



News From the Board

Our Lady of America. The original oil painting of "Our Lady of America," which was brought back from the MCCW-Worldwide Conference, will be hung in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Bible Study. Father Kilumbu is offering a Bible Study on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. The first meeting took place on October 26th. The subject was "Marriage and Enduring Love." The next meeting will be on Nov 30th.

MCCW-Worldwide. The Nominations Committee has announced that positions for 1st Vice-President and Secretary opened Oct 15th and will close Nov 15th. Anyone interested in these positions, please email Trish Bunting at Patricia.bunting@langley.af.mil and request a nomination form.

2011 NE Region Conference. The conference will be at Malvern, PA from Oct 7-9,

2011. The theme is "Lead Me, Lord." Ft Lee is tasked with the VIP Baskets.

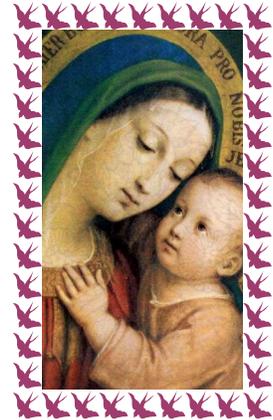
Dec 3rd (Christmas) Meeting. We will be inviting the spouses of Catholic and Protestant deployed soldiers to join us as our special guests at a Christmas buffet and party. Watch care will be provided. Wilma Cancino will create the invitations. The Baby Jesus Shower will not be in December this year but in January.

Collection of Scarves/Mittens/Gloves/Hats. In remembrance of St. Martin of Tours on his Feast Day, the Catholic Community is collecting these items (all sizes) to be given to ACS. Articles can be new or used in good, clean condition and should be turned in by Nov 14th.

November Meetings. Both the day meeting (Friday, Nov 5th) and the evening meeting (Monday, Nov 8th) will feature

the DVD, "Confession & Prayer."

Chapel Happenings. Sunday, Nov 14th, St. Martin of Tours Celebration and Potluck after 1200 Mass. Saturday, Nov 27th, Chapel Christmas decorating, 9 AM, along with Protestants. Volunteers are welcome.



2010-2011 Calendar

Nov 5	Friday Day Meeting	Confession & Prayer—DVD
Nov 8	Monday Evening Meeting	Confession & Prayer—DVD
Nov 17	Board Meeting	
Dec 3	Friday Day Meeting	Christmas Craft Party
Dec 6	no Monday meeting	
Dec 15	Board Meeting (?)	
Jan 7	Friday Day Meeting	Q&A, Father Kilumbu
Jan 10	Monday Evening Meeting	Q&A, Father Kilumbu
Jan 19	Board Meeting	
Feb 4	Friday Day Meeting	Faith Works With Wisdom—DVD
Feb 7	no Monday meeting	
Feb 16	Board Meeting	
Mar 4	Friday—World Day of Prayer	"How Many Loaves Have Your"—Chile
Mar 7	Monday Evening Meeting	Journeying With Jesus—DVD
Mar 16	Board Meeting	
Apr 1	Friday Day Meeting	Journeying With Jesus—DVD
Apr 4	no Monday meeting	
Apr 13	Board Meeting	
May 6	Friday Day Meeting	Installation of New Officers/Board
May 9	Monday Evening Meeting	Dining Out
May 18	Board Meeting	

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Saint of the Month

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

1207-1231

A rarity among saints, Elizabeth experienced a truly ardent married life. When news reached her that her husband of six years had died while on a crusade, she cried, "If I could have him alive again, even though it cost the entire world, I would take him and then go begging with him forever."

Betrothed to Louis in infancy, Elizabeth was carried to his family's castle in a silver cradle, escorted by Walter von Vargila, her life-long guardian. Elizabeth and Louis grew up together. When Louis unexpectedly succeeded his brother as landgrave (count) of Thuringia, her concerned guardian asked him about his intentions. Louis pointed to a mountain and said, "If it were gold from top to bottom, I would cast it away before I would surrender my claim to Elizabeth. Let them say what they will, Elizabeth will be mine." Whenever possible, Elizabeth laid aside her royal robes to help the poor. One winter day, carrying bread to her poor, she ran into Louis, who asked what she was carrying in her apron, then playfully pulled it open. In-

stead of bread, he saw a mass of red and white roses, and a large luminous crucifix appeared over her head. He carried one of the roses with him for the rest of his life.



ELIZABETH SPINNING FOR THE POOR

Later, when Elizabeth distributed her flowers to the poor, they turned to bread in their hands.

When news of Louis's death arrived, Elizabeth sobbed, "Lord God! Lord God! He is dead and all the world is dead to me." Brokenhearted, she moved into a small hut and spent her remaining years in good works. Elizabeth of Hungary is a patron saint of bakers, young brides (she died at 24), widows, and the falsely accused.

SOURCE: *The Big Book of Women Saints*, by Sarah Gallick.

November Saints/Feasts

Nov 1—All Saints Day
Nov 2—All Souls Day
Nov 3—St. Martin de Porres
Nov 4—St. Charles Borromeo
Nov 10—St. Leo the Great, Pope
Nov 11—St. Martin of Tours
Nov 12—St. Josaphat
Nov 13—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
Nov 17—St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Nov 22—St. Cecilia
Nov 24—St. Andrew Dŭng-Lac & Companions
Nov 30—St. Andrew, Apostle

Catholic Poet's Corner

Blessed Hildegard of Bingen

"Sybil of the Rhine"

1098-1179



Spectacular men! you see with the spirit's eyes, piercing the veil. In a luminous shade you proclaim a sharp living brightness that buds from a branch that blossomed alone when the radical light took root.

Holy ones of old! you foretold deliverance for the souls of exiles slumped in the dead lands.

O spectabiles viri / Antiphon for Patriarchs and Prophets English text by Barbara Newman

Like wheels you spun round in wonder as you spoke of the mysterious mountain at the brink of heaven that stills many waters, sailing over the waves.

And a shining lamp burned in the midst of you! Pointing, he runs to the mountain.

*And a shining lamp
burned in the midst
of you!*

Besides being the abbess of a large, prosperous Benedictine abbey, Hildegard was a prominent preacher, doctor, scientist and artist. She was also a poet and composer, writing nine books on theology, medicine, science, and physiology, as well as 70 poems. Though never formally canonized, Hildegard is often referred to as "Saint" Hildegard, most notably by Pope John Paul II. Her feast day is September 17th. She is venerated by Anglicans and Lutherans as well as Catholics.

Women of the Bible

Hagar

Hagar was the Egyptian maidservant of Sarah, the then-barren wife of Abraham. At Sarah's insistence, Hagar conceived a son by Abraham whom an angel named Ishmael. After Sarah miraculously bore her own son, Isaac, she jealously drove Hagar out of Abraham's encampment. Hagar settled with Ishmael in the wilderness of Paran and there chose an Egyptian wife for him. Descendants of Ishmael's 12 sons are



sometimes called the sons of Hagar and are seen in Psalm 83 as enemies of God, plotting the overthrow of his people, Israel, and in Baruch as searchers for worldly wisdom and so unable to attain true Wisdom. Allegorically, in New Testament writings Hagar symbolizes en-

slavement to the Law of the Old Covenant.

SOURCE: *All the Women of the Bible*, by M. L. del Mastro

Catholic World News

In an age of globalization, all people should be recognized as members of "one human family," Pope Benedict XVI said in his message for the World Day for Migrants and Refugees. He urged nations to respect the rights of refugees and migrants, especially those who are fleeing from war or persecution. "At the same time," he said, "states have the right to regulate migration flows and to defend their own borders." The Pontiff went on to say that immigrants have "the duty to integrate into the host country, respecting its laws and its national identity."

The members of Mount Calvary Episcopal Parish in Baltimore voted on October 24th to seek entry into the Catholic Church as an Anglican Use parish. "For those who are leaving," said Rt. Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton, the Episcopal Bishop of Maryland, I wish God's blessing upon them...We are a diocese that receives warmly traditionalists and progressives, conservatives and liberals, women and men, married and single clergy, and persons oriented to the same gender."

Actor F. Murray Abraham, who won an Oscar for his portrayal of Antonio Salieri in

the film *Amadeus*, will portray Blessed John Henry Newman in a new film biography. Italian director Liana Marabini has announced that work on the film, to be entitled *The Unseen World*, will begin soon on locations in Rome and on several English sites.

The Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) has announced plans to make the Dead Sea Scrolls available online. With support from major donors and in cooperation with Google, the IAA will make high-resolution images of the Dead Sea Scrolls available, together with a database providing transcriptions and translations. The project is scheduled to be complete within five years.

Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York has again criticized The New York Times for "the common, casual way [it] offends Catholic sensitivity, something they would never think of doing—rightly so—to the Jewish, Black, Islamic, or gay communities." In an October 19th blog post, the archbishop criticized the newspaper for an "insulting photograph" of a nun and for a

glowingly reviewed, not-to-be missed "art" exhibit from Harvard, which is a display of posters from ACT UP, including an obscene depiction of Cardinal John O'Connor.

A US federal appeals court has overturned a Vermont state law that prohibits motorists from choosing religious messages for their automobile license plates. Shawn Byrne was not allowed to choose "JN36TN"—referring to the Gospel verse *John 3:16*. The message, state officials said, would have violated a ban on licenses that are either "objectively" or "subjectively" religious. The 2nd Circuit Appeals Court said that the Vermont policy, which allows motorists to carry messages on a wide range of other topics, "impermissibly restricts expression from a religious viewpoint."

An estimated 2000 Catholics traveled to Canton, Ohio, to pay tribute to 87-year-old Mother Angelica in her hometown. Bishop Murry of Youngstown offered Mass, and the city's mayor formally designated part of a Canton street as the Mother Angelica Memorial Corridor. The EWTN foundress was unable to attend the event because of ill health.

SOURCE: catholicculture.org

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

It takes a long time to grow young.

—Pablo Picasso

Birthdays:

Marie Gay
Arlene Lowes
Jeanine Majewski
Kathy Whitsell

Wedding Anniversaries:

Helga Walton

Our wedding was many years ago. The celebration continues to this day.

—Gene Perret

Church Kids



A group of four-to-eight-year-olds were asked "What does love mean?" Here are some of their answers.

♥ When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.

- ♥ When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.
- ♥ Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other.
- ♥ Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.
- ♥ Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.
- ♥ Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.
- ♥ Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it everyday.
- ♥ Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.
- ♥ When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.



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**Our Lady of Good Council
Pray for us**

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mccw-worldwide.org,
where you can
download the latest
issue of *The Grapevine*.

MCCW Mission Statement

The Military Council of Catholic Women (MCCW) reflects a visible presence of Christ in military communities by fostering and nourishing women in spirituality, leadership and service. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, MCCW serves as a vital enhancement of the religious support mission of military chapels.

Secretary position: Remains vacant. Please prayerfully consider if you might be called to this important work.

Welcoming Committee: Needs first-class stamps. Please give your donations to Anne Sherman.

Remembering our loved ones:

Beginning in November, Father Kilumbu will be offering a memorial mass for deceased loved ones of MCCW members. The mass will be the regular daily mass at 11:45 on the first Tuesday of members' anniversary months, with the exception of November 2nd, when it will be included in the All Souls Day mass at 7:00 pm.

To be remembered in November is Yvonne Butler's husband, James; and in December, Adela Chandaris' son, Angelo.

Adoration:

Sacred Heart Church (Rte 460 just west of Rives Rd, I-295 Exit 3A) offers a Holy Hour with Adoration every Monday night at 6:30.

2010 MCCW-Worldwide Conference:

Kathy York's report will be available at the November meetings. It will be published in the December *Tree of Life*.

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O Lord:

In a world where many are lonely:
We thank you for our friendships.

In a world where many are captive:
We thank you for our freedom.

In a world where many are hungry:
We thank you for your provision.

We pray that you will:
Enlarge our sympathy,
Deepen our compassion,
And give us grateful hearts.
In Christ's name.

—Terry Waite

Happy Thanksgiving!