

THE POTOMAC DISCOVERER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POTOMAC COUNCIL #9259

Meeting Times

Officers Meeting: Second Thursday of each month, 7-8 p.m.

Council Meeting: Fourth Thursday of each month, 7-8 p.m.

Where are we?

We meet in the basement of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School. 18825 Fuller Heights Rd., Triangle, VA. 22172

Join us

We are always looking for Catholic gentlemen 18 years or older to help our mission of Faith, Community, Life and Charity. It is great for you and your family to participate and you can participate at a level you are comfortable with.

Recent Events

Refugee Support

There has been an outpouring of support from our Northern Virginia community to provide comfort and support to refugees arriving from Afghanistan.

Members of our parish and Council have been actively supporting the relief effort and have identified local needs for volunteers to drive trucks and load/unload supplies to and from storage facilities in the area. If you are willing and able to help, please contact John Enzmann at (202) 255-2463.

Learn more about how Catholic Charities Diocese of Arlington and the effort to support refugee and SIV-holder resettlement here: <u>Help Immigrants and Refugees (ccda.net)</u>.

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Our Council will again hold a Catholic Citizenship Essay contest for the 8th grade class at the St. Francis of Assisi school. We look forward to seeing the inspiring words of our community's youth as they mature in faith.

Upcoming Events

Sep 17: The Virginia March for Life

March for Life has teamed with the Family Foundation for the upcoming <u>Third Annual Virginia March for Life - March for Life</u> in Richmond. Please consider participating or otherwise contributing to this event.

Sep 18: Knights of Columbus Regional Training Session

There will be a training session for Knights interested in expanding their responsibilities and leadership in supporting Council, District, and State activities. Please contact our Worthy Grand Knight at gk9259@vakofc.org.

Sep 19: Traffic Control – Volunteers Needed!

Our parish has requested the assistance of the Potomac Council to provide traffic control in front of the St. Francis school between masses on Sundays during the school year. The intent is to provide a more efficient traffic flow into the church parking lot, and to enhance safety in front of the school as students and parents walk to attend CCD.

You will see a separate announcement with a link to sign up to support. The support will be for short periods of time between masses. Please watch for the email from our Worthy Grand Knight.

Sep 22: Combined Degree Exemplification

The Father Widmer Council will be hosting a Combined Degree Exemplification ceremony on the evening of September 22nd. Please consider attending if you have not yet achieved 3rd Degree status and notify others who may be interested in joining our order. More information will be sent in separate emails to join in. Please contact our Worthy Grand Knight at <u>gk9259@vakofc.org</u> for more information.

Sep 29: Fraternal Benefits Seminar

The Abbate Agency is hosting a Faith, Family, and Financial Security online seminar with guest Van Mueller on September 29th, beginning at 7 p.m. Not only is this an opportunity for members to learn more about the benefits they are entitled to by virtue of their membership in the KofC but I would ask that you share this with friends, family and fellow parishioners as well for their benefit.

Register for the event at Webinar Registration - Zoom.

Oct 18-26: Respect Life Novena – Volunteers Needed!

October is Respect Life Month and we encourage participation in the Respect Life Novena that will be said daily from 18-26 October following the 8:45 a.m. daily mass. Please consider attending if you are able.

We will also be handing out Respect Life cards following the weekend masses on 16-17 October and need volunteers. Please contact John Enzmann at <u>jenzmann@comcast.net</u> if willing and able to assist. Additional information about Respect Life Month can be found at <u>Respect Life Program |</u> <u>USCCB</u>.

Oct 23: John Paul I Council Art Auction

The John Paul I Council will be holding at art auction at 8 p.m. on October 23rd. This will be a live simulcast virtual event. Stay tuned for more information.

Nov (date TBD): Parishioner Support

Stay tuned for opportunities to provide light home and yard labor to support a parishioner in great need.

Chaplain's Corner

Fr. Lalo is away this month. We look forward to his return and to his inspiring words to fill these pages again next month!

News and Links of Interest

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

I'm sure I'm not the only one that has noticed the continuous improvements made to the St. Francis of Assisi parish website. It is a great resource to learn about events at our church, and to connect with the broader community through ministries, learning, and special programs. Please take a few minutes to browse the site here: <u>https://stfrncis.org</u>.

Knights of Columbus News

Get the latest new about the Knights of Columbus here: <u>Recent News - News Hub | Knights of</u> <u>Columbus (kofc.org)</u>

News from the Arlington Diocese

Find the latest news releases from the Arlington Diocese here: https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/pressreleases/

Prayers

Please remember those in need of prayers – our brothers and sisters impacted by war, disasters, disease, and all those who are marginalized in our world.

