came from four continents (Africa, Asia, South America, and North America) and included members of five families. We were also blessed with 12 adults who completed their Christian Initiation receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Baptized in in the Lord! St. Jude Pastor, Father Paul Lee, with assistance from Deacon Nathaniel Cordova baptizes Herly Lastarria, whose children were also baptized while his wife was Confirmed and received First Communion during the Shrine’s Easter Vigil.

Confirmed in the Holy Spirit! Congratulations to the sixty-seven youth of the Shrine of St. Jude who were confirmed in the Holy Spirit by Most Rev. Mario Dorsonville (center) on April 14, 2018. Photo by Tom Roach

Welcome to the Lord’s Table! On Saturday, May 5, 150 young people in grades two through seven of the Shrine of St. Jude parish received their First Communion at one of two masses: 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Photos by Tom Roach

Great Minds Think Alike

by Michelle Ardillo

On March 18, 2018, two teams of middle school students from St. Jude Regional Catholic School (SJRCS) participated in the Maryland/DC State Tournament for Odyssey of the Mind. The tournament was held in Washington, DC, and was open to all MD/DC Odyssey of the Mind teams.

At the tournament, the SJRCS Team B placed first in the Division 2 (grades six through eight) Spontaneous Only Category. Team B members were sixth-graders Christina Argyros, Naomi Barish, Austin Lambert, and Tim Sanders. Team A participants were eighth-grader Nathaniel Barish, seventh-grader Daniel Landry, and sixth-graders Rachel Shrestha and Lily Weikser. Other SJRCS who are registered in the weekly program are Alex Condori, Joshua Hoffman, Ethan Mendes, Marco Duran, Eldad Berhans, Esha Tamang, and Morgan Hough.

“The Odyssey of the Mind program is a unique augmentation to the standardized educational curricula.”

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Sodality Sponsors Annual Anniversary Mass and Breakfast

Fr. Shaun Foggo blessed the Shrine of St. Jude couples celebrating 25, 40, 50 and 60 years of marriage at a very special Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 29. Afterwards, Our Lady of the Wayside Sodality treated the couples to a delicious breakfast in Madigan Hall where Fr. Paul Lee joined them and wished them countless blessings for many more years together. Pictured from left to right along with Deacon Nick Sholtz and Fr. Shaun Foggo are James & Anna Mae Mulquin (60 years), Eileen & William Barrett (60 years), Carmen & Nathaniel Cordova (60 years), Isabella & Richard Donnelly (60 years), and Judith & Emlyn Roseman (50 years). Not pictured are Bernard & Hyacinth Wikramanayake (60 years), Englebert & Martha Sedegah (60 years), and James and Clare Kuzma (35 years). Photo by Tom Roach
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The value of the program is immense in that it allows all children involved to develop and perfect the ability to not only learn but to think. Through the program, children develop and implement important life-long skills, including but not limited to critical thinking.

SJRCS National Junior Honor Society

Congratulations to the following students who were inducted into the St. Jude Regional Catholic School National Junior Honor Society on March 14: Christina Argyros, Coralie Arias, Naomi Barish, Isabella Grijalba, Michael Nicholas, Timothy Sanders, and Rachel Shrestha.

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is one of the nation’s premier organizations established to recognize outstanding students. More than just an honor roll, NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character, and Citizenship. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.

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Based, requiring students not only to experiment, but to take their ideas a step further and engineer possible solutions. Among many noteworthy projects, the following students were recognized with honorable mention for their work:

Breana Alcantara
Tina Cheatham
Paige St. Clair
Michaela Dailey
Timothy Gorman
Nicholas Laffey
Andrew Lang
Amelia Maffeo
Habib Najjar
Kate Nonnenkamp
Charlie Scherer
Ian Stewart
Meghan Stone

Parent volunteers from within the MoN community were invited to serve as STEM fair judges. Multiple judges commended students on their displays of innovation and problem solving. Students reported having enjoyed the experience of designing and/or improving products to address a specific problem.
Saint Michael's Service Committee highlights the service opportunities available in our parish and the larger Silver Spring community.

Parishioners learn about the new Crafts Ministry in our parish.

Service Opportunities on Display at Spring Fling

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St. Michael the Archangel Parish is in a “Year of Service” declared by Monsignor Tolentino as an attempt to get more parishioners involved in service, both community service and service to the church. In Lent, all parishioners were asked to sign a Service Pledge card. On Sunday, April 15th, St. Michael’s followed up by hosting a Spring Fling where many of the different committees — Service, Worship, and Communications to name a few — were represented with booths of posters and flyers advertising different ways parishioners could get involved. As many know, service is near and dear to St. Michael’s Deacon Carlos Hernandez, whom was severely injured in a car accident over a year ago. Though Deacon Carlos is still recovering, he celebrated the 11a.m. mass that morning to encourage parishioners to give of their time to serve others.

With a warm personal announcement from Msgr. and strong support from all clergy and Parish Council, the room buzzed with parishioners signing up to volunteer and fellowshipping over coffee and treats provided by St. Michael’s Young Adult group.

The Spring Fling was a success, and more St. Michael’s parishioners will be hitting the streets to serve the community around them.

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Service Opportunities on Display at Spring Fling

Everyone is welcome to join St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Silver Spring for a multi-cultural mass and our annual SummerFest Fundraiser event. Celebrate with us at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 2nd, with a mass celebrating the diversity of the Church’s flock and the singularity of our faith.

Immediately following we will have a special SummerFest event featuring live music, dancing, karaoke, food, and games starting at 7 p.m. at St. Michael’s Parish located at 805 Wayne Avenue in Downtown Silver Spring.

Tickets for the event are $25 and include live entertainment, hors d’oeuvres, and soft drinks (children ages 6 to 13 are just $10, and those 5 and under are admitted for free). Beer and wine will be available for purchase. All funds raised at this event will be used to support the various ministries of St. Michael the Archangel Parish as we serve those in need in our local community.

For more information and to register for this event, please email St. Michael’s Parish at smacc fundraisers@gmail.com. We also welcome anyone to join us in our Year of Service and reach out about volunteer opportunities too.

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Cultural Faith This Summer

Family Hospital in Bethlehem to provide care for Palestinian mothers and their newborn babies. Both of these examples, receiving grace and being instrument of God’s grace, are celebrated at Saint Francis as important parts of the core mission as a Catholic school.

Other moments, like when The Music in Me Foundation brought a hip hop infused rally to Saint Francis to sing about ways to fight bullying or when students got up to sing, dance, and play music for the eighth-annual talent showcase, were just as much encounters with God and God’s grace and opportunities to live the school’s mission. Moments like An Open Book Foundation bringing noted news commentator and author Cokie Roberts to speak about women in American history or the eighth graders producing the musical Aladdin as their final class project certainly address academic curricula but they are also chances for students to better understand what it means to be a good human being and to find God in history, art, literature, and performance and to make God present through those acts too.

It’s a commitment to be excellent because in living our lives to the best of our ability Franciscan spirituality says we can be instruments of grace and peace. This is why the Saint Francis school band playing concerts or winning trophies or the school choir singing for Cardinal Rosa Chavez or taking the stage at the Kennedy Center are not just proud moments, they are holy moments. The Franciscan heart of Saint Francis International School challenges members of the school family to not just teach our faith in religion class but to teach and live the faith in the lunch line, in math class, and on the playground! Saint Francis strives to be vibrant not just because it will help students learn the information and skills necessary for success in life, but because as Catholics in the Franciscan tradition it is vital to make every moment in every place an opportunity to experience the peace and joy of God’s love and presence!
A Fruitful Lent at Resurrection Parish

By Amy Horn

If Fr. John Barry could help it, there would be no parishioner left wondering how to make this year’s Lenten journey a meaningful one. The calendar throughout the month of February and March at the Church of the Resurrection in Burtonsville was filled with programs and services to offer spiritual growth and reflection. There were many opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, pray the Stations of the Cross (including the outdoor service on Good Friday afternoon), and attend Eucharistic Adoration. The popular Lenten Program Soup and Spirituality raised funds for the social services program Adoration. The popular Lenten afternoon), and attend Eucharistic after the Stations of the Cross (including the outdoor service on Good Friday

The Five Acts. This year’s three-day Parish Renewal Mission, was a look at Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel in order to renew our own joy in Christ’s message. It was led by Fr. Frank DeSiano, CSR, who is also a frequent celebrant at the Church.

But there were also new programs. For the six weeks of Lent, parishioners were invited by email or in gatherings on Saturday mornings to read, discuss, and listen to Father Barry’s synopsis of the book Resisting Happiness by author and founder of Dynamic Catholic, Matthew Kelly. The adult choir provided reflective musical selections at an evening meditation service on “The Seven Last Words of Christ” with reflections by Father Barry and moments of silence. Paulist Seminarian Rich Whitney introduced a Thursday evening program called “The Journey” discussing the different roles Jesus plays in our lives.

Father Barry led two pilgrimages during Lent. The first was to the National Geographic Museum exhibit on the Tomb of Christ followed by a visit to St. Matthew’s Cathedral downtown. The second was to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine and then to the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America for a Journey to Easter retreat.

In Acts of Charity, the parishioners of Resurrection participated in Catholic Charities and the Archdiocesan Lenten Food Drive. Finally, the Parish Homeless Men Lenten Mission Program allowed many volunteers to touch the lives of people in our midst who were in need during the cold winter.

Great joy after the cold and snow meant that the homeless men gathered for breakfast at 6:30am. "Because of the heavy snow we ended up being open from 6:45 on Tuesday night until 6:30 on Thursday morning. We had wonderful volunteers step up and offer to come and volunteer during the snow. Several walked through the snow to help. In addition, the Knights of Columbus had donated extra food so that we could serve a hot lunch that day," said Peachman.

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Resurrection Homeless Men Lenten Mission Program

By Susan Ahearn

Parishioners at the Church of the Resurrection reached out to homeless men during Lent with the Resurrection Homeless Men Lenten Mission Program. Parish Council member Kristina Peachman says Resurrection worked with the Laurel Winter Shelter to house homeless men from Laurel from March 18–March 25. This was the first year for the effort. “The parish council had been wanting to restart some of our social justice programs and thought that this may be a good place to start. In addition, it seemed like a good fit for Fr. Barry’s vision of evangelization in the community so it fulfilled two purposes,” explained Peachman in an email.

According to Peachman, “We served 19-22 men per night for a total of 133 warm beds & 371 meals,” during the Homeless Men Lenten Mission Program. She said the program was supported by over 150 volunteers from Resurrection and its Riderwood community, and received food donations from over 117 individuals.

She described how the program worked. “The men were bussed from the Laurel area every night around 6:45 and left every morning at 6:30am.” The only exception was on Wednesday, when a snow storm meant that the homeless men stayed at Resurrection until weather conditions improved. “Because of the heavy snow we ended up being open from 6:45 on Tuesday night until 6:30 on Thursday morning. We had wonderful volunteers step up and offer to come and volunteer during the snow. Several walked through the snow to help. In addition, the Knights of Columbus had donated extra food so that we could serve a hot lunch that day,” said Peachman.

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Summer SOAR Trips!

The Montgomery County Department of Recreation has released its Summer 2018 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.

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.

Summer SOAR trips include:

Sailing Trip on Chesapeake Bay
May 31 • $80

White Water Rafting Trip on the Shenandoah River
June 7 • $85

Marine Corps Evening Parade and Band Concert
June 15 • $30

Sex, Scandal, and Sinners on Embassy Row
June 20, 21 • $40

Annual Catered Baltimore Crab Feast
July 19 • $83

Skipjack Sailing on Bay and St. Michaels
July 26 • $64

Boat Trip to Tangier Island on May
August 2 • $84

Boat Tour of Chesapeake Bay Lighthouses
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**Engage at Every Age**

**May is Older Americans Month**

 Engage at Every Age, the theme of Older Americans’ Month 2018, emphasizes that you are never too old (or too young) to take part in activities that can enrich your physical, mental and emotional well-being and celebrates the many ways older adults make a difference in our communities.

The following websites offer information and tools to help you Engage at Every Age.

A big part of the new way to age is a focus on physical and mental wellness.

- Falls Prevention
- Go4Life
  - [https://go4life.nia.nih.gov/](https://go4life.nia.nih.gov/)
- Healthy Eating as We Age
  - [www.choosemyplate.gov/older-adults](http://www.choosemyplate.gov/older-adults)
- Long-term Care Planning
  - [https://longtermcare.acl.gov/](https://longtermcare.acl.gov/)
- NIA Health Information
  - [www.nia.nih.gov/health](http://www.nia.nih.gov/health)
- Sleep and Aging
  - [www.nia.nih.gov/health/good-nights-sleep](http://www.nia.nih.gov/health/good-nights-sleep)
- What is Brain Health
  - [https://brainhealth.nia.nih.gov/](https://brainhealth.nia.nih.gov/)

Many people are redefining aging by trying new careers, classes, and hobbies.

- Arts and Aging Toolkit for Organizations
  - [www.artsandaging.org/](http://www.artsandaging.org/)
- Directory of Creative Aging Programs
  - [https://creativeaging.org/resources/toolkits/](https://creativeaging.org/resources/toolkits/)
- Ready for Your Second Career?
  - [www.aarp.org/work/career-change/](http://www.aarp.org/work/career-change/)
- Participating in Activities You Enjoy

Offering your wisdom and experience to the next generation, seeking the mentorship of someone with more life experience than you, participating in activities that promote mental and physical wellness – those are just a few examples of what being engaged can mean.

**Extended summer library hours**

There will be extended weekend hours during the summer at two library branches in our area – Connie Morella/Bethesda and Rockville Memorial – beginning Friday, June 1 through Saturday, August 25. The branches will be open Monday-Saturday 10 am to 9 pm and Sundays from 1 to 5 pm.
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**World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

The United Nations (UN) has designated June 15 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). World Elder Abuse Awareness Day brings together senior citizens, their caregivers, and governments to combat the problem of elder abuse.

The day aims to focus global attention on the problem of physical, emotional, and financial abuse of elders. It also seeks to understand the challenges and opportunities presented by an ageing population, and brings together senior citizens, and their caregivers, national and local government, academics, and the private sector to exchange ideas about how best to reduce incidents of violence towards elders, increase reporting of such abuse, and to develop elder friendly policies.

**Background**

Currently, the world is undergoing significant demographic changes. Estimates indicate that by 2050, the global population of people above the age of 60 will exceed the number of younger people. These changes have led to a worldwide recognition of the problems and challenges that face the elderly. Research has shown that elderly abuse, neglect, violence, and exploitation are one of the biggest issues facing senior citizens around the world. World Health Organization data suggests that 4 to 6 per cent of elderly suffer from some form of abuse, a large percentage of which goes unreported. The purpose of the WEAAD is to encourage communities to recognize the problem of elderly abuse, and for countries to create policies that foster respect for elders and provide them the tools to continue to be productive citizens.

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Help Send St. Rose Youth and Young Adults to Ecuador!

This summer, a group of seven youth and young adults from St. Rose of Lima Parish will travel to Guayaquil, Ecuador for a Retreat Immersion program with Rostro de Cristo.

St. Rose youth & young adults will live and pray in an impoverished community visiting neighbors and local non-profits to learn from and be with those in the community. It is hoped these experiences, young people will touch, taste, smell, see and feel how the developing world lives and be forever changed. The retreat program with Rostro de Cristo in Ecuador is devoted to inspiring life-long commitments to service, faith and social justice in every young person that comes to visit our Ecuadorian neighbors.

Molly Herrera will lead this year’s trip to Ecuador. In 2011, Herrera spent a year as a volunteer, with Rostro de Cristo. Rostro de Cristo is a Catholic program that provides spiritual and educational opportunities for people of faith to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the people of Ecuador. The English translation of Rostro de Cristo is the Face of Christ that calls for a new awareness and desire to love others in the likeness of Christ.

To learn more about the St. Rose mission trip, including a documentary of the community and organization Rostro de Cristo in Ecuador, visit the YouCaring website: www.strose-parish.org/ecuador.

One-hundred percent of donations go towards the cost of the retreat immersion trip for participants. Anyone who would like to donate on behalf of a specific St. Rose youth/young adult’s trip, please include their name in the ‘message’ box when completing your donation.

The Holy Spirit Lives at St. Rose!

I’ve always known St. Rose of Lima was a happening place. Recently, I was struck anew of just how special St. Rose is. Most days and some week nights, I’m usually at my St. Rose office. At St. Rose I’ve noticed, there is always something happening and the parking lot is full.

This past Sunday, there were three Masses in English: one in French, one in Spanish and one in Filipino/Tagalog (accompanied by bilingual concerts at hospitality and the Filipino celebration). Over the past three days at St. Rose our Youth Ministry held a Lock In and a fundraiser for youth to go to Ecuador, this coming summer. Next Saturday, St. Rose celebrating huge First Communion & Confirmation Masses, a group Baptism and a wedding. Then there’s the regular 5 PM Mass.

St. Rose is on fire in the best possible ways. I’m so grateful my husband, Juan Carlos & I get to call St. Rose home.

Passion of Christ Reenactment

Each year at St. Rose Youth perform the Passion of Christ at the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Palm Sunday Masses. The St. Rose Youth’s performance of the Passion of Christ takes Palm Sunday worshippers back to the time of Christ’s crucifixion. At the Masses, St. Rose worshipers visually re-live Jesus’ death on the cross via the live portrayal of the last days of Jesus’ life in Jerusalem.

St. Rose Youth’s powerful, live dramatization of the chain of events that ultimately led to Christ’s crucifixion reminds worshippers of the liturgical meaning of the Triduum, observed later in the week. Hopefully, the dramatic rendition of the Passion of Christ conveys a rejuvenated sense of faith to all that lasts long past the Easter season.

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In Ecuador, Herrera helped with an after-school program in called Semillas de Mostaza, “Mustard Seed.”

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Peachman expects Resurrection will continue to be involved with the Homeless Men Lenten Mission Program next year. “We have had such a great response and so many people want to help again next year that we will be continuing this event. Next year, if the Laurel Winter Shelter has a need, we will also be looking to also house homeless women in addition to the men.”

Mercy Summer School Programs

Mercy has launched its 2018 Spectrum of Education – Summer Enrichment Class registration. Classes are open to everyone and will offer fantastic learning opportunities such as: Math, Reading, Study Skills, STEM, Music, and many more! To take a look at the schedule just go to the Mercy website www.schoololom.org, click on Parents, and Summer Spectrum.

Grandparents’ and Special Visitors’ Day

One of the most highly anticipated traditions at Mercy is the Grandparents and Special Visitors Day, held on Friday, May 4. This event offered grandparents, relatives and special guests a chance to share part of their loved ones’ school day, including classroom visits, a concert by students, and a school Mass. Many special memories were made during this wonderful event.

A New Puppy at Mercy!

After losing his beloved dog Roo in January, Mercy’s Pastor, Father Bill Byrne knew it wouldn’t be long before he would want to bring a new companion into the community. Much to the delight of the students (and staff), he decided on an English Lab puppy and named her Zélie, after Saint Zélie (Marie-Azélie Guerin), mother of Saint Therese the Little Flower. This mischievous puppy has quickly endeared herself to everyone; happily following Father Bill wherever he goes.

Meet Zélie! The newest member of the Mercy community
In final preparation for their First Holy Communion, students met on Saturday, April 14, for a day of retreat. The students learned to make unleavened bread, took a tour of the church led by Deacon Dave Cahoon and learned the history of our parish and took a first-hand look at the sacred vessels used at Mass. They finished the day making banners for their pews for First Communion.

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St. Mary’s Tenth Annual Haiti Festival

St. Mary’s tenth annual Haiti Festival for the benefit of their twin parish of St. Joseph’s in Carcasse, Haiti was both fun and informative. The blue grass band led by parishoner Jim Clark, featured singers from the parish along with local professionals. The always delicious dinner, prepared by local residents Katherine White and Connie Golfehe consistently exceeds all expectations. The silent auction boasted an array of gift items and outings near and far. From tastings at local wineries, to a week at the Caretta Research Project and fine china to original art work, there was truly something for everyone!

This year’s Festival was also a homecoming for Paul Stevens, a longtime parishoner at St. Mary’s before moving to Virginia. Paul, CEO of Vanguard Light Gauge Steel Buildings (manufacturer of metal construction members for small housing to large hotels) is the designer and manufacturer of metal construction members for their twin parish of St. Joseph’s in Carcasse, Haiti.

Jim Clark and Friends with St. Mary’s youth singers.

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Brides for Haiti Dress Shop Opens in Frederick

This past Spring St Mary’s Parish in Barnesville opened a dress shop in Frederick specializing in wedding dresses and special occasion dresses to help raise funds to build a new church for its twin parish in Haiti, St. Joseph’s in Carcasse. The Haitian church and other buildings in the community were destroyed by Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

St. Mary’s, under the Facebook name St. Philomena’s Brides for Haiti, is selling gorgeous wedding dresses for $199, and special occasion dresses from $30 to $50 on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and occasional Friday evenings.

The “Brides For Haiti” Bridal Shop in January hosted at St. Mary of the Mills in Laurel Maryland, which also twins with St Joseph’s Church in Carcasse Haiti, was a huge hit with brides who travelled from as far as New Jersey to get their dream dress at a bargain price. After that, the Brides For Haiti fundraising team knew they needed a permanent storefront where brides and other dress shoppers could easily find them on a Saturday morning.

A spacious suite was obtained rent free at 92 Thomas Johnson Drive in Frederick Maryland through a family whose late parents were lifelong parishioners of St. Mary’s.

“We draw brides from all over Maryland and the DC Metro Area and even beyond to our Frederick shop because we offer high quality wedding gowns at a flat rate of $199, and our vintage wedding gowns are $50 to $25. We also have very reasonably priced veils and accessories. Most of our gowns are sample dresses in mint condition while others have been lovingly donated to us by individual brides. Still others we have purchased from international sellers to make sure we have a large inventory spanning sizes 0 to 26. Now that we have this beautiful storefront we can more easily help our twin parish,” said Susan Jamison, who helps operate the store with other parishioners including friend Patti Bohr and daughter Laura Wright.

The famous Kleinfields and many other shops including Love It At Stella’s, Ann’s Bridal Boutique, and Global Bridal Gallery have donated generously to St Mary’s.

“Brides have been delighted to find beautiful dresses with labels from Maggie Sottero, Casablanca, James Clifford and many others, and to know that they are helping Haiti when they buy a dress, belt, shoes or veil from us,” says Jamison.

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2018 Confirmation Class of St. Mary’s Church and Shrine

Seventeen young people were confirmed in the Holy Spirit on Saturday, April 28, by Bishop Herbert Bevard of the Diocese of St. Thomas, USVI. Bishop Bevard is a good friend of St. Mary’s Church, visiting us for the past three years.

Our Parish Times

OLQP Parishioners Serve
Wednesday Night Polish
Dinner to Catholic Terps

by Bozenna Buda, ED

On May 2, a group of Our Lady
Queen of Poland parishioners
sponsored the Wednesday
Night Dinner for the Catholic
Terps at the Catholic Student
Center (CSC) at the University of
Maryland in College Park.

The Wednesday night dinners
at the CSC are a recurring event
during the Fall and Spring
semesters and are sponsored
by local parishes and groups
to feed the university students,
many of whom also attend the
Holy Mass which precedes the dinner. This time, the group from OLQP prepared and served a delicious Polish meal consisting of Bigos (hunter’s stew), Pierogi (dumplings), vegetables, bread, and assorted home-made desserts. They also showed a documentary film about St. John Paul II during the dinner. This was a labor of love to which many people and groups from OLQP contributed, including Joanna Roberts, Ola Zeleznik, Renata Zeleznik, Andy Michaels, Bozenna Buda, Adam Hawiger, Dr. Edwarda Buda-Okreglak, and Szymon Suchcicki. Other supporters were Edyta Szemiel, Basia Wojcik-Betancourt, Zybszek Okreglak, Maciej Połtorak, Terrell Roberts, and Bradley Ortins. We thank everyone for their prayers and hard work!

On Sunday, April 22, 2018, the Parish of Our Lady Queen of Poland & St. Maximilian Kolbe received and venerated the relics of Blessed Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko (1947-1984), a martyr priest also known as the “Solidarity Chaplain.” He was murdered by the Communist secret police because of his courage in standing up to the Communist authorities and advocating for truth and freedom. His faith and courage inspired others. One of his quotes was, “It is not enough for a Christian to condemn evil, cowardice, lies, and use of force, hatred, and oppression. He must at all times be a witness to and defender of justice, goodness, truth, freedom, and love. He must never tire of claiming these values as a right both for himself and others.” Another quote is, “Zło dobrem zwyciężaj,” “Overcome evil with good.” After Mass, parishioners stayed to view a documentary film about Bl. Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko.

Many parish groups took part in the festive Holy Mass on Sunday, May 6, 2018, at Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish celebrating our Parish Feastday and commemorating the Polish Constitution of May 3, 1791. OLQP Pastor, Rev. Jerzy Frydrych, is surrounded by the Knights of Columbus, members of Polish Saturday School, Lectors, altar servers, and Polish Scouts. After the Mass, parishioners and friends enjoyed a tasty parish picnic with a DJ and games for the children.

On Sunday, April 29, 2018, the OLQP Polish Scouts traveled to Baltimore, MD, to participate in the commemorative and wreath-laying ceremonies at the Katyn Memorial. Pictured, in front of the Katyn sculpture, is Scout Leader Bozenna Buda and scouts Gabrysla, Artjony, Daniel, and Hania.

Our Lady Queen of Poland R.I.P. Lucas Kulczycki, M.D.

by Bozenna Buda, ED

Our Lady Queen of Poland long-time parishioner Dr. Lucas Kulczycki died on May 3, 2018, at the age of 106. He always had a ready smile for everyone.

He was born in Poland and was a WWII veteran. He received his medical degree in Edinburgh and lived and practiced in Canada before coming to the United States, first to Harvard Medical School and then to the Washington, DC, area.

In addition to being a renowned pediatrician, Dr. Kulczycki also was an expert on cystic fibrosis, and a pioneer in the area of cystic fibrosis. He retired from Georgetown University Hospital.

He was a founding member and the first president of the Polish American Health Association in Washington, DC, and was involved in Polish American organizations. May he rest in peace! Wielcyzny odpoczynek razcu mu dac, Panie!
Youth and adult volunteers prepare to serve dinner.

FESTIVAL

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The new church St. Mary’s is spearheading for our twinned parish of St. Joseph’s in Haiti. The new church is engineered to withstand category 5 hurricanes and be resistant to earthquakes. It will have a water collection system to store valuable water from the roof and a passive air circulation system that will pass cooler air from under the foundation slab to the interior and vent hotter air through the roof. The end product will be a comfortable, safe, and beautiful worship space and a secure shelter from the storms which frequently batter Haiti during hurricane season.

Reflecting on St. Mary’s ten year relationship with Carcasse, Deacon David Cahoon recounted a conversation with members of St. Joseph’s parish council and representatives of St. Mary’s. An elderly lady first thanked Father Verdieu, pastor of St. Joseph’s and then said “St. Mary’s has changed our lives.” Only six words, yet so much was said.

St. Mary’s tenth annual Haiti Festival raised more than $23,000 to support our twinned parish of St. Joseph’s. This and other fundraisers throughout the year pay for teacher salaries, health services, support for local farming and fishing industries, and now a new church. The St. Mary’s Haiti Twinning Committee is deeply appreciative to our volunteers who make the Festival possible and to the many contributors who support our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

St. Mary’s, the Official Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima for the Archdiocese held its annual May Crowning, May 6, after all the Masses. The adults and children honored Our Blessed Mother with flowers and prayers after each mass at the outdoor shrine. This picture shows children and adults along with the Knight of Columbus, 4th Degree honor guard following the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday was celebrated on April 15 at the 9:30 a.m Mass in St. Mary’s Shrine Church. All scouts present were awarded their Scout Sunday patch. Cadette Troop 2239 hosted a God is Love medal workshop at St. Mary’s. Daisy Scouts from Troop 32099 attended. The girls from Troop 2239 planned and implemented the workshop and put together a box of supplies and instructions to be loaned out to other troops in earning the God is Love medal. These activities completed the Girl Scout Silver Award for Troop 2239.