



# *Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Community*

*September 2025*

Dear Friends,

September was always a hectic month in our home when I was a child. There was last minute shopping for school and hoping we had everything we needed. My mother had to save the brown shopping bags which we used to make covers for our school books. Everyone we knew used the same brown bags. My mother also had to be sure we all had what we needed for our school uniforms, and for seven kids that was quite a job. She did like the fact that we were going back to school as that made life just a bit easier for her. However, it also meant ironing every night and making our lunches in the morning. My father also had to get back into the routine of polishing our shoes on Saturday nights. My Father had to get us up in the morning before he left for work since my mother wasn't home from the hospital until 8:00. He would make our breakfast and leave for work when my mother got home. She then made our lunches and got us on our way. We only lived two blocks from school and so we walked every day, rain coats when needed. We were careful not to let the dog out or he would follow us and since, in those days, the school doors were open, he would sneak in and look for us. Occasionally my mother got a call from the secretary to come and get the dog. By September we were always ready to return and to see our school friends for another year. The most tension on the first day was being assigned to a classroom and waiting to see who our teacher was for that year. There were very few lay teachers and so we knew most of us would be getting a sister. It was only then that we knew which sisters had left and been replaced. We were taught by the Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary from Philadelphia. The first order of business was our assignments for the year, such as cleaning or washing the blackboards, clapping the erasers, opening and closing the windows, collecting the mission money and writing the name of the saint of the day on the blackboard to pray to when we blessed the hour. If there was no saint that day it was the Blessed Mother. One person from each class would go to the convent each morning and carry sister's book bag to the classroom. I have great memories of my years at St. James School in Falls Church, Virginia, and a few of my friends to this day I first met there. Have a blessed and relaxing rest of the summer, and as the song goes, "see you in September." Take care and God bless you all.

## *A Note from Sister Eileen*



Dear Friends,

It's September already! The breezes are cooler, and the leaves have begun to change color. My musings about Septembers past include new school uniforms, covering textbooks with brown paper bags, apple-picking and making applesauce with kindergartners, and getting used to different routines with new teachers. Those lazy summer days gave way to more structure and meeting the challenges of schoolwork.

Here at Charlestown activities seem to shift into high gear. There seems to be something for everyone.

OLOA is no different. I'd like to invite you to consider participating in our Faith on Film series and/or our Spiritual Book Club. Faith on Film meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1 pm in the Emmaus Room. The Spiritual Book Club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month and the books are delivered by the Bookmobile to the Pastoral Care Office.

I pray that God will bless you with those graces and blessings you most need!  
Blessings and peace! *Sister Eileen*



### *September – Faith on Film – “BREAKTHROUGH”*

*This is based on the inspirational true story of one mother's unfaltering love in the face of impossible odds, starring Chrissy Metz*

*Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 pm  
In Pastoral Care Emmaus Room*

## *Did You Know?*

- Pope Leo XIV will invite a select number of priests to move in with him when he occupies the papal apartment.
- The 10 rooms of the apartment are being extensively renovated for Pope Leo.
- This appears to mark the first time in modern history that a pope would share his official living quarters on the third floor of the palace.
- The apartments have been the official residence of popes since 1870 and it is customary for a new pope to renovate the apartments according to his taste.
- Pope Leo is currently living in the Sagrestia building next to St. Peter's Square.



The Spiritual Book Club was created to engage parishioners in reading, reflecting and discussing contemporary authors who impact our faith lives. We borrow these books from the Baltimore County Public Library Bookmobile service.

Our first book is the "One Maryland" selection, *Kin: Rooted in Hope*  
By: Carole Boston Weatherford.

We will meet in the Jenkins Room at 2 pm on Tuesday, September 23 at 2 pm.

All are welcome. The books will be available in the Pastoral Care Center beginning on August 29.

***Our Daily Bread***

***8:15 am CTS Lobby***

***8:30 am – Cross Creek Lobby***

***Wish List, Tea bags with strings, zip lock baggies (sandwich size), paper lunch bag. Consider using Peapod to buy mac & cheese casseroles. The next pick-up will be on Friday, September 26, 2025.***