



Church of the Redeemer Council #1104, September, 2026



THE KNIGHT'S SCROLL

Brothers!

Labor Day is here. Vacations are winding down, school is starting, and the slower days of summer are behind us. September begins the start of the fall season and a busy schedule.

The Haiti yard sale is Saturday September 19th, and the committee needs our help.

October brings the Council's annual Brunswick stew sale, and before you know it Thanksgiving and the Christmas season will be upon us.

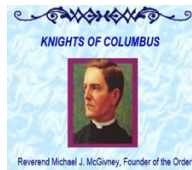
Charity is one of the Knights' core principles, and I encourage each of you to participate in one of these activities. Lastly, on August 2, the Council's 2026 Past Grand Knight Dinner was well attended, and the report will be included in the October newsletter.

"If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?" 1 John 3:17-18

Vivat Jesus!

Mark Borysewicz

Grand Knight, K of C Council 11042



The Church of the Redeemer K of C Council 11042 offers opportunities from which Catholic men can choose to volunteer a portion of their discretionary time to put their Faith in action in the parish and the local community, pleasing God and living Christianity in accord with our parish mission: "Everyone will know that you are my disciple if you love one another." John 13:35

Lord Jesus Christ, How often You told Your disciples and now us: "Do not be afraid: just have Faith." Dear Jesus, please deepen in us Faith, which enables us to surrender to You in body, mind, heart, and will each day, no matter what we are facing. As You deepen Faith within us, we are transformed, becoming less fearful and more trusting in Your promise to be with us always. Dear Jesus, in our daily prayer and especially during our participation in the Holy Mass and while adoring You in Your Real Presence in the tabernacle, deepen our Faith and banish our fear. Amen. Mary, Mother of the Church, and Blessed Michael McGivney, true models of surrendering to Faith, pray for us. K of C State Chaplain, Bishop Paul S. Loverde

He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Mathew 16:23

This month, I challenge you to study the life and example of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, whose feast day is August 13, noting in particular how Father McGivney always sought to align his will with God.

K of C Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori, August, 2026

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 1	Food Bank , 10:00 a.m., Food Lion Rt. 360 & 4:30 p.m., HEFC
Sept. 7	Labor Day
Sept. 8	Food Bank , 10:00 a.m., Food Lion Rt. 360 & 4:30 p.m., HEFC
Sept. 12	K of C Cornhole Tournament , see page 4
Sept. 14-19	Haiti Yard Sale , collect items, see below
Sept. 15	Food Bank , 10:00 a.m., Food Lion Rt. 360 & 4:30 p.m., HEFC
Sept. 19	Haiti Yard Sale , pack leftovers, see below
Sept. 21	Membership meeting , 7:00 p.m.; Rosary , 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Food Bank , 10:00 a.m., Food Lion Rt. 360 & 4:30 p.m., HEFC
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Sept. 27	Pancake Breakfast , see page 3
Sept. 29	Directors meeting , 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 29	Virtual Holy Rosary , 7:00 p.m., Zoom link active at 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	Bowling , see page 5
Oct. 5	Membership meeting , 7:00 p.m.; Rosary , 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Food Bank , 10:00 a.m., Food Lion Rt. 360 & 4:30 p.m., HEFC
Oct. 8	Bowling , see page 5
Oct. 12	Columbus Day
Oct. 13	Food Bank , 10:00 a.m., Food Lion Rt. 360 & 4:30 p.m., HEFC
Oct. 15	Bowling , see page 5
Oct. 19	Directors meeting , 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 20	Food Bank , 10:00 a.m., Food Lion Rt. 360 & 4:30 p.m., HEFC
Oct. 22	Bowling , see page 5
Oct. 27	Food Bank , 10:00 a.m., Food Lion Rt. 360 & 4:30 p.m., HEFC
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Oct. 29	Bowling , see page 5
Oct. 31	Halloween

<https://redeemerknights.org>

The Church of the Redeemer annual Haiti Yard Sale will be held the week of September 14, with donations accepted starting Monday, noon to 8:00 p.m. & Tuesday & Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; 6 to 8 Knights are needed to collect items and set up the event; on September 19, from noon to 4:00 p.m., 10 Knights are needed to pack leftovers in the Goodwill truck.

The Virginia Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment will be on the November, 2026 ballot that if passed will: (1) **eliminate all abortion guardrails** and allow abortion up to the moment of birth; (2) **erase parental consent**, enabling minors to obtain abortions or gender-altering procedures without parental involvement; (3) **remove medical safety standards** preventing reasonable health protections; (4) **grant immunity to all involved in an abortion** – including sex traffickers and pimps; and (5) **prohibit future protective laws** blocking the General Assembly from enacting reasonable regulations on reproductive health.

A Morning of *Gratitude* — AND VOCATION —



Join us in appreciation of our pastor, Fr. Jim,
as we focus on the importance of
priestly vocations to the Church.



Free **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 27TH**



**GENESIS
HALL**



**8:30 –
10:00 AM**

Donations graciously accepted
which will support vocations in our diocese.



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Council #11042



SEPTEMBER 27TH IS "PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY"
which recognizes and honors
Catholic Priests across the nation.



Thank you, Fr. Jim, for your faithful service! ♥

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

TIDEWATER DISTRICTS

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

8 Boards • 3+ Games

\$100 / team

Bags. Boards. Brotherhood.

Sept 12, 2026

Registration begins at 10:30. First throw at 11:00.

**Wild Wing
Café,
Chesapeake**

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Eight regulation board sets with scoring towers
- Coordinated tournament play from first toss to finals
- Meal and drink tickets included for every player
- Minimum three games guaranteed per team
- Trophy or prize awarded to the winning team in each division



DIVISIONS

YOUTH

Players age 17 ½ and under

CO-ED TEAMS

Open teams, and combination

COUNCIL KNIGHTS

Teams representing their home council

WHY WE PLAY

- Raise awareness of the Knights of Columbus across Tidewater
- Support charitable works in every participating council
- Welcome prospective members and their families
- Build camaraderie and synergy between all councils

FUNDRAISING IDEA

SPONSOR-A-BAG

Every player carries a sponsor sheet before the tournament. Family, friends, and neighbors pledge a set amount for every bag thrown on the board that day—all proceeds go directly to council charities.

Example:

10 sponsors x \$1 per bag x 20 bags (3 games)

=

\$200 raised per team



HOLE-IN-ONE CONTEST

- \$10 Per Chance
- 50-Foot Throw
- Free chance for new members and sponsoring Knights.

WIN PERSONALIZED CORNHOLE BOARDS!

Visit our website for details.

For more information or to sign up, please go to our website at <https://knightsinsurance.org/event-calendar> or click the QR code



REGISTER YOUR TEAM

\$100 per team • Contact your Grand Knight or District Deputy

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JULY AWARDS



PGK Robbie Prezioso accepts Knight of the Month from GK Mark Borysewicz.



Mike Stank accepts Family of the Month from GK Mark Borysewicz.



Joe Massino accepts the coveted Hard Hat from PGK Dick Letter.

Council's consummate prayerful brother-in-Christ Dennis Fiore continues to hold title to Prayer Warrior.

NEWS AND NOTES

Council's brother-in-Christ Matt Turek, who successfully led Council's renewed recruiting effort, was named KO-VAR chairman, stepping up to the plate to aid those who have been challenged with intellectual disorders.

Parishioner Katie Stillwell now serves the Church of the Redeemer as its Youth Minister.

4th Degree meetings are held on the 4th Monday each month at the Verdi Lodge, with a meal served before meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Richmond Metropolitan Area Knights, wives, daughters and girlfriends will gather at Sunset Bowlero Lanes in a mixed league Thursdays, Sept. thru Apr. contact Mike Bonelli, 804-243-0624



MCMA INARGURAL HALF CHICKEN DINNER



Successful organization and teamwork for Catholic charities = finger lickin' good.

Another K of C charitable golf fundraiser is on the horizon with the Council 7538 4th annual Long John Golf Tournament on Sunday, November 14, 2026, at the Hanover Country Club, 14314 Country Club Drive, Ashland, Virginia, 23005. This fundraiser will benefit children focused charities. Sign-in at 8:00 a.m. with a 10:00 a.m. shotgun start.

Breakfast, range balls, lunch will be provided. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and last place, longest drive, closest to the pin, \$5,000 hole-in-one, wheelbarrow of holiday spirits raffle, goodies bag and a 50/50 drawing at the lunch/banquet.

\$100/player, \$400/foursome, please bring a bottle of your favorite alcoholic beverage to help fill the holiday spirits' wheelbarrow. To enter or to inquire about available sponsor opportunities, contact Don Montag, PO Box 2032, Ashland, VA. 23005, 804-994-8379, donald.montag@gmail.com, Venmo: jmj-council7538.



INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

In 2021 then Grand Knight TJ Fennelly presented one of the Council Youth Scholarship Awards to Lauren Schenack for her achievements, including regular attendance at Mass with her family at Church of the Redeemer, where she participated in the Youth Group and was a confirmation sponsor. Lauren was accepted by several institutions of higher education in Virginia – UVA, College of William & Mary and VCU – along with several in other states, including Tulane University.

Lauren recently sent this letter of gratitude, updating the Council on her progress.

Thank you for your support upon my graduation from high school in the spring of 2021! I graduated as salutatorian of my class at Mechanicsville

High School and then went on to Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. I graduated from Tulane in three and a half years in the fall of 2024 with a Bachelor of Science in Cell & Molecular Biology and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication, along with minors in Business and Cinema Studies.

My initial plan was to attend medical school, but after volunteering at a local ER for two years, I realized that path was no longer right for me. My childhood dream was always to help people as a lawyer, so in the fall of 2025 I enrolled in the law school at Tulane University. I am loving the intellectual stimulation of law school and can't wait to become a licensed attorney. There, I'm continuing to build my strengths in reading and writing as a member of the Tulane Law Review, the university's oldest and flagship legal journal. After graduation, I hope to focus my practice on energy and environmental law in New Orleans.

Thank you again for your support and continued relationship with my grandmother, Cathy Schenack. I truly cannot thank you enough.

*With appreciation,
Lauren Schenack*

The multi-decade ecumenical alliance between the Church of the Redeemer K of C Council and Hanover Evangelical Friends Church (HEFC) is part of the Central Virginia Food Bank Feed More program and has reliably distributed food to disadvantaged families and residents in Hanover County every Tuesday, including the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Over the years, volunteers from the Council have been augmented by family and friends of knights, a Church of the Redeemer force *without which this Christian ministry would close.*



Left to Right foreground: Rosemary Gilhooly, PGK Bill Adams & Maureen Uerz set up the bread distribution table.



Right foreground: Greg Lee (L), Charles Smith (C) & Mark Evans (R) set up the produce distribution table.

Heavy demand rooted in inflation continues to impact society including residents of Hanover County and the surrounding metropolitan area, which has been manifested at the Hanover Food Bank, serving 129 families /individuals on Tuesday, July 28, 2026.

Consider joining this essential ministry any Tuesday between 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to experience the greatest joy in the world: *helping those in need as Christ Jesus taught us.*

*Over the span of 11 weeks this summer, the 2026 Summer Food for Kids Program collected, bagged and distributed **4,400 pounds** of shelf stable kid friendly food, thanks to Food Lion, VFW Post 6364, and a team comprised of Church of the Redeemer K of C brothers, Catholic Daughters and parishioners, including Maureen Uerz, JoAnn Draper, Mark Condon, PGK Bill Adams, PGK Jeff Uerz, and PGK Dick Letter, volunteering approximately **220 hours** of service.*



With the 2026 Christmas Food for Kids Program firmly on the radar, tax deductible donations continue to be accepted by check payable to MCMA, Mechanicsville Catholic Men's Association, a 501 (c) (3) charity, noting "Food for Kids" on the memo line, mailed to PGK Tad Stilwell, MCMA treasurer, 8341 Ellerson Farm Drive, Mechanicsville, VA 23111.



WISHING ROBBIE & ROSIE WELL

As expected, Church of the Redeemer parishioners PGK Robbie Prezioso and his wife Rosie are moving to Lynchburg, a loss of Church of the Redeemer's longstanding, stalwart anchors who will be greatly missed.

After the 5:30 p.m. Mass on August 8, celebrant and Pastor Father Jim Cowles offered a community prayer for their safe passage and future, which the Church of the Redeemer community, including the Council, echoes.

NEWSLETTER NOTES

*After October 1, 2026, Microsoft will no longer support its Publisher software, which has been used for the Council newsletter the last eight (8) years; it will be replaced with Canva software that offers excellent features once the learning curve is in the rear view mirror. **Council asks for patience during the transition.***

Going forward, to be accepted for publication, articles must be submitted in an editable Microsoft Word file, with the exception of full page, professionally edited files that can be imported in the newsletter as is.

And going forward, the submission deadline for articles and photos will be three (3) days prior to the end of a month.

Brothers receiving paper copies of the newsletter can switch to email delivery or can access it on Council's website redeemerknights.org by informing Grand Knight Greg Chew at phillycrew2004@yahoo.com.

Report newsletter errors and/or omissions to Dan Corso at hokiecd@aol.com.

To add an individual to the prayer list, report the need at a member meeting or a directors meeting or directly to Grand Knight Greg Chew at phillycrew2004@yahoo.com; to maintain an individual on the prayer list, provide a status update at least quarterly.



Price: \$20

MCMA hats and shirts are now available

The hat size is adjustable, and the shirts are made from durable fabric. Both display the new MCMA logo.

Please contact PGK Tad Stilwell to place an order or to ask questions at 804-501 6926 or tadwell28@outlook.com.

Pay by cash, check, or credit card



Price:



Salvato.

Daniel Aunspach; Gregory Austin; Francis Baker, Jr.; David Berberich; GK Mark Borysewicz; Kenneth Boyd; Alex Brehm; Art Chavez; Deacon Chris Colville; PGK Timothy Cook; Larry Cunningham; Michael Foley; Norman Gallagher; PGK Steve Gerloff; Randy Hayne; Dave Lass; Michael Matassa; John Pohida; Jeff Redford; Ed Soniat; Mike Stank; Steven



09-02-1972, John & Barbara Hayek; 09-05-1981, Teelo & Mary Anne Rutledge; 09-06-1966, PGK Norman & Betty Carter; 09-09-1972, Daniel & Sharon Riley; 09-10-1983, Robert & Kay Crawford; 09-10-1983, Dave & Mary Jackson; 09-13-1969, Steven & Sharon Philips; 09-22-1979, Jeff & Susan Redford; 09-25-1993, PGK Bob & Patty Birmingham; 09-26-1987, Scot & Nina Henry; 09-29-1984, William & Maria Booker; 09-30-1978, Deacon Ron & Norey Reger; 09-30-1967, Joseph & Joann Drust.

SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHURCH VOCATIONS



“And I say to you: You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld will not prevail against it.” *Matthew 16:18*

The calling to follow Christ and devote one’s life to tend to His flock is a special honor gifted from God.

We Catholics often take for granted our free access to the transubstantiation of simple bread and water into the Body and Blood of Christ, allowing us to continually nourish our soul, only possible through a Roman Catholic priest.

Reportedly in 2025, seminarians/priest ordinations decreased 23%, impacting parishes across America, 21% of which lacked a resident priest, an alarming trend that includes the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

Following suit, religious orders of sisters also decreased 29%.

To counteract this serious threat to the spiritual health of Catholic Christians, RVA Vocations Care (RVAVC), a non-profit ministry, was established to offer spiritual, financial and community support for Catholic vocations, including those discerning God's call to be a seminarian as well as priests, deacons, religious brothers or sisters, and those who have faithfully served into retirement.

We invite you to learn more about RVAVC and discover the ease with which you can make a difference, first visiting www.rvavocationscare.org. Those who cannot visit, please consider undertaking one or more of the following options to support RVAVC and with it the essential foundation of our Catholic faith, vocations for the priesthood.

- Like, follow, and share the [Facebook page](#) to spread information and news.
- Join the RVAVC community by signing up on the website.
- Share with other Church ministries and groups across the Richmond Catholic Diocese.
- Pray for an increase in vocations.
- Volunteer at RVAVC events.
- Purchase [a set of Journey Beads](#) and dedicate them to support vocations.
- Make a financial donation.

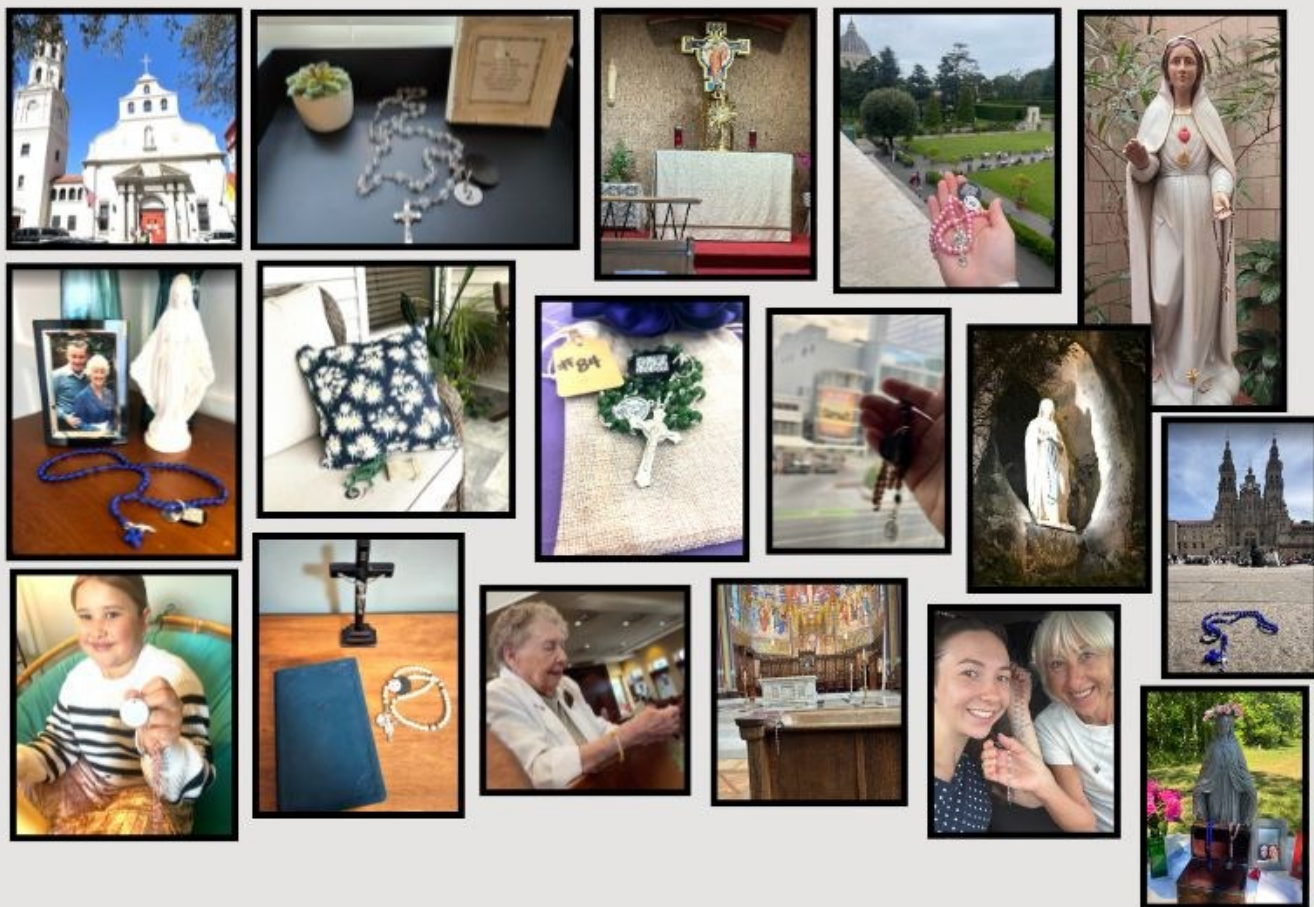
Together, we can strengthen the future of our Catholic Church, one vocation at a time.

The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few.” — Matthew 9:37



JOURNEY BEADS

Every set of Beads has a Story, beginning with Prayer



Countless Prayers connected through Faith

Since the launch of Journey Beads in January 2026, the number of prayers offered and the miles traveled have gone far beyond anything we ever imagined. What began as a simple way to support Religious Vocations has grown into a beautiful movement of prayer reaching across the globe.

Among the many memorable milestones, one set was prayed by Father Dave Pivonka, who also shared the Journey Beads with others. Another special blessing came at the Vatican, where Pope Leo XIV blessed a set before it continued its journey.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the Poor Clare Sisters in Barhamsville, Virginia, who lovingly handcraft each unique set of Journey Beads and have every set blessed before it begins its prayerful travels.

To date, 100 sets have been sold, and 100% of the proceeds have been dedicated to supporting Religious Vocations throughout the Diocese of Richmond. Thank you to everyone who has prayed, shared, and supported this ministry. Together, we are strengthening vocations—one Rosary, one prayer, and one journey at a time.

Are you called to be a deacon?



DEACON
DOCETE O SATIHNONE



Learn about the history, ministry, and beauty of the diaconate

Information sessions:

Sept. 21: St. Mark, Virginia Beach

Sept. 22: Pastoral Center, Richmond

Sept. 23: Holy Cross, Lynchburg

Meetings are at 7 p.m.



Presented by the Office of the Permanent Diaconate

<https://bit.ly/CDRDeacons>



Register by
Sept. 14.



The support of the Council's prayers are needed for Church of the Redeemer K of C brothers and parishioners and their families & friends who are dealing with illness, suffering and/or hardship:

Council brothers: PGK Bill Adams, John Adams, John Castlevecchi. Pat Duke, Dennis Fiore, Mark Hyland, Mike Joyce, Mike Korman, Pat Quisenberry, Deacon Ron Reger, PGK Mike Williams, and PGK Steve Ger-

loff.

Redeemer parishioners and family/friends of Council brothers: PGK Bill Adams' mother and daughter-in-law; Diane Atkins; Mike Bonelli's brothers-in-laws; Bill Borysewicz; Pam Bowen; Deacon Chris Colville's sister-in-law, niece Courtney, and granddaughter; Terry Colville; PGK Rob Cornelius's aunt Mary; Joanne Draper; Phylis's Dufor; Matt England's mother-in-law; Paula Fiore; Bonnie Hyland; BJ Jennings; Seth Larkin; Adele Minter; Deacon Ron Reger's godson Ryan; Aubrey Timmons; Arlene Vietmeir; PGK Mike Williams' daughter Kaitlyn; Dave Worland's brothers; Scott Wyatt's mother; and Dick Zanglin.

And we also pray for:

Vocations for the Catholic priesthood and other Catholic religious orders.

The repose of the souls of William Malvin Adams, Jr. (PGK Bill Adams father), Allison Borden (PGK Jim Borden's daughter), Chris Colville's cousin and James Spradlin III and their families.

Those hungry throughout the world, especially the children, the elderly and the debilitated.

Victims of disasters and disease throughout the world, especially cancer, COVID-19 and its variants, and Huntington's disease.

Caregivers and healthcare workers throughout the world.

Public servants in harms way serving free nations in the world, especially law enforcement officers and military personnel.

Victims of social injustice, religious persecution, oppression and wars.

Peace in the world, particularly in the Middle East & Ukraine.

Pope Leo, Bishop Barry Knestout, Father Jim Cowles & their staffs.



William Malvin Adams, Jr.



James Spradlin III



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