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State Deputy's Message



Dear Brother Knights,

As we close a successful first term and step confidently into our second year, it is both natural and necessary to pause and ask two simple questions: ***What did we do right, and where can we improve?*** Honest self-reflection is the hallmark of strong leadership, and it is the only way we continue to grow as a jurisdiction.

We will continue evaluating our councils, strengthening what they do well and supporting them where they struggle. I never expect from others anything I am not willing to expect from myself. But if we are to stand shoulder to shoulder with the strongest jurisdictions in the Order, then we must challenge ourselves to get even better. Much is expected of New York because we are seen as leaders — and that reputation exists because we truly are among the best.

To support our continued growth, we are expanding the Membership Team. Each of the three major conferences will now have a dedicated major coordinator, with Upstate receiving two due to its wide geographic spread. This structure will give us the reach, responsiveness, and accountability we need to grow membership and meet our Supreme goal.

Our programs reached new heights this year. The overwhelming response to Family of the Year and Clergy of the Year was inspiring, and our ability to reach those in need reflects the heart of our mission. Communications continues to innovate, and our website is the strongest it has ever been. Training has proven effective across all regions, COR exceeded its goal, and the involvement of our clergy has surpassed every expectation.

So if so much is positive, what more am I asking for?

I am asking each of us — council leaders, district deputies, directors, coordinators, state officers, and yes, myself — to look inward and ask: ***What can I do to better serve the principles of Blessed Michael McGivney and help us reach the goals set before us?***

We need a fast start. We cannot allow July and August to slip by quietly, only to find ourselves scrambling in May and June to make up lost ground. The work begins now. The momentum begins now. The commitment begins now.

I am asking for your help. We are in this together. Let us begin this second year with energy, unity, and purpose. Let us get off to a quick and fresh start — and show the Order once again why New York is a leader among leaders.

**Vivat Jesus,
Gary Leonardo
State Deputy**



Dear Brother Knights,

There was great excitement about the Knicks winning the Championship after decades of disappointment. The last year they did so was when I was ordained in 1973. All of New York felt appreciation for their efforts. Years of injuries, retirements, and close opportunities were washed away with the fifth game. The fans kept the faith though they were so often denied. Many stories have been shared about the team members and their individual efforts. The most moving story was that of the classmates from Villanova. United as they were in college, their Classmate already on the Knicks realized that his team would benefit from the prowess of his friends so he took a substantial cut in salary so the trio could succeed in the Pros as they did in college. And you know the rest of the story.

As Knights and especially as Catholics, we face many challenges in the world we live and in the culture we experience on a daily basis. The refusal of the Knicks to give up the fight for victory and the dedication to a united effort by all to a singular goal is a parable of sorts. I must confess that when it comes to sports I am a couch potato. However, the qualities we see in those who pursue a basketball, a tennis racket, or a golf club can be utilized in our pursuit of God's will and faithfulness to the principles of our Order and the example of Blessed Michael McGivney.

We are called to consistency in maintaining our relationship with God and His Word. We are called to hear the voice of Jesus as He instructs not only His disciples but us as well. The recent adoption of the Cor effort gives us the impetus to enter the Scriptures, share them with our family, and embody what is perceived and the charity it demands. With the life of Blessed Michael as our guide we must continue to serve the Church's poor, young, and families.

We will soon be celebrating the 250th Anniversary of our nation's birth. When we look back on the past steps of our ancestors we are recognizing the thousands of men and women who came to our shores hoping for a better life not only for themselves but also for their neighbors. Some died for our countrymen. Others rose to care for others by becoming nurses, teachers, police officers, merchants, and so many others. They shared their goods, but most of all they shared their faith. Let us do the same. Our country needs us. Our country needs God and our faith filled witness.

Blessings to all. May God continue to strengthen our Church and our Nation.

Vivat Jesus,

Father Brian E. McWeeney D.Min(Prin)
Chaplain

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Dear Brother Knights,

As we turn the page to a new fraternal year, I want to first extend a sincere **thank you** to every council, grand knight, membership chairman, and brother who helped us finish the previous year strong. Your hard work, dedication, and fraternal spirit delivered outstanding results, and it is deeply appreciated. Well done!

Summer is here, **but recruiting does not take a vacation**. Bringing quality new members into the Order is a year-round mission. The men in our communities still need the Knights of Columbus now more than ever — for fellowship, faith formation, service, and support for their families. Let's keep the momentum going through the warmer months and enter the new year with strong numbers.

Looking Ahead – Exciting Recruitment Initiatives

More details will be shared shortly on **new recruitment incentives** designed to reward councils and individual recruiters for their efforts. We are also planning:

- **A 1st Quarter Golf Outing Incentive** – an enjoyable way to combine fellowship and membership growth.
- **A Back-to-School** Recruitment Weekend in August, timed to coincide with the birthday of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney. This will be a focused effort to welcome new members as families settle into the new school year.
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These initiatives are intended to make recruiting both productive and enjoyable. Watch for complete information in the coming weeks.

Important Forms & Deadlines

To position your council for success — especially for the Star Council Award — please submit the following forms as soon as possible (many are due now or in the immediate future):

- **185 Council Officers**
- **365 Service Program Personnel**
- **Council Audit**
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These reports are essential building blocks for a strong, well-organized council and are required for Star recognition. Completing them promptly sets a solid foundation for the entire year.

Brother Knights, the summer months offer excellent opportunities to connect with potential members at parish events, family gatherings, and community activities. Keep the invitations going out — one good conversation at a time is how we grow.

Thank you again for your continued commitment. Let's make this a banner year for membership across New York State!

In service to One, in solidarity with All,

Carl Schneider
NYS Membership Director



As we begin a new fraternal year, the New York State Knights of Columbus look forward with renewed energy, deep gratitude, and a shared commitment to strengthening our councils, supporting our parishes, serving our communities, and advancing the mission of our Order. Each new year gives us the opportunity to build upon the accomplishments of the past while embracing new ideas that will help our brother Knights continue to grow in charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

We extend our sincere thanks to our State Deputy, Gary Leonardo, for his leadership, vision, and dedication to the New York State Council. His guidance continues to inspire our team and encourage councils across the state to reach higher in service and fraternal excellence. We also offer our appreciation to our Administrative State Chairmen for their steady support, planned coordination, and commitment to helping our programs succeed throughout our jurisdiction.

This year, we are pleased to welcome one new member to the state program team, Thomas Boslet, who is replacing James Nania as ASC for Family, and we thank James for his work and dedication to the state programs team and our Order. The programs team is here to assist councils, share best practices, and provide timely communication as we work together toward common goals. We are grateful for the willingness of every team member to serve and for the spirit of cooperation that makes our statewide efforts possible.

There are also important updates to the Columbian Award for the new fraternal year. The Columbian Award continues to recognize excellence in council programming and charitable outreach, with councils conducting and reporting programs across the Faith, Family, Community, and Life categories. The new requirements as well as online only submission moving forward will be presented to our District Deputies at the July Organizational Meeting and shared with our councils through the State Councils communication platforms. To help councils focus their efforts and make participation clearer, we have made some changes to our program structure. We have added one new program, combined six existing programs into three streamlined programs, and eliminated three programs that no longer best serve our current priorities. These adjustments are intended to simplify planning, reduce duplication, and encourage stronger participation in programs that have the greatest impact at the local council level.

As councils prepare their calendars and set goals for the year, we encourage every Grand Knight, program director, and council officer to review the updated program opportunities early, communicate regularly with district and state leadership, and keep accurate records of council activity. Strong planning at the beginning of the fraternal year will help councils

remain on track for recognition while, more importantly, expanding the good works of the Knights of Columbus throughout New York State.

We are excited for the year ahead and grateful for the dedication of our brother Knights, families, clergy, and volunteers who make our mission visible in every community we serve. Together, we can make this fraternal year one of renewed service, stronger councils, and faithful leadership. We look forward to gathering at our annual organizational meeting in July, where we will share more details, strengthen our statewide direction, and begin this new fraternal year united in purpose and ready to serve.

Fraternally,

SK Thomas M. Moran

Director of Programs – NYS Council

What We Do: We help Catholic men become better husbands, better fathers and better men by deepening their relationship with God, putting their faith into action, and leading and protecting their families.

- **Faith Formation** - We put faith first and challenge our members to do the same, helping them grow and lead their families and communities.
- **Faith in Action Programs** - Knights around the world put their faith into action through programs that impact their families, parishes and local communities
- **Charity** - Knights of Columbus Charities is healing the suffering, protecting the vulnerable, strengthening families and building the church
- **Insurance** - Knights of Columbus offers a range of insurance products designed to help you protect your family financially and plan for the future.
- **Investments** - Help secure your financial future with faith-based investing through Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors.
- **Retirement Annuities** - Retire with confidence. Our retirement annuities can help you prepare for your ideal retirement.
- **Donor-Advised Funds** - Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund offers a way to maximize your charitable impact through the largest Catholic donor-advised fund.

Click on the Link below for more Information on all these programs!

What We Do



C&B

It is that time of the year that we prepare for our first big drawing of the year the Quick Start on Sunday July 19.

3 winners will be drawn from the 3 Major Conferences.

1st Prize \$400

2nd Prize \$250

3rd Prize \$100

Councils from the 3 winners will be allotted books to be filled out for a Charity, Church or Catholic School

1st Place 35 books

2nd Place 25 books

3rd Place 15 books

Please return your sellers ticket and \$6 per ticket to be included in the drawing and receive credit.

You may return your books and tickets

1- Either giving them to a DD or State member attending the organizational meeting

2-Mailing to PO Box in Oakland Gardens (you must mail them no later than July 10

to insure we receive them in time) It is not necessary to send them certified or registered

as it can slow down the post office processing.

3-After July 10 mail to Villa Roma

ATTN Kof C Ken Karchinski

On July 1 we will receive the headcount for the State and will be able to establish goals for each council.

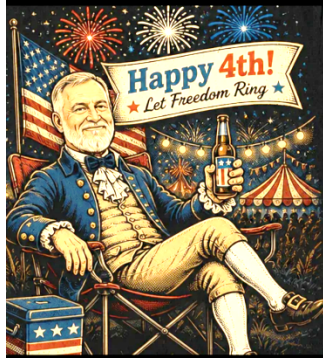
We will look to have them on line prior to the organizational meeting.

Please email one of the Major Co-ordinators , Lloyd or me if you have any questions

Thank you for all the hard work

Ken Karchinski

Director C&B



It's July, and summer has finally arrived! Here on Long Island where I live, the summer is always an awesome time. You can literally find something to do....a free concert in a park, a local carnival or fair, car shows & flea markets or go fishing every day of the week. There are tons of fun stuff to do. Or you can just stay home in the A/C and watch TV like me. And of course there's the Fourth of July. And In case you haven't heard, this year it's a special one.

America is celebrating its semi quinentennial. That's 250 years to those that didn't know. I know there's been some buzz about it, but it doesn't seem to measure up. I remember when I was a kid back in 1976 when we celebrated the Bicentennial. It was a major event across the country. I remember that Fourth of July watching all the Tall Ships coming into NY and Boston Harbors on my aunts little black and white tv. Operation Sail they called it. And in the Midwest, they had a traveling museum on a train, the American Freedom Train. I really wanted to see that because it had a moon rock on it and I thought that was really cool (I didn't get to see it). And I remember some sort of Wagon Train Pilgrimage that traveled across the country too. And of course, there were the bicentennial quarters we all collected and many still have. Even Queen Elizabeth II came to visit and celebrate with us. EVERYONE was involved and excited. Now I know there are many activities to commemorate the semi quinentennial. Here in NY they are doing a New Years Eve style Ball Drop in Times Square where they will drop the ball 8 times to mark midnight across all 8 US time zones. That's pretty cool. And there's the Americas Block Party that the America250 organization has put together which is basically a huge concert from L.A. that I'm sure will be on tv. And of course there is the Great American State Fair down in DC which sounds like a lot of fun. I want to encourage all of my Brother Knights and all of my fellow Americans for that matter to partake in this special occasion. I know we are divided. I know we all have differences. But for this one very special day, I urge all of us to put our differences away and celebrate our Nations Founding together. May God Bless America! Happy Fouth of July to you and your Family! Be Safe!

Michael Boehm
NYS Newsletter Editor



Walter "Wally" Wych

A reflection on patriotism, gratitude, and the enduring gift of religious liberty

by Walter "Wally" Wych PSD, Former Vice Supreme Master

As the United States marks the 250th anniversary of its independence, Americans have an opportunity not only to celebrate the birth of the nation, but also to reflect on the principles that have sustained it. Patriotism, at its best, is more than ceremony, flags, and fireworks. It is gratitude joined with responsibility: gratitude for the liberties handed down through sacrifice, and responsibility to preserve them for generations yet to come.

Blessed Michael McGivney offers a powerful example of this kind of patriotism. As founder of the Knights of Columbus, he understood that faith should form men who serve their families, their parishes, their communities, and their country. For him, love of God and love of neighbor were inseparable, and private belief naturally gave rise to public responsibility. His vision united charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism into a practical way of life: faithful citizens bearing witness to truth, justice, solidarity, and above all, charity.

That vision took shape in a time when many Catholic immigrants faced poverty, prejudice, and uncertainty as they sought their place in American life. Blessed McGivney's response was not withdrawal from the nation, but deeper participation in it. By organizing Catholic men to protect widows and orphans, strengthen families, and serve the common good, he showed that religious freedom is more than the right to worship privately. It is the freedom to let faith inspire works of mercy, civic virtue, and patriotic service.

The semiquincentennial is therefore a moment to give thanks for the courage and sacrifice that made independence possible, and also to consider what kind of country we will hand to those who gather for the 300th anniversary. Will they inherit a nation still committed to conscience? Will they see in us the same resolve to protect liberty that we praise in the founding generation?

As we celebrate 250 years of independence, may our patriotism be marked by gratitude, humility, courage, and faithfulness to freedom. In the spirit of Blessed Michael McGivney, may it also be expressed through charity, unity, fraternity, and practical service to those in need. And as Knights of Columbus, may we continue his mission by defending religious liberty, strengthening families, serving our neighbors, and helping ensure that America remains a place where conscience is protected and faith is free to bear fruit in the public square.

We are obligated as Knights of Columbus to continue the spirit of Blessed McGivney.



Faith, Patriotism, and the American Story: The Knights of Columbus and the Semi quinentennial of the United States

As the United States approaches its **Semi quinentennial in 2026**, marking **250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence**, Americans across the nation are preparing to reflect on the country's founding ideals, its struggles, and its ongoing pursuit of liberty and justice. The Knights of Columbus are uniquely positioned to contribute to this national moment as a Catholic fraternal order whose history is deeply intertwined with the American experience.

Founded in 1882 by **Blessed Michael McGivney**, the Knights of Columbus emerged during a period of intense social, economic, and cultural change. Immigrant Catholics—many from Ireland, Italy, Germany, and Eastern Europe—faced discrimination, poverty, and exclusion from mainstream civic life. The Order offered them not only financial protection and fraternal support but also a way to demonstrate that **Catholic faith and American patriotism were not only compatible but mutually enriching.**

A Legacy Rooted in American Ideals

From its earliest days, the Knights of Columbus embraced the principles that shaped the nation:

- **Charity**, echoing the American belief in civic responsibility and community care
- **Unity**, reflecting the national motto *E pluribus unum*
- **Fraternity**, mirroring the bonds that sustain a democratic society
- **Patriotism**, embodied in the Fourth Degree, which honors the nation's heritage and defends its freedoms

The Order became a powerful voice against anti-Catholic prejudice, advocating for religious liberty long before it became a central theme of American political discourse. In the early 20th century, the Knights funded educational campaigns to combat bigotry, supported soldiers in both World Wars, and helped shape the modern understanding of **religious freedom as a fundamental American right**.

The Knights and the American Experiment

The Semi quincennial invites Americans to revisit the founding principles of 1776—life, liberty, equality, and the pursuit of happiness. For the Knights of Columbus, these ideals resonate deeply with Catholic social teaching.

1. Human Dignity and the Right to Life

The Declaration of Independence affirms that all people are “created equal” and endowed with “unalienable rights.” The Knights have long championed the dignity of every human person, from the unborn to the elderly, through charitable works, advocacy, and community support.

2. Religious Liberty

The Knights have been at the forefront of defending the First Amendment, supporting legal efforts and educational initiatives that protect the free exercise of religion for all Americans.

3. Service to Community and Nation

From disaster relief to food drives, from supporting veterans to sponsoring youth programs, the Order embodies the American spirit of volunteerism and civic engagement.

Celebrating 250 Years: A Catholic and Patriotic Vision

As the nation prepares for its 250th anniversary, the Knights of Columbus are uniquely positioned to help Americans reflect on the spiritual and moral dimensions of the country's founding. The Semi quinquennial is not merely a historical milestone—it is an opportunity to renew the nation's commitment to its highest ideals.

Councils Contributions to the Semi quinquennial Could Include:

- **Educational programs** on the Catholic influence in American history
- **Patriotic celebrations** that honor veterans, first responders, and civic leaders
- **Prayer services and Masses** for the nation
- **Charitable initiatives** that reflect the founding principles of justice and the common good
- **Public events** highlighting the Order's role in promoting unity and fraternity

In many ways, the Knights' mission mirrors the American experiment itself: a belief that a free people, guided by moral principles and committed to the common good, can build a society worthy of human dignity.

Faith and Freedom at 250 Years

The Semi quinquennial is a moment to look back with gratitude and forward with hope. For the Knights of Columbus, it is also a call to action.

In a time of cultural division and social uncertainty, the Order stands as a reminder that **faith can strengthen citizenship**, that **charity can heal divisions**, and that **patriotism can be rooted in virtue rather than ideology**.

As America marks 250 years of independence, the Knights of Columbus continue to embody the best of the nation's spirit—faithful to God, loyal to country, and committed to serving neighbor.

A Living Legacy

The Knights of Columbus have always believed that America's greatness lies not only in its institutions but in its people—ordinary citizens who choose to serve, sacrifice, and build a better future. As the Semi quinquennial approaches, the Order's mission remains as relevant as ever: to defend the dignity of every person, to strengthen families and communities, and to uphold the ideals that have guided the nation since 1776.

The story of America is still being written. And the Knights of Columbus, as they have for more than 140 years, continue to help write it—with faith, courage, and unwavering patriotism.



Cor – The Heart of the Matter

Dear Brother Knights,

Beginning in January 2024 Councils across our state began participating in the Supreme Council's *Cor* Initiative. At the end of the first six months, nineteen *Cor* groups were meeting regularly to bring the men together into a closer relationship with Jesus as they focused on Prayer, Formation and Fraternity

In the past two years, we have seen a significant increase in the number of *Cor* groups meeting; from north to south and from east to west there are now in excess of one hundred twenty active *Cor* groups across New York. Thank you!

As we begin a new Fraternal Year, we strongly encourage those Councils that have not yet initiated *Cor* to do so. What council can't benefit from a group of Catholic men regularly coming together for prayer, brotherhood and formation, and who among us can't benefit from participation in such a group. Hopefully we can continue to grow to the point that every Council within the state will have a *Cor* group.

For *Cor* information see www.kofc.org/Cor; material is available for order or download.

Reminder, the appointment of a Council Evangelization and Faith Formation (EFF) Director is an annual requirement whether it's a reappointment or a new director. There is NO paper form, submissions can only be made online.

The following is contact information for the Major Conference EFF Coordinators:

B-M-S – Dan Clifford (917) 670-4601

Long Island – Hector deMarchena (516) 816-7798

Northern – Mike Langlois (518) 645-5063

Again, thank you for the work on *Cor*.

Fraternally,

Jim Corrigan

Director, Evangelization and Faith Formation

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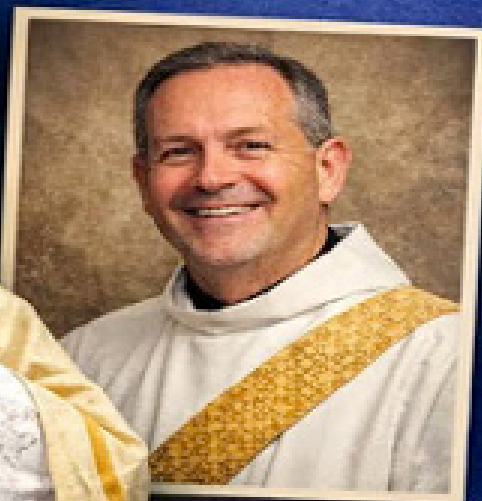
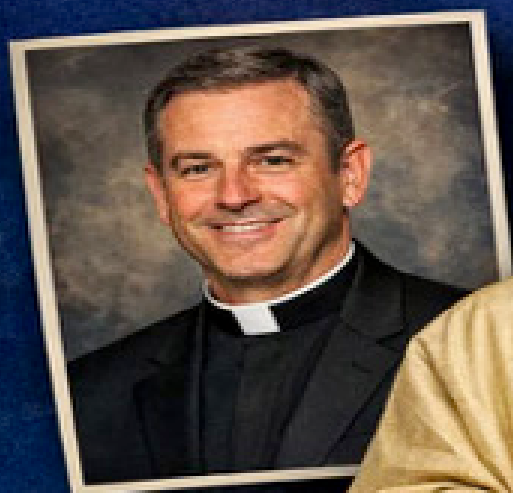
NYS Knights of Columbus Council



Clergy Spotlight

Nominate a Local Clergy Making a Difference!

The NYS Council is seeking submissions to recognize *Priests, Deacons, or Bishops* who make an impact in their parish and community.



Submission Guidelines:

- 250-300 Words, Single Page Article with Photo
- One Submission Per Council Per Month
- Include Council Name, Number & Location
- Contact Person's Name & Email

Send Submissions To:

Saville1@yahoo.com

SK Stephen Saville FN

State Chairman of Priest Recognition

NYS Council - Knights of Columbus

518-538-3391



Bishop Andrzej Jerzy Zglejszewski's life and ministry reflect a profound dedication to faith, scholarship, and pastoral service. Born and raised in Poland, he began his formation in philosophy and theology in Białystok before answering the call to continue his vocation in the United States in 1987. He completed his priestly studies at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington and was ordained in 1990 by John R. McGann for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre.



In the years following his ordination, Bishop Zglejszewski faithfully served the people of Long Island as Associate Pastor at Saint Christopher Parish in Baldwin (1990–1995), Saint Thomas the Apostle in West Hempstead (1995–2003), and Saint Rose of Lima in Massapequa (2003–2007). His gifts for leadership and liturgy led to his appointment as Director of the Diocesan Office of Worship in 2007 and Co-Chancellor in 2013. In recognition of his exemplary service to the Church, he was named Chaplain to His Holiness on April 24, 2010.

A committed scholar as well as pastor, Bishop Zglejszewski pursued graduate studies in theology at Fordham University and in sacramental theology at Catholic University of America. He generously shared his knowledge as an Adjunct Professor at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, teaching in the Diaconate Formation Program and helping to form future leaders of the Church.

On March 25, 2014, at the Cathedral of Saint Agnes, he was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre by William Murphy. As Episcopal Vicar for the Western Vicariate, he provides pastoral oversight to 65 parishes in addition to our own, offering steady guidance, wisdom, and compassionate leadership.

Bishop Zglejszewski is an inspiring homilist whose preaching is both intellectually rich and spiritually uplifting. He ministers tirelessly to the people of the diocese—offering interactive talks, retreats, and seminars, both in person and virtually—fostering deeper faith and authentic spiritual growth. He is a steadfast supporter of our parish grammar school and religious education programs, faithfully administering the sacraments and shepherding our community with humility and devotion.

In his pastoral zeal, Bishop Zglejszewski exemplifies the principles of Michael J. McGivney, embracing a life of generous, seven-day-a-week service rooted in charity, faith, and family. His unwavering commitment to our parish, starting of COR here and in the broader diocesan community reflects a shepherd's heart and a servant's spirit.

We are deeply honored and profoundly grateful to call Bishop Andrzej Jerzy Zglejszewski our pastor, our bishop, and our spiritual mentor.

Joe Levano GK - St. Joseph Bishop Baldwin Council 15809



Happy New Year! No, I didn't lose my mind (well maybe a little), I know it's only July. But for us in the Knights of Columbus, July represents the beginning of a New Columbian Year. Whether you are a returning Grand Knight or District Deputy, or State Officer for that matter, or have just recently been elected or appointed, a New Columbian Year means there's work to be done!

As a new, or returning GK, one of the first thing you will need to do is get access to the Supreme Website and get familiar with Member Management. *If you do not have an Invitation Code, use the Account Assistant link under the SIGN IN button on the Officers Online Sign In page.* Another important thing for all GK's is to talk to your FS and Officers and make sure that the Councils Form 185 & 365 (both due 6/30) have been submitted to Supreme and a copy was sent to your DD. They say no job is complete without the paperwork and they are right, however in this case the job can't really *begin* unless you complete and submit these 2 very important forms! There are more Forms that come along throughout the Year, and I am certain that your DD will keep you informed of when they are coming up. Work closely with your FS in this regard as well. And most importantly, HAVE FUN! Being a GK is a very big thing in this Order. It's your opportunity to not only continue the good work of the Order and of your Council, but to put your stamp on it. It is truly one of if not the best and most rewarding positions we have in this Order. Good Luck!



Pilgrimages are vital for a Christian's life of faith— Pope Leo XIV

**Visit Ireland – The Land of St. Patrick with
Spiritual Director: **Fr. Michael Gelfant!****

Your trip includes:

- Round-trip airfare from your desired Airport
- Prepaid seat assignments
- Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges
- Hotel accommodations: (or similar) in double occupancy
 - ~ 1 night: Oct 6 - 7: The Morgan Hotel, Dublin, Ireland
 - ~ 1 night: Oct 7 - 8: Hotel Minella & Leisure Centre, Tipperary, Ireland
 - ~ 2 nights: Oct 8 - 10: The Brehon Hotel & Spa, Killarney, Ireland
 - ~ 2 nights: Oct 10 - 12: Clayton Hotel Galway, Galway, Ireland
 - ~ 1 night: Oct 12 - 13: Knock House Hotel, Knock, Ireland
 - ~ 1 night: Oct 13 - 14: The Morgan Hotel, Dublin, Ireland
- Breakfast and Dinner daily
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Whisper headsets (where needed)
- Assistance of a professional local Guide
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
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ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PILGRIMAGE

AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF
OUR LADY OF MARTYRS
AURIESVILLE, NY

SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2026
10:30AM – 6:00PM

A DAY OF FAITH, PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP



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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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if you'd like lunch.
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COUNCIL 16861**
FOR LUNCH.



My Brother Knights,

As the Columbian year comes to a close and a new one begins, I hope you are setting goals for the upcoming year. If your council does not currently have Columbiettes, please consider starting an Auxiliary. They are a significant asset to our order, your council, and the community. Please contact me, and I will direct you to the local Columbiette officer for assistance.

If you already have Columbiettes and would like to share examples of events or activities you have done together, please send those details to me.

Have a great Fourth of July and a safe summer!

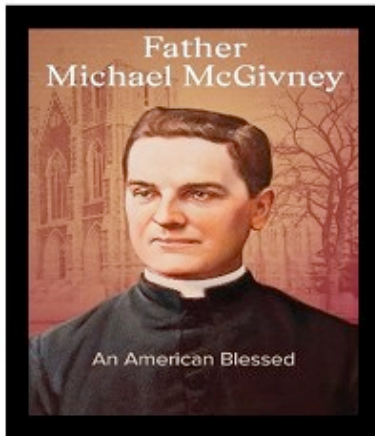
Fraternally,

Joe Muller

NY State Chairman Columbiettes Ladies Auxiliaries

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Blessed Michael McGivney Article for July 2026

A Shepard of Souls

For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel (1 Cor 4:15).

Intention: For priests who labor in parishes, apostolates and missions.

After seven years at St. Mary's Church, Father McGivney was named pastor of St. Thomas Parish in Thomaston, 30 miles from New Haven, in the northern hills of Connecticut. On his final Sunday at St. Mary's, people wept openly in the pews as he offered his farewell with tears filling his own eyes. He concluded, "Wherever I go, the memory of the people of St. Mary's and

their great kindness to me will always be uppermost in my heart." The local newspaper noted, "Never, it seemed, was a congregation so affected by the parting address of a clergyman as the great audience which filled St. Mary's." Relying on the grace of God, Father McGivney was the image of the Good Shepherd in his six years as pastor of St. Thomas Church. His sacramental records show a steady schedule of Mass, baptisms, confessions, anointings, weddings and funerals — the daily labor of a parish priest charged with the care of souls. Knowing the hard life of his people, he also planned for them regular periods of respite and recreation. Soon he was entrusted with a mission church four miles away, Immaculate Conception in Terryville. Ever faithful to his daily duties, Father McGivney would offer an early Sunday Mass in Thomaston, ride a horse-drawn carriage to Terryville for a mid-morning Mass, and return to St. Thomas Church for the 11 a.m. Mass. This tiring regimen, over rough roads and often in inclement weather, wore down his health. On one occasion, as a Thomaston resident related, Father McGivney lost control of the horse and his carriage crashed into a fence, throwing him some distance. Dusting off his cassock and shaking off the bruises, he thanked God for preserving his life and continued his journey. With the Lord leading, nothing would keep him from fulfilling his obligations to his people.

Petitions

For pastors and all those who serve as shepherds of souls, that they may practice prayerful zeal in carrying out their duties, for the greater glory of God. **R/ Grant our prayer, Lord, through the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney.**

For laypeople, that they may offer friendship, support and prayers for priests, who battle on the front lines of spiritual warfare. **R/ Grant our prayer, Lord, through the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney.**

This is what the McGivney Guild is partially about. Through love, allowing our religious (like Blessed Michael) to be better servants, of God, His people and their communities.

By joining the Father McGivney Guild for free you can:

Pray for Father McGivney's intercession and canonization.

Receive a free quarterly newsletter with updates on his sainthood cause.

Have your intentions remembered in a weekly Mass for Guild members.

<https://www.fathermcgivney.org/join-the-guild>

What is our reward in the end..... St. Michael!

Fraternally,

Thomas L. Freundsuh, PGK, FSD

New York State Council Chairman—McGivney Guild

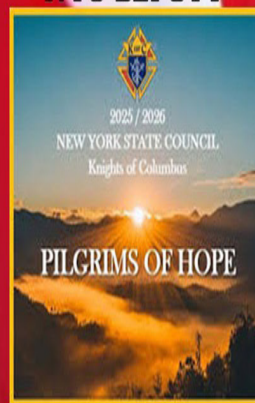
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On Saturday, May 30, St. Francis Cabrini Roman Catholic Church in Coram was filled with plenty of nostalgia and trips down memory lane as the Knights of Columbus Mother Cabrini Council #7278 hosted their inaugural Classic Car and Truck Show. The show was organized to help raise money for their upcoming Meal Packing Event later this year. Car Event Director Bill Feaster noted, "We are hopeful to have raised enough money to produce 60,000 meals for the

poor and hungry in our community." Grand Knight Lou Borriello called everyone together at the end of the afternoon for a trophy awards ceremony for Best In Class Cars. With this success now behind them, the Knights are already looking forward to their second annual Classic Car Show in 2027.



Great food, drink and fraternity! The Knights and their families of Holy Family Council 11227 celebrated their Year End BBQ and acknowledged two of their members for outstanding service and fundraising – Paul Cantalupo and Steve Carl. The support of our families is such an important reason why our Knights throughout the Nassau Chapter have achieved so much good here on Long Island and across the State. Great Job Brothers!



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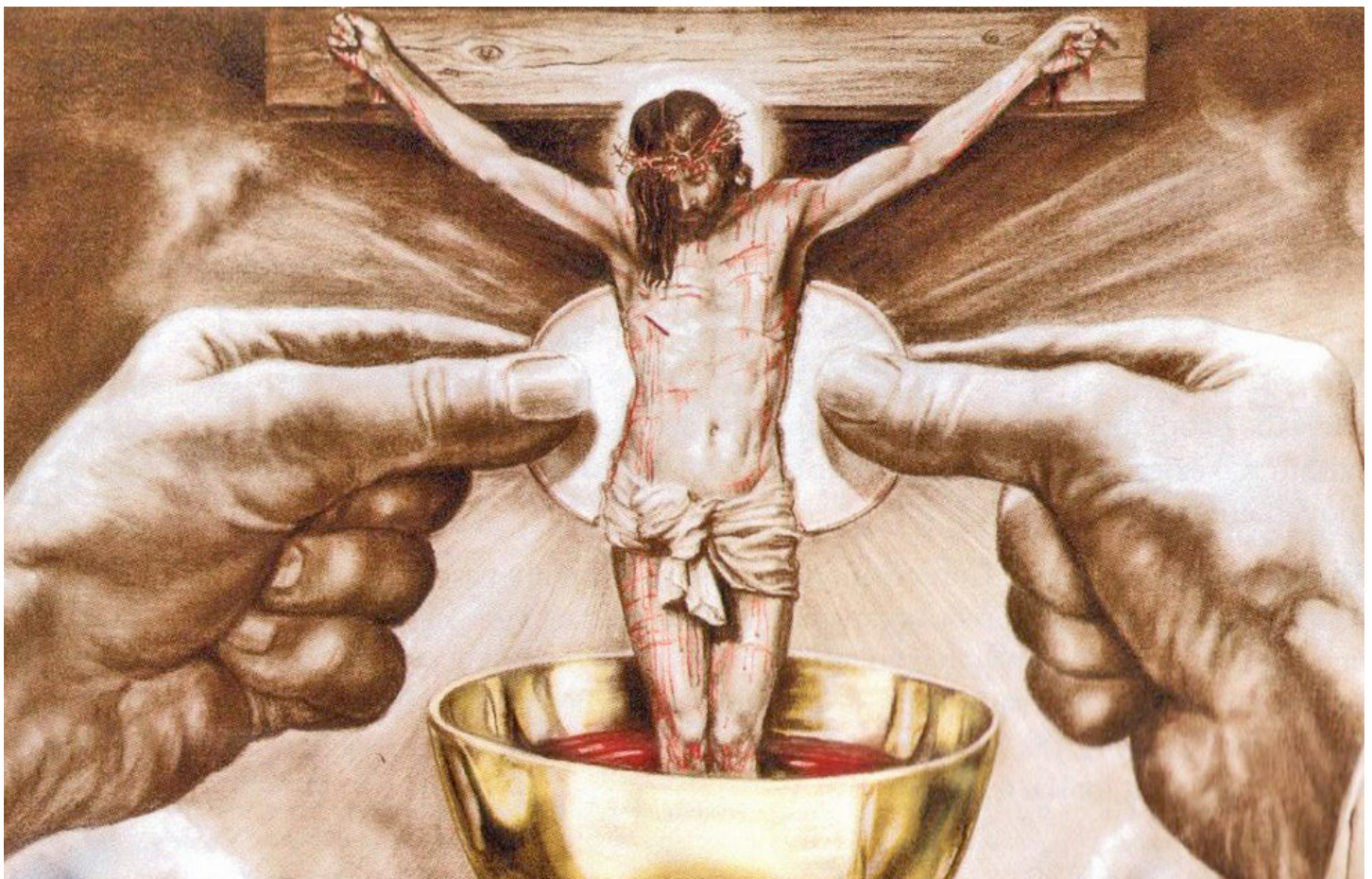
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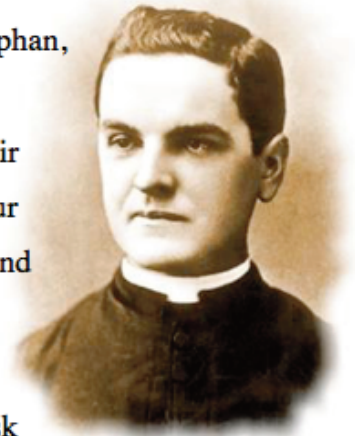


Fourth of July
July 4th



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, **Blessed Michael McGivney**, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify **Blessed Michael McGivney** on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request).
Through Christ our Lord. Amen



The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild promotes the cause for sainthood of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, who was beatified on Oct. 31, 2020. Members of the Guild, and anyone devoted to Father McGivney, can play an active role in the cause by praying for his intercession in times of need, especially in cases of serious illness, and reporting to the Guild any favors received.

Membership in the Guild is free and open to anyone who is devoted to Father McGivney and wishes to invoke his intercession and assist in his sainthood cause through prayer. Members receive a quarterly newsletter and are remembered in a weekly Mass offered for their intentions.

Catholic men who wish to live out the vision and mission of Father McGivney are invited to join the [Knights of Columbus](#) and become part of a network of charity, unity and fraternity that serves local parishes and communities. Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 in New Haven, Conn., and died at the age of 38 in 1890. His cause for sainthood was opened in 1997, and his heroic virtue was recognized by the Vatican in March 2008, when he was declared a Venerable Servant of God by Pope Benedict XVI. On May 26, 2020, Father McGivney took another step toward sainthood when Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a [miracle attributed to his intercession](#). With the approval of this miracle, he was beatified on Oct. 31, 2020, with the title of Blessed.

Another miracle through his intercession is needed for him to be canonized as a saint.

Those devoted to Father McGivney are encouraged to recite regularly the prayer for his canonization, which is available online and on a special prayer card. You may Report favors through this website or by email or regular mail at the addresses listed below.

To request a third-class relic or to order devotional items, click on the [online form link](#). Print out the form, fill it out and mail it to the Father McGivney Guild.

The Guild has more than 176,000 members, and you are encouraged to join by filling out and submitting the [online form](#). Please assist in the cause of Father McGivney by spreading the word about this holy and blessed priest.

For more information or to request a prayer card:

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