

Father Maher's Knightly News

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Motto: "Mary, fill our Hearts with Charity and Love."

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Reverend James Boccabella, Pastor
Our Lady of Grace Church



We are now about halfway through Lent and coming very quickly to Easter. There is still time to dedicate ourselves to repentance, not just being sorry for our sins, but desiring, more than anything else, to change our lives, such that we no longer have desire for sin, and that we have the strength of will to avoid any sin.

So very often St. John mentions in his Gospel that Jesus is the Light of the world, and that darkness has never, and will never, overcome Him. And while that may give us confidence in His victory, we have to have the desire to be victorious with Him as well. This means that we should be people of light, people who shine the love of God to all who come in contact with us.

This should be easy for us as Knights of Columbus, but we, too, can fall to temptation. The demonic kingdom knows that its time is short, and is working especially hard these days on trying to ensnare as many souls as possible. When we stand for what is right, when we lend a helping hand to those in need, we are not only standing up to the realm of satan, but we are giving others the knowledge that all of us can stand up to him, that none of us are alone in this battle, that he has already been defeated on the big stage, and will continue to lose on these smaller stages that are our lives.

I invite everyone to reflect on the things we are doing, with God's help, the things we can do, again with His help, and the things we should stop doing, once more with His help. Because His love for every one of us is such that He will see us through this battle, through His mission for every one of us that we help one another. We live today not by accident, but because He wanted us here, in the midst of this battle, at this point in history, in this geographic location.

May God continue to bless us all and keep us engaged in the mission that He has assigned us, and may He continue to keep all of us safe.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Jim

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

SK W. Joseph F. Krempasky



March 7th, Feast Day of St. Perpetua and Felicity - Perpetua was a twenty-two-year-old married noblewoman at the time of her arrest, and a recent mother. Felicity was a pregnant slave at the time of her arrest. Both were baptized in prison and refused to renounce Christianity. Both were executed in the arena.

As many of you are aware, I recently had a very significant health scare. Only God and your prayers kept me here. Thank you. My job is not finished.

I want to dedicate this column to the election of officers for our upcoming fraternal year. Most of you know that many of our officers have held several positions for several years. Because of my health issues, I will not seek an officer's position again this year. This does not mean that I am going to "fade away." Supporting the Knights is a noble effort assisting those that need the help that we provide. Just take a moment and skim through the latest Columbia magazine and note the worldwide good that we do. (The Ukraine Council has recently enrolled the highest number of new members)

Some of you are not aware that Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council is one of the three oldest councils in Montgomery County. Some of you may also not be aware that Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council annually supports financially more seminarians than any of the over 150 councils in the state of Maryland. Fr. Peter Paul Maher council is either first or second in donations each year in District 30, helping those disabled younger people, through our Tootsie Roll Campaign. These are just a few examples of what we consistently do. As a member of Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council, this should make you proud, but we need leadership to continue with these accomplishments.

It's very easy to say, "I'm too busy with other things." We all are busy with other things. Just try juggling family responsibilities, being the estate executor of your deceased parent's estate, and being Grand Knight/District Deputy (all at the same time). It just takes a little planning and help from your brother Knights. None of the positions

are difficult to do. I would hate to see our council, of such great notoriety, cease to exist because no one will step forward to fill the necessary rolls of council officer. If you think that you might consider throwing your hat into the ring, please call our Deputy Grand Knight, Fred Taylor (301) 213 - 4441.

Vivat Jesus

COUNCIL LEADERSHIP #6793

OFFICERS:

Chaplain	Reverend James D Boccabella
Associate Chaplain	
Grand Knight	SK Joseph F Krempasky
Deputy Grand Knight	Walter (Fred) Taylor
Chancellor	James E Street
Warden	Peter M Townson
Recorder	Mark Perez
Financial Secretary	Donald M Hemke
Treasurer	William J Kollins
Advocate	Frederick L Whitman
Lecturer	Jack Giacalone
Inside Guard	Paul M Boccabella
Outside Guard	
Trustee One Year	Stephen P Sutkowski, PGK
Trustee Two Year	
Trustee Three Year	Martin G Peschke, PGK

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN:

Program Director	Martin G Peschke
Faith Activities Dir.	John R Feldmann
Community Activity Dir	Stephen P Sutkowski
Family Activities Dir	Joseph F Krempasky
Life Activities Dir	Stephen E Goldhammer

Membership Chairman	James E Street
Retention Chairman	Harry F Bushar
Recruitment Committee	Joseph F Krempasky
Food for Families Chair	Frederick L Whitman
Tootsie Roll Chairman	James E Street
Pro-Life Couple	
Raffle Chairman	
Newsletter Editor	David C Czarniecki
Webmaster	John R Feldmann
Fourth Degree	Joe Feakes
District Deputy, 30	Edward Day, PGK

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

All council meetings are generally held in the KoC Meeting Room at Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World at 7:30PM

Officer's meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. Business meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month and the Social meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

CHURCH NEWS

Jim Street, Church Activities Chairman

OUR LADY OF GRACE

Website: <http://ourladvofgracelw.weebly.com/>
Reverend James Boccabella, Pastor



Gabriel Project Cluster

The Gabriel Project Cluster (GPC) of Montgomery County serves mothers and their families in crisis pregnancies. During the past 6 months, 181 mothers have requested assistance. Please help GPC to provide maternity clothes and winter clothing for newborns and older children of client families. GPC especially need; girl/boy 0-3 months clothing, Girls'- size 6, and boys'- size 5-16 (could use long-sleeve shirts). New or gently used clothing is greatly appreciated. For more information, please go to the GPC Website, www.gpmoco.org . You can also visit the GPC Amazon wish list to choose from any number of items. Women volunteers to serve as Angel Friends are greatly needed and appreciated. Please pray about joining our team of over 90 Angel Friends who stay in touch with client mothers during their pregnancies. GPC especially needs bi-lingual women to serve as Angel Friends. A volunteer photographer is also needed. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact Natalie Ray at natalieanneray@gmail.com .

Cup of Joe Ministry

The Cup of Joe Ministry prepares hundreds of packets for the Catholic Charities' homeless shelter in Northwest Washington D.C. The team leader of this great ministry is Ms. Merdel Suah. We are blessed by Father Jim for purchasing the food and supplies required for this outreach program. The date of the next gathering will be Tuesday, March 28th.

Father Michael's Mission

Father Michael is collecting new and gently used coats for men, women, and children throughout the winter. A box is available in the narthex for donations of coats. When temperatures drop, many people are faced with the impossible decision between paying bills, purchasing food, or buying coats that fit their children or themselves. Your generosity helps the less fortunate to stay warm this winter, and it is greatly appreciated.

ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

Website: <http://www.stpetersolney.org>

Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



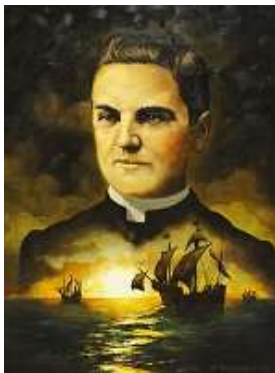
March S.O.M.E. News Stay Flexible

For our March "SOME" Day, SOME (So Others Might Eat) has asked that we do not collect frozen ground beef and large bottles of water because SOME is continuing their kitchen remodeling. Please plan accordingly as storage space, for these items, is not available.

March "SOME day" is Tuesday, March 7, 2023. Please bring donations to the parking lot opposite the Parish Hall Kitchen this Tuesday, March 7, 2023, from 8–8:30 a.m. The SOME Team will be there to collect your donations. Please note that if you wish to drop off any of the requested items before March 7, please contact Mark Perez at 240-422-7644 or the Office of Social Concerns at 301-774-0162. As always, SOME very much appreciates your continued support of its programs and your concern for the hungry. May God bless you for your kindness and compassion!

Edge Camp

Edge Camp Registration forms will be available later this month on the parish Web site www.stpetersolney.org/spy. The camp runs Monday through Friday (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.). This year's camp will be held June 19–23. Edge Camp is for the rising 7th and 8th graders who are parishioners. Available camp spots are split between those who attend the Parish School and those who attend SOR. Spots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please contact Angela Busby by emailing angela.busby@stpetersolney.org.



ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

Website: <http://www.stpatricksmd.org>

Monsignor Charles J. Parry, Pastor



Monastery Mass Trip – 3/12

Come and join us for a unique trip downtown to the Franciscan Monastery and attend a Traditional Latin Mass! We will be leaving St. Patrick's Church at 7:45 am and arriving in time for the 9:00 AM Mass at the monastery. Please RSVP Mike at mmchugh@straphaels.org.

Spring Retreat – March 24-26

Join dozens of teens for a weekend of prayer, sacraments, talks, discussions, and sports all on a Spring Retreat! We'll be diving into the Psalms as a form of 'divine music' that can help us express the human emotions of our heart. Spring Retreat is one of the highlights of the year and the cost is only \$150.00. For more details, please contact Mike McHugh at mmchugh@straphaels.org.

An Opportunity for an Individual Retreat

Melanie Baker, Director of Adult Faith Formation at St. Patrick's, will be offering an opportunity for the 19th annotation, the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola adapted and prayed 'in the midst of' daily life. Interested retreatants will commit to 1.5 hours of prayer daily, and weekly spiritual direction. This retreat is a beautiful opportunity to deepen one's relationship with God and to grow in awareness of the personal mission in the Church and in the world. If interested, please contact Melanie Baker: melanie.baker@stpatrickdw.org or 301-924-2285 x317.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Steven Sutkowski, Community Activities Chairman

Food for Families Program

The Council supports St. Patrick's monthly food drive. You can donate on the third Sunday of every month at the church between 8am and noon. The collection site is set up in the parking lot. Or you can bring food items to our monthly business meeting, and we will take them for you. Please support this worthy program.

FAMILY NEWS

Innocent D'Almeida, Family Programs Chairman

Mardi Gras Dinner

In support of the Saint Peter’s Youth Ministry (SPY) a team of Knights manned the kitchen and serving line for the annual Mardi Gras Dinner on Feb 18th, 2023 in St Peter’s Parish Hall. Lead by Brother Jack Giacalone, the team cooked up and served approximately 80 some dinners of pancakes, sausage, and eggs to our clergy and parishioners enjoying the fellowship and contributing to the benefit of youth attending World Youth Day in Portugal this summer.

Special thanks to Kathy Krempasky, the daughter of Grand Knight Joe K as well as Brother Knights; Don Hemke, Martin Peschke, Andy Colliton, Steve Goldhammer, James Street, Pete Townson, Paul Boccabella and John Feldmann.



CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

Steve Goldhammer Life Programs Chairman

Prayer Vigil for Life and Lawmakers

Join our bishops for the Maryland Catholic Conference's Prayer Vigil for Life and Lawmakers, March 9, 7 p.m., at St. Mary’s Church, 109 Duke of Gloucester St., Annapolis. Free on-site parking, or park along the street. This is the same week that hearings on legislation to legalize physician-assisted suicide will be held. Let us join in peaceful song and prayer for the dignity of human life and all those whose lives are at risk.

KofC Documentary

A Knights of Columbus documentary about their relief efforts in Ukraine will be aired on television stations nationally in March, including WJLA (ABC 7) in Washington, D.C., on March 12, 4 p.m. “In Solidarity with Ukraine” coincides with the one-year anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep these Knights and families in your prayers.

INDIVIDUAL’S NAME	RELATIONSHIP
Joe Krempasky	Brother Knight, GK
Peter Townson	Knight Friend
Rachel Townson	Wife of Brother Knight
Rose Daku	Wife of Brother Knight
Sumi Arima	Brother Knight
Ron Switzer	Brother of Brother Knight
Pat Gautheir	Wife of PSD
Cristin Cotten	Sister of Brother Knight
Innocent DALmeida	Brother Knight
Donna DALmeida	Wife of Brother Knight
DECEASED’S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
Margaret Iacangelo	3/5/23

Continue to pray for the souls of our deceased armed forces.

FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR REPORT

Stephen Clites, Fraternal Benefits Advisor




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General Agent’s Message - Bob Marlowe What’s the best Fraternal Benefit?

Over the years I have been asked by members and some non-members this question: “of all the Knights of Columbus products, which one is the best?” The answer is that all our products are equally good – but only in the correct application of which one(s) are the best for our brother knights and families. Our agents do a thorough needs analysis to find out what “the gap” is for each family.

For some families it is life insurance. For others it is Long-Term Care Insurance or Disability Income Insurance. Still for others it is a retirement annuity. For some families it is several of these products. New on the scene are our Mutual Fund offerings that only invest in

companies that share our Catholic values.

BUT – while all these products are great...our best Fraternal Benefit is the unique, trusting relationship that our brothers and their ladies have with our Field Agents. Your council Benefit Advisor (Field Agent) is a person you can trust to give you advice based on the Golden Rule. His #1 job is to take care of you and your family. Realize that all our agents feel that their life’s work is an extension of Blessed Fr. McGivney’s mission – to protect Catholic families.

We protect Catholic families in a very practical manner – by safeguarding their finances. Our councils protect Catholic families in a more spiritual manner – by offering them an opportunity to put their faith in action through our many programs. Further still – our Order protects Catholic families through our international outreach to the less fortunate and our programs that speak loudly to protecting the values of our faith and our common beliefs as Catholics and Christians. Think of our Ultrasound program.

So...what is our best Fraternal Benefit? It is the man working tirelessly behind the scenes trying to protect his members. Sometimes he must swim upstream to reach them, but he never stops trying. Nor did Blessed Fr. McGivney. When your council Field Agent reaches out to you – give him an opportunity to visit with you. You will be glad you did.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861

“WE STICK TOGETHER!”

Website: www.sullivan2861.org

SK Eric J Gregrich, Faithful Navigator



Assembly Business Meetings are held the **third Thursday** of each month at 8PM. Fr. Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road, Derwood MD 20855.

Fourth Degree Exemplification

The Fourth Degree Exemplification, the Patriotic Degree will be held at Jesus the Good Shepherd Parish, 1601 W Mt. Harmony Rd, Owings Maryland on June 17, 2023. Candidates are asked to report at 9:30 am with the degree beginning at 11:00AM. The process for candidates is available on the website. We have plenty of room and welcome all Brother Knights in good standing in the Third Degree to take this next step and become a "Sir Knight". The Honoree for this degree is Sir Knight Father Joseph Jenkins. There will be a lady's activity.

For more information please contact: Joe Feakes, Master Fourth Degree, Archdiocese of Washington District, Tel: (301) 774-0137, Email: josephfeakes@aol.com.

CHAPTER NEWS

Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963

Website: <http://www.mcnamarachapter.com/>

McNamara Chapter President – SK Roger D Lie



The March Meeting will be hosted by James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council #11422, St Joseph Church, 2020 St. Joseph Drive, Largo Md.

Date: March 15, 2023

Time: 8PM

Location: St Joseph Church, 2020 St. Joseph Drive, Largo MD

Date: April 19, 2023

Time: 8PM

Location: Dr. John Henry Griffin Council #2293, St. Mary's Church School Hall, 13715 Notre Dame Pl, Bryantown, MD 20617

SUPREME NEWS

WEBSITE: <http://www.kofc.org>

Source: K of C Supreme Website

“A Humble Worker”

(By Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly)



THE DEATH of a truly holy and beloved person, especially when that person is a former pope, is an extraordinary thing. It is a personal loss for countless Catholics, but also a moment of historical significance. I am still reflecting on what it meant to attend the funeral of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in early January. It was certainly a sad occasion, as

we said farewell to a faithful servant and spiritual father. Yet, it was also an occasion of great gratitude. I was proud to represent the Order. But I was doubly proud and grateful simply to be a Catholic — to be part of a Church that

produces men of such caliber as Pope Benedict.

I was also proud of our unity as a Church — that we came together to mark the life of this great man. For three days, from early morning till night, thousands of people waited in line to enter St. Peter’s Basilica to pay their last respects and to pray. Tens of thousands attended the funeral Mass, presided over by Pope Francis. They were all there to honor this man who aimed to be, as he said upon his election as pope in 2005, “a humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord.”

Our late pope was a great friend to the Knights of Columbus. He knew us well and appreciated what we were about. In 2008, during his visit to the United States, Pope Benedict XVI celebrated Mass at New York’s St. Patrick’s Cathedral, which is affectionately called “America’s parish church.” He used that unique setting to talk about America’s quintessential parish priest. He was speaking, of course, about Father Michael McGivney.

In his homily, Pope Benedict praised “the remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest, the Venerable Michael McGivney, whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus.”

The pope knew of whom he spoke. Just one month before his visit to the United States, he had approved the “decree of heroic virtue” for Father McGivney, opening the path to his eventual beatification in 2020.

It is fair to say that without Pope Benedict’s love for the Knights and admiration for Father McGivney, who likewise lived as “a humble worker in the vineyard,” our Founder would not yet be declared Blessed.

Vivat Jesus!

To learn more about the Knights, visit:
<http://www.kofc.org/un/joinus/en/index.html>.

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

[Website: www.kofc-md.org]

Basketball Free Throw Competition

March 11, 2023; 11:00AM – 1:00PM, St. Vincent Pallotti High School, 113 St. Mary’s Place, Laurel, MD 20707

Founder’s Day Mass and Reception

Join us for The Founder’s Day Mass and Reception on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at Rosensteel Council in Silver Spring where we honor our everyday heroes from our local communities. The Founder’s Day celebration will commence with Mass at 5:00 PM at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 10103 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20902. Following Mass, an awards dinner, will be held at Father Rosensteel Council 2169, Columbian Room, 9707 Rosensteel Ave., Silver Spring,

MD 20910.

Father Rosensteel Council will open its doors at 6:30 PM. As is customary, reservations are required. Send your reservations and payment to Mike Dunn by March 15th. Details can be found on State Council website.

Coats for Kids Program

The Coats for Kids program was a huge success thanks to the hard work and dedication of Coats for Kids Chairman Ray Traube. Through his efforts and your councils’ generosity, you were able to provide 4,044 coats for children in need throughout the state. Even though we’ve had a somewhat mild winter, we have had a few bitterly cold days but the children were kept warm with the coats you and your Councils provided. Thanks again for your wonderful generosity and exemplary charitable work.

Family Picnic and Mass

Bring the whole family and invite your friends and prospects for a day filled with fun, food and fellowship. Please join us for what hopes to be a beautiful sunny day at the Family Picnic on Saturday, April 15th at Centennial Park. Centennial Park is the same location as last year’s picnic where we hosted 200 members and their families from all across the state. Centrally located on Rt108 in Ellicott City, MD with a huge covered pavilion, playground, basketball and tennis courts, and a lake with canoe/kayak/paddle boat rentals there’s something to do for everyone. Mass will be celebrated at 4 PM under the pavilion.

Reservations must be made by April 8th. Don’t miss out on the fun! Please see the flier on page 19 of the State Council [Newsletter](#) for additional details.

COUNCIL NEWS

Olney Onelife Fitness, - Heroes’ Movement

Don Hemke, FS announced at the March Council meeting that the Onelife Fitness Center in Olney is supporting the “Heroes’ Movement” Program. The program is both a fund raiser and service that bridges the gap from therapy - whether mental or physical - to getting strong again through small group coached strength and conditioning workouts for any Veteran of the United States Armed Forces at **no cost**. If you are a Veteran or know a Veteran who would be interested in taking advantage of this small group coached training program, please contact Onelife, Olney Explosive Performance Director Sonny Licud at sonny.licud@onelifefitness.com (Note: This service is available at other Onelife locations corporate wide..

Heroes' Movement is primarily funded by donations from people who believe in giving back to Veterans, and who understand the benefits of exercise for both physical and emotional wellness. To find out more information about Heroes' Movement, please visit their website at www.HeroesMovementUSA.org.

(Disclaimer: The Heroes' Movement, support by Onelife Fitness Center is independent of the Knights of Columbus. This is purely an informational sharing with

Council members for their personal consideration!)



Sons of St. Peter Retreat

On the weekend of Friday 2/24 thru Sunday 2/26, 55 men from the St. Peter's Parish, including 12 of our Brother Knights, participated in a Lenten retreat at the Priest Field Pastoral Center in Kearneysville, WV. Lead by Father Kevin Fields (a Brother Knight from Mater Dei Council at St. Elizabeth Church and son of our Brother Knight Mark Fields) and assisted by Father Nicholas

Morrison, the men of the parish were treated to a series of presentations (The Lifelong Pilgrimage to Heaven), group discussions, daily Mass and weekend Eucharistic Adoration, in a especially relaxing country setting.

Our thanks and acknowledgement to the Sons of St. Peter and fellow parishioners Barry Calogero and David Hauge for organizing and facilitating this special event.

April 2023
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Palm Sunday	3	4	5 Officer Mtg Virtual 7:30 PM	6	7 Good Friday	8
9 Easter Sunday	10	11	12 Business Mtg 7:30PM	13	14	15 State Council Picnic, Centennial Park
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Calendar updates are available at any time by checking the Council website. www.KOFC6793.ORG