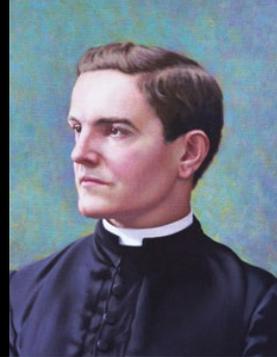




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Patuxent Council 2203 Knights of Columbus • Laurel, MD



Grand Knight's Report by Kyle Hubbard



Greetings Worthy Brothers!

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. With the rollout of the COVID vaccine, let us pray for a quicker end to this pandemic, a return to in-person fellowship and worship, and especially for those who continue to suffer and struggle with coronavirus in their daily life.

The Lenten season is upon us, a time for fasting, prayer, and penitence. By keeping Lent, we replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. To gain a greater appreciation for Lent and gain greater access to the spiritual disciplines of fasting, prayer, and penitence, we are hoping to hold an in-person Lenten Men's Retreat. It will be a day for spiritual reflection that will include Holy Mass, talks/readings by Fr. Christian, opportunities for confession, time for private prayer, lunch, and fraternal time together. Be on the lookout for more information as logistics are finalized.

following the Mass on a very cold 29 January. The Procession began with a Eucharistic Exposition and then proceeded to the Memorial to the Unborn in the parish cemetery. There, a short Eucharistic Adoration for the upholding of the dignity of human life from conception until natural death was held, followed by the praying of a Rosary, and finally a Benediction. Following the Procession for the Unborn, Brother Mike Turek led an all-day Rosary. The Council also hosted a virtual Novena for Life from January 21 – 29.

I would like to recognize and congratulate our 2021 Community Award Winners: Citizen - Phyllis Williams; Healthcare Worker - Roberta Patishnock; Teacher - Kathleen Ruiz; Catechist - Kristy Castonguay; and Firefighter/EMT - Kali Ducre. These family, friends, and community members worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic and are deserving of our thanks and admiration. I would also like to thank those Brothers and community leaders that took the time to officially recognize these individuals.

As always, please recruit! Supreme has extended the McGivney membership campaign! All prospective members

Serving Others is Faith in Action

Lent will also see the return of our Fish Fries, to be held every Friday through March. A portion of the proceeds raised though the Fish Fries will be donated to the Parish; the rest will be used to fund Council programs. So, please consider coming out and supporting the Council while enjoying delicious food!

Despite the pandemic driving the annual March for Life to a virtual platform this year, the Council was able to plan and participate in multiple, alternative events dedicated to supporting every human's right-to-life. Of particular note was the Procession for the Unborn held at St. Mary's immediately

that register between now and 30 June will receive a first-year membership for free! Simply have your recruit use the promo code MCGIVNEY2020 at www.kofc.org/joinus, and they will enjoy free membership for a full year. As always, contact our Membership Chair PGK Steve Hubbard with any questions, or hopefully names of recruits, you may have.

I know this past year has been difficult, but I encourage everyone to come out and participate in one of the myriad programs we sponsor. We are servant leaders, and it is therefore of utmost importance that we concentrate on what we can to help those in need.

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Council Meets: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Kutzera Room of the Keesler Parish Center, 800 Main Street, Laurel, MD 20707

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SHARE Food Program by Jimmy Williams, PGK

Many thanks to all our Brother Knights and family members who continue to support our SHARE Food Program. The dates of the next several distributions are as follows:

Saturday, March 27th (Easter Distribution)

Saturday, April 24th

Saturday, May 22nd

If you can assist with pick up of the food at the SHARE Warehouse in Landover, please report to the Keesler Center no later than 7:25 a.m. We leave promptly at 7:30 a.m. to make our 8 a.m. pick-up appointment. All other volunteers are asked to arrive at the Keesler Center no later than 8:45 a.m. Please note we have moved the call time for all other volunteers up 15 minutes. We have been getting back from the SHARE Warehouse around 8:45 for the last several months and, now that Saturday morning Mass has returned to the Church, we no longer have to wait for Mass to end before we get started.

Additionally, the SHARE Coordinators are actively seeking back-ups to fill their roles on SHARE Distribution Day in the event they are unable to attend the Distribution for some reason, including COVID diagnosis or potential exposure requiring isolation. Back-up personnel would assist in covering the Distribution Day Duties of Phyllis, Jimmy, and/or Rick, such as counting the order as it is loaded into our vehicles at the SHARE Warehouse and supervising the assembly of the Value Packs at the Keesler Center. If interested, please contact Jimmy Williams at jimmydwjr@verizon.net or 240-554-7477. This is a great opportunity to help the Council with continuity of operations for our flagship charitable program, as well as to learn more about how the SHARE Program works. Thank you for your consideration.

Submissions

This newsletter is published on or about the 15th of every month. If you have an article you would like to submit for publication, please submit to:

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and

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at ekwasham@gmail.com for review.

Please limit submissions to 250-275 words.

Lecturer Reflection

by Gary Patishnock, PGK, PFN, Lecturer

“But I Was There First!”

Ask even non-Catholics “Whose feast day is March 17th” and most would say “Saint Patrick of Ireland”. But another saint who played a role in the Lenten season used to have his feast day on March 17th. That man was Joseph of Arimathea. Although the location of Arimathea is lost to history, his prominent place in the Gospels is not.

According to each gospel Joseph of Arimathea assumed responsibility for Jesus’ burial after His crucifixion. He was a rich man and disciple of Jesus (Matthew 27:57). Joseph of Arimathea was “a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God” (Mark 15:43), and that he “had not consented to their decision and action” (Luke 23:50-56).

Upon hearing of Jesus’ death (John 19:38), Joseph “asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission.” Joseph immediately purchased a linen shroud (Mark 15:46) then proceeded to Golgotha to take the body of Jesus down from the cross. Joseph and Nicodemus took the body and bound it in linen cloths with the spices that Nicodemus had bought (John 19:39-40).

The disciples then took Christ’s body to a man-made cave hewn from rock in a garden of his house nearby. Matthew 27:60 alone suggests in that this was Joseph’s own tomb. The burial was undertaken speedily, “for the Sabbath was drawing on”.

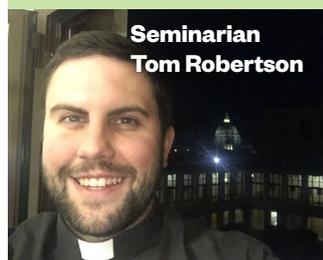
Joseph of Arimathea is venerated as a saint in the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and some Protestant churches. The feast days of both Saint Joseph of Arimathea and Saint Nicodemus are on 31 August.

Car Raffle - Drawing **May 21, 2021**

Dick Stevick, Car Raffle Chair

\$1 each or 6 for \$5

Remember 60% goes to State and 40% goes to our council. Suggested member sales is 18 tickets for \$15. Tickets can be picked up and/or dropped-off at the Drive-thru on Fridays from 4:00pm-7:30pm. If you can’t make it contact Dick Stevick, 410-982-7554 mobile to arrange ticket pick-up or drop-off.



Seminarian
Tom Robertson

RSVP - Continue to pray for all seminarians - especially Tom Robertson, Pontifical North American College in Rome and Braden Lynch, Mount Saint Mary’s in Emmitsburg.

Family of the Month **January 2021**

Patuxent Council No. 2203 is pleased to recognize the **Iampieri family – Niko, Gina Marie, and their daughter Sofia** (age 11) – as its Family of the Month for January 2021. Niko is in his 21st year as the Instrumental Music Director at St. Vincent Pallotti High School, where he directs four bands and their extra rehearsals in addition to teaching classes in both Music Theory and Performance Practice, as well as overseeing students' private lessons taught by adjunct faculty. He directs the pit orchestra for school musical stage productions and sets up & runs the sound system for various school events. Niko also assists Gina Marie in directing the parish Chancel Choir and other music groups as needed. Gina Marie is in her 22nd year as our parish Director of Music & Liturgy – planning all music associated with worship (including prayer services, weddings, sacraments, & funerals), religious education, & evangelization and ensuring qualified musicians minister at each service. She collaborates with the Director of Religious Education in planning all sacramental liturgies and with the St. Mary's School



administration in planning all school liturgies. Prior to joining the parish staff full-time, she served the parish as a cantor and choir member. Sofia, a sixth grader at St. Mary's School, is active in the school's extracurricular drama program, having acted in school plays every year from first grade onward. She is also active in the parish music ministry as a member of the children's choir that ministers at Sunday Masses every weekend from mid-September through Mother's Day, where she also serves as

a cantor. In the past she has participated in soccer, gymnastics, and dancing. For the Iampieris, their faith is the foundation for all they are and do. Niko's faith has grown tremendously since he began teaching at Pallotti, so much so that he received his Confirmation and First Holy Communion four years ago, at the same time as Sofia received her First Holy Communion. He acknowledges that Gina Marie has been his primary inspiration for spiritual growth and in life. Working at Pallotti is also quite special to him as the faculty, staff, & students feel a lot like extended family where he learns from them and hopes they learn from him, not just about music, but about faith as well. He tries to let God inform everything about his life and hopes a little of that rubs off on his students and others with whom he comes into contact. Gina Marie loves sharing her faith journey and love of God through music and in walking with others through their faith journeys. She's been honored to share her faith with families that are grieving and planning funerals at the parish, believing it is one of the best ways to show others what a loving, faith filled community looks like, and is an opportunity to truly minister to those who are hurting or have been away from the Church. She feels privileged to have shared both deep sorrows and great joys with many St. Mary of the Mills families. Patuxent Council & St. Mary of the Mills Parish are grateful for the Iampieri family's dedication & service to our parish & the greater Laurel community.

Membership Director's Report by Steve Hubbard, PGK, Membership Chair

Brothers, if you haven't paid your dues yet for 2021 please do so ASAP. Our retention committee will soon be reaching out to all delinquent members to discuss your membership status. Even if you are one of the roughly 200 members of our Council who are not an active participant in Council activities, we rely on your dues payment to help support Council programs that in turn support the parish and the community.

Also, as always, please recruit new members! Membership is the lifeblood of the organization and especially our Council. Without new members, we will eventually die off and our good works will not be sustained. Every new member who joins in 2021 will get their first year of membership dues-free!



For our sick

We pray for the healing, comfort and consolation of our sick, and their caretakers:

Tom Devine

Sophie Hoover

Ray Turek

Jane Turek

Dean Turek

Theresa Higdon

Ann-Marie Grusch

Billy Moeller Pete Kutzera

For our deceased

*We offer prayers for the repose of their souls.
May they rest in peace:*

Brother Ron Jacobs, HLM

Gini Linsenmeyer

Tim Geary

Joseph Grusch



Patuxent Council 2203 Calendar

(as of March 2, 2021)

All dates are tentative due to the COVID-19 crisis

March

- 2 Planning Meeting**
7:30pm – 8:30pm, VIRTUAL
- 4 Bilingual Rosary for Life**
8:00pm, LIVESTREAMED
- 5 Lenten Fish Fry**
5:00pm – 7:00pm, Keesler Center
- 6 Lenten Men's Retreat**
8:00am – 12:30pm
Mass, Adoration and Confession in the Church
Meals and talks in the Breen Room
- 9 Council Meeting**
7:30pm-8:30pm, VIRTUAL
- 10 Newsletter items Monthly Submission Deadline**
- 11 Bilingual Rosary for Life**
8:00pm, LIVESTREAMED
- 12 Lenten Fish Fry**
5:00pm – 7:00pm, Keesler Center
- 16 Social Meeting**
7:30pm – 8:30pm, VIRTUAL
- 17 Chapter Meeting**
Maurice J. McDonough Council #12128
8:00pm – 9:00pm, Pomfret, MD
- 18 Bilingual Rosary for Life**
8:00pm, LIVESTREAMED
- 19 Lenten Fish Fry**
5:00pm – 7:00pm, Keesler Center
- 20 Little Sisters of the Poor**
10:00am, Keesler Center
- 21 Founders Day Mass and Reception**
1:00pm, Our Lady of the Fields Church
Millersville
- 25 Bilingual Rosary for Life**
8:00pm, LIVESTREAMED
- 26 Lenten Fish Fry**
5:00pm – 7:00pm, Keesler Center
- 27 SHARE Distribution**
8:45am – 11:00am, Keesler Center

April

- 6 Planning Meeting**
7:30pm – 8:30pm, VIRTUAL
- 8 Bilingual Rosary for Life**
8:00pm, LIVESTREAMED
- 10 Newsletter items Monthly Submission Deadline**
- 13 Council Meeting**
7:30pm-8:30pm, VIRTUAL
- 15 Bilingual Rosary for Life**
8:00pm, LIVESTREAMED

- 17 Little Sisters of the Poor**
10:00am – 12:00pm, Keesler Center
- 20 Social Meeting**
7:30pm – 8:30pm, VIRTUAL
- 22 Bilingual Rosary for Life**
8:00pm, LIVESTREAMED
- 24 SHARE Distribution**
8:45am – 11:00am, Keesler Center
- 29 Bilingual Rosary for Life**
8:00pm, LIVESTREAMED

February Birthdays

Patrick M. Coffey	February 1
Steven F. Hunt	February 1
Msgr. Michael J. Mellone	February 5
Robert A. Giuliani	February 11
Paul I. Ogordi	February 11
Thomas S. Robertson	February 12
Mr. Thomas S. Lee	February 16
George E. Supsic	February 16
Frederick G. Heizmann	February 17
Samuel O. Aimufua	February 18
Thomas P. Turgeon	February 18
Michael Rogers	February 20
Lonnie A. Woodward	February 23
Arthur H. Blenkle	February 24
Richard P. Mclaughlin	February 24
Donatus U. Duru	February 25
Lito B. Vidal	February 25

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