

September 2019

SFX Knights Newsletter

St. Francis Xavier the Missionary

Council # 10957

"In Service to One, In Service to All"



Council Meetings held at St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall

2nd and 4th Tuesday's @ 7:00 P.M.

21370 Newtowne Neck Road, Compton, MD 20659



Grand Knight's Report

My Brother Knights,

August has been a very busy month for us with many fun and constructive activities for the members and their families.

During the month we assisted in cleaning out the hall and getting it ready for painting. The Council gathered all the hall chairs, loaded them on a trailer, and stored them in the barn. We are also scheduled to assist Father in returning the chairs for a 50th Anniversary gala and return them again to storage. Keep in mind, the Hall **overhaul and painting will continue through now October 1st**.

We met for our August 13th Council Meeting at Mike and Margo Holton's home. Their hospitality and the casual setting allowed for an open dialogue and great fellowship. We also conducted the semiannual Council Audit and Father Rob also opened a discussion on the upcoming Parish Program, This Man Is You (TMIY). He also showed us a program overview video that covered the program and common questions. Matt Cosgrove and other Brothers are the core group to start this effort. After the meeting, our spouses joined in the fun for a casual social time.

During the month we held the Robert B. Raza Golf Tournament on the 15th. Nine volunteers including seven Knights from our council made it fun and very successful. Tom Koviak lead the fun for 31 players; including 14 Knights. All players had a super time, the weather was fantastic, and play was fast. For those that track results, the following is provided.

1st Place: Ron Guy, Gene Wood, Ron Smith, Tom Clark

2nd: Paul Zimmerman, John Fenwick, Joe Labile, Jerry Ostoski

3rd: Paul Roman, Herb Male, James Morgan

The special award of the K of C Challenge went to Knights team of Paul Zimmerman, John Fenwick, Joe Labile Jerry Ostoski

Following play, we held a pig roast luncheon where door and other prizes were given out along with a 50/50 raffle. It was an exceptional social time. We donate a portion of the proceeds to K-9 for Warriors. A representative of K-9 for Warriors briefed us on their activities and the progress they are making in overcoming PTSD.

On Saturday on the 17th we hosted our annual Fishing Derby at St Clements Shores. A large crowd of Parish families with young kids and grandkids participated in the fishing derby. Seventeen Children registered and caught 47 fish during the tournament time from 11:00 to 12:00. LARGEST FISH Grand prize winner – Lily Morgan caught a 10” Perch and the other winners include:

1st Place Noah Stebbins 10 fish caught (sudden death fish off winner)

2nd Place Matthew Rowan 9 fish caught

3rd Place Joseph McAloon 7 fish caught

A family picnic at St Clements Shores Park followed the derby. Our top Chef James Morgan pampered us with his exceptional grilling skills and the attendees each brought a dish to share. Ten of our brother Knights helped to make this a wonderful event. Many assisted the fisherman, served as judges, and helped with serving the picnic.

Our Council Officers Meeting was held in the back of the Church on August 27th where we set plans for the upcoming month with the Parish Outdoor Mass and Picnic as well as Our council installations.

We began our Car Raffle Tickets sales this month. At our last meeting we decided that staging sale points are hampered by the limited businesses that would allow us to sell raffle tickets. We have asked all our brothers to assist in selling tickets. We have provided all members, 12 initial tickets for them to sell using a personal touch. Once these are sold there are more tickets available to extend your sales. We will continue to sell Car Raffle tickets throughout the month. This is a major fundraiser for us.

Our Council will also kick off its Tootsie Roll drive to benefit those less fortunate individuals. Please see George Morgan for dates and times and sign up early before all the good dates and times are taken by those who are quick to act.

We are in the middle of planning for our Installations of our officers on September 29th following the 11:00 Mass. Depending on the status of the Hall, we will hold the installation in the church and follow it with a celebration. If the hall is unavailable, we have scheduled an alternative.

July brought Father Rob's two-year anniversary as our Parish Priest. The Church committee's plans are coming together to celebrate with a parish picnic on September 8th. Father is planning for an outdoor Mass followed by a picnic. The knights will work the grill and prepare hard to resist hamburgers, hotdogs, Italian sausage and just maybe some Polish raviolis. We also need all our brothers to make it fun with games, recognize our altar servers and help with parking as well as set up/take down.

The Knights selected Mary Polly and J. Frank Bussler family as the Family of the Month. They continue to make significant contributions to the parish and church community nearly year-round. Polly with support from her family continues to perform altar ministry that is vital in support of St Francis Xavier church, parish hall, and rectory.

Finally, we were notified this month that St Francis Xavier, the Missionary Council #10957 was awarded the Columbian Award for the 2018-2019 fraternal year. Many thanks to each of you for your contributions and commitment to our council that made this possible.

I look forward to joining with you to make it fun. Especially at the parish picnic and our Installation this coming month.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,
SK Michael DeManss, Grand Knight



Council #10957



Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

Recent statistical data from Gallup and Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) reveals a growing "man-crisis" in the Catholic Church. Here are some of the findings:

- Only 26% of Catholic men consider themselves to be "practicing Catholics."
- Only 29% of men believe that weekly Mass attendance is "very important."

- Almost half of Catholic men do not engage in a routine of prayer; praying only “occasionally or sometimes” or “seldom or never.”
- Only 28% of Catholic men believe that Confession is “very important.”
- 49% of Catholic men feel that they “cannot explain their faith to others.”

But the research is also compelling when men are actively engaged in the faith:

There’s a fascinating study out of Europe that talks about the role of fathers and their children’s practice of the faith. The study found that **it’s actually fathers that chiefly determine the church habits of grown children** (in all faiths).

The study found that if a father does not go to church, no matter how faithful his wife’s attendance, only 1 child in 50 (2%) will become a regular church-goer as an adult.

And yet if the father is present and goes faithfully to church, in all religions, even if the mother does not, 44% of those children will grow up to be adults who go to Mass or church every week.

Data shows that men are especially influential in the conversion of their families. Research shows that when a woman converts to Christianity, 17% of the time the whole family converts. When a man converts, 93% of the time, the whole family converts.

I believe that the Lord has put a desire in my heart to help address the growing “Catholic man-crisis” and at the same time, encourage devout Catholic men to continue to be the spiritual leaders of their homes. I’m totally convinced that when men understand that their primary role is to help their wives and children get to heaven (to be the “priests of their home”), amazing things begin to happen! To that end, our parish is offering *That Man is You!* (TMIY): an interactive, multimedia men’s program focused on helping men to be the best husbands and fathers they can be, after the heart of God.

Each lesson successively considers men in their relationship to God, to their spouse and to their children. The program content harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of a man fully alive. Men can join and benefit from the program at any time. If you are not able to make it every week, come when you can. In taking this step, you will be one of over 23,000 men going through the program this year.

Starting on September 14, we will meet each Saturday from 6:00 am to 7:30 am in the Parish Hall during the fall and spring semesters.

Breakfast will be available starting at 6:00 am. To sign up or for more information, contact Matt Cosgrove (matthewcosgrove@verizon.net 610-368-2900) or Mark Coontz (mark_coontz@live.com 240-561-2774).

I invite you to join us and see what God has in store for you! The content and your fellowship will change lives. Check out www.Paradisusdei.org for more information on TMIY program or Paradisus Dei ministries.

Faithfully, in Christ,
Father Rob

St. Francis Xavier Church News

Looking ahead:

The St. Francis Xavier Parish Picnic is Scheduled for Sunday September 8, Noon to 4P.M. Please sign up in the back of the Church to bring a dish.

Religious Education classes start September 15, for children beginning at 9:15-10:30 AM in Father Andrew White School on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month for classes
To register for Family of Faith, or for details, visit the Parish web page at www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org



Happy Birthday!!

We would like to extend our Best Wishes to the following people who are celebrating their birthday this Month.

Thomas A. Koviak, Jr.	Sept 07
Douglas Aud	Sept 10
Louis "Sonny" Guy	Sept 12
Michael C. Demanss	Sept 19
Joseph J. Krafty	Sept 19
Edward L. Perraut	Sept 27

“Always Remember”



Father Andrew White
Assembly #377
Faithful Navigators Message
(In Service to our Clergy and Veterans)

September is remembrance month, always remember 9/11.

The next Assembly Meeting is on September 19th at Immaculate Conception in Mechanicsville at 7:30 PM.

God Bless America



District Deputy's Report

Two months have already passed and now we stand at the beginning of a very busy fall season. The “Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities”, or Tootsie Roll Program, which supports those with intellectual disabilities, will also be getting into full swing in September and October. As soon as they arrive, I will distribute the cases of Tootsie Rolls to the councils. Hopefully everyone has planned and arranged some venues for this event. Remember to wear your K of C name badges, shirts, hats etc. when distributing the Tootsie Rolls.

By now you should have completed your first quarter program activity reports. Please have them to me on or before Monday, September 9th

as I need time to review and sign them and get them to the Program Chairman. Car Raffle ticket sales are still in progress and you have a month left to go. This program is a “win / win” for all involved. The drawing for the 2019 Mustang or \$18000 in cash will again be held at the Columbus Day Ball on October 12th.

Membership recruitment has been light during the past 2 months in our district and we need to concentrate on picking up the pace. Our State Deputy asked that every Council be membership active in the first quarter and only a few of the councils in this district made the call. Every member of every council has friends, co-workers, or family that he can ask to join our order. Have you started your planning for your October membership drive, try something you haven't tried before?

Lastly, there will be a First Degree at St. Mary's Council 1470 on Monday September 16th. Stating time is 7:30 PM with candidates at 7 PM. Let's have candidates from every council in the district for this degree.

“Remember, we are men of Faith and Charitable Actions”.

Vivat Jesus,

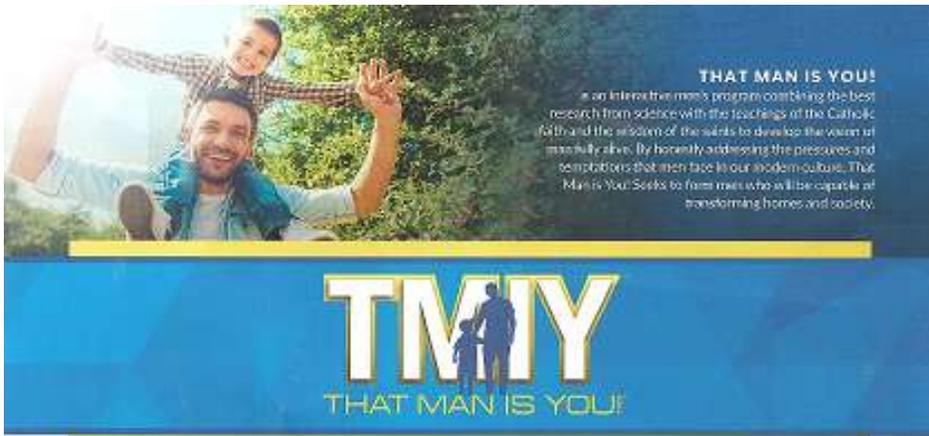
SK Bob Bowles, PGK
Knights of Columbus
District Deputy Maryland District #3



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Thanks to all who came out to help with the all the events we had in August. The Golf Tournament, the Fishing Derby, the breaking down of the hall for repair and paint.

If you missed any of them, you missed some very good ones!



**BECOMING A MAN AFTER
 GOD'S OWN HEART**
 THE VISION OF MAN FULLY ALIVE

- DISCOVER:**
- The scriptural vision of man and the overwhelming scientific evidence that supports this vision.
 - The four leadership roles that have been entrusted to men and the five personal traits necessary for fulfilling these leadership roles.
 - How and why Satan always attacks the union of man and woman.
 - The three main obstacles to living as authentic men and the means for overcoming them.
 - The wonderful renewal God is offering to men and their families through the Church.

PROGRAM DEVELOPER:
Steve Bollman
 Developer, That Man is You!
 Founder & President, Paradisus Dei

During the Great Jubilee, Steve Bollman experienced a personal call to found a ministry dedicated to the renewal of marriage and family life. In 2002, he set aside his professional interests as an energy derivatives trader in Houston, Texas, to found Paradisus Dei. In 2004, Steve developed the That Man is You! Men's program, which quickly moved across the country transforming men, marriages and families. Independent research by a Faith Advisor to The Gallup Poll identified it as one of the most life transforming programs ever studied.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Saturday Mornings
 St. Francis Xavier Church
 Parish Hall
 21570 Newtowne Neck Road
 Leonardtown, MD 20660
 September 14th, 2019

SCHEDULE

6:00 am Breakfast
 6:30 am Presentations
 7:00 am Small Group Discussions
 7:30 am Conclusion

REGISTRATION

For more information or to register, please contact Mark Coontz at 290-561-2774 or mark_coontz@live.com



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church is starting it's **That Man Is You!** Program this September. We need your help.

That Man Is You! (TMIY) Program Information
 Background:

That Man is You honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive!

The TMIY Program was created Steve Bollman who founded Paradisus Dei in 2001. Paradisus Dei helps families discover the superabundance of God within marriage and family life. Integrating the teachings of the faith with findings of modern science and the wisdom of the saints, these programs have been independently verified to be profoundly life transforming. Paradisus Dei is an independent, lay Catholic ministry dedicated to marriage and family life.

Who: All Men Seeking a better relationship with Jesus Christ.

The program is open to all men, not just parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Parish.

Why: To be better men in all relationships as husbands, fathers, members of the church and community.

What: That Man Is You is a 26-week, structured program that meets on Saturday mornings starting at 6AM for 90 minutes and consists of Fellowship over a light breakfast, a video focusing on the Scriptural Vision of a Man, and a Small Group Discussion

When: Week 1 begins: Saturday 14 September 2019 6AM-730AM

Where: St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall 21370 Newtowne Neck Rd Leonardtown, MD 20650

How to Register: Contact Mark Coontz – Cell 240-561-2774 / mark_coontz@live.com OR Matt Cosgrove - Cell 610-368-2900 / email: matthewcosgrove@verizon.net

We are seeking interested men to be liaisons to their parish when we start the “Attraction Phase” of the program in August 2019. Responsibilities would include helping to arrange a meeting with your Pastor and talking to men after masses inviting them to register and participate. Potentially speaking to parishioners at mass if the Pastor permits.

THE MARYLAND STATE BULLETIN

The State Newsletter is available on line using this link:

http://www.kofc-md.org/docs1213/MD_Newsletter.pdf

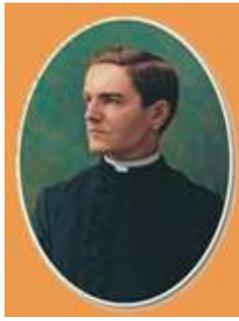
Please read and enjoy and forward on to other family members.



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Father McGivney

Remember

"Serving Christ by Serving Others"



IT OUT

September is a great month to remember and observe our Freedoms and the Responsibilities that accompany those freedoms. If you don't fly your flag everyday, please fly it on these days.

Patriot Day, 11 September



Designated in memory of the 2,977 killed in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. On this day, the American flag should be flown at half-staff. also Americans should observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 AM (Eastern Standard Time), the time the first plane struck the north tower of the World Trade Center. I believe it should also stand as a reminder to us that there are people who want to take away our freedoms and way of life.

Constitution Day, 17 September



This is the 232th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution by our Founding Fathers on 17 September 1787. Constitution Day is a national commemoration of the rights guaranteed to all U.S. citizens. It provides an opportunity to celebrate our freedoms and serves as a reminder of our responsibility to protect those rights and freedoms. This is especially important with the current assault against our freedoms. Take some time to read the Constitution.

POW / MIA Remembrance Day, 20 September



The National POW / MIA Remembrance Day is observed across the nation on the third Friday in September each year. Americans take the time to remember those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are still missing in action, and their families. The United States flags and National League of Families of POW / MIA flag, which symbolizes the nation's remembrance of those who were imprisoned while serving in conflicts and those who remain missing, are flown on this day and joint prayers are made for POWs and those missing in action. The National League of Families' POW/MIA flag symbolizes the United States' resolve to never forget POWs or those who served their country in conflicts and are still missing

ROBERT B. REZZA MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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August 15, 2019, Breton Bay Golf and Country Club



Shirley Remembrance



Tom



and Team



Randy Guy Team



Laura and James



Herb and Paul



Dave Adams & Team



Team



Paul, Joe, John, and Team



Mike, Jim & Matthew



Team and Joe



Dr Dan and his helpers



Freedom, K-9 for Worriers Jim's Dog

Thank you to "Kevin's Corner Kafe" for a wonderful meal



Fishing Derby August 17th St. Clements Shores



St. Clements Community Pier and park.



Winners of the Fish Derby, Left to Right
Most Fish: First Place, Noah Stebbins, Second Place, Mathew Roman, Third Place, Joseph McAloon
Largest Fish was a 10" perch, went to Lily Morgan
A Great Day, awards and prizes and hamburger, hotdogs, sides and desserts
47 Fish caught, between 17 Children Fishers



Coming Events

September 2019

- 8/31&9/01 - **First Sunday Rosary's**
- 9/02 - **Labor Day***
- 9/07 - **State Family Picnic, North Point State Park**
- 9/08 - **St. Francis Xavier Parish Picnic, Noon to 4PM**
- 9/08 - **Holy Angels Church Fall Dinner, 11:30 -4:00**
- 9/10 - **K of C General Meeting 7:00 p.m.**
- 9/11 - **Patriots Day***
- 9/14 - **TMIY, Start up, SFX 6 AM-7:30 AM**
- 9/15 - **Family of the Month (August) Due**
- 9/17 - **Constitution Day *(230th Anniversary)**
- 9/16 - **1st (Admissions) Degree at St. Mary's # 1470**
- 9/18 - **GK Chapter Meeting, Dr. Griffin Co 2293,
100 Village St., Waldorf**
- 9/19 - **Assembly Meeting (Immaculate Conception, 7:30)**
- 9/20 - **Remembrance Day POW/MIA ***
- 9/22- **Installation of McNamara Chapter, Our Lady of
Grace Church, 15663 Norbeck blvd, Silver Spring**
- 9/24 - **K of C Meeting (Installation Practice)**
- 9/28- **Financial Secretary Training, 8AM, St John
Vianney Church, Prince Frederick**
- 9/28 &29 - **Fifth Sunday Rosary**
- 9/29 - **Installation of Officers SFX, 11AM Mass**

