

# Father Maher's Knightly News

## FR. PETER PAUL MAHER COUNCIL 6793 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

### CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

**Chaplain - Reverend James Boccabella, Pastor  
Our Lady of Grace Church**

**Assoc. Chaplain Reverend Linus Nviiri, CSC**

**State Chaplain's Message  
Fr Donald Grzymiski OFM Conv**

The theme of the recent Supreme Convention (August 6-8 in Quebec) was "On Mission." It reminded of so many who came as missionaries to the Americas, like St. Francois de Laval, the first bishop of Quebec (the diocese was established in 1674). It reminded of the mission of Blessed Michael McGivney, namely to help men grow in their faith and to offer support to widows and orphans. It reminded of our baptismal mission, to share the Good News of Jesus. And it was surely a reminder that the recent Eucharistic Congress launched a new phase of the Eucharistic Revival movement: the Year of Mission. This is to be a time to help others, be filled with Eucharistic love and zeal.

Beyond that, I think the notion of "mission" reminds us that we as Knights are involved in a spiritual effort that goes beyond a secular fraternity, or simply being good neighbors to those in need. We are invited to grow in our faith, so that faith is the underlying inspiration for all our activities. Assistance that is rendered to those in need, or to protect the innocent, or to support spiritual activities, is a Catholic response, not simply a secular one. The secular world often operates out of a quid pro quo, "I will support you so you will then support me." Faith calls us to a selflessness that may only be seen by the eyes of God.

I would like to add my encouragement to Knights across Maryland to get involved in the COR Initiative, a meeting built on prayer, faith formation and fraternity. This really is a time when we support one another in strengthening our faith, as I've experienced in my council's COR meetings. The Order's goal is to move from hundreds of councils having COR meetings, to thousands of councils doing so. As Maryland was a pilot state council of this initiative, may our state be a leader moving forward.

Parishes and schools, and perhaps councils as well, seem to take on new energy each September as activities increase. There is nothing like the present to start something new, or to get back to something we haven't done for a while. Can we make our families, our parishes and our councils holier in the course of this year? Yes, if

we take our faith seriously, if we live what we profess, if we continue to work together "on mission."

### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

**GK Eugene Kane**



Greetings to our awesome council members and families. Welcome back from what I hope was an enjoyable and safe summer. We at the Council are happy and thrilled to have started off our fraternal year with all of our officer positions for programs filled. We had a great Installation event on August 17th at Our Lady of

Grace. We are already underway and doing well in our Tootsie Roll Campaign.

Please look for notices and announcements for our various programs in the newsletter and the council website. Hopefully soon, the parishes will be providing information in the bulletins and the parish websites regarding our Council activities and events.

Please pray for our country during these most difficult times. Our country has been through similar situations in the past and we have succeeded and survived. We need our Blessed Mary to seek Jesus' assistance in shaping the hearts and minds of all including politicians, citizens, and the media.

Be safe this year and remember God has a plan for each of us and He is watching.

Vivat Jesus

### COUNCIL LEADERSHIP #6793

[HTTP://KOF6793.ORG](http://kofc6793.org)

#### **OFFICERS:**

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Community Activity Dir	Bill Studenic
Family Activities Dir	Walt McKee
Life Activities Dir	Gene Kane / Peter Wallace

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Tootsie Roll Chairman	James E Street

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District Deputy, 30	Yen Le, 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. Council 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**

James Street, Church Activities Chairman

**OUR LADY OF GRACE**

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



**Gabriel Project Cluster**

Backpacks and school supplies needed. Many of our pregnant client mothers who are struggling have youngsters going to school, and back-to-school supplies are urgently needed. Please visit our Website for more information about the items requested. Women volunteers are urgently

needed to assist struggling pregnant mothers. This includes keeping in touch with them via text, phone, or e-mail during their pregnancy; bringing them items, such as diapers, baby clothes, formula, etc., that are provided by the project; and praying for them. The average time commitment is 30 minutes or less per week. Men are also needed to set up cribs or to pick up donations once or twice per month. Join our team of over 210 volunteers so that we can help more than 380 needy moms. For more information or questions, visit the website: [www.gpmoco.org](http://www.gpmoco.org) , or contact Bill Lamoureux [atwlamoureux@aol.com](mailto:atwlamoureux@aol.com) . The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County serves mothers and their families in crisis pregnancies.

**Bingo!**

Please join us on the first Friday of each month in the parish center at 1:00 p.m. The next Bingo is September 6. Doors open for Bingo at 12:30 p.m. Cash prizes! Cost is \$5.00 for 6 cards/10 games. Guaranteed fun. After expenses, all proceeds will be donated to The Gabriel Project.

**Coffee Fellowship**

Coffee Fellowship after Friday Morning Mass.

Our next coffee is on Friday, September 20th in the parish center after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

**Marriage Encounter**

The Bishops’ Initiative on Marriage Worldwide — Marriage Encounter -- Let Jesus feed your marriage! Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on October 11-13, 2024, in College Park, Maryland, and September 27-29, 2024, in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. If you are interested, for more information visit our website at: <https://moments4marriage.org> or contact us at [applications@moments4marriage.org](mailto:applications@moments4marriage.org) or phone at 301-500-0871

**ST. PETER’S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS**

Website: <http://www.stpetersolney.org>  
Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



### Saint Peter's Day: To Support SOME

During the period leading up to the completion of the SOME kitchen renovation, we will continue to follow the requests of SOME (So Others Might Eat) to accommodate its limited distribution area. Please only donate small water bottles, even if it means you give fewer in number. Please provide individually wrapped snacks, like cookies, crackers, oatmeal pies, Rice Krispies treats, or Welch's fruit snacks.

If you can supply any of these items, please bring them to the parking lot opposite the Parish Hall Kitchen on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, from 8–8:30 a.m. Our SOME Team will be there to collect your donations. Thank you for your flexibility and your care and concern for the homeless. Please note: If you wish to drop off any of the requested items before September 3, please contact Mark Perez at 240–422–7644 or the Office of Social Concerns at 301–774–0162 to make arrangements.

### Post Cana Event

Mark your calendar for this upcoming event. On Saturday, September 14, from 11 am.–1 pm, we will have a business meeting and a lunch that will be held in the Stricker Room at Saint Bernadette's in Silver Spring. A discussion will take place regarding future plans. President Mary Dugan will share what is proposed for the coming year. New members are always welcome. For more information, please call Mary Dugan

### Survivor's Retreat

As the Church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, the Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring a women's retreat for survivors from Friday, September 20–Sunday, September 22, 2024. This retreat is an occasion for survivors of all forms of abuse (physical, emotional, and/or sexual) to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing prayer. For more information, please go to <https://adw.org/event/the-way-womens-retreat-sept-2024>.

### ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Monsignor Charles J. Parry, Pastor



### Poor Box

This week's Poor Box donations will benefit Centro Tepeyac, which helps women facing unplanned pregnancies. They provide practical support for moms during pregnancy, childbirth and after birth, and including

parents, boyfriend or husband as needed. They provide parenting classes, maternity and baby clothes, as well as counseling and support for post-abortive women. Next week's Poor Box donations will benefit Becket, a non-profit, public-interest legal and educational institute with a mission to protect the free expression of all faiths. They have been instrumental in defending religious liberty cases before the Supreme Court, including multiple attacks against the Little Sisters of the Poor, upholding faith-based education, and safeguarding religious accommodations..

### Join Our Music Ministry!

In every heart, there is a song... Whether you simply enjoy singing or have a deep love for music, we warmly invite you to be part of St. Patrick's Music Ministry. Whether in the choir, as an instrumentalist, in our Handbell Choir, or the newly forming Children's Choir, there's a place for everyone. Adult Choir rehearsals begin the Thursday after Labor Day. For more information, please contact Kathy Fitzpatrick, Director of Music, at 301-332-7733 or [Music@StPatrickADW.org](mailto:Music@StPatrickADW.org).

### Lectio Divina Sessions Begin September 18th!

Come along on a fascinating faith journey that will take you through the months of September, October, November, and December – including the beautiful Advent Season and Christmas. Join a community of 25-30 parishioners who have been meeting for the past five years. By using the traditional “Lectio Divina” method, participants will read and ponder the up-coming Sunday's Gospel. Through quiet reflection and personal sharing, parishioners will discover what God is saying to them today – and hear what others have unearthed in the Scriptures. Your guide will be Deacon David. Two sessions every Wednesday through the end of 2024:10:15 - 11:15 am in the Parish Center Building ~ 7:15 - 8:15 pm on ZOOM Sessions will begin on September 18th. Please contact Deacon David to participate: [davidjsuley@gmail.com](mailto:davidjsuley@gmail.com).

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jim Street, Church Activities Director

### FAITH IN ACTION

Mark Perez, Program Director

### FAITH ACTIVITES

Don Hemke /Andrew Colliton, Faith Programs Director

**FAMILY ACTIVITES**

**Walt McKee, Family Programs Director**

**Council Installation**

GK Eugene Kane – Event Chairman

Greetings to fellow Council members and families. It is with distinction and privilege that we conducted our installation events on August 17th at Our Lady of Grace. We had an excellent installation after beautiful Mass by Father Jim Boccabella.

I took to heart the homily that Father Jim presented regarding the importance of the Knights of Columbus during these difficult times and the message that we as Knights present to our three parishes in the name of Jesus Christ. We are the messenger of our faith to our three parishes. Each of us in our various tasks and responsibilities on behalf of the Knights of Columbus are making a difference in the World in the manner in which pleases God. After the installation which was officiated by the fourth degree Color Corp of the Sullivan assembly, we enjoyed a delicious meal and broke bread together in the same manner that Jesus shared food with the disciples before sending each of disciples out into the World in His Name. Our Ministry as Knights has many similarities to the disciples. We are committed in our programs to "doing God's work" in our Parishes. We are responsible for helping Jesus's bridegroom, His Church, in bringing the message Jesus so desires for all of mankind to hear and see in action. Join me this year and let's make Jesus proud of us.



I wish to personally thank all those who facilitated the events on August 17th to yield a beautiful day with great hope and promise as we begin our new fraternal year.

**Knights at The Theatre**

Joseph Feakes – Event Chairman

Once again, this season Father Peter Paul Maher Council #6793 Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a "Knight at the "Theatre." This year with the cooperation of the Olney Theatre Center, the Council will be hosting the family entertainment musical "Frozen"

The performance is scheduled for November 8th at 7 PM. Tickets are \$55 per person and include a discount ticket, a pre performance reception and intermission refreshment. The reception opens at 5:30 PM and will include drinks and appetizers. While there is no charge, donations are welcome. Tickets can be purchased by cash or check. Checks are to be made payable to the Council and can be purchased by contacting the Council Chairman, Joseph Feakes, e/m josephfeakes@aol.com or 301-774-0137 18128 Darnell Drive Olney, Md. 20832. The deadline for purchasing is November 4th.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

**Bill Studenic, Community Activities Director**

**Food for Families Program**

Bob Amato – Event Chairman

Our 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 in the parking lot. Or you can bring food items to our monthly business meeting. Please support this worthy program.

Last month, 16.3 lbs. of food were delivered to St. Patrick's for delivery to St. Martin's food pantry on Aug 19 for the Family Food Drive. Thanks to all Knights for your participation. Bob Amato 301 385 1017.

**Tootsie Roll Campaign**

Jim Street – Event Chairman

We will be soliciting donations to provide financial assistance to Montgomery County's Intellectually Challenged children and adults. We will be stationed at the Montgomery County Liquor and Wine facility on Georgia Ave. in Olney on each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from August 30 thru Sept. 29. Additionally, we plan to be collecting at all three of our associated parishes, St. Peter's, St. Patrick's, and Our Lady of Grace Church following Masses. We hope to be completing these collections in late September and early October, exact dates are still being determined.

You may also donate to the Tootsie Roll Campaign on our Council website in the Member's Only Section. If you haven't yet been contacted by Campaign Chairman Jim Street to volunteer, give him a call at (301) 717-2667.

## Annual Inwood House Halloween Party

Bill Studenic – Event Chairman

The Annual Halloween Party for the residents at the Inwood House is scheduled for Friday, October 25th. This event involves providing a Halloween party for around 60 residents of the facility, located off University Blvd. in Silver Spring. Bill Studenic will be Chairman for this event. The major items we provide for the evening Include:

*Dinner (usually spaghetti, salad, beverages, and cake)*

*Entertainment (usually a hired musician)*

*Door Prizes for all attendees*

*Halloween costume contest with prizes*

*Decorations for the dining room for a spooky atmosphere*

We will need around 10-12 Council Members to assist with putting up decorations, serving, registration, distributing gifts, and clean-up. We will start decorating around 3 PM with serving spaghetti, salad, etc. starting about 5PM.

Additional information will follow next month as plans are finalized.

## Coats for Kids Program

TBD – Event Chairman

Our Council will be purchasing youth boys and girls coats through Supreme Council and donating to St. Patrick's and St. Peter's parishes for distribution.

## Box of Joy Program

TBD – Event Chairman

This program provides Christmas gifts for children in Central America who otherwise will not receive any gifts this Christmas. Our Council will secure boxes which are to be filled with inexpensive toys, clothing, etc. Council members may pick up a box at the October Council Meeting along with a list of suggested items for filling the box. Boxes are to be returned to our council in early November (No Later than Nov. 7th) along with a check for \$9.00 to cover the cost of shipping.

## LIFE ACTIVITES

**Gene Kane / Peter Wallace Life Programs Directors**

### Enhancing the Quality of Life

Did you know Maryland played an important role in worker rights — including the establishment of the eight-hour workday? In August 1866, the leaders of three unions (coach-makers, iron-molders, and machinists and blacksmiths) initiated a meeting in Baltimore that resulted in the first national labor union (appropriately called “National Labor Union”). One of its first orders of business was a resolution to advocate for an eight-hour workday. These early efforts didn't take hold right away. In fact, it wasn't until 1938 that the Fair Labor Standards Act established the standard 40-hour workweek that we are familiar with, along with overtime pay.

Prayer for Labor Day:

*As the sun rises to bring in the new day:*

*We remember those who descend into the earth, their work begins in darkness, pulling from the earth, the resources we steward.*

*We remember those who work inside a building away from the light and brightness of the day.*

*We remember those who work outside in the harsh elements of our world, the bitter cold and sweltering heat of extremes.*

*We remember those who do not have a job to go to, who are struggling to meet the needs of their daily living expenses, for whom the day becomes long and arduous.*

*As the sun sets to bring in the evening of rest:*

*We remember those who work in the night.*

*We remember those who are trying to recover from their labor and toils of the day.*

*We remember those who participate in unsafe and dangerous work.*

*We pray for a renewed sense of dignity in their lives and in their work.*

*God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day's work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

## Assisted Suicide

In *On Assisted Suicide*, Stephanie Gray Connors makes a compelling and moving case that there is no difference between suicide and assisted suicide, and puts forward ten principles to help guide the conversation on this subject which, if followed, will lead to human flourishing and a society that recognizes the inherent dignity of every human person. Get a copy of this new book at <https://wof.org/assisted-suicide>.

Here's an excerpt from the introduction:

*When I was a child, I remember being taught at school about suicide. I remember being told that suicidal ideation was one secret we shouldn't keep—that if a friend expressed that she (or he) was thinking about killing herself, we should get help. I was taught that we needed to make sure our friends were safe, cared for, and protected from self-harm.*

A quick Google search of "I'm suicidal" provides results leading people to resources offering suicide prevention. Advertisements with messages of support for people in such distress are in bathrooms, schools, and, as I've noticed in my travels, even in airports.

When suicide happens, people grieve. When famous people die by suicide, whether it be Naomi Judd, Robin Williams, Kate Spade, or Anthony Bourdain (to name a few), the world responds with sorrow. When the news reports on suicide, whether with headlines like "Why US Suicide Rate Is on the Rise" from the BBC or "Suicide Rates Sharply Increase Among Girls" from Forbes or "Suicide Deaths Reached a Record High in the US in 2022, Provisional Data Shows" from CNN, suicide is presented as a bad—not a good—thing. Typically, at the bottom of news stories about suicide, there is a message to readers to seek help if they are suicidal.

And yet, there is an interesting dichotomy occurring: while society generally decries suicide, there is an increasing acceptance of it when the word "assisted" is placed in front.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep these Knights and families in your prayers.

INDIVIDUAL'S NAME	RELATIONSHIP
Regina Whitman	Brother's spouse
Gary Street	Sibling of Brother Knight
Janie Street	Brother Knight's spouse
John Hartinger	Brother Knight
Keith Bielanski	Nephew of Brother Knight
SK Innocent D'Almeida	Brother Knight
Donna D'Almeida	Brother's spouse
D'Almeida family	Brother Knight family
DECEASED'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
Bertha Padams	19 August 2024
Carla Dobosz	10 June 2024

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

### FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR REPORT

Stephen Clites, Fraternal Benefits Advisor



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### FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861

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Website: [www.sullivan2861.org](http://www.sullivan2861.org)

SK Danilo C Orino, 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 next Fourth Degree Exemplification for the Archdiocese of Washington District will be held on Tuesday October 15, 2024 at Saint John Paul II National Shrine, 3900 Harewood Rd NE, Washington, DC 20017, USA.

For more information please contact: Christopher L. Powers, IPSD, and Master Archdiocese of Washington Dist. <http://www.awddistrict.org/>

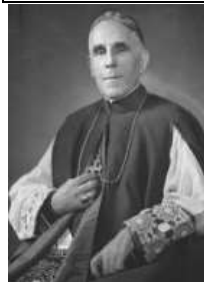
### CHAPTER NEWS

Bishop McNamara Chapter -  
Established 1963

Website:

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

McNamara Chapter Pres – Steve Law



The September Installation will be hosted by Fr. Kidd Council #14455. If you would like to attend the reception, please RSVP to me at [SL124@aol.com](mailto:SL124@aol.com). We ask for the RSVP no later than September 14, 2024. The dress will be black-tuxedo or dark business suit and evening attire for ladies.

We are requesting a donation of \$25.00 per person to help cover the cost of dinner. Send your check, made payable to "Bishop McNamara Chapter", to Terry Waters at 7116 Cypress Hill Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20879

**Date:** September 28, 2024

**Time:** Mass 5:30pm

**Location:** Holy Family Catholic Church in Mitchellville, Parish Hall, 12010 Woodmore Road, Mitchellville, MD 20721

## SUPREME NEWS

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

Source: K of C Supreme Website

### Faith on Fire

#### The 10th National Eucharistic Congress strengthens Knights and others in missionary discipleship

By Maria Wiering

That's how Patrick Glavin, a Fourth Degree master from Indiana, described the scene in downtown Indianapolis on July 20, as the Eucharist, held in a gleaming 4-foot-tall monstrance, was brought in procession from the Indiana Convention Center to the Indiana War Memorial for prayer and Benediction. An estimated 60,000 Catholics participated, kneeling along the streets as the Eucharist passed and then joining the masses who walked behind. Among them were many members of the Knights of Columbus and their families, including an honor guard of nearly 60 Fourth Degree Knights who marched just behind the flowery float carrying the monstrance.



The 1-mile procession — described by organizers as the largest in the United States in decades — was a high point of the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, itself a high point of the ongoing National Eucharistic Revival. This three-year initiative of the U.S. bishops launched in 2022, with the Knights of Columbus as a major sponsor.

For five days, from July 17 to 21, people from around the country packed the Indiana Convention Center, Lucas Oil Stadium and adjacent sites for liturgies, talks, performances and exhibits focused on the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Catholic faith.

But it all began with a time of quiet adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

Bishop Andrew Cozzens of Crookston, Minnesota — the revival's longtime torchbearer — processed into the opening ceremony with the Eucharist, illumined by a spotlight in an otherwise darkened stadium. He placed the monstrance on the altar and, with the crowd of more than 50,000, knelt in silent prayer for 20 minutes before praying aloud: "We are here for you, Lord. We're in awe before the gift of your life for us and for the world. ... Lord, we

wanted to give you the first words of our National Eucharistic Congress. So, let's just take a moment of silence, and in our hearts, let's tell the Lord how grateful we are that he is here."

That prayer set the intention for the following days — and, organizers hope, well beyond.

"A Eucharistic people is a missionary and evangelizing people," the cardinal said. "Let us proclaim Jesus joyfully and zealously for the life of the world!"

Asked by Bishop Cozzens at the end of Mass if they would also like to see an 11th National Eucharistic Congress, the crowd roared. Bishop Cozzens, chair of the congress' board, noted that organizers had been planning for 2033 — the Year of Redemption, 2,000 years after Jesus' death and resurrection — but feedback from supporters, organizers and attendees had prompted them to consider holding another much sooner.

The bishop also announced a Eucharistic pilgrimage from Indianapolis to Los Angeles next year, arriving on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 22, 2025.

For more information, visit

<http://www.eucharisticrevival.org> and

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

## MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

[Website: [www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org)]

### Youth Protection Training

It's September, where do you stand on Safe Environment-Youth Protection Training? Ensuring a safe environment for the children, young people, and other vulnerable persons we serve is a crucial obligation for Knights of Columbus leaders. All councils MUST have trained members in order to conduct any youth or family programs.

### Membership

There is one month left to take advantage of The Fast Start Initiative. Every Council that meets its membership goal for this Fraternal year by September 30, 2024 will have the State per capita assessment for the Council waived for the second half of this Fraternal year. The announcement notice is posted on the State website <https://kofc-md.org/>.

### Sweepstakes Tickets

Continue to sell Sweepstakes Tickets. This is a good fundraiser for the Councils and directly funds the State Scholarship programs. The drawing will take place during the Columbus Day Ball. Remember, Councils can send Sweepstakes tickets out via the US Postal Service.

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**NON-PROFIT  
ORGANIZATION**



**September 2024  
Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council #6793**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day	3	4 Officer Mtg 7:30 PM	5	6 Tootsie Roll Drive, Olney MD	7 Tootsie Roll Drive, Olney MD
8	9	10	11 Business Mtg, Council Rosary 7:30PM	12	13 Tootsie Roll Drive, Olney MD	14 Tootsie Roll Drive, Olney MD
15	16	17	18	19	20 Tootsie Roll Drive, Olney MD	21 Tootsie Roll Drive, Olney MD
22	23	24	25 Social Mtg 7:30P	26	27 Tootsie Roll Drive, Olney MD	28 Tootsie Roll Drive, Olney MD
29	30	31	1	2	3 Tootsie Roll Drive, Olney MD	4 Tootsie Roll Drive, Olney MD

Calendar updates are available at any time by checking the Council website. [www.KOFC6793.ORG](http://www.KOFC6793.ORG)