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## Chaplain's Thoughts. . .

*"He changed his mind and went."*

by Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr.



Quite often, the love, forgiveness, and patience that parents have for their children are a direct reflection of the love, forgiveness and patience that our heavenly Father shows to His adopted children on earth.

One of the first words that a toddler learns is NO! As a parent, how would you feel if you asked your child to "mow the lawn" and your child said no? Would you feel disappointed? In today's Gospel parable, that is just what one son tells his father when asked to work in the father's vineyard.

As a parent, how would you feel if you then asked your other child to "mow the lawn" and that child said yes; however, when you look at your lawn an hour later, it has not been mowed? You might feel not only disappointed, but a little deceived by your child's agreement to do what you asked and then did not do it. In today's Gospel parable, that is just what the other son does when his father asked him to work in the father's vineyard.

Later, you find out that your first child actually had a change of heart and mowed the lawn. You are elated! That is Jesus' message to the chief priests and elders of the people: change your hearts! It means nothing if we say yes to God, but do not do what He asks.



Yet, even those who at first say no to God, but have a change of heart and do as our heavenly Father asks, will enter the kingdom of heaven before those who give only "lip service" to His commands.



### St. Joseph's welcomes Seminarian Vincent Vu!

- 2nd Theologian at Theological College (CUA), Fr. Pat's *alma mater*.
- Home parish: Our Lady of Vietnam on New Hampshire Ave.
- Goes by Vincent, Vince, Vinny, Vin...you get the idea.
- You can find out more about him from his bio found here: <https://dcpriest.org/people/vincent-vu>

# GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

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The 2020-2021 Fraternal Year is moving fast despite the COVID-19 challenges and our council is surging forward regardless. We are determined not to be “*totally crippled*” or restrained by the pandemic virus.

Yes indeed, we have completed and submitted our 1<sup>st</sup>. Period Reports in areas pertaining to Prolife – Novena For Life; Community – Helping Hand; Faith – Support Parish; and Family – Food For Family. Many thanks to all Program Directors and Coordinators who made this happen - most especially, many thanks to our one and only editor Worthy Vern Hawkins, who aggregated and packaged our reports for final submission. Notwithstanding, our 2<sup>nd</sup>. Period Reports will soon be due in December and now is the time to start the planning, organizing and adequately controlling the measures to see these to fruition! Bottom line, we still have more challenges ahead as we continue to work during the remainder of the fraternal year.

Once again, our short caption below shows our next set of significant events/activities (see below):

DATE	TIME	MEETING/EVENT	AVG. #PPL	LOCATION
10/15/2020	6:30 PM to 9 PM	K of C Mtg. Combined Degree	30	Virtual Medium
10/17/2020	8:00 AM to 2 PM	Prayer Breakfast	150	Rosemont Room
10/30/2020	6:30 to 8:30 PM	Halloween Party	60	Rosemont Room
11/21/2020	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Day of Reflection	150	Location Details (To Be Provided)
11/29/2020	10:00 AM	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary	50	Church

From this schedule above, the Fletcher Council 11422 is looking forward to the upcoming event named “*Day of Reflection*”. We committed to hosting this earlier; however, the venue has changed. We will now need to coordinate with Fr. Robert Boxie III, as well as participate in the event when the final arrangements/logistics are concluded. Note that the date is still earmarked for November 21, 2020 and our council is really looking forward to meeting the Diocesan Archbishop, Bishops and dignitaries from the State of Maryland who plan to attend this event.

We continue to support our parish and clergy as our church services are increasing in attendance. We continue to maintain social distancing and all the appropriate sanitization measures as recommended by the Archdiocese and Health officials. We cannot afford to “*take-it-easy-now*” since our council has engaged in other programs/activities which we continue to maintain and are performing well beyond expectations! Once again, we cannot rest on our oars as our work is not fully completed. Our Council has set a legacy which we are obligated to maintain and are challenged to exceed compared with previous years.

As is customary, special thanks to our Chaplain Bishop Roy Campbell, Jr., Assistant Chaplains Fr. Patrick Mullan and Deacon Steve Nash, as well as our Service Program Personnel for their directions/coordinations in the areas pertaining to Faith, Community, Family, Life, Membership, to name but these. But of course, more gratitude to our brilliant editor, Worthy Hawkins; as well as, all our other Worthy Knights who must not be forgotten for their active participation/contributions as well.

By the divine grace of God, I know and strongly believe we can and will continue to deliver the high standard of services we have established in our Council. I continue to encourage all of us to continue to work together as we have always done in the past. We must always be reminded that “*It is a team effort that yields best results*”

***Vivat Jesus!***

## STATE DEPUTY MESSAGE

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The month of October this year will be historic for the Knights of Columbus. The excitement is building for the beatification of our founder Fr. Michael McGivney. The Mass of Beatification of Venerable Michael McGivney will be broadcast

live from the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut on Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup>.

The confirmation of a miracle cleared the way for Fr. McGivney to be declared “Blessed”. It has been 23 years of hard work from the Knights with prayers for this first miracle. The miracle involved an unborn child who, in 2015 was healed in utero of fatal multi-organ failure after prayers by the family to Fr. McGivney.

Our Supreme Knight paid tribute to our founder’s unique vision and impact. *“Fr. McGivney has inspired generations of Catholic men to roll up their sleeves and put their faith into action. He was decades ahead of his time in giving the laity an important role within the church.”*

I ask all the Knights in Maryland to continue to pray for Fr. McGivney for a second miracle so that we can eventually call him St. Michael McGivney. If you haven’t already, I ask you to support the cause for canonization by joining the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild at [fathermcgivney.org](http://fathermcgivney.org). All members receive a quarterly newsletter and are remembered in a weekly Mass offered for their intentions.

The other event in October is Columbus Day. Our normal celebration of Columbus Day this year has been curtailed greatly. We had to postpone our Columbus Day Gala due to the pandemic because the hotel was not able to accommodate our group safely as we would have liked.

All the Columbus Day events in Little Italy Baltimore have been canceled. In addition to the mob of people that toppled the statue of Christopher Columbus in Little Italy, the Baltimore City Council wants to change Columbus Day to Indigenous People Day. The Italian American groups are repairing the statute and hope to display it again in another location where it will be protected.

The Columbus Day celebration in Washington DC will still occur but in a more subdued fashion. The Maryland State Council will be presenting a wreath as we have done in the past. However, the event will not be publicly advertised.

I ask that all councils remember Columbus, our namesake in their October meetings. Please dispel the five myths about Columbus to your members which can be found in the September Columbia magazine.

I wish all our members the best and be safe in this time of pandemic.

*Vivat Jesus,*

*Vince Grauso*



# ***Father McGivney's Spiritual Genius***

***In anticipation of our founder's beatification, we reflect anew on our call to be a true fraternal community***



AS WE LOOK forward to the beatification of Father Michael McGivney, each of us should reflect on how his example can deepen our lives as Knights of Columbus.

Pope Francis writes in his 2013 apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, “I especially ask Christians ... to offer a radiant and attractive witness of fraternal communion. Let everyone admire how you care for one another, and how you encourage and accompany one another” (98).

Throughout history, religious communities such as the Benedictines, Franciscans, Dominicans and Jesuits have offered this witness. The spiritual genius of Father McGivney lay in his inspiration to found a fraternal association to which married laymen could belong — men required to be in the world to support their families.

In the Knights of Columbus, Father McGivney offered these men the opportunity to serve their families, parishes and communities by joining a brotherhood dedicated to charity and unity. Soon, a third principle, fraternity, was added to explicitly emphasize that the Knights of Columbus was more than an association; it was intended to be a true fraternal community.

It is precisely in fraternal charity and fraternal unity that the Knights of Columbus transcends other charitable organizations. Seeing our neighbor as a brother makes all the difference. Pope Francis also reminds us in his exhortation of the importance to “live in fraternity” (91) and to relate to others with “a fraternal love capable of seeing the sacred grandeur of our neighbor, of finding God in every human being” (92).

This was Father McGivney's approach to living the Catholic faith. At a time when the Catholic identity of so many was being tested by the harsh economic, social and political realities of 19th-century America, he offered a way forward without compromising the faith. The newly

organized Knights of Columbus would not withdraw into enclaves. Knights would engage society by living the Catholic principles of charity and unity.

Since that time, the authentic expression of a truly fraternal charity and unity has been the secret of the dynamic growth of the Knights of Columbus.

“An authentic faith,” Pope Francis writes, “always involves a deep desire to change the world ... to leave this earth somehow better than we found it” (183).

This spirit animated Father McGivney to provide a financial safety net for widows and orphans, and to defend the religious liberty so necessary for Catholic institutions, including the Knights of Columbus, to flourish.

In 1900, patriotism was added as the Order's fourth principle — emphasizing that faithful Catholics, as good citizens, were committed to the common good of all and not narrow sectarian interests.

“The Church,” observes Pope Francis, “cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice” (183).

Within a decade of establishing the patriotic degree, the Order expanded to Mexico, the Philippines and Cuba to help the Church in those countries confront new challenges following war and revolution.

The Order's principle of patriotism was also tested by the First World War. Yet, the Knights would be praised as the only wartime service organization that opened its doors to all, regardless of race, color or religion, under the banner “Everybody Welcome.”

Patriotism, when tempered by charity, unity and fraternity, provides a robust defense against excessive nationalism.

Early in its history, the Knights of Columbus recognized that, as Pope Francis affirms, “Christianity does not have simply one cultural expression” (116). This cultural engagement continues today as the Order expands into Poland, Ukraine, Korea and France.

One final observation from *Evangelii Gaudium*: Pope Francis notes, “Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us” (213). How fitting, given the Order's longstanding commitment to the sanctity of life, that the miracle attributed to the intercession of Father McGivney was the healing in utero of an unborn child.

St. John Paul II often challenged the Christian family to “become who you are.” The beatification of Father McGivney is a clarion call to Knights of Columbus everywhere to become, in even greater ways, who we are.

***Vivat Jesus!***

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*SK Harold F. Sanders, Jr.  
District Warden*

#### *Worthy Brothers:*

Time is flying by, we are in October. This is the month we celebrate our namesake, Christopher Columbus. Don't let this month pass by without thinking of what this means to you, the Catholic world, and the Americans. Remember also at the end of the month on October 31<sup>st</sup>, our founder will be raised to the level of Blessed. With this step, he moves closer to becoming a Saint.

Brothers, during this time of pandemic, I know it has become harder for us to try and recruit new men. Yet, we must try. We as Catholic gentlemen have a duty to share what we have received. The best way we can do this is with actions. Let the other men in the parish see what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. If it's true that "*action speak louder than words*", they will be asking you how they can join us.

*Vivat Jesus,*

*José Rivera*



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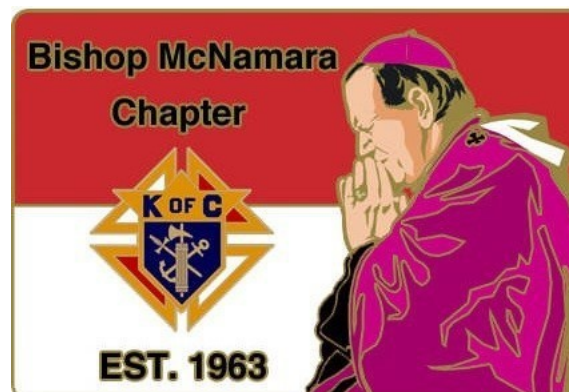
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### *Congratulations Are In Order*



L/R: Terry Reinhart (Chapter Marshall), Phil Tabbita (Secretary), Michael Davenport (Vice President), Vincent Grauso (State Deputy), Vernon Hawkins, Jr. (Past Chapter President), Monsignor John B. Brady (Associate Pastor), Fr. James Boccabella (Chaplain), Jeffrey Koscho (President), Roger Lie (Treasurer), and Steve Law (Activities Director).

***Yes, Congratulations are in order.*** Our very own *Michael P. Davenport* was installed Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> as the Vice President of the Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights. Presenting the honors were the Maryland State Council, Knights of Columbus ***State Deputy Vincent Grauso***. Also on hand, serving as Color Corpsman and presenting the salute to each officer installed was ***SK Harold Sanders*** (District Warden); ***Vern Hawkins*** (State Public Relations Director) and a host of dignitaries and guest. Congratulations Worthy ***Sir Knight Michael P. Davenport***. Now, checkout the photo above and when you catch up with him, congratulate ***Mike***.





## ***Archdiocese Washington District Fourth Degree Color Corpsman of the Year***



We can be truly proud of the wonderful tributes that Council and Assembly members do to the Fraternal and Patriotic activities of the Knights of Columbus.

Setting the example in these endeavors is ***Sir Knight Alan M. Davis*** of the Bishop Walsh Assembly 1548 and of the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422.

Alan was so recognized by the Master of the Archdiocese of Washington District (AWD) Fourth Degree, SK Joseph Freakes as the AWD Color Corpsman of the Year for his outstanding support to the Order for the 2019-2020 fraternal year.



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# Why We Offer Insurance

*As we look forward to our founder's beatification,  
we remember his mission*



On October 31, 2020, we will be able to call the founder of the Knights of Columbus “blessed.” Indeed, as we look forward to the upcoming beatification of Father Michael J. McGivney, we recall the mission he had for the Knights of Columbus. And at the heart of that mission was the insurance program – one that he

himself founded, and one that would grow to be one of the most respected life insurance programs in North America.

It's no surprise Father McGivney would include an insurance program when founding the Order, because he knew firsthand the devastation that a lack of proper insurance planning can bring to Catholic families.

As a young seminarian, Michael was forced to leave his studies and return home to aid his family after the sudden death of his father, Patrick. Without his father's income, the family was unable to support Michael financially, and he was only able to continue his studies after receiving a scholarship from the local bishop.

Less than a decade later, Father McGivney, then an Associate Pastor at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, faced a similar situation. One of his parishioners, Edward Downes, Jr., was also forced to quit the seminary and return home to New Haven to support his mother and twelve siblings after his father died unexpectedly.

In those days, the court had the right to assign children to public institutions if it had reason to believe that their families could not properly support them. The Downes were able to account for most of their family members, but were facing the very real prospect of losing their three teenage boys unless each had a guardian to sponsor and stand for him in court, and provide \$1,500 to back the claim to guardianship.

On Feb. 6, 1882 – the very same day as the first meeting for what would become the Knights of Columbus – Father McGivney appeared in court to stand as guardian for Edward's brother Alfred. The court accepted, and Father McGivney was satisfied with the outcome, but not with the recurring nightmare of financial hardship.

“Even though he was only a young man,” according to the [biography](#) of Father McGivney, “he was filled with a lifetime of anger and frustration at the sense of doom that settled over nearly every family that lost its wage earner... On the afternoon of February 6<sup>th</sup>, he was more determined

than ever that what had happened to the Downes family need not happen to anyone else.”

In that spirit, Father McGivney set off with “entrepreneurial zeal” to establish the Knights of Columbus. In his own words, Father McGivney wanted the organization to “unite the men of our Faith throughout the Diocese of Hartford, that we may thereby gain strength to aid each other in time of sickness; to provide for decent burial, and to render pecuniary assistance to the families of the deceased members.”

The initial system of “life insurance” designed by Father McGivney was a simple one, a pass-the-hat system through which each member could help support his brother Knights.

As membership grew so too did the insurance program. The Knights of Columbus has passed many milestones and received many accolades along the way: \$113 billion of life insurance in force; over 40 years of superior ratings from A.M. Best; and 18 consecutive years of sales growth, but all that is secondary.

What matters most is that we continue to fulfill Father McGivney's mission of offering and providing financial protection for Catholic families.

2020 is not 1882. Times are different. But even for those families who may have slightly more than next-to-nothing, insurance protection can be the difference between getting by and getting evicted. In its role as the premier Catholic life insurer, the Knights of Columbus continues to provide a valuable and noble service.

That's why we offer life insurance.

It's not the \$113 billion in force, it's the homes saved, the college tuitions provided, the Catholic funerals paid for, and the families shielded that create the legacy of protection that would make Father McGivney proud.

**To contact me, your dedicated Knights of Columbus field agent – who is himself a brother Knight – and see what we might be able to offer to you and your family.**

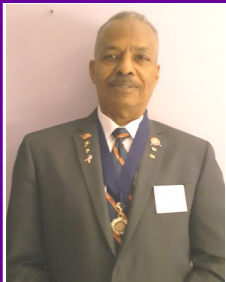
*Share your story of how your council is helping strengthen people's faith and offering support during this time.  
Email [knightline@kofc.org](mailto:knightline@kofc.org).*

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There is no stopping the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422. The coronavirus pandemic has impacted the lives of one and all, and also has had an adverse impact on the activities of the council. Face-to-face meetings are currently a thing of the past. However, through the use of current and popular technology innovations we have been able to meet virtually through the use of **Zoom!** and teleconferencing.

Join us at this month's **Zoom!** meetings on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The link for access is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89295903179?pwd=QWNTL2ZndlMwNmI5OXI5STNpZy9KZz09>

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## FAITH ACTIVITIES

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### *Fletcher Council Was There For The Reopening of St. Joseph Catholic Church*



L/R Efrain Anderson, Bernard Broadus, Fidelis Ajudua, Stephen Joy, Michael Okparaoji, Paul Akinwumi, Peter Methodius-Ngwodo

These are very challenging times due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Businesses and churches have shut down for awhile and are just gradually beginning to reopen. As the corona virus pandemic continues, our duty is to lead our families, protect our parishes, and serve our communities, remembering always that where there's a need, there's a Knight.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson has challenged Knights to take this moment as an opportunity to *"deepen our commitment to the very principles which define us: charity, unity and fraternity."* Based on such a premise, never in our wildest dream did members of the Fletcher Council imagine the closing of the church for an extended period, months. Nor did we think that the council would play such a significant role in the reopening of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Yes, the Coronavirus Pandemic closed in-person church services in the Archdiocese of Washington

and Maryland during the months from March 2020 thru June 2020. In anticipation of the scheduled resumption of in-person church services in the ADW,

In anticipation of the resumption of in-person church service, Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr. asked the council for its help. The council did not hesitate in responding with *"how may we help."* Commencing with the first Mass on June 21<sup>st</sup>, the council members filled all lay positions for the Mass: Lectors, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality Ministers, cleaning of the Church after each Mass, monitoring of entrance/exit of parishioners and parking lot traffic/parking control.

The church is now open, not to its full capacity, however, there has been a gradual increase in attendance, thanks to the much needed spark that Fletcher Council has provided.

*We Are Servant Leaders!*

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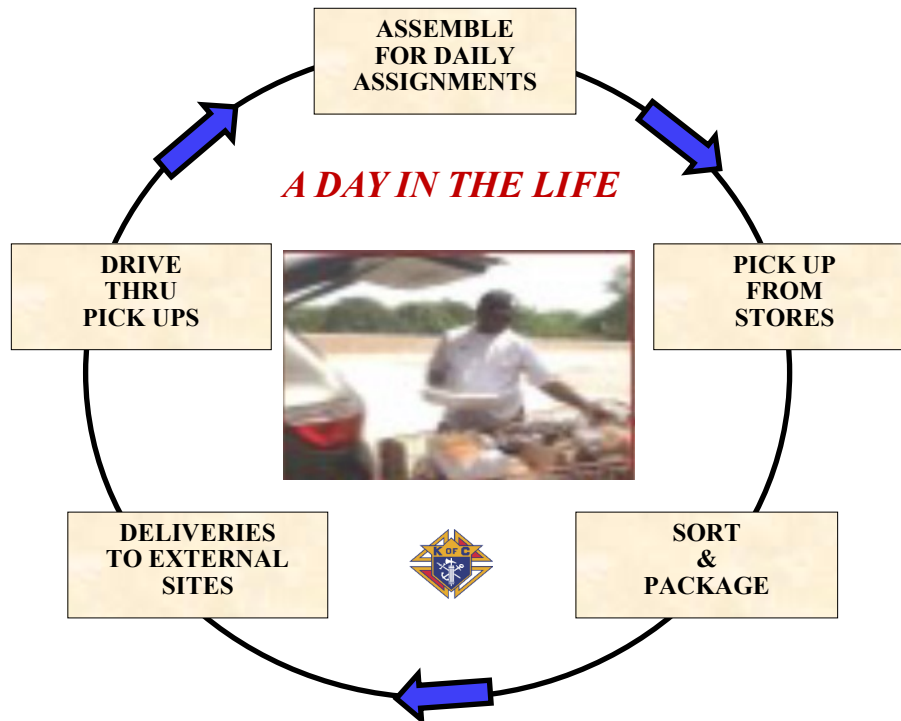


**Stephen Joy**

As was customary every year, on any given Saturday morning, the men of the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 assembled in collaboration with the St. Joseph Church St. Vincent De Paul Society (SVDP) to perform the charitable deed of distributing bread pastries and other food items to church pantries and homeless shelters in the Prince Georges County provinces. Other areas of distribution include sites in the Archdiocese of Washington Metropolitan area and Baltimore as well.

That was the normal and the standard mode of operations that we had used for several years, and one at which we were very successful at fulfilling the many food requests. However, we were not prepared to handle the myriad of requests that came upon us as the effectives of the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) settled in. Local restrictions prohibited the Church from receiving one of its primary source of food products from church parishioners. However, donations from local food stores increased significantly and several donations of fruit and vegetables were received from the Prince Georges Police Department.

Requests for food packages increased from a mere 50 request per week to 200+. What we had done only on the weekend, became almost a 5-day a week process. The Council and the SVDP cooperative efforts were augmented by additional volunteers from the council, KC Ladies and parishioners. A snap-shot of the food distribution cycle is displayed below:



## *FAMILY ACTIVITIES*

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# *Happy Anniversary & Happy Birthday*



Sir Knight Christopher and Lady Mmabuese Nwabineli recently celebrated  
17 blessed years of marriage.

They are blessed with four beautiful children.

Adding to the festivities was Chris', celebrating his Birthday.

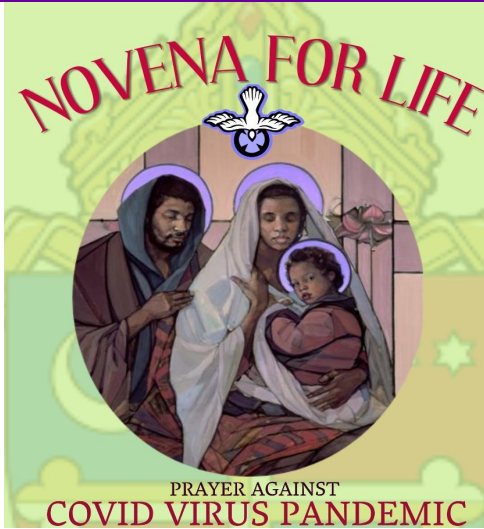
*The Wonderful Wonders Of A Family*

## LIFE ACTIVITIES

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The Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson, said *“We know that this period will be difficult in various ways for everyone, and we want to assure you that the Knights of Columbus is fully committed to you and your family...”* Since many brother Knights have asked how they can help in their own communities, the Supreme headquarters suggested that *“...every member and his family to pray the Supreme Council’s Novena based on the prayer of Pope Francis, as well as a prayer being promoted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops”* (USCCB).

Fletcher Council members and the St. Joseph Church parishioners conducted a 9-day Novena event, 15-23 August. Each day of prayer we ask for the intercession of different saints: The Fourteen Holy Helpers, St. Anthony the Great, St. Edmund, St. Damien of Moloki, St. Rocco, St. Joseph, St Jude and St. Rita, St Frances Xavier Cabrini, and Our Lady of Good Health.



On Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the **NOVENA PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC** prayer was concluded with the following prayer – *“O Mary, full of grace, Patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of illness and worldwide need we seek your intercession for the human family before your Son’s throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow. Help us, O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence and trust in the tender compassion of our God. Let us not be afraid, like our own Saint Marianne Cope, who entrusted her life and ministry among the outcasts of society into the care of our Divine Physician. Con-*

*tinue to watch over all who are sick as well as those who care for them and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen”.*

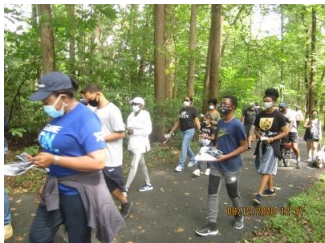
# ROSARY WALK

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The Saint Joseph's Youth Ministry organized an outdoor activity (Rosary Walk) at Watkins Regional Park on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 12-noon to 2 P.M. The Knights of Columbus Council 11422 decided to support the Youth Ministry, pray the Rosary with them provide snacks and drinks for the young people at the end of the walk. The students were able to recite the Rosary 2-times while walking approximately 1 1/2 miles through the park, then gathered for a brief conversation about their experience with their youth leaders while enjoying the snacks provided by the Council. We enjoyed perfect weather throughout the entire event and the Knights volunteered to assist the Youth Ministry for any of their future events if possible. Picture of the Rosary Walk are displayed below.



Saint Joseph's Catholic Church Youth Ministry

Saint Joseph's Youth Ministry is sponsoring a

# Rosary Walk

@ WATKINS REGIONAL PARK

SIGN UP <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4aaaae22aofa7-stjoseph>

All parishoners, especially high school students, are invited to attend. We hope this opportunity for parish family prayer and fun will support parishioners' faith journey amidst the challenges we are experiencing in 2020.

Come join us for prayer, lunch (will be provided) and fellowship.

Face masks are required and social distancing will be maintained.



When? 12TH SEP 2020, 12 Noon - 2:00pm

Where? 301 Watkins Park Dr, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

For more information contact Ms. Dandridge at 301-452-8765

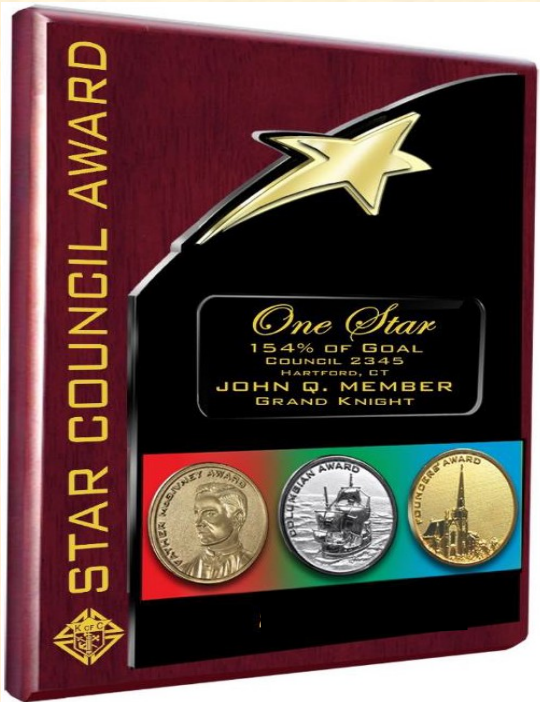


# STAR COUNCIL AWARD

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Worthy Brother AJUDUA,

Congratulations!

Council 11422 has earned the 2019-2020 Star Council Award, recognizing excellence in program activity, membership growth (442.86%% of quota), insurance promotion, fraternal reporting and Safe Environment compliance.

During this challenging year, your council adapted and continued to stand in the breach; serving your brothers, families, parishes and communities. The Supreme Council is pleased to recognize these achievements and acknowledge the hard work of you and your brother knights.

Your council's award plaque will be shipped to your District Deputy for presentation. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, production and delivery of awards is currently estimated at 10-12 weeks. Additionally, to help celebrate this accomplishment and promote your council, attached please find a **bulletin announcement** and **press release** for your use. These are great tools that will highlight your good works in the community.

There is still much to be done and we need your council to lead the way. Keep the momentum going and start planning now for another successful fraternal year! The new 2020-2021 Star Council requirements, which can be found at [KofC.Org/Star](http://KofC.Org/Star), will help guide your council to excellence in the year to come.

Thank you and *Vivat Jesus!*

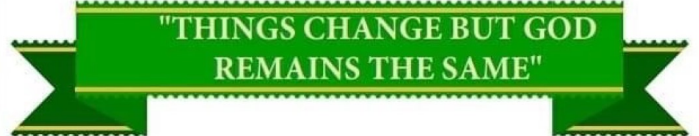
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Southeast Deanery and Partnering Churches Present the 31st Annual  
**EAST OF THE RIVER FALL REVIVAL**



**THIS IS A VIRTUAL EVENT ONLY**

**October 5, 2020 at 7 pm**  
**Hosted by and live streamed from**  
**St. Luke Catholic Church**

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**Revivalist:** Rev. Cornelius K. Ejiogu, SSJ,  
**Pastor - St. Luke Catholic Church**

Fr. Cornelius was born in Lagos, Nigeria to the family of Sir Cornelius and Lady Happiness Ejiogu. He began his training as a Josephite seminarian in 2002. After 10 years of formation, Fr. Cornelius was ordained in June 2013 alongside six other conferrers.

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**2021 FORD MUSTANG**  
*or \$18,000.00 Cash Option*

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**FOUNDERS DAY DINNER**

**Fr. Rosensteel Council No. 2169, Silver Spring, MD**

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# Smiley Central™

A government employee sat in his office, and out of boredom, decided to see what was inside his old filing cabinet. He poked through the contents and came across an old brass lamp. "This will look good on my mantel," he said, and took it home with him. While polishing the lamp, a genie appeared and, as usual, granted him three wishes. "I would like an ice-cold Coke right now." He gets his Coke and drinks it. Now that he can think more clearly, he states his second wish. "I wish to be on an island with beautiful women, who find me irresistible." Suddenly, he's on an island with gorgeous women eyeing him lustfully. He tells the genie his third and last wish. "I wish I'd never have to work again." Instantly, he was back in his government office.

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Once there was a bartender who claimed he was the strongest man on earth, he could squeeze every drop of juice out of a lemon and he bet \$10,000 that no one could squeeze anymore out of a lemon he has squeezed. People came in from all over the country, body builders, weight lifters, wrestlers, or anyone that wanted to try. But no one could squeeze anymore juice out of the lemons. Then one day a little nerdy looking guy walks in and everyone laughs at him when they hear he is there to try to squeeze a lemon. So the bartender squeezes a lemon into a cup and hands him what is left over. Then the guy squeezes out 6 more drops of juice, and everyone is amazed! "What do you do for a living?" they would ask, "Are you a weight lifter, a body builder?" "No", he replied. "I work for the IRS."

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It was Christmas and the judge was in a merry mood as he asked the prisoner, "What are you charged with?" "Doing my Christmas shopping early", replied the defendant. "That's no offense", said the judge. "How early were you doing this shopping?" "Before the store opened."

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A guy bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas. After hearing about this extravagant gift, a friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those sporty four-wheel-drive vehicles." "She did," he replied. "But where was I going to find a fake Jeep?"

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At a monastery high in the mountains, the monks have a rigid vow of silence. Only at Christmas, and only by one monk, and only with one sentence, is the vow allowed to be broken. One Christmas, Brother Thomas is allowed to speak and he says, "I like the mashed potatoes we have with the Christmas turkey!" and he sits down. Silence ensues for 365 days. The next Christmas, Brother Michael gets his turn, and he says "I think the mashed potatoes are lumpy and I hate them!" Once again, silence for 365 days. The following Christmas, Brother Paul rises and says, "I am fed up with this constant bickering!"

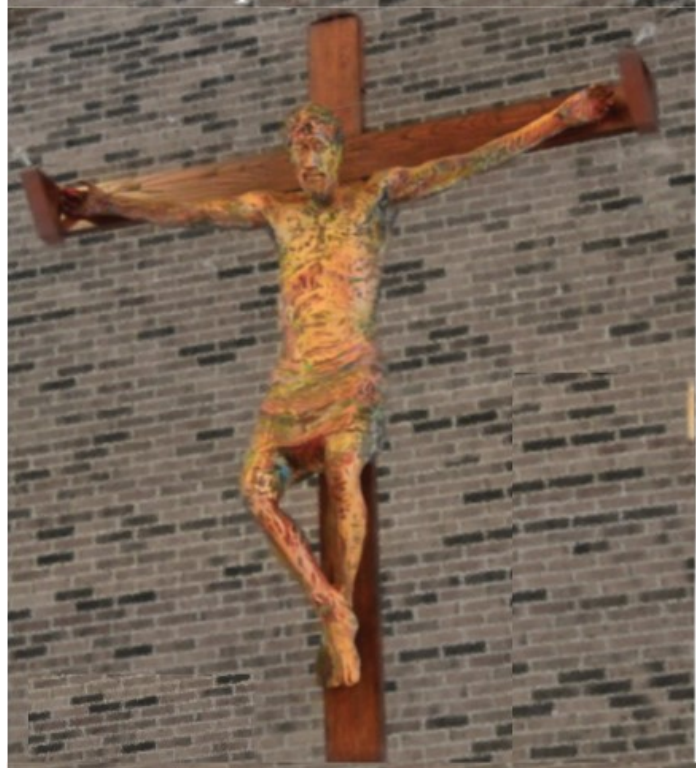
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It was a cold and misty Christmas morning in the very depth of Winter after a heavy fall of snow and only one farmer and the minister managed to arrive at the church for the morning service. "Well", said the clergyman "I guess there's no point in having a service today." "Well that's not how I see it," said the farmer. "If only one cow turns up at feeding time, I still feed it."

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After being away on business for a week before Christmas, Tom thought it would be nice to bring his wife a little gift. "How about some perfume?" he asked the cosmetics clerk. She showed him a bottle costing \$50. "That's a bit much," said Tom, so she returned with a smaller bottle for \$30. "That's still quite a bit," Tom grouched. Growing disgusted, the clerk brought out a tiny \$15 bottle. Tom grew agitated, "What I mean," he said, "is I'd like to see something real cheap." So the clerk handed him a mirror

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church



## ***COME PRAY WITH US***

*All Council Members*

*Are Invited To  
Knight's Sunday*

*Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
Of The Month*

*At The 10 A.M. Mass*



## ***PLEASE PRAY FOR***

### **Sick**

- Lady Regina Gary
- Paul Newman
- James Shorter
- John Queen
- Robert "Bob" Sistare
- Maurice Sutton
- William "Billy" Tolbert
- Michael Younger

### **Deceased**

- Lady Mary Harley



**\*\*OCTOBER - 2020\*\***

- 01 Paul O. Awunor
- 02 William K. Museb
- 05 Floyd E. Duckett
- 06 Norris M. Foster
- 08 Adewale T. Olaiya
- 09 Steve M. Nwamkpa
- 16 Michael T. Petz
- 17 Ikenna Agubokwu
- 21 William J. Harris
- 23 Philip B. Chofowa
- 26 Anthony A. Falodun
- 27 Wade N. Matthew
- 28 James A. Barnes
- 28 Basil E. Fomanka
- 30 Felix C. Osuchukwu
- 30 Atem C. Etemene



**“The Joy  
Of An  
October  
Birthday”**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**\*\*OCTOBER\*\***



- 01 Fletcher Council Virtual Meeting 6:30 P.M.
- 05 East of the River Revival
- 12 Columbus Day
- 12 Bishop Walsh Assembly Virtual Meeting (Virtual)
- 15 Fletcher Council Meeting/Degree 6:30 P.M. *Rosemont Room*
- 17 Prayer Breakfast 8 A.M. - 2 P.M. *Rosemont Room*
- 17 AWD 4th Degree Exemplification (Virtual)
- 18 Knights Sunday, 10 A.M. Mass
- 21 McNamara Chapter Meeting (Virtual)
- 24 State Council Fall Meeting
- 30 Halloween Party 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. *Rosemont Room*
- 31 Halloween
- 31 Beatification of Fr. Michael J. McGivney (Rome)

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Has it met these goals?

***What say you?***

What changes would you recommend?

***What say you?***

Do you recommend that the council continues this form of communications, the Newsletter?

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