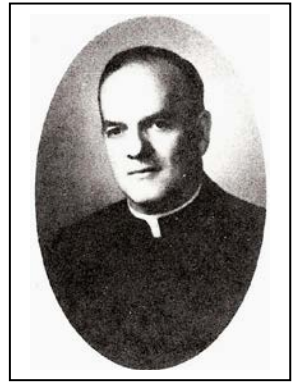


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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Reverend James Boccabella, Pastor
Our Lady of Grace Church

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The devil is rolling up his sleeves, gearing up for the big fight. We saw recently that on Capitol Hill, membership in the Knights of Columbus was seen as a disqualifying factor in seeking approval for certain government positions. The Knights were basically termed to be part of the "alt-right" and having extremist ideas about abortion and same-sex unions, among other issues.

How encouraging it was to then see an article by Kathryn Jean Lopez on National Review Online, titled "For Tender, Heroic Men – The Knights of Columbus." Her first line – "We need more of them, not fewer." Ms. Lopez then provided a short list of all of the things the Knights do – from pancake breakfasts to providing hurricane relief to ultrasounds to drawing much-needed attention to the fate of Christians in Iraq and Syria to underwriting the tour of the relic of the heart of St. John Vianney around the US. She complains about the ideologies that feel that "the people who take their religious duties seriously should be relegated to a second class, punished for exercising their religious liberty."

Later in the article she states, "The Knights help men know how to be good husbands and fathers with other husbands and fathers who care about what's going on in their communities. They are good neighbors. They are mentors." She continues: "But every man, whatever his calling, can benefit [from membership in the Knights]. And we should be thankful that they're a part of the life of our country."

As I said at the beginning, the devil is rolling up his sleeves, trying to undermine those who are pro-life, pro-family, pro-Church, pro-Country; and the Knights stand against his

Motto: "Lord, direct our actions to fulfill Your will."

efforts. We recognize our dependence on the power of God as to prevail in this fight, under the watchful, maternal care of our Blessed Mother. If you are not yet active in our Council, please consider coming to some meetings, participating in our activities. Following Jesus' instructions to love God and our neighbors, we recognize that our Church and our Country and our brothers and sisters need our assistance. May we never fail to provide that aid.

May God bless us all.

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

GK Steve Sutkowski, Grand Knight

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Many thanks to Fred Whitman for coordinating and delivering the food for the St. Martin's Pantry to our point of contact at St. Patrick's. This program will continue so those who attend our business meetings or have the opportunity to get canned goods to Fred, please do so. Other deliveries will be made this year in support of this cause.

I would also like to thank our members who attended and participated in the March for Life this past month. We have a role in helping to financially sponsor a bus from St. Patrick's to this event, and it is a very moving and spiritual experience for those who attend. I would like to promote not only this event but all pro-life activities of our council and in support of those activities conducted by our churches.

I appreciate the efforts of Kevin Kennedy in coordinating and conducting with help from some of our members the council basketball free throw competition at St. Patrick's on Saturday, January 26. We had at least 10 kids who participated which is a very good start since we are reactivating this program after a number of years. We also have a winner who will be competing in the District competition in February. Our thanks to all who participated, and we will look for even greater numbers next year.

Please see the event page elsewhere in this newsletter about the Pancake and Sausage event we co-sponsor with the Olney Lion's club which has been going on since the earliest days of our council. We could use additional servers and also people providing ads, so please contact Ed Shaffer who is chairing this event (contact information is on the event page). There are also two other programs that you will be hearing about including the Consecration to the Holy Family and Novena for Life which are required activities under our new Faith in Action program structure. Your help in these activities would be invaluable.

My continued appreciation to our members and our hopes for a permanent solution to our members impacted by the shutdown.

Visit our website at www.kofc6793.org or Facebook page at www.facebook.com/KnightsOfColumbus6793/ to stay informed of our future activities. Attend our business meetings and read our Newsletter to find activities that interest you and join in. Become a more active Brother Knight and support our Council activities.

Fraternally

Steve Sutkowski

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FAITH IN ACTION

Fred Taylor, Chairman, Faith Programs

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Brother Knight Jack Giacalone is again organizing a COMMUNION BREAKFAST to take place in late February or early March. Mass will be followed by a special presentation and breakfast. Keep watch for this upcoming event and please support this activity.

Remember to contribute to the support of our Seminarians. We have two matching challenges in place, one for \$1000 and another for \$500 that have been posted by Brother Knights.

St. Patrick's and St. Peter's 7th grade students will be participating in our essay contest. Each school winner will receive a 200.00 prize that will help offset the next years tuition.

Please take the time to care for and love each other and to pray the Rosary frequently.

ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY

As part of our Faith in Action Family service programs, we have instituted our Food For Families program. We will be collecting food for St. Martin's Pantry, who provides food to needy families.

There will be a box at all meetings for collecting food items. All food must be unexpired, sealed items. Items in shortest supply are canned soup, canned fruit, pasta sauce, "meals in a can (canned pasta, canned chili, etc.) and dry, unsweetened cereal.

So, when you are grocery shopping this month, pick up an item or two and help feed those in need.

CHURCH NEWS

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Reverend James Boccabella, Pastor



Grief Support Group

Many people find it difficult to deal with the challenges of loss in their lives. Beginning on Thursday February 7, the Grief Support Group will meet weekly. Both Deacon Bill and Mary Robitaille will facilitate the group in the parish center from 10 am to 11:30 am. The group will share experiences in a confidential environment. Because space will be limited, please hurry to register by calling the Parish Office.

ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

Website: <http://www.stpetersolney.org>
Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



Communion Breakfast

On Saturday, February 9, women and men are invited to participate in the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Chapel followed by a complimentary breakfast in the Divine Mercy Room. Enjoy breakfast and a special presentation by Father Alec Scott, who is currently serving at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Washington, D.C. Please RSVP for the breakfast to Carolyn Grenier at ctgrenier@hotmail.com or call her at 301-774-3337.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

Website: <http://www.stpatricksmd.org>
Monsignor Charles J. Parry, Pastor



Retrouvaille

On the weekend of February 1-3, Retrouvaille will provide couples with the "tools" needed to manage their marital conflicts in a nonthreatening environment. For confidential information and to register, please call 443-400-7017 or visit our website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com or email 3015@retrouvaille.org.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861

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Assembly Business Meetings are held the **third Thursday** of each month at 8PM. See this newsletter's calendar for details.

FAMILY NEWS

SK Joseph M. Feakes, Chairman, Family Programs
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The tree is gone, the decorations put away, the presents enjoyed (or not) and exchanges made. Is that all there is? How about the times with family and friends, especially those you don't see very often? Do these have to go away as well?

They don't have to and moreover shouldn't. Please don't let those special moments go stale or be reduced to a few pictures or emails. Make an attempt to keep those family ties as strong as they were on Christmas or New Year's.

Over the Christmas time you very well came in contact with people from your other families: Church, neighborhood or Knights of Columbus. The same holds true for these relationships. Don't let them disappear. You may never again get that opportunity.

Don't wait for someone else to make the next move. Reach out for you never know what dividends await you. God reaches out to us all the time. Let's all of us try harder to keep Him in our family.

Faternally,

Joe Feakes, Family Chairman

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

Steve Goldhammer, Chairman, Life Programs
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- **March 4, 2019 – Maryland March for Life**, Annapolis, 4:30 pm to 9:30 pm. For more information, go to www.mdmonthforlife.com.

MEN'S RETREAT

The Archdiocese of Washington Office of Family Life invites you to a Men's Retreat, February 8 to 10. The retreat theme is "Man's Vocation: Priest, Prophet, and King" with Fr. Dave Wells and Fr. Rick Kramer.

The retreat weekend includes: Talks, Mass, Adoration, Confessions. The price to attend is \$235. To register, go to <https://2019adwmenretreat.eventbrite.com>.

The location is Priestfield Pastoral Center, 4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV 25430. Priestfield is a Catholic retreat center which is a short drive from the Washington D.C. area and provides space for quiet reflection away from all the distractions. Fr. Wells and Fr. Kramer will lead talks on the retreat theme. They will celebrate Mass and offer opportunities for confession and to spend quiet time with our Lord in adoration. The cost of \$235 for the weekend covers a double occupancy room (two double beds and a private bath) and meals including dinner Friday night, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

Check-in is at 4:00pm on Friday, February 8 and dinner will be served at 6:30pm. Check out is after lunch on Sunday. Keys must be returned by 1:30pm

Please bring a Bible and a rosary. You will receive a detailed e-mail closer to the date of the retreat with an agenda and a description on how to prepare for the retreat.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC. For more info on volunteering or to register to volunteer, visit www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer.

Since the beginning of 2013, LeRoy Carhart has had 12 medical emergencies at his previous abortion clinic in Germantown, 5 in Bellevue, Nebraska, and 1 in Bethesda. At least two of the women – possibly more – have died as a result of their abortions. For further information check www.operationrescue.org/archives/butcher-of-bellevueinjures-dangerously-hemorrhaging-abortion-patient-days-before-christmas/.

Prayer and public witness continues at Wildwood Plaza, near his clinic in Bethesda, every Monday from 9:00-11:00 am. For further information, contact Dick Retta at dickretta61@verizon.net.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep these Knights and families in your prayers.

INDIVIDUAL'S NAME	RELATIONSHIP
Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalita	Pastor/St. Peter's Church
Rev. Fr. Louis Tou	Past Chaplain/Council 6793
Kayla MacBride	Niece/Fr. Kalita
Bill Gulban	Brother Knight
Barbara Mazonkey	Brother Knight
Karen Mazonkey	Daughter/Bob and Barb Mazonkey
Robert (Bob) Horrell PGK	Brother Knight
Lorraine McIntosh	Mother-in-law/ Steve Goldhammer
Rae Romano	Mother/ Chris Romano
Hunter Shaffer	Brother/ Ed Shaffer
Jerry Hayden	Brother Knight
Dale Trott	Maryland State Deputy
Chuck Cozad	Brother Knight
DECEASED'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
Cheng-Pen Shiu	12/4/2018

Continue to pray for the souls of our deceased armed forces.

BACK AGAIN THIS YEAR \$1500 Matching Challenge

Two anonymous council brother knights have again issued a challenge to all brother knights. They will match all donations to the council Seminarian Scholarship Fund up to \$1500 from January 2019 through May 2019!

The council welcomes the opportunity again to respond to the most gracious generosity of our council brother knights!

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

[Website: www.kofc-md.org]



REFLECTIONS

Bless the Mother, Kill the Child (by Lawrence P. Grayson)

For several weeks at the end of each year, Catholics in America celebrate the beauty and joy of motherhood. The liturgical feasts and biblical readings describe how God instilled hope by creating life in the wombs of virgins and barren women. On December 8, the Church honored the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She, who was destined to become the Mother of God, was conceived in the womb of her mother, Anne, free from original sin, a pure vessel to bring forth the Savior of the World. Then, four days later, Catholics celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. On that date in 1531, the Blessed Virgin appeared to Juan Diego and imprinted on his tilma an image of herself, clothed in native garb that was adorned with Aztec pictographs identifying her as a pregnant virgin.

On both feasts and on many other days preceding Christmas, events in the lives of Mary and Elizabeth are told from the Gospel of Luke: An angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah and said, "Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John." Then, the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and said, "you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus," and continued, "behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived* a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren." Upon her cousin's visit, "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, 'Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.'"

These descriptions of divine events are complemented by Old Testament readings from Judges, Isaiah, and Samuel: "An angel of the Lord appeared to the woman [wife of Manoah] and said to her, Though you are barren and have had no children, you will conceive and bear a son"; they named him Samson. The Lord gave King Ahaz a sign saying, "the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." And Hannah said to the high priest Eli, "I prayed for this child [Samuel], and the Lord granted my request."

These narrations were preparatory to December 25, when Christians throughout the world observed the birth of Our Lord through Mary. The old year ends with the birth of Our Savior, and a new year begins with a celebration of Mary's motherhood. But even as life is proclaimed, the shadow of death

looms. On December 28, the Church remembered the Holy Innocents, the boys two years and younger who were ordered massacred by Herod for his fear that the Lord would be an earthly king.

Today, this heinous slaughter has been repeated daily since the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion in 1973. Some 60 million children in America have been destroyed before birth, exterminated by acts of their mothers' free will and abetted by an infrastructure of death. No past society in the history of the world has ever tolerated such voluntary, massive destruction of its own people.

The promotion of death is big business in the United States, with thousands of people making their living killing unborn babies. It is not compassion for a distressed mother, but money that is the driving force. The Planned Parenthood Federation of America, which performs more than one-third of all abortions in the nation, is abetted in its business by the federal government, having received \$544 million of taxpayer money in fiscal year 2016-17. With an outspoken advocate for abortion – sadly, a Catholic -- having been nominated to be Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, it is unlikely that federal support will decrease.

After 46 years of battling legalized abortion, pro-life efforts are bearing results. The Center for Disease Control recently reported that the number of abortions in the United States decreased 24% over the decade 2006-2015, to an historic low. However, there also is a disturbing shift from surgical abortions to medication abortions. Since the Food and Drug Administration approved RU-486, commonly known as the abortion pill, in September 2000, medication abortions have increased to one quarter of all abortions.

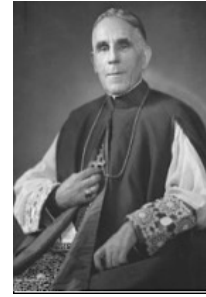
As abortifacients become easier to obtain – an increasing number of universities are making morning after pills available via campus vending machines -- more and more abortions will occur by simply “popping a pill.” There soon will be no need to go to an abortion clinic, face pro-life prayer warriors and counselors, possibly see graphic images or view an ultrasound picture, and undergo a surgical procedure. The woman will have less anxiety or feelings of guilt about taking a self-procured pill, as her actions will seem normal.

The pro-life movement is faced with a new significant challenge. As increasing numbers of abortions are done at earlier stages with pills, not only the hearts and minds, but the consciences of people must be formed to acknowledge the existence and dignity of the human person at the earliest stages of development and recognize the evils of abortion in all its forms. With the low level of religious observance in America – one quarter of all adults have no religious affiliation, while only 23% of Catholics attend Mass each week -- this will not be easy to achieve but must be done.

America needs a religious revitalization. There must be an endeavor by religious and laity to live one's faith openly and fully in public, and to develop a societal reverence for life. But most importantly, there must be a concerted effort of prayer – to rededicate this nation to its patroness, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, and to call upon that pregnant virgin, Our Lady of Guadalupe, who has been declared Empress of the Americas. With prayer and faith, with Our Lady's intercession to her Son, the nation's culture can change, for as Our Lord assures us, “with God, all things are possible.”

CHAPTER NEWS

Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963
[Website: <http://kofcknights.org/ChapterSite/?D=103>]
McNamara Chapter Marshall – Michael P Davenport



Consider attending a Chapter meeting where Knights from other councils meet and discuss their programs. It's a great place to share and learn ideas for your council to participate in!

February Chapter Meeting

Date: February 20, 2019
Time: 8PM
Location: TBD (Contact Jack Giacalone at 301-774-6338)

SUPREME NEWS

[WEBSITE: <http://www.kofc.org>]
Source: K of C Supreme Website

A HISTORIC MILESTONE

As we celebrate the placement of 1,000 ultrasound machines, our work to build a culture of life continues.



(by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson)

In January, we celebrated a remarkable milestone in the history of the Knights of Columbus: the placement of the 1,000th ultrasound machine in a pro-life pregnancy center. We began this initiative with the placement of two ultrasound machines in Iowa and Florida in 2009.

This program is saving hundreds of thousands of lives and I am sure that one day soon, because of the efforts of thousands of brother Knights and countless pro-life volunteers we will save the lives of 1 million unborn children — the greatest humanitarian achievement in the history of the Knights of Columbus.

Read the full article here -

http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/supreme_knight/fromthesk_20190101.html

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FEB 13 WED -- Business Meeting, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World

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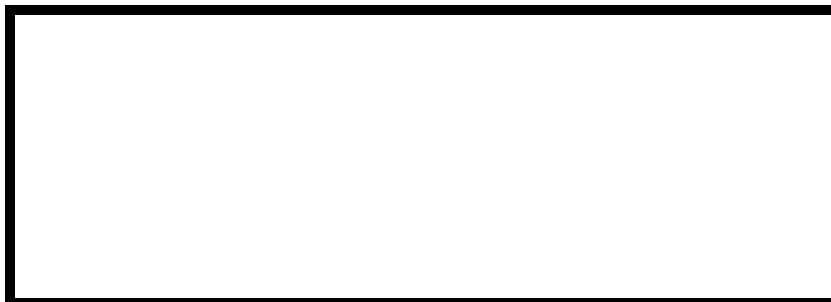
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FEB 13 WED **Business Meeting**, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World
FEB 20 WED Bishop McNamara Chapter meeting, 8PM, Saint Rose or Father McKenna Council (TBC). Contact (Contact Jack Giacalone at 301-774-6338)
FEB 21 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly 2861 (Color Corps Event), 8PM, Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road Derwood, MD, 20855
FEB 23 SAT 43rd Annual Pancake & Sausage Day, 8AM – 2PM, St. John's Episcopal Church Hall (Olney), Contact Ed Shaffer on 301-706-8975 or email: ed.shaffer75@gmail.com to purchase an ad and/or volunteer.
FEB 27 WED **Social Meeting**



- MAR 6 WED **Executive Meeting**, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center
MAR 13 WED **Business Meeting**, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World
MAR 20 WED Bishop McNamara Chapter meeting, 8PM, Saint Mary's Council #1470, 41605 Fenwick St. Leonardtown, MD
MAR 21 THU Sullivan Brothers Assembly 2861, 8PM, Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road Derwood, MD, 20855
MAR 27 WED **Social Meeting**
MAR 29 FRI Knights of Columbus Founder's Day

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