



## Sunday Praise & Worship Community Bulletin

January 15, 2017

Thursday	Jan. 19	7:30 pm	Regional Prayer Meeting – St. Paul’s Catholic Church, Damascus, MD
Saturday	Jan. 21	6:45-9:00 pm	Monthly Movie Series: <i>Babette’s Feast</i> – Goshen House Living Room
Friday	Jan. 27	9:00 am	Adult & Family Rally & Mass for Life – St. Matthew’s Cathedral, DC
Friday	Jan. 27	3-4:30 pm	Ladies’ Fellowship and Crafting Time – Goshen House Dining Room
Sunday	Jan. 29	11 am-2 pm	Mother of God School Open House – MOG School Gym



### An Evening of Praise and Worship

You are invited. Join us for an evening of **Praise, Worship and Prayer** for the needs of you, your loved ones and friends. All are welcome!

Thursday Jan. 19, 2017 at 7:30pm in the **Saint Paul Parish Center**, 9250 Damascus Rd, Damascus, 20872.

We want to offer praise to God in the power of the Holy Spirit. Flyers are available at the prayer meeting table – take a few and spread the word! “*For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.*” (Mt 18:20)



### Monthly Movie Series: *Babette’s Feast*, January 21 @ 6:45 pm - 9:00 pm

*Babette’s Feast* is the favorite film of Pope Francis, on the Vatican’s Top 15 films list in the religion category and won the Oscar for Best Foreign Film. It is the story of two Protestant sisters who take in a young Parisian refugee, Babette, to work as housekeeper and cook in their Denmark home. The sisters are aging spinsters, and they—like others in their small town on the desolate coast of Jutland—belong to a rigid puritanical sect which emphasizes stern simplicity. The French chef is grateful for their hospitality, and when Babette learns that she has won a lottery back in her native Paris, she doesn’t use her winnings to return home. Instead, she spends her windfall on a celebratory banquet, a sumptuous eight-course meal, to surprise the dwindling Danish community. The townspeople, accustomed to plain clothing and plain food, are at first scandalized by the many colorful ingredients in Babette’s feast, and resolve that they will not enjoy the “satanic Sabbath” which she sets before them. But as they taste first one culinary delight, then another, they are softened. Little by little, the room is filled with conversation and laughter as the townspeople are transformed by the tasty meal.

What is Pope Francis’ take on this movie? Consider this from his recent apostolic exhortation, ***Amoris Laetitia*** (likely the first film specifically mentioned in a magisterial document): *The most intense joys in life arise when we are able to elicit joy in others, as a foretaste of heaven. We can think of the lovely scene in the film Babette’s Feast, when the generous cook receives a grateful hug and praise: “Ah, how you will delight the angels!” It is a joy and a great consolation to bring delight to others, to see them enjoying themselves. This joy, the fruit of fraternal love, is not that of the vain and self-centered, but of lovers who delight in the good of those whom they love, who give freely to them and thus bear good fruit.*

Catholic film reviewer Deacon Steven Greydanus gives the film an A+ and he ends his review this way: *In the end, Babette’s Feast is a quiet celebration of the divine grace that meets us at every turn, and even redeems our ways not taken, our sacrifices and losses. Whatever we think has been given up or lost, God gives back in greater abundance, one way or another. It may not be till heaven that we truly become all that he intends; but his grace is here and now, whatever our circumstances, and with him all things are possible.*

While there is no problematic content to speak of, the film will probably not hold the interest of young children.



**Adult and Family Rally & Mass for Life** – Come together in prayer with people of all ages on the morning of the March for Life, Friday, January 27, 2017. All parishioners of the Archdiocese of Washington are invited to attend this event, which will begin at 9:00 am at the Cathedral of St. Matthew, 1725 Rhode Island Ave., NW. The rally will feature keynote speakers **Mary and Seamus Hasson**, who are pro-life advocates and defenders of religious liberty. Mass will be celebrated by **Bishop Mario Dorsonville** with **Msgr. Bill Parent** as homilist. Attendees will depart for the **National March for Life** around 11:30 am. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington and the Association of Ecclesial Movements and New Communities (of which Mother of God Community is a member.) Please visit [www.adw.org/familyrally](http://www.adw.org/familyrally) for more information.



Looking for a good Catholic education for your children, or know someone who is? Attend the **Mother of God School Open House, Sunday, January 29, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**, 20501 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg. We have the largest Catholic Pre-K program (3's & 4's) in the area, with before and after care available year-round. Check out our rigorous academic programs for K-8th grade as well. For more information about the Open House, or to schedule a tour any time, call Alice Garvey, (301) 990-2088, Ext. 11 or e-mail [agarvey@mogschool.com](mailto:agarvey@mogschool.com) or you can visit [www.mogschool.com](http://www.mogschool.com). Flyers are available at the front prayer meeting table. Please spread the word!

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