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CALVERT COUNTY LOC NURSING CENTER PROJECT



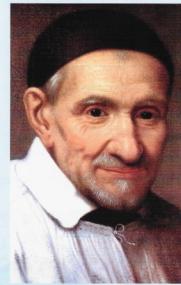
(Pictured 3rd from left - Brandi Dye, Activities Director and 3rd from the right Dolores Marinaccio)

The Calvert County Ladies of Charity provided Christmas gifts to 120 Nursing Center residents during the coronavirus pandemic.

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1ST VIRTUAL LCUSA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THE LADIES OF CHARITY USA INVITE YOU TO THE
VIRTUAL NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
AUGUST 27-28, 2021



Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and out of respect for our members traveling to the Assembly, the LCUSA Board is postponing the Knoxville Assembly until 2022.

SO GATHER WITH US SAFELY ONLINE,
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*Following Vincent with Humility,
Simplicity and Charity*

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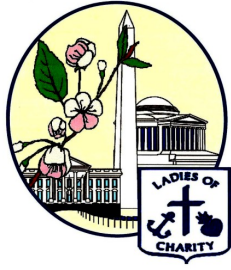
HOLY COMFORTER - ST. CYPRIAN LOC HELP FEED HOMELESS



From left: Linda Jenkins and Sharon Graham

The Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Ladies of Charity prepared "to-go" bags for the clients of Central Union Mission.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



As I drove to work last week, I noticed a sign for the local catholic school that read;
“Remember, Renew and Rebuild”

“WE REMEMBER” Memorial Day is when we honor and mourn those who died in Military service. Trinity Sunday is the day we honor the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. But, most of all we honor and remember our many deceased Ladies of Charity who spent numerous years supporting the disadvantaged, homeless and hungry in their community.

“WE RENEW” Each time we have a Solemn Reception of New Members, the new members are asked to pray *The Act of Consecration*. It states that they accept the invitation to serve victims of poverty in many forms. Once a Lady of Charity, also, we say this prayer, if in attendance, as a renewal of our commitment to service in the community.

“WE REBUILD” Recently, I sent to the LCUSA, the 2020 Association Annual Report of all the information I received from the parish units in the Archdiocese of Washington. **We have 17 parish units, 350 Ladies of Charity and worked 59,508 volunteer hours. We have lost 4 parish units in the past 4 years due to age, dwindling interest and reluctance to take leadership roles.** Our member and parish numbers are declining, so we must rebuild by having a recruitment drive throughout the Archdiocese. Please pray for its success, so we can continue to serve our community the best we can.

As I close this message, I am honored to know all the Ladies of Charity in our area, and applaud all of the parish units for the work done throughout the many years, especially during this pandemic. You all are awesome! Have a great and healthy summer, and I will see you in August.

In the Vincentian Spirit,

Deborah Self

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

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH - 2021



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

Pope Francis, in a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris Corde* (“With a Father’s Heart”) has called for a year dedicated to St. Joseph. Francis highlights St. Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father, a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, and a father in the shadows.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX’s declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special “Year of St. Joseph,” that began in December 2020 and extends to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in 2021.

Francis holds up Joseph as a saint our world dramatically needs – a simple carpenter from Nazareth who knew who he was and revered the ancient Jewish traditions from which he had come. He struggled to discover and obey God’s call in his life no matter what the cost. He loved Mary, his wife, selflessly and confronted threats of violence against his family with courage.

St. Vincent had a great devotion to St. Joseph and in many conferences mentions the qualities of St. Joseph that we should emulate. While St. Vincent’s devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is well known, Vincent did on various occasions – in letters and conversations refer to the example of St. Joseph. Vincent would call on this great saint imploring him to send good workers to the Company. He saw Joseph as a model of hard work and wanted his followers to work hard, like Joseph, to avoid idleness. Vincent reminded his follows to be like Joseph, to say little and do much!

Let us pray then to St. Joseph as Vincent did, to send good workers to our Company to continue our ministry to those most in need.

On May 9, we celebrated the Feast of St. Louise de Marillac. What a striking resemblance to our present reality today was the time in which she lived: constant war, young widows whose husbands went off to war or who died of illnesses, unemployment, lack of peace. In Vincent's writings, he has 300 mentions of plague.

In the midst of our strikingly familiar reality, we are still plowing through not just 40 days in the COVID desert but as the editor of Give Us This Day made me aware, it is close to more than



460+ days in the desert of COVID. How do we do our work as Ladies of Charity during these challenging times? Perhaps this pandemic offers us time to reflect on and renew our good efforts and intentions. This time has given us all lots more time to look at our reality, both past, present, and even future. Louise's disciplined and orderly routine each day might be helpful for us to imitate. What did her day look like?

- Manual labor that she would do "cheerfully". This included what we might consider hobbies today, artistic creation (she loved to paint), embroidery, and other needlework that allowed her to remain mindful, reflective, and attentive to the needs of her soul.
- Household tasks, along with "charitable works, social obligations, calling on our sickly and lonely neighbors, soup kitchen, clothes closet ministry while still staying safe.
- Prayer in order to nurture interior attitudes ("adoration", "thanksgiving", abandonment of my will", "confidence", "recollection through meditation on the Gospel", "readings from the lives of these saints", "prayers to Mary" and "quick moments of remembering that God is present in my life").

- At the end of each day, she spent time in prayer "trusting always in God's goodness and mercy" with a quick review of her day when she would call to mind "the graces which (she) may have received from God during the day", and ask pardon for "the faults which (she) may have committed."



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

We know that Louise had a long affliction of suffering which left significant traces of sadness in her heart. I suspect that she experienced "black moments of despair", but with Vincent's help, overtime her ministerial activity expanded but during this time, she was also to more clearly and confidently look at her attitudes, tastes, inclinations, preferences which influenced her actions.

Vincent, knowing that joy brings the best out of a person, often sent Louise reminders to move beyond her sadness: "remain in good spirits", "be quite cheerful", "do what you have to do in a cheerful way", "live peacefully... in joy". These reminders took hold. She wrote to Vincent around 1650, in her old age, "My heart is still overflowing with joy because the understanding which, I believe, our good God has given me of the words 'God is my God' and the awareness I had of the glory which the blessed render to Him as a consequence of this truth. Therefore, I cannot help communicating with you this evening to ask you to assist me to profit from this excess of joy and to suggest some practice for me."

As Ladies of Charity, may each of our hearts overflow with joy as we face the summer and fall of 2021! Stay safe and continue your wonderful service to others!

CALVERT COUNTY LOC INDUCT NEW MEMBERS AND INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

Submitted by: Peggy McKelly

On Saturday, May 15, 2021, the Ladies of Charity Calvert County held an induction for 17 new members of our chapter. This is the largest group we have had in our 50+ year history! We attribute the increased interest to our new Facebook page where we post information about the Food Pantry, as well as to many more volunteers helping us at the Food Pantry since we moved our operation outside due to COVID. We now have 98 members in our chapter.



Since we had recently elected a new slate of officers for the next two years, we also held the installation on the same day. Both the induction and the installation took place during a Mass at St. Anthony's in North Beach, which was celebrated by the Pastor Father James Stack. A reception was held in Padua Hall afterward to help current members meet the new members.



From l to r: Paula Ohler-Secretary; Marty Beyer-Treasurer; Kathy Temple-President; and Natalie Hnatiw-Vice President



Newly Inducted Members

ST. GABRIEL LOC GRAB AND GO PROJECT

Submitted by: Bertha Guerra

Prior to COVID, the St. Gabriel LOC contemplated starting a Parish Food Pantry. Then, due to COVID-19, we had to think of another creative way to provide support to the community, when they needed it the most. So, the Ladies came up with another way to provide food for those in need. That idea became the Grab and Go Project. The idea was the Ladies would provide plastic containers containing non-perishable food items as well as carry bags. Having obtained the "go ahead" from the Parish Priest, flyers were posted and plastic containers placed at the front and side entrances of the Church (there was one Mass on Saturday and one on Sunday). The Ladies filled the containers and provided carry bags. Upon entering or leaving Church, food was available for anyone in need. Just "Grab and Go".

The Ladies learned from this Lenten project how much there was a need for this project in our church community. The Ladies filled the containers three times during the Lenten Season. The project is such a success. The Ladies will continue the project for as long as there is a need.



Grab & Go Container



Pictured from l to r: Carrie Johnson-Clark, Bertha Guerra and Tujana Howard

CALVERT COUNTY LOC PILOT NURSING HOME PROJECT



Delivery Team bringing gifts to Nursing Center

lap blankets during November, and to purchase the other items including tote bags, gripper socks, shampoo, body wash, lotion and snacks. The membership donated so much time and money that we did not have to expend any funds for this.

At our December meeting, we limited the time spent on business topics so the 20+ attendees could assemble the gifts. A “caravan” of Ladies delivered the gifts to the Calvert Nursing Center the next day. The facility manager said the residents loved the tote bags, especially the blankets. Many thanks to everyone who contributed and/or participated in this project, especially our member Dolores Marinaccio who took the lead on this wonderful project.



LOC members assembling gift bags



120 Lap Blankets

The Ladies of Charity Calvert County became aware of a need at the Calvert Nursing Center, which has many low-income residents. One of the resident’s daughters had posted an article on Facebook that sounded like a desperate call for help. We decided to form a committee and put together a Christmas gift bag for each of 120 residents.

We contacted the facility manager to determine what gifts would be most appreciated. She indicated that the residents had had an extra rough year, with COVID restrictions limiting personal contact. She indicated that blankets, warm socks, personal items and snacks would be well received. Our volunteer committee jumped into action to create 120

At our January meeting, we will vote to make this an ongoing ministry with a gift event about 4 times per year.

**Submitted by: Ann Klein
President, Calvert County LOC and
Peggy McKelly
Secretary, Calvert County LOC**

HOLY COMFORTER-ST. CYPRIAN LOC SERVE NEEDY DURING PANDEMIC

*Submitted by: Sharon Graham
President HC-SC LOC*



Sharon Graham holding donation

Members of the Ladies of Charity (LOC) from Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Church (HS-SC) have prepared stewed chicken and volunteered in the kitchen at So Others Might Eat on the 4th Saturday of the month for many years. Due to the pandemic, we have been prevented from providing this service.

Lent is a time for giving and Linda Jenkins, Vice President of the HC-SC LOC suggested we provide "to-go" bag lunches for individuals who seek food at Central Union Mission. Central Union Mission is an organization in Washington, DC which provides food and other services to the homeless and others in need.

Each "to-go" bag contained non-perishable food items along with a prayer card and cross, nourishment for the soul. These along with a cash donation were contributed on Friday, March 19, 2021. The HC-SC LOC was invited to serve as volunteers at Central Union Mission once the Pandemic has ended.

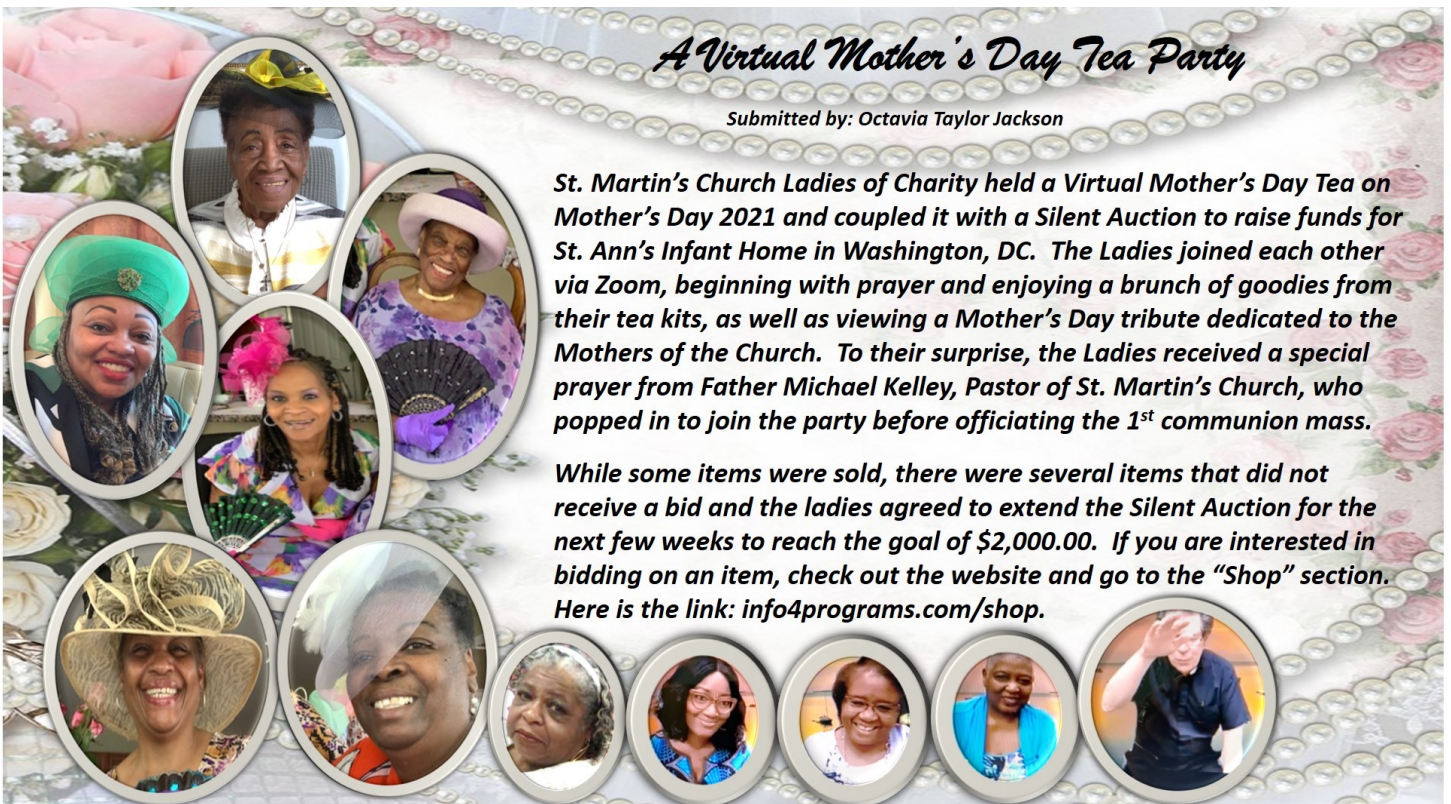
ST. MARTIN OF TOURS VIRTUAL MOTHER'S DAY TEA PARTY

A Virtual Mother's Day Tea Party

Submitted by: Octavia Taylor Jackson

St. Martin's Church Ladies of Charity held a Virtual Mother's Day Tea on Mother's Day 2021 and coupled it with a Silent Auction to raise funds for St. Ann's Infant Home in Washington, DC. The Ladies joined each other via Zoom, beginning with prayer and enjoying a brunch of goodies from their tea kits, as well as viewing a Mother's Day tribute dedicated to the Mothers of the Church. To their surprise, the Ladies received a special prayer from Father Michael Kelley, Pastor of St. Martin's Church, who popped in to join the party before officiating the 1st communion mass.

While some items were sold, there were several items that did not receive a bid and the ladies agreed to extend the Silent Auction for the next few weeks to reach the goal of \$2,000.00. If you are interested in bidding on an item, check out the website and go to the "Shop" section. Here is the link: info4programs.com/shop.





May Day

PATRON LISTING



Promoters

Odell	Allen <i>(In Memory of Evelyn Q. Rattley)</i> Anonymous	St. Benedict the Moor
Jacqueline	Bates <i>(In Memory of Deceased St. Matthias LOC)</i>	St. Matthias the Apostle
Fr. David	Bava <i>(In Memory of Erminia Bava)</i>	Holy Redeemer
Carolyn D. S.	Brown <i>(In Memory of Dr. Rita L. Robinson)</i>	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Carolyn E.	Budoo <i>(In Memory of Mary Edith Fairley)</i>	St. Martin of Tours
Patricia	Camp	St. Francis de Sales
Theresa	Cullinane <i>(In Memory of John T. Cullinane, Jr.)</i>	Providence Hospital <i>(formerly with)</i>
Kathy	Dowell	St. Matthias the Apostle
Sherlene M.	Duckett <i>(In Memory of Evelyn Q. Rattley)</i>	St. Benedict the Moor
Barbara J.	Falls <i>(In Memory of Don Falls)</i>	St. Matthias the Apostle
Donna	Fisher <i>(In Honor of Anita E. Fisher)</i>	St. Margaret of Scotland
Toni K.	Gaines <i>(In Loving Memory of Aurelia C. Smith)</i>	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Carolyn T.	German <i>(In Memory of Kathy Elaine Taylor)</i>	St. Martin of Tours
Bertha A.	Guerra <i>(In Memory of Cora A. Guerra)</i>	St. Gabriel
Cheryl	Hamlin-Williams	St. Benedict the Moor
Mary	Hand <i>(In Memory of Dr. Rita L. Robinson)</i>	St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Mary	Hand <i>(In Memory of Fr. Carl Dianda)</i>	St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Mary	Hand <i>(In Memory of William "Bill" Rooney)</i>	St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Mary	Hunter <i>(In Memory of Mary Washington & Elizabeth Hunter)</i>	Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian
Irene	Jamison	St. Martin of Tours
Irene	Jamison <i>(In Memory of Pauline Gregory)</i>	St. Martin of Tours
Viola A.	Johnson-Robinson	St. Ignatius of Loyola
Ann	Klein <i>(In Memory of Paul Manilli)</i>	St. Anthony - LOC Calvert County
	Ladies of Charity <i>(In Memory of Bro. Marx Tyree, S.S.J.)</i>	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
	Ladies of Charity	St. Ambrose
	Ladies of Charity	St. Anthony - LOC Calvert County
	Ladies of Charity	St. John Baptist de la Salle
	Ladies of Charity <i>(In Memory of Bernadette Wilson)</i>	St. Matthias the Apostle
Young	Lee	St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Betty C.	Mayes	Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian
Cynthia	McFarlane <i>(In Memory of Ruth Stokes)</i>	St. Benedict the Moor
Peggy	McKelly	St. Anthony - LOC Calvert County
Kimberly	McKinley	St. Benedict the Moor
Lauren H.	Milling <i>(In Memory of Marian Newsome)</i>	St. Gabriel
Pamela-Jeanne	Moran	St. John Vianney - LOC Calvert Cty
Ida	Newman	St. Francis de Sales

Promoters *(cont'd)*

Marie	O'Neal	St. Benedict the Moor
Romaine	Pinchback	St. Matthias the Apostle
Merlyn	Rodrigues <i>(In Memory of Eusebio Rodrigues)</i>	St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Janet	Rollins <i>(In Memory of Adelaide Rollins)</i>	Holy Redeemer
Janet	Rollins <i>(In Memory of Thelma Bush)</i>	Holy Redeemer
Maryann	Rooney <i>(In Memory of Vivian Chase)</i>	St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Diane Douglas	Sander <i>(In Memory of Frances M. Douglas)</i>	Holy Redeemer
Lucy Ann	Saunders <i>(In Memory of Deceased Ladies of Charity)</i>	St. Joseph - Mechanicsburg, PA
Deborah	Self <i>(In Memory of Harold A. Self, Jr.)</i>	St. Matthias the Apostle
Lucie G.	Shepherd <i>(In Memory of Betty E. Grayson)</i>	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Suzanne	Simpson <i>(In Memory of Robert E. Simpson)</i>	St. Ambrose
Bernadette	Smith <i>(In Memory of Hall/Smith Families)</i>	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Kim N.	Taylor <i>(In Memory of Ivon T. Gaston)</i>	St. Martin of Tours
Octavia	Taylor-Jackson <i>(In Memory of Ivon T. Gaston)</i>	St. Martin of Tours
Monica D.	Thomas <i>(in Memory of Ada C. Griffith)</i>	Holy Redeemer

Benefactors

Cherie Gibson/ Joyce Davis	<i>(In Memory of Miriam Whitehead)</i>	Holy Redeemer
Jeannette R. Joycelyn A.	Davis Dougall	St. Matthias the Apostle St. Matthias the Apostle
Jean K. Evelyn B.	Lowe <i>(In Memory of Leah F. Ellis)</i> Miles <i>(In Memory of Josette Miles Floyd Wilkins)</i>	Holy Redeemer St. Martin of Tours
Erusa Claudine	Onukwubiri <i>(In Memory of Aina Onukwubiri)</i> Sims	St. Matthias the Apostle St. Gabriel
Elizabeth Arlene	Smith <i>(In Memory of Gladys E. Hemsley)</i> Taylor <i>(In Memory of Jean M. Jackson)</i>	Holy Redeemer St. Matthias the Apostle
Arlene Monica D.	Taylor <i>(In Memory of Clara Pauline Lambert)</i> Thomas <i>(in Memory of Margo D. Griffith)</i>	St. Matthias the Apostle Holy Redeemer

Sponsors

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Irene	Jamison <i>(In Memory of Henrietta Gregory Bryant)</i>	St. Martin of Tours
Irene	Jamison <i>(In Memory of Lillian Grissom)</i>	St. Martin of Tours
Irene	Jamison <i>(In Memory of Lorraine Smith)</i>	St. Martin of Tours
Irene	Jamison <i>(In Memory of Maria McDaniels)</i>	St. Martin of Tours
Irene	Jamison <i>(In Memory of Ruth Dawson)</i>	St. Martin of Tours
Diana	Johnson	St. Anthony - LOC Calvert Cty
	Ladies of Charity <i>(In Memory of Evelyn Q. Rattley, Lucy Cabell & Olivia Glover)</i>	
Mary	Mays	St. Benedict the Moor St. Benedict the Moor

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Sponsors *(cont'd)*

Evelyn	Nichols <i>(In Memory of Yvonne Brown)</i>	St. Margaret of Scotland
Wanda	Stone <i>(In Memory of Margaret Gonsalves)</i>	Holy Redeemer
Wanda	Stone <i>(In Memory of Tonya Talley Harris)</i>	Holy Redeemer
Gloria	Tobe <i>(In Honor of Hilda McDougald - 101 yrs old)</i>	Holy Redeemer
Gloria	Tobe <i>(In Memory of Dora Robinson)</i>	Holy Redeemer
Gloria	Tobe <i>(In Memory of Lillie Mae Tobe)</i>	Holy Redeemer
Denise	Willis <i>(In Memory of Loretta Jones)</i>	Holy Redeemer
Bernice	Wilson	St. Martin of Tours
Betty A.	Wright <i>(In Memory of Lillian Washington)</i>	St. Martin of Tours

Patrons

Gloria	Adams	St. Martin of Tours
Elizabeth	Smith <i>(In Memory of Lillie Pearl Smith)</i>	Holy Redeemer
Wanda	Stone <i>(In Memory of Elizabeth Stone)</i>	Holy Redeemer
Ethel	Taylor	St. Martin of Tours
Michelle	Tyree <i>(In Memory of Marion Davis)</i>	Holy Redeemer
Denise	Willis <i>(In Honor of Betty Greer - 93 yrs old)</i>	Holy Redeemer

*Your support
of our Annual Fundraiser
is greatly appreciated.*



God Bless You!



*Board of Directors
Archdiocese of Washington*

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS FOR FOOD PANTRY CLIENTS

The Ladies of Charity Calvert County have had this event for many years, but this year COVID gave us many challenges as well as extra blessings. As far as blessings, the Maryland Food Bank was able to provide over 200 turkeys, so we were able to serve many more clients. However, COVID restrictions led to a complete redesign of the event. In prior years we did the distribution in the church hall, with coffee and danish, in a very social event where clients came early to visit with each other before picking up their groceries.

This year we had to move the entire event to the church parking lot, including directing traffic for hundreds of clients, check-in to verify sign up, staging of the various food components of the grocery basket – frozen items, fresh produce items, and non-perishable items, loading of client cars, and getting clients safely back on the road. We also had to limit volunteers to those who were able to stand in the cold for many hours.

Our pantry manager, Barbara Glover, and her design team came up with a very efficient model to move the clients through the process quickly and safely within a couple of hours on the Saturday before Christmas. We served 269 families representing 732 individuals. About a dozen clients who had not signed up were able to get a Holiday food Basket at the end of the morning when we knew how many “no shows” we had.



*Barbara Glover
Food Pantry Manager*



Clients check-in to verify pre-registration for basket



Loading baskets in clients car



Sorting food items



Fresh produce packed in bags

**Submitted by:
Peggy McKelly
Secretary, Calvert County LOC**

ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE HOST WALK-UP MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD MOBILE UNIT COVID-19 VACCINATION SITE

No grass has grown under the St. Hugh LOC member's feet during the pandemic. Besides our ongoing programs like the St. Hugh Food Pantry and SHARE FOOD Program, we have done a number of special projects and provided leadership and organizational skills in making sure our public Masses were safe for everyone to attend.

Early on our pastor, Fr. Walter Tappe, asked for LOC assistance with establishing a safe church environment, sanitation procedures, finding ushers and training them in safety procedures not only for daily, weekend Masses but also for funerals and weddings. Fortunately a number of our LOC members are nurses and they responded to the call for help.



Ellen Hanyok



Matthew Davino



St. Hugh Church was also approached by the Maryland National Guard to schedule a walk-up Mobile Unit Covid-19 Vaccination site. After we were approved as a site, a date was scheduled, April 21st, to administer 100 Moderna vaccines. LOC members again stepped up to get the word out to the community, and volunteer the day of the event. We approached the St. Hugh Knights of Columbus and Greenbelt Police to also assist with traffic control that day. At the start of the clinic, I got a call on my cell phone from an elderly couple in Greenbelt. The wife said her 80 yr. old husband was homebound due to a fractured leg and asked if someone could bring the vaccine to their home. I told her that wasn't feasible but that I had an LOC retired nurse, Ellen Hanyok, and a Knights of Columbus member, David Lockwood, who would get her husband in the car and to the site for his shot. The wife was thrilled that we could assist them. Ellen and David will be returning to get him on May 19th to get his second shot at St Hugh along with 80 others.

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In Loving Memory of



<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PARISH UNIT</u>
Ursula	Dawson	February 22, 2021	St. Mary of the Mills
Ivon	Gaston	February 21, 2021	St. Martin of Tours
Dorothy	Butler	February 11, 2021	St. Francis de Sales
Cecilia	Still	February 3, 2021	St. Gabriel
Betty	Albanesi	February 2, 2021	St. Mary of the Mills
Gloria Helen	Stewart	January 14, 2021	St. Margaret of Scotland
Lucy	Cabell	December 11, 2020	St. Benedict the Moor
Bernadette	Wilson	December 11, 2020	St. Matthias the Apostle
Ann Marie	Mako	November 16, 2020	Ladies of Charity Calvert County
Marilyn Ann	Taylor	October 31, 2020	Ladies of Charity Calvert County
Eunice	Barber	August 2, 2020	St. Hugh of Grenoble
Lorraine	Moran	July 18, 2020	St. Hugh of Grenoble
Shirley	Kallal	February 23, 2020	Ladies of Charity Calvert County
Josephine	Martin	February 14, 2020	Ladies of Charity Calvert County
Doris	Pettko	January 29, 2020	Ladies of Charity Calvert County
June	Kretzing	January 6, 2020	Ladies of Charity Calvert County

*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*

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Distributing children books & food bags
(From l to r: Donna Wilson, Robert Goldberg Strassler, Ric Gordon and Mary Ann Tretler)

Lastly, St. Hugh LOC members in cooperation with a Greenbelt community group, RUAK, and management staff at the Franklin Park Apartments started a monthly on-site food pantry bags distribution at Franklin Park on March 12th. The management staff identified 30 families in need. The families not only received food but also a \$25 Giant gift card and donated children's books from RUAK members. There is a Giant Food Store in walking distance from the apartments.

Our greater Greenbelt community continues to be incredibly supportive of all our programs. Going forward, St. Hugh LOC members will again take the lead in helping to plan the 75th Anniversary of St. Hugh of Grenoble Church in June, 2022.

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

1ST VIRTUAL LCUSA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION FORM

JOIN VIA ZOOM
AUGUST 27 & 28, 2021
12:00-2:30 EASTERN TIME

Questions may be directed to
Ashley Larsen at LCUSA :
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office@ladiesofcharity.us

Some highlights:

- Gather together with our favorite CMs, Frs. Dick and Bob Gielow, to reflect on “Humility”, “Simplicity” and “Charity”
- Learn about the Vincentian charism internationally with Fr. Joseph Agostino, CM
- Unite in prayer daily with Sr. Claire Debes, DC and Sr. Grace Hartzog, SC (Vincentian Spiritual Moderators)
- Hear updates on LCUSA
- Meet AIC International President, Rose de Lima Ramanankavana from Madagascar
- Attend optional rosary each day
- Other surprises being planned!

Registration fee: \$50

**Includes a printed program
and a Zoom meeting link,
both of which will be sent
to all paid registrants,
closer to the assembly.**

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**Sister Thea Bowman F.S.P.A., Ph D
(1937 – 1990)**

“I bring my whole history, my tradition, my experience, my culture, my African-American song and dance and gesture and movement and teaching, and preaching and healing and responsibility as a gift to the Church.” USCCB speaker 1989

Sister Thea Bowman, the granddaughter of slaves, was born on December 29, 1937, in Yazoo City, Mississippi. Her parents named her Bertha and raised her in the Methodist faith until at the age of nine when she was so impressed by the “olde folks” that she asked if she could become Catholic. She later went to college and then became the first African-American to join the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Wisconsin. Sister Thea shared the message of God’s love through a teaching career. After 16 years of teaching at the elementary, secondary and college levels, Sister Thea Bowman was invited to

be a special consultant for the Catholic Church. She gave presentations around the country aimed at bridging racial and cultural divisions. Blessed with extraordinary talent, she became a poet, a preacher, a master teacher, a vocalist, an evangelist and an African-American catalyst. She combined her gifts of singing and gospel preaching, with prayers and storytelling. Sister Thea Bowman was diagnosed with bone cancer in 1984. Yet, she continued her fight against the evils that drive people apart, from her wheelchair, until her death at age 53 in 1990. Sister Thea Bowman said she prayed **“to live until I die – to live fully.”** And that she did.

Sister Thea Bowman lived a Spirit-filled life! Let us pray:

Prayer for the Canonization of Sister Thea Bowman

Ever loving God, who by your infinite goodness inflamed the heart of your servant and religious, Sister Thea Bowman with an ardent love for you and the People of God; a love expressed through her indomitable spirit, deep and abiding faith, dedicated teaching, exuberant singing and unwavering witnessing of the joy of the Gospel.

Her prophetic witness continues to inspire us to share the Good News with those who we encounter; most especially the poor, oppressed and marginalized. May Sister Thea’s life and legacy compel us to walk together, to pray together and to remain together as missionary disciples ushering in the new evangelization for the Church we love.

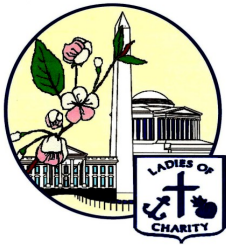
Gracious God imbue us with the grace and perseverance that you gave your servant, Sister Thea. For in turbulent times of racial injustice, she sought equity, peace and reconciliation. In times of intolerance and ignorance, she brought wisdom, awareness, unity and charity. In times of pain, sickness and suffering, she taught us how to live fully until called home to the land of promise. If it be your Will, O God, glorify our beloved Sister Thea, by granting the favor I now request through her intercession (*mention your request*), so that all may know of her goodness and holiness and may imitate her love for You and Your Church. We ask this through Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Sister Thea Bowman Canonization Cause

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2021 UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
August 7	ADW LOC Board Meeting Reflection 10:00 am Zoom	VIRTUAL (link to be provided)
August 27-28	LCUSA National Assembly Zoom 12—2:30 PM	VIRTUAL (link to be provided)
September 12	Prince George’s County Quarterly Meeting	TBD
October 9	DC Parish Units Quarterly Meeting 10:00 am	Conference Call
October 23	ADW LOC Fall Retreat	TBD
December 4	ADW LOC Board Meeting Reflection 10:00 am Zoom	VIRTUAL (link to be provided)
December 11	DC Parish Units Quarterly Meeting 10:00 am	Conference Call
December 12	Prince George’s County Quarterly Meeting	TBD

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON LOC NEWSLETTER:

News Deadline:

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

- ◆ Deadline is **December 15, 2021** 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.”**