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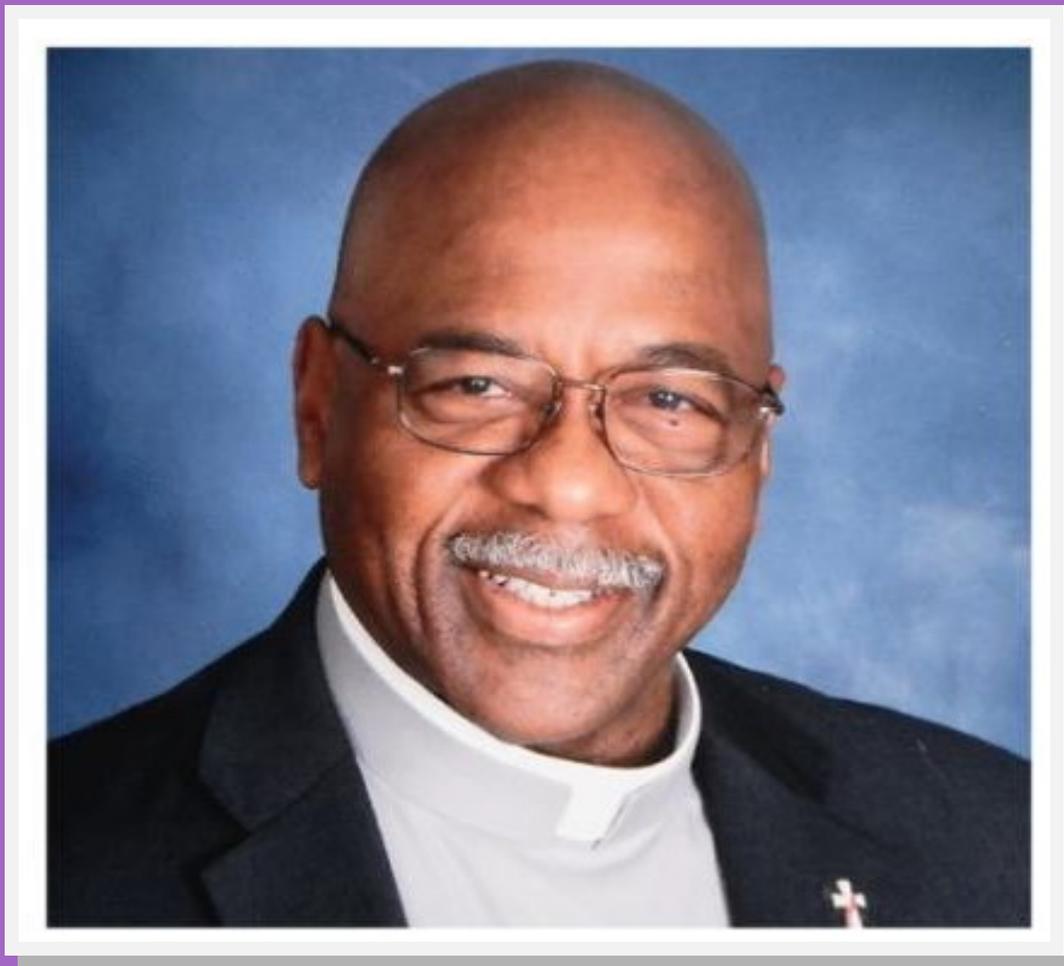
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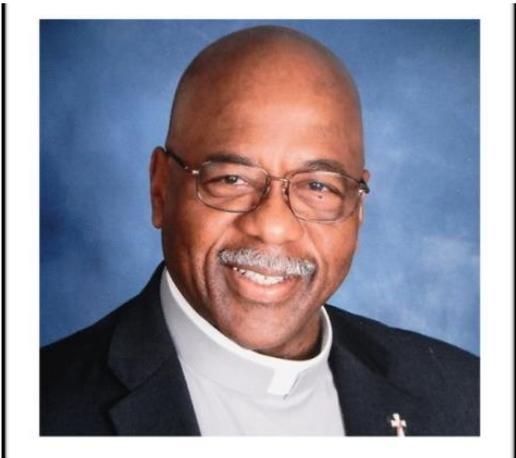
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Deacon Al Douglas Turner*



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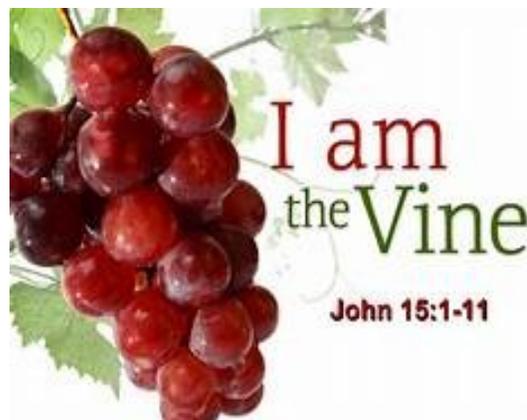
*“Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit”*

*by Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr.*



Picture a grapevine. The vine grows and has branches growing out from it. What do you suppose the vine grower would do when he checks this vine and finds that there are branches that appear dead, because they are not bearing fruit? These branches have ceased to receive nourishment from the vine, so they no longer live in the vine and can no longer bear fruit. He will cut them off since they have become useless to him.

Now the vine grower turns his attention to the branches that are bearing fruit. The branches that are bearing fruit willingly receive nourishment from the vine, using that nourishment to produce fruit. The fruit of these branches will be more branches attached to and living in the nourishment of the vine. He lovingly trims or “prunes” them so that they get more nourishment and can bear even more fruit.



God the Father is the vine grower, Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. The Father will “prune” us to bear even more fruit, as long as we willingly receive nourishment from Jesus, the vine. The fruit that we must bear is bringing others to Christ. We bear that fruit by living as Jesus, our vine, lives. We are called to a life growing in holiness, because we willingly receive the nourishment of Jesus’ love and grace. Our heavenly Father will “prune” us to increase our capacity to receive that love and grace. Then we will be able to bear more fruit as the Father commands, which is to lead more souls to Christ by the love and care we give them.

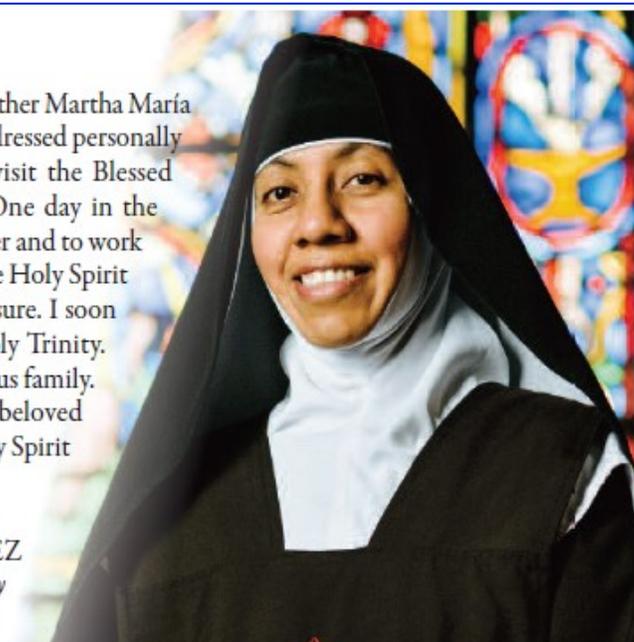
The Father’s command is this: “Believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as He commanded us.”

“Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth.”

## **‘THE HOLY SPIRIT PUT THIS DESIRE IN MY SOUL.’**

As an adolescent, I was fortunate enough to meet our order’s founder, Mother Martha María Ramírez Mora. She helped me see the Word of God as a living Word, addressed personally to me. I began to regularly read the Good News, pray the rosary, visit the Blessed Sacrament, receive daily Communion and practice acts of service. One day in the presence of the Holy Eucharist, I felt the desire to belong to Christ forever and to work only for him. Proper spiritual direction helped me to understand that the Holy Spirit had put this desire in the deepest part of my soul and that it was a treasure. I soon discovered that my heart’s desire was to become a Carmelite of the Holy Trinity. I give thanks to the Holy Trinity for creating me to be part of this religious family. I return God’s love by following the example of Holy Mary and our beloved founder. I pray for all those who have a religious vocation — may the Holy Spirit grant them the grace to discover it and to return love to God.

SISTER MARTHA PATRICIA MALACARA MARTÍNEZ  
*Allied Discalced Carmelites of the Holy Trinity*





## HOMILY

Rev. Robert P. Boxie, III  
Parochial Vicar

### Feast of the Annunciation



Today is very personal for me, one of my favorite solemnities on the liturgical calendar. My priesthood ordination card has the famous image of the Annunciation, a 15<sup>th</sup> century fresco by Fra Angelico. Today serves as a reminder for me of what grounds my priesthood—saying YES to God and only doing his will. I even used the citation from Hebrews, which is taken from today's Psalm 40, as one of the quotes on my card, which says "Behold, I come to

do your will."

This great feast presents us a unique opportunity to reflect on the two great mysteries of our faith—the Paschal Mystery and the Incarnation. There's something more we should take away from this solemnity being celebrated AFTER Easter (actual date of commemoration is March 25<sup>th</sup>—9 months before Christmas). Usually we celebrate the conception or the announcement of a birth BEFORE the death. BUT We have just finished the octave of Easter, celebrating the paschal mystery—the passion, death, and glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ (followed by the Ascension—closes it out). This is the **CULMINATION** of the Father's plan of salvation for all of humanity. With the Annunciation TODAY—Mary's unequivocal AND unambiguous, bold YES to God—we celebrate the **BEGINNING** of the Father's plan of salvation. This is the precise moment in time when heaven joins earth, where the Divine Source of pure love encounters the human fountain of perfect acceptance, in the Daughter of Zion, purified through centuries of waiting and expectation, as foretold in the words of the prophet Isaiah. With Mary's confident YES, the Word has taken human flesh, and EVERYTHING has been created anew. We can extend our joy in the Easter season another day because Mary said YES!

In keeping these 2 mysteries juxtaposed—the conception and the culmination, the start and the finish—what becomes central to both is the presence of the **BODY**. The "body has been prepared by God," through the power of the Holy Spirit. Two bodies—the body of the

Virgin Mary—as the perfect vessel for the God to be born, AND the Body of Jesus Christ, the body conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Both bodies represent God's promise, his preeminent sign, his covenant with us of "Emmanuel"—that God is with us—that the divine power has definitely broken into our material world and wedded himself to humanity. It is a body like our own—it senses, feels, moves, grows, and also one that lived, breathed, and walked this very earth like every other human being. This body is also the perfect sacrifice, the oblation willingly and obediently offered on the cross, that consecrated each of us and represents the hope of humanity.

The connection between these 2 mysteries—the mystery of the Incarnation, Paschal Mystery—can be drawn out more because of obedience. Jesus was able to offer his body as a sacrifice to the Father in obedience because of what happened at the Annunciation. The Annunciation was not only the **PRECURSOR** but also the **PROLOGUE** to the Paschal Mystery. Jesus' humble and obedient submission to the will of the Father was learned from his Mother, who humbly and obediently offered her will to that of the Father, and in so doing, conceived in her womb the body that was to save the human race. We must do the same with our bodies: ensure that our bodies are able to receive God (like Mary) and make an offering of our bodies (like Jesus).

So, on this special of feast days, we celebrate the Paschal Mystery, as we do at every mass, receiving the **BODY OF CHRIST** that has been prepared and offered for us in the Eucharist. We should likewise begin each day recalling the Annunciation and the mystery of the Incarnation with our daily **FIAT**. Receiving body of our Lord in the Eucharist, our spiritual food, gives us the graces to respond completely with a YES to God, humbly and obediently submitting ourselves and our bodies to his Word and becoming instruments of his will. When we do this, we follow the example of both Mary and Jesus Christ, and we can say confidently, boldly every day, without hesitation, along with the Psalmist, "Here I am Lord; I come to do your will."

Homily – Feast of the Annunciation 2018



**GRAND KNIGHT'S CHRONICLE**



***“Trust in the Lord with all your heart”***  
***By Grand Knight J. Bernard Broadus***



***Brother Knights,***

Every now and then one gets to examine one’s conscious. Such as what makes you eligible to become a Knight of Columbus? Age? Yep, you must be a least 18 years of age. Practical Catholic? Now comes the examination ....

- Attend Mass on Sundays and holy days. Check!
- Confess your sins at least once a year. Check!
- Receive Eucharistic Sacrament during Easter. Check!
- Observe Church’s days of fasting and abstinence. Check!
- Provide for the needs of the Church

And follow the commandments of God. Check!!!

All of these make for a good knight, but even more a good catholic. Let us all strive to be good Catholics and to remember always, kindness to our neighbors.

A new season always brings changes. Some are good and some not so good. Let us begin with the good. Congratulations to Bishop Campbell on his one year anniversary of becoming a bishop. And again, Congratulations to Bishop Campbell who will be celebrating his 11<sup>th</sup> year being a priest. Congratulations also to Deacon Turner and Lady Jane as they embark on a new journey living in Georgia. The two will be surely missed and thought of often.

And the council would like to give our deepest condolences to our beloved brother, Sir Knight Vernon Hawkins, on the passing of his brother. You and your family are in our prayers and thoughts.

***Just Hanging Out With A Brother Knight***  
***Past Grand Knight Kermit Greasham & John Bechet***





## District Deputy's Report



**G. Emeka Onwezi**  
*District Deputy*

The month of May is a special month for every brother Knight in Maryland. It is the month when we hold our Maryland State Council's Convention. It is also an election month for our state officers. Further, at the convention, the councils that participated in the program activities, documented them and turned them to the state on time, will participate in the competition of which program comes first, second or third. The awards will be given out at the convention. For this year, the convention will be held in Ocean City, during the weekend of the first week of

this month. It is a weekend, where the Maryland State Council of the Knight of Columbus congratulates the councils for job well done in different program activities. In the past, James C. Fletcher, Jr Council 11422 had performed extremely well at the convention. I have no doubt that the council will live up to its expectation again this year.

Please continue to grow the order. Even though we are getting closer to the end of this fraternal year, we do not take break on recruitment and growing of our council and our order. We will continue to look for five members per month in our District 2.

The council's Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and program director should attend the next McNamara Chapter meeting, where new program model will be discussed. This will help the incoming Grand Knight, the program director and the council succeed during the next fraternal year.

The new council development in Maryland is doing very well. We already have two new Spanish council that will start this month, followed by the first Ukrainian council in the United States. Yes, here in Maryland, we will make the history.

Your council should continue in its charitable outreach. Continue to give in your community, your parish and your council. Start now to plan for the next year's box of joy program. It was successful this fraternal year. Also, do not forget the pennies from heaven campaign.

Even though we have only two months to go before the next fraternal year, continue to strive for star council. You can still do it.

Vivat Jesus!

**COME PRAY WITH US**



*All Council Members  
Are Invited To  
Knight's Sunday  
Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
Of The Month  
At The 11 A.M. Mass*

## State Deputy's Report



**Stephen M. Cohen**  
*State Deputy*

Well, May is here. Very soon we will be at the Annual State Convention where we will reward those councils who achieved so much during this fraternal year. It will be a time to socialize with old friends and meet new ones. This year's convention has shaped up to be a very good one.

May is also the time when Deputy Grand Knights or repeating Grand Knights should be making final plans for the coming fraternal year. The top of the list should be meeting with your Pastors and deciding on activities which fit into the New Initiative - Building

the Domestic Church while Strengthening our Parish. All Directors and Chairmen should know their expectations for the coming year. The council's calendar should be almost completed. Preparations for your council's organizational meeting should be in the final phases.

You should also be preparing to attend the Leadership Seminar at the end of June in Solomans Island. This will be a fun and fact filled weekend spent with the other incoming Grand Knights and your District Deputies. It will also give you the chance to meet with the entire State Team. **Don't forget, Ladies are invited and encouraged to attend.**

Membership in Maryland is still going well, we continue to bring new members into our Order and our councils. Recruiting is an ongoing effort, we don't stop in June and to a break for July and August. Recruitment is 365 days per year. We say so often, the words the new fraternal year, however it is really just the continuation of the previous year with some new leadership. The momentum must continue.

Our programs are alive and well. Continue to support your parish and your community. Ensure that we are supporting our special programs like Special Olympics, Ultrasound, the Charity Fund, and our Intellectually Disabled.

May is also the time to honor Mary, our Mother and the patroness of our Order. Please plan to do something special during the month to honor her and all of our Mothers.

Remember always, We are the Knights of Columbus. We are a People of Life For Life, Building a Civilization of Love.

Vivat Jesus

**Have You Visited The State Website Lately**  
[www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org)  
**Or the Maryland State Yahoo Group**  
<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/MDstatecouncil/info?yguid=46983702>



## SUPREME KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Carl A. Anderson - Supreme Knight

# St. Joseph's Humble, Decisive Witness Speaks Volumes To Our Culture Today



As Catholic fathers, one of our main responsibilities is to pass on the faith to our children. We do this best by living the faith in an engaging way and by attending Mass with our family. But we also need to teach our kids the basics of the faith at a young age and make sure their Catholic knowledge grows as they do.

In teaching about Jesus and Mary, a summary of Gospel stories and a review of the mysteries of the rosary provide an excellent primer. What can we say about St. Joseph, the husband of Mary and adoptive father of Jesus, who has no words recorded in the Bible? In our online age in which every stray thought can be texted or tweeted, we can present Joseph as a model for our times — a man of action who goes against the tides and trends of the world.

As we approach St. Joseph's feast day March 19<sup>th</sup>, con-

sider these five “countercultural” qualities of Joseph that can be instructive to our children, as well as to us.

**Attentive.** Our kids are bombarded by distracting media, yet they long for peace of heart and mind. As Pope Francis has observed, Joseph was “constantly attentive to God” and responded with courage to heavenly messengers who told him to put aside the opinion of others. St. John Paul II also said that because of his attentiveness, Joseph had the “power of making great decisions.” Our children, too, can do great things with St. Joseph at their side.

**Humble.** Social media, as forums for idealized personas and perfect images, are not noted for fostering humility. With a little guidance, our children can see through the online posturing and appreciate the value of honesty, the foundation of humility. Setting aside his own plans in order to follow God's will, Joseph “lowers himself and takes this great responsibility upon his shoulders,” explains Pope Francis. St. Joseph teaches us that humility does not mean passivity. Rather, his hidden life was defined by integrity and strength.

**Protective.** Our kids can feel vulnerable amid what Pope Francis calls a “throwaway culture,” which does not respect the dignity of the human person — especially the unborn, the poor, the elderly, the sick and others on the periphery. In the face of harmful influences such as cyberbullying and online pornography, we should appeal to our children's desire for protection. St. Joseph was the guardian, or *custos*, of Jesus, and he is now the patron of the universal Church. As a father, show your children that you stand strong with Joseph.

**Hardworking.** Although life today is vastly different than in the time of St. Joseph, the demands of hard work are still essentially the same. “Work was the daily expression of love in the life of the family of Nazareth,” wrote St. John Paul II. While our virtual age seeks pleasure first and is quick to demean or outsource menial labor, Joseph the carpenter rolls up his sleeves and reveals the dignity of human work. He is an example of someone who knows that hard work can be its own reward.

**Loving.** Our world is filled with distorted images of love that can cause our children great harm and heartache. Joseph is an antidote. Love for him was not red hearts and arrows but self-giving for the good of others. He also expressed a “tenderness,” notes Pope Francis, a “strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love.” Through St. Joseph, your kids can learn the true nature of love that is rooted in his care for Mary and Jesus.

Presenting St. Joseph with these countercultural virtues, we fathers should seek to imitate him in our own lives. That will be a win for our children, our families and ourselves.



## FRATERNAL BENEFITS

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### Protect What Matters Most — Your Family

Since its inception, the Knights of Columbus has been a family-first organization. Father McGivney strove to create an organization where Catholic men could come together to protect and support the families in their communities who needed it the most — including their own.

Today, the mission is the same. The Knights of Columbus has more than \$109 billion of life insurance in force, covering the lives of hundreds of thousands of our members and their families.

Knights across North America continue to trust the Order to protect them and see to it that their loved ones are well taken care of once they're gone. Are you one of those members?

Life insurance can help you protect your loved ones in all stages of your life. And understanding how life insurance can help you protect your family while achieving your financial goals is easier than you might think.

As brother Knights, we have the honor of being part of an organization that carries out its founding mission even hundreds of years later. Your Knights of Columbus dedicated field agent is here to help you achieve this same mission — now and for years to come. His job — his mission — is to help you determine the most cost-effective means of providing your family with the coverage they need. It's a proven fraternal system that has helped countless families.

Your dedicated field agent is available to provide a complimentary, comprehensive analysis to assess your family's situation. He will determine any financial shortfalls. He will also provide a solution that fits your family's budget through top-quality products: lines of life insurance, disability income insurance, long-term care insurance and retirement annuities.

We are an organization guided by ethical and moral values that has consistently earned the highest ratings of financial strength. Our charge remains the same as it did in 1882: To protect and provide for those in need. As your first commitment is to your family, our first commitment is to you.

Contact your local agent today and learn more about the coverage available to you through your membership with the Knights of Columbus. To find your local agent, visit [kofc.org/findagent](http://kofc.org/findagent).

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## McNAMARA CHAPTER

Vernon Hawkins, Jr. - Chapter President



I am sad to say, yet “happy” to say, that we are now in the Chapter Officer Election Cycle. At our meeting in February, I appointed the Nominating Committee to pull together a slate of candidates to run for each of the Chapter officer positions.

Thus far, the nominating slate is as follows:

Chaplain Fr. Joe Jenkins

Assist. Chaplain Deacon Jim Dominic

President Joe Massimini

Vice President Jack Giacalone

Secretary Jeffrey Koscho

Treasurer Michael Davenport

Marshal Phil Koscho

The May 17th Chapter meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth Council 12796, 917 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD, 20852. There will be two important items on the agenda for the May meeting;

- the election of officers for the 2018-2019 fraternal year, and
- our guest speaker will be our Regional MPC Director, Eric Johnson. Eric will speak to us about the new Supreme programs re-alignment under “Faith in Action”, which replaces “Surge with Service”.

Please plan to attend this important meeting and if you have any questions please let me know.

## WALSH ASSEMBLY NEWS

Michael P. Davenport - Faithful Navigator



"Day of The Dome" Walking with Mary at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Proud to be a Knight with my Brothers in Regalia and New Uniform. We Stand Together and the Tradition Continues! CHARITY! Shown above with Faithful Navigator, Sir Knight Michael P. Davenport from St. Joseph Catholic Church in Largo, Maryland is Mr. Roscoe W. Campbell and his son Ke'ola

**Fourth Degree Exemplification:** Please note below the rescheduled date for the Exemplification. The Exemplification will now be held on June 16, 2018 at St. Mary of the Mills in Laurel. If you have any candidate that was unable to attend the April Exemplification there is an opportunity sign them up to attend this one. The Worthy Master will accept paperwork up until June 2<sup>nd</sup>, so ask a fellow member to join with us the highest degree of the order. There are also one more opportunities for 2<sup>nd</sup> degree members to take their 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, so they can take the Fourth Degree on June 16th.





## PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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### Brothers,

We have successfully completed all of our scheduled programs for this fraternal year and have added new programs which will become part of the next year's fraternal schedule.

Ideas and suggestions for new and exciting programs are always welcomed by the Grand Knight, the Executive Committee and by all of our Activities Directors

We are always seeking new Activity Directors and co-chairs of committees to assist or replace those long serving members who wish to relinquish or share their positions. The council is currently seeking chairs for the **Tootsie Roll Campaign, Christmas Tree Sales, Christmas Party, Car Raffle Campaign and Mardi Gras Ball.**

We are also seeking help or chairs for **Church Activities Director, Youth Activities Director, Council Director and Council Lecturer.** Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. You will not be left alone as the members of these committees and the Directors you are replacing will **always, always** assist you.

Remember, **you will never be alone in service to the council.**

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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**Brothers,** the month of May is upon us and during this month in the tradition of the Catholic church, we honor our Blessed Mother Mary, the Queen of the Knights. We honor her for her role as the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ and for her role as Mother of the church. Here at St. Joseph, The Lady of Grace Sodality with assistance from the Knights will hold a May procession and Crowning of all the Statues of Mary in the church before and during the 11:00 Mass on May 6. Council members in council uniform and Color Corps members are encouraged to attend and actively participate.

During this month, please make sure to pray devotionals to Mary and to pray the rosary every day. Most of us will often ask why we pray or should pray the Most Holy Rosary. The Holy Rosary is simply the Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a request for her intercession as our Virgin Queen and Mother. When she appeared to St. Dominic in the 13th century, she gave specific instructions on how to pray her Psalter, even though Psalters had been in use before. The rosary we pray today is a meditation on the lives of Jesus Christ and Mary.

As Knights, we have a special devotion to Mary and are dedicated to constantly praying for her intercession for our sake, to her son, Jesus. The rosary prayer is recited at St. Joseph before each Sunday morning Mass and I invite all members of this council to join our parish family in this prayer, especially this the month of our Lady, the *Queen of the Knights.*

*"Pray the rosary every day...  
Pray, pray a lot and offer  
Sacrifices for sinners...  
I am Our Lady of the Rosary.  
Only I will be able to help you.  
...In the end My Immaculate Heart  
will triumph."*

*Our Lady of Fatima*

## CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

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"Human life is sacred and inviolable at every moment of existence, including the initial phase which precedes birth. All human beings, from their mother's womb, belong to God who searches them and knows them, who forms them and knits them together with his own hands, who gazes on them when they are tiny shapeless embryos and already sees in them the adults of tomorrow whose days are numbered and whose vocation is even now written in the 'book of life.' There too, when they are still in their mothers' womb—as many passages of the Bible bear witness—they are the personal objects of God's loving and fatherly providence." (*Evangelium Vitae*, 61).

In his 1995 Encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae*, St. John Paul II called on all Catholic faithful to bear witness to the Gospel of Life and to build the "civilization of life and love" (100). In keeping with this mission and our Order's Catholic principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus stands strong in its conviction that every human life is a gift of God, endowed with certain inalienable rights — the first among these being the right to life. Even in the midst of difficulties and uncertainties, we believe that human life is sacred and inviolable, and ought to be defended with maximum determination. To this end, the Knights of Columbus supports policies that promote a Culture of Life and opposes legislative efforts that promote abortion, contraception, sterilization, cloning, the destruction of embryos, assisted suicide, euthanasia, unjust war, and the death penalty when there is an acceptable alternative.

To date, the Maryland State Council has donated 20 ultrasound machines to pregnancy care centers throughout the state. For each machine, the State Council contributes about \$25,000 that is matched by funds from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Headquarters. The program needs funds. Several councils and districts are planning to hold or have held fundraisers specifically for the Ultrasound Project. ***I would like for Fletcher Council to participate in this program and have a Ultrasound machine installed at a medical facility in the Largo, Maryland area.***



## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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### ***Happy Anniversary - Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr.***

Were you there on Friday, April 21, 2017? It was a day that will live within the hearts and minds of Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Washington area. At a Mass marked by joy and thanksgiving, Cardinal Donald Wuerl ordained Bishop Roy Edward Campbell Jr., as a new Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington at the Cathedral of St. Matthews the Apostle.

The Cathedral was packed, not an extra seat to be had. However, Fletcher Council members and St. Joseph Church parishioners were there to support and witness the ordination and to continue the celebration thereafter. Cameras and cell phones flashed throughout the service. If there was ever a "Kodak Moment" there were plenty to be had. FaceBook lit up after the ordination service with pictures, congratulations and prayers. Awesome!

The excitement did not just end on Friday evening, it continued throughout the weekend. Bishop Roy conducting his first Mass as a Bishop at 5 P.M. on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at St. Joseph parish. The attendance was akin to that of a Sunday morning Mass, packed.

#### *Let Us Give Praise In The House Of The Lord*



#### *A Prayer For Auxiliary Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr.*

*God, eternal shepherd, you tend your Church in many ways  
and rule us with love. You have chosen your servant,  
Roy E. Campbell, Jr., to be a shepherd of your flock.  
Give him a spirit of courage and right judgment,  
a spirit of knowledge and love.  
By governing with fidelity those entrusted  
to his care, may he build your Church as a  
sign of salvation for the world.*



## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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# It Is Flea Market Time

**Brothers,**

Spring has sprung and Summer is just around the corner. That means it is **almost** time for the council's **Annual Flea Market**. This years Flea Markets will be held on the last Saturday of June, July and August. Please put these dates on your calendars. Come out and spend the day or just a couple of hours. Everyone's help is needed and appreciated to ensure another successful year. **What say you? Yes! I will be there!!!**

Fletcher Council – Knights of Columbus

## Flea Market

St. Joseph Church - Parking Lot

2020 St. Joseph Drive

Saturday June 30

Saturday July 28

Saturday Aug 25

Come Browse and Find a Good  
Deal  
Over 70 vendors



### Flea Market Info:

- \$25 per vendor space, bring your own table.
- Hours 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., Setup starts at 6:15 A.M.
- Free Parking and refreshments for sale by Knights of Columbus
- No food or beverages can be sold by vendors.
- All vendor spaces are reserved and prepaid before each event.
- Make checks or money orders payable to Knights of Columbus 11422, please include your phone number on check, and mail to St Joseph Church, Knights of Columbus, 2020 St. Joseph Dr., Largo, MD 20774.
- No cash payments accepted at church.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL  
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## FAMILY ACTIVITIES - FAMILY OF THE MONTH - MARCH & APRIL

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Rhonda Price became a member of St. Joseph Catholic church in November of 2013 after a brief hiatus from the church for a few years. Rhonda is the proud daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond and Francine Burris who reside in Ft. Washington, MD and are members of St. Mary's of Piscataway Catholic Church in Clinton, MD. Her brother, resides in Greenbelt, MD and is a member of Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church in Silver Spring. Her cousins, Mary and David McWilliams are active members of St. Joseph and previous recipients of the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council Family of the Month award.

Rhonda is a member of the St. Vincent DePaul Society assisting with food distribution, a member of the Welcome Ministry, an Altar Server who also has been Master of Ceremonies for special Masses and was commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion on April 3, 2018. Rhonda considers it an honor to serve as an Altar Server because as a young lady she could not serve the altar, but was a Youth Lector and sang in the choir. Rhonda enjoys music with her teenage nieces and friends and is a member of the Archdiocese of Washington Mass Choir and the St. Joseph Summer choir.

She is a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. Beta chapter, University of the District of Columbia and her paternal grandmother Madeline Hawkins, great aunt Alma Wheeler and Aunt Barbara Burriss, all now deceased were Sodalists. And one day soon, Rhonda too will serve as a Sodalist.

Rhonda's upbringing in a faith based family has truly been a testimony to Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. Her life verse is from Jeremiah 29:11, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Her desire is to be used as the Lord sees fit and to work daily to live His word through her life.

The James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 is proud to present its March FOM Award to Ms. Rhonda Price.

What an extraordinary journey the past year has been for me! On this very day one year ago, April 15, 2017 I stood before the St. Joseph Parish congregation and received the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist, coming into full communion with the Holy Catholic Church. Although I had been baptized into the Protestant faith at the age of sixteen, and was a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church of Washington, DC I had attended St. Joseph for fifteen years with my husband and parishioner Melvin Griffin Perry, who passed away two years ago. When we learned that he was terminally ill we had many discussions about how I would continue my spiritual journey after his passing. My plan was to return to my home church and resume my journey there. In the end, through much prayer and discernment, God spoke to my heart and helped me to realize that MY PLAN WAS NOT "HIS" PLAN FOR ME. At St. Joseph, I was already at home. This is where He needed me to be.

My formation began with RCIA in September, 2016. During that extraordinary eight months to follow, with constant prayer and discernment, and with the continued support of the RCIA ministry, my family, the St. Joseph Parish family and my RCIA sponsor (now spiritual Mother) Mary Theresa Bowser my relationship with God, the Father has flourished in ways that I could have never imagined. My prayer has been, and still is, that I can be a vessel through which God's will and his blessings may be manifested to others.

I serve as an Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist, both at Masses and in the community. I also serve with the Lector Ministry, The Children's Liturgy, The RCIA Team, The Bereavement Support Ministry, the Financial Count Team and The Bible Study Team. I am a volunteer at the church office, a chaperone for Vacation Bible School field trips and have volunteered for the Cup of Joe activities. I have completed the ADW certification VIRTUS training for Protecting Our Children. I have also completed the course of study for Certification as a Catechist in the ADW. Professionally, I am a Registered Nurse who specializes in Behavioral Health Nursing. In my second career I am licensed by the State of Maryland as a TIPIC (Title Insurance Producer Independent Contractor) and by the National Notary Association as a Notary Signing Agent for Home Mortgages.

I am the very proud mother of one daughter, Shanita Stockton Galloway, her wonderful husband, Elbert Leon and four beautiful grandchildren, Loryn Elizabeth, Zoe Alexandra, Layah Zaria and Averece Ann Zamora. I am passionate about spending as much time as possible with my family, Theater-- especially the Opera and gardening.



## YOUTH ACTIVITIES



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# Lets go fly a kite

## Kite Building & Kite Flying



**“Go Fly A Kite”**, that is exactly what members of Fletcher Council and the young/old of the St. Joseph parish did on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were some concern that we may not be able to get this cherished event in this year, the weather has not cooperated, therefore, we had to cancel an earlier scheduled date. However, thing were just right on this day, bright sunny, moderately warm, accompanied by gusty winds that kite lovers pray for. It was indeed a great day of kite flying, and thanks go out to the many council members, parents and the kids that brought their skills and excitement.





## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SQUIRES CIRCLE

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Christ has risen. We prepared for that rising with Lent and sacrificing small pieces of our lives. We can't forget other small pieces of our lives that we sacrifice for. As small as they are they are what we live and work for, our precious jewels, our youth, our Squires. The Martin Luther King Jr. Squires Circle 04712 has survived many

challenges over the years including the recent notice from Supreme that we, once again, had been dissolved. A phone call later it was realized that a mistake was made and that the Circle was compliant in all aspects and intact.

The *Mini Me's* of the James C. Fletcher Council have risen to the task and increased their numbers by 12 members to a total of 16 for the year. The Maryland State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus conveyed his gratitude and recognized the Circle to Supreme Council as an outstanding group of young Candidate Knights in good standing.

A meeting with the Squires and parent was held on Sunday March 18, 2018. Applications were reviewed, and the members rounded up. New candidates were asked to stand, introduced themselves and gave backgrounds. The current Chief Squire, Isaiah Scott, spoke and congratulated the new Squires on their wise decision. He 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 and stated that with no work

there is no play. Kind of sounds like what we've all heard many times before and that is that you get out what you put in. The meeting was attended by Sir Knight Tim Matthews and Sir Knight Ike Agbim (Alias Supper Man) who popped in when he could while simultaneously attending the African Community meeting in the next classroom. It's Knights like these that show how passionate we are as Knights and how that passion is passed on to our young men.

The next meeting will be on Sunday April 15, 2018. Following the 11 A.M. Mass. A nominations committee will be formed and nomination for officers will commence. The following meeting will continue the expedited nomination process and outline activities for remainder of the year which will be developed with an emphasis on "With no work there is no play". All Brother Knights are welcome to attend. It's a wonderful experience to walk into a room filled with our youth and immediately receive a standing applause worthy of a District Deputy State or other State Official.

The trumpet is sounded yet again 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 three Squires to become First Degree Knights.

*Vivat Jesus  
Esto Dignus*



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### *Welcome And Congratulations Are In Order*

#### *New Council Members*

#### *Successfully Complete Their Third Degree*



Adolbert Onyima & Trevor Gordon



Kenneth Nnawuba, Ephraim Ofodile, Alan Davis (PGK), Linus Alozie, Bernard Broadus (GK), Ike Agbim (PGK), Steven Kueberuwa

### *Election Results For The 2018-2019 Fraternal Year*



Chaplain  
 Assistant Chaplain  
 Grand Knight  
 Deputy Grand Knight  
 Chancellor  
 Warden  
 Advocate  
 Recorder  
 Financial Secretary  
 Treasurer  
 Lecturer  
 Inside Guard  
 Inside Guard  
 Outside Guard  
 Trustee (1-Year)  
 Trustee (2-year)  
 Trustee (3-Year)  
 Convention Delegates  
     Alternate  
     Alternate  
     Alternate

Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr.  
 Rev. Robert P. Boxie, III  
 Michael E. Younger  
 Fidelis K. Ajudua  
 Harold M. Countee  
 John L. Bechet  
 David D. Martin  
  
 John O. Grier  
 Harold F. Sanders  
 Calvin A. Thompson  
 Charles N. Okpah  
 William N. Tolbert  
 Gilberto V. Neblett, Sr.  
 Ikechukwu R. Agbim  
 Alan M. Davis, PGK  
 Bernard J. Broadus  
 Michael E. Younger  
 Alan M. Davis  
 Edmund J. Gary  
 Thomas F. Matthews, III

### *Pomp & Circumstance For Grand Knight-Elect*



*Michael E. Younger*



## *Deacon Al and Lady Jane Are Going South*



— ❄️ —  
Some people come  
into our lives and  
quickly go.  
Others stay awhile,  
make footprints on  
our hearts and  
we are never,  
ever the same.

— ❄️ —

Deacon Al and I have sold our home of nearly 35 years in Montgomery County, Maryland to relocate to Cobb County, Georgia in the suburbs of Atlanta. We're in temporary housing (Extended Stay America in Gaithersburg, Maryland) for now until Sunday, May 27<sup>nd</sup>, when we'll leave permanently for Georgia.

We'll be staying with relatives through the summer into the fall until construction of our new home is expected to be completed in late October.

The nearly seven years we've been assigned to St. Joseph have been the most rewarding and satisfying of Al's 18-year vocation as a Deacon. Our beloved Bishop Campbell, Father Boxie, and parishioners, have become our extended church family who we will cherish forever in our hearts. *Thanks and blessings to all,*

***WE WISH YOU  
ALL THE BEST IN  
YOUR LIFE  
HEARTFELT GOODBYE  
FROM ALL OF  
YOUR CHURCH FAMILY***



## REFLECTIONS

Lawrence P. Grayson

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### The Devil In Our Lives

“The Christian life is a constant battle... against the devil, the prince of evil,” Pope Francis stated in his recent apostolic exhortation, *Gaudete et Exultate*. In this call for holiness, the pope warns that in our struggle against evil in today’s world “we should not think of the devil as a myth, a representation, a symbol, a figure of speech or an idea.” Rather, the devil is “a personal being who assails

Within the past few months, a U.S. Senator, a movie star, a us.” Francis cites Pope Paul VI, who described the devil as “a living spiritual being, perverted and perverting. A terrible reality, mysterious and frightful.”

Yet, regardless of the papal declaration, a recent Gallup poll found that 27 percent of adults living in the America do not believe in the devil and another 12 percent are not sure if he exists. If people dismiss the existence of the devil, they are not prepared to resist him and, as the pope says, “he takes advantage of it to destroy our lives, our families and our communities.”

If the devil exists, where is his influence seen in America today? Almost everywhere. Immorality continues to infiltrate and dominate great segments of society. The nation is awash in pornography, contraception, casual sex, cohabitation, and abortion, and we are inundated with licentious television shows, movies and art. Marriage has been redefined, homosexual behavior is acceptable, gender is becoming a choice, euthanasia is growing, and sexual abusers and predators seem to abound in all walks of life.

Hollywood mogul, a late-night television host, and a prominent newscaster were among many others accused of sexually harassing women. Each summer, thousands of people attend the Burning Man Festival in Nevada’s Black Rock Desert, where they can express themselves without bound, including engaging in orgies of “love in all forms.” In late October 2017, the National Park Service withdrew its initial approval for the placement of a 45-foot tall statue of a nude woman on the National Mall; the reason given was that it would likely damage the Mall’s turf and soil – nothing was said about the statue’s appropriateness for the millions of children and families who visit the site annually. In March, the Los Angeles City Council reached an agreement to permanently maintain the Playboy Mansion, the legendary venue for hedonistic parties, debauchery, and gatherings of self-indulgent celebrities. With even monuments being created to depravity, the moral culture of America is becoming reminiscent of that of ancient Rome.

While many people do not believe in the devil, there are others who worship him. For the past two Christmas seasons, a teacher in Boca Raton, Florida, has put up a large Satanic pentagram in a public park near a crèche. It was accompanied with quotes like: “In Satan We Trust” and “One Nation Under Anti-Christ.” In January 2017, when the time came to remove the display, a group of Satanists carried the pentagram to the Nativity scene chanting “Hail Satan!” Last October, a group of devil-worshippers demanded that the Boston City Council allow them to perform a Satanic invocation at a council meeting. The request was denied only on the grounds that Satanism is not a recognized religion.

The march toward moral licentiousness across the nation is relentless. Its supporters are fiercely determined to impose their agenda on everyone, regardless of the religious beliefs and traditional moral principles of others. Its opponents, in contrast, are too tolerant, too complacent, for it is easier to ignore an evil than to confront it. Many people take a position such as: as long as it doesn’t affect me, I really don’t care what others do; or, we should be tolerant of others and not judge their actions; or, I am only one person, there is nothing I can do.

But each accommodation of a moral wrong makes it easier to allow an even greater evil. The acceptance of sexual freedom was followed by the consent of homosexual behavior, which led to same-sex unions and then gay marriage. Now there are calls to decriminalize and recognize polygamy. As each incursion on traditional morality is given legal status or accepted by society, the intense pressure of public opinion and accusations of bigotry and unlawful discrimination are being brought to bear against those who wish to maintain orthodox religious beliefs and practices.

While man’s fallen nature and personal choices should not be dismissed for their effect on the state of morality in the world today, neither should the influence of malevolent spiritual beings. Yes, the devil is real. In driving God from public consciousness, America is creating a culture without absolute standards of right or wrong, decency or indecency, moral or immoral. It is becoming a society that condones casual sex; that no longer values families as the bedrock of society; that treats pregnancy as an impediment; that considers persons with physical or mental impairments and the very elderly as dispensable.

People who believe in God cannot be complacent while the forces of libertine progressivism overwhelm society, whether one considers these advances the result of societal narcissism or satanic influence. While action to change society is necessary, alone it will not be effective. To combat evil, prayer is essential.

Pope Francis, in *Gaudete et Exultate*, presents a way to proceed: “For this spiritual combat, we can count on the powerful weapons that the Lord has given us: faith-filled prayer, meditation on the word of God, the celebration of Mass, Eucharistic adoration, sacramental Reconciliation, works of charity, community life, missionary outreach.” And we should not ignore Mary, Mother of God. In a January homily, the pope said that where Mary is “the devil does not enter... Let’s make the Mother the guest of our daily life... Let’s entrust all to her every day.”



*St. Joseph Parishioners Prepared Breakfast For  
1000 Homeless People  
Through The "Cup of Joe" Program*



***VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO CONTINUE THIS PROGRAM  
JOIN US AT OUR NEXT "CUP OF JOE" PACKAGING  
TO FEED THE HOMELESS***

St. Joseph will continue its support of the "Cup of Joe" program at the parish on *Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>*. "Cup of Joe" is a breakfast-packaging program that serves men and women in Catholic Charities' shelters. It is a wonderful service that provides a sustainable option for breakfast to a population who desperately needs it. Over 1,000 people stay in the shelters every single night, and the program helps to provide a breakfast to anyone who asks for it as they leave the shelter each morning.

It takes a lot of volunteers to make this effort a reality. Ministries and organization chairpersons or their authorized representative are requested to join us in the spirit of giving and spend some time in our "Cup of Joe" assembly line on *Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.* in the Rosemont Room.

Parishioners can also donate small toiletries for men and women: items like travel size toothbrushes, toothpaste, cleaning wipes and shampoo/conditioners.. **PLEASE NO razors, mouthwash, scissors or nail clippers allowed.**

***WHEN:***

*Wednesday, May 9, 2018*

***WHERE:***

*St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Rosemont Room  
2020 St. Joseph Drive  
Largo, MD 20774*

***TEAM 1 - 11:00 A.M.***

*Unpacking and Set Up*

***TEAM 2 - 6:30 P.M.***

*Assemble Food Bags*

***SIGN UP SHEET IS IN  
CHURCH WELCOME ROOM***

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The president, tired of his low approval ratings, called up the head of the CIA and said, "I want your very best agent over here first thing in the morning."

Moments later, a call went out to the Middle East, and the most gifted American agent was headed back to Washington.

The next morning, the agent was escorted into the Oval Office. The president said, "I hear you're the best in the business. I can't trust what my staff tells me. So I want you to visit every state in the union, every major city. I want you to stay out on the road until you have an idea of what the vast majority of Americans would like to see happen in the Oval Office. Understand?"

The CIA agent responded affirmatively. He left the White House and wasn't heard from for nearly four months. Finally, he showed up early on a Saturday morning, and the president saw him immediately.

The president said, "Did you find out what an overwhelming majority of Americans want done here in this office?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, then, express the will of the people," the president ordered.

So the agent stood up, made a fist, and punched him in the nose.

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*So a guy walks into a bar and orders a pint of less. The bartender asks, "What's less?" The guys says "I don't know but the doctor told me I have to start drinking it."*



## Marian Title for May Mary, Mediatrix Of All Graces



**"Mary, Mediatrix of all graces"** is a title that some give to Mary the mother of Jesus, in line with a belief that all the graces that her son gives come through her. In suffering with Him as He died on the cross, she cooperated in the work of the Savior, in an altogether singular way, by obedience, faith, hope, and burning love, to restore supernatural life to souls. As a result she is our Mother in the order of grace.

This motherhood of Mary in the economy of grace lasts without interruption, from the consent which she gave in faith at the annunciation, and which she unhesitatingly bore with under the cross, even to the perpetual consummation of all the elect. For after being assumed into heaven, she has not put aside this saving function, but by her manifold intercession, she continues to win the gifts of eternal salvation for us. By her motherly love, she takes care of the brothers of her Son who are still in pilgrimage and in dangers and difficulties, until they be led through to the happy fatherland.





## **\*\*MAY - 2018\*\***

- 01 Ruthven J. Blake
- 02 Anthony T. Stevenson
- 05 Okechukwu F. Mbadugha
- 05 Justin Sinkpon
- 05 Paschal Okala
- 07 Moses I. Offiah
- 09 Vincent King
- 09 Alexander C. Nnabue
- 10 Edmund J. Gary
- 12 Paul M. Nicholas
- 14 Mervyn Chancellor
- 24 Frederick K. Martins
- 24 Derrick W. Wilson
- 25 Vincent E. Jordan
- 30 Anthony K. Fidelis
- 30 Michael Nyame-Mireku



***“The Joy  
Of A  
Birthday”***

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **\*\*MAY\*\***



- 01 May Day
- 03 Fletcher Council Meeting, @ 7:30 PM
- 03 National Day of Prayer
- 04-06 State Convention, Ocean City, MD
- 06 Farewell to Deacon Al & Lady Jane after the 8:30 & 11 o'clock Masses
- 09 Cup of Joe
- 10 The Ascension of the Lord
- 13 Mother's Day
- 14 Bishop Walsh Assembly Meeting @ 7 PM
- 16 McNamara Chapter Meeting @ 8 PM
- 17 Fletcher Council Meeting, @ 7:30 PM
- 20 Knights Sunday @ 11:00 AM Mass
- 20 Ministry Fair after 8:30 and 11 A.M. Masses
- 28 Memorial Day

### **Maryland State Council Officers**

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District Deputy	G. Emeka Onwezi
District Warden	Michael P. Akpan

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***Let Us Always  
Remember***



***MEMORIAL DAY***

***MAY 30, 2018***