

BRIDGES



April 23, 2023



SR. LAURA DULUDE, RJM

SR. ROSELINE MARCOUX, RJM

**Entrance into Life
December 20, 1930**

**Entrance into Life
January 27, 1927**

**Entrance into Professed Life
August 21, 1954**

**Entrance into Professed Life
August 22, 1949**

**Entrance into Eternal Life
April 8, 2023**

**Entrance into Eternal Life
April 9, 2023**

FUNERAL MASS

As the community gathered for the funeral, the entrance procession included RJM's, together with a Sister of Charity, A Marist Sister, and our two Elder Care Experts, Patty Foohy and Erin Whalen. Sr. Janet Stolba welcomed everyone, and Sr. Vivian Patenaude offered a Eulogy, which is attached. The service concluded with the hymn, *Jerusalem, My Destiny*:

*To the tomb I went to mourn the hope I thought was gone;
Here among you I awoke to unexpected dawn!*

Care of Creation Committee

Did You Know...

Good news from Oceana: www.oceana.org

(Below is an excerpt from a recent communication from Oceana)



Panama's Ministry of Environment recently announced bold new commitments to reduce plastic pollution, including stopping more than 160,000 tons of plastic that is imported and consumed in the country each year.

Data from the Inter-American Development Bank estimates that Panama generates 191,580 tons of plastic waste each year and is the second largest waste producer in Latin America. In recent years, Panama has been a leader in the fight to address plastic pollution. Panama was the first Central America nation to ban plastic bags, and since then has banned other disposable plastic items. Panama's latest commitments follow similar actions in recent months by Canada, Chile, and the U.S. state of California.



Oceana, the world's largest international advocacy organization dedicated solely to ocean conservation, applauded the new commitments, and released the following statement from its Chief Policy Officer, Jacqueline Savitz:

"We applaud Panama's leadership in tackling plastic pollution. Plastics are not only polluting our oceans, they're also contributing to the growing climate crisis. Panama's commitment to regulate plastics addresses two of our ocean's greatest threats at once because plastic production is also a major driver of climate change. Panama's efforts to aggressively tackle plastic pollution at the source send a strong signal to the rest of the world. We hope other nations participating in the Our Ocean conference will make equally meaningful commitments."

- Submitted by Srs. Diane Dube and Doris Bissonnette

A FAITH-FILLED CELEBRATION OF SISTERHOOD: 25 YEARS AND COUNTING

This was the theme of the prayer service held on April 13, celebrating 25 years of the Washington School for Girls. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church was decorated with Easter lilies and hydrangeas and served as the perfect venue for honoring the history and founding spirits of WSG.

The school began as the dream of a group of Washington-based women who were members of three organizations: The National Council of Negro Women, The Religious of Jesus and Mary, and the Society of the Holy Child Jesus. The pioneering women who founded these organizations serve as the founding spirits, guiding the mission and purpose. The students learn about the lives, values, and legacy of each woman throughout their time at WSG and aspire to apply those teachings to their own lives.



This is what we remembered at the prayer service on the 13th. Several Board members presented the core values of each foundress, and the students responded with poetry, art, and dance.

The prayer service was indeed, a celebration of joy and heartfelt sisterhood at WSG! Here's to another 25 years of courageous women at WSG!

- Sr. Janet Stolba



PRECIOUS BLOOD CHURCH - 150th Anniversary

Precious Blood Parish in Woonsocket, RI is celebrating 150 years! The Parish was founded in 1873 to serve a growing number of French Canadian families moving into the area.

Attached to the Bridges email is a *Valley Breeze* article written by Bella Pelletiere, with more information on the history of the parish and the 150th anniversary celebrations.

- submitted by Sr. Jackie Crepeau

FOLLOW THE RJM ON SOCIAL MEDIA

We are thrilled to share that you can now find us online with your favorite social media app.

Look for [@rjmusahaiti](#) on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

- Toby Harkleroad
Director of Mission Advancement



EARTH DAY 2023 - Saturday, April 22

Creation Justice Ministries has published *Sowing Seeds - 2023 Earth Day Sunday Resource*, which can be downloaded at: <https://secure.everyaction.com/2wyebqZVa0Gk03XoqsN8VQ2#!>. The resource contains a prayer, a portion of which is below:

*Seeds are about the past, the present, and future.
A seed is the fruit of a past harvest; they are ready to be planted in the present;
in the future, they will bear fruit.
May the miracle of life within the seed break forth and yield a bountiful harvest.
Lord God, bless the seed, and all who plant it.*

- Submitted by Sr. Diane Dube



A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development offers a lovely *Prayer for peace in Ukraine* powerpoint that can be viewed and downloaded by clicking here: https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fdownloads.ctfassets.net%2Fvy3axnuecuwj%2F5af68f37164907e15dd99112c47ad107e9ca01431b6a16c4f954dce90bb1aef%2Fd232aa71012eec18176abec558ecda86%2FPrayer_peace_Immaculate-heart-prayer-for-Ukraine.pptx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK .

REV. GEORGE A. WILKINSON (1933-2023)

A longtime friend of the community, Reverend George A. Wilkinson, passed away on April 16th. George and his wife, Mary Anne, had 12 children, some of whom attended Regina or St. Mark's in Hyattsville. As a lawyer, he was an invaluable friend and advisor when the Regina property was put on the market and sold. Some years after the death of his wife in 1996, George entered the seminary and was ordained for the Archdiocese of Washington. He served in several parishes and was a concelebrant in the DC/MD region celebration of our RJM Bicentennial. R.I.P.



JPIC

Georgetown University's Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life invites you to attend their virtual presentation:

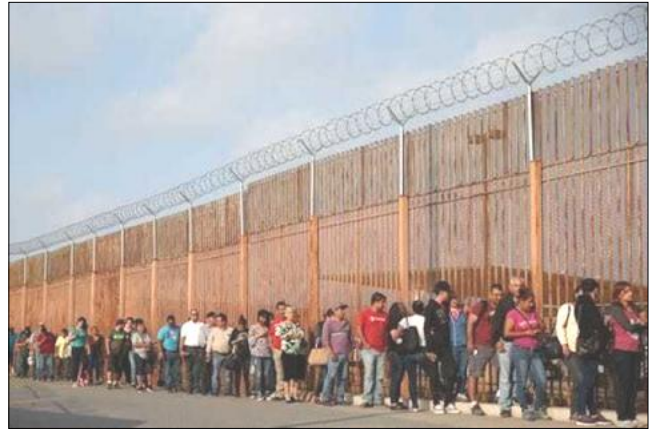


Human Dignity and the Migration Crisis at the US Southern Border Monday, April 24 at 6pm-9pm

The presentation will help us understand the current crisis at our border, which our sisters in San Diego are working to address. Additionally, we're often invited to lobby for more just immigration laws, and attending this event will help us to do so in a more informed way.

ATTEND ONLINE at the time of the dialogue and view the livestream on:

The [event page](#), or
The Initiative's [YouTube channel](#)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE WITH MAY BIRTHDAYS



- May 5 Lucie Jusseaume RJM
- May 7 Brittany Galvin, NJM
- May 20 Curín García Calvo RJM
- May 23 Norene Costa RJM
- May 27 Janice Farnham RJM
- May 31 Kathleen Scanlon RJM

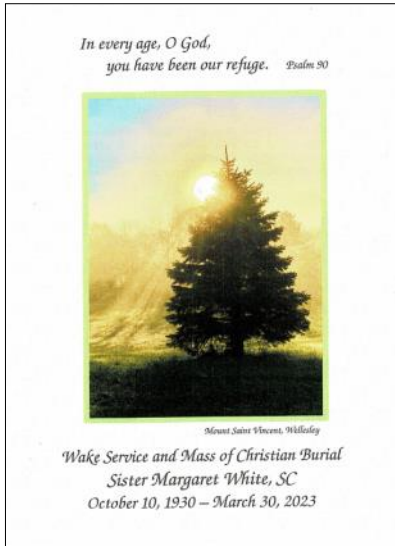
UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION

Sr. Bernadette Oliva has a new cellphone number: **978-305-4298**. (Please stop using her old cellphone number 619-279-6022).

CORRECTIONS TO REMEMBRANCE BOOK

Sr. Rosario Fumanal's birthday should be listed as October 5 (not May 10).

Sr. Catherine McIntyre's death should be listed under April 21 (not April 23).



REMEMBERING SR. ESTELLE HACHE

Sr. Estelle Hache, RJM went home to God here at Marillac, on November 2, 2005.

To honor her life and her love for nature, an evergreen tree was planted on the Mount St. Vincent's grounds, not far from our front entrance.

Sr. Elaine Nolan, SC., took a photo of Estelle's tree, growing straight and strong and enveloped in an amazing sunrise. This photo was used on the cover page of a recent funeral Mass program, here in our chapel - our first chapel funeral since the beginning of the pandemic.

- Sr. Vivian Patenaude

CARE FOR CREATION CENTER NEWS

CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY WITH US

Join us at the Care for Creation Center at Bethany for Arbor Day. Adults, youth, children - all will enjoy this special event including time the woodlands learning about "our friends the trees".



Arbor Day
Saturday, April 29 from 1-4pm

Presenter: Kayel Conklin
 Place: Bethany
 15 Bethany Drive, Highland Mills, NY 10930
 Please register via text to Louise Pisano at 845-541-1492.



A flyer is attached to the Bridges email, which contains all pertinent information. Please feel free to share our event with your friends and family. Your support is an integral part of our success. Please consider joining us but if you are unable to attend, please keep this initiative in your prayers.

SPRING NEWSLETTER

An important component of Jesus's teaching is his love for creation. Attached to the Bridges email, please find the Spring newsletter which invites us to find new ways to care for creation.

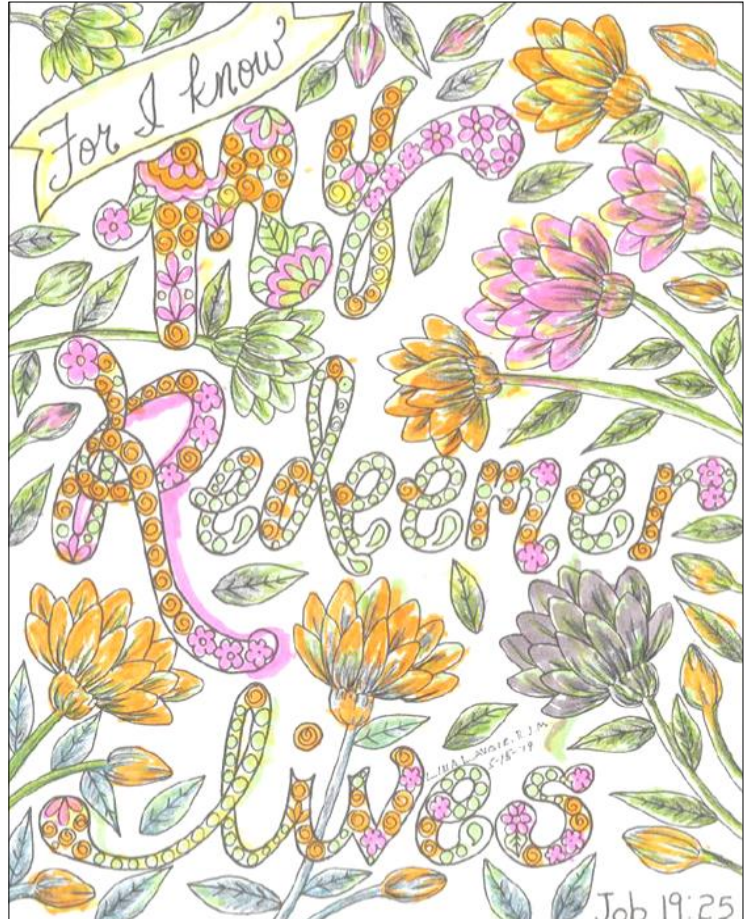
- Care for Creation at Bethany committee

PROVINCE OFFICE

May 5 Next Bridges published (articles due by Wednesday 5/3 at noon)

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR...

- Ed Crepeau, the nephew of Srs. Mary Crepeau and Jackie Crepeau, whose tumor has continued to grow. All treatment has been stopped and Ed is receiving hospice care;
- An end to the war in Ukraine and a restoration of the country and its people;
- Continuing Prayers: Bob Patenaude; Sr. Natalia Mejia; the safety and security of the people of Haiti, and for God's blessings on all the efforts being made to bring peace and justice to this island nation;
- The repose of the soul of Sr. Laura Dulude, RJM and for the comfort of her loved ones;
- The repose of the soul of Sr. Roseline Marcoux, RJM and for the comfort of her loved ones;
- The repose of the soul of Fr. Thomas Stegman and for the comfort of his loved ones;
- The repose of the soul of Fr. George Wilkinson and for the comfort of his loved ones;
- La Casa de Esperanza (Srs. Natalia Mejia, Rosie Nicholson and Rosa Mejia, who from the Province of Mexico) and St. Paul's Senior Services and Rehabilitation (Sr. Martha Torres) as this week's community for special prayer.



**WE ALSO PRAY FOR ALL THE NEEDS
OF OUR RJM SISTERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS.**

Praised Forever Be Jesus and Mary