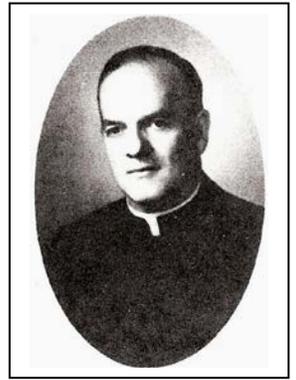


# Father Maher's Knightly News

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

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### CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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Dear Brother Knights,

Most Lents – this year included – we are granted a reprieve from our Lenten penance thanks to the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19. Given the importance of St. Joseph in the life of Jesus, the celebration of this Solemnity takes priority over the celebration of a regular Lenten weekday.

As Catholic men, we have much to learn from St. Joseph: his personal sanctity, his attention to his work, his care for his family. But given today's culture, perhaps we can remember in a special way St. Joseph's role as the most chaste spouse of Mary, his own example of purity and chastity. We are all too familiar with the devastation – societal as well as personal – that the lack of chastity has wreaked in our world.

In our battle to promote and maintain chastity, I encourage everyone to take advantage of the men's groups in our parishes, especially That Man Is You and The King's Men, as well as online resources like [2232men.com](http://2232men.com) and [exodus90.com](http://exodus90.com). Through St. Joseph's intercession, may we all grow in chastity so that we may become better husbands, fathers, and men. St. Joseph most chaste, pray for us!

In Christ,  
**Fr. Martino Choi**

Motto: "Lord, direct our actions to fulfill Your will."

### DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

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March 9 - St. Anthony  
March 15 - St. Mancius  
March 27 - St. Augusta

Mercy! We have marched right on through Valentine's Day, and the Mardi Gras "Fat Tuesday" celebration. We have gotten our ashes on Ash Wednesday and are deep into the Lenten activities.

I have checked, and the "team" is preparing for Friday seafood dinners (see more details inside this newsletter), and the famous Easter Egg hunt. This year will be a little different for the egg hunt. Because Easter is early this year, and the weather is so unpredictable, we plan to hold the hunt at Our Lady of Grace Church on Norbeck Road. If the ground is mushy, we will activate plan "B" and hold egg races inside. Of course, the Easter Bunny will be officiating and available for photo opportunities.

Many thanks to those who helped at the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast/Lunch. We had many workers, and many patrons. This joint event with the Lions Club is one of our major fundraisers through the ticket sales and sponsor ads. Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council has been holding this breakfast annually for 42 years (we'll get it right one of these times), with the shared proceeds going to our scholarship fund.

Specified council officers will be attending our Spring Meeting on Kent Island, Maryland, March 9-11. I fully expect that those attending will return full of new information. Don't be afraid to ask attendees, "Anything new?" They should know.

Many thanks to Fred and Elaine Taylor for agreeing to fill the role of Co-Chairs for our Domestic Church Initiative. This program ties the church, the parishioners, and the Knights of Columbus closer together, through shared programs and assistance.

By now, those intending to attend the 120<sup>th</sup> Convention in Ocean City, Maryland should have already made arrangements by registering on-line for the convention, as well as, reserve a room at the Princess Royale. But, if this has slipped past you, still try to register, or get on the waiting list by contacting John Trainor.

Finally, it is with great sadness, I must mention that our Past State Deputy, Bill C. Kuchmas III has passed (February 21, 2018). Please remember Bill and his family in your prayers.

**Vivat Jesus**

### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

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Spring must be close because our golf tournament has been scheduled. Pretty hard to play golf on frozen tundra.

Please continue to pray for our brother Knights, their families, our parish members and our community who are sick with the flu or a very bad cold.

Thanks to Jim Guthrie for providing a "24 Hour Knight" poster to be displayed in the narthex of Our Lady of Grace Church, and thanks to Fr. Boccabella for allowing the display. We will ask permission from St. Patrick's and St. Peter's to allow us to display a poster too.

I want to personally thank Jim Street and Jim Guthrie for helping with our Council Membership Drives while Homer is spending all the time he can with his wife, Helen. Helen is doing better and is recuperating at the Brook Grove Rehabilitation Center in Sandy Spring.

Our annual Mulch Sale takes place on March 17, from 8am to about noon. Only \$4.50 for a 3 cu. Ft. bag delivered. Trucks, vans and volunteers are needed. Please contact Joe Krempasky, 301-717-4462, if you can help or if you want to order mulch.

Our Executive Chef, with the help volunteers, will prepare a seafood marinara Lenten Dinner at Our Lady of Grace on March 23 from 5-7PM. The dinner follows the Stations of the Cross at 3pm. Suggested donations \$8 per person, \$5 for children 5-12. Proceeds go into our Seminarian Fund. Mark your calendars. The Chef needs help, so please volunteer.

If you are a First-Degree Knight and want to obtain your Second Degree, we will have a Formation Degree (Second Degree) exemplification at Our Lady of Grace on Wednesday, March 28, at 7:30PM.

A reminder for those of you who have not attained the Patriotic Degree, the 4th Degree, you will have a chance to do so at a local exemplification at Our Lady of Good Council High School on Saturday, April 7. You must sign up for this Degree at [www.adwdistrict.org](http://www.adwdistrict.org) before March 24.

The annual Family Fun Day at Hershey Park on Sunday, April 22, from 10am to 6pm. \$32 per person. This is less than half the regular admission price. Children 2 and under are free. Parking is free. The park will be closed to the public. What a deal!! Invite family, friends, parishioners, youth groups, schools and CCD classes. To order tickets, got to <http://www.kofc-md.org>. Promo Code is 71568.

Our new shed project will start construction as soon as our revised plans are approved by Montgomery County and the weather cooperates. Thanks to Joe Krempasky for spearheading this project.

We have several Council activities coming up in March and April. Please read about them in this newsletter, check the calendar on the back of the newsletter, and make plans to participate.

Visit our web site at [www.kofc6793.org](http://www.kofc6793.org) or our Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/KnightsOfColumbus6793/](https://www.facebook.com/KnightsOfColumbus6793/) to stay informed of our future activities. Attend our business meetings and read our Newsletter to find activities that interest you and join in. Become a more active Brother Knight and support our Council activities.

**God bless you and your families.**

### FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR REPORT

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### WHY BECOME AN INSURANCE MEMBER OF THE ORDER?

A question our members often ask, "Why should I become an insurance member?"

There are many good reasons we should be insurance members of the Order, but let us focus on Father Michael McGivney's vision.

Father McGivney founded The Knights of Columbus to protect the Catholic family, and to fight the religious bigotry of that time.

The Knights of Columbus was founded as a Fraternal Benefit Society to render aid to the widow and children of members.

Although participation in our Order's insurance program is voluntary, the men who have become insured members of the Order are taking care of their family's insurance needs by providing Life coverage due to an untimely death; providing Disability coverage for an income flow due to illness or accident; providing Long Term Care coverage in case of living longer; providing an income for retirement with an Annuity.

The Knights of Columbus Insurance Program can protect your catholic family, too! In doing so, you will also help the Order continue Father McGivney's vision, to render aid to our widows and children and fight the injustices of our time.

If you are NOT an insurance member of the K of C, why not?

Call me today!

## CHURCH NEWS

**Jim Street, Chairman, Church Activities**

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### ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Monsignor Charles J. Parry, Pastor



#### Saint Patrick's School Gala

Come and celebrate Saint Patrick's Day – Saturday, March 17 – by discovering The Emerald Isle! Gather with your friends and family for a fun night of dinner, dancing, live and silent auctions, and games. For more information, refer to the upcoming church bulletins.

### ST. PETER'S PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reverend Thomas M. Kalita, Pastor



#### Eighth Annual Men's Retreat

Parish men will be experiencing a deeper understanding of Christ's peace by attending the Annual Men's Lenten Retreat. The retreat will be held Friday, March 16 through Sunday, March 18 at the Trinitarian Retreat Center in Baltimore. The theme is "Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace." Father Michael Heine from The Shrine of Saint Anthony will lead the retreat. The retreat will include daily Mass, quiet time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration, retreat talks, small group discussions and a campfire social. For more information, contact Dave Hauge at [davehauge@gmail.com](mailto:davehauge@gmail.com) or 301-775-2441.

## OUR LADY OF GRACE

Website: <http://ourladyofgracelw.weebly.com/>

Reverend James Boccabella, Pastor



#### Mission Trip to Saint Paul's Honduras Clinic

Honduras Mission Trip at Saint Paul's in Damascus: Our next two mission trips are April 5-12 and August 2-9. For the most part, volunteer doctors, nurses, EMTs, dentists and hygienists are needed. For more information, contact Sherrie Wade at 301-580-3274 or [Honduras@stpauldamascus.org](mailto:Honduras@stpauldamascus.org). Please note that this charity has always been supported by your monthly charity collections.

## FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

**SULLIVAN BROTHERS ASSEMBLY 2861**

**"WE STICK TOGETHER!"**

SK Roger D. Lie, Faithful Navigator [[www.sullivan2861.org](http://www.sullivan2861.org)]



Assembly Business Meetings are held the **third Thursday** of each month at 8PM. See this newsletter's calendar for details.

## FAMILY NEWS

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By the time you receive this newsletter Spring will be upon us. How many of us dread the task of "Spring Cleaning"? Perhaps it is not so much the physical, but more the emotional choices we need to make.

Do we keep the old birthday cards, Christmas cards, anniversary cards and, sometimes, the prayer cards?

We kept every one of these memories for a reason; if you are like me, because it was, and may still be, family.

Family is defined in so many ways but I am not going to retreat to the dictionary. Family is born, nurtured and developed from the heart.

Family is brought to fulfillment by constantly seeking ways to introduce and cultivate a feeling of true love, respect and understanding.

Please take a few moments to reflect on your Family; near, far, forgotten and in need of prayer.

There are many opportunities for families to get together over the next several months. Watch our newsletter, parish bulletins and other communications the Knights will issue.

May the Holy Family pray and intercede for us

Fraternally, Joe Feakes.

## CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

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### FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

The first 2018 semi-annual 40 DAYS FOR LIFE campaigns is upon us. It started on Wednesday, February 14 and will end Sunday, March 25. As a reminder, in the words of the campaign's website, "40 Days for Life ... takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion. It draws attention to the evil of abortion through ... a three-point program: Prayer and Fasting, Constant Vigil, and Community Outreach... tracks Biblical history, where God used 40-day periods to transform individuals, communities ... and the entire world."

As recommended by the Respect Life Ministry of St. Patrick's, let us focus during the campaign on the Bethesda clinic of the notorious abortionist, Leroy Carhart. He is one of but a very few late-term abortionists in all our 50 states. Peaceful prayer vigils are held daily from 7AM to 7PM on the public right-of-way outside the Wildwood Medical Clinic Center at 10401 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda.

In accordance with area parishes "adopting" a day to pray and participate in vigils, St. Patrick's has chosen Tuesday, March 13 for its day for vigils. Volunteers are needed to go & pray for one hour at the abortion site. More info available at <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/bethesda/>. If you would like to receive further Respect Life Ministry updates, please send an email to Monica Ludwig at [monica.ludwig@stpatrickadw.org](mailto:monica.ludwig@stpatrickadw.org).

### MARYLAND MARCH FOR LIFE IN ANNAPOLIS

The Maryland March for Life was "established in 1979 ... for Life advocates peaceful demonstration on behalf of legislation in support of life issues and those that support pregnant women." This year it will take place on Monday, March 12. It will start with a 5:15PM non-denominational service and Catholic mass at St. Mary's in Annapolis. For more information, including where to meet and the schedule through 9PM, the website is at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/maryland-march-for-life-tickets-42019396145>.

**Weekly Prayer Vigils for Life** continue on Saturdays, 8-9AM in Rockville (966 Hungerford Dr.) & 9-10AM in Silver Spring (1111 Spring St.) near local abortion sites.

Fraternally, Ramon, Culture-of-Life Chairman

## PRAYER REQUESTS



**Please keep these Knights and families in your prayers.**

INDIVIDUAL'S NAME	RELATIONSHIP
Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalita	Pastor/St. Peter's Church
Rev. Fr. Louis Tou	Past Chaplain/Council 6793
Kayla MacBride	Niece/Fr. Kalita
Bill Gulban	Brother Knight
Bill Homick	Brother Knight
Karen Mazonkey	Daughter/Bob and Barb Mazonkey
Jeff Kollins	Son/Bill Kollins
Helen Chen	Wife/ Homer Chen
Vito Sabia	Friend/ Paul Boccabella
Joe Krempasky	Brother Knight
Donna D'Almeida	Wife/ Innocent D'Almeida
Joan Santaiti	Friend/ Don Hemke
Barbara Campanaro	Friend/ Don Hemke
Luke Engler	Friend/ Don Hemke
Paul D. McFarlane	Brother Knight
Kate Ennis	Sister-in-law/ Chris Romano
Sherry Colliton	Sister/ Andy Colliton
Victims of Shooting at NSA	Council
DECEASED'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH
Past State Deputy William C. Kuchmas III	02-21-2018
Victims of Broward county shooting	02-14-2018

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

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Recruitment of new members is not the job of the Chairman only. It is a joint effort of every member. As a member, you can invite your friends at Church, at work and your family members. The requirements are simple. The prospect must be a man, a Catholic and 18 years or older. Your ladies can be your great help to recruit. Try working with your ladies. The result could be surprisingly successful.

## NEW MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT LOTTERY INCENTIVE

A chance for you to win a paid trip to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland, August 21-26, all expenses paid. Beginning December 1, 2017, every time that you recruit a member into the Order through June 30, 2018, your name will go into a drawing and on July 1, 2018, ten names will be drawn at random. If you are a winner, you and you wife will be notified immediately so you can plan this once in a lifetime opportunity to interact with families from all over the world. When you return, you can become a beacon of light for other families in your council, community, and state.

A Membership Drive is scheduled for April 8 at all three parishes to help you get more chances at winning the Recruitment Lottery. We need a couple of volunteers to stay for about 15 minutes after each Mass to help. Please contact Jim Street, 301-717-2667, for the Mass you are able to help with.

### MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS

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



### ULTRASOUND PROJECT

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. For more information or to make a donation, contact Richard Siejack at [RVSiejack@aol.com](mailto:RVSiejack@aol.com).

### CARE PACKAGES FOR SERVICE MEMBERS

God Bless America,

In a few months, the Maryland State Convention will be upon us. This year, as in years past, we will be collecting care package items for our service member heroes. State Deputy, Steve Cohen, has given his blessing for this project. During the children's activity, the kids will be assembling the care packages. They also will be decorating the inside of the boxes and making homemade cards for the service members. We are asking everyone to bring items that we have on the "safe" list below. We will be accepting your generous donations in the downstairs of the Princess Royale; specifically, the kids' activity room. In an effort to assist the children with this service project, please place your donation on the appropriately marked tables. The kids will then collect items for each table to fill a box.

We are also asking for donations to help pay for the shipping. Each package we send to our deployed heroes costs \$17.40. Two years ago, when we did this program the Maryland District sent 413 care packages, so you can see the need to help with this shipping. We will be passing an empty care package around during the men's session and the ladies activity to collect donations for the shipping. Please plan to help support the shipping.

- Beef jerky (protein)
- Air fresheners
- Hand warmers
- Unscented body wipes (dude wipes preferred by men and women)
- Decks of cards
- Crossword puzzles and Sudoku
- Board games
- Sun screen
- Dr. Scholl's gel inserts
- Writing materials
- Personal hygiene items for men and for women
- Medicine - Advil liquid gels, icy hot topical pain relief
- DVD of TV shows
- Powered drink mixes
- Books, magazines etc...
- Candy and gum
- Snacks - crackers, chips, nuts, cookies, micro popcorn
- Cards from children
- Eye glass cleaner and towels

### MARCHING FOR A PRO-LIFE AMERICA — AND BEYOND

(by Lawrence Grayson)

**The annual event has spawned marches in the U.S. and on six continents, making this a global movement.**

On January 19, some 20,000 students attended an early morning Mass and youth rally and then joined more than 100,000 pro-life advocates on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

After encouraging remarks by political and social leaders, the overwhelmingly young crowd from all over the country marched to the Supreme Court for the 45<sup>th</sup> time to bear witness for life at all stages.

Ever since *Roe v. Wade* legalized abortion in 1973, the pro-life movement has peacefully prayed outside of abortion clinics, counseled pregnant women, shown them ultrasound images of their children, provided free housing for mothers-to-be, stressed the alternative of adoption, exposed the depraved techniques of abortion, filmed the illegal sale of baby parts, and lobbied for laws to protect both mother and child. The results are indisputable. The number of surgical abortions has decreased dramatically. Children are being saved.

In 1996, an estimated 1.36 million children were killed in the womb; by 2015, the number had dropped to 908,000. Last year, 27 surgical abortion centers closed or stopped doing abortions, continuing a long-term trend. In 1991, there were 2,176 surgical abortion clinics in the country; today, only 490

remain. As a result, more than 90% of the counties in the United States no longer have an abortion provider.

And very encouraging, in the past year, there have been a host of federal government actions to promote the sanctity of life. On January 23, 2017, the president reinstated the Mexico City Policy, which prevents U.S. foreign aid from going to nongovernmental organizations that provide or promote abortion services abroad.

Then, on the morning of the 2018 March for Life, the president outlined two major pro-life policy changes. First, the Department of Health and Human Services is rescinding an Obama-era guideline that forced states to make Medicaid reimbursement payments to Planned Parenthood, rather than to local community health centers that do not perform abortions and serve more people with more health services.

Second, the Office for Civil Rights proposed a new policy to protect the conscience rights and religious freedom of doctors, nurses and other medical professionals so that they would not be coerced into participating in medical procedures, such as abortion, sterilization or assisted suicide, that violate their consciences.

That same morning, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 4712), which requires, under penalty of possible criminal and civil actions, health care practitioners to provide the same standards of care, including admission to a hospital, to a child surviving an abortion as would be expected for infants who were not subjects of an abortion.

The president has called upon the Senate to pass that legislation, as well as the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (H.R. 36), which passed the House in October 2017, and he will sign both. The latter bill makes it a crime for any person to perform or attempt to perform an abortion on any unborn child 20 weeks or more after conception. These bills would virtually eliminate abortions nationwide after five months of pregnancy. Unfortunately, pro-abortion senators filibustered the bill when it came to the floor, and a vote to end the debate fell short of the needed 60 votes January 29. Pro-life groups have promised to bring it back again.

The recent government actions are in-line with public opinion.

A Knights of Columbus-Marist poll conducted in January 2018 found that 76% of American adults, including 60% of those who identify themselves as “pro-choice,” want abortions restricted to the first three months of pregnancy or limited to cases of rape or incest or to save the life of the mother.

This confirms a Gallup Poll released at the time of last year’s March for Life, which found that although there is strong support for abortion in the first trimester, majorities oppose it strongly in the second and third trimesters. The majority of Americans favor significant restrictions on abortion, such as waiting periods, spousal agreement and the consent of one parent for a minor’s abortion.

The March for Life is more than an annual symbolic demonstration. As Cardinal Timothy Dolan said at the youth Mass preceding this year’s march, “Our elected representatives, executive and legislative, and the judiciary they appoint, need to see, and hear, and feel the grassroots power and sincere voices of millions. ... We will not give up.”

The national march in Washington, D.C., has spawned more than 60 sister marches in communities and states across the nation, almost all held on or near Jan. 22, the date when the

Supreme Court legalized abortion. And other countries have followed the example. Marches for life are being held in at least 20 nations on six continents, making this a global movement.

Although progress has been made in protecting the sanctity of life, there still is significant opposition from pro-abortion providers, the entertainment industry and much of the mainstream media. Marching alone will not win the battle for life.

Lila Rose, founder of Live Action, when asked a few years ago to advise a first-time attendee at the March for Life, expressed the need for continuing involvement:

“If you’re here, that’s fantastic — but we need you tomorrow; we need you the next day; we need you on Sundays at your church; we need you at your schools standing up for life; we need you voting for life; we need you encouraging and working with your friends to make sure they’re not having abortions. ... We need you every day, not just today.”

Action also must be coupled with prayer. As the president said in his remarks at the march, “This movement can only succeed with the heart and the soul and the prayer of the people.” With prayer, fasting, widespread public involvement and trust in God, America will be a land that protects life from conception until natural death.

## COUNCIL NEWS

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### MULCH SALE

Our annual Mulch Sale is scheduled for March 17. We will be selling the 3 cubic foot bags of hardwood mulch for \$4.50 a bag. Such a deal!! Lowest price in town!!! Our Mulch Sale is one of the best sources of income for our charity work, so please help if you can. We need volunteers who can lift bags of mulch, and we need trucks, or vans, to help deliver the bags.

If you have a truck or can volunteer, please contact Joe Krempasky, 301-717-4462 or Fred Whitman, 240-550-1007. If there is a High school son or daughter in your family who can lift bags of mulch, we can use their help and they may be able to get school credit for community service. If you want to order bags of mulch at this great price, contact Joe.

### BACK AGAIN THIS YEAR

## \$1000 Matching Challenge

An anonymous council brother knight has again issued a challenge to all brother knights. He will match all donations to the council Seminarian Scholarship Fund up to \$1000 from January 2018 through May 2018!

The council welcomes the opportunity again to respond to the most gracious generosity of one of our council brother knights!

### COUNCIL ELECTIONS

This is the first announcement for Nominations for Officers of the council. The April and May newsletter will serve as the official slate announcements. The vote for officers will take place at the May Business Meeting.

We are looking for a few good men to add to the slate, as we currently have open positions.

Kevin J Kennedy, PGK DW is in charge of the Nomination Committee for the year, 2018-19. If you are interested in a position, please call him at 301-807-9749.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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## CUP O'JOE

Our council will be participating in the Cup O'Joe program at the St. Patrick's Parish Center on Thursday, March 29 at 1:00PM. We will help to bag meals for the homeless shelter program of St. Patrick's. We could use a couple more volunteers. It takes only 45 minutes.

## ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Our Annual Communion Breakfast will be held on March 4 after the 9AM Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church.

Breakfast will be provided by the Tavern restaurant and the event will feature a guest speaker from Birthright Montgomery County.

If you would like any information, please contact Jack Giacalone at 301 774 6448.

## COUNCIL GOLF TOURNAMENT



On April 27, District 30 of the Knights of Columbus is hosting a golf tournament organized by Montgomery and Father Peter Paul Maher Councils to raise money for the Seminarian Fund.

It will be a Scramble Format, with prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin and lowest score. Tee boxes will be Red for ladies, White for those 50 and older, and Blues for those 49 and younger.

The Course is Laytonsville Golf Course (MCG). Registration starts at 7:30AM with coffee and light fare. Shotgun starts at 08:30AM. Bottled water and sports drinks will be available to take to the cart at check-in. All alcoholic beverages are on a cash basis. Luncheon afterwards includes fountain soda and features hot dogs and burgers.

The cost is \$125 to play, \$50 to be a sponsor. All Sponsor fees are tax deductible. The \$125 consists of \$50 for the Seminarian Fund, which is tax deductible, \$10 for the prize pool for the longest drive, closest to the pin and lowest team score; the remainder covers greens fee, cart, food and drinks.

Mulligans can be purchased separately and used anywhere except on the greens and to win closest to the pin or longest drive.

The greens are in great shape and the weather is finally warming!

Registration deadline is April 19. To register yourself and/or your teams, please contact: Ron Herberg at 301-580-9189 or email at [ronherberg@verizon.net](mailto:ronherberg@verizon.net) , or Gary Palmer at 301-948-6494 or email at [gtdbpalmer@verizon.net](mailto:gtdbpalmer@verizon.net).

Payment can be made during sign-in by check or cash. Advance payments may be made on the Father Peter Paul Maher Council website: [www.kofc6793.org](http://www.kofc6793.org) , using your credit card or PayPal. Using this site will automatically send you a confirmation email and receipt.

Please feel free to forward this email to any neighbors and friends; the more the merrier.

## ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL AT THE MARIAN HOUSE

The annual Spring Festival at the Marian House will be held in mid-May. This includes great desserts and activities for the residents, prizes for all, and also musical entertainment. Please contact Steve Sutkowski at 301-890-9308 or at [ssutko9208@aol.com](mailto:ssutko9208@aol.com) to help out.

## SUPREME NEWS

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The Knights of Columbus has been recognized by the Ethisphere® Institute, a global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices, as one of the 2018 World's Most Ethical Companies®.

The Knights of Columbus has won the distinction for five consecutive years and is one of only three companies in the life insurance category, underscoring the Knights' commitment to leading ethical business standards and practices.

"We are grateful for this honor because it recognizes that our commitment to corporate ethics and integrity is part of our founding mission and continues to be our highest priority," said Knights of Columbus CEO Carl Anderson. "Based on Catholic values, this commitment extends to every aspect of our

work, our corporate governance, our professional agency force, our investments, and our day-to-day business operations.”

The needs of widows and orphans led Father Michael J. McGivney to respond in 1882 by founding the Knights of Columbus, a fraternal benefit society that has grown into a worldwide financial and charitable organization.

The 135 honorees for 2018 span 23 countries and 57 industries. The honorees had record levels of involvement with their stakeholders and communities around the world. Measuring and improving culture; leading authentically; and committing to transparency, diversity and inclusion were all priorities for honorees.

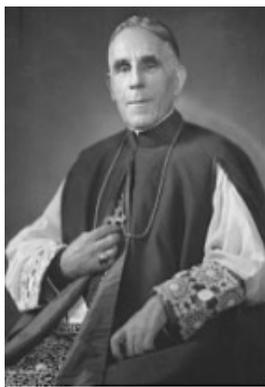
“While the discourse around the world changed profoundly in 2017, a stronger voice emerged. Global corporations operating with a common rule of law are now society’s strongest force to improve the human condition,” said Ethisphere® CEO Timothy Erblich. “This year we saw companies increasingly finding their voice. The World’s Most Ethical Companies® in particular continued to show exemplary leadership. I congratulate everyone at the Knights of Columbus for being recognized as one of the World’s Most Ethical Companies.”

## CHAPTER NEWS

**Bishop McNamara Chapter - Established 1963**

[Website: <http://www.kofc-md.org/state1617/mcnamara.asp>]

**McNamara Chapter Marshall – Jack Giacalone**



Consider attending a Chapter meeting where Knights from other councils meet and discuss their programs. It’s a great place to share and learn ideas for your council to participate in!

## YOUTH NEWS

**GK Fred Whitman, Acting Chairman, Youth Programs**

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## ESSAY CONTEST

And we have a winner!!! The Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest essay contest at St. Peter’s was a huge success. The essay contest was a creative way to encourage young people to become citizens who are firmly grounded in the Faith. The theme of the contest was “The Importance of Religious Freedom.”

The contest was open to all seventh graders. The criteria included creativity, thoughtfulness and grammar. The essays we received reflected serious thought by the students. I believe some young eyes were opened about the importance of religious freedom, how fortunate we are in this country to have

religious freedom, and that this freedom should not be taken for granted.

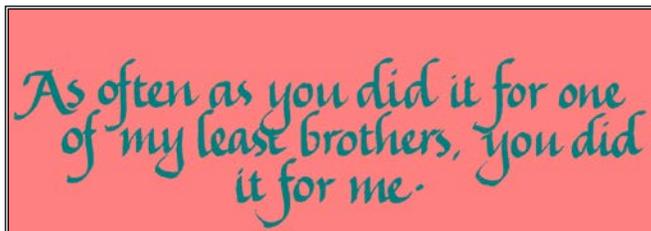
Thanks to Ms. Whelan, the school principal, for allowing the students to participate. The winner will be announced at the school’s year-end awards ceremony in June.

## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is March 24th at 11AM, rain or shine, behind the Parish Center at Our Lady of Grace Church. This has been a much-anticipated event for children ages 1-9. Prizes will be given by age group, 1-3, 4-6, and 7-9. The Easter Bunny has been invited again this year and plans to attend. Please call Joe Krempasky at 301-570-4891 by Thursday, April 6, with the number and ages of your children who will attend.

## SUPPORT OUR COUNCIL’S “FOOD FOR FAMILIES” PROGRAM



**Buy and bring any of the items listed below to any Council event. We donate these to St. Patrick’s and St. Peter’s Food Banks to help our parishes’ families.**

Dried Beans or Peas - Macaroni and Cheese – Spaghetti and other Pastas - Snacks (cookies, crackers, granola bars, nuts) – Cold or Hot Cereals – Juices - Pancake Mix - Syrup - Chili - Canned Fruits and Vegetables - Rice (bagged or boxed) - Peanut Butter - Jelly – Jell-O – Pudding Mixes - Canned meats (Spam, Ham, Corned Beef, etc.) - Beef Stew – Soups - Canned Chicken - Muffin Mix - Dried Milk – Tuna/Chicken/Hamburger Helper (Any boxed dinners) – Ramen Noodles, Rice & Side dishes, etc.

**PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES ON ALL ITEMS.**



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**Mar 23 FRI Lenten "Seafood Marinara" Dinner, 5PM-7PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center**

**MAR 24 SAT Easter Egg Hunt, 11AM-1PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, rain or shine.**

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- MAR 04 SUN Communion Breakfast, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center following the 9AM Mass. Fran VanBrocklin, Director of Montgomery County Birthright Center, will be our guest speaker.
- MAR 07 WED Executive Meeting, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center
- MAR 14 WED Business Meeting, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World**
- MAR 17 SAT Mulch Sale, 8AM-1PM, volunteers and trucks needed
- Mar 23 FRI Lenten "Seafood Marinara" Dinner, 5PM-7PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center
- MAR 24 SAT Easter Egg Hunt, 11AM-1PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, rain or shine.
- MAR 28 WED Social Meeting, Formation Degree (2nd Degree), Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World**
- MAR 29 THUR Cup o' Joe meal bag assembly, St. Patrick's Parish Center.



- APR 04 WED Executive Meeting, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Parish Center
- APR 08 SUN Membership Drive at all three parishes
- APR 11 WED Business Meeting, 7:30PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, Leisure World**
- APR 14 SAT Pilgrimage to St. Mary's Historic Site, Baltimore, MD, arrive 12:30PM, tour of Mother Seaton House, Seminary Chapel and the Center starts at 1PM
- APR 22 SUN Council Charter Dinner, Oak Room, SSVFD, Olney, MD,
- APR 25 WED Social Meeting, 7:30PM, Bill Newbrough, DD District 18, "Knights in Solidarity With Persecuted Christians"**
- APR 27 FRI District Golf Tournament, Laytonsville Golf Course, 7:30AM sign-in, 8:30 shotgun start.

► For more information about or to participate in any council event, contact Grand Knight Fred L. Whitman on 240-550-1007.

► Council Calendar: View it at: [www.KofC6793.org](http://www.KofC6793.org) (Select "Event Calendar" at the left and the current month's calendar will be displayed.) Scroll forward to view upcoming events.) To view Monthly Business Meeting Minutes on the website: (On the HOME screen, scroll to the bottom of the page, on the right, select "Access Minutes" in the Council Minutes section.)

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