



The Voyager Immaculate Lady Newsletter



March, 2019

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers All,

We are now at the end of the 3rd Quarter of the Fraternal Year, and Immaculate Lady Council has accomplished a lot. Thanks are due to all of you who helped with our ongoing monthly activities such as 4th Tuesday's Casserole Night, Praying the Rosary; hosting our Degree ceremonies and escorting our Brothers to other Councils'; and with annual events including the Mustang Raffle; Trunk or Treat; Tootsie Roll Fundraiser; Our Memorial Mass and Dinner for Widows; the Christmas Poster Contest; Our Council Christmas Party; Christmas Assistance Program; and our Annual Father/Daughter Dance (re-invented as the Father/Daughter Cupcake Dance).

Some new social events were introduced this year that we opened up to the Parish: the Appreciation Luncheon for Knights and for those who supported Knights activities although not Knights themselves (8-25-18); lectures on the Power and Friendship of Angels (9-19-18), Shredding Day and Spaghetti and a Movie (both on 10-13-18); a visit from St. Benedict's Gift Shop and KofC Christmas Card sales (10-27 & 28-18); Recognition of our Veterans during Masses (11-10 & 11-19); March for Life Dinner for SHG Marchers (1-18-19); and Gift Card Bingo (1-19-19).

Thanks to obsessive cost-comparisons when shopping for event supplies, and generous free-will donations from the attending Parishioners, I'm pleased to report that the majority of our events to date broke even cost-wise; or even came out ahead of the game. Additionally, a small group of volunteers gave generously of their time to work the concession stands at Ravens Stadium at all the home games this past season. Their earnings went directly to our Council. Our Council's finances are solid.

We have raised our Council's recognition by the Parish through the revised programs we've run this year and the new programs. By more effective use of the SHG Church Bulletin and our website to reach out to the Parish. Because more people are coming to our events. More Brothers are wearing council shirts and name badges to events and Masses. Parishioners and the Parish are now asking us what and when is our next social, and can we help with theirs. We have 6 new members, with more applicants and leads so far this Fraternal Year. We have still more social events coming up in the last quarter, and your help and participation will be needed to continue on the trajectory of success we have begun this year.

Vivat Jesus!

Ron Spohn

Grand Knight, Immaculate Lady Council #5208

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Council #5208 Name Badges and Shirts

A versatile alternate to Council shirts is the Council name badge. Everyone received a badge – *gratis* – upon becoming a Knight. Name badges are still available. They also fit nicely in most shirt pockets. If you need to replace yours, or perhaps want to purchase an extra one for each of your jackets, please contact PGK Sam Collins (email SamuelCollins12341@comcast.net ; or phone or text 443-690-4537).

If you need a replacement name badge, this is what it looks like, in case you don't remember ⇒⇒⇒
Wearing your name badge is important so that the Parish will know our Council is an active organization. Visiting the Sunday, 7:30 am Mass, besides the Council Officers I came across two Brothers helping to promote our Council by proudly wearing their name badges.



Left is Head Usher for Sacred Heart Church Charles Klein, and right is Brother Knight Jude Crino a new brother to our Council.



Left: Modeling the Council Shirt is Warden to the Council Dave Clement

If you would like to buy a new Council shirt, please contact Ron Spohn (call or text 443-629-0777; email suznron@aol.com).

Brothers in need of our Prayers

Brother Nick St. Amant. He slipped on the ice Thursday, February 21 and broke his right thigh bone and right wrist. He was operated on Saturday, February 23 and has a rod and screws in his leg and a cast on his wrist. He is still in the hospital and waiting to see where he will go for rehab. Greetings and Get Well cards can be sent to his mailing address: P.O. Box, Glyndon, Md., 21071

Brother Samuel Collins was taken to Sinai Hospital Tuesday, February 26 for his breathing. He was taken into the Emergency room for x-rays, labs, CT scan etc. He was admitted to the hospital once a suitably equipped room opened up. Greetings and Get Well cards can be sent to his mailing address: 12341 Bonfire Dr, Reisterstown, Md., 21136.

Immaculate Lady Council Welcomes our Newest Second Degree Member -

Jude Crino

Immaculate Lady Council had an Opportunity for a Second (Formation) Degree and ALL the Members of the Council who would like to have advanced or to renew their pledge were invited to attend. Brother Jude Crino took us up on the invitation and was accompanied by Council Officers Sam Collins and Dave Clement. Please welcome our newest Second Degree member Brother Jude Crino. Brothers, as the Officers have said, we will accompany you to your Degree.



Immaculate Lady Degree Team

By GK Ron Spohn

The council Members that have volunteered for Immaculate Lady's Admission Degree Team are: Warden Dave Clement, John Kmiecik, Program Director Victor Lengrand, Outside Guard Brian Bogdanski and GK Ron Spohn. Having a Degree Team will give the candidates a deeper respect for the words that all of us said when entering the Knights. That is why Immaculate Lady Council should again have its own Degree Team. After several calls to the State First Degree Chairman Hans Weidig III, our Council was given the go ahead to start up our own Degree Team (at least 6 Knights). If you would like to take part in the Degree Team please contact Warden Dave Clement or John Kmiecik. No we will not hold try outs and you will not be pressured to join just for asking questions. What is involved you may ask? Your time and learning the script (memorizing is not required). Please consider joining our NEW Degree Team. It could be the most satisfying accomplishment in being a Knight.

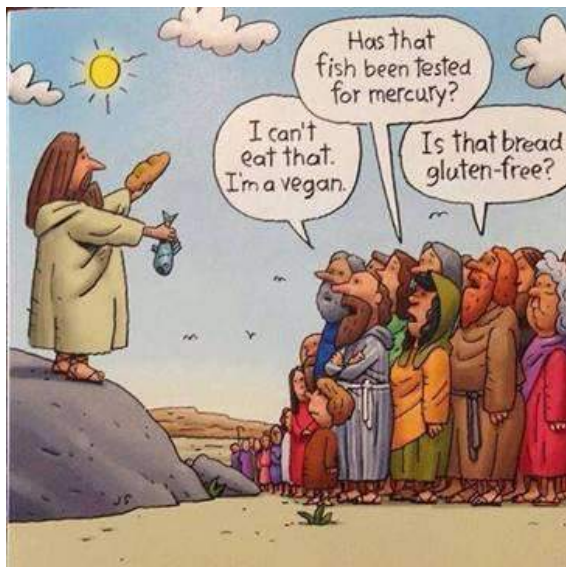
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Upcoming Council Activities

By Ron Spohn

- KofC First Wednesday March 6 is **Ash Wednesday**
[Business Meeting is moved to March 20. Knights are requested to go to church]
- KofC Leads the Lenten Meals March 8, 15, 22, 29 Ron Spohn
The Knights help the other fellowships of the Parish to serve the Lenten Meal on Friday Nights.
The Knights who are helping need to arrive by 5pm at the latest, Dinner served at 6 pm.
- KofC Praying the Rosary March 20 Mark Grabenstein & Robert Wagner
Rosary will be prayed at 7:00 pm in the Little Church before Business Meeting
- KofC Business Meeting March 20 Ron Spohn
Third Wednesday this month
- KofC Parish Social** **March 23** Ron Spohn
Spaghetti & Movie **Saturday, 6-9 pm** suznron@aol.com
We need volunteers
- KofC BJ's Membership Cards** **March 23** **Ron Spohn**
(Sell membership & renewal)
- KofC Casserole Night** **March 26** **Ron Spohn & Dave Clement**
- KofC Host's Fr. McKearney's talk** **March 27, Wednesday** **Ron Spohn**
"Exorcism Hollywood or Holy Word" Doors of the Little Church open at 6:30pm, talk starts at 7 pm.
- KofC Fifth Sunday Mass** **March 31** **Ron Spohn**
The Fifth Sunday Mass will start with the 7:30 am Mass. The Knights will do the ushering, fill the Lector position and provide free Coffee and Donuts after the Mass service. Your presence is requested. We will come together as a Council for prayer and worship four times a year.
- KofC Praying the Rosary April 3 Mark Grabenstein & Robert Wagner
Rosary will be prayed in the Little Church before Meeting
- KofC Business Meeting April 3 Ron Spohn
- KofC Leads the Lenten Meals April 5, 12 Ron Spohn



Father McKearney talk on Exorcism February 20

The Presentation of the Exorcism was postponed due to SHG School closing because of the weather. The talk has been rescheduled for March 27. This talk will be held in the Little Church. Doors open at 6:30pm, talk starts at 7 pm.

Father/Daughter Cup Cake Dance February 23

By Ron Spohn



The winner of the Chimp was Adalynn from SHG pre-K with Grand Knight Ron Spohn

The new Father/Daughter Cup Cake Dance was held on Saturday Night from 6 to 9 pm. The planning for this event was months in the making by your Council Officers and Program Director Victor Lengrand. The extra planning and thought could be seen throughout the whole event. To show everything is impossible but *Voyager* will try to give you taste of it.

The doors were not yet open to receive our guests at 5:45 pm, but in they came all dressed up and ready to have a good time and dance. The Knights manning the front door were Chancellor Derek Anderson and Ken O’Dea. We could not have two better people to greet the guests. Side note, we got 4 names of Fathers interested in joining the Knights. What’s that I said? Well brothers, all of the Knights working the Cup Cake Dance were wearing a Council shirt or their name badge. There was NO MISTAKE who was holding this dance tonight. Congratulations to Derek and Ken for their hard work and talking up the KofC.



L to R: Ken O’Dea and Derek Anderson.



Greetings from the front door: First Lady Suzanne Spohn, Ken O’Dea and Chancellor Derek Anderson.

After being greeted at the entrance, you take a short walk down the hall to meet “Cup Cake”, our Mascot for the dance. Dave and Elaine Clement are manning the camera to take photos of all our guests that wanted a picture with Cup Cake. Dave and Elaine posed the guests and took their pictures, which then were loaded into the computer by Elaine and projected onto a screen on stage. A slide show of all in attendance was continuously viewed at the dance. Again, the Clements were a perfect duo for this part of the event.



Dave and Elaine Clement.



Above is the Clements' magic in the works.

To Cup Cake's right, down the "Raffle Row" hall were displayed raffle items that a girl would like to have. Selling the tickets for this were our volunteers Jude and Ann Crino. Again the perfect couple to have selling the raffle tickets. They sold over \$600 in raffle tickets. Give them a BIG thank you for a job WELL DONE. No one could have done a better job.

L to R: Cup Cake, Jude and Ann Crino. Do they look like they were having fun volunteering or what?



Items that were on the raffle tables that garnered so much attention, well let me show them to you.



And more.....





Above: The line of raffle participants...



Above: The Gym was decorated to keep the energy level High.



Portraits on the Way was there.....



TK the DJ was there to keep the guests up and dancing.



Keeping the Guests in Cup Cakes, Ice Cream and Drinks all night were....



L to R: Lucille Spohn and Cindy Spohn Hahn



Above: Bill Keil serving Ice Cream



Above: Brian Bogdanski serving soda. Helping Brian with the drinks was Brian Noll (not pictured).



Not wanting to miss this terrific opportunity, the Knights of Columbus set up our own display shown by Ken O'Dea.



Just how big was the Chimp and how small the winner Adalynn? She would not let go for us to measure.

Lest we forget, here are the volunteers that came in on Saturday Morning to help set up the decorations, tables and chairs, raffle tables, stage, etc.



L to R: Theresa Eyelar, First Lady Suzanne Spohn and Mary Oates. Not shown was Megan Hahn who did an excellent job of decorating the GYM. Get her back again next year! Thank you all.

Setting up the tables and chairs and raffle tables were Rick Valway and his son; Tom Harwell, Warden Dave Clement, Leo Flynn and GK Ron Spohn.

Thank You all for helping make our Cup Cake Dance look so good for the Guests and work without a hitch. All of you contributed to its Success. Without you this could not have happened. Thank you!

Casserole Night February 26

By Ron Spahn

This month the Brothers made 48 Casseroles for Our Daily Bread in Baltimore City. Some were new Brothers that gave of their charitable time. We had Ten Brothers helping in the kitchen and it made the work load so much lighter that we were finished before anyone got tired. The Council thanks you for your help and charitable time you gave. The only bad news was the meal for fellowship was not quite ready to eat when we finished, so we had to eat CAKE and ICE CREAM only. Poor us.



Above L to R: Portioning the Casseroles are Tom Harwell, Dave Clement and wrapping are Alex Cocks and Charlie Klein.



L to R: Joe Jankoviak, (?not identified), Bill Keil (smiles and never complains) and Joe Sowinski.



Left: L to R: Wrapping Charlie Klein, (?), Joe Jankoviak, Brian Bogdanski and Rick Valway (a new face to the Knights at #5208)

Upcoming events!

Do these cold and icy days have you looking around your house and making plans to declutter this spring? Are you looking to sell some of the crafts you've been whipping up all winter? Are you a non-profit who would like to share their good news?

Well, it's baaaaaack!! The 3rd Annual Sacred Heart Flea Market will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 8:00 until noon and I'm contacting you first as you helped make the 2nd Flea Market a success!

This year, spaces are still \$15.00 each, but we're asking you to bring your own tables. If you would like to rent a table, there will be a \$10.00 surcharge. Brothers, our Council will be running the Flea Market this year so please mark your calendar, June 1, to come out and help set up. A volunteer sheet will be out as we get closer.

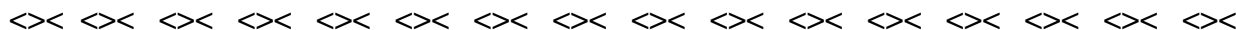
Annual Lenten Meals Round Up for Fridays

Sacred Heart Parish

Starting March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2019, April 5, 12, 2019

Cheese Pizza Dinner with Salad & Drinks
From 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Cost: \$5.00 pp or Family \$15.00



LENTEN FISH FRY at Holy Family Church

Support your parish and enjoy good food and fellowship in the Parish Hall
from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm (March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5 & 12).

Dine in or carryout.

Menu: No Substitutions please.

Fried Fish and 3 Fried Shrimp (Fish Sticks are available)

Macaroni and Cheese OR Potato Salad

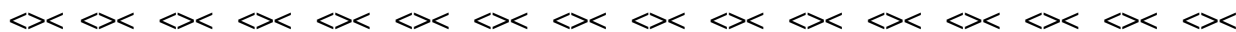
Green Beans OR Collard Greens

Roll and Butter

Coffee, Teas, and Punch (not for carryout)

Ticket Prices: Adults (\$12); Children under 12 (\$5); Immediate Family Cost (\$35)

Those who purchase dinners on the March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 9 can receive a free dinner on April 12.



St. John Catholic Church in Westminster: Fish Fry Fridays

In the portico of St. John Catholic Church, 43 Monroe Street, Westminster, MD

Dinner served 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 and 12th

Dinner will be cancelled if schools are closed or close early due to weather

Adult dinner \$10 (Includes choice of two sides, roll and butter, drink)

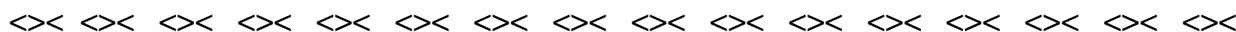
Your choice of: Fish (beer battered, fried or baked), Shrimp, or Veggie Lasagna

Kids 10 yrs. – 6 yrs. \$6.00 5 yrs. and under eat free

Shrimp baskets \$7.00

Desserts available for purchase

Cash and checks accepted Carry Out available.



St. Joseph's Parish Center, 44 Frederick Street, Taneytown, MD 21787

Annual Lenten Fish Fry Friday's: March 8,15,22,29, 2019, April 5,12,2019

Dinner platters served 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. Carry-out dinners available.

Adults \$12.00 Children (6-10) \$6:00 Child plates for age 5 and under (free)

Group reservations – call 410-775-7500

Contact Person is: Larry Webster.

Menu: Choice of kettle fried Catfish or Pollack, baked Catfish or Tilapia, fried shrimp or Salmon cakes, kettle fried potato wedges, choice of two vegetables, succotash, stewed tomatoes, green beans, or applesauce. Roll and beverage.

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St Josephs in Eldersburg Lenten Dinner Fish Fry

We will be serving from 4:30 - 7pm.


Ministry Enrichment Gathering

A Ministry Enrichment Gathering will be held at the Catholic Community of St Francis Xavier in Hunt Valley. The event runs from 9 am to 2:30 pm on Saturday, March 30th. Please let Father Canisius know if you are interested. The parish will pay your way. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. See the notice for more information.

Liturgy Training Publications (LTP) presents:




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From Mass to Mission: Liturgy and Evangelization



Saturday, March 30, 2019
9:00AM – 2:30PM (Doors open at 8:30AM)



Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier
13717 Cuba Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21030



Workshop Description A reflection day on the liturgy. Every week we are sent forth in mission from our parishes nourished by Word and Eucharist, yet the realities of life can distract us from the missionary aspect of our faith. The more deeply we understand what we are doing at the Mass, the more profoundly we will understand our baptismal call to mission and evangelization. Learn more about why we do, what we do, when we do it at Mass!

Who Should Attend? All catechists and ministers of the liturgy: musicians, readers, school liturgy coordinators, communion ministers, sacristans—even ministers of the assembly!

PRESENTERS





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Monthly Membership Anniversaries

8 Years

Nicholas Proy

12 years

Doug Nicholas
Chuck Pearson

19 Years

Michael Ruppert

21 Years

Bonaventure Anyanwu

22 Years

Jeff Leone (4 years continuous)
Dave Walther

28 Years

Dan Venedam

31 Years

Tony Fino

32 Years

1 Jim Smith

37 Years

Steve Stephan

38 Years

Regis Flynn (1 year continuous)

45 Years

PGK Jim Ryan

47 Years

Stan Kaniecki (37 years continuous)

49 Years

Ken O'Dea (2 years continuous)

51 Years

Bob Townsend

57 Years

Joe Nuzzo Sr.

73 Years

Bob Fillipelli (26 years continuous)

Fellowship Opportunities and Other Events

Praying Together at the Holy Hour for Life

Psalm 139 verse 13: "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb."

The Sacred Heart Respect Life Committee invites you to pray and sing at the Holy Hour for Life during Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, March 1, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Little Church. We will sing songs of praise, listen to children read prayers/scripture verses, and pray in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We pray all will respect the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. If your son/daughter would like to read, please arrive at 3:50 p.m. Please call Denise Blair-Nellies at 410-795-6852 for more information.

The Sacred Heart Respect Life Committee encourages you to be a voice for the vulnerable by participating in the Maryland March for Life in Annapolis on Monday, March 4, 2019 from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Please join pro-life Marylanders who march for the defense and protection of vulnerable human lives. The youth rally takes place at 4:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Annapolis, 111 Duke of Gloucester Street in Annapolis, MD 21401. There will be a 5:15 p.m. Mass and Non-Denominational Worship Service at St. Mary's Annapolis, 109 Duke of Gloucester Street. The Most Reverend William E. Lori Archbishop of Baltimore will be the Celebrant and Homilist for the Mass. Marchers will march up Main Street to the State House. At 6:30 p.m. there will be a march to Lawyer's Mall with a 7 p.m. Rally at Lawyer's Mall with dynamic speakers including: **Ryan Bomberger from the Radiance Foundation.** Ryan's biological mother was raped yet courageously gave him a chance to life and beautiful gift of adoption. He was adopted at 6 weeks of age and grew up in a loving, multiracial Christian family of 15. **Kelly Stauffer will speak on behalf of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign** who frequently gives her testimony to raise awareness about the hurt abortion causes women. **American Idols contestant, Johnny Brenns, a 19 year old singer-songwriter** known for his appearances on the Voice and American Idol. At 8 p.m. there will be free Chick-fil-A at St. Mary's Annapolis. Please visit www.mdmarchforlife.com for more details.

Respect Life Prayerful Sing Along

The Respect Life Committee invites people of all ages to join us for song, prayers, fellowship, and refreshments at the Respect Life Prayerful Sing Along on Friday, March 15, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. in the Mother Seton Room (immediately following the children's Stations of the Cross). Our theme is "Sharing the Love of Christ." We invite you to bring a donation for the pro-life pregnancy center (e.g. diapers, wipes, baby shampoo,

new and gently used baby clothing (size infant - 4T), etc.) Child care is provided. Children will make pictures for senior citizens, play games, and then join us for songs, fellowship, and snacks. Please call Denise Blair-Nellies at 410-795-6852 for more information.

Singing Songs with Future Care Residents- Monday, March 18
Psalm 104:33 "I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God while I live."

The Sacred Heart Respect Life Committee and Faith in Action invite you to share the love of Christ by singing with the residents of Future Care Cherrywood Nursing Home (located on [12020 Reisterstown Road](#)) on Monday, March 18, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. We will meet in the lobby at 6:25 p.m. We will be distributing St. Patrick's Day cards and pictures to the residents. Please wear green. As we thank God for the sacred gift of life, we will also sing "Happy Birthday" to each resident who has a birthday in March. Please call Denise Blair-Nellies at 410-795-6852 for more information.

Sacred Heart Respect Life Committee Needs You

"...Choose life, then, so that you and your descendants may live..."Deuteronomy 30:19

The Sacred Heart Respect Life Committee invites you to join us for a **rosary for life** and planning meeting on Thursday, March 21, in room 112. We will pray a rosary for life from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m., and the planning meeting will take place from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. We welcome you to join us in planning ways we can spread awareness for respect for the sacred gift of life from conception to natural death. Please call Denise Blair-Nellies at 410-795-6852 for more information.

Saint John Paul II National Shrine

Immaculate Lady Council is planning a visit to Saint John Paul II National Shrine. More information will be distributed as it is firmed up. Stay tuned. The flyer shows a daily itinerary of the Shrine and is attached for your interest and consideration.



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 Email: VisitorServices@jpp2shrine.org
 Phone: (202) 635-5400

Weekday Sample Itinerary

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Arrival and Welcome Overview of the Shrine
10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	"A Gift of Love: the Life of Saint John Paul II" Exhibit Self-guided tour of the nine-gallery exhibit on the life and legacy of Saint John Paul II
11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Sacred Art Tour Guided tour of the mosaics in the Redemptor Hominis Church and Luminous Mysteries Chapel
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Confession/Relic Veneration Confession in the Redemptor Hominis Church / A time of intimate encounter with Saint John Paul II, in the Luminous Mysteries Chapel
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Holy Mass Group attends Shrine daily Mass in the Redemptor Hominis Church
12:30 p.m.	Lunch or Departure

Note: 3:00 p.m. Prayer of the Hour of Mercy, followed by the Chaplet, if your pilgrimage permits a longer schedule.



Catechism Corner

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Lord God shower us with Your grace and help us help us come back to You, especially those in most need of Your mercy.

Ash Wednesday is on March 6, a day of fasting and abstinence, which begins the 40 days of Lent, a time to prepare our souls for Easter Sunday. Our Catholic Church is currently in a spiritual battle and needs our prayers and fasting for the Church's correction and purification. Don't get angry and leave the Church; the Church is being tested as Jesus Christ was tested during His 40 days in the desert when He was tested by Satan. The Catholic Church is the Bride of Christ built on the Rock of St. Peter and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. The Catholic Church will never be destroyed; she is under a fierce attack by Satan and needs our prayers. Lent is an ideal time for us to offer our prayers for ourselves and for the Church.

Here are a few paragraphs regarding these topics. If you don't have a Catechism please get one to read and strengthen your Faith which is being and will be tested.

Here are a few applicable "Catechism of the Catholic Church" paragraphs.

538 The Gospels speak of a time of solitude for Jesus in the desert immediately after his baptism by John. Driven by the Spirit into the desert, Jesus remains there for forty days without eating; he lives among wild beasts, and angels minister to him. At the end of this time Satan tempts him three times, seeking to compromise his filial attitude toward God. Jesus rebuffs these attacks, which recapitulate the temptations of Adam in Paradise and of Israel in the desert, and the devil leaves him "until an opportune time".

540 Jesus' temptation reveals the way in which the Son of God is Messiah, contrary to the way Satan proposes to him and the way men wish to attribute to him. This is why Christ vanquished the Tempter *for us*: "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning." By the solemn forty days of *Lent* the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.

272 Faith in God the Father Almighty can be put to the test by the experience of evil and suffering. God can sometimes seem to be absent and incapable of stopping evil. But in the most mysterious way God the Father has revealed his almighty power in the voluntary humiliation and Resurrection of his Son, by which he conquered evil. Christ crucified is thus "the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men." It is in Christ's Resurrection and exaltation that the Father has shown forth "the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe".

PRO LIFE Report

A GOOD CATHOLIC MUST BE PRO LIFE

Please Lord God, help us to respect all life from womb to tomb, especially help all troubled mothers who are in need.

We went with a few people from our parish to Annapolis on Thursday, February 21, to see our legislators regarding the abortion and the assisted suicide bills both being considered this year. There were more people there this year than in the past. We never know how much effect we have, but being there and giving them our message must leave an impression on the legislators.

The annual Maryland March for Life will be held this year on Monday, March 4. One of the speakers will be Ryan Bomberger from the Radiance Foundation. This march will follow the same format as previous years. Mass at 5:15 celebrated at the beautiful St. Mary's Church followed by the march to the Capital to listen to the

speakers then return to the cafeteria of St. Mary's school next to the Church for Chick-fil-A and drinks. It is a great time to meet fellow Pro-Lifers and show your support for Pro Life.

I am sure you have all heard of the New York abortion law passed on January 22, the Roe vs Wade anniversary which is the worst abortion law ever passed. Virginia also tried to pass a law similar to New York's except that it has a provision to kill the baby after it was born. This law did not pass. However Vermont passed an abortion law similar to the New York law. Maryland, Rhode Island and New Mexico are also considering passing similar laws. These states are doing this because they are preparing for the elimination of Roe vs Wade and want their states to have their own abortion laws.

Our President Trump has finalized an administrative ruling to partially defund Planned Parenthood by eliminating Title X funding, which amounts to \$50M- \$60M. Title X funding was initially set up for poor families who could not pay for their medical needs. Planned Parenthood is already fighting this decision.

I ask you to pray for our country and the world to fight for life from womb to tomb.

St. Michael Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the heavenly Host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen