



September 2026

Dear Loved Ones of Our Cemetery Veterans and Prior Donors,

Once again, Our Lady of the Fields will participate with and support Wreaths Across America with a "Remembrance Wreath" program honoring the veterans in our cemetery and supporting our local Crownsville Veterans Cemetery. Special thanks to the William E. Baldwin, Sr. 17990 Knights of Columbus Council for their support this year.

What a great cause. In December 1992 in Harrington, Maine, wreath maker Morrill Worcester found himself with a surplus of wreaths. As a 12-year-old, he had visited Arlington National Cemetery and been touched by its sacred nature, a feeling that remained with him all his life. Realizing that his surplus was a great opportunity to pay tribute to our country's veterans, he arranged for the wreaths to be placed on graves at Arlington National Cemetery.

His act of kindness became an annual tribute to our country's veterans, touching the lives of millions of veterans' families and volunteers. In 2007, Morrill and his family, along with veterans and volunteers, formed the non-profit organization Wreaths Across America to continue and expand their efforts at Arlington National Cemetery and support those around the country who wished to do the same. Their mission is simple: **REMEMBER** the fallen, **HONOR** those that serve, and **TEACH** the next generation about the value and the cost of freedom.

We invite you to participate and offer you the opportunity to order Military Honor Wreaths for your beloved veteran. In turn, a wreath will also be donated to Crownsville Veterans Cemetery to be placed on one of the 20,000 graves there. Follow the instructions on the enclosed order form. Sunday, November 15 is the deadline to order a wreath and to participate in the Our Lady of the Fields Remembrance Service. Please make checks payable to: "**William E. Baldwin, Sr. Council 17990.**" Please call Maribeth Love, one of our parishioners and a Wreaths Across America volunteer) at 443-223-2210 if you have any questions or need more information.

Then, at **8:30am on Saturday, December 5, 2026, we'll honor our veterans at Mass with a wreath blessing and placement ceremony afterwards in our cemetery.** National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, December 19, 2026, locally at 12:00pm at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery (Sunrise Beach Road, Crownsville) where 20,000+ local veterans are laid to rest. Please visit the Crownsville location website for details for volunteering: <https://www.wreathsassamerica.org/pages/16144>.

Please remember to pray now and always for our veterans, especially those who paid the ultimate price. Remember also those who are currently serving our nation, especially those deployed overseas or in harm's way. In addition, we pray for the families of all these. I remain

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Jaskot,  
Pastor

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