

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON LADIES OF CHARITY NEWSLETTER

"To Serve Rather Than To Be Served"
In Humility, Simplicity & Charity

VOLUME 3, ISSUE 2

JULY 2019

ST. ANTHONY LOC FEED NEEDY



Member packaging produce for distribution.

The Ladies of Charity of St. Anthony of Padua in North Beach, MD feed the needy with fresh produce straight from the farm.

(continued on page 10)

ADW LADIES OF CHARITY WELCOME

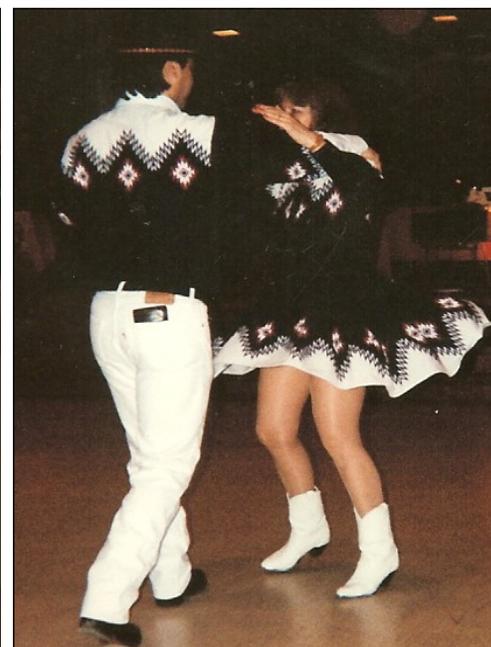
ARCHBISHOP WILTON D. GREGORY



Photo Courtesy: Google

(see on page 3)

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP WESTERN HOE-DOWN FUNDRAISER



Annual Western Hoe-Down sponsored by the LOC at Our Lady of Perpetual Help to raise funds for their Feed The Hungry Programs.

(continued on page 12)

INSIDE THIS ISSUE!

- Mother-Son Duo Partnership
- May Day Crowning at St. Ann's
- Farewell - Lucy Ann Saunders
- Carroll Manor Celebrate Volunteers
- Memorial Remembrances



ADW LADIES OF CHARITY 2018 - 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



RELIGIOUS LEADERS

Spiritual Advisor

Rev. Michael Barth, S.T.
gencust@trinitymissions.org

Vincentian

Spiritual Moderator

Sister Claire Debes, D.C.
Claire.debes@doc.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

Deborah "Debbie" Self
yourselfs@aol.com

Vice President

Jamila Stone
jamilastone@aol.com

Recording Secretary

Donna Fisher
Starr7564@verizon.net

Corresponding Secretary

Robin Hutchinson-Cole
robinphc2@gmail.com

Treasurer

Mary Ann Tretler
Mary_tretler@yahoo.com

Immediate ADW

Past President

Viola Johnson-Robinson
swmother1@gmail.com

Junior LOC Co-Moderator

Beverly Motley
cbm460@aol.com

Historian/

Junior LOC Co-Moderator

Gloria Rose
Gmrose128@verizon.net

LCUSA Middle Atlantic Region Director

Deborah "Debbie" Self
yourselfs@aol.com

Newsletter Editor/ Website Manager

Toni K. Gaines
tkgaines@msn.com

AREA PRESIDENTS:

Calvert County

Ann Klein
tylerstackle@gmail.com

Charles County

Margaret "Peggy" Campbell
campbell16110@comcast.net

District of Columbia

Cynthia McFarlane
mcfarlanes@comcast.net

Montgomery County

Maryann Rooney
macroon4@yahoo.com

Prince George's County

Marie Turgeon
matlocpgc@gmail.com

Providence Hospital

Theresa Cullinane
tcullinane@rcn.com

Message From The President



My President's message is brief this newsletter because I am late submitting these few sentences. But, I am very honored to be among all twenty pages of uplifting charitable events done by all of the Ladies. Please make sure you read each and every article to be aware of the happenings in the ADW.

Also, encourage your friends to join our association. We are serious, but we have fun also.

I thank you all for your support of your units and all the Ladies of Charity. Have a great summer and watch for "save the date" for our General Assembly in October.

In Vincentian Spirit,

Deborah Self

Deborah "Debbie" Self
2018-2020 President
ADW LOC Board of Directors

The Power of Pentecost



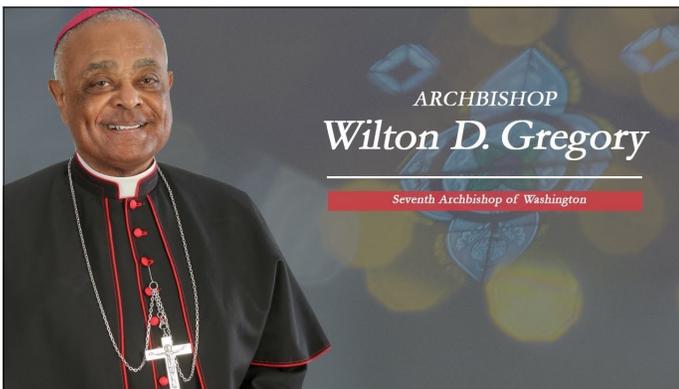
Father Mike Barth, S.T.
ADW LOC Spiritual Advisor

On Sunday June 9th we celebrated the Feast of Pentecost. This Feast, marking the end of our 50-day Easter celebration, is a powerful one that each year offers us a powerful new moment of renewal. We believe that the Holy Spirit is the mysterious, dynamic power of God operative in the world today. We might want to ask ourselves what that power is attempting to accomplish in our day?

It is all about transformation, not only what we have each been witnessing in the beauty of Spring these last weeks, but transformation of vulnerable selfish people into courageous generous individuals. The Spirit of God is truly a Spirit of transformation. The reading for the Acts of the Apostles for Pentecost remind us that when the Spirit of God blew into town, all God's people, from every nation, came together on its currents.

Pentecost is also a Feast of Service of others. The power of the Spirit of God works in each of us in different ways, yet we can all be of service to others, and we can all graciously accept the service of others. There so many different ways of transforming the universe.

As daughters and sons of St. Vincent we know this only too well – that we are to be of service to others, especially those marginalized and in need, and be open to receive from them gifts as well. The integrity with which we live our lives, the care we show to those for whom we are responsible, the honesty with which we carry on business with others all serves to transform the world. As we learned as children: "Every little bit counts." Let's allow that Spirit to breathe on us each once more and "keep on keepin on". Happy Pentecost.



On May 21, 2019, Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory was installed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception as the 7th Archbishop of Washington. The Association of the Ladies of Charity of the Archdiocese of Washington look forward to his leadership and continued service to the less fortunate in our community for many years to come. Congratulations and WELCOME!



SPIRITUAL MODERATOR VISITS DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY IN PARAGUAY



*Sr. Claire Debes, D.C.
ADW LOC
Vincentian Spiritual Moderator*

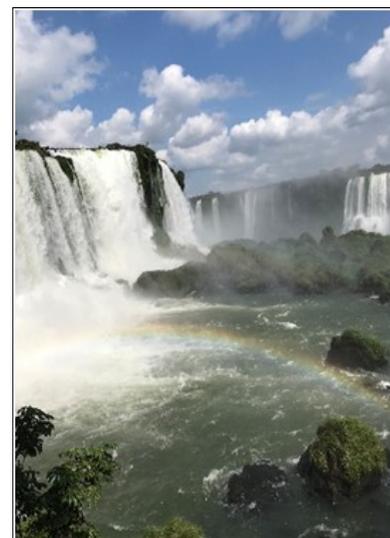
I had the privilege of visiting our Sisters in Paraguay South America as I am on one of their financial board overseeing the investments of their funds for some of their ministries in April. During this time, I saw the power of water from two different perspectives. First, I saw the spectacular beauty from flowing waterfalls

which can be seen from three countries: Brazil, Argentina, and Paraguay. Taller than Niagara Falls and much wider, these falls have **275 cascades** spread in a horseshoe shape over nearly two miles of the Iguazu River. The grandeur of the falls is breathtaking with an average of 553 cubic feet of water per second thundering down 269 feet. I, like Eleanor Roosevelt, had to say "Poor Niagara. Just watching, hearing the sound, seeing the spray was a meditation.

The next day I witnessed the devastation that can happen due to flooding waters in the capital city of Paraguay, Asunción in November 2018. Two weeks of heavy rain caused the country's main river to burst the banks of the Paraguay River, The Paraguay River flows past Asuncion and eventually merges into the Parana River in Argentina and then into the Iguazu River where I saw the breathtaking Falls. Some of these families were given permission by the government to relocate in a near-by park close to the Provincial House of the Daughters there.

One of the Daughters of Charity of this South American province badgered the government until they sold plywood and other building supplies to these families to build small temporary shacks for themselves to replace blankets thrown over cord strung from tree to tree. Here my meditation was quite different from the beauty of the waters at the Falls. Here, I had to be amazed at the courage of this sister and the resourcefulness of the displaced people who were able to build small shacks made from this wood. The sisters visit on a regular basis providing support, food, comfort and medical assistance where possible. God's goodness is so evident among the sisters who do this in addition to their already busy

schedule as well as among the families who have lost everything but who have a deep faith and are slowly picking up the pieces of their lives and supporting and helping one another. The people have even built a small chapel to the Virgin Mary among their "new homes".



As I returned back to the US just in time for Holy Week, the contrast of these two scenes continue to come to mind especially during the Easter Vigil when one of the readings is about the Red Sea, the most notable sign of baptism in the Old Testament. In this event, we see God's people saved as they walk through the waters of this sea. As they pass through the waters, evil is destroyed and the Israelites are led into freedom through these same waters. The fact that water is used for baptism suggests another power of water - that which provides a washing away of sin and death and a call to discipleship with others. At our Baptism, we received the first installment of the Spirit. We were cleansed of original sin and we were also called to discipleship, to follow in the footsteps of the Savior who redeemed us. The example of the Daughter of Charity who reached out to the displaced families living on the periphery of her own community spoke volumes of her Baptismal call but also her second call, that of **Vincentian service**. We too have been given this call. May the power of this call keep our eyes open to where God might be calling us in some additional way!



A NEW CHAPTER IN LIFE'S JOURNEY



Lucy Ann Saunders

As my husband and I begin a new chapter in our life, I have been reflecting on my travels as an Army Wife for 23 years and raising four (4) children. Retiring in 1980, our family settled in my hometown of Upper Marlboro, MD. Once our children settled down, my husband and I moved to southern Maryland becoming parishioners of Holy Ghost Catholic Church – Issue, MD.

In 1997, I found my way to the Ladies of Charity inspired by the example the Holy Ghost Ladies of Charity exhibited. Seeing them serve their local community was of interest to me. Living in a parish named after the Holy Ghost inspired me even more to join their association.

While serving and learning about the Ladies of Charity, I became interested in their history, as well as the history of the Archdiocese of Washington Ladies of Charity. Exploring that history and reading about the strong leadership of a Daughter of Charity, who was the first Spiritual Moderator of the Archdiocese Ladies, convinced me that serving others was what the Ladies of Charity were all about. Being in the right place at the right time has fulfilled and given me cherished experiences from the people that I have served. Listening to the heartaches and loneliness someone you meet or visit as a Lady of Charity reflects the true fulfillment of giving of oneself and seeing the face of Christ in that person. The spirit of the Holy Ghost has truly put me in places where I needed to be more than once. Just listening to a lonely veteran at a local nursing home has afforded me, as well as all the Holy Ghost Ladies of Charity, that visiting those who are lonely or away from family are prisoners in their own particular stage of life.

Serving as President of the Ladies of Charity of the United States of America (LCUSA) gave me the opportunity to meet, share and see the talents, treasures and time these members gave of themselves to their local communities. Meeting so many Daughters of Charity and Sisters of Charity, whose lives radiate service, has influenced me as a Lady of Charity.

These are memories that will remain with me forever and have fulfilled me as a Lady of Charity.

There is no question about the presence of the Holy Spirit in all the work I have done as a Lady of Charity. Knowing that the Holy Spirit is present is comforting and reassuring. Without the Holy Spirit where would the Ladies of Charity be today? His presence has always been felt since I became a Lady of Charity. His love is what I strive to be about. In some instances, as a Lady of Charity you must stand up for what you believe and work towards that end. The Holy Spirit has given me that strength and desire to stand up for those less fortunate as a Lady of Charity and to get involved in areas that were at one time foreign to me as a cradle Catholic.

Spirituality and faith are my foundation as a Lady of Charity. The spiritual leadership of Vincentian family members has also impacted my life as a Lady of Charity, as well as the parish priests who have assumed the responsibility of being spiritual advisors to the Ladies of Charity, working side by side providing spiritual support and growth. Their interest in local matters and concern for those most vulnerable has guided me in the path of service.

Yes, the Holy Spirit and history of the Vincentian Family has made a believer out of me. Knowing that we as Ladies of Charity celebrated 400 years of service in 2017 gives testimony to the real outpouring of the same spirit that has sustained me over these years. To continue serving those less fortunate because of both the present and past history of those who came before me has enriched and influenced my life as a Lady of Charity. This new chapter in my life carries many memories that will not be lost because of a new address in Pennsylvania.

I pray that his spirit will always be a part of my life as I enter this new chapter in life's journey. I am so grateful for all of you and all you do as members of the Archdiocese of Washington Ladies of Charity. Thank you for serving those less fortunate and giving me the opportunity to serve with you.

Submitted by:

Lucy Ann Saunders

Former LCUSA President (2012-2014)

Lay Vincentian Spiritual Moderator

ADW Ladies of Charity Board of Directors

ST. HUGH LOC HOST PRINCE GEORGE'S QUARTERLY MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Submitted by: Mary Ann Treidler, President St. Hugh LOC

Fr. Walter Tappe, Pastor of St. Hugh of Grenoble Church, installed the following new members of PG Ladies of Charity on Sunday, June 2nd: Mary Bitter, Catherine Brannan, Mame Ellis and Dalisay Lopez (St. Hugh LOC); Marion Prout, Zenaida F. Juanitez and Bernadette B. Wilson (St. Matthias LOC); and, Cynthia Moss (St. Mary of the Mills LOC).

Fr. Walter commented in his welcoming remarks to the over 100 ladies in attendance, "that the Ladies of Charity provide so many services and support in the local parishes to those in need that is very appreciated by our communities."



Cynthia McFarlane and Cheryl Hamlin-Williams showing handbags during presentation

Donna Peterson, St. Hugh LOC member, provided a presentation on "Religious Figures in the Civil War." Donna, who is coordinator of docents at Dr. Mudd House and a docent at the Greenbelt Museum, highlighted information on priests and nuns who provided care and spiritual support to those in need during the Civil War era. Several members asked for copies of the presentation, so that they could pass along this very interesting information.



Donna Peterson



Newly installed members

During the luncheon that followed Benediction Service, LOC members from St. Benedict the Moor, President - Cheryl Hamlin-Williams and Cynthia McFarlane (sisters) presented information on Christ in the Garbage Ministries, a Mustard Seed Community that began in 2004 in Nicaragua. This ministry helps women learn a marketable skill that will offer them hope for the future. The ladies brought beautiful handmade bags made by some of these women to sell. They sold out of bags at the meeting. We will continue to partner with St. Benedict the Moor LOC to provide more of these bags to be sold at future PG LOC meetings.



The next PG LOC Quarterly meeting will be on September 15th at St. Mary of the Mills Church in Laurel, MD.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LADIES OF CHARITY "KEEPING THE LEGACY ALIVE"



*Seated are the mothers/daughters standing behind—from left to right:
Mary Goldring/Alice Goldring;
Mary Fairley/Carolyn Budoo; Cora Guerra/Bertha Guerra;
Evelyn Miles/Kim Taylor; and,
Ethel Taylor/Sandra Watson and Octavia Taylor-Jackson.*

St. Martin of Tours Ladies of Charity (LOC) hosted the District of Columbia LOC Quarterly Meeting on March 10, 2019 which was officiated by President, Cynthia McFarlane. One of the members mentioned that there were several mother/daughter members in attendance which was a blessing to witness and that we should capture this moment in time.

Once we took notice of the many years of dedicated service given to the LOC by the matriarchs present, it was realized what a legacy these ladies have established for our organization to continue its great works in the community for the less fortunate. There are several other mother/daughter members not present, but should be noted.

After taking a survey of the entire District of Columbia membership, it was determined that we've had a total of (21) pairs of mother/daughter members. By parish: Our Lady of Perpetual Help (15); St. Gabriel (2); and, St. Martin of Tours (4).

Submitted by:
Toni K. Gaines
District of Columbia LOC Parish Units

SPECIAL THANKS

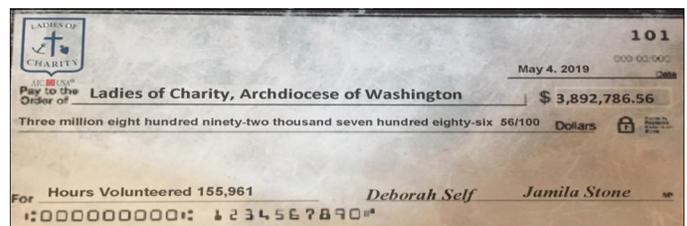
I would like to personally thank Jackie Bates of St. Matthias the Apostle LOC for all her support. I can call her at the last minute and she will assist in producing a poster, flyer or anything else needed. She is a great asset to the Ladies of Charity and me.

*Debbie Self
2018-2020 President
ADW LOC Board of Directors*

2018 ADW Ladies of Charity Accomplishments

By Debbie Self

During 2018, the entire ADW Ladies of Charity had 473 dues paying members; 27 newly invested members; and, 14 JLOC. A total of 155,961 volunteer hours were worked for the period. Based on the national conversion of volunteer hours, the value of your hard work would equate to \$3,892,786.56 in real dollars. KUDOS, for a job well done in continuing to serve the neediest in our community.



MOTHER-SON DUO STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIP



The St. Mary of the Mills Ladies of Charity and Knights of Columbus Patuxent Council 2203 has always had a strong working relationship. Both organizations seek to serve the community through charity, so working together makes perfect sense, and the synergy that results benefits everyone.

Most recently, the mother-son duo of Ladies of Charity Phyllis Williams and Grand Knight Jimmy Williams has helped strengthen the LOC-KOC partnership, connecting the two organizations to collaborate on several significant projects. Both Phyllis and Jimmy know the strengths of each organization and how best to utilize them.

The two organizations hosted a recent fundraising dinner to raise funds for the Christian Refugee Relief efforts to complete the McGivney House Apartment Complex in Iraq to provide housing for persecuted Christians who have lost their homes and livelihood at the hands of ISIS.



Phyllis Williams checking in guests for the fundraising dinner

(continued on page 13)

2019 MAY DAY CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER & ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC LUNCHEON

By: Toni K. Gaines



Pictured from l to r: Very Rev. Thomas R. Frank, S.S.J. Gloria Rose (crowning) and Jamila Stone

The Ladies of Charity throughout the Archdiocese of Washington celebrated the Crowning of the Blessed Mother and the Feast Day of St. Louise de Marillac at St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families. The Very Rev. Thomas R. Frank, S.S.J. – Pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church was the Mass Celebrant/Homilist.

Father Frank gave a very good homily as it pertains to the mission of the LOC and those we encounter. The take away from the homily was “ADAPTATION.” As missionary disciples for Our Lord, we as Ladies must adapt to the needs of those we serve. Many thanks to Father Frank; he always provides us with much needed words of wisdom.

This year Gloria M. Rose of St. Margaret of Scotland LOC did the crowning of the Blessed Mother. After Mass, the Ladies enjoyed lunch and participated in a raffle and 50/50 drawing. Maryann Rooney of St. Jane Frances de Chantal - Montgomery County was the winner of the 50/50 prize.

(continued on next page)

(continued from page 8 - May Day 2019 Celebration)

The members brought many gifts for the residents of St. Ann's as they do every year. Although all donations are welcomed, Joyce Dews of the May Day Committee suggested that going forward we should give monetary donations to St. Ann's. They will be able to do much more in meeting the needs of the residents with money. This year, in addition to gifts, several ladies gave individual donations to St. Ann's which totaled \$790.00.

Sister Mary Bader, DC as CEO of St. Ann's addressed the group and was profoundly grateful for all the gifts and donations given to St. Ann's not only on May Day, but throughout the year. She reported, since December 2018, eight families were able to move out on their own.

Sr. Bader presented a Miraculous Medal to all the members present courtesy of Sr. Bernadette Miller, DC. Sr. Bernadette brought a lot of blessed medals back from her trip to Paris last year. *(see page 14 on "The Story of the Miraculous Medal")*

Also, Deborah Self, President of the Archdiocese of Washington Board of Directors for the Ladies of Charity and Jamila Stone, Vice President of the ADW Board and May Day Chairperson, thanked everyone for coming out and especially thanked the members of the board for their dedicated service. They spoke to the Ladies about the upcoming National Assembly to be held in Salt Lake City, UT from September 20-21, 2019 and handed out applications to apply for scholarship money to help defray the cost of registration.

Lucy Saunders, ADW Lay Vincentian Spiritual Moderator announced she and her husband will be leaving Maryland and moving to the Harrisburg, PA area in June. She had mixed feelings about moving, but is embracing this next chapter in her life. She will continue to carry on the mission of the LOC in Pennsylvania and looks forward to reading about the good works of the ADW LOC in the future. Everyone in attendance seemed to have had an enjoyable time. By the way, the food was delicious!



Pictured from l to r: Veronica Neal-Formey, Donna Fisher and Beverly Motley



Gifts donated to the St. Ann's Center and luncheon buffet provided by Prince George's County LOC



Dessert Table provided by the District of Columbia LOC

LADIES OF CHARITY ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA - NORTH BEACH SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEEDY

Submitted by: Ginger Geisler

Summertime, summertime, summertime. You might think it was the lazy days of summer, but the Ladies of Charity (LOC) of North Beach never rest on their laurels. They were busy, busy, busy.

They managed to gain the help of Serenity Farms who provide home grown foods for the LOC pantry on a weekly basis. The Ladies drive down to the farm and they are loaded up with whatever is being harvested that week. Sometimes it's squash or cucumbers or watermelons or a combination. The folks at Serenity Farms are an amazing group and are always

very helpful. The LOC are very grateful as are their pantry clients!!

Also, the LOC receive a food "drop" from Farming 4 Hunger of fresh fruits and vegetables once a month until October to benefit their Food Pantry clients and those of the community that are in need. This event requires planning, advertising, set-up, packaging and distribution, and then clean up. Every July and August they receive about 5,000 lbs. of food to distribute. Although it's usually very hot and humid they get a good turnout of LOC volunteers and over 100 clients.



(continued on next page)

(continued from page 10 - St. Anthony's Summer Activities)

Another activity the Ladies are currently involved in is a "Crab Basket" raffle. The Ladies are selling raffle tickets at church after Mass and at locations throughout the area including the local Farmer's Market. They raise money for all of their many projects like the Backpack Program.



Also, the LOC gather school supplies/backpacks so they can provide local children with backpacks and the tools necessary to be successful in the classroom. They distributed over 146 backpacks last year.



ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR THE NEEDY HELD AT OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Ladies of Charity at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church sponsor an Annual Western Hoe-Down Dance as their major fundraiser each year.

This event helps provide monetary resources for their Feed The Hungry Programs. The Ladies provide lunch at the men's shelter located on the grounds of St. Elizabeth's Hospital in the Southeast section of Washington, DC every other month.

Also, the proceeds from this fundraiser help support the weekly operations of the food pantry which serves approximately 70-80 families each week. On an average, there are at least 4 persons in each family served which equates to approximately 280-320 persons receiving food per week. The families receive non-perishable food items, meat and fresh fruits and vegetables.

Last but not least, this fundraiser is the major source of funding for their Annual Christmas Project. This project provides food baskets, clothes and toys for 110 needy families each year. This past year 58 families received toys for the kids. The families receive enough food to feed a family of 4 for three days. The baskets include a turkey, canned ham, fresh produce, non-perishable food items, breakfast food and dessert.

The patrons who support this event annually look forward to this dance. They not only get a chance to dance and dress in their western garb, the Ladies of Charity provide a special meal consisting of fried chicken, half smoke, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans. Also, a cash bar of soda, water, beer and wine is available. A good time is always had by all.



Submitted by: Toni K. Gaines

(continued from page 8 - Mother-Son Duo)

At Christmas, the two organizations working with Cross Catholic Outreach and its Box of Joy activity provided much needed items for boys and girls in Guatemala, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Nicaragua.

The Ladies of Charity provided support for the annual KOC Coats for Kids –working with the Laurel Advocacy and Referral Service and the Laurel Police Department to distribute warm winter coats throughout the Laurel community. Next up, the two organizations are hoping for a successful blood drive to be held at St Mary of the Mills next month to relieve critical shortages of blood in the Metropolitan DC area.



*Phyllis and Jimmy Williams (Mother-Son Duo)
selecting door prize
winner at the fundraising dinner*



*Pictured 5th from left: Jimmy Williams
preparing to serve dinner guests*

Submitted by:
Beverly Simmons, Secretary
St. Mary of the Mills LOC - Laurel, MD



*Laretta B. Sullivan
Foundress
OLPH Ladies of Charity*

† OLPH LADIES OF CHARITY † LOSE FOUNDRESS

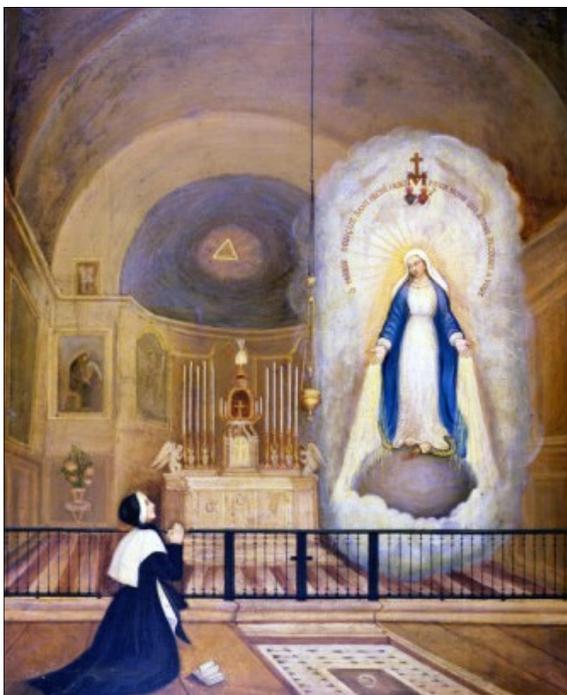
By Toni K. Gaines

Born September 4, 1916, Ms. Laretta B. Sullivan died of natural causes at 102 years young on April 25, 2019. She was one of five charter members of the Ladies of Charity at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Catholic Church established in 1958 and its first president serving from 1958—1966. In addition, she was the oldest member of OLPH. Some would say, she was the Mother of the Church on “THE HILL.”

As a Lady of Charity, Ms. Sullivan served as an officer at all levels of the organization. She was the first Black President of the Board of Directors for the Archdiocese of Washington Ladies of Charity serving from 1970-1972. At the District of Columbia Parish Units level, she served as President, Secretary and Treasurer over the years. Ms. Sullivan was a role model for the LOC always working for the underprivileged, especially children from low-income families. She never stopped working for the neediest in our community. Ms. Sullivan served as a Lady of Charity for sixty-one years. We, at OLPH, have loss a true “MISSIONARY DISCIPLE.” Her work is done! But, we must continue her legacy of always caring for the less fortunate with humility, simplicity and charity. She will be truly missed, but never forgotten. *May her soul rest in eternal peace.*

THE STORY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Submitted by: Toni K. Gaines



Mary Immaculate gave us the medal we call “miraculous.” Everything about the medal – both the front and reverse – was carefully made just as it was shown to Saint Catherine Laboure by our Blessed Mother.

On July 18, 1830, our Blessed Mother appeared to Saint Catherine Laboure, a Daughter of Charity novice living in a convent in the center of Paris.

Saint Catherine described it like this: “My child,” said our Lady, “God wishes to charge you with a mission. Come to the foot of the altar. There graces will be shed on all, great and small, who ask for them.”

Our Lady again appeared to Saint Catherine on November 27, 1830. Saint Catherine saw our Lady standing on a globe with dazzling rays of light streaming from her outstretched hands surrounded by

the words: “O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.”

This vision became the face of the Miraculous Medal. Then the reverse side of the medal appeared. Twelve stars encircled the oval-shaped apparition. In the center was a large “M” from which arose a cross.

Beneath this were images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus crowned with thorns, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary pierced with a sword. “Have a medal struck according to this model,” our Lady told Saint Catherine. “Those who wear it will receive great graces; abundant graces will be given to those who have confidence.”

Two years later the medals, a prayer in metal form, were struck and distributed. Medals could not be made as quickly as people sought them, and within a short period, tens of millions of people were wearing the medal. Almost immediately our Blessed Mother kept her promise by interceding with her Son, Jesus Christ, who showered graces on those who wore the medal. So many miracles happened for those who wore the medal it was soon called “miraculous.”

By placing the heart of our Blessed Mother close to the heart of Jesus, the design of the medal tells us how near God has come to us and how close he wants us to be to him. Surely this is the reason our Lady asked us to wear the medal near our own hearts. Mary designed this miraculous emblem for her faithful children and sanctioned its devout use.



Taken from:
Association of the Miraculous Medal
1811 West Saint Joseph Street
Perryville, MO 63775-1598



ST. ANTHONY LOC INDUCTION CEREMONY

Submitted by: Peggy McKelly



On Saturday, June 8th at St. Anthony's of North Beach 9 am Mass the Ladies of Charity of Calvert County inducted 3 new members. We are proud to welcome Nicole Bozman, Theresa Tucker and Therese Keokuk into our Ladies of Charity circle. Ann Klein - President, Liz Driscoll - Vice President, Marty Beyer - Treasurer and Peggy McKelly - Secretary (*Maureen Hudson stood in as proxy*) were installed for two year terms and read their oaths of office. A lovely reception was held in the Ladies of Charity Food pantry following Mass. We are looking forward to a new year of service and are sure our new Ladies will be an asset to our organization.



Installation of New Officers



Fr. Mike Barth, S.T. serving as the ADW LOC Spiritual Advisor, celebrated his birthday on May 27th.

May God continue to bless his ministry with many more years of dedicated service.

CARROLL MANOR VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

By Debbie Self

On April 27, 2019, I attended the annual volunteer lunch at Carroll Manor. Thelma Burliss, Activities Director, did an awesome job planning the celebration. There was a DJ playing all kinds of music, balloons and flowers everywhere. Attendees were about 100+, food was delicious. The count of volunteers changes all the time for the 245 residents that live there. Volunteer groups come from the surrounding areas near Carroll Manor which includes the Ladies of Charity. There were six Ladies from St. John Baptist, 1 from Providence and myself. The staff at Carroll Manor were very appreciative for all the support given by the Volunteers.



*Pictured l to r: Dora Washick and Stella Pulvirenti
St. John Baptist de la Salle LOC*



*Pictured l to r: Queenie Gaines,
Diedra Ferguson and Doris Duncan
St. John Baptist de la Salle LOC*

ST. ANTHONY LOC TRAVEL TO THE HOLY LAND

Submitted by: Peggy McKelly



St. Anthony's LOC in the Holy Land, pictured l to r: Natalie Hnatiw, Peggy McCaig, Michelle Stillwagon & Jean Sebold

"It is better to see and experience something once, than to hear about it a thousand times."—Anonymous

Four of our Ladies of Charity, Jean Sebold, Peggy McCaig, Natalie Hnatiw, and Michelle Stillwagon did just that, they embarked on a trip to see and experience the Holy Land with a group from St. Anthony's, North Beach, MD. They got to feel the very foundation of our faith and to take what was in the bible and turn it into a vivid reality. They were able to see all the major sites and I know they can now visualize where they were every Sunday when a scripture is read: Cana, Galilee, Nazareth, Mt. Tabor, Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Tabgha, Mt. of Beatitudes, Kursi, River Jordan, Mt. of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Ein Kerem, Bethlehem, Pool of Bethesda, Mt. Calvary, Mt. Zion, Bethany, Jericho, the Mt. of Temptation, and many more. I know God was with them and their lives are forever changed.



Overlook with the Sea of Galilee in the background



Sunset on the Sea of Galilee

IN APPRECIATION OF SERVICE

By Toni K. Gaines

As President of the ADW Board of Directors, Debbie Self presented Lucy Ann Saunders with tokens of appreciation for her leadership and many acts of kindness given as a Lady of Charity.

The plaque presented to Lucy, reads . . . *"Thank you for your outstanding service as Ladies of Charity Charles County President, LCUSA President, Vincentian Spiritual Moderator; and, for the numerous other duties you performed with humility, simplicity and charity. The Archdiocese Ladies have been blessed with your leadership and the privilege of working alongside of you."* signed by Deborah Self, President Archdiocese of Washington Board, dated June 1, 2019.

Lucy was humbled by the many acts of kindness shown to her, as she prepares to move to Pennsylvania and vowed to keep us in her prayers as we continue to serve the most vulnerable in the community. She promises to stay in touch and looks forward to reading about the many future accomplishments of the Archdiocese of Washington Ladies of Charity.



Pictured l to r: Lucy Saunders, Debbie Self; and, Mary Ann Rooney - Former ADW Board President

ST. MATTHIAS VEGETABLE GARDEN SUPPORTS FOOD PANTRY



Ramon Lomosbog

St. Matthias the Apostle Ladies of Charity is in its second year of producing a vegetable garden. It is under the lead of Ramon and his wife Esperanza Lomosbog, a member of the Ladies of Charity. This year other Ladies of Charity have volunteered to help.

The vegetables included carrots, beans, cabbages, cucumbers, lettuce, squash, corn and pumpkins. The yellow squash was gigantic. The Ladies of Charity oversee the Food Pantry and the produce collected is offered to the recipients of the weekly food bags. The Ladies also collect donations of canned goods which are sorted and



Ramon working in garden

added to the Food Pantry. The bread is donated by the Ladies of Charity and added to the weekly food bags. Last fall, our president Mrs. Arlene Taylor and her husband donated tomatoes, onions, and potatoes for vegetable soup. We look forward to another successful season of delicious vegetables.

Submitted By:
Amelia Turner
St. Matthias the Apostle LOC

ST. ANTHONY OF NORTH BEACH CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Submitted by: Peggy McKelly



In 2018, St. Anthony's of North Beach LOC came together to celebrate their 50th year as a member of the National Ladies of Charity with a special Mass performed by Fr. Stack and a lovely high Tea. We had a total of 35 participants including two of our recently departed Sisters, Sister Ann Parker and Sister Carol Loughney, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and our pastor Fr. Stack.

Our President Jean Sebold recognized our oldest participant June Kretzig, who is 99 and still going strong, with the gift of a teapot. We also recognized some mother/daughter and a grandmother/mother/granddaughter combination who are carrying on the traditions of the LOC: Peggy Carr and her late mother, Gertrude Walton; Victoria Curtin and her late mother,



Pictured l to r: Jean Sebold & June Kretzig (age 99)

Marie Iadarola; Peggy Edgington and her late mother, Margaret O'Malley; Debbie Macken and her late mother, Janice Sands and her aunt, Bunny Tate; Karen Macken and Michelle Stillwagon, Debbie Macken's daughters, who were also among the first Junior Ladies of Charity; and, Lorrie Magerer and her mother, Dolores Simonds. We also had two guests from our Washington DC Archdiocese: Deborah Self, President and Lucy Sanders, Vincentian Spiritual Moderator participate in our celebration as well.

39th LCUSA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SALT LAKE CITY, UT



Mormon Temple

The 39th Annual LCUSA National Assembly will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah from September 20 - 21, 2019. You are encouraged to attend to gain insight on the happenings among the Ladies of Charity associations from all over the country.

The Association of Ladies of Charity in Salt Lake City are diligently planning for the Assembly so that your stay will be a pleasant and memorable experience. Accommodations will be at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center Hotel at a cost of

\$149.00 per night for double occupancy; registration fee is \$200.00 which includes the Saturday night banquet dinner. The deadline for hotel reservations at the assembly rate is August 19, 2019. Also, you can purchase program ads to help defray the cost of the assembly. Visit the LCUSA website <https://aic.ladiesofcharity.us/national-assembly-2019/> for additional information.



*In
Loving
Memory
of*



<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>OF</u>	<u>DEATH</u>	<u>PARISH UNIT</u>
Joseph "Joe"	Quander	May 31,		2019	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Anne C.	Hawkins	April 29,		2019	St. Margaret of Scotland
Lauretta B.	Sullivan	April 25,		2019	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Mary Dunn	Fay	April 16,		2019	St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Elizabeth "Betty"	Kelly	January 25,		2019	St. Mary of the Mills
Dr. Rita L.	Robinson	January 8,		2019	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Connie	Brown	November 22,		2018	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Justina	Hawkins	October 17,		2018	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Aurelia C.	Smith	July 18,		2018	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
William L.	Gross, Jr.	June 10,		2018	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Margaret H.	Maher	June 4,		2018	St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Marva	Smith	March 29,		2018	St. Ignatius of Loyola
Ethel	Lineburger	January 9,		2018	St. Margaret of Scotland
Marcellina	Coleman	January		2018	St. Martin of Tours
Aurdrey	Marshall	January 3,		2018	St. Gabriel
Timmie	Jensen	December 31,		2017	Holy Ghost
Luvenia	Height	December 23,		2017	St. Martin of Tours
Terri	Stark	December 16,		2017	St. Mark the Evangelist



Servant of God, Mother Mary Lange (1787 – 1882)

Mother Mary Lange was born Elizabeth Clarisse Lange in a French speaking community in Santido de Cuba. By 1813 Elizabeth arrived in Baltimore, Maryland where there were no schools for black children. For many years she offered education for those children in her home.

She is the founder and first superior of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first successful religious community for women of African Descent. The community educated the youth and slaves who had been purchased and freed, provided a home for orphans & elderly and nursed the terminally ill. During times of poverty and racial injustice,

Mother Mary never lost faith in Providence. Her perseverance and endurance are signs of her close union with God which she boldly asserted *“Our sole wish is to do the will of God”* until she went home to be with Him on February 3, 1882.

Mother Mary Lange lived a Spirit-filled life. Let us pray:

Prayer for the Canonization of Mother Mary Lange

Almighty and Eternal God, You granted Mother Mary Lange extraordinary trust in Your providence. You endowed her with humility, courage, holiness and an extraordinary sense of service to the poor and the sick. You enabled her to found the Oblate Sisters of Providence and provided educational, social and spiritual ministry especially to the African American community. Mother Lange’s love for all enabled her to see Christ in each person, and the pain of prejudice and racial hatred never blurred that vision.

Design to raise her to the highest honors of the altar in order that, through her intercession, more souls may come to a deeper understanding and more fervent love of You.

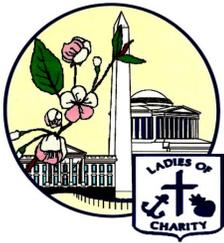
Heavenly Father, glorify Your heart by granting also the favor (*here mention your request*) which we ask through the intercession of Your faithful servant, Mother Mary Lange. Amen.

Please report any spiritual or physical favors granted as a result of prayers through the intercession of Servant of God Mother Mary Lange to:

LANGE GUILD
701 Gun Road
Baltimore, MD 21227

410-242-6861

www.motherlange.org



Ladies of Charity
 Archdiocese of Washington
 3301 Spriggs Request Way
 Mitchellville, MD 20721

PLACE
 STAMP
 HERE

**UPCOMING
 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
August 3	ADW LOC Board Meeting Mass 9:30 am Chapel meeting Carroll Room	ADW Pastoral Center 5001 Eastern Avenue Hyattsville, MD
September 7	YARD SALE Annual Fundraiser	Holy Ghost LOC Issue, MD
September 15	Prince George's County Quarterly Meeting 2:00 pm	St. Mary of the Mills 106 St. Mary's Place Laurel, MD
September 20-21	39th Annual LCUSA National Assembly	Salt Lake City, UT
October 13	DC Parish Units Quarterly meeting in school following 7:30 am Mass in convent	St. Gabriel 26 Grant Circle, NW Washington, DC
October 26	ADW LOC General Assembly 10—2 pm Dining Room/Neale Room	ADW Pastoral Center 5001 Eastern Avenue Hyattsville, MD
December 7	ADW LOC Board Meeting Reflection 10:00 am Carroll Room	ADW Pastoral Center 5001 Eastern Avenue Hyattsville, MD
December 8	DC Parish Units Quarterly meeting following 10:00 am Mass	St. Benedict the Moor 320—21st St., NE Washington, DC

**ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON
 LOC NEWSLETTER:**

News Deadline:

The deadline to submit articles and photos for the January 2020 issue of the ADW LOC Newsletter:

- ◆ Deadline is **December 15, 2019** at the latest. Earlier submissions are encouraged and appreciated.

Newsletters are issued twice a year (January and July). Please share information about your LOC unit projects, fundraisers and other activities with fellow LOC members. We would like to hear from you.

Articles and photos can be sent via email to: tkgaines@msn.com indicating as the subject, **"Newsletter Submission."**