



*July 2021*  
*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*

*2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday's @ 7:00 P.M.*

*21370 Newtowne Neck Road, Compton, MD 20659*



## *Grand Knight's Report*

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**Brothers:** The summer heat of June is upon us and more easing of the COVID-19 restrictions, including mask requirements, numbers in gatherings, and easing the social distancing in Church. I am glad to see an increase in the number of parishioners attending Mass in person and the special dispensation from attending Mass has been lifted effective Saturday June 26th and

Sunday June 27th.

Your council will also continue to hold our General Membership and Business Meetings in the Hall.

### **This month**

**Baby Bottles** – We collected Baby Bottles this month and delivered them to Care Net. The final count is not in but we collected nearly half the bottles from last year.

**Columbian Award** - Supreme was pleased to announce that our council has earned the Columbian Award for the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year and we are now one step closer to earning Star Council. We expect to hear on this council award shortly.

**Father's Day Carnations** – Thanks to Jim Howe for leading this effort for us again this year! Great work.

**Father's Day drive-through breakfast** A drive-through breakfast held on Sunday was very successful after the 8 AM Mass. However, it slowed to a trickle after noon. All proceeds will join with the Mother's Day breakfast and go towards the

establishment of the memorial of the unborn.

**State Leadership Seminar** Leadership Seminar in Solomon's Island on June 19. Herb Male attended.

**Stations of the Cross** – The Church received the outdoor Stations of the Cross and the Knights led a Project Review meeting with Fr. Ryan. We reviewed other church's Stations, assessed potential locations at St Francis Xavier, selected the north end of the church property as the site, and staked out each station. Miss Utility marked the nearby power lines. Now we will finalize the sites and erect one prototype. Once adjustments are made, we will erect the other 13 stations. All of the Stations have been sponsored.

**Memorial to the Unborn.** Our Council will combine the proceeds from the Mother's Day and the Father's Day drive-thru breakfast to purchase and install the monument. The vendor is developing the final memorial cost.

**That Man Is You (TMIY)** Several of our brothers, led by Matt Cosgrove, continue to contribute as the core group leaders and participants in That Man Is You (TMIY) Paradisus Dei Program. The leadership program ended its second semester of the second year this month. We sincerely appreciate all the great work done by all. These weekly sessions benefited all that attended. The program to re-start its third year this fall. We invite you to join us for a get together on August 12<sup>th</sup> and the semester start on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Family of the Month**

Lynn and Michael Freeman family is selected as the Family of the Month for June. They are major contributors of our parish. Lynn and Michael sing at the 4 PM Mass. Additionally Lynn is our parish bulletin editor and Michael helps count the collection each week. Please congratulate Lynn and Michael when you see them.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Barn Repair** – We are starting the project to repair the Barn and in search of individuals to assist. Amish/ Mennonites are preparing a quote to reside the barn and make other repairs. John Driskill has prepared a slide show that shows the status of the barn and some suggested actions to improve the material held in the barn and the need to remove the junk. Please let us know if you can help.

**Leave No Neighbor Behind Program** I continue to thank each of you for helping our neighbors (e.g., picking up and delivering medications, groceries, and other needs). Our Council actively put our faith into action by helping people who are less fortunate in our community. In our founder's spirit, we lead efforts to assist those most in need, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Jim Howe has formed partnerships with local aid organizations, including Mary Lou Gough Food

Pantry, Immaculate Heart of Mary Food Pantry, All Saints Soup Kitchen, and our local Care Net Pregnancy Center. In support of these partnerships, he delivered over 2,500 pounds of food. Additionally, our Knights assisted individual families with home chores, providing food, and running missions of mercy like picking up their prescriptions. **Outreach.** It is vitally important to stay in touch with our brothers. If you haven't seen someone around in a couple of months, call him to find out why. Maybe he is sick, lost a job, has family issues, or other problems. Show your interest by staying in touch.

**Golf Tournament** We rescheduled our annual Golf Tournament at Breton Bay for August 19<sup>th</sup> at 9AM. Rain date is August 26<sup>th</sup>. Portions of the proceeds will be contributed to Special Olympic and Care Net of Southern Maryland, and other local charities.

**Living Rosary.** We are assisting the CCD with holding a Living Rosary and Ice Cream social for the students on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Special Olympics** Games at SMR High School. (Postponed until the fall)

**Franciscan Monastery** Council's planned trip including spouses to Franciscan Monastery in D.C. (Pending lifting the ban)

**Annual "Walk in the Park"** Friends of Newtowne Neck Manor Committee's "Walk in the Park" is postponed until September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Parish Picnic** Plans are in the beginning stage for a Parish Picnic. If you would like to join in the fun, please contact Judith in the rectory. The Knights have been asked to handle the cooking of the hot dogs and hamburgers as well as set and tear down, and parking.

**Parish Bazaar** – Parish is planning for our annual parish bazaar on the 3rd weekend of November. We have also been asked to assist.

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This is my last monthly report as my term ends this month. Throughout the last two years it has been my pleasure to join you in our grand quest to strengthen our parish, assist those in need, and establish a strong connection during these unprecedented times. As we come out of this lets us take the time to reflect on what we have accomplished together, pray for our nation, and assist those that are at risk. Both Leslie and I wish each of you and your families a safe and a splendid Summer. Together, we continue to make a difference as we lead, serve others, and defend our faith. Remember to stay positive, test negative, and stay cool!

Fraternally,



SK Michael DeManss  
Grand Knight  
Council #10957



## *Chaplain's Report*

Dear Brother Knights,

Looking ahead and making plans are two activities that I really enjoy. When I was teaching high school, right after the school year is over, I spent some time reflecting on how the year went by, what activities worked and what lessons needed to be strengthened. Then, I will start planning for the year and evaluate what needs to be changed or altered and what needs to be scrapped completely. I will also think of new ways to teach a topic to make it easier for my students. I have only been in our parish for a little more than five months, but the past few months have not been typical because of the pandemic and the restrictions. However, with the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass being lifted up, and with the state and county restrictions being loosened, we now have more freedom to do more things. We can sort of do the activities that we used to do and even start doing other projects.

So, what am I looking forward as we start opening up more and more? Now that we are getting our parishioners back, we are starting our hospitality Sunday one more time. We will be serving coffee and donuts after the 8 am Mass every first Sunday of the month. We also have several ongoing projects including repair of the barn, replacing the roof and dormer windows of the Manor House, installation of the Stations of the Cross and hopefully, our Memorial to the Unborn.

Then, we will have our parish picnic in September. This will be a good opportunity for us to gather again as one community, share blessing and encourage one another. This will also serve as our Ministry Sunday where representatives from different ministries, including the Knights of Columbus, will be present to invite non-members to join the council. It will also serve as an opportunity to do an evangelization to both parishioners and non-parishioners.

Meanwhile, come October, our parish will hire a surveyor to mark the boundary of our parish cemetery so we can claim portion of our land being farmed. I hope to add more plots to our cemetery. There is also a plan of building a skeletal framework of the first chapel built in the cemetery.

The next fraternal year will also be a special year for our parish because 2022 will be the 360<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish. This will not be as big as our 350<sup>th</sup> celebration but 360 degrees is one whole circle. It will be a good checkpoint to ask ourselves as a parish how we have progressed and remained faithful to our mission. 2022 also marks the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our patron saint, St. Francis Xavier's canonization.

Finally, I have also been thinking of doing mini pilgrimage to important sites near our area like Paca St. in Baltimore, the former site of St. Mary's seminary, where Fr. McGivney received his theological formation. I am also thinking of doing a pilgrimage to Emmitsburg to visit the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Seton and the Grotto in Mount St. Mary's. One part of me is also thinking of doing a major pilgrimage outside our country.

It is indeed an exciting year. Let us continue to pray for one another and take care of each other. Let us pray for our country, our church leaders and our government leaders. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ.

Vivat Jesus!

Father Ryan

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## *St. Francis Xavier Church News*

**Spring break**, summer vacation, trips with the kids, sports teams. Scout camping trips. What do they all have in common? Sunday comes around and you are away from the regular place where you go to Mass. So, what's the best way to find a Mass when you are away from home? You can check the website for the diocese you will be visiting. Many have lists of Mass times by location. The go-to website for finding a Mass time is [MassTimes.org](http://MassTimes.org). You just type the zip code you will be visiting in the box at the top, press enter, and it does the rest. You get a list of churches closest to that zip code, along with their scheduled Mass times. One note of caution, Parishes do occasionally alter their schedules, so visit the parish web site to verify the time. So, there is really no reason not to go to Mass when away from home. Sometimes we have to drive 30 minutes or so, but isn't it worth it? It tells our children that worshiping God is a top priority in our lives. God doesn't take a vacation from us, so why should we take a vacation from God?

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*Happy Fourth of July*



Happy Birthday!!

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

Larry J. Trader, Sr.	Jul 01
Kevin P. McCarthy	Jul 02
Richard L. Harrell	Jul 03
Matthew W. McLeod	Jul 03
Dale F. Rebarchick	Jul 03
Joseph A. St Clair	Jul 07
Nicholas T. Gibson	Jul 16
John D. Robusto	Jul 17
Dennis R. Heeren	Jul 23
Herbert W. Male	Jul 24
William Earhart	Jul 29



## *Father Andrew White Assembly #377*

### *Faithful Navigator Column*

*(In Service to our Clergy and Veterans)*

My Brothers

First, let me extend a big Thank You to all the Assembly members for all the wonderful things that were accomplished this past Fraternal year. Thank you for all the support I received as your Faithful Navigator and please welcome SK William "Wally" Waldron. as our new Faithful Navigator!

SK Bob Bowles, PGK, FDD  
Faithful Navigator  
Father Andrew White Assembly #377



Congratulations to our Newest 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Member from St. Francis Xavier 10957, John Bourdon, who took his 4<sup>th</sup> Degree on June 5.

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## *District Deputy's Report*

My Brothers

I thank you all for what you have achieved in this past fraternal year. A special thanks to the Grand Knights and their officers for a job well done. There were some hurdles to overcome but, through it all, you prevailed; and finished well, although our membership was way down overall, this Council 10957 attained all the requirements for Star Council. and that had a lot to do with its Leadership. that being said a brand-new fraternal year is upon us. Yes, it starts all over again!

I welcome the incoming Grand Knights and their officers as we begin the journey anew. I ask each and every member of every council to put forth the effort to recruit at least one new member during the 2021 / 2022 fraternal year. Please continue the great job you do with your council programs, As all of you know,

your programs are the visibility factor for your council and the key to getting new members to join. Finally, we are into summer, take time to enjoy your family in the coming weeks, again, hopefully you can get away and remember to be a practicing catholic every Sunday and an active Knight. Those who need our help do not get a vacation from their troubles.

Knights of Columbus lead by example. People are watching you. This is my last task as your District Deputy, it has been a pleasure to have served you over the last 3 years.

When you read this newsletter SK Charlie Widmayer will be your new District Deputy #2. Please give him all the support you gave to me.

God Bless! and Remember:

**“We are Servant Leaders”**

Vivat Jesus,

SK Bob Bowles, PGK, FDD, FN  
Knights of Columbus  
District Deputy Maryland District #2

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*Keep up the Good work*

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*THE MARYLAND STATE BULLETIN*

The State Newsletter is available on line using this link:

[http://www.kofc-md.org/docs1415/MD\\_Newsletter.pdf](http://www.kofc-md.org/docs1415/MD_Newsletter.pdf)

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

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*Our Newest Seminarian,  
who we are now supporting!*

## **Third College**

**Saint John Paul II Seminary**

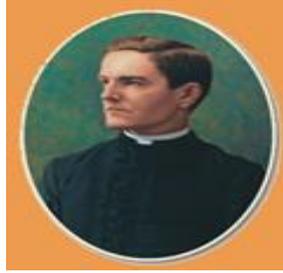
**Home Parish: St. Cecilia, St. Mary's City**

I was a cradle catholic in a homeschooling family of eight kids, where the attitude was God first family second. My two older brothers were always avid members of our church's youth group, which led me to join and remain as a key member until entering seminary. I was a member of the Archdiocesan youth leadership team where a team of youth would assist archdiocesan events where the presence of youth was needed. Also, during my two years of dual enrollment at the college of southern Maryland I was a member of InterVarsity which was a non-denominational bible study. But the last three years of high school I have been attending daily mass, and in the last two years I've worked for Father Scott Woods as his personal assistant.

## **What convinced me to enter the seminary:**

I have attended Quo Vadis vocation events since the eighth grade, where I truly opened myself to the possibility of entering seminary. My Spiritual director Fr. Scott Woods has been a great influence to me by encouraging me to find my vocation and showing utter joy upon answering his call to the priesthood. Most importantly, I found peace in wanting to fulfill Gods plan for me, and saw that God doesn't call the qualified he qualifies the called.

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Blessed Fr. McGivney

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*Congratulations to our State Officers on their  
election for the Fraternal  
Year 2021 to 2022*

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**PRO-LIFE NEWS**

*“Each of us is a Masterpiece of God’s Creation!”*

*Respect Life*

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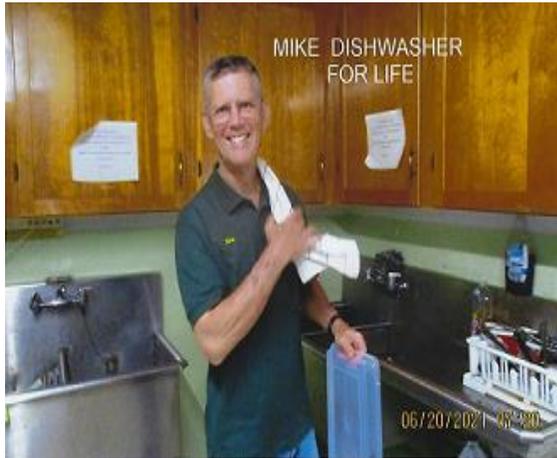


**IT OUT**

**Father's Day Flowers, June 20, 2021**



## FATHERS DAY DRIVE-THRU BREAKFAST



Mike doing the Dishes!



Bob & Herb doing prep



Fr. Ryan Is ready for Breakfast



All the Supervisors watching James Cook!



Jim waiting for the Order



One Family decided to sit down and enjoy their Breakfast



# *Coming Events*

July 2021

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| July 3 & 4 | First Sunday Rosaries                  |
| July 4     | Independence Day                       |
| July 10    | AWD Meeting 10:00 AM                   |
| July 13    | Business Meeting, SFX                  |
| July 15    | Family of the Month Due (June)         |
| July 15    | Assembly Officers Meeting, 7:30 PM IHM |
| July 21    | McNamara Chapter Meeting 8PM           |
| July 27    | Planning Meeting                       |



## Events from the Planning Meeting on June 22, 2021

Subject to changes:

### July

- July 3 & 4 1st First Sunday Rosaries
- July 4 Fourth of July
- July 10 Assembly District Meeting 10:00
- July 13 Business Meeting 7PM
- July 15 Family of the Month Due (June)
- July 15 Assembly Officer's Meeting 7:30 PM IHM
- July 21 McNamara Chapter Meeting 8PM
- July 28 Planning Meeting, SFX 7 PM

### August

- Aug 4 USGC 231<sup>th</sup> Birthday *1790*
- Aug 7 & 8 First Sunday Rosaries
- Aug 10 Business Meeting 7PM (Beer Taste)
- Aug 12 Venerable Servant of God, Fr. Michael J, McGivney's Birthday  
August 12, 1852 to August 14, 1890
- Aug 12 TMIY Open House
- Aug 14 Assembly District Meeting, 9:30
- Aug 15 Family of the Month Due (July)
- Aug 18 McNamara Chapter Meeting, 8pm,
- Aug 19 St. Francis Xavier Golf Tournament 9:00 AM
- Aug 19 Assembly Meeting, 7:30
- Aug 24 Planning Meeting SFX 7PM
- Aug 29 Fifth Sunday Rosary

### September

- Sept 4 & 5 First Sunday Rosaries
- Sept 6 Labor Day

Sept 11 TMIY Start 6:00 AM  
Sept 12 Parish Picnic  
Sept 14 Business Meeting 7PM  
Sept 15 Living Rosary & Ice-cream Social CCD Class  
Sept 15 McNamara Chapter Meeting, 8pm  
Sept 16 Assembly Meeting, 7:30 at SFX  
Sept 19 Installation of Officers SFX after 11 AM Mass  
Sept 28 Planning Meeting SFX 7PM

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ANNUAL  
GOLF TOURNAMENT  
AND PIG BBQ**

**Sponsored By:**



**The Knights of Columbus  
St. Francis The Missionary Council # 10957**

*Proceeds: Care-Net, Special Olympics  
And Council Charitable Programs*

**THURSDAY August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**9:00 A.M.**

**Breton Bay Golf and Country Club**

# **“Four Person Team-Best Ball Scramble”**

Open to Men, Ladies and Junior Players

**\$100.00 per player \$400.00 foursome \$150.00 Watering  
Hole, Purchase of Tee or Green Sponsorship \$100.00**

## Event Includes

Green Fee and Cart

Hot Dogs, Luncheon and Beverages

Golf Range Balls

Tournament Prizes

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