



# THE POTOMAC DISCOVERER

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
POTOMAC COUNCIL #9259**

## Meeting Times

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

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

## Where are we?

**We have returned to virtual meetings. Watch for meeting notifications from the Grand Knight, Steve Matias.**

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

## Join us

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

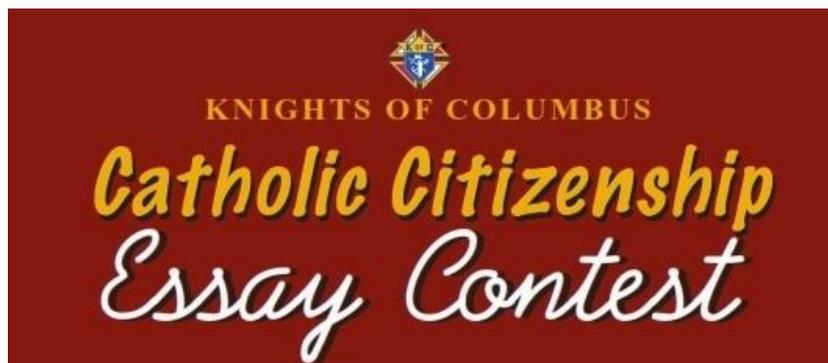
## Recent Events

### Christmas Wreaths are Available!

Christmas wreaths are available for order now! Take a look and order in advance for your family and friends. Remember that each sale provides support to our Council. Please see the QR code below, or click here is [www.GiftItForward.com](http://www.GiftItForward.com).



### Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest



The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class at the St. Francis of Assisi school are participating in the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Good luck to the participants!

### Keep Christ in Christmas

The St. Francis of Assisi school is again participating in the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. We look forward to the the entries!



## Upcoming Events



### Traffic Control – Volunteers Needed!

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

### Oct 23: John Paul I Council Art Auction

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

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



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

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

## **October 27: Exemplification**

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There will be an Exemplification held at Father Widmer Council #7877 on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree members. Please encourage worthy Brothers to attend. Please contact Grand Knight Steve Matias at [gk9259@vakofc.org](mailto:gk9259@vakofc.org) for more information.

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## **November 13: Parishioner Support**

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Leave No Neighbor Behind by supporting a fellow parishioner in need of home and yard maintenance. If you can lend a hand, please contact John Enzmann at [jenzmann@comcast.net](mailto:jenzmann@comcast.net).

## **November 20: Virginia Knights of Columbus Virtual Retreat**

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Save the Date - November 20<sup>th</sup> - Upcoming VA Knights of Columbus Virtual Retreat - "A Fathers Heart: Celebrate St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Family - More information to come from the Grand Knight.

## **December 4: Sgt. Mac Foundation wreath-laying**

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Our Council will support the Sgt. Mac Foundation place wreaths at the Quantico National Cemetery on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Learn more about the event here: [HOME | sgtmac](#).

## **December TBD: Christmas Food for Families Program**

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Stand-by for more information about our Christmas Food for Families Program.

## **Chaplain's Corner**

October is Missionary Month, which will include the celebration of the 95th World Mission Day on Sunday, October 24. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is from the Acts of the Apostles: "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). He wrote:

"Like the Apostles and the first Christians, we too can say with complete conviction: "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). Everything we have received from the Lord is meant to be put to good use and freely shared with others. Just as the Apostles saw, heard, and touched the saving power of Jesus, we too can daily touch the sorrowful and glorious flesh of



Christ. There we can find the courage to share with everyone we meet a destiny of hope, the sure knowledge that the Lord is ever at our side”.

An example of a life given was Mother Teresa of Calcutta. In her life and in her teaching, smiling held great importance, apparently so simple to offer to those close to us, but which, on the other hand, can prove extremely difficult circumstances. On December 11, 1979, in Oslo, Norway, she said: “Let us keep that joy of loving Jesus in our hearts. And share that joy with all that we come in touch with. And that radiating joy is real, for we have no reason not to be happy because we have no Christ with us. Christ in our hearts, Christ in the poor that we meet, Christ in the smile that we give and the smile that we receive. Let us make that one point: That no child will be unwanted. And also that we meet each other always with a smile, especially when it is difficult to smile. I never forget some time ago about fourteen professors came from the United States from different universities. And they came to Calcutta to our house. Then we were talking about that they had been to the home for the dying. They came to our house and we talked of love, of compassion, and then one of them asked me: Say, Mother, please tell us something that we will remember, and I said to them: Smile at each other, make time for each other in your family. Smile at each other.”

Dear brothers, celebrating Missionary Month and World Mission Day means remembering that our faith is always missionary. We are called to speak about what we have heard, seen, and experienced in the encounter with God. Let us renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful disciples of the Gospel.

May the Lord give you always his peace.

## News and Links of Interest

### **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**

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

### **Knights of Columbus News**

Get the latest new about the Knights of Columbus here: [Recent News - News Hub | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](#)

### **News from the Arlington Diocese**

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

## Prayers

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