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**“ WE ARE ADVOCATES OF THE LORD ”**

## ***Manifesting the Kingdom Award***

Sir Knight John Adeleye, Sr. was among 156 individuals from parishes and Catholic organizations across the Archdiocese of Washington who were honored for their exceptional service to the local church. This is the third time that the “Manifesting the Kingdom” award has been given in the archdiocese since Cardinal Wuerl became archbishop in 2006.



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## Chaplain Thoughts

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*“Blessed are the poor in spirit”*

*by Rev. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.*



In today’s Gospel [M5 5.1:12a], when Jesus “*saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them...*” It is not by chance that Jesus went up the mountain to teach His disciples and the crowds. Moses went up the mountain of Sinai to receive the “*Ten Commandments*” from God. The “*Ten Commandments*,” given to the Israelites, contained God’s Covenant with His chosen people, a Covenant of freedom from slavery and death in Egypt.

We probably picture Moses coming down Mount Sinai holding two tablets, each with “*Five*” of the Commandments. Those tablets represented God’s Covenant with His people, so each tablet contained the complete “*Ten Commandments*.” One tablet was God’s part of the Covenant and the other tablet was the Israelites’ part of the Covenant. Guess which side broke their part of the Covenant?

Jesus, on this mountainside, tells His chosen people, in fact, all people, including you and me, how to live in His New Covenant, a Covenant of freedom from slavery to sin and eternal death, a Covenant of love and life. This time the

Covenant between God and man will not be broken, because it is between Jesus and His Church, sealed with His own blood, shed on the Cross.

The Beatitudes that Jesus gives us turns this world’s standards upside down. Jesus tells us that God gives us happiness; we cannot win it, achieve it, merit it, or buy it. Jesus teaches the crowds, and us, that happiness will come to people with open hands, humble hearts and receptive spirits.

Jesus not only tells us in the Beatitudes how we are to live our lives, but what blessings and hope this living brings us. To live humbly in righteousness, is the hope that we should have, that when our earthly journey is complete, we will be truly blessed to hear the words of our Lord, “*Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.*”

A little humility goes a long way, because it gives us eternal hope. “*Blessed are the poor in spirit – theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*”

## Grand Knight’s Chronicle

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### ***A Year In Review - 2016***



The James C .Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 and the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 Charities have both been very active during the past liturgical and calendar year in their support of St. Joseph Catholic Church, pastor Roy E. Campbell, Jr. and our Deacons Al Douglas Turner and Steven Nash.

The Council and Charities have also supported numerous and various ministries in the church through leadership and participation in many of our church activities and events. James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council members are involved in Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion under the leadership of Deputy Grand Knight Bernard Broadus, Social Justice Social Concerns with PGK Vernon Hawkins, Jr. as Newsletter Editor, St. Joseph’s East of the River Revival Committee representative Grand Knight Alan Davis, Fletcher Charities Scholarship fund, which provided \$13,000 dollars in scholarships this past year, under Peter Methodius, Youth Ministry and Squires Club under PGK Michael Davenport, RCIA and Altar Servers under Deacon Al Douglas Turner and his wife Lady Jane Turner, Bereavement

Committee under co-chairs Lady Etoile Hawkins and SK James Gant and Facilities Management under PFN Harold Sanders and Staff Assistant Grand Knight Alan Davis.

The James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council and Charities have also supported Monthly 11 A.M. Knights Sunday Mass, Altar Servers and Volunteers Appreciation Dinners, Council Summer Flea Markets and Church Picnic, St. Vincent DePaul food distribution, Costco and Panera Bread weekly food donations to SOME, PG Homeless Shelters and area churches, Tuesday Night Mass, Adoration, Benediction, Divine Mercy Chaplet, 5th Sunday Rosary Prayer, CERT TEAM, Hospitality Ministry, Lectors, Altar Servers, St. Joseph Gospel Choir, Religious Education, Vacation Bible School, Thursday Evening Tutoring and Offertory Collection Counting.

The Council and Charities will continue to support these ministries and all other ministries and organizations whose goal, like that of the Knights of Columbus, is to advance the Kingdom of God and spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

***Thank you Brothers for all you do. Let us continue.***



## State Deputy's Report



**Stephen M. Cohen**  
State Deputy

### *My Brothers All,*

What a great Mid Term Meeting! Thank you to everyone who attended and thank you to the presenters. A lot of good information was presented so make sure your District Deputy is passing it on. Districts should be holding their District Meetings now.

Now is also the time to contact your Insurance Agent and schedule your Benefits Night. Hold this as an open meeting and invite the families. This could be combined with an Open House. Invite the parish families and tell them about the great works the Knights of Columbus do.

January was another busy and productive month throughout the State. Besides the Mid Term Meeting. The Archdiocese of Baltimore held two events. The Ordination of two new Auxiliary Bishops - Bishop Parker and Bishop Brennan. The second event was the Pro Life Mass. Thank you to members of the Color Corps for participating in both of these events.

The Father Rosensteel Council held its 25<sup>th</sup> Pro Life Kick Off event. This is always a great evening with good speakers. It gets us ready for the March For Life. Many of our members attended the March in Washington D.C. The good weather this year proved to be a plus.

Members also participated in the Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge and the Family Night with the Baltimore Blast.

As a State we continue to grow. Thanks to everyone who has recruited at least one new member this Fraternal Year. It is not too late to get onboard. Remember everyone is a member of the Membership Committee. Look past your parish, each one of us knows a Catholic gentleman that is eighteen or older. Ask them to join us. Help us as we look to encourage young men between the ages of eighteen and thirty to join us. Remember, we are looking for an hour of their time each month.

On February 5<sup>th</sup> we will welcome our second new council this year. The Father Maximillian Kolbe Council will be instituted at the JP II Shrine. How fitting to be at the Shrine as these new members of Polish decent become part of our Honored Order. Please come and welcome them. Call or see Charles Hayes - District Deputy for details

Now is the time to start planning for our Annual Convention in Ocean City. Chairman John Trainor and his team have been working hard to make this year enjoyable for all. If you have any question do not hesitate to contact John.

*In everything that we do - We are Advocates of the Lord.*

*Vivat Jesus!*

**Have You Visited The State Website Lately**

<http://kofc-md.org/>

**Or the Maryland State Yahoo Group**

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/MDstatecouncil/info?yguid=46983702>

## District Deputy Report



**G. Emeka Onwezi**  
District Deputy

As election and Presidential inauguration are behind us, let us be ready to finish up the rest of fraternal year with more energy and programs that will continue to strengthen our families and our domestic church. As councils are pushing to finish the remaining months of this fraternal year with more activities, District 2 is also doing the same to support councils so that each council in District 2 will attain its goal for this fraternal year.

First, District 2 held its district meeting on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> which was attended by Grand Knights and council officers of the councils in District 2. The purpose of the meeting was to strategize better way to complete the rest of fraternal year and make sure that both the District's goal and councils' goals will be met by the time we reach June 30, 2017.

Also, District 2 in conjunction with District 5, hosted Basketball Free Throw on Sunday January 29, 2017 from 1pm to 4pm. The event was open to Girls and Boys, ages 9-14. It was held at City of Bowie Gymnasium. Those who participated in the district basketball free throw will take part in the Maryland State Council's Basketball Free throw on February 19, 2017. State Free Throw will be between 12 noon and 3:30pm at Archbishop Spaulding High School 8080 New Cut Road Severn, MD 21144. Councils can use these events to complete your Youth Activity Report.

Knights of Columbus Lenten Pilgrimage will be Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 1pm to 5pm at St John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. The cost of the Pilgrimage is \$20 per person with a maximum of \$75 per family. This fee will offset the cost of lunch and provide a donation to the Shrine. If a Council brings 10 individuals to the Pilgrimage (Knights and non-Knights) the Council can report this event as a Domestic Church Event on their Columbian Award Application. Also, Plenary Indulgences can be earned by attending this Pilgrimage. This information is also on the Maryland state Council Website.

Continue recruiting new and younger members into our Order. The growth of our Order depends on recruitment of younger members between 18 years and 30 years. Do not worry about them coming to regular meetings or participate fully when they are young. But they will come around when they get older and no longer in school. But recruit and bring them in now and they will be the leaders of our Order in the future. There will be an award at the State Convention to council that brings in more younger and new members.

Please remember that the semi-annual audit is due February 15, 2017. Councils in District 2 have been submitting the requisite forms on time and it will not stop now. I count on your council to submit its semi-annual audit on time before February 15, 2017.

I and District Warden Mike Akpan are looking forward to working with all Grand Knights and councils to make sure that this fraternal year ends in good step.

*Vivat Jesus!*



## Supreme Knight's Message

### **Growth is Our Primary Responsibility by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson**

*"Our responsibility as the leaders of the Knights of Columbus is to assure the continued growth and sustainability of our Order. This is our first and primary responsibility,"* Supreme Knight Carl Anderson told the gathered state deputies at the Mid-Year Meeting held in Orlando. The focus of this meeting was membership recruitment and retention.

*"While we have other goals and activities that are necessary, no other task is sufficient to advance the Good of the Order if we do not advance membership growth. Everything we do depends upon membership,"* he added.

Today there is a challenge that has to be met, he continued. Supreme Knight Anderson pointed out that the Knights of Columbus must recruit younger men and fathers of young families. Our councils need to emphasize programs more relevant to families with young children and we need to use recruitment tools that rely upon enhanced Internet and web-based connectivity.

It is necessary, he said, to recruit younger members in ways that respect the more limited time they have to dedicate to volunteer activities and to schedule council activities in ways that respond to the more limited time young fathers have to participate in activities outside the home.

*"Let's remember this: Father McGivney was not yet 30 when he founded the Knights of Columbus with what was described at the time as the 'young go-ahead men' of New Haven,"* the supreme knight continued. *"And I am totally confident that had there been a World Youth Day in 1882, Father McGivney would have been there with his brother Knights. Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus for the young working men of his day, to protect their families."*

The Supreme Knight also encouraged councils to provide the First Degree in the new DVD format to assure that candidates may join without having to wait for long periods before taking the admission degree.

To help train our council's officers and make volunteer efforts more efficient, the Knights of Columbus has developed the Fraternal Training Portal, the Supreme Knight said. These training program include information on promoting fraternal leadership skills, and instill organizational awareness of the vision of our founder and the legacy mission. Training will be available for current officers with access to Officers Online and roll out to all council officers over the coming months. Shortly thereafter the Fraternal Training Portal will open to Deputy Grand Knights, Chancellors, Membership and Program Directors, followed by all officers.



*"Our Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish initiative combines two great traditions of the Knights of Columbus: building up Catholic family life and strengthening parish life,"* Supreme Knight Anderson said. Parishes are the natural home of Knights of Columbus councils and where they thrive best while strengthening the parish community as a whole, he added. These parish-based councils can be the drivers within the parish that promotes Catholic family life and new charitable initiatives, and that calls Catholic men to greater spiritual formation and evangelical action.

*"And these programs will do one more thing: They will help make our parishes more family friendly, especially for young families,"* the Supreme Knight said. Along with this, he continued, the Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive program includes monthly themes, meditations, Scripture readings and activities for the whole family. It is a program for all families, but it is designed especially for young families. It can help families that need new ways to bring the light of the Gospel into their homes.

Additionally, the Knights of Columbus is continuing to partner with Praesidium Inc. to provide the most up-to-date resources available to ensure safe environments for children. Through this partnership, Knights involved in youth programs have access to online training, background screening and reporting services. To further enhance this initiative, the Supreme Knight said that an Office of Youth Protection department has been developed at the Supreme Council office to monitor these efforts.

*"Young people, especially College Knights, play a large role in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. each year,"* Supreme Knight Anderson said. *"This coming year, I ask every Knight that can make it to Washington, D.C. for this event, which is a true witness to the devotion we and so many others hold to support a culture of life, to please do so."*

During the meeting the Knights of Columbus leaders also had the opportunity to watch the recap video of the 2017 Supreme Convention in Toronto. *"This video is an excellent overview of all we do as Knights of Columbus and all that our organization stands for,"* Supreme Knight Anderson said. *"I strongly urge all councils to show this video, which is accessible on kofc.org, to their membership and to link to it on their websites."*

*Vivat Jesus!*





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## Bishop Walsh Assembly News



Ikechukwu R. Agbim  
Faithful Navigator

The New Year, 2017, has begun in earnest, and we are equal to the challenges of the works of our Order in the Fourth Degree.

Bishop Walsh Assembly's renewal of obligation is on February 13, 2017. All officers should wear black Tuxedo, black bow tie and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree baldric. All other members of the assembly are encouraged to wear black tuxedo as well, or black suit. The Color Corps will feature and we plan to add a flag demonstration during the evening ceremony. Also, we will be taking a group picture, so all are encouraged to be present and participate.

We are still recruiting candidates to take their 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Ex-emplification that is coming up on March 25<sup>th</sup> 2017. All 3<sup>rd</sup> degree members who are financially in good standing with their respective councils are qualified. Applications are in circulation. Ask any 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member in your council on how to submit your application, or you can reach me at [fn2016.kofc1548@gmail.com](mailto:fn2016.kofc1548@gmail.com). Deadline to submit the completed application is this month. So far we have six candidates, and hope to have 15 by the deadline.

I commend all brothers who came out for the March for Life in our national capitol on January 27, 2017. The wind was gusty, but it did not deter the marchers. Let continue to pray for the unborn and fight for their rights.



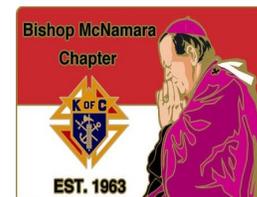
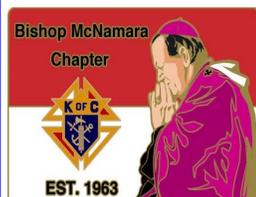
Do not forget to be your brother's keeper. Check up on brothers that you have not seen at the meeting, and make sure that they are doing great and find out if there is anything we can do to help in any way we can.



**REMEMBER THAT WE HAVE CHANGED OUR MEETING TIME FROM 8 P.M. TO 7 P.M., WITH REFRESHMENTS SERVED AT 6:30 P.M.**

## McNAMARA CHAPTER

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This month's Bishop McNamara Chapter meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at St. John the Evangelist Council 11171, 8910 Old Branch Avenue, Clinton, Maryland. The meeting will start promptly at 8 P.M. Remember **all** Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, District Deputies, District Wardens are strongly urged to attend and meet and greet our State Officers and Chairman. Grand Knights are also encouraged to bring their Chair Officers and Committee Chairman. Future McNamara Chapter meetings and events for the remainder of this fraternal year are listed below:

- March 15<sup>th</sup>, St. Mary's Council 1470
- March 19<sup>th</sup>, Past Chapter President's Ball
- April 19<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council 6793
- May 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Elizabeth Council 12796 (Chapter Elections)
- June 21<sup>th</sup>, James C. Fletcher Council 11422 (Exchange of Jewels)
- June TBD, Regency Furniture Stadium (Blue Crabs Game)

Please note that during this quarter, the election cycle for officers for the 2017-2018 fraternal year will commence with the appointment of the Election Committee at the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Election Committee shall assemble a slate of candidates for submittal for Chapter Officer elections.



## PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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February, although the shortest month of the year, is very significant in terms of its meaning to our council. This month we celebrate Black History and the accomplishments, endeavors, trials and triumphs of those who paved the way for us to enjoy the freedoms and liberties of our country. Many brave men and women have given their lives to advance the causes of civil rights, equal rights and religious freedoms that many of us now take for granted. In our own council, we have many members who have lived through and shared in the struggles of those who made our country's leaders stand up and take notice of the people whose voices were never heard or whose voices were silenced through indifference.

Some of our senior members and charter members have valuable information and history to share about our council, our community and our faith during the times of segregation and civil rights. Senior members such as Judge William Missouri, Joseph Marshall, James Shorter, Charles Radcliffe, Howard Wynn, Wilson Wiley, James Barnes, Vernon Hawkins, David Martin and Harold Sanders are a treasure trove of information and history. I encourage all members to reach out to these men and others to learn from them so that the history they have lived continues to endure and resonate far into the future. Our Chancellor Michael Younger, Financial Secretary John Grier and Deputy Grand Knight Bernard Broadus will assist you if you would like to contact these men or others in the council.

May we all seek to learn as much as we can about how far we as a council and Black and African Americans have come in the past sixty years.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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We will kick off our **Lenten Fish Fry** Season on March 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be one additional Fish Fry on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Parishioner and community support for this event has been awesome over the years. See flyer below.

**James C. Fletcher Jr. Council 11422**  
**LENTEN FISH FRY**  
**MAR 17 & MAR 31**  
**12 Noon – 5 P.M.**  
**St Joseph Church**  
**2020 Saint Joseph Drive**  
**Largo, MD 20774**  
**Dinner \$10.00 Fish Sandwich \$7.00**

  
Soda \$1



  
Cake \$1

**DINNER MENU**  
WHITING FILLET or CROAKER (w/Bone)  
2 SIDES  
CORN BREAD / SLICED BREAD

**SIDES**  
Potato Salad Cole Slaw  
Macaroni & Cheese  
String Beans Collards

**PLACE YOUR ORDER / INFORMATION**  
Cal Thompson 301-928-2157 Harold Sanders 301-390-7150  
Calls Must Be Placed Between 9 A.M. & 5 P.M. Weekday Only  
No Call in Orders Accepted After 2 P.M. Day Of The Event

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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Congratulations to Sir Knight John A. Adeleye, Sr. on his receiving of the Archdiocese Manifesting the Kingdom Award. He was among 156 individuals from parishes and Catholic organizations across the Archdiocese of Washington who were honored for their exceptional service to the local church. This is the third time that the "Manifesting the Kingdom" award has been given in the archdiocese since Cardinal Wuerl became archbishop in 2006.

Manifesting the Kingdom Awards are given by the diocesan bishop to laypeople and consecrated women and men who demonstrate the presence of Jesus in their lives and have participated in an exceptional way in showing forth the kingdom of God among us.

The awards recognize exceptional service to the church reflected in so many different ways in the lives, ministry and work of those who receive them.

**Congratulations to brother John and the Adeleye family!**  
**We are very proud of you.**



**Lady Bosede & John A. Adeleye, Sr.**



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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## Mardi Gras Time At St. Joseph

The James C. Fletcher Council Mardi Gras has been a council staple since the institution of the council in 1994. It was the brain children of the late Past Grand Knight, SK Deacon Leon J. Bechet. It has proven to be the catalyst of the council's major yearly events. The council, parishioner and community support has been fantastic. Although ticket sales seen to follow a patent, very slow sales, a slight increase in sales, and then are there any more tickets left. So it is with sales this year, it is a sell out. Thanks to our co-chairman, Cal Thompson and Vernon Hawkins (shown below); and a host of council members fulfilling a myriad of positions to make the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council Annual Mardi Gras a success.

*We will do it all again on February 25, 2017*





## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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### Squires Circle



The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Squires Circle 04712 is back in the mix. An informal social meeting was held on Sunday, January 29, 2017. Dignitaries were greeted and current officers were recognized. If the Council could have a group of *Mini Me's* this group would be it.

Statement from Chief Councilor was given with a re-introduction of Squires Mission and goals for re-establishment and distribution of applications to candidates. A Patriotic presentation was performed and several moves from the Manual of The Sword were performed. The hierarchy of our Order from candidate, to Council to Assembly and from Chapter to State was broken down to the membership. The Chief Squire spoke to the members about his vision for the remainder of the year.

New candidates were asked to stand, introduced themselves and gave backgrounds. Activities for remainder of the year were announced and he emphasized that if there is no work there is no play. He also stated that he has learned never to give up and that perseverance was the key to success. He stated that the reason he was Chief Squire was because he didn't give up and worked hard by serving his Church and his Circle. Our Worthy Faithful Navigator, Ike Agbim of the Bishop Walsh Assembly was present and further emphasized how important the Squires Circle is.



The trumpet is sounded and our Young Knights to be stepped up. As the Squires membership continues to grow, so does the future of our Council membership. This year we expect at least two Squires to become First Degree Knights.



PGK Ike Agaim, Michael Youngers, Efrain Andrews, FDD Michael Davenport, DD Emeka Onwezi

Brother Knights *Michael Younger* and *Efrain Andrews* celebrates their 1-year anniversary as members of the Knights of Columbus. Their inception as Knights happened on a chilly Thursday evening on January 21, 2016 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Largo, Maryland. The James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422, Admission Degree Team under the leadership of *SK Harold Sanders, Jr.* conducted a degree to induct two new members into the council. They each had met all the requirements for membership and successfully completed the Admission Degree (formerly titled First Degree).

*Michael* and *Efrain* have "hit the ground running" and have been active members of the council since their induction. *Michael* serves as the council's Chancellor and *Efrain* as the Family Activities Director. They constantly set the example as volunteers for participation in all council activities. Thank You *Michael* and *Efrain* for all that you do.

I ask you to join me in congratulating our brother Knights *Michael Youngers* and *Efrain Andrews*.

**NOTE:** Brothers, our first Admission Degree of the year will be held on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 P.M. Everyone please join us as we welcome new Brothers into our Order. Team Members, we will have a practice, date TBD before the 16<sup>th</sup>



## Thank You John

His contributions to the Council are legendary. Past Grand Knight  
*Sir Knight John W. Huntley*  
continues to give of his Time and Talents.

*Vivat Jesus!*





## CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

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### Brother Knights,

We launch our Spring community prayer campaign to end abortion on FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup>, in GREENBELT. We have a great Keynote Speaker, Ms. Mary Forr, Director of Life Issues, Archdiocese of Washington. The theme of this campaign is, *'We hold human life sacred.'* She will remind us of our Christian responsibility to defend the Preborn Child, because all Human Life, is sacred.

The concept of Human Life being sacred has been under ever increasing attack due to technological advances as reported in the news. Genetic engineers have developed third parent human life and in-vitro fertilization continues to be advertised in major radio markets like Washington, DC. Following Mary Forr's address we welcome Ms. Katherine Hunter (Sidewalk Advocates for Life) presentation on the spiritual preparation and prayer methods for more fully participating in the 40 Days For Life prayer mission this campaign season (March 1 - April 9). This Spring Campaign, 40 Days Kickoff rally takes place in the [St. Hugh of Grenoble Church](#), in Greenbelt.

Our Kickoff Rally will offer you prayer cards for society to protect the life of all pre-born children and prayers for the conversion of the Gohari Family. We pray specifically for Dr. Amir Gohari who commits surgical abortions into the Second Trimester. We pray for the 1,800 or more women per year who reject the idea of providing life for their child. Our 40 Days Spring Campaign allows us to pray at Calvary, at the foot of the cross. Through the grace of God we can provide women the courage to *reject* abortion and obtain the help they need to be caring mothers for their new child.

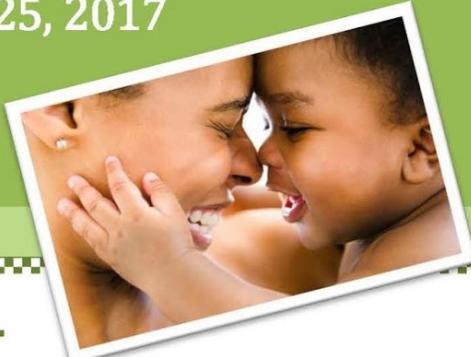
Enjoy Light refreshments / Educational Literature / Pledge Forms / Prayer Cards / Bumper Stickers / Buttons / Pens / Pencils / Balloons / Fellowship and More!

Life isn't always flowers, but it is always precious.

# Kickoff Rally

10:30 AM Saturday Feb 25, 2017

St. Hugh Church- Grenoble Hall  
135 Crescent Rd.  
Greenbelt, MD 20770



**We hold human life sacred.**



**A Prayerful,  
Peaceful, Pro-Life  
Message**



### Ms. Mary Forr

Our Keynote Speaker Teaches Us Why:  
- All Human Life is Sacred -  
- We Educate Leaders on the Sanctity of Life -  
- We Practice Chastity and Self Control -

### Ms. Katherine Hunter

(Leader, Sidewalk Advocates for Life) Offers Us:  
- Ideas to Improve Your Prayer Life -  
- An Invitation to Become a Sidewalk Advocate -

Light Refreshments and Prayer Resources will be Provided

### Bring a Friend!

Mary Forr received her B.A. in Political Science and Masters of Education from the University of Notre Dame. She has sought to promote the dignity and beauty of all life through her work. Mary founded a non-profit for adults with special needs and has taught in Atlanta, GA and at St. Peter School on Capital Hill. Mary is currently the Director of Life Issues for the Archdiocese of Washington.



## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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### *Family of the Month Virginette & Isaiah Scott*



The **Virginette Scott** family has been part of the Saint Joseph family since August 1997. Since then, Virginette Scott became a member of the Community Choir under Author Wynn and then in 2001, she joined the Gospel Choir. As member of the Gospel Choir, she has held the office of Secretary and Financial Secretary. She is also an Assistant Director for the Gospel Choir and the Children and Youth Choir.

In 2008, she began leading the Youth Ministry. Five years ago, Virginette started the Peer Tutoring Program here at St. Joseph, as a means to provide community service opportunities to the youth while providing a service to the community.

She has been a member of the St. Joseph Church Planning Committee for the Vacation Bible School. In 2008, she and her son, Isaiah, joined the Cub Scout Pack 1294 here at St. Joseph. Virginette served as Den Leader. Isaiah later became a member of the Boy Scouts, and was promoted to the rank of Tenderfoot. Isaiah also has been a member of the Youth and Children's Choir since he was four years old. He is currently a Cantor, an Altar Server, and a member of Hospitality Ministry. Isaiah is also an excellent musician, his piano performances are legendary. He is an active member of the Youth Ministry and is a member of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Squires Circle in which he held positions of Bursar and Chief Squire.

The Scott family is dedicated our church and graciously gives thanks to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for His goodness, love and many blessings. **Amen**

EACH OF US IS A  
**MASTERPIECE**  
OF GOD'S CREATION.



## KC LADIES

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**We are coming back!** Mark your calendars! Spread the news! The **KC Ladies Annual Pancake Breakfast** will be Sunday, March 5, 2017 immediately following the 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. Masses.

Breakfast includes the works: pancakes, sausage, eggs, grits and more. I'm sure you remember the delicious fried apples! It is a great opportunity to fellowship with your St. Joseph family.

**JAMES C. FLETCHER, JR. COUNCIL 11422**  
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**KC LADIES' ANNUAL**




**PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017**

**After the 8:30 & 11:00 Morning Masses**

Pancakes		Sausage
Eggs		Ham
Grits		Coffee
Fried Potatoes		Milk
Fried Apples		Juice

**Adults \$9.00**  
**Children, 9 and under \$5.00**




## BREAKING NEWS

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**Washington, DC** - Each year, The Jack and Lovell Olender Foundation recognizes law students and other national and local heroes at an annual awards ceremony at the Kennedy Center. This year, Mr. Jack H. Olender will present the Earl H. Davis Award to six UDC David A. Clarke School of Law students for their outstanding service on behalf of clients in our clinical program. Please join us in congratulating these students.



**Thomas F. "Matthews" IV** served as a student attorney in the Juvenile and Special Education Law Clinic, where he zealously advocated for his client's right to a free, appropriate education. Matthews' worked tirelessly to secure free transportation to and from a private school suited to meet his client's special education needs; transition services – job training – for his client to prepare for entry into the work force upon completion of school; and a private tutor for supplemental educational support for his client. In addition to his clinic work, Matthews has served as a Teaching Assistant to Judge Milton Lee; a Researcher Assistant to Professor Andrew Ferguson, where he researched the application of the Fourth Amendment in minority communities; and a volunteer with the Clemency Project 2014, working to secure the early release of non-violent criminal offenders of drug-related offenses.

Matthews has been elected to the Student Bar Association for the past three years, is an Associate Editor of the UDC Law Review, and was recently re-appointed as the student liaison to the ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defense. He is also a Dean's Fellow, and a UDC David A. Clarke School of Law Continuing Merit Scholarship recipient for demonstrating academic excellence and commitment to service.

# Considering a Vocation to Priesthood?

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men!" Mt 4:19





## REFLECTIONS

Lawrence P. Grayson

### A Window to Advance the Culture of Life

The unpredicted results of the 2016 election have created the most significant opportunity for restoring the protection of life at all stages, since abortion was legalized in 1973. The Vice President and newly-nominated Cabinet members heading key departments are steadfastly pro-life, and both Houses of Congress have pro-life voting records. Most encouraging, less than 72 hours after he was inaugurated, President Trump issued an Executive Order to reinstate the Mexico City Policy which bans the use of federal funds from promoting or performing abortions in other countries. The President also has stated he will sign the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which prohibits abortion after 20 weeks of gestation, make the Hyde Amendment, which prevents taxpayer-Medicaid dollars from funding abortions but requires annual approval, permanent law, defund Planned Parenthood, and appoint constitutional-originalists who believe in pro-life to the Supreme Court.

This political alignment is unlikely to occur again in our lifetimes. If significant changes are not made – and done quickly – to eliminate oppressive executive orders and regulations and enshrine in law the protection of human life from conception until natural death, the pro-life movement will have no one to blame but itself.

The predominance of religious believers in the present Congress will be hard to retain. Currently, 91 percent of the members identify themselves as Christian, compared to 71 percent of the general population. The overrepresentation is even greater among Catholics – 31.4 percent of the members claim that faith, while 21 percent of the adults in the country do.

Conversely, 23 percent of U.S. adults are “nones” – that is, they consider themselves to be atheists, agnostics or have no religious persuasion – while only 0.2 percent of the members of Congress have no denominational affiliation. It is too early to tell when and how the increasing number of religiously-unaffiliated voters will express their political influence, but any group that represents nearly one-quarter of the electorate cannot be ignored. If the unaffiliated become a significant political bloc, they most likely will oppose Catholic teaching on marriage, abortion, religious freedom, assisted suicide, and transgender prerogatives.

It is time for bold action. Political and social change requires strong leadership, a committed constituency and principled courage. This is certainly true in dealing with moral issues, such as abortion. The political leadership is in place. An unanswered question, however, is: Will Christian religious leaders, including the Catholic hierarchy, support them?

In the short term, when political gains can be made, a lot will depend on how Christian politicians vote. Will they adhere to the teachings of their claimed faiths or follow opposing desires of vocal and often minority segments of the people they represent? Will many Catholic politicians continue to claim they are personally opposed to abortion or same-sex marriage or other violations of Church teachings, but will not deny others from having those options? If they do, will they receive censure from the bishops?

There also is a constituency, as a majority of Americans identify as pro-life and favor restrictions on abortions. A Knights of Columbus/Marist poll released on January 23 found that 74 percent of the U.S. population, including 55 percent of those who supported Hillary Clinton for president, would restrict abortion to at most the first three months of pregnancy. A similar poll in January 2016 found that 61 percent of Americans, including 6 in 10 pro-choice supporters, favor laws that would ban abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy, except to save the life of the mother.

Further, in contrast to the segment of the population advocating abortion, the pro-life movement has a large and growing component of passionate young people. This bodes well for the future. *Students for Life*, for instance, which hired its first staff member in 2006, now has pro-life groups on 1,031 campuses in all 50 states. At the March for Life in recent years, the Verizon Center and Armory in Washington, DC, which combined have seating for over 30,000 people, have been filled to capacity for the Youth Rally and Mass for Life. The number of teenagers and young adults who participate in the March so awed then-NARAL President Nancy Keenan that in 2012 she bemoaned, “There are so many of them, and they are so young.”

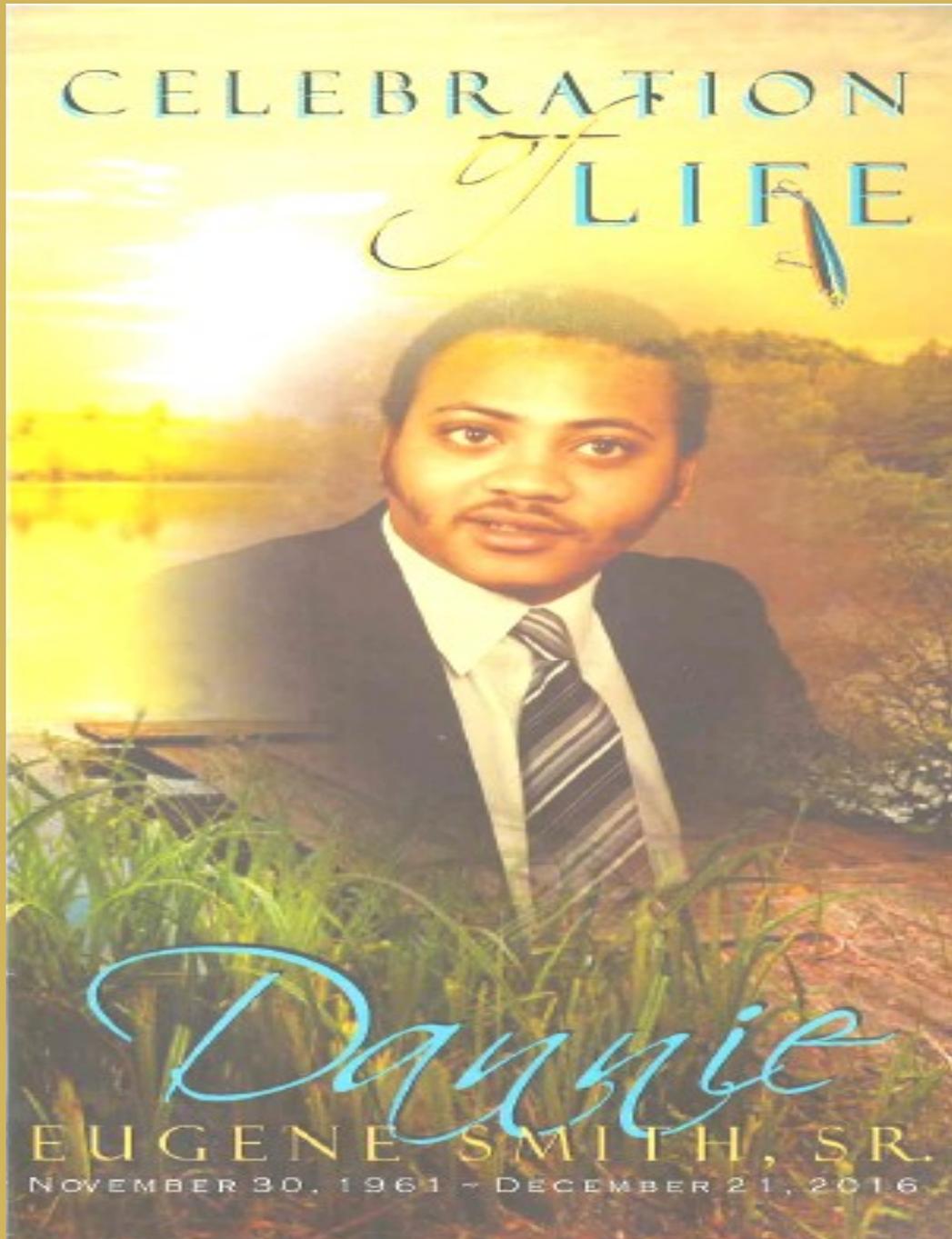
With regard to moral courage, it certainly is not lacking among the youth. Lila Rose was 15 when she started *Live Action*, and did her first undercover investigation of abortion providers three years later. David Daleiden was in his early 20s when he founded the *Center for Medical Progress* to engage in citizen journalism. Shortly thereafter, he exposed Planned Parenthood’s illegal selling of parts of aborted children. In spite of strong social, political and legal opposition, Rose and Daleiden have persisted in their efforts to demonstrate that abortion is not a compassionate response to women’s health, but a sordid and callous business. In less dramatic ways, but also requiring moral firmness, many young people have started pro-life groups on college campuses in spite of hostility from pro-choice students and resistance from faculty members and administrators. Many of them are unrelenting in their desire to support life.

Enacting laws to restrict abortion, as important as this is, is only a partial solution. Laws can be rescinded or amended. What is needed is a conversion of the hearts and minds of the American people, a spiritual renewal, the development of a public morality. When a majority of the American people truly believes in God, recognizes that He created men and women in His image and likeness, and acknowledges the innate dignity of every person, laws will be less necessary and it will be possible to create a societal culture of life that will prevail for generations to come.

This will not be easy or quick, but it is not unattainable. It can be won with God’s help enlisted through prayer, penance, and the Sacraments. Let us support the pro-life efforts of the nation’s new political leadership, and pray for their success.



*Let Us Always Remember*



*The Family of Dannie E. Smith, Sr. would like to express their deep appreciation for the acts of kindness, sympathy, and comforting prayers during the passing of our loved one. A special thanks to the Saint Joseph Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus Council. May God bless all of you.*



# Catholics *in* Annapolis

FEBRUARY 15, 2017 • 3-8 p.m.



"Politics is one of the highest forms of charity because it seeks the common good." - Pope Francis

Meet your legislators and build a positive relationship with them by sharing the great work and the Good News of the Church in Maryland lived out through the works of our ministries, charities, hospitals, schools, parishes and communities. How? Mingle with like-minded Catholics at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Catholics in Annapolis! We will brief you on the relevant issues considered by the General Assembly from a faith perspective and provide shuttles for your visits to your legislators' offices. Then, join us at a reception (catered by the Iron Rooster) for all the members of the General Assembly and our Bishops and other Church leaders.

#### BRIEFINGS:

**St. John Neumann Mission Church**  
620 N. Bestgate Road, Annapolis 21403  
(3-4:30 p.m.)

#### MEETINGS AND RECEPTION:

**House and Senate Legislative Office Buildings**  
Rowe Boulevard, Annapolis  
(Shuttles available; 4:30-8 p.m.)

#### REGISTRATION:

Event and reception are free but registration is required: [www.MdCatholic.org/LobbyNight](http://www.MdCatholic.org/LobbyNight)  
If you cannot make the 3 p.m. briefing, we encourage you to attend the 6 p.m. reception!

#### QUESTIONS?

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# MARDI GRAS



FEATURING  
"THE EXCLUSIVES"

Date: Saturday, February 25, 2017  
Time: 7pm 'til Midnight  
Where: St. Joseph's Rosmont Room  
202 S. Joseph's Drive  
Largo, MD 20774  
(301) 773-4838



**SOLD OUT**

*Menu*  
Seafood Gumbo w/Rice  
Chicken Gumbo w/Rice  
Baked Chicken  
Meatballs  
Potato Salad  
Coke/Pil  
Crisp Buns  
Roux Butter  
Cake  
Punch/Ice Tea  
Bottled Water  
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# FAMILY FUN DAY

# @ HERSHEY PARK

**DATE: SUNDAY, April 30, 2017**

**TIME: 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.**

**PRICE: \$31.00 per person** Children 2 & under free. (Regular Admission Price is \$62.95)



**Park is closed to the public**  
Everyone is invited.... family, friends, parishes,  
youth groups, schools, CCD Classes

NO REFUNDS or RAIN DATE.  
Free parking will be provided \* Concessions open  
Water Park Rides will not open until Memorial Day

#### Hershey provides a Cost Saving LUNCH:

All you can eat picnic lunch served 12:00 noon thru 3:00 p.m.  
Price \$18.55 per person. (much cheaper than concession stands)  
**Lunch includes:** Flame-broiled all-beef hamburger, hot dog, potato chips,  
pasta salad, fruit salad, lettuce, tomato, cheese, ice cream, novelties, sodas &  
lemonade. Lunch Tickets not sold after 4/23/17

#### How to order tickets:

CREDIT CARD – use this link and promo code <http://tinyurl.com/MDSTATECOUNCIL>

Promo Code: 71568 or GO TO OUR WEBSITE <http://www.kofc-md.org>

We have made this the easiest and best way to order tickets. After ordering, you will be able to print your tickets.

Discounted Hotels: **Holiday Inn Express:** (717) 534-2272, **Best Western Inn Hershey:** (717) 533-5665 **Days Inn Hershey:** (717) 534-1262, **Holiday Inn:** (717) 939-7841

# ITALY PILGRIMAGE

11 DAYS: NOVEMBER 6-16, 2017

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Florence  
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Orvieto  
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# Smiley Central™

**I Had It All:** I talked to a homeless man this morning and asked him how he ended up this way.

He said, “Up until last week, I still had it all. I had plenty to eat, my clothes were washed and pressed, I had a roof over my head, I had TV and Internet, and I went to the gym, the pool, and the library. I was working on my MBA on-line. I had no bills and no debt. I even had full medical coverage.”

I felt sorry for him, so I asked, “What happened? Drugs? Alcohol? Divorce?”

“On no, nothing like that,” he said. “No, no . . . . . I was just paroled.”

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A Blonde calls her boyfriend and says, “Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can’t figure out how to get started.”

Her boyfriend asks, “What is it supposed to be when it’s finished?”

The blonde says, “According to the picture on the box, it’s a rooster.”

Her boyfriend decides to go over and help with puzzle. She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table. He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says, “First of all, no matter what we do, we’re not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster.”

He then takes her hand and says, “Secondly, I want you to relax. Let’s have a nice cup of tea, and then. . . . .” he said with a deep sigh,

“Let’s put all these Corn Flakes back in the box.

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My six-year-old grandson called his mother from his friend Charlie’s house and confessed he had broken a lamp when he threw a football in their living room.

“But, Mom,” he said, brightening, “you don’t have to worry about buying another one. Charlie’s mother said it was irreplaceable.”

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A guy walks into a bar and sees a dog playing poker. The guy is amazed that the dog is playing poker.

“Bartender, is that a real dog playing poker?” The guy asks.

Yep, real as can be.” the bartender replies.

“Well is he any good?” the guy asks.

“Na, every time he has a good hand he wags his tail.”

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**Question:** Why did the scarecrow get a promotion?

**Answer:** Because he was outstanding in his field.

## Maryland State Council Officers

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District Warden	Michael P. Akpan

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**“HAPPY BIRTHDAY”**  
**\*\*FEBRUARY\*\***  
**- 2017 -**

- 02 Francis N. Somerville
- 04 G. Emeka Onwezi, DD
- 06 John M. Doherty
- 07 Michael M. Turay
- 08 Deacon Steven A. Nash
- 09 Joseph E. Jenifer
- 11 Jose R. Barberena
- 18 James Bernard Broadus
- 20 Agya Y. Adomako-Arhin
- 22 Ernest E. Bennett
- 27 Antonio D. De Leonibus
- 28 John W. Huntley



**“The Joy  
 Of A  
 February  
 Birthday”**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**\*\*FEBRUARY\*\***



- 02 World Day For Consecrated Life
- 02 **Council Business Meeting - 7:30 PM**
- 02 Groundhog Day
- 05 Super Bowl
- 11 AWD Meeting, 10:00 AM
- 12 Lincoln’s Birthday
- 13 Bishop Walsh Meeting, 7 PM
- 14 **Valentine’s Day**
- 15 McNamara Chapter Meeting-Council 9258
- 16 **Council Meeting (Admission Degree) - 7:30 PM**
- 19 **Knights Sunday, 11:00 AM Mass**
- 19 State Free Throw Contest Finals, Spaulding H.S.
- 20 Presidents’ Day
- 22 George Washington’s Birthday
- 25 Fletcher Council Mardi Gras Ball

**Marian Title for February**  
**Our Lady of  
 Bearing**



The Blessed Virgin showed herself 35 times. These Apparitions of Our Blessed Lady occurred in Namur, Belgium in 1932 and 1933. In that period of time, the small town boasted about 2,400 people. It was at the convent of the sisters of Christian Doctrine of Nancy in a small replica of a Lourdes Grotto that these apparitions occurred.

The Blessed Virgin Mary told the children to “Always be good.” And it was especially important to her that they attend the Mass of the Immaculate Conception for which 15,000 people came. She told them to “Pray, pray very much.”

She asked several things of the children including that a chapel be built, she wished for people to come on pilgrimage, she stated “I am the Immaculate Virgin,” and she showed them her golden and Immaculate Heart.

During the final days of the apparitions, each child received a secret, none of which have been revealed. But to Finance Violin, a fifteen year old visionary, she asked, “Do you love My Son?” To which Fernanda replied “Yes.” Spectators reported hearing a loud thunderous sound and seeing a ball of fire coming from the sky as this was happening. “Do you love me?” She asked. “Yes,” Fernanda replied. “Then sacrifice yourself for me.”

Everybody hears Her say: “Adieu!” In the apparitions which occurred after the 29<sup>th</sup> of December the children continually see ‘A heart surrounded by rays of light’. This is why people here call Mary: “Mother with the Golden heart”.

The feast day of Our Blessed Lady of Bearing is celebrated on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.



**Please, Remember In Your Prayers**



**Members Who Are Ill**

- |                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Howard Wynn         | James Shorter    |
| Mervyn Chancellor   | William Missouri |
| Joseph Marshall     | William Tolbert  |
| Kenneth Hinton      | Charles Ratcliff |
| Deacon Al D. Turner | Joseph Jenifer   |

**Deceased**

Dannie E. Smith