

# ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON LADIES OF CHARITY NEWSLETTER

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

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## RETIREMENT LUNCHEON FOR MARYANN ROONEY



*Pictured seated (l to r):* Mary Hand, Maryann Rooney, Anne Sheehan, Carol Windsor, Nan Venit *Standing (l to r):* Margaret Reddan and Merlyn Rodrigues

St. Jane Frances de Chantal LOC celebrate the retirement of Maryann Rooney.

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## ST. MATTHIAS HOST VACCINE DISTRIBUTION SITE



The LOC along with other church group volunteers monitored and assisted the recipients as the Luminis Medical staff administered the vaccines.

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## CELEBRATING BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH SIX CANDIDATES FOR SAINTHOOD



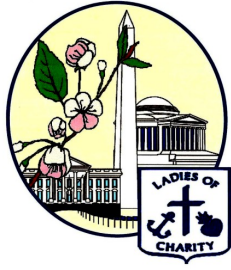
*(Pictured l to r: Venerable Pierre Toussaint; Sister Thea Bowman; Servant of God Mother Mary Lange; Servant of God Julia Greeley; Venerable Mother Henriette Delille; and Servant of God Father Augustus Tolton)*

The Celebration of Mass took place at Nativity Catholic Church with Auxiliary Bishop Roy Campbell serving as Principal Celebrant.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



As I look back at my June 2021 Ladies of Charity news-letter message, it was summer, COVID-19 was active and a third booster vaccine was in the making. Most Americans were following the CDC guidelines to prevent spreading the virus. It is now winter 2021, COVID -19 is still active, children 5-17 years old are getting the vaccine, and a couple

of new variants (Delta and Omicron) are around to make us be more vigilant with the guidelines. REMEMBER to wash hands, sanitize, keep the distance and wear a mask!!!!

But this has not stopped the dedicated ADW Ladies of Charity to volunteer in this pandemic to assist all who are in need. At the December Executive Board meeting, I heard from the Presidents about the many different projects each group has been undertaking. Helping to pay bills, food pantries, food drive distributions, school back packs and Christmas giving Trees at parishes to brighten the children, the homeless, soldiers and nursing home residents just to name a few. I am sure there will be articles in this newsletter that showcase the projects. It makes one proud to be a Lady of Charity.

Nevertheless, our group of Ladies of Charity is still dwindling. We had two prominent Ladies of Charity pass away, Sister Catherine Fitzgerald D.C. and Gloria Rose. Both will be missed. Also, all the members of the parishes we lost over the year will not be forgotten for their work and dedication. And finally, a new year is upon us and we have to think outside the box to grow our organization. Soon a new Board of Directors will be in place and will need your support. Please answer the call to help.

I wish everybody a Blessed Christmas and Healthy Happy New Year 2022!!

In Vincentian Spirit,

*Deborah Self*

Deborah "Debbie" Self  
2018-2022 President  
ADW LOC Board of Directors

## THE CHALLENGE OF A NEW YEAR



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

We have just celebrated the Advent / Christmas Season and have begun a New Year. This past year has been a difficult one, once again, for many. Face to face meetings have been difficult if not non-existent, some have lost loved ones. The common thing at this moment is to make a resolution to herald in the New Year – something we desire to do or not to do. As we all know, most of these good intentions die within a few days or weeks. I suggest, as I have before, that as people of faith and as followers of St. Vincent, St. Louise and Jesus we might simply resolve to be more aware of the daily providence of God. How can we do this and not let this die like all the other resolutions? Well, it's not a matter necessarily of "doing more" – it might entail doing less, and in all that we do, to be more aware of the presence of God in our life, in others, of being grateful for each day and seeing Christ in all whom we meet. It might mean a resolution to simply, in quiet, spent time with God each day – just being present, listening as we would any friend – no words or the reciting of prayers but just resting in God – you can even doze off! If we develop a habit of this practice, brief as it may be, it can lower our blood pressure, help calm us and help us realize that all is grace, all is in God's good hands and, as Scripture reminds us, our worry can't solve anything. As Ladies of Charity this practice can also assist in the ministry of reaching out to the poor, who as Vincent reminds us, can be hard taskmasters. So, let us gather the joy and the freshness of the season to make resolutions that will both please God and draw us closer to Him. Let's support one another not only in our ministry and our outreach to the poor but in our desire to draw closer to Jesus, whose desires nothing more than to be friends with us, to embrace us and to love us.

Happy 2022 and Blessings!

# REFLECTION ON ELIZABETH ANN SETON



Sr. Claire Debes, D.C.  
ADWLOC  
Vincentian Spiritual Moderator

Elizabeth Ann Seton, whose feast day is celebrated January 4<sup>th</sup>, frequently spoke of PEACE in letters to her friends and in her writings. How did she do that in the midst of all the losses, difficult relationships, rejection of family, deaths of loved ones, misunderstandings,

struggle to support her family and begin a new religious community, and we could go on and on. Her secret might be glimpsed in this letter to Julia Scott - ... ***I leave all to Him... peace and love-ETERNITY, Julia. P254 Selected Writings Volume II, and again, "All is well, everything Peace and my heart and Soul bent upon keeping it so ..., well assured that this trial of our Lord ... is but to try us and prove our Submission and love for his Adorable Will."*** Yes, it seemed to be the constant theme of hers.

As we begin this new year of 2022, I suspect that Elizabeth Ann invites us to keep in mind that in all our struggles and suffering, Emmanuel, – the God who is with us, is ever present. In her



awareness that, God was at her side, she found peace, contentment, trust, and courage. She often slipped away to the beauties of nature that surrounded her. Perhaps she allowed this beauty to wash over her. Perhaps as she sat quietly in the peace and serenity, that she could identify what was disturbing her, what from her past experience she could draw on to help her to calm down. Did she learn there to trust that God would take care

of her in her present reality as He did in the past?

She would want us to pray for inner strength, to find our favorite spot to talk to God. In pausing and in reflecting was she not able to find peace and contentment, to not pass by the moments of her life where she could ***"meet (her) GRACE"*** (words of Elizabeth Ann.) Yes, let us imitate her, and let us allow peace to fill our hearts and to remember we have been GRACED many times in the past and that God's grace continues into the present. Take time to look at what is troubling you now so that you too may welcome each moment, both difficult and joy-filled.

In this year of 2022, God, who walks with us, invites us to be content with life as it is NOW even when our world seems to be upside down, with family struggles, with neighborhood tensions, with the challenges of COVID and the restrictions that it holds out to us, with conflict among our Bishops, with the lack of civility among our government leaders and their lack of commitment to the needs of the our citizens especially those living on the margins of our society.

This is the time that we have and where God wants us to be NOW. Embrace it, deepen your "soul peace." Leave all to Him who calls each of us by name. God invites us "to calm the chaos of our world, to carry each other, to carry the human community, and to allow others to carry us when we cannot carry ourselves." to borrow the words of Sr. Joan Chittister. Remember, Ladies of Charity that ***"God is with us – and if sufferings abound in us, his Consolations also greatly abound, and far exceed all utterance... [I was] not only willing to take my cross but kissed it too."*** (Elizabeth Ann Seton, *The Italian Journal, Kelly and Melville, Elizabeth Seton Selected Writings, p 105*).

# REMEMBERING

## SISTER CATHERINE FITZGERALD

### DAUGHTER OF CHARITY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



*Sr. Catherine Fitzgerald, DC*

Sister Catherine Fitzgerald, DC, age 88, died at Villa St. Michael in Emmitsburg, Maryland on September 15, 2021. She was born January 27, 1933 in Washington, DC to Annette Marie (Everett) and John Leroy Fitzgerald. Before entering the Daughters of Charity Community, Sister Catherine was a member of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Washington, DC. She graduated from St. Paul's Academy in Washington, DC in 1950 and entered the Daughters of Charity December 22, 1952.

She earned her BS degree in Elementary Education from St. Joseph College in Emmitsburg and her Master of Arts Degree in Mathematics

in 1965 from the University of Detroit in Detroit, Michigan. Sister served in many positions following her initial formation as a Daughter of Charity. In 2006, she became the Spiritual Moderator for the Association of Ladies of Charity for the Archdiocese of Washington (ADWLOC).

While commuting from Baltimore as the spiritual moderator for the ADWLOC, Sister always made herself available for the Board meetings held in Washington. She enjoyed attending the



*(Pictured 1 to r:) Viola Johnson-Robinson, unidentified nun, Debbie Self, Lucy Saunders (Seated) Sr. Sandra Goldsborough, DC attending repast following Burial Mass*

LCUSA National Assemblies with the Ladies as well. Sister was a very kind and fun-loving person. In 2014, Sister retired as Spiritual Moderator for ADWLOC and was missioned to Villa St. Michael for the Ministry of Prayer, a ministry she held until her death.

Due to COVID, only a few Ladies were able to attend her funeral. However, Sister Catherine will always be remembered in our prayers for her dedication, kindness and spiritual guidance given to the ADWLOC.

Sister Catherine was preceded in death by her parents, four (4) brothers and two (2) sisters. She is survived by her sister Dolores Elizabeth Klopfer, nieces and nephews and her Sisters in the Daughters of Charity Community.

**Submitted by: Toni K. Gaines**



*Priest, Mom, and Sister Catherine (Postulant)*

# TRIBUTE TO GLORIA MAE ELIZABETH (HOWARD) ROSE

*Submitted by: Toni K. Gaines*



On October 7, 2021, Gloria Mae Elizabeth (Howard) Rose, a true village-keeper, was peacefully called to her heavenly home. A proud native Washingtonian, Gloria Rose was born December 8, 1932 to the late James Alexander Howard, Sr. and Tommie-Jane (Howard) Quisenbury. Gloria was raised in the beloved segregated community of Deanwood. She was a graduate in 1950 of Paul Lawrence Dunbar Senior High School in Washington, DC where she was an active alumna for many years.

Gloria became a widow after 62 years of marriage to the love of her life, McKeever and was preceded in death by her son, Ronald M. Rose, Sr.

Gloria was the recipient of many degrees, certifications and awards for her academic achievements as well as community service. She graduated in 1955 as the first African American student into the Methodist Hospital of Brooklyn School of Nursing.

Gloria received accolades from the Archdiocese of Washington's Health Care Network of Catholic Community Services for her dedication and faithful volunteer spirit. Her absolute dedication as a national and local board member of the Ladies of Charity of the United States of America, and her local parish, where she established and facilitated the St. Margaret of Scotland's Junior Ladies of Charity, where her gifts of service were used to glorify God throughout her life. Gloria is survived by her devoted and beloved children Linda Gist (James) and Kevin Rose; daughter-in-law Emily Rose; 8 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; other relatives; and friends. She will thoroughly be missed, but NEVER forgotten. Rest in eternal peace, our sweet Lady of Charity.



# TRIBUTES TO GLORIA ROSE FROM ASSOCIATES

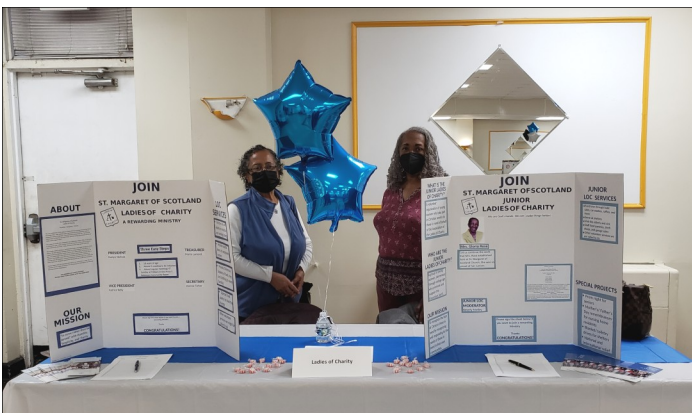
“She has been welcomed into heaven for all she was and did. A great lady. I was happy to know her for many years.” *(Sr. Claire Debes, DC - ADW Vincentian Spiritual Moderator)*

“May her Memory be a Blessing to all who were fortunate to know and love her. I have a crystal bowl I bought at one of the assembly’s mainly because she had donated it and it was hers. It is a treasure to me. I will always remember her graciousness and warm smile along with her dedication to Ladies of Charity. She was an incredible role model.” *(Debbie Chadwick, LCUSA Past President)*

“Our great loss is heaven’s blessing. Gloria, you were the quintessential Lady of Charity and blessed the lives of all those you so generously served. You will be missed greatly by so many; especially by this friend from way out West. Always on my heart!” *(Alma Arredondo, LCUSA Western Region)*

“I am heartbroken. She is surely with the Lord and sharing her beautiful, joyful demeanor with all in Heaven.” *(Sr. Mary Bader, DC - CEO, St. Ann’s Center for Children, Youth and Families)*

## ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CELEBRATES 114TH ANNIVERSARY



*(Pictured l to r: Evelyn Nichols and Beverly Motley)*

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church in Seat Pleasant, MD celebrated its 114th Anniversary. All the ministries of the parish set-up displays in the parish hall to disseminate information about their organizations; and, were available to discuss and encourage parishioners to join. Evelyn Nichols, President of the Ladies of Charity and Beverly Motley, Coordinator for the Junior Ladies of Charity were available to distribute hand-outs. They received names of a few parishioners interested in joining.

**Submitted by: Evelyn Nichols**

## CELEBRATION OF BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church’s altar displaying the six Black Catholic Candidates for Sainthood during Black Catholic History Month  
In November 2021

# CALVERT COUNTY LOC PROVIDE SCHOOL SUPPLIES DURING PANDEMIC



*“School Bus” collection box display*

Long before the children and grandchildren of our food pantry clients started back to school, the Ladies of Charity Calvert County were hard at work on providing them with backpacks and supplies for the new school year. Project co-chairs Rochelle Gay and Phyllis Morgan reached out via email, “Flocknote,” and St. Anthony of Padua’s (North Beach) parish bulletin for donations of such items as pens and pencils, dry erase markers, lined filler paper, pocket folders, composition books, and highlighters. Phyllis used her artistic talent to craft a cardboard “school bus” that we placed in the church foyer as a collection box for donations.

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of one parishioner in particular, we had more than 150 brand-new backpacks to distribute, plus an abundance of the supplies needed to fill them. Several LOC members volunteered in late July to stuff the backpacks with grade-appropriate school supplies, and Phyllis and Rochelle distributed them at each food pantry opening until mid-August.

With the onset of the COVID pandemic in March of 2020, we had moved our food distribution operation to the pantry parking lot so that our clients could stay in their cars and receive their groceries with a minimum amount of exposure. Our backpack distribution worked the same way. Using an electronic database developed and refined by volunteers, we were able to identify clients with school-age children in their households and ask if they needed school supplies. When the ticket listing clients’ food choices printed out, it also showed the number and ages of the children in their homes so that Rochelle and Phyllis could select age-appropriate backpacks and deliver them to the clients in their cars. By the time school started in late August, they had given away 102 backpacks, with plenty left on hand for next year’s distribution.



*Volunteers sort through the donated school supplies*



*Phyllis Morgan delivers two backpacks to a client's car*



*Wagon loads of packed backpacks ready for distribution*

**Submitted by: Peggy McKelly  
Calvert County Ladies of Charity**



# OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP HOST ANNUAL COMMUNITY HARVEST DINNER

**COMMUNITY HARVEST DINNER & WINTER COAT GIVEAWAY**

**(10AM - 4PM)**

**(11AM - 3PM)**

**AT THE COMMONS**  
**2375 ELVANS ROAD SE**

FREE Winter Coats | Outdoor Dining | Grab-n-Go Meals | Live Entertainment

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 20**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help - 1600 Morris Road SE**

Logos: Martha's Table, LC, The Kitchen, MLK DELI, Sinfully Wright!

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEED TAX PREPARERS FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

**Are you comfortable using Turbo Tax?** If yes, Catholic Charities needs you! Next February, the Catholic Charities' Tax Clinic will open its doors for the 6<sup>th</sup> tax season at Catholic University. The goal of the Tax Clinic is to help low-income families maximize their tax refund. The Tax Clinic makes sure these families claim every tax benefit they are entitled to (e.g., child tax credits, child care credits, economic stimulus payments and earned income credits).

Volunteer tax preparers are supported by Catholic Charities staff, experienced volunteers and lawyers from the Catholic University Columbus School of Law who provide training in January.

If you are interested in helping these families prepare their tax returns, please reach out to Deacon Jim Shanahan at Catholic Charities (email: [jim.shanahan@cc-dc.org](mailto:jim.shanahan@cc-dc.org) or phone: 202-262-1419).

## ST. HUGH LOC CELEBRATE A CENTENARIAN

*Submitted by: Mary Ann Tretler*



On June 11, 2021, Ms. Mame Ellis turned 100 years of age. She is a long-time member of the Ladies of Charity at St. Hugh of Grenoble Church in Greenbelt, MD and serves as its Corresponding Secretary. Father Walter Tappe, Pastor and members of the LOC wished Ms. Ellis a Happy Birthday during the celebration of the 7:15 am Mass.

Ms. Ellis was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Ms. Ellen Hanyok, Co-President of the St. Hugh LOC. After the Mass celebration, the Ladies took her to breakfast at her favorite place, McDonald's.

## FUNDRAISER FOR ST. ANN'S CENTER FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

During the pandemic, the members of St. Martin of Tours Ladies of Charity (LOC) in Northwest, Washington, DC had high hopes of continuing our fundraising efforts for one of our favorite non-profit organizations, St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families. There is a long-standing legacy of the LOC raising funds annually for St. Ann's, as well as a lovely luncheon honoring St. Louise de Marillac, where units throughout the Archdiocese of Washington join in a day of fellowship and giving donations to St. Ann's.

Despite efforts to meet our annual \$2,000.00 goal which included hosting a Virtual Tea Party on Mother's Day and a virtual silent auction, our ladies fell short this year. However, where there is a will, there is a way and with the attitude of **Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"**, the officers of the St. Martin's LOC made personal donations; and, with the support of our Pastor, Father Michael Kelley, were able to meet our goal halfway by giving a donation of \$1,050.00 to St. Ann's this year.



**PRESENTING DONATION TO ST. ANN'S**  
*Pictured l to r: Kim Taylor, Recording Secretary;  
Sister Mary Vincent, Sister Cecelia;  
Octavia Jackson, President;  
and, Carolyn Budoo, Vice President.*

As the world begins to get back to some sense of normalcy after being quarantined for a year, the Ladies of Charity are ready to get back to work. After all, we've got to get moving to meet our goal next year!

**Submitted by:**  
Octavia T. Jackson  
President, St. Martin of Tours LOC

# CALVERT COUNTY LOC THANKSGIVING GIVEAWAY



*The packing team  
at the End Hunger Warehouse*

The Ladies of Charity Calvert County provided Thanksgiving meal groceries to 240 Food Pantry client families. We started on Monday, November 15, 2021 with the non-perishable packing marathon at the End Hunger Warehouse, continuing into Friday's preparation and delivery to the North Beach Senior Apartments, and culminating with the HUGE undertaking that was Saturday's distribution.

We served pantry clients in their cars for a two hour period. Greeters checked in the families, packers assembled the groceries, and runners brought the groceries to the cars and loaded them. The operation went very smoothly thanks

to our logistics guru. Our volunteers included members, parishioners, spouses and children.

The Thanksgiving meal groceries included turkeys, hams, pies, produce, rolls, butter, stuffing, cranberry sauce and vegetables. We were blessed to receive many generous donations to offset the costs of the groceries.

**Submitted by:** Maureen Hudson  
Calvert County Ladies of Charity



*Staging the groceries  
for the clients*



*Checking the clients in*



*Volunteers*



*Loading groceries in the cars*



*Bringing groceries to the clients cars*

# CALVERT COUNTY LOC

## ANNUAL CRAB BASKET RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

*Submitted by: Peggy McKelly*

The Ladies of Charity Calvert County held the Annual Crab Basket Raffle during August. LOC volunteers sold tickets on very hot weekends at Roland's (local grocery store), the North Beach Farmers Market, and St. Anthony's Catholic Church. "Teresa the Crab" put in many hours acting as our chief sales person. Thank you to members of the community that supported the Food Pantry by buying so many raffle tickets! The bushel of crabs was donated by George Klein, owner of Tyler's Tackle. Members donated a basket of all the fixings for a Maryland crab feast, including a table cloth, mallets, dish towels, pot holders, trash bags, paper plates, etc. We raised over \$3,000 for the Food Pantry. The winner of the Raffle was Lorrie Magerer.



*"Teresa the Crab" awards the winner Lorrie Magerer the basket of fixings*



*"Teresa the Crab" poses with George Klein, our donor*



*"Teresa the Crab" rests in between raffle tickets sales at Roland's*

## OLPH SUPPORTS BREAD FOR THE CITY

*Submitted by: Toni K. Gaines*

On behalf of the Ladies of Charity of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (OLPH LOC), Ms. Gloria A. Lessington presented a monetary donation to "Bread for the City" a not-for profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization located in Ward 8 of the Southeast section of the District of Columbia. The most impoverished Ward in DC.

The mission of Bread for the City is to help Washington, DC residents living with low income to develop their power to determine the future of their own communities. They provide food, clothing, medical care, and legal and social services to reduce the burden of poverty. In addition, they are committed to treating their clients with the dignity and respect that all people deserve. OLPH LOC applaud their efforts in helping others.



*Pictured to left: Gloria A. Lessington presenting monetary donation*

# ST. MATTHIAS COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDEN

*Submitted by: Jeannette Davis*

Praise the Lord, we have just harvested our first vegetables from our very own garden for the season. With the blessings and hard work of Ramon Lomosbog (LOC Esperanza's husband), the land was prepared and the seeds were planted. Fresh produce is on its way!

Our own LOC President, Arlene Taylor, harvested five grocery bags of kale along with bags of mint picked by Ramon. A handful of asparagus, green onions and strawberries were handpicked as tasters and shared with those in need of food from our pantry.

In June, lettuce, zucchini, and cilantro will be ready to add to our pantry bags. Okra and ampalaya (bitter gourds) will be ready in July and by the end of September, corn and potatoes will be ready as well.

With the help of the LOC members who volunteered to help work in the garden, we are able to add these fresh produce to our Friday pantry bags.

Thanks to all who helped in any way. We are truly a family at St. Matthias the Apostle Church.



*Arlene Taylor*



*Ramon & Esperanza Lomosbog*



# ST. MATTHIAS HOST VACCINE DISTRIBUTION SITE

The St. Matthias Ladies of Charity took an active role in combating the Coronavirus recently by participating in a COVAC Clinic held at the church. Over 150 people were able to receive both vaccinations at St. Matthias on April 30th for the first dose and May

22nd for the second. The LOC along with other church group volunteers monitored and assisted the recipients as the Luminis Medical staff administered the vaccines. It was an extremely successful and rewarding experience for all.



**Submitted by:**  
Arlene Taylor  
President, St. Matthias LOC

## ST. MATTHIAS COMBATING SPREAD OF COVID-19



*Arlene Taylor*

With the shortage of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) needed by medical personnel and first responders, our unit purchased \$500 worth of additional masks and protective shields that were distributed to the Sacred Heart Nursing home in Hyattsville, the St. Matthias Academy school in Lanham, and the Prince Georges County Department of Fire Protection for the fire and EMS personnel at the Lanham and Glenn Dale Fire Departments.

**Submitted by:**  
Arlene Taylor  
President, St. Matthias LOC

# ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL LOC PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT



*Maryann Rooney*

The Ladies of Charity (LOC), St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish, Bethesda, MD, held a retirement luncheon on July 21, 2021, at Normandie Farm Restaurant, Potomac, MD, for retiring LOC President, Maryann Rooney, in recognition of her (more than) 20 years of faithful service.

Eight ladies attended and presented Maryann with a basket of assorted violets.



*Pictured seated (l to r): Maryann Rooney, Anne Sheehan, Carol Windsor, Nan Venit; Standing (l to r): Margaret Reddan; Eva Cannon, Merlyn Rodrigues*

Incoming St. Jane Frances de Chantal LOC president, Mary Hand, praised Maryann for sustaining and nurturing the unit's service ministry at Bethesda Health and Rehabilitation Services during her tenure. In addition to her role as St. Jane's President, Maryann served two terms as President, LOC Archdiocese of Washington (ADW), from 2008-2012. Throughout her time, she modeled Vincentian spirituality and cultivated new members, including one member (Mary Hand) whom she recruited as the LOC ADW President for the 2014-2016 term. Though Maryann plans to continue with the St. Jane's LOC unit, the luncheon was an important occasion to mark Maryann's retirement milestone and express gratitude for her remarkable service.

**Submitted by:**

Mary Louise Hand

President, St. Jane Frances de Chantal LOC

## CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Congratulations to Debbie Self on twenty years of dedicated service as a member of the Ladies of Charity (LOC).

Debbie has served as President of the LOC at her home parish, St. Matthias the Apostle Church in Lanham, MD as well as the President of the Prince George's County LOC comprising of eight parishes and approximately 170+ members.

Currently, she serves as the LCUSA Middle Atlantic Regional Director; and, is in her second 2-year term (2018 - 2022) as President of the Archdiocese of Washington LOC (ADWLOC). Debbie is a very caring and giving person always looking for ways to improve the lives of others. The ADWLOC is blessed to have her as a member of it's Association. Thank you Debbie for your dedication and service. We love you!



**Submitted by:** Toni K. Gaines

# ST. MARTIN'S LOC HELP AFGHAN REFUGEES

YOUR \$10.00 DONATION WILL HELP IN A BIG WAY!



Can you imagine living in a place where you are so scared for your life that you will leave your home to escape to a place that you know very little about, except that it is safer than the only place you have ever called home? Now imagine doing that and having to leave behind everything including essential items to care for yourself. Thank God it's not us and that's exactly why we want to help!

The Saint Martin's Church Ladies of Charity are sponsoring a donation campaign for some of the women among the 10,000 Afghan Refugees that have come to the DMV area. We are working to send at least 1,000 essential care kits to the Dulles Refugee Camp. Your \$10.00 donation covers the cost of an essential care kit for one female (\$10 for One). Each kit has:

1. Soap
2. Lotion
3. Maxi pads
4. Deodorant
5. Toothbrush
6. Toothpaste
7. Hand towel
8. Box of Wipes
9. Comb & Brush Set
10. The bag to carry the Items



To donate one or more bags, go on-line to St. Martin's page:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/st1908209>

Under "Fund" select "Ladies of Charity"

For more information about the Ladies of Charity, go to St.

Martin's website: <http://www.stmartinsdc.org/>

Thank you and may God Bless You!



# GLOBAL MEALS FOR THE HUNGRY

Submitted by Toni K. Gaines

The parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church (OLPH) acknowledge that our Pastoral Mission is to proclaim Christ and teach the "Good News", to worship and bear witness in the community, to love and serve as Jesus commanded and to preserve and share our rich heritage. This mission is aligned with the overall mission of the Ladies of Charity.

In the spirit of our mission, vision, and core values, the parishioners of OLPH are sponsoring a "Global Meals for the Hungry" program. With natural disasters, such as earthquakes and hurricanes, increasing and happening more frequently, there are hundreds of thousands of people, especially children, in dire need of food and shelter. As charity begins with us, OLPH will launch a "Meal Packing Event" as its Parish Advent/Lenten Service Project to help the most vulnerable in need of food. A meal packing event brings together volunteers between the ages of 10 and above to pack nutritious meals to send abroad, all while coming together in the stewardship of giving.

Our goal is to pack at least 35,000 meals at a cost of \$13,150 to be delivered to Haiti or Puerto Rico. We are seeking your financial support as a sponsor or partner in this event.

There is a need for 100-150 volunteers to pack the meals in an assembly line and transport to a waiting truck. The estimated hours needed

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**1600 Morris Road, SE**  
**Washington, DC 20020**

**Very Rev. Michael L. Thompson, S.S.J. - Pastor**

## "GLOBAL MEALS FOR THE HUNGRY"



Volunteers packing meals



Checks may be made payable to:  
**OLPH Church**  
(write on memo line of check:  
"Global Meals")

**DATES & TIME:**  
Fundraising Begins/Ends  
November 28, 2021 - February 13, 2022

Packing Meals  
Saturday, March 26, 2022  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**PLACE:**  
Church Hall—Panorama Room  
1600 Morris Road, SE  
Washington, DC 20020

**GOAL:**  
Raise \$13,150.00  
Pack & Ship 35,000 meals  
Volunteers Needed 100 -150



Our Neighbor's Children

for completion of the event is 3 hours. Individuals, families (kids age 10+), ministries, schools, fraternities/sororities and other parishes are welcomed to participate. Also, students can receive community services hours by working this project. All COVID protective supplies will be provided.

Your financial support and/or participation are needed. The meal packing will take place on **Saturday, March 26, 2022** in the church hall "Panorama Room" from 10am-1pm. Donations may be made payable to OLPH Church "Global Meals".

Additional information can be found on the church website. [www.olphsedc.com](http://www.olphsedc.com)



# 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>
Barbara	Bailey	November	28,	2021	St. Margaret of Scotland
Yolanda	Cardamone	November	25,	2021	St. Mary of the Mills
Jean	Elliott	October	11,	2021	Calvert County Ladies of Charity, Inc.
Gloria M.	Rose	October	7,	2021	St. Margaret of Scotland
Sr. Catherine	Fitzgerald, DC	September	15,	2021	ADW Ladies of Charity Spiritual Moderator
Lucille	Vendemia	August	14,	2021	St. Ambrose
Winifred "Winnie"	Morgans	June	23,	2021	St. Mary of the Mills
Amelia	Turner	June	7,	2021	St. Matthias the Apostle

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*



## **PRAYER FOR BLESSINGS IN RECITATION OF THE ROSARY**



**“O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is Your name over all the earth! You have exalted Your majesty above the heavens”. (Ps.8:1}**

O good and gracious God, we come with humble, contrite hearts. Thank You for calling us to share in the life of Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ and by the grace of His Holy Spirit we are bonded in love to one another.

Dear Jesus, to Your Blessed Mother we offer our hearts of love and gratitude. We thank her for beckoning us to come and we bring all our cares, concerns, special intentions, love ones, sick, disabled to Your Son’s throne of grace and mercy. Blessed Mother we always cherish your divine intercessory prayers. You’ve instructed us to pray the Rosary; here we are as your grateful, obedient children. We thank You Jesus, for all you are, have been and will be to us as we need. Asking Your divine mercy upon us all and our love ones. We continue to depend on You, our Lord Jesus, as we journey through this life, in preparation of Your coming.

In all this Jesus, thanking You our loving Jesus for Your care and blessings, we close in Your precious name. Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

**Written by: Barbara B. Shaw**  
Sodalist  
St. Gabriel Catholic Church



**Servant of God Julia Greeley  
(born between 1833—1848; died 1918)**

Denver's Angel of Charity was born into slavery, at Hannibal, Missouri between 1833 and 1848. As a young child, Julia's right eye was destroyed by a cruel slave master's whip. Freed by the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, Julia subsequently earned her keep by serving white families in Missouri, Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico - though mostly in the Denver area. Whatever she could spare, Julia spent assisting poor families in her neighborhood. When her resources were inadequate, she begged for food, fuel and clothing for the needy.

Julia entered the Catholic Church at Sacred Heart Parish in Denver in 1880 and had a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Every month she visited on foot every fire station in Denver and delivered literature of the Sacred Heart League to the firemen, Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

A daily communicant, Julia had a rich devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin and continued her prayers while working and moving about. She joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1901 and was active in it till her death in 1918.

**Servant of God Julia Greeley lived a Spirit-filled life. Let us pray:**

**Prayer for the Canonization of Julia Greeley**

Heavenly Father, Your servant Julia Greeley  
dedicated her life to honoring the Sacred Heart of your Son,  
and to the humble service of the poor.

Grant to me a generous heart like your Son's,  
and if it be in accordance with Your will,  
please grant this favor I now ask through Julia's intercession:

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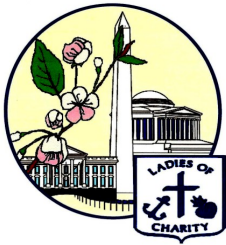
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I pray this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**Please report in writing any favors received through Julia's intercession to:**

**[juliagreeleyguild@gmail.com](mailto:juliagreeleyguild@gmail.com)**

**[www.juliagreeley.org](http://www.juliagreeley.org)**



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**2022 UPCOMING  
 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
February 5	ADW LOC Board Meeting Reflection 10:00 am	ZOOM
March 12	DC Parish Units Quarterly Meeting 10:00 am	TBD
March 13	Prince George's County Quarterly Meeting 2:00 pm	TBD
April 24	<b>FUNRAISER</b> Our Lady of Perpetual Help Western Hoe-Down Dance 4:00 pm—8:00 pm	TBD
May 7	May Day Crowning of the Blessed Mother & Feast of St. Louise Luncheon 10:00 am Mass in Chapel	TBD
June 4	ADW LOC Board Meeting Mass 10:00 am	TBD
June 12	DC Parish Units Quarterly meeting 10:00 am	TBD
June 12	Prince George's County Quarterly Meeting 2:00 pm	TBD

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 LOC NEWSLETTER:**

**News Deadline:**

The deadline to submit articles and photos for the July 2022 issue of the ADW LOC Newsletter:

- ◆ Deadline is **June 15, 2022** 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](mailto:tkgaines@msn.com) indicating as the subject, **"Newsletter Submission."**