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Chaplain's Message



Brothers all,

No matter what our age, new beginnings are always a delight. So this year of 2012 brings us new hope and new enthusiasm as Knights of Columbus here at St. Bartholomew. It was a grand Christmas for us at the parish. Almost 2500 people attended our Masses at the new and historic churches between Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Many people also went to Confession in the days before the great feast to prepare well for the coming of the Christ Child. We certainly had a great Knights' Christmas party. Thanks to all involved.

My prayer for the New Year is that more and more of our men will join our brotherhood and that our present members will live the knightly virtues of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity all the more intently.

*Fraternally,
Fr. Michael Roach*

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Grand Knights Message

Brothers All,
Thanks for all the hard work over the past month, to Pat McGregor for putting up the "Keep Christ in Christmas Banner" on Route 30 and to Bill and Matt Morley and Pat for selling Christmas cards, Advent guides and magnets. Pat, Bill, and Chris Walsh also helped to make the children's Christmas party a success. Henry Ruhlman did a fine job preparing what I'm sure for many was one of the most memorable council Christmas parties ever, as we sent 2010 out with a bang and a flush! Ferdinand and Ann Mainolfi treated us to a fun preview of our Valentine's Day Social so we'll be calling on volunteers and their spouses this month for rehearsals and a few laughs.



It's easy to get cabin fever in January and February, so try something new and attend an event. Our Insurance Agent Tony Viscardi will present "An Economic Reality Check" on Thursday Jan. 20 at 7:30pm, an evening where spouses are most welcome. We Knights support the Culture of Life. We've shown great charity as a council recently with our donations to the Catocin Pregnancy Center. Participate in the March for Life by joining us on the Parish bus to DC on Monday March 24. Children and teens are invited to join us in our 3rd annual Roller Skate for Life at Magic Elm on Saturday January 29th.

St. Joseph comes to mind during this continued celebration of the Christmas season. I can imagine him applying his skills as a carpenter to make a wooden cradle and to care for his family. We men work to provide for the material well-being of our families, but we can't neglect the spiritual. Check out the Knights of Columbus site Fathers for Good (www.fathersforgood.org) for some ideas on a father's spirituality.

Vivat Jesus, *Alexander Fielding*



National Prayer Vigil March for Life

From the US Council of Catholic Bishops

In 1979 Sally Reynolds, a representative of Mothers of Mary of the Archdiocese of Detroit, asked the U.S. Bishops Conference and the Basilica of the National Shrine to co-sponsor a program of prayer on the eve of the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. In its first year, 50 people gathered to celebrate the Mass in the Crypt Church and stayed through the night to pray for an end to abortion.

Today, the National Prayer Vigil for Life draws over 20,000 pilgrims to join in prayer for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life. The vigil begins on the eve of the March for Life with the Opening Mass celebrated in the Great Upper Church (pictured). Prayer continues throughout the night with the National Rosary for Life, Night Prayer and Holy Hours for Life coordinated by Mount St. Mary's Seminary and led by seminarians from across the country. The following morning, the prayer vigil concludes with Morning Prayer, Benediction and the Closing Mass.

Sponsored by the USCCB Pro-Life Secretariat, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and The Catholic University of America Office of Campus Ministry, the National Prayer Vigil for Life is one small part of the Church's "great prayer for life."

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."

-Pope John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, no. 100

National Prayer Vigil Schedule of Events at the Basilica of the National Shrine

Sunday, January 23, 2011

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Opening Mass-Great Upper Church Principal Celebrant & Homilist: Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

10:00 p.m. to 12 a.m. Confessions-Our Lady of Hostyn Chapel - to the left of Crypt Church (lower level)

10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. National Rosary for Life - Crypt Church (lower level)

11:00 p.m. to 12 a.m. Night Prayer (Byzantine Rite) - Crypt Church Most Rev. William Skurla, Byzantine Eparchy of Passaic. Cantors and Slava Men's Chorus from Epiphany of our Lord Church, Annandale, Virginia

12 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. Holy Hours for Life - Crypt Church Pro-life seminarians from across the country

Monday, January 24, 2011

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer & Benediction - Crypt

Church Dominican House of Studies

7:30 a.m. Closing Mass - Great Upper Church

Principal Celebrant & Homilist: Bishop William E. Lori, Bishop of Bridgeport



Mark your Calendar!

January

Business Meeting - Thursday January 6th at 8PM in the Parish Center...

Social Meeting - An Economic Reality Check! Thursday January 20th at **7:30PM** in the Parish Center... Insurance Benefits meeting... bring your spouse.

March for Life- Board the Bus for D.C. with your fellow Knights and parishioners. Monday January 24th CALL Bill Morley for tickets....

Officers Meeting- Thursday January 27th at the Parish Center, 7PM

Roller Skate for Life- Saturday, January 29th Magic Elm Skate Rink in Hanover... From 1-4PM Bring the KIDS!

February

Business Meeting - Thursday February 3rd at 8PM in the Parish Center.

Catholic Bee- Sunday 10AM at the Historic Church... The best and the brightest of our CCD youth compete for a prize.

Superbowl Sunday Chili Cookoff! Bring your best recipe for Chili or Wings to the Parish Center on Sunday February 6th at 4PM and watch the RAVENS play for the Superbowl.... Well maybe a little wishful thinking....

Social Meeting - Thursday February 17th at 8PM in the Parish Center... HOW TO PAMPER YOUR SPOUSE!

Recruiting Weekend- Saturday the 26th and Sunday the 27th After Mass.

4th Degree Exemplification- Saturday the 26th... see John Trainor for further details....

March

Business Meeting - Thursday March 3rd at 8PM in the Parish Center...

Pancake Supper- Grab your apron and join us in the kitchen! Shrove Tuesday, March 8th, see Chris Walsh to sign up.

Family Bingo- Friday March 5th... Doors open at 6PM....

MD, March for Life- Monday, March 14th in Annapolis.. See Bill Morley for details

St. Patrick's Day Dinner- Always a Council favorite! Thursday March 17th at 6PM in the Parish Center.

Council Report



PRO Life March!

Please join us for the 38th Annual March for Life on Monday, January 24th, 2011.

The bus will depart from the new church at 10AM and return at 6PM. The cost is JUST \$5 per person or \$25 per family maximum. The bus is sponsored by our council and the Pro-Life Committee.

Call Bill Morley 410-239-3324 to reserve your seat.

Catoctin Pregnancy Center

To honor the birth of Christ, every year we collect baby items and donations during our council Christmas party. Alex Fielding, Grand Knight of St. Bartholomew Council 9127 presents a check and donations of diapers and baby food to Melanie Turner, Director of Catoctin Pregnancy Center on December 18th. According to Melanie Turner, "The needs are especially great at this time, given the state of the economy and over 20 families displaced from their homes by fires in the past year."



Council Sick List

We ask all brothers to pray for the these people who are ill and in need of God's grace and mercy.



Dave and Mary Bott
Jackie Ayre
John Macheimer
Jeanette Vancleave
Charles Hammel
Joe Bach
Ted Szymanski
Eileen Printy
Tim Cook
Ed Hartzel
Fr. Tom Martin
Paul Nolan

Emilia Hall
Nancy Smallwod
Eric Dorsch
Elizabeth Richard
Marie Banahan
Cheryl White
Ray Trawinski
Ferdinand Mainolfi
Mike Durham
Doug Muir
Jim Moore
Kay Spence

Please Pray for the Departed:

Knight of the Month: Del Parks

Family of the Month:
Henry and Mary
Ruhlman



District Deputy's Report

Brother Knights and Families,

I hope you all had a great and wonderful Advent season and a joyous Christmas. By the time you receive this, the holidays will be over and we will have started the New Year!

I ask you to reflect on the achievements of your council thus far this year, and the tasks ahead for the remaining year and beyond. As Knights of Columbus, the strong arm of the Catholic Church, we are being called to defend, support, and strengthen our beloved Church. In a message from State Deputy Peter Davio, according to Archbishop O'Brien only about 30% of Catholics attend Mass regularly and receive the Sacraments. This aids in creating a further disregard for our faith by our youth, and a decreasing pool of candidates for the priesthood and religious life. You can help through your regular attendance and your example to others, just as we pray, "Mary, make us always aware..." Lift high the cross we must bear and inspire others to stand faithful to the Church and all of its teachings. Membership in our organization assists brother knights by supporting their commitment to faith and their continued formation. Offer the opportunity of membership to every Catholic gentleman and offer a hand in strengthening his faith through your good will. To achieve the goals of our Order and of the Church, we must have continued membership growth. Each member can do his part by sponsoring a new member this year. Carry a form 100 **at all times!** We must take this call seriously.



I wish each and every member and their families a most blessed Christmas!

Vivat Jesus
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St. Joseph, by the **SORROW** of your heart caused by the fear of the son of Herod after your obedient return from Egypt, and by your **JOY** in sharing the company of Jesus and Mary at Nazareth, Grant for us that,

freed from all fear, we may enjoy the peace of a good conscience, live securely in union with Jesus and Mary, and experience your assistance at the hour of our death.

Pray one Our Father, Seven Hail Marys', and one Glory Be.

From the First Lady...

By Jean Fielding...

As we start our new year remembering our Savior's birth and celebrating the Christmas season, we look ahead to January's witness to life. We all change when we see an infant adorned in swaddling blankets. We can't help but change the tone of our voice to a soft, gentle whisper of the child's name. This is the way we should always approach the name of Jesus with the image of his smallness in the cradle surrounded by Mary, Joseph, angels, and shepherds. If you've never attended the March for Life in Washington, DC that displays a peaceful witness to the beauty of life, then please consider taking the bus from our church on Monday, January 24th. You will be surprised by the thousands of people willing to stand up for the tiniest beings in our midst.



Also, if you enjoyed the skit by Ferd and Ann at our Christmas party, you will be sure to enjoy February's social evening. If you want to join as an entertainer, please ask your husband to sign you up at the January business meeting. Mark the calendar now, so you can come out for fun and laughter!



Super Bowl Sunday COME OUT AND JOIN THE FUN!

Once again your council will host a chili and wings cook-off during the big game. So crack the old recipe book and whip up a batch of your favorite chili! We will have a large screen to watch the game and will judge the best chili and wings. Sunday February 6th at the Parish Center.



For our Youth!

The Catholic Bee will be held on Sunday February 6th at the Historic Church! The Youth Skate for Life will be held on Saturday January 29th at the Magic Elm Rink in Hanover from 1-4PM. If you would like to help out or attend contact Alex Fielding.



“FRATERNAL BENEFITS”

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“Who can you count on?”



These days you have to be careful about not only the individual financial product you are buying...but also about the company that is backing that financial product. Who would have thought that the largest insurance company in the world would need a government bailout?

Today's news talks about how more banks are having difficulty, despite many of these banks already receiving TARP funds. We are seeing record numbers of banks failing and having to be rescued by an already stressed FDIC government insurance program. The numbers are predicted to go higher, much higher.

Allow me to brag a bit – about your very own organization, the Knights of Columbus. We are 1 of 2 companies remaining out of 1700 in the United States with the top ratings from Standard and Poors, A.M. Best and the IMSA certification for customer satisfaction and ethical business practices. We are the only company left in Canada with these top ratings.

When you look to invest your hard earned money – think of the Knights of Columbus. We have no debt, top ratings and Standard and Poors says we are the #1 capitalized insurance company in the U.S. When buying life insurance, long term care insurance, investing in our annuities or rolling over your pension or IRAs...you can sleep soundly at night because you are under our safety net. I know I do.

Call me and let's see if there are any ways the Knights of Columbus might be able to help you and your family in your planning. It is an honor to be of service to you.

2010 Christmas Party



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Benefits Night
Bring your Spouse
Light Refreshments!
Thursday, January 20th 8PM
Parish Center

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