

# GOOD NEWS

Church of the Redeemer's Monthly Newsletter



## Confirmation Retreat in the Capitol

By Renee Reisenweaver

On Saturday, December 2nd 12 youth and 6 catechists from the Redeemer Confirmation Class of 2024 attended a day long retreat to the Saint Pope John Paul II Shrine and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception of Mary in Washington, D.C. The day began with prayer and reflection followed by a study of the apparition of Mary at Fatima Portugal. At the shrine, youth recognized the "real" person that Saint Pope John Paul was and many were captivated when hearing that he was once an avid skier.

Upon conclusion of learning about the life of the Saint, everyone enjoyed the sacred art tour that included a special reflection in the Luminous Mysteries Chapel at the Shrine. Following the visit to the Shrine, youth and adults then traveled a short distance to participate in reconciliation, the praying of the Rosary and Mass at the National Basilica during the day of pilgrimage for Haitian Catholics. In attendance were Nathan Weik, Noah Silver, Brayden Shreffler, Joseph Ryan, Jackson Lawlor, Isabella Holmes, Teagan Gilhooly, Angeline Brown, Alex Brehm, Aubrey Beasley, JJ Baker, Laura Woodle, Kate Chittum, Robbie Prezioso, Leroy Orie, Matt Santucci, and Renee Reisenweaver.

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## You Have Put On Christ

In the month of December, Killian Geary was baptized into the Body of Christ!

*Heavenly Father, grant that these children grow in grace and love. May they learn to follow Jesus through the influence of the Holy Spirit. They are true children of yours, and we pray they serve you faithfully all their days. We pray for guidance and strength for the parents and family of these children. May their example, wise counsel, and love lead them to live a life of strength, righteousness, faith, love, joy, and peace. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*



## In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the souls listed below, and for Christ's comforting presence for their families during this time of loss.

- Kathleen Philip
- Amaya Roca
- Gayle Figg

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



## January: Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

Catholics dedicate the month of January to the Holy Name of Jesus. "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10).

Pray the Litany of the Holy Name:

[www.usccb.org/prayers/litany-holy-name-jesus](http://www.usccb.org/prayers/litany-holy-name-jesus)

*As we venerate the most holy Name of Jesus,  
mercifully grant us, Lord,  
that, savoring its sweetness in this life,  
we may be filled with everlasting joy  
in our heavenly homeland.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## Redeemer Knights of Columbus Update

The Christian alliance between Hanover Evangelical Friends Church (HEFC) and the Church of the Redeemer (Redeemer) Knights of Columbus has remained intact for over 23 years. Together they have continually served the Hanover Food Bank by collecting and distributing food every Tuesday evening to disadvantaged families and individuals in the community.

On December 12, sixty people arrived and lined up outside the door, while HEFC's choir performed joyful Christmas carols, assuaging the bite of the cold temperature. Once the group entered, they filed into the building to be validated and to collect a number, before taking a seat as they waited for their number to be called. The time passed joyfully as the choirs of Redeemer and HEFC performed a beautiful selection of carols.



## 2023 Christmas Food for Kids

The Church of the Redeemer Knights of Columbus Council is extremely grateful to the following organizations and individuals for supporting our 2023 Christmas Food for Kids through community leadership, food, gifts, and/or financial donations:

- Mechanicsville Turnpike Food Lion grocery store
- Food Lion's Corporate Community Relations
- Church of Redeemer Knights of Columbus brothers
- Church of the Redeemer parishioners and staff
- Hanover Evangelical Friends Church Community Food Bank
- Staff and volunteers of Hanover & King William Habitat Re-Store







# **The Hamas-Israel War** *A Path Toward Peace*

**Wednesday January 31  
7 PM in Genesis Hall**

**Join Former USCCB Director of International  
Justice & Peace Director Stephen Colecchi  
For An Unbiased & Neutral Discussion  
On the Current Situation and  
the Church's Response**







## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

### Chili & Bake Sale

### Saturday, February 10, 2024

The CDA Court of Redeemer's Angels will be selling Chili again this year. We will be available for pre-sale ordering after masses on January 20/21 and January 27/28.

The Chili pick-up and Bake Sale will begin on Saturday, February 10 at 1:30 PM – 7:00 PM and Sunday, February 11 from 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM. Chili will be sold through pre-orders only. Funds raised from our Chili and Bake Sale support our youth scholarships, given annually to members of our parish. Quarts of Chili will be \$12.00. Thank you for your continued support.



## **No Room at the Inn**

**Assisting those Experiencing Homelessness in Metro Richmond and in Haiti  
Distribution of Proceeds through 2023 - Over \$411,235**

- **MCEF (2013-2023)** **\$79,106**  
Financial assistance for Mechanicsville residents facing eviction
- **My Path Forward (2018-2022)** **\$46,478**  
Housing for teens aging out of foster care
- **Safe Harbor (2013-2017)** **\$32,627**  
Safe Shelter/housing for those fleeing domestic violence
- **CARITAS (2008-2012)** **\$12,145**  
Emergency housing for those with housing insecurity
- **Hanover Safe Place (2008-2012)** **\$12,145**  
Safe shelter for Hanover residents fleeing domestic violence
- **Moments of Hope (2023)** **\$11,250**  
Outreach services and emergency/compassionate short term shelter
- **Funded 34 homes in Haiti** **\$205,185**  
Housing for members of AFAL in need of stable housing





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Church at the St. Pope  
John Paul II Shrine

Did you know?

St. Pope John Paul II was an avid skier! Starting in his 30s, he skied throughout his adult life and even as the pope.



Basilica of the National  
Shrine of the Immaculate  
Conception





# EMMAUS JOURNEY

## A Daylong Retreat for Grieving Parents

April 13, 2024

Church of the Redeemer

August 10, 2024

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Newport News

A faith based spiritual retreat for  
grieving parents who have lost a child  
of any age from any cause

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