

Faith & Justice January Newsletter

Right to Life

Thousands of pro-life supporters gathered to “stand for the rights of the unborn” at the 49th annual March for Life on the National Mall in Washington. In the Catholic Star Herald, [Catholics urged to pray for day when all life protected by law](#).

Prison Ministry Event - February 10, 7 - 8:15 pm, Zoom

The keynote speaker is Dr. Kathryn Getek Soltis, Director of the Center for Peace and Justice Education and Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics at Villanova University. Kathryn has years of experience in prison ministry. *Her talk will discuss Catholic Social Teaching and solidarity in the context of ministry to incarcerated persons.*

Call the Parish Office at 856-424-4312 to register which will give you access to the Zoom link.



Kathryn Getek Soltis is director of the Center for Peace and Justice Education and assistant professor of Christian Ethics in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at Villanova University. Her research focuses on Catholic Social Thought, mass incarceration, and family ethics. She has published articles in various journals including *Theological Studies*, *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, *Journal of Catholic Social*

Thought, and *Church Life Journal*. In addition she co-edited the volume, *Virtue and the Moral Life: Theological and Philosophical Perspectives*. Kathryn served as a lay Catholic prison chaplain in Boston, volunteers as a lay minister in the Philadelphia Detention Center, and serves on the Executive Committee of the Catholic Prison Ministries Coalition, an emerging national organization promoting Catholic ministry and advocacy related to incarceration. Kathryn and her remarkable husband are raising three also remarkable children.

Refugee Family

The Parish's Society of St. Vincent de Paul delivered \$500 of Aldi gift cards. A member visited the family several time during the month. The Father got his driver's license. The St. V de Paul member took him to Motor Vehicles to transfer registration of a car that the member obtained for the family. The car will allow the father to get to work, eliminating a 1-hour bus commute or bike ride. The father is working on his Certification as a Construction Safety Officer. After an assessment of the family's financial situation, the Society will provide Aldi gift cards this month.

To all people of good will who are working for social justice: never tire of working for a more just world, marked by greater solidarity! Pope Francis