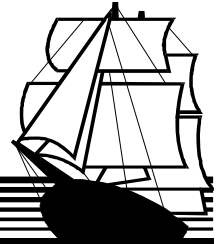


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## CHRISTMAS TREE SALES 2008

We keep doing it! In spite of questions about the economy and uncertainty about whether customers would be as ready to spend on trees, our tree sale this year has been a great success.

The success of this sale is directly linked to the cheerful and spirited work of our brother knights who work the shifts and sell the trees.

Contrasted with our meetings attended by 30-40 knights, over 240 knights turned out to work the Christmas Tree Sales. Great work! Our success is made possible by the effort and enthusiasm of all our brother knights that came out and sold trees.

Our 2008 sales were simply great. We ordered 810 trees. In view of the uncertain economic times, a decision was made to keep our pricing the same as last year in the face of higher wholesale prices, freight and operational expenses. Going into the sale we were hoping to clear \$20,000 at the end of our sale .

We sold 804 trees grossing over \$55,000 and netting over \$23,000. We only had six trees left. A truly impressive result. This is even more impressive when you compare what was left on the commercial lots: They had about 1/3 of their inventories left at the end of sales.



A special thanks to all of our brother knights that worked so hard to make sure that our sale is a success.

I want to especially thank those knights who volunteered to take extra shifts, as well as those who manned their shifts on those slow frustrating nights; by manning these shifts we continue to build a lasting relationship with our loyal customers.

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### Grand Knight's Message



Brothers,

In that latest *Columbia Magazine* article, "The Reasonableness of Faith," noted author and commentator Dinesh D'Souza makes some very interesting and timely points concerning reason and faith. Over the Christmas season, and it is the Christmas season, the beliefs and values of Christian's of all denominations have been assailed. More and more, any reference to God or values ascribed by belief in God is being driven from the public square. Replacing God is reason, or some say science.

Bill Maher, a comedian and noted atheist, frequently jokes about how he thinks it is ridiculous to believe in something that you can't see. He will admit that he doesn't know if God exists but feels

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that if he does he ought to show himself more often. One might wonder why anyone would listen to a comic.

Blaise Pascal answers this criticism by saying that in essence those who have no desire to encounter God will probably never see his amazing works. Miles Law rules here: How you see it depends on where you sit. If you are looking for the wonders of God, they will be present in all matter of things and events. If you are testing God, waiting for him to show his wonders, you might be waiting a long time. We must remember that our Lord and Savior, Jesus, speaking on this matter told Thomas: "Happy are those who have not seen but yet believe."

As knights and Christians we are called to be witnesses for our faith. How we do so is remarkably through works of charity, unity of purpose, fraternity and patriotism. While the Knight's of Columbus is not a political

organization, we do have a responsibility and right to be present in the public square. It is our calling; so how will you as a member of the order respond?

Look at our schedule of events and find a place that feels comfortable and that you can witness to publicly that Christ is alive. Take some time to spend on quiet reflection, perhaps at First Friday Eucharist vigil. Our council has many ways to witness for Christ. We need assistance in all of our endeavors. We need you.

Please consider your place, and I extend my wishes to you for a happy and prosperous New Year.



Vivat Jesus!  
Paul Maltagliati

## Christmas Tree Sales 2008

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Among those who have made special contributions are: the set up crew led by Mike Stephens; our electrical and lighting man, Mike Perri; our offload crew of Boy Scouts and Squires, their parents and brother knights led by Dave Sharp and Tony Ramos; our assistant sales coordinators, Dave Lopez and Jim Cella; our financial secretary, Phil Torrey, who came out all hours to collect and count money; our chairman emeritus, Brian Moynihan, for getting permits, handling publicity and who is always there to help when needed; our 37 shift captains and 240 workers; all those who worked extra shifts; our takedown crew led by Erc Barone; and the loyal and generous support of a great many of our parishioners and repeat customers.

Once again, I thank everyone that helped make our sales for 2008 an outstanding success.



Geoff Smith, Coordinator  
Christmas Tree Sales



# The Chaplain's Corner

THE LITTLE WAY OF SPIRITUAL CHILDHOOD

*“Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 18:3)*



Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus was a cloistered nun in the Carmelite monastery of Lisieux, France. She died at a young age. Toward the end of her life, she said to her sister, also a Carmelite nun, “I feel my Mission is soon to begin, my Mission to teach souls *my little way* . . . . *The Way of Spiritual Childhood, the way of trust and absolute self-surrender.*”

As soon as she died her tomb became the scene of numerous miracles. After her autobiography was published, many miracles were reported around the world in response to the prayers of the faithful. Pope Pius XI was quoted as saying that Saint Teresa became “a prodigy of miracles.” It was as if God was bringing attention to Saint Teresa saying: “Listen to her teaching on the little way of spiritual childhood, the way of trust and absolute self-surrender.” Within 28 years after her death, Saint Teresa was canonized a saint.

In the human family, the relationship between a mother and child is based on love. The child is brought into being by the mother and is supported by the mother's love every day of the child's life. The thing that the mother wants most of all is the love of her child. Her heart is left empty if it does not have this love. Similarly, the thing the child wants most is the mother's love. Without the mother's love, the child feels restless and lost. The only gift that the child wants is the love of the mother, and in its littleness, the only thing the child can give is its love.

Similarly in the supernatural life, God, our Heavenly Father, created us out of His love for us. The one thing that God wants from us is our love. Each moment of our lives, we, God's children, are supported by the love of the Father. Our hearts feel empty and restless without the love of God. We are made to walk in and be supported by the love of

God. In return, in our littleness, all we can give God is our love. Our actions are valuable in the eyes of God only as an expression of our love for Him. This love that exists between us and God is the foundation of Saint Teresa's Little Way of Spiritual Childhood. The little way starts with love and is sustained by love.

We as God's children get our power to love from God just as a child depends on its mother for its ability to love. The child, as it looks upon his mother does not care whether she is beautiful, rich or intelligent. Seeing and experiencing its mother's love, the love for the mother grows in the little child's heart. It is not so much an emotion as the objective experience of that love. Similarly our power to love God stems from the fact that God loves us unconditionally, and He has loved us even before we were conceived in our mother's womb.

*Let us love God because God has first loved us.  
(1 John 4:19)*

This is what we must do. The childlike, who walk in Teresa's Little Way, when looking at God, the Father, do not see His grandeur, might, or omnipotence, but only see the overwhelming and unconditional love that God has for them. In our relationship with God, we do not walk in fear, guilt, or insecurity, but rather we live our lives in trust, self-surrender, and confidence that God, our Father, loves us, and will take care of us in this life and eternally in Heaven when we die.



God bless you all,  
*Father James S. Barkett*

## Monthly Evening Reflections for Men

Monthly evening reflections for men are offered from 7-9:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at St. Timothy's Parrish, 13807 Poplar Tree Rd., Chantilly, Va. All men are invited to attend. Each session includes Mass, guided meditations, opportunities for confession, and dinner. Reservations are not necessary and there is no fee to attend. Donations are gratefully accepted and help present these and future programs.

### Reflections on St. Paul

The 2008-2009 series is based on the life and ministry of St. Paul.

### Upcoming Dates

January 14. Self-confidence, Self-hate and Our Dignity: St. Paul's New Creation

February 11. Wisdom, Foolishness and Political Correctness: Freedom to Live in God's Wisdom

March 11. Stress, Materialism and Slavery: St. Paul's Secret to Peace and Happiness

April 8. Strengthening the Weak and Discouraged: St. Paul and the Power Flowing from the Resurrection

May 13. Fight, Struggle and Perseverance: Keys to Running the Good Race

June 10. Embracing the Will of God in the Face of Fear: Freedom to Love and be Loved

July 8. How to Love When You Don't Feel Kind, Merciful nor Warm and Fuzzy

August 12. Living One Body in Christ: Unity in Our Families and Our Church



## Route 123 Cleanup

Notwithstanding morning temperatures well below freezing, a dozen knights and two future prospects completed our Fall Rt. 123 highway cleanup on Saturday, December 6th. Our council has adopted Rt. 123 from the intersection of Fairfax Station Road at Old St. Mary's south to the intersection of Chapel Road. Our quarterly investment of two hours of group labor makes quite a difference in the road's appearance: Just compare our stretch to that immediately to the north or south.

Our thanks go out to Kevin Miller, Ted Kornhoff, Brian Moynihan, Dean Mularoni, Daniel Neckel, Edward Janusz, Jim Kearney, Sean Murphy, Peter Nevlud, Craig Koszycki, John LaFalce and Dave Evans. And a special thanks to Dean's sons, Brooks and Colton (ages 4 and 5), who worked with their dad to clean up Fairfax Station Rd. to Rt. 123 and the Church grounds. Next cleanup will be in March, hopefully with the temperatures on the rise.



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# Message from the Deputy Grand Knight . . .

**T**hank you all for your prayers and cookie support for the Kairos Prison Ministry last month. The love you showed through your caring was felt by the 38 men that stuck with the program and either developed a closer tie to Christ or, in many cases, found Him for the first time. I am always struck by how the love that is shown from those outside affects the men we minister to. So for the men at Greensville Regional Correctional Center and those of us who team up to minister to them, our sincere thanks.

Our next mission is scheduled for May 14 -17,

2009. We will be looking for prayers again and, of course, cookies. So please pray about it and consider helping out. If you would like to become part of the team, there is a background check required and some paperwork, but I will be happy to help you with it. Just contact me at [djturgeon@aol.com](mailto:djturgeon@aol.com). For women there is a team that ministers to the women's prison and I can get you in touch with them also.

God Bless You!  
*Dan Turgeon*

## 2009 Degree Schedule

### First Degrees

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Council #</b>	<b>Council Name</b>
January 20	8 p.m.	8600	St. Mary of Sorrows
January 21	8 p.m.	11922	Holy Spirit
March 17	8 p.m.	8600	St. Mary of Sorrows
March 31	8 p.m.	11922	Holy Spirit
May 19	8 p.m.	8600	St. Mary of Sorrows
May 26	8 p.m.	11922	Holy Spirit

### Second Degrees

January 26	8 p.m.	12846	St. John Bosco
February 10	8 p.m.	11922	Holy Spirit
March 25	8 p.m.	6153	Springfield
April 21	8 p.m.	7992	Fr. Sikora

### Third Degrees

January 31		6292	Fr. Francis Diamond
February 21		6175	Good Samaritan
March 21		367	Norfolk
April 25		6153	Springfield
June 6		6546	St. Edward's
June 7		3548	Robert B. Kealey
June 13		5332	George Brent

# SAINT MARY OF SORROWS 150TH ANNIVERSARY 1858--2008: RICH PAST, BRIGHT FUTURE

Our rich past originated when two Catholic families, the Hamill's and the Cunningham's, donated a tract of land to the Diocese of Richmond to have a church built and a cemetery consecrated. In 1858 the cornerstone was laid by the bishop, Most Rev. John McGill. Irish immigrants provided the work force that built the church which was dedicated in 1860.

St. Mary's Historic Church is the first Catholic Church in Fairfax County, Virginia. It is registered as a Virginia Historic Landmark and has been added to the National Register of Historic Places. The church has changed little in appearance the past 150 years and Mass continues to be celebrated at this location to this day

During the Civil War the church and its grounds were used as a field hospital to nurse the wounded and dying soldiers from the Second Battle of Manassas and the engagement near Chantilly. Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, was among those who provided care for the wounded.

Because of the extreme cold and lack of natural firewood, the original wood pews were used for firewood during the period of time the wounded were being treated on the church grounds. Official federal historical documentation confirms that the church pews used as firewood were replaced by order of President Grant. Most of the present pews date from that time. It is interesting to note that President Grant often traveled by train, on the same tracks adjacent to the church grounds, to a resort in nearby Clifton

Join us by visiting the Historic Church. In 1980, the Parish Center was built just a few miles from the Historic Church. The Parish Center was established to serve our growing congregation and its numerous ministries and programs.

Join us by embracing our mission statement as we journey toward our bright future. This means we strive to listen to the Word of God. We draw our life from the Liturgy. We promote the sanctity of life. We serve others in a spirit of truth. We proclaim the Gospel. We nourish through education and we commit ourselves to proclaiming and promoting social justice.

Join us as Saint Mary of Sorrows celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a year-long series of celebrations. Our

pastor, Rev. James Barkett, wishes to share this joyous occasion with the many Catholic families and organizations in the diocese.

Join us by visiting our Web site's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary page to find out about the various upcoming activities and events ([www.stmaryofsorrows.org](http://www.stmaryofsorrows.org)).



## Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Saint 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.

Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903)

# 2009 CALENDAR YEAR

## JANUARY

- 3-4 First Friday Adoration  
Worship Center
- 4 Knights of Columbus Free Throw  
Contest
- 6 Council Meeting, 8 p.m.  
Rosary at 7:45 P.M., OSMH
- 10 Spaghetti Dinner, after 5 p.m. Mass  
Parish Center
- 11 Council's Pancake Breakfast (Team  
Barone) at Parish Center  
Squire's Pancake Breakfast at OSMH
- 13 Marian Homes Board Meeting  
OSMH
- 20 Council Meeting, 8 p.m.  
Rosary at 7:45 p.m. OSMH
- 22 March for Life
- 30 Chinese New Year Party  
Northern Virginia Training Center  
Volunteers needed (exact time will be  
known about a week or two before the  
event).

## FEBRUARY

- 3 Council Meeting, 8 p.m.  
Rosary at 7:45 p.m., OSMH
- 6-7 First Friday Adoration  
Worship Center
- 10 Marian Homes Board Meeting  
OSMH
- 14 Spaghetti Dinner, after 5 p.m. Mass  
Parish Center
- 15 Council's Pancake Breakfast (Team

- Marotta) at Parish Center  
Squire's Pancake Breakfast at OSMH
- 17 Council Social Meeting, 8 p.m.  
Rosary at 7:45 p.m., OSMH
- 25 Ash Wednesday
- 26 Hypo-Thermia Dinner@ Burke Pres  
byterian Church (tentative)
- 27 Lenten Soup Supper, Parish Center  
Council Meeting, 8 p.m.  
Rosary at 7:45 p.m., OSMH
- 28 Polish Night for Council, OSMH

## MARCH

- 3 Regular Meeting, 8 p.m.  
Rosary at 7:45 p.m., OSMH
- 6 Lenten Soup Supper  
Parish Center
- 6-7 First Friday Devotion
- 7 Spaghetti Dinner, after 5 p.m. Mass  
Parish Center
- 8 Council's Pancake Breakfast (Team  
Ciatti) at Parish Center  
Squire's Pancake Breakfast at OSMH
- 10 Marian Homes Board Meeting  
OSMH
- 11 Lenten Soup Supper, Parish Center
- 14 St. Patrick's Party, Hybernians  
Parish Center
- 17 Council Social Meeting, 8 p.m.  
Rosary at 7:45 p.m.
- 20 Lenten Soup Supper, Parish Center
- 27 Lenten Soup Supper, Parish Center
- 28 Route 123 Cleanup

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