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Grand Knight's Message



Grand Knight Bill Bolin

Worthy Brothers All:

Thanksgiving is upon us, and we have a lot to be thankful for. It was another busy month for the council. We held

our annual Soccer Shootout and District Shootout at St. Andrew's field. We wrapped up our Annual Tootsie Roll drive exceeding last year's collections by a generous margin. Members of the council set up and helped out at Priesthood Sunday to honor the priests of the parish. Some parishioners (me included!) were able to fill out their absentee ballots for Election Day thanks to the Knights' Voter Drive.

The best news of the month is that we welcomed two new members into our council – Chris Farrell and David Peterson. Both men are members of St. Andrew's Parish.

Most unfortunately for us, Gary Yeck, a stalwart of our council, will be relocating with his family. Gary is a Past Grand Knight, leader of the First Degree Team, and Chairman of the Keep Christ in Christmas Card Sales. He, his wife Sheila, and his children have tirelessly supported the council and they will be missed. Let's keep the Yecks in our prayers.

Please also keep Father Kane in your prayers. He fell and broke his hip, but according to what he told Fr. Mike he is fighting hard to recover.

We all have a lot to be thankful for, but sometimes it isn't obvious. Please take some time to reflect on the blessings God has visited upon your life. I wish all of you a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving. .*

Knights and Parish Honor Priests at Priesthood Sunday

St. Andrew Apostle Parish showed their appreciation for the priest of the parish at a reception after the 8:30 mass on Sunday, September 29. Brother John O'Donnell and Barbara Girolami organized the multi-purpose room and set up the refreshments

Phyllis Kritzer Schultz Fall Golf Outing

On Friday, October 27th, St. Andrew Apostle School Advisory Board hosted its 8th annual Phyllis Kritzer Schultz Fall Golf Outing. The outstanding support and help from members of Msgr. Wells Council buffeted the successful hosting of this year's event. Brother Sean Hardman worked the entire event from dawn until the last guest departed. Sean helped with the hole-in-one contest as well as the hospitality beverage cart. PGK Gary Yeck participated as a golfer but also was on hand afterward to help clean up the clubhouse. Financial Secretary Paul Sanneman, PGK Wayne Miller and brothers Dave Keefe and Nick Luketic all participated as golfers. PGK Miller was also a benefactor, donating several door prizes. Brother Dennis Salamone spent some time promoting the outing while Brother Luketic served as the chairman for the event as well as the master of ceremonies for the post tournament dinner. The event was successful as 92 golfers registered to play. This was a pleasant surprise since the event had to be postponed for 3 weeks due to inclement weather on the original date. Despite the short notice, many golfers returned for the new date and many more signed up. The consensus seemed to be that all the golfers enjoyed the day on the links especially since it benefited the faculty and staff at St. Andrew Apostle School.

A sincere and grand thank you goes out to all the brothers from Msgr. Wells Council who participated and worked this event. Hopefully, we can be involved to an even greater degree next year!

Nick Luketic

Community Activities Chairman.*

provided by the council for the priests and parishioners. Both Father Mike Mellone and Father Greg Shaffer were in attendance. Parishioners signed cards and offered "Spiritual Bouquets" of prayers and well-wishes to the attending priest and Fr. Kane and Fr. Dave Werning. Additionally, Monsignor Wells Council purchased a \$100 gift card for each of the priests. Many Knights were in attendance and participated in the event. *

Chaplain's Message



Assoc Chaplain Rev. Mr. Kevin Mukri

November—A Great Month to Teach the Faith

As Knights, we are called to speak to others about our Catholic Faith. With the pace of our lives accelerating, many find it difficult to find the time and opportunity to discuss and inform others of important elements of our faith.

November provides us three unique opportunities if we only provide the time.

The first opportunity is November 1, All Saints Day. This Feast honors all the saints of the Church. Often, we only think of saints as those declared saints by the Church. This is true, of course, but they only make up a small part of the many saints who are in heaven. The vast majority of saints are all the people who have lived on this earth and who have been judged worthy by Almighty God to enjoy their eternal reward, yet few are alive to remember. These probably include members of our families and friends who have passed and now are eternally happy in heaven. Although we cannot see the saints, they are continually in the presence of Almighty God and are ready to assist us on our earthly journey until we take our place in our eternal home. These saints are not dead, but live eternally and desire to be part of our lives. By uniting our prayers and efforts with the saints, we can benefit from their powerful intercession on our behalf.

Another opportunity to speak of our faith is November 2, All Souls Day. This day honors those who have been judged worthy by Almighty God, but must undergo a period of purification in purgatory. Purgatory cleanses venial sins, imperfections, faults and flaws, and remits the temporal punishment of mortal sins that have been forgiven in the sacrament of Reconciliation. Those in purgatory can and do pray for us so that we too will be successful on our earthly journey, but they can do nothing to hasten their period of purification. All Souls Day allows us the opportunity to remember these individuals and offer our prayers and good works to Almighty God on their behalf and speed them along to their heavenly reward. Although members of our families and friends may have passed and are in purgatory, they remain active in our lives and we should remain active

in theirs. By offering our prayers and good works to benefit these poor souls, they will be eternally grateful for our efforts and will be powerful intercessors with Almighty God on the behalf of our families. We should remember these souls throughout the year.

Finally, Thanksgiving Day, is another opportunity. This holiday forces us to remember the many blessings we have received from Almighty God, including our lives and the great country we live in. Sometimes we focus too much on what we don't have and seldom concentrate on the many things we do have. This day allows us the opportunity to meditate on how everything we have is a gift from Almighty God. How blessed we are to be alive and live in the United States of American.

November will quickly pass. Don't let it pass without using these special days to speak about your faith.*

District Deputy's Message

District Deputy Tom Schneider



My Brothers and Sisters all:

There is an interesting article in the November 19 New Advent web site. The article references the turn about from eliminating the word Christmas in many of the places that we shop during this season to actually changing back to the theme of "Merry Christmas." Maybe there is hope for mankind after all!

Thanksgiving is right over the horizon and then we enter the Advent season. The season gives us an opportunity to prepare for the great celebration of Christmas and the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is time to find the Advent wreath and candles and remember those who will not be with the family during this wondrous and holy season.

My Saint of the month is St. Francis Xavier, a Jesuit Priest. He is considered the greatest missionary since the time of the Apostles, and the zeal he displayed, the wonderful miracles he performed, and the great number of souls he brought to the light of true Faith, entitle him to this distinction.

May you have a merry and safe Christmas!

COUNCIL #13008

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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

All council meetings are held in the Teachers' Lounge of the school. Officer's meetings are held at 7:30 on the first Wednesday of the month. Business meetings are held at 7:45 on the second Wednesday of the month. Social meetings are held at 7:45 on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

November Meetings

Nov 01	Officer's meeting	7:30 PM
Nov 08	Business meeting	7:45 PM
Nov 22	Social meeting	rescheduled
	Rosary (7:30PM)	Nov 21

December Meetings

Dec 06	Officer's meeting	7:30 PM
Dec 13	Business meeting	7:45 PM
Dec 27	Social meeting	postponed

November Birthdays

Brother Paul Noone on the 2nd; Grand Knight Bill Bolin and Brother Bill Taylor on the 17th; Brother Tony Gatti on the 20th; and, Advocate Ton Murphy on the 26th. Also, Connie, wife of Financial Secretary Paul Sanneman, her birthday is on the 19th.*

December Birthdays

Brother James Jaganathan on the 4th; Brother Norman Marshall and Family Activities Director Michael Caruso on the 13th; Brother Noel Joseph on the 16th; Brother Sean Hardman on the 21st; and, Brother Jeffery Sylvester on the 27th. Also, Yvette, wife of Community Activities Director Nick Luketic on the 12th.*

November Anniversaries

Brother Norman Marshall and his wife Hema celebrate their sixth on the 17th; Brother Jeffery Sylvester and his wife Erin celebrate their ninth on the 22nd; and, Brother Stephen Nichols and his wife Beth celebrate their sixth anniversary on the 27th.*

December Anniversaries

Brother Albert Jannet and his wife Fatima Kanu celebrate their twenty-seventh on the 27th; and, PGK Gary Yeck and his wife Shelia celebrate their thirty-sixth on the 19th.*

Remember In Your Prayers

Brother Bob Panick's wife Sylvia is recovering from a broken arm suffered in a fall. Brother Tony Gatti, who is now recovering at home. Brother Joseph Barrett who is in and out of the hospital, Brother Robert Cowley who is ill, Chaplain Father Joe Kennedy's recovery, June Kastre, wife of Brother Dominic who is ill, The son of Brother Joseph Barrett who is recovering from wounds suffered in Iraq, as well as other Brothers who are ill or in need and our servicemen who are in harms way. Also, remember prospective member Donald McCallum who is ill.*

Anger Management Reminder

Tony Gentilcore- Health Chairman

At least four of your brother Knights attended the presentation on Anger Management on November 5th. It was a very professional and informative session. Thanks to Kathy Scheg, MS, LGPCC, the presenter. Thanks to every one that attended. For additional information Ms. Scheg office phone is 202/ 449-3789 x710. Thanks to Father Mile for helping to sponsor the program. The Knights were co-promoters of this event.

Monsignor Wells Message

[From the Pastor's Desk, *Spiritual Reflections by Monsignor, Thomas M. Wells*]

Like a Stream in the Hand o the Lord

September 25, 1994

A priest, you may be certain, is asked many penetrating questions about his life and lifestyle. The most frequently asked—and one to which I have no answer—is, "Why do priests always wear black?" Another question I get quite frequently (and which makes me wonder what folks are thinking as they ask it) is, "What do priests do with all their time?" Actually, this question about the use of time is one I ask myself, in a somewhat different fashion, all the time.

On a typical weekday, I look at my calendar, and with daily Mass, there may be only six or seven hours of obligations like appointments, maybe a funeral, perhaps time in a classroom or a meeting or an appointment with someone for Confession or Marriage Preparation. As I take time for quiet prayer early in the morning, however, the problem that invariably distracts me from that prayer is all of the other things not scheduled on a calendar that I also see as part of my job. Will I "fill up" the rest of the day sitting at my desk with administration tasks that range from planning future activities to assessment of finances; will I go on Communion calls or hospital visits; will I do a little theological or spiritual reading that every priest is supposed to do to "keep up;" or is this the time to answer the phone calls or mail that I know will take a good chunk of time? Be sure, the list is longer.

I am not complaining; I love my job. Actually, I mention this dilemma only because I suspect, according to different careers and vocations, it is quite common. Also, I mention it because of something that came to me recently in that same time of prayer that often seems so distracted. At daily Mass this week, we read from the Book of Proverbs. One of them,

(Prov 21:1), says, "Like a stream is the king's heart in the hand of the Lord; wherever it pleases Him, He directs it." So many of us have so much we feel obliged to accomplish, and much of it seems never to get done. The image from Proverbs struck me as helpful: allow my heart to be like a stream that the Lord can direct wherever He will.

Submission to God's will seems like a cop-out to some. "Oh sure, God will take care of it," is said in cynical disbelief, as if the believer thinks one need only sit back and wait for divine

intervention. No, there is an awful lot of hard work to be done. Submission to God's will (or being directed like a stream in the hand of the Lord) implies a prayerful willingness to do with our lives what God wants to fulfill His plan. Then we have to trust that the best we can do is, somehow, what He wants. We will never "get it all done," but if we are people of prayer, we can trust that what gets done is what really matters the most.*

God's Greatest Gift

Tony Gentilcore- Health Chairman

The most important gift that our Lord gave us from day 1 was and has still been "Freedom of Choice". From the first day that we are born we are given the keys to a "car" named "Freedom". With this "car" we can go where, how and when we please. We can make pit stops along the way or we can cruise the scenic route on the "journey of life". During this journey we must all stop and refuel, change our oil, replace our tires and spark plugs and have our car receive preventative maintenance. Today I am recommending that each one of you perform the recommended service procedures on your "car". First, as you wake up give thanks for what you have. If possible take a walk hand and hand with your spouse. On Saturday night attend confession and "change your oil". Fresh "oil" means a clean and clear conscience. Replace your "tires" buy buying a new shirt or pair of shoes and dress spiffy this Sunday and every Sunday when you attend Mass. Make everyone wonder what you are up too. Lastly on Community Sunday perform your "preventative maintenance" and get your blood pressure and weight checked. God gave pretty much gave each one of us a healthy body when we entered this world. How we maintained our "car" has been up to us. We all have some dents and dings on our car, but it is the result of how we have been "driving" during our life. Inside each 1940 Buick is a 2007 Mercedes Benz. Each "car" was delivered to us with a lifetime warranty. The Lifetime warranty expires when God says it is time, not when our "check engine" light comes on. When your "check engine" light comes on I can recommend a great mechanic and he is open 24 hours a day and does not charge a penny. His name is Jesus. He makes house calls.*

International Taste of St Andrew's

St. Andrew's held its second annual taste of St. Andrew's on
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Saturday November 11, 2006. All Knights were encouraged to sign up and bring a cooked dish or dessert of the ethnic origin. "Taste" tickets sold for \$1.00 each and the proceeds went to local prison ministries. Brother Tony Gentilcore was our primary liaison.

Reflections

Lawrence P. Grayson

The Origins of American Democracy *Part 1: Greek and Roman Contributions*

Some 2,500 years of history and experience have informed America's fundamental concepts about rights, liberty and governance. The roots extend from the philosophical underpinnings of ancient Athens' great democratic experiment; extend through the political and legal developments of the Roman Empire; incorporate Christianity's theological beliefs, and were shaped by the Enlightenment's emphasis on rationalism. The Founding Fathers' genius was in merging ideals from disparate epochs to form a nation dedicated to the worth, dignity and freedom of the individual.

Democracy in the ancient world developed in Athens about 500 B.C. All male citizens over the age of 18 were eligible to vote and expected to partake in the governance of that city-state. Such governance was accomplished through the Assembly, a sovereign body in which every citizen was eligible to participate, offer proposals, present amendments, debate issues, and vote on any matter that required a governmental decision. The Assembly, exercising final and absolute authority, reached decisions via vote of a majority of those present.

A Council of 500, whose citizen members were selected by lot to serve one-year terms, accomplished most of the Assembly's preparatory work. Persons, regardless of station, who committed offenses against the state, were tried by jury-courts whose members were chosen randomly from a panel of 6,000 citizens who volunteered for this service. Although Athens had a direct rather than representational democracy, which lasted some two hundred years, the principles it developed were basic to the formation of this nation's democratic republican form of government.

In early societies, law was often arbitrary, interpreted and administered according to the memories and prejudices of rulers or their appointed ministers. When Rome was formed

as a republic, with citizens participating in government, it was necessary to have a set of laws accessible to all. By 450 B.C., the existing laws were codified, written on twelve tablets and posted in the public Forum. This was the beginning of Rome's legal system, its most significant contribution to Western Civilization. As the city grew into an empire and encompassed ever-increasing persons and territories, its sphere of influence expanded significantly. Additional laws, and new interpretations of existing rules, were created to regulate a society that was growing larger and more complex. The laws spread through the empire, so that even with the fall of Rome they remained and continued to evolve in lands not under the sway of barbarians.

In 529 A.D., the Byzantine emperor Justinian collected, edited and issued all of the laws and imperial edicts as a unified and comprehensive body of civil law (*Corpus Juris Civilis*). This became the basis for civil law throughout Western Civilization during the Middle Ages. It also influenced the development of Canon Law, and was central to the reforms instituted by Pope Gregory VII in the 11th century.

In America, which prohibits the state from establishing or interfering with religious practice, spiritual and temporal codes are maintained separately. This is a relatively modern development, as the major legal codes of history included the sacred and the civil, imposing sanctions for moral or religious transgressions, as well as social and secular matters. This comprehensive approach was true of ancient Hebraic law, Medieval Christianity, and Chinese Confucianism. It also existed in ancient Rome, which, while generally tolerant of various religious practices, required adherence to a state religion to maintain political and social order. (Islam in the Middle East currently does not distinguish between the spiritual and the secular, the church and the state. The law of Shariah, which addresses not only the conduct of the individual but also the running of the state, governs most Islamic nations. It specifies sanctions for religious as well as civil abuses, with human law subordinate to divine law as interpreted by the religious leaders.)

Roman law was based on the concepts of equal justice and the rights of the individual. It contained principles -- such as the presumption of innocence; the ability to think whatever one wishes free from censure; and the right to face one's accuser -- that have been passed on to the present. The Roman concepts and procedural approach to law have proved to be lasting and highly adaptable. They were

developed in a pagan society, evolved to fit a Christian world in the Middle Ages, found useful in the industrial and capitalistic periods after the 17th century, and still serve us today.

The basic principles of American democracy and governance are indeed rooted in concepts that began to emerge half a millennium before our Lord's birth, but which were modified to incorporate Judeo-Christian values at the outset of our relatively fledging nation. When forming our government, it can be said that the Founding Fathers raised their eyes to the heavens, but never blinked when contemplating man's fundamentally brittle nature. After all, they were, among all other encomiums, astute historians.*



Insurance Agent's Message

Bob Callaway, LUTCF, FICF

HOW GOOD ARE YOU AT SAVING MONEY?

97% of all Americans live paycheck to paycheck. 3% of the populace have disciplined themselves into some type of forced savings programs, which has enabled them to have money available when an opportunity arises.

Interestingly enough, 97% of us end up working for the mighty 3%. Why? Because you usually need start up funds to form a business, or buy real estate or take a chance on a stock tip. Only those who have saved first, can then invest.

The man who invests before he saves is taking a big risk, some would call it a foolish gamble.

As your Knights of Columbus Insurance Advisor, I can show you some excellent savings programs. They say a journey begins with a single footstep...why not start your journey to financial independence by calling me today so we can discuss your future, your goals and your needs. My ideas will work for an 18 year old or a 75 year old. Call to set up a computerized analysis today.

Fraternally,

Bob Callaway, LUTCF, FICF301-210-5855

Shepherd's Table

Brothers Dennis Salamone and Al Tagliaferro joined Community Activities Chairman Nick Luketic for a couple of hours of volunteer service at Shepherd's Table on October 18. The air is starting to get a little colder and as a result, the lines are getting longer at Shepherd's Table. Your help is always appreciated. One thing I have noticed in the past two years at Shepherd's Table, our service to this mission benefits the volunteers as much if not more than the homeless. Trust-me, there is something very basic, very humbling about this mission. If you have time, give it a try! The next volunteer evening for our council is November 15th. Call Nick Luketic @ 301 962 7644 or e-mail him @ nicholas_luketic@msn.com.*

S.O.M.E. Update

During the recent months the Social Justice Ministry has seen a sharp decline in their monthly collection of casseroles for the Washington DC Chapter of S.O.M.E.. The collections have gone from 35-40 a month to just 7 last month. The Social Justice Ministry has our own Nick Luketic making delivery of these casseroles to S.O.M.E. on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Brother Nick Luketic, Brother Tony Gentilcore and Lorraine Priestly of the Social Justice Ministry took action by personally purchasing and handing out pans with recipes and labels. As a result of their action Nick Luketic was able to deliver 24 casseroles last week with a big smile on his face. The Knight's thank Nick Luketic for his efforts with the Social Justice Ministry. So let us show our support by either delivering a frozen homemade casserole/ lasagna/baked ziti dish or a store bought frozen family sized one. As we approach the Holiday season let us start to give THANKS right now. Why wait until November? Casseroles will be accepted in the kitchen of Saint Andrew's only on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 7:00 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. If you would like to make a casserole, but cannot deliver it on Thursday please contact either Nick Luketic or Tony Gentilcore and they will gladly make sure that your casserole gets delivered. If every Knight made just one casserole when they made one for themselves we would surely make our Lord smile. Labels will be provided and these will be stored in the freezer.*

Reflections

Lawrence P. Grayson

The Origins of American Democracy *Part 2: Christianity and the Enlightenment*

Christianity shaped the worldview of those who established this nation. Americans in the 18th century were, by and large, practicing Christians -- Methodists, Episcopalians, Calvinists, Puritans, Quakers, Congregationalists, and Unitarians. They were well acquainted with the Bible and its teachings, which they referred to frequently in their writings and speech. Christianity provided those who established this nation with a common moral consciousness that shaped their thinking on temporal and secular matters, allowing them to agree upon fundamental principles to develop a democratic government.

The Founding Fathers understood the necessity of a moral basis for the continuance of a democracy, as the character weaknesses and self-interest of men were obvious – even among themselves. John Hancock, who served as president of the Second Continental Congress that declared this nation's independence, was a convicted smuggler. Benjamin Franklin was a known philanderer. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and many other of these early Americans, were slave owners. Samuel Adams incited the Boston Tea Party in which private property was destroyed to make a political point. A form of government in which power was vested in the people could only survive if the citizenry was virtuous. The greatness of the Founders was in creating a governmental structure that distributed power and provided checks and balances to deal with venality, self-interest and radical desires of men.

Christianity instilled in them a belief in an omnipotent God who oversees the affairs of men, universal moral laws that transcend those of mankind, the dignity, worth and equality of the individual who is made in God's image, the primacy of inner values over external ones, the immortality of the soul, and divine justice after death with reward and punishment meted out based on one's actions in life. These tenets were reflected in the fundamental documents of this nation: the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights.

In his Farewell Address from the Presidency, George Washington stated, "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports." Benjamin Rush, a signer of the

Declaration of Independence, stated that "the only foundation for a useful education in a republic is to be laid in Religion. Without this there can be no virtue, and without virtue there can be no liberty." Even Thomas Jefferson, a deist with no professed religious affiliation, recognized the importance of religion to shape the behavior of the populace in a democracy. He stated, "Of all the systems of morality, ancient or modern, which have come under my observation, none appear to me so pure as that of Jesus."

The 18th century saw an increase in an exclusive application of reason to the development of political economy, government, and science. Many traditional ideas such as the Divine Right of Kings, hereditary status, and rights based on social class were challenged and replaced by an emphasis on freedom, justice, and tolerance. There was an evolving understanding that certain individual rights pre-existed the state, that government exists to protect those innate rights, that a constitution should protect individual autonomy from other individuals and governmental power, and in private property. Society was viewed as an implicit social contract between the state and its citizens regarding the rights and responsibilities of each. John Locke, one of the most influential of the 17th century Enlightenment philosophers, argued that a government could only be legitimate if it received the consent of the governed and protected the natural rights of life, liberty, and estate. If such consent were not given or if the leaders betray the agreements implicit in the sovereign-subject relationship then the people have a right to overthrow their leaders. This gave rise to the belief that America should be formed as a republic in which sovereignty is invested in the people, rather than in a hereditary elite.

With these concepts in mind, this nation's founders sought to replace the omnipotent rule of a monarch with government based on reason and on the will of the people. Thomas Paine in *Common Sense* asserted that King George III failed to protect the rights of colonists and hence a revolution was justified. When Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence, he included a litany of "Injuries and Usurpations" committed by the King as a justification for severing all political bonds with Great Britain. These ideas also formed the philosophical basis for the arguments presented in the *Federalist Papers* which proposed creating a form of government that would balance individual liberty with community order. These early Americans recognized that conflicts would inevitably arise as a result of differing self-interest among the States and among

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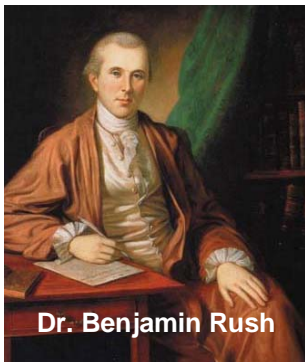
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individuals, and that the best way to preserve the rights of people was to place power in the hands of the people through a central government. The result is a uniquely American political philosophy of government, practical in nature, founded on experience, rooted in developments that began in classical Athens and ancient Rome, tempered by the Enlightenment, and based on the beliefs of a particular religious tradition.

In the tumultuous global discord of today, open, honest and fruitful dialogue between American democracy and other world cultures can only occur if this nation maintains the moral basis for its culture, which is rooted in Judeo-Christian principles.*



Dr. Benjamin Rush

Wanted: Good Samaritan

You may have noted the message in the Sunday bulletin but assistance is needed to fill in an activity that was being supported by Don McCallum and other gentlemen of the parish.

Additional help is needed to assist an elderly handicapped parishioner into and out of his wheelchair upon rising from bed. Assistance is needed to fill a weekly spot each Monday at 7:00 or 7:30 AM. If not available on Mondays, an alternative day may be available by switching with another volunteer. Assistance requires on 30 to 45 minutes maximum. The location is close by off Layhill Road. For information call Dave Larkin at 301/681-4872. *

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24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27 SOCIAL MEETING POSTPONED	28	29	30
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