

Maneline

ST. Mark Catholic Community

St. MARK Joins 44th Annual March for Life

By Mary Fisk

Parishioners of all ages joined with hundreds of thousands of people in the nation's largest pro-life event — the 44th Annual March for Life — on Friday, January 27, in Washington, DC. This year's theme was "The Power of One." Other cities across America held their own Marches for Life.

Parishioners attended Mass at 9:15 a.m., followed by a light breakfast, before they departed for the event. The March for Life opened with a Rally at 12:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Washington Monument. They heard speakers, including Vice President Mike Pence and Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York; Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood Director and founder of "And Then There Were None"; and Representatives Mia Love (R-UT) and Chris Smith (R-NJ). Following the Rally, the participants began their walk from Constitution Avenue between 15th and 17th Streets to the Supreme



Court, before having the opportunity to visit their Senators and Representatives to advocate for life.

Sanctuary of the Womb

Cardinal Dolan, chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities, celebrated Mass at the Basilica Shrine of the *Immaculate Conception* on the eve of the March. LifeSiteNews reports

that the Mass at the Shrine included 5 Cardinals, 40 Bishops, 320 priests, 90 deacons, 545 seminarians, and a congregation of approximately 12,000. In his homily, Cardinal Dolan repeatedly drew a parallel between the Church and the mother's womb as a sacred sanctuary.

"Behold the baby in the sanctuary of the womb. Once that sanctuary is violated, once that society deems it legal to invade it, the integrity of the natural and the supernatural are ruptured and we have no place safe and secure left to go," he said. "So this evening in this sanctuary we praise you, dear God, for those assurances and encouragements this evening. We have confidence in the sacredness of sanctuary, the sanctuary you intended, this earth, this life, your church, the womb to be, to protect your children. And we entrust to all our efforts to protect the sacredness, the sanctuary of human life itself."





Dolan also mentioned that the sanctuary extends outside the Church to the environment. That reference is in accord with Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* encyclical. "We come together this sacred evening in a church we claim as a sanctuary in a land historically termed a sanctuary on a planet the Creator intended as an environment of sanctuary," Dolan said. "Why? To reclaim the belief that our mother's womb is the primal sanctuary where a helpless, innocent, fragile, tiny baby must be safe, secure, nurtured and protected.... Should it shock us, my friends, as Pope Francis asks, in his ongoing global examination of conscience, that a culture that violently intrudes upon the life of a baby in the sanctuary of his or her mother's womb would soon lose reverence for all places intended by God as safe, secure, and nurturing?"

Life Is Winning

Mike Pence was the first United States Vice President to address the March for Life. He told participants: "More than 240 years ago, our Founders wrote words that have echoed through the ages. They declared these truths to be self-evident, that we are, all of us, endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights, and that among

these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Forty-four years ago, our Supreme Court turned away from the first of these timeless ideals. But today, three generations hence, because of all of you, and the many thousands that stand with us in marches like this all across the nation, life is winning again in America....

"And today is a celebration of that progress that we have made in this cause. You know I've long believed that a society can be judged by how we care for its most vulnerable: the aged, the infirm, the disabled and the unborn. We have come to an historic moment in the cause for life. And we must meet this moment with respect and compassion for every American."

He added, "Life is winning through the steady advance of science that illuminates when life begins, more and more, every day. Life is winning through the generosity of millions of adoptive families to open their hearts and homes to children in need. Life is winning through the compassion of caregivers and volunteers at crisis-pregnancy centers and faith-based organizations who minister to women in towns across this country. And life is winning through the quiet counsels between

mothers and daughters, grandmothers and granddaughters, between friends across kitchen tables, and over coffee at college campuses. The truth is being told. Compassion is overcoming convenience. And hope is defeating despair. "In a word, life is winning in America because of all of you. So I urge you to press on. But as it is written, 'Let your gentleness be evident to all.' Let this movement be known for love, not anger. Let this movement be known for compassion, not confrontation. When it comes to matters of the heart, there is nothing stronger than gentleness."

The Body of Christ

By Fred Heinzelmann

I saw Christ last night.
He was a young man in the hospital,
Lying on his back, arms
outstretched,
Head held firm by an orthopedic
crown.

He lay paralyzed and still,
His eyes open, soft and moist.
We spoke of prayer and faith,
And the love and support of those
around him.

I think of Christ's body locked
To a cross with nails
Motionless and yet a source of un-
limited power.

I see the man locked to his cross in a
hospital room,
And I think of the power in all of us
To respond to him and to others
Since we are all the Body of Christ.

[Note: Written in honor of Doug Maines during his initial hospitalization]

40 Days for Life in LENT

The Lenten 40 Days for Life will begin on *Ash Wednesday, March 1*, and finish on *Palm Sunday, April 9*. *ST. MARK* will pray at the abortion clinic on Washington Blvd., Falls Church. Come and join us for this great Lenten sacrifice!

Parish Offers Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

S*T. MARK* offers a wide range of ways in which adults can grow in and share their faith. For more information, contact Jean Lupinacci in the Religious Education Office at jlupinacci@stmark.org or 703 938-1948, extension 2.

Small Communities of Faith

Small Communities of Faith (SCF) meet on a regular basis in members' homes for Scripture. The members gather to read the Scriptures, pray, learn, share their faith, and support one another. Groups meet most days of the week, usually in the evenings from 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Lord Teach Me to Pray

This group focuses on Ignatian Spirituality and meets once a week.

Little Rock Scripture Study

The Little Rock Scripture Study group will begin Part II of its study of the Gospel of Luke on Tuesday, March 7, at 10:00 a.m. and will end on April 4. Participants do not have to have attended Part I to participate in Part II.

Pope Francis' *Laudato Sí* (Care for our Common Home)

Last year's study group is starting a new

ministry in March called "Care for Our Common Home." Dr. William Dinges, from the Catholic Climate Covenant, will speak to *ST. MARK* parishioners on March 19.

Sunday Morning Program Presentations

The theme for Winter/Spring 2017 is "Christian Unity." All sessions start at 9:30 a.m. in the Gym on Sunday mornings. All are welcome. For the complete schedule of presentations, please see <http://formation.www.stmark.org/adults/sunday-morning-program/>.

Book Clubs

There are two book clubs:

■ One group meets the second Wednesday of the month, September through May, at 1:15 p.m. in room C-104. The book for February 8 is *All The Light We Cannot See* by A. Doerr. The book for March is *Destiny of the Republic* by Candace Millard.

■ The Spiritual Classics group led by Fr. Paul meets the third Sunday of the month at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel. The group is currently discussing *Fulfillment of all Desire* by Ralph Martin.



Men's Chapter of Christians in Commerce

This group meets every Wednesday from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. for prayer, teaching, small group discussion, and fellowship in the Choir Room at *ST. MARK*. Contact Jerry Wilkowski at 703 255-9083 for more information.

Cursillo Weekends

The Cursillo is an opportunity to examine and celebrate yourself and your relationship with Christ and the Christian community. The upcoming women's weekend is March 23-26. After the Cursillo weekend, you meet with other *ST. MARK* Cursillistas for a weekly reunion.

Praying College Moms

This group meets the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. from September through May. The members talk and pray together, share experiences, and create Care packages for their children.

Sunday Morning Program Will Present Series on the Reformation

Dr. Brian Flanagan will present a four-part series on "Catholics and the Protestant Reformation Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow." The series will focus on how we as Roman Catholic Christians can better understand what happened during the Protestant Reformation and how we can grow together toward fuller unity with our separated Christian brothers and sisters. This year, the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, provides an opportunity to explore what separated Catholic and Protestant Christians in 1517; where we stand today, united and divided, in 2017; and where we can hope that the Lord will guide us toward in 2517.

All sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Gym:

■ February 5: "1517: An Overview of the Reformation and What Was at Stake"

■ February 12: "Vatican II Interlude," looking at the Vatican II documents and how Catholic teaching on the status of other Christians changed at the Council

■ March 12: "2017: An Overview of Where We Are Today."

■ March 19: "2517: A Look Forward at Where We Could Be, Together, in Another 500 years."

Dr. Flanagan is Associate Professor of Theology at Marymount University in Arlington. He has written extensively on theology and ecumenism. He is finishing a book on the holiness and sinfulness of the Church. He teaches courses at Marymount that introduce students to theology, and upper-level courses on the Church, medieval and Reformation theology, and liturgy and the Sacraments.

Morning of Reflection

The Small Communities of Faith will sponsor a Morning of Reflection on Saturday, March 25, in the Msgr. Cassidy Activities Center. The program will begin with Mass at 8:00 a.m., followed by a light breakfast, and the first presentation, Q&A, second presentation, and Q&A or meditation. The program will end by 12:30 p.m.

The program will be an opportunity all who wish to deepen their faith experience during the Lenten season. Deacon John Allen and Mickey Edwards will be featured speakers.

Adoption, the Loving Option

By Christy Grossman and Maureen Barrett

In the late 1980s, Christy and Bill Grossman of *ST. MARK* decided to adopt a child. They signed up for classes offered by Fairfax County that explained the adoption process — domestic versus international, private versus agency, older children versus newborns, the foster program, special needs adoptions, and more. Speakers included an adoption agency, an adoption attorney, adopted children, birth parents, and adoptive parents. Christy and Bill also contacted Catholic Charities. At the time, Catholic Charities was not adding people to the waitlist. They had so many parents and so few babies that they had suspended the information meetings.

Katie Grossman

The Grossmans decided to work with the Barker Foundation. They did not have a preference for a boy or girl, but they did want to adopt a baby and chose to do a domestic adoption. They were told the process would take two to three years. The lengthy process included classes, meetings with social workers, a long application with lots of personal information and essays, a criminal check, medical records, and a home study. Part of the process included the Foundation sharing that information with potential birth mothers, because birth mothers had input into where their child would be placed. In the midst of this process, Christy and Bill adopted their first child, Katie, but not from the Barker Foundation. Katie was a family member whose mother had passed away. The social worker had them put the adoption process on hold while Katie adjusted; she updated their profile to show they had one daughter.

While this was happening, a 19-year-old young woman from Maryland found herself pregnant. Weighing her choices, she decided that adoption was the best option. She went to the Barker Foundation. In addition to counseling, Barker gave her profiles of prospective parents. She read Christy's and Bill profile and learned they were Catholic and that they had a daughter. Both of those were important to her. She came from a large Catholic family and she wanted her child to have siblings.

Melissa Grossman

A girl, Melissa, was born in July and spent her initial days with a foster mother; 18 days later, Christy and Bill met Melissa in the offices of the Foundation. The following day, they met Kristyn, Melissa's birth mother. Kristyn told them, "I love her. And I already feel that she is yours." One day later, Christy and Bill brought Melissa home. It was not

what everyone had planned. At that time, birth mothers legally had 30 days to change their mind. Christy and Bill told the Barker Foundation they did not want to take a child home until the 30 days had passed, but Kristyn wanted Melissa to be with her parents as soon as possible. The meetings were arranged, and all agreed that it was in Melissa's best interests to go home with Christy and Bill as soon as possible. Christy, Bill, and Kristyn also agreed to correspond via letter for at least a year and to send photos; the letters would be sent through the Foundation with no identifying information.

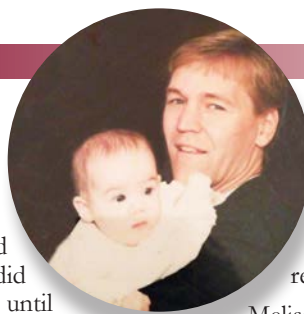
Melissa always knew she was adopted. She can't remember a time she did not know. All through her childhood, she wrote to her birth mother; Christy and Bill did as well and sent photos, and her birth mother always responded. Her birth father, Matt, also received letters and photos, but wasn't as faithful in replying. Kristyn and Matt let Melissa know when they each married other people and had children. Melissa now has five half-brothers and one half-stepbrother from her birth mother's and father's families.

Melissa separately met both birth parents in person shortly before her 18th birthday. The Foundation counseled Melissa, her birth parents, and her adoptive parents before the meetings took place. The meetings were nerve-filled and joyous. After that, Melissa made regular visits to both her birth mother's and birth father's homes, even "nannying" for four of her brothers one summer. Melissa loves having so many brothers, and meeting them was easier because her brothers were always aware they had a sister that they would meet when she turned 18. Christy and Bill are in touch with both birth parents and their spouses as well, particularly with Kristyn since Facebook makes that so easy.



A Family Marriage Celebration

Last November, when Melissa was married at *ST. MARK*, her birth families were included in the wedding. Melissa's adoptive parents walked her down the aisle, both birth parents and their spouses were part



of the bridal procession, her brothers were ushers, and all the "dads" were part of the Father-Daughter dance at the reception.

Melissa said that Christy and Bill are her parents, and her birth mother and father and their families are extended family. She says: "I don't have a family tree. I have a family rosebush. It's beautiful and I'm blessed."

Domestic Adoption Today

The number of infant placements in the U.S. has dropped in recent decades. In the mid-1970s, as many as 49,000 American infants were placed for adoption each year. In 2007, the most recent year for which accurate numbers exist, there were an estimated 18,078 domestic newborn, non-relative adoptions. In the same year, there were 1,209,640 abortions per the Guttmacher Institute.

Almost everyone involved in adoption today—adopting parents, birth parents, and adoption professionals—embraces this new transparency as an antidote to the confidentiality of the past. Birth families are reassured that their children will be well cared for; adopted children often have the answers to questions that arise over the years. Yet every story is different. The one Melissa and Bill shared is not necessarily the way every adoption goes.

Today, families who have adopted domestically often say that any initial concern about the role of birth parents has been replaced by gratitude for the opportunity to know their children's families of origin. They note the positive aspects of adopting domestically: the opportunity to parent a newborn, as well as the medical and social history they have for their child.

Breaking Down Birth Mom Stereotypes

Even as domestic adoption evolves, negative stereotypes of birth mothers refuse to die. Most damaging are those portrayals of birth mothers heartlessly "giving up" their children. In reality, most of them have made a painful, but loving, choice—one for which there is very little societal support. "They are mothers who want the best life possible for their unborn child," says Steven Kirsh, an adoption attorney in Indianapolis.

Christy said, "Jesus asks us to put others first. The sacrifice Kristyn made to put her baby's needs first still takes my breath away. I am so grateful for Melissa's birth mother. She inspires me beyond compare."

Source: <https://www.adoptivefamilies.com/how-to-adopt-domestic-adoption-myths-and-truths/>.

Care for Our Common Home Ministry

By Betsy Zolper

You may have heard the phrase — Care for Our Common Home — but have you thought about what it truly means? Some ST. MARK Parishioners, who studied Pope Francis’ encyclical “*Laudato Si’*: On Care for Our Common Home” have been pondering this question. Through our weekly discussions, we felt called by Pope Francis to care for God’s creation in new ways as individuals and as a faith community. As a result, the Care for Our Common Home Ministry was formed.

Our formation has been supported by the ST. JOHN NEUMANN Care for Our Common Home Ministry <http://cfoch.weebly.com/> and Catholic Climate Covenant www.catholicclimatecovenant.org, a national group whose many covenant members include the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Offices for Justice, Peace, and Human Development; Migration and Refugee Services, Catholic Charities USA, and Catholic Relief Services.

The Care for Our Common Home ministry works to promote the teachings of

Pope Francis in *Laudato Si’* through the following:

- Prayer and reflection on the connectedness of all of God’s creation
- Education on Church statements on the environment
- Action to create a sustainable environment in the ST. MARK community
- Advocacy for policies that will protect the earth and our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

Guest Speaker on March 19

Please join us on Sunday, March 19, at 1:00 p.m. in the Msgr. Cassidy Activities Center to hear Dr. Bill Dinges, a professor of Religious Studies at Catholic University, explore how our Catholic faith calls us to care for God’s creation and how Catholics became engaged on this issue. Dr. Dinges will address practical ways we can do this in our Parish through spirituality, education, stewardship, and advocacy. Dr. Dinges draws from his experience as a professor who has addressed religion and ecology for 27 years, and from his personal experience of starting an Eco-Ministry in his

parish, ST. JOHN the BAPTIST in Silver Spring. He and his wife also have a hands-on connection to the earth through their passion for gardening and composting.

Please join us in our efforts to learn more about how our faith calls us to care for our common home. The goal of our ministry is to gather ideas for future projects from individuals and parish groups. All are welcome to join our ministry. We meet on the first Thursday of each month in C-102. For more information, contact Betsy Zolper, betsyzolper@verizon.net. As Pope Francis says in *Laudato Si’*, “Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience.”

O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Psalm 104:24



Each year, the Staff and the Council members and their spouses step away from day-to-day life to reflect on their faith in the Lord, their call to community, and their roles in living our Parish’s Vision to Worship God, to Invite all in love, to Nurture our faith,

Nurture
We
reflect

and to Serve others. This year’s Retreat was held from January 27-29 at the Priest Field Pastoral Center in Kearneysville, West Virginia.

Photo courtesy of Nancy Weaver

A Lesson on Christmas Day

By Ann Ramish

Our son, Dan, called in early December with a change of plans. He was sorry that he and his family could not come to Christmas dinner, but they would be feeding the homeless that night. We rearranged our plans so that we would have lunch and include his brother and family; then my husband Tim and I would tag along in the evening in case help was needed, perhaps with the grandsons, ages three and one. Dan insisted that the children come along rather than stay home and play with their new toys.

Dan's wife, Lisa, had taken over running the Sunday Suppers program. Churches sign up to provide food or drive the van with tables, chairs, and paper products. Lisa and Dan signed up to drive the van the third and fourth Sundays of each month, so they were on for CHRISTMAS Day.

There were two sites in D.C. where they stopped at 6:00 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. They set up the tables and chairs in the parking lot so their guests could eat there. They had a small Christmas tree and played Christmas music. Fortunately, the weather was relatively mild. They

served meat and pasta, a baked potato with sour cream, a Christmas cookie, and a choice of beverages. A bag lunch with sandwiches and eggs was provided for later. Guests were also offered a bag of toiletries (one per guest). Some pairs of gloves were distributed.

The volunteers and food showed up as promised, and everything went smoothly. The numbers have been dropping at the first site, but there was a good turnout on CHRISTMAS. The site was in Chinatown, and many of the guests were Asians. The boys sat at a table and ate dinner with the guests. The younger brother, Miles, really liked the pasta, and he may have had more than his share. Their very presence made the place homier. Lisa tried to talk with all the guests.

At the second site, only about five or six guests came, far fewer than usual. They did ask for food to take back with them for others, but a lot of food was left over.

Dan declared that they were successful. At the first site, they had fed hungry people who needed a meal. However, it was sad that these people had no one else to spend CHRISTMAS with. At the

second site, hopefully the lower numbers meant that the others went home for Christmas.

What should be done with the leftover food? They transferred it from the pot to individual Styrofoam cups. Then they went to find some homeless people who might want it. There were two locations they wanted to visit, but they kept an eye out for needy people anywhere as they drove around.

Here came the lesson of the day. Three-year-old Nathaniel wanted to help with spotting homeless people. He pointed out all pedestrians. Lisa told him that not everyone walking by was homeless. One sign might be someone carrying large bags, for example.

We know there was no room at the inn in Bethlehem. Perhaps the Holy Family was homeless for a time in Egypt. Surely the good Lord has a special love for the homeless today. Maybe my grandsons will, too.

For more information, visit <http://sundaysuppers.org/> and www.youtube.com/watch?v=hU017j0b9TY.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Held

“Prayer for Christian Unity” was held from January 18-25. The theme was “Reconciliation: The Love of Christ Compels Us.” This annual, international, ecumenical prayer has been observed for over 100 years and is supported by the Vatican and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), as well as our own Bishop Michael Burbidge. It is always on the same eight days of January.



On January 24, there was a prayer service at Mount Olivet United Methodist Church in Arlington. The Christian representatives in attendance were Bishop Michael Burbidge, Catholic Diocese of Arlington; Bishop Richard Graham, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Metro D.C. Synod; Bishop Ted Gulick, Episcopal Diocese of Virginia; and Reverend Tom Joyce, United Methodist Church, Virginia Conference.

Bishop Burbidge prayed: “Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, this year many Christians and churches will be commemorating the anniversary of the Reformation. Saint Paul reminds us that God has reconciled us through Jesus Christ and that the love of Christ compels us to be ministers of reconciliation. Let us worship and praise God together in the unity of the Holy Spirit!”

Additional information is available on the USCCB website at <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/ecumenical-and-interreligious/events/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity.cfm>.

Parish Offers Access to Online Adult Religious Education Resource

FORMED is an online resource that offers access to Catholic videos, books, audio and Faith Formation programs. Anyone from the Parish can register to access these materials at no cost in the comfort of your own home!

Simply visit www.formed.org and click on “Register” (right hand side of page below the graphic). Enter the *ST. MARK* parish code: TZ67C2 (this is case-sensitive) and your email address. The next screen will ask for some demographic information and to set a password. Complete the fields and hit “Submit.” You will get a confirmation email once you have confirmed your email; by clicking through the link, you will be able to log in anytime and make use of the materials on the website.

Tanzania Education Fund

The Tanzania Education Fund (TEF) greatly appreciates your generous donation of \$2,000 to Nianjema Schools, Bagamoyo, Tanzania. The school is looking forward to the enrollment of these outstanding women and the supplies that you are providing.

I went to Tanzania in June and was so proud of all that is being accomplished there. The enrollment has increased from 400 students last year to 465 students this year.

The TEF is providing girls' scholarships this year, now that all of the educational buildings are completed. TEF is sponsoring 25 girls' scholarships, and 20 teachers' children are getting partial scholarships. Much has been accomplished over the past 16 years.

The Nianjema students thank you for your generosity and support for their education and welfare.

Daphne D. Sloan, Executive Director

Stroke Comeback Center

We are increasing our focus on education and support of our survivor community. We continue to expand our weekly group and fitness programs and to serve wounded warriors. We are increasing our cognitive services, as well as continuing to provide scholarships so that people can receive services, regardless of ability to pay.

We are also pioneers in training and educating professionals around the country. We are committed to sharing our successful model with others and have a national reputation as a model for a continuum of care. As more people survive strokes, what we do becomes even more important. We are making a difference and hope you will continue to support our work. Our website at www.strokecomebackcenter.org can keep you posted on our progress.

On behalf of everyone at the Center, please accept our profuse thanks for your support.

Darlene S. Williamson, Executive Director

Fairfax CASA

Thank you for your annual gift of holiday cheer for the children we serve. How very generous of ST. MARK to provide \$2,230 worth of gift certificates that will enable our volunteers to extend that special holiday spirit to the children!

I must say that it is people like you who fill my heart with warmth. I only wish we could all personally witness the delight of these especially vulnerable children as the volunteers deliver these special gifts.

Thank you for always thinking of our kids.

Dary Cunningham, Executive Director

Centreville Immigration Forum

Thank you for your generous grant from your tithing fund to serve the immigrant community. Please let us know of ways for us to serve you, with programs or service opportunities for your Parish.

Alice Foltz, President; Ed Duggan, treasurer; and Terry Angelotti, Executive Director

THANK YOU

BAPTISM

We welcome the following new Christians into the community of the Church:

- Eleanor Valencia Gambino
- Thomas Joseph Guinan, Jr.
- William George Hadinger
- Abigail Marie Houlihan
- Wyatt Joseph Ohl-Trlica
- Declan Thomas Pacheco
- Stephen Douglas Rosenlund, Jr.

NEW PARISHIONERS

ST. MARK welcomes the following new Parishioners to our Parish family:

- Matthew and Mary Ellen Clark
- Sonja Combs
- Thomas and Casie Disantis
- James and Vilma Goodger
- James and Charlotte Long
- Daniel and Elizabeth McClintock
- Josh Norton and Niloo Hosseini
- Steven and Alexandra Proctor
- Bartholomew Steib
- Christopher and Natalia Tafaro
- Ryan and Amy Winmill

DEATHS

The following Parishioners entered into eternal life:

- Lillian Hawley
- Betty Sobieski
- Christopher Mack
- Donald McNulty

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Mark Your Calendar

February

- February 17 Movie Night
February 20 Youth Ski Trip
February 24-26 Young Adult Ski Trip
February 25 Spaghetti Dinner

March

- March 1 *Ash Wednesday*,
Masses 6:15 a.m., 9:15
a.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
March 3 First Friday Adoration
10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Fridays in LENT Stations
of the Cross 7:30 p.m.
March 17-19 CONFIRMATION
Retreat
March 19 Care for God's Creation
1:00p.m.
March 24-26 CONFIRMATION
Retreat
March 25 Small Communities of
Faith Day of Prayer

April

- April 2 Youth and Family
Mass 6:00 p.m.
April 9 *Palm Sunday* Masses 8:00 a.m.,
10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
April 9 Parish PENANCE Service
7:00 p.m.
April 13 *Holy Thursday* Mass of the
Lord's Supper 7:30 p.m.
April 14 *Good Friday* Stations of the
Cross 12:00 p.m. Celebration
of the Lord's Passion 3:00 p.m.
Living Stations 7:30 p.m.
April 15 Holy Saturday EASTER Vigil
8:30 p.m.
April 16 EASTER Masses 8:00 a.m.,
10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

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