



## February 6, 2026

### HONORING ST. CLAUDINE THEVENET- February 3rd Feast Day



This is the setting around which the 13th Street Community gathered for Evening Prayer on the Feast of Claudine – the statue of Claudine, a cloth that brought to mind the silk industry that was part of her family story and her ministry with young girls, the light of a candle and flowers to remind us that Yes! spring is coming! Our prayer included readings from Sr. Marie Carmen’s letter, and the texts from the Mass of St. Claudine.

At St. Timothy Mission Center, we held a prayer service during our time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Sr. Diane prepared the prayer. The Claudine banner is from Villa Augustina, St. Tim’s chapel lectern banner which was the work of Sr. Jeannine Cote; and the drape in the third photo was a gift to the Villa from our Sisters in Pakistan.



Bethany Center Hudson Valley shared a reflection of gratitude on their website: [here](#).



The Marillac and Elizabeth Seton Residences celebrated a special mass, with Fr. Dick Clifford, SJ as Celebrant, honoring the Feast of St. Claudine.

Shown here are: Srs. Claire Dandeneau (left) Pauline Ayotte, Janice Farnham, Mariam Norick (seated), Fr. Dick Clifford, SJ the Celebrant, Srs. Dina Garcia, Gertrude Lavoie, Shirley Leveille, Vivian Patenaude, Fatima Viramontes, Lucie Jusseaume and Bernadette Oliva. Not shown are: Sr. Maureen Murphy, SC our cantor, Sr. Betsy Groome, SC our organist, Srs. Ages Bell, Therese Picard and Priscilla Lemire.

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - January 25 through February 1

At Washington School for Girls, we definitely had more planned for Catholic Schools Week, but the snow and ice had something else in mind.

During this national week of celebration for Catholic schools, I wanted to share a few highlights and reflections on WSG's purpose and impact:

- We were the subject WAMU's "[Voices of Wards 7 and 8](#)" series, with the story featuring the voices of three of our middle school students.
- The [Catholic Standard](#) covered our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and wrote about what our new campus means for us and the Catholic education community.
- I shared reflections on school choice in Southeast, D.C. on [WSG's blog](#), which includes a video produced in partnership with Black Minds Matter.

I believe that WSG is an important piece of the educational landscape in our community, and I am grateful that our families continue to choose us and to trust us to educate their daughters.

Happy Catholic Schools Week. I hope to see you on campus sometime soon!

- Dr. Beth Reaves, President



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## LENTEN RESOURCES - from Ignatian Solidarity Network

Excerpts from a recent Ignatian Solidarity Network email <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/>

Ash Wednesday is two weeks away - engage a simple and grounding Lenten practice by registering for our free written/podcast series today!

For over a decade, ISN has been publishing a Lenten reflection series with talented contributors from across the Catholic network. This year, we return under the theme "[Stubborn Hope](#)," featuring **Fr. James Martin, S.J.**; **Ellie Hidalgo of Discerning Deacons**; **Kerry Robinson of Catholic Charities USA**; **Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J.**; and many more!



**Register for our FREE Lent 2026 series: Stubborn Hope**, to receive daily reflections straight to your inbox. Each email will link to an audio version of the reflections.

Listen to the [audio trailer here](#), and invite your loved ones into this faith journey with you by forwarding them this email or texting them the link: [igsol.net/lent](https://igsol.net/lent)

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## UPCOMING LCWR WEBINARS

We remind you that on **Friday, February 20, from 2:00–3:15 EASTERN, Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ** will be with us for the LCWR 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary author series, **Room in Your Heart for the Unimaginable: Our Journey into God**. She will be addressing questions that are based on her book, *Come, Have Breakfast*, particularly looking at how expanded images of God influence our understandings of life, our responsibility to care for Earth and one another, how we pray, and our insights into life beyond our present existence. LCWR members Michele Bisbey, CDP and Kathleen Tuite, OP will serve as responders. (If you have not registered, please click on this [link](#). We look forward to seeing you there at this gathering for LCWR members.)<sup>NB</sup> The February 20th date is for LCWR members only. See below for a recording that is available to all religious.

As a reminder, the third session in this series is with Margaret Wheatley, an organizational behavior scholar who has addressed the LCWR assembly in the past and is well-known to many religious for her insights into change and the need for strong spiritual grounding.

To date, close to 1700 women religious from the United States and abroad registered to participate in the two sessions scheduled for them to watch the recording of the first author in this anniversary series, Dr. James Finley. Because of the high interest in this series, we have added additional sessions for them to gather to watch the recorded sessions and engage in small group dialogue. We would be grateful if you would share this information with your own sisters so that they know of these additional opportunities:

**LCWR 70th Anniversary: Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ (recording of session)**  
**February 27, 2026, 2:00 – 3:15 PM ET** Registration [link](#). Open to all religious.

**LCWR 70th Anniversary: Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ (recording of session) (Newly added)**  
**Monday, March 2 – 7:00 – 8:15 PM ET** Registration [link](#). Open to all religious

**LCWR 70th Anniversary: Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ (recording of session)**  
**March 3, 2:00 – 3:15 PM ET** Registration [link](#). Open to all religious.

**LCWR 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Margaret Wheatley (recording of session)**  
**March 18, 2:00 – 3:15 PM ET** Registration [link](#). Open to all religious.

**LCWR 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Recording of Margaret Wheatley (Newly added)**  
**Thursday, March 19 – 7:00 – 8:15 PM ET** Registration [link](#). Open to all religious.

**LCWR 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Margaret Wheatley (recording of session)**  
**March 26, 2:00 – 3:15 PM ET** Registration [link](#). Open to all religious.

Please remember as well that the recordings of the sessions with the authors and LCWR member responders will be on the LCWR website. You may want to consider holding your own sessions with your sisters to watch the recording and engage in dialogue. The recordings are on the public side of the website and are therefore available to all for use at any time: <https://www.lcwr.org/resources/room-in-your-heart-for-the-unimaginable-our-journey-into-the-divine>. The recording of Dr. Finley and the responders, Carol Anne Smith, HM and Leslie Keener is available now.

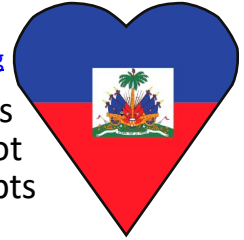
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## **TAKE ACTION - Haitian TPS Still at Risk**

Excerpt from recent email from Claudette David, consultant to Faith in Action [www.faithinaction.org](http://www.faithinaction.org)

The lives of Haitian TPS holders still hang in the balance. While the courts have upheld TPS for Haitians, the situation remains precarious. We do not know how long this protection will hold before the administration attempts to challenge it again through the courts.



We urgently need support for Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley's discharge petition to protect Haitian TPS holders permanently. The petition requires 218 signatures in the U.S. House of Representatives. As of today, we are at 128 signatures. We need four Republicans and currently have one: Congresswoman Maria Salazar (R-FL). You can see the [full list of Members who have signed here](#).

Faith In Action has made it easy for constituents to take action. Please share this Action Alert widely so individuals can email their Members of Congress urging them to sign the petition: <https://secure.faithinactioninternational.org/a/haititps>

Please share this link —on social media, in newsletters, and within your congregations.

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## **PROVINCE OFFICE**

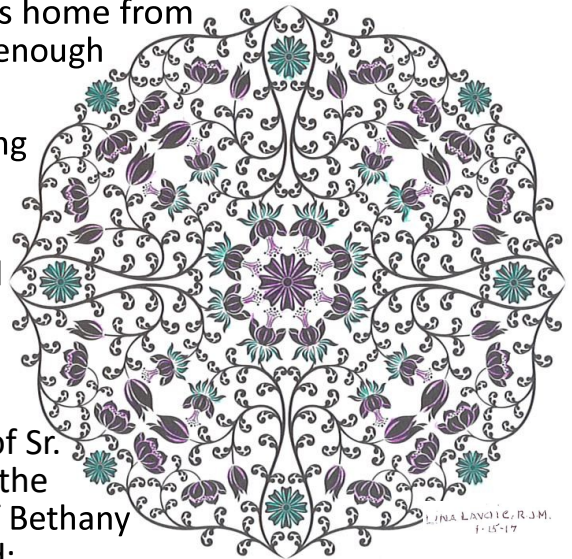
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## **PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR...**

- Michele Higgins, the sister of Sr. Pat Dillon, who is home from the hospital but requests prayers that she recover enough to begin chemotherapy;
- Sr. Roodjina Andy Joseph, NJM, who will be beginning her 30-day retreat tomorrow, February 7th;
- Continuing prayers: for the safety and security of the people of Haiti and our sisters there; Mary and Al Vitiello (Haiti fund supporters); Patricia Jones (a dear friend of several RJMs); Edward Stolba (brother of Sr. Janet Stolba);
- The repose of the soul of Elda Luisi, a dear friend of Sr. Teresita Morse, who died on February 4, and for the comfort of her loved ones. Elda was a supporter of Bethany Spirituality Center, and a member of its first Board;
- 13th Street Christian Community (Srs. Mary Bourdon, Rosemary Mangan, Janet Stolba and joined by Sr. Pat Reid, OSF), Montgomery Towers (Sr. Marge Perron) and the Meadows (Srs. Anne Magner and Rita Ricker), as this week's community for special prayer.



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

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**Praised Forever Be Jesus and Mary**