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As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live. -Pope John Paul II

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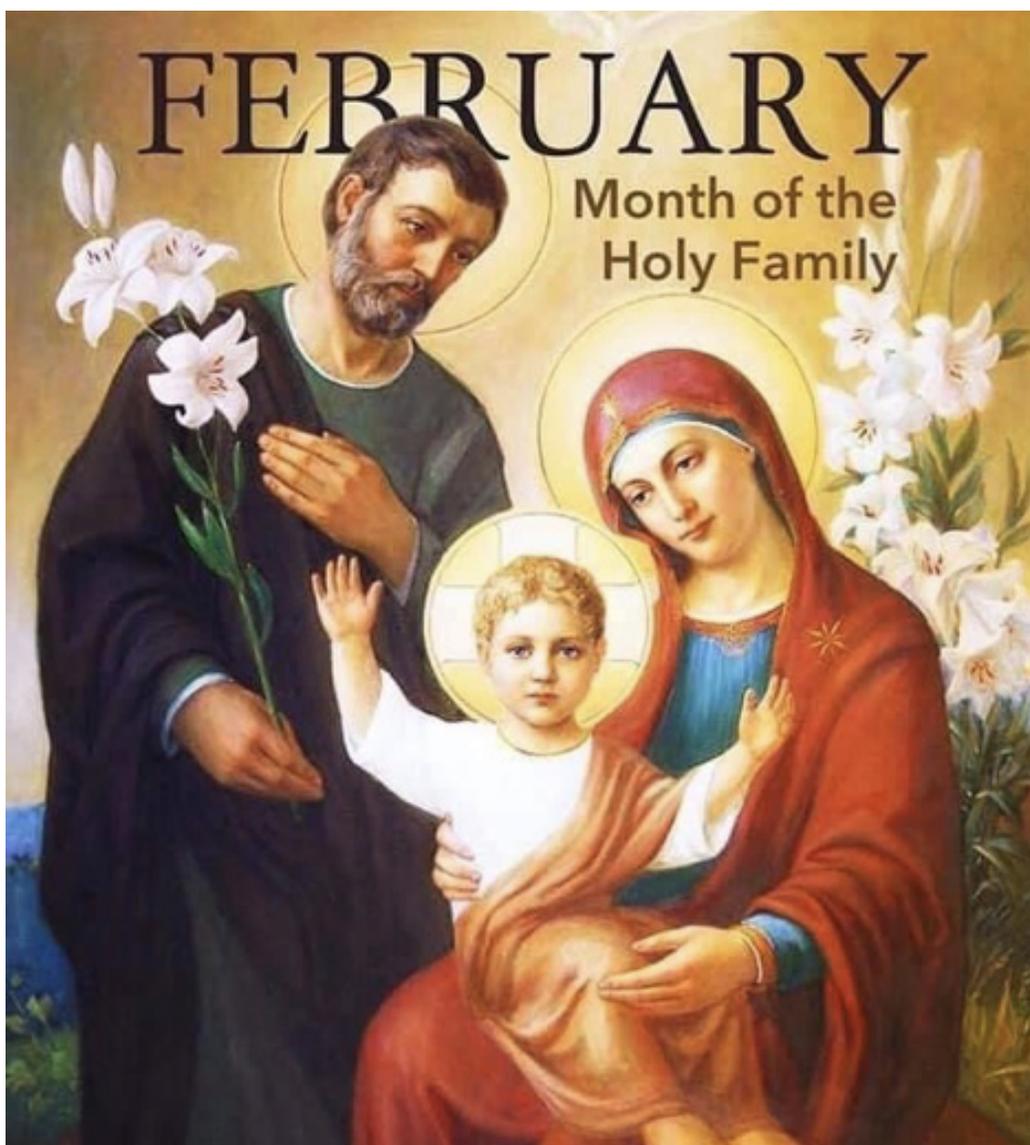
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State Deputy's Message



Dear Brother Knights,

As we move into the month of February, we do so on the heels of an extraordinary turnout for our Pro-Life Mass held on January 18th. The presence of so many Brother Knights, families, staff, and directors was truly inspiring. We were honored by the impressive showing of the 4th Degree Color Corps from both the New York and New Jersey Districts, led by our Vice Supreme Master, John Brandon.

We were also blessed to have with us Steven Feiler and his family from Supreme, as well as our own Supreme Director, Carmine Musumeci, and his wife, Claudia. Columbiette State President Catherine Bischoff joined us as well, adding to the spirit of unity and fraternity that filled the cathedral.

What a fitting and heartfelt send-off this was for His Eminence, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, as this marked the final time he will preside over our Pro-Life Mass. Presenting him with a check from our State Council was a moment of deep gratitude and respect. We thank His Eminence for his many years of dedicated service to the Church and for his unwavering support of the mission of the Knights of Columbus.

It was an honor for me to represent all of you as your State Deputy, and I thank each of you for making this event possible—even in the face of difficult weather. Your commitment continues to shine.

February, as we know, is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—our model of love, unity, and virtue. It is also a month marked by purification, highlighted by the Feast of the Presentation on February 2nd, which beautifully bridges the seasons of Christmas and Lent. Spiritually, February invites us to cleanse our hearts, reflect deeply, seek forgiveness, and release what weighs us down as we prepare for the renewal of spring. Let us take the love that February symbolizes and transform it into action—into the very essence of who we are as Knights of Columbus. May we continue to live out the principles set forth by our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, with courage, compassion, and unwavering faith.

**God Bless,
Gary J. Leonardo
State Deputy**



As February ushers us toward the holy season of Lent, the Church invites us to step back, take stock, and renew our hearts in preparation for Easter. Lent is not simply a time of giving something up; it is a sacred season of conversion, marked by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. For us as Knights of Columbus in New York State, this call takes on a particular urgency. We are men pledged to live our Catholic faith *openly* and *courageously*, and Lent challenges us to examine how well our daily lives reflect the Gospel we profess—at home, at work, in our parishes, and in our councils.

Lent is also a season of disciplined charity. As Knights, our commitment to charity, unity, and fraternity is not suspended during these forty days—it is refined and deepened. Prayer draws us closer to Christ and strengthens our brotherhood; fasting reminds us that self-denial opens space for generosity; and almsgiving calls us to concrete acts of mercy, especially toward the poor, the vulnerable, and those who feel forgotten. Whether through parish service, council initiatives, or quiet acts of kindness known only to God, Lent is a privileged time for Knights to lead by example and to show that faith is lived through action.

Finally, Lent always looks beyond itself to the joy of Easter. The sacrifices we embrace now are meant to prepare our hearts to celebrate the victory of Christ's Resurrection with renewed faith and hope. As Knights of Columbus, may this Lent make us stronger husbands and fathers, more faithful sons of the Church, and more generous servants of our communities. Let us walk together through these sacred days with purpose and resolve, confident that a disciplined Lent will lead us to a more joyful and meaningful Easter. May God bless you and your families as we journey toward the empty tomb.

Vivat Jesus -
Fr. Christopher Costigan
NYS Chaplain



Brother Knights

As we begin the new year, it is my great privilege to share exciting news from our recent membership efforts. The “A Knight Before Christmas” recruitment incentive, which ran through the Advent season, was a tremendous success thanks to your dedication and commitment to growing our Order in New York State. This program invited Knights across our jurisdiction to bring new men into our fraternal family before the celebration of Christ’s birth.

Your efforts resulted in many new members joining our ranks, strengthening our councils and our ability to serve the Church, our parishes, families, and communities. The prize winners were drawn before the Pro-Life Mass on Sunday, January 18, 2026, at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. We are thrilled to announce the following winners:

- **Grand Prize Winner \$1000.00:** Brother Philip Bruno, Council 5983, Massapequa
- **Second Place \$750.00:** Brother Anthony Pirone, Council 5670, Cheektowaga
- **Third Place \$250.00:** Brother Fred Ramos, Council 8637, Chester

These brothers, along with all who participated by sponsoring even one new member, have helped fulfill Father McGivney’s vision of building a stronger Catholic fraternity. Every new Knight means more hands for our charitable work and more voices defending life.

To all who recruited, thank you! Your recruitment during the holiday season will bear fruit that will last far beyond when all the Christmas lights and decoration have been taken down and put away.

If you sponsor a new member, ensure he feels welcome in your council and the Order.

Looking ahead, let’s carry this momentum into Lent and beyond. Membership remains a core priority for our State Council.

Together, we continue to build an Order that changes lives and saves lives.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally yours,

Carl Schneider
New York State Membership Director
Knights of Columbus



FEBRUARY 2026 C&B

I am pleased to report the final C&B figures for 2025

Overall, we saw books per member grow from 0878 to .9253 an increase of 5.5% Statewide. Due to decrease of over 4,000 members year on year. Total sales were 570 books below last year. Councils have earned over \$100,000 in bonus money to be distributed for their local charities.

4 Conferences Queens, Westchester-Putnam, Finger Lakes and Northern did achieve better than 1 book per member.

The following is a breakout by Conference

	2025	2024
Queens	13,505	12874
Westchester/Putnam	5067	4701
Hudson Valley	3695	3521
Kings	2888	2357
BMS	2359	2258
Central	1796	1860
Northern	3812	3878
Capital	1386	1392
Nassau	10757	11572
Suffolk	5296	5764
Finger Lakes	5256	6033
Western	1263	2521
Total Sales	57,161	57,731

The top Districts in the State to be recognized at the Convention

BMS -	40
CAPITAL-	65
CENTRAL-	86
FINGER LAKES-	94
HUDSON VALLEY-	57
KINGS-	34
NASSAU-	20
NORTHERN-	103
QUEENS-	29
SUFFOLK-	1

WESTCHESTER/PUTNAM- 49

WESTERN- 79

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 151 COUNCILS WHO ACHIEVED 1 BOOK PER MEMBER AND ARE IN STATE DEPUTIES CLUB 2025. YOUR HARD WORK AND COMMITMENT TO OUR CHARITIES ARE APPLAUDED. MEMBERS OF THESE COUNCILS PLEASE GIVE YOURSELVES A PAT ON THE BACK!!

BMS(7)

Assumption 1694, St. Patrick's 4841, Madonna 5915, St. Benedict's 11590, St. Anthony of Padua 16134, St Helen of the Cross 18332, Christ the King 3993

CAPITAL(6)

Schenectady 201, St. Joseph the Worker 1805, Our Lady of Knock 6439, Corpus Christi 10869, St Henry's 10990, Stamford 13222

CENTRAL (7)

Peter Campon 206, Cortland 233, Oneida, 473, Vestal 4746, St, Joseph's 5398, Sacred Heart 6282, Msgr Meany 9042

FINGER LAKES (18)

Blessed Trinity 251, Ithaca 277, Father Brown 281, Our Lady of the Cenacle, 3892, Pope Pius X11 4691, Our Lady of the Genesee 4812, Victor 6652, Bishop McQuaid 7085, Pope John XX11 7707, Father Devereaux 7980, St. Maximilian Kolbe 9326, Blessed Damian 11411, Father John Guy 12223, Assumption Council 15638, Rev Michael Hogan 15917, Webster 16411, St. Pius the X 17086, Blessed Grimaldi 17384

HUDSON VALLEY (17)

Kingston 275, Msgr Henry O'Carroll 444, Loretto 536, Father Justin Lyons 550, Haverstraw 581, Joyce Kilmer 1177, Truine 2052, Rev Richard Joyce 2270, Piermont 2320, Delaware Valley 4478, John Cardinal McClosky 4565, Pine Bush 5329, Cardinal Spellman 5800, John Cardinal O'Connor 12663, St. Augustine -New City 15192, Cardinal Edward Egan 16334, St, Charles Borromeo 16415

KINGS (10)

Long Island 197, St. Columba 1119, Holy Name of Jesus 4783, Most Precious Blood

6134,St.Sylvesters 6194,Our Lady of Mt. Carmel 6243, Msgr. Salvatore Cafiero 7236, St. Bernard 14269,St.Finbar 15728,Bishop Thomas Daly 17000

NASSAU (22)

James Norton1828,Fr William Daly 2122,Joseph Barry2520,New Hyde Park 2852,Robert Powell3488,Bellmore 3689,Pope Pius XII 4422,Fr. Thomas FB Carroll 4566,12 Apostles 5001,Joseph Gorman 5091,Our Lady of Mercy/Joseph Lamb5723,Fr. John Farrell 5962,Rev William Delaney 5983,St.Frances de Chantal 6526,St.Paul the Apostle 6802,Our Lady of the Island 6911,St.Pius X10332,Holy Family 11227,Sign of the Cross11254,Msgr John Siedenschwang11836,Glen Cove 14279,St.Joseph-Bishop Baldwin 15809

NORTHERN(14)

Plattsburgh255,Carthage 291,Thousand Island 350,Wadhams 469,Dannemora 2166, Ausable Falls 2301,Msgr.Francis Maguire 2309,Rouses Point 2366,Eugene Santor4689, Father William Bourbeau 5718,Msgr Claude Gobet 6067,St.Francis Regis7321,Msgr Walter Cleary7364, So. Lewis Houseville 7794

QUEENS (18)

Colon-Msgr Higgins309,Jamaica 337,Olympia 394,Dr,Dooley-Fr,McGivney 430,St,Ambrose 1463,St.Anne's 2429,George Hudson 3701,Msgr.Sherman 5103,Msgr Dillion 5872,St Anastasia 5911,St Robert Bellarmine 8964,Immaculate Conception11449.St Clare 12056, Agnes Dei 12361,Resurrection/Ascension14578, American Martyrs 14666,OLPH/Msgr, Flynn17153, St. Kevin's 18180

SUFFOLK (13)

Patchogue 725,Immaculate Conception 928,Southhampton 1967,St.Joseph 4810,St.Elizabeth 5753,St.Jude 5814,St.Gerard Majella 7006,Blessed Sacrament 11416, Our Lady of the Pines11950,Our Lady of Grace11968,St Joseph the Worker 12993,St Joseph the Carpenter 14771, Shrine of St. Jude 15446

WESTCHESTER/ PUTNAM11)

Ossining 311,Peekskill462, Sigsqua1852,Cardinal Hayes,3995,Fr.John LaFarge 4012,Msgr.LF Ryan 5169,Msgr Raymond 6205,Our Lady of the Lakes 6318,Blessed Mother 14814, Holy Spirit 15493, Yonkers 16046

WESTERN (8)

Olean 338, Wyoming 2240, Msgr George Callaghan 5716, St. Pius X 11168, John Cardinal O'Hara 13661, Swormsville 17530, St Vincent de Paul 17883, Our Lady of the Valley 18017.

The following 24 Councils have achieved recognition in the State Deputies Comeback Club. These councils had no sales in 2024 but had sales in 2025.

CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU

BMS (2) Brendan 306, Wakefield 2922,

CAPITAL (3) Father Stephen Gulovic 343, St Henry's 10990, St. Jude the Apostle 12637,

CENTRAL (1) ST. ISADORE 18024, FINGER LAKES (1) Freindship 9861, HUDSON VALLEY (4) ST JOSEPH the Worker 471, Delaware Valley 4475, Edward Rose 7460, Mamakating 14560,

KINGS (1) Holy Name of Jesus 4783,

NASSAU (2) John Mackay 2310, Glen Cove 14279, NORTHERN (5) Malone 308, St. Isaac Jogues 333, St. Francis Regis 7321, Sackets Harbor 7522, Rev Frederick Hatch 13102,

QUEENS (2) Champlain 441, St. Joseph's 18577,

SUFFOLK (1) Good Shepherd 8607,

WESTCHESTER/PUTNAM (3) Father James Breen 7490, Holy Cross 16838, Msgr LF Ryan 5169, .

Please review your council's numbers and contact me with any discrepancies or questions. I wish to thank the Major and Minor co-ordinators and Lloyd for their tireless efforts and support

On behalf of the C&B team we thank you for all your hard work and achievements throughout the year.

Fraternally,

Ken Karchinski

Director C&B



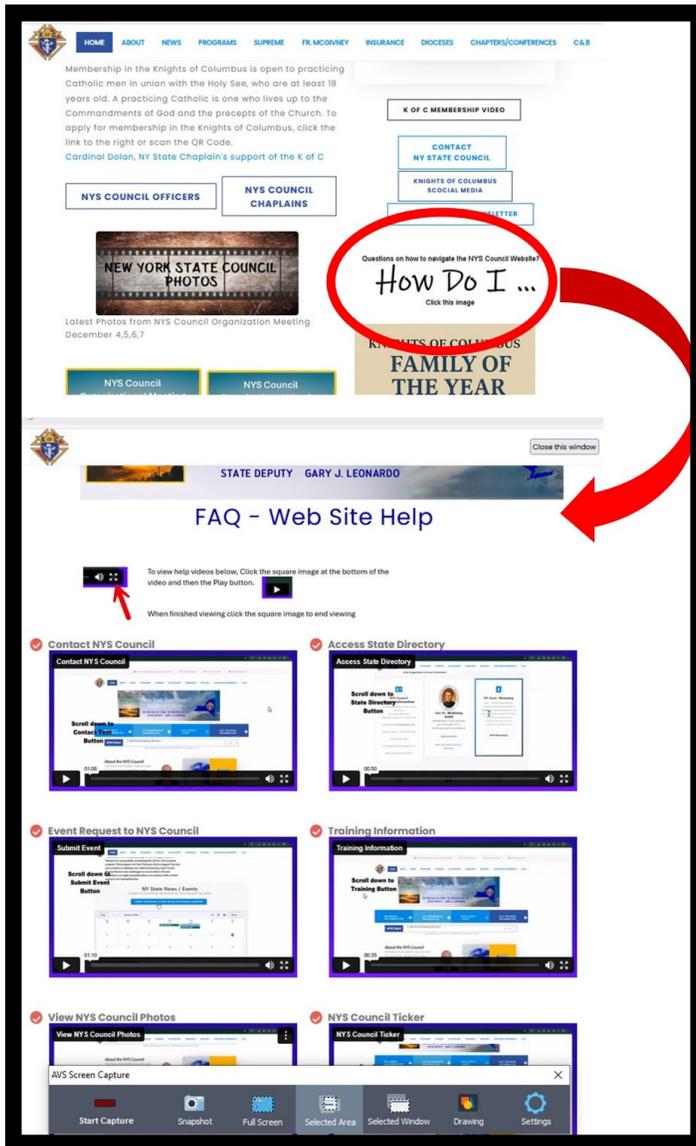
My Brother Knights,
Now that all of the excitement from Christmas has settled down, and the Lenten Season is not yet upon us, we are sort of caught in between liturgical seasons. This is a time that is referred

to as “Ordinary Time”. It’s a rather boring title for the part of the year that’s not Advent, Christmas, Lent or Easter. However “Ordinary Time” presents an opportunity to be an extraordinary Catholic — one who reads the Scriptures daily. There are lots of ways to read the Scriptures, but one of the best is to read the passages used during Mass, even if you do not attend daily Mass. Over its two-year cycle, the weekday lectionary gives readers a comprehensive taste of the best passages in the Old and New Testaments. The Sunday lectionary follows a three-year cycle. The daily Scripture readings during Ordinary Time provide us with the opportunity to get acquainted with the Bible. The word "ordinary" comes from "ordinal," as in "ordinal numbers," since these weeks are numbered. The first weeks of Ordinary Time use the first chapters of Mark’s Gospel, and during even numbered years, the first reading is from the Book of Samuel. I know, I know, we are all busy, who has the time to read the daily Mass readings? I don’t. But what I suggest is you download one of the many Catholic Apps – I use one called simply “Catholic Daily Readings”, easily available at the Google Play store for free. I put it on when I get into the car and am driving to work. It helps me relax and set the tone for the day. It helps keep my blood pressure down after driving on the L.I.E. and dealing with all the maniacs on the road. You can also just listen to the Rosary as well. Anyway, it works for me and I bet it’ll work for you too! I can’t remember the last time I “flipped” someone the bird on the road! Give it a try and let me know!

Michael Boehm
NYS Newsletter Editor



The NY State Council Knights of Columbus website -- robust with so much information that is essential and indispensable to what we do -- can be challenging to navigate to find the things you need. Effective immediately, our website now features “how-to” videos” to help you find your way around the site. Simply visit www.newyorkknights.com and scroll down to the “How Do I...” to see these short videos.



To help you navigate to essential resources and tools, there are numerous videos to help you:

- **Send an email to contact the NY State Council**
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- **Learn more about NY State Council Programs**
- **View the latest C&B news and results**
- **Read current and past issues of “Knight Life”**
- **Access Training programs and materials**
- **View current NY State Council news, as well as news on Dioceses, Chapters, Councils & Conferences.**

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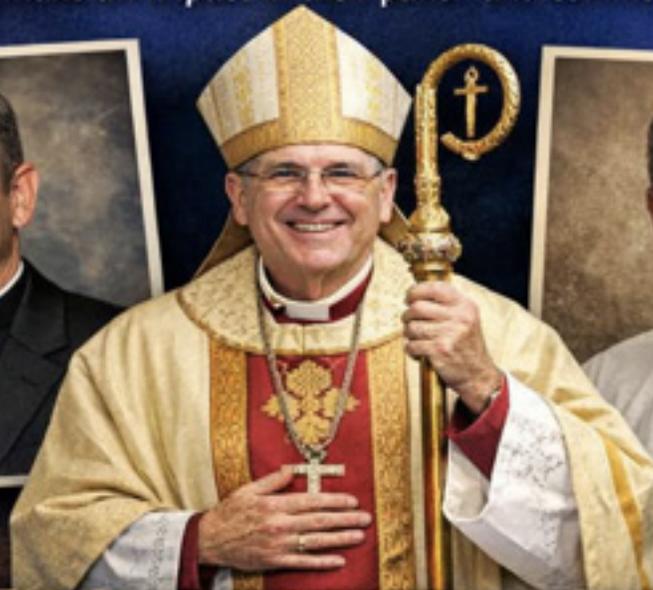
NYS Knights of Columbus Council



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



Father Tony Childs has been the Pastor of St. Michaels Parish in South Glens Falls, NY for over 15 years and has in recent years also been the Pastor for St. Threse Mission Chapel. He is a fourth-degree knight and serves as the Council Chaplain. Like our founder Blessed McGivney, Fr. Childs selflessly gives his all to the priesthood, and to those under his charge.



Father Childs began formation for priesthood in August of 1993. He was ordained as a priest at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on June 10, 2000, by Bishop Hubbard. **He was the only priest ordained in the Great Jubilee Year of 2000** for the Albany Diocese. Father Childs enjoys raising Jack-Russell Terriers and the Baltimore Orioles baseball team. Father is a fan of Star Trek “The Original Series” and enjoys traveling. He has a passion for cooking, a knack for humor and is deeply devoted to the people of St. Michael’s and St. Therese

Fr. Childs has over seen a wide variety of growing programs and activities at his parish and is always willing to lend a hand and show his support. Fr. Childs plays an integral part within his council; he is always helping with the fundraisers and other civic events sponsored by the knights. He is a member of the Council’s degree team. Fr. Childs exemplifies leadership through service. He leads with compassion, serves with unwavering dedication, and reaches far beyond his parish to touch every corner of our community in South Glens Falls

We are Honored to call him our brother Knight, our pastor, and our friend.

Stephen Saville

Deputy Grand Knight Council 11160

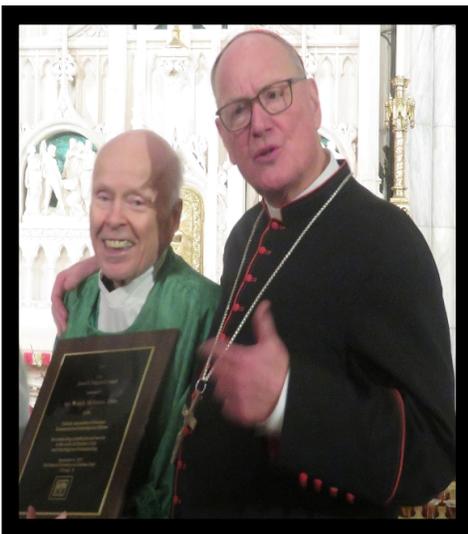
Annual Pro Life Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral



On Sunday January 18th, the NYS Council held the Annual Pro Life Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Principal celebrant Cardinal Timothy Dolan followed a Knights color guard that featured members from New York and New Jersey. Concelebrating with Cardinal Dolan were Father Enrique Salvo, rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Father Philip Brown, president and rector

of St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, Monsignor Luke Sweeney, vice rector of St. Joseph's Seminary, and Father Brian McWeeney, New York State associate chaplain for the Knights of Columbus. "Thanks again, beloved Knights, for all you do for Jesus, and thank you to the Sisters of Life," Cardinal Dolan said in his opening remarks

Following Mass, Cardinal Dolan greeted NY Council State Deputy Gary J. Leonardo and his staff, the Knights of Columbus Color Guard, the New York State Supreme Council and Columbiettes' leadership in the St. Patrick's Cathedral Lady Chapel. The Knights presented the Archdiocese of New York with a \$10,000 donation in support of vocations.



Cardinal Dolan then took time to recognize Father McWeeney for his work as the director of the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue for the Archdiocese of New York. Cardinal Dolan and Father Ryan Muldoon, the current director of the archdiocesan office, presented Father McWeeney with the 2025 James E. Fitzgerald Award, given by the Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers. Father McWeeney received the award "for outstanding contribution and service in the work of Christian Unity and Interreligious understanding."

Congratulations Fr. Brian!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY OF THE YEAR



Please enter your council's
Family of the Year
before March 1st 2026

Send applications to
NY State Auxiliary Chairman/
Family of the Year – Sal Laurenzano
Kofc.nys.familyoftheyear@gmail.com
(Any questions call 917-612-6231)

Here are some useful links to help you with your submission:

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2026 NEW YORK STATE FREE-THROW CHAMPIONSHIPS

Local Council events are underway and are followed by District and County/Minor Conference events. Here's the information for the Major Conference events and the New York State finals of the program. The State finals will once again be hosted by the Cadets of the Bishop O'Keefe College Council #8250. We appreciate their support and their dedication to our Catholic faith, our country and the ideals of our Order.

Major Conferences

	Date/Time	Location	Contact
Downstate	March 21st 12:00 PM sign-in 1:00 PM start 3/22 snow date	St Augustine School Gym 381 North Highland Ave Ossining NY 10562	Steven Brundage slblawyerz@gmail.com 914-310-9150-C
Long Island	March 22 nd 9:00 AM sign-in 9:30 AM start	Holy Trinity School 98 Cherry Ln Hicksville, NY 11801	Michael Galgano MGal1313@yahoo.com 516-426-8938-C
Upstate	March 7 th 9:30 AM sign-in 10:00 AM start	Bishop Ludden/Grimes HS 815 Fay Rd Syracuse, NY	Nick Caputo Santa.nick.c@gmail.com 315-247-3677

New York State Finals: Sunday April 12th Doors open at Noon for a 1pm start

Location: West Point Military Academy
BASKETBALL COURT AT WEST POINT PREP (USMAPS)

All adults visiting the West Point campus need to pre-register for a visitor pass. Registration information will be collected at the Major Conference events. Information needed for ALL adults (over 18) attending: Legal Name with middle initial, DOB, M/F, Driver's License or state ID and ID#

Contact: Nick Caputo @ santa.nick.c@gmail.com (315)247-3677 if you have any questions or concerns



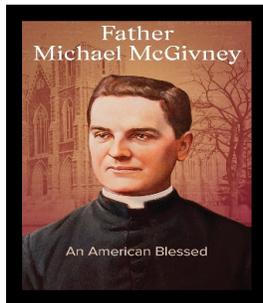
Agnus Dei Council #12361 held their annual Men's Retreat. The retreat was conducted at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington LI, from Dec 5-7. 130 men were in attendance. Great job Brothers!



On the Sunday before Christmas, Bellmore Council No. 3689 Celebrated its Annual Children's Christmas Party. Gathering at the Council Home after Mass, games, creating their own stuffed animals, popcorn and chicken fingers were the order of the day. Santa Claus, loving parents, enthusiastic grandparents and hardworking committee members observed the celebration. Council Chaplain Father James Ritch, O.P., joined the festivities, assisting in the stuffed animal making, playing games and reaching out to all the youngsters.



On Wednesday January 21 2026 at Our Lady of Lourdes council 6911 Nassau Soccer coordinator Al Valente presented Nassau County soccer challenge awards to the eight winners of Nassau county soccer challenge. Great work Brothers!!



Cause for Sainthood—Blessed Michael McGivney

The time is now play a key role in advancing Father McGivney's cause for canonization by joining the McGivney Guild for free and praying for his intercession and canonization. What else is the Guild? It is the center for reporting favors that occurred with his intercession.

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

Where does his cause stand as of Today?

4 Steps to Becoming a Saint Being named a saint in the Catholic Church is a very high honor. It means the saint's name is added to the official catalogue of saints, and that Masses and feast days can be celebrated in his or her honor. Churches can then be dedicated in the saint's memory, and his or her name can be used in public prayers, such as litanies. What does it take for someone to be named a saint? The process is called *canonization* and it involves 4 major steps.

Request for Canonization At least five years after a person's death (unless a special exception is made by the pope), a formal request is made to consider him or her for sainthood. The people making the request are usually from the candidate's church or religious community. They submit their request to the bishop of the diocese where the person died. The request tells how the person lived a life of holiness and lists reasons for considering the candidate for sainthood. If the bishop believes there is enough evidence to consider the person for sainthood, he asks the Vatican for permission to open a special tribunal. Witnesses are then called to attest to the candidate's goodness, holiness, devotion to God, and other virtues. If a person passes this step, he or she is named a "Servant of God." ✓

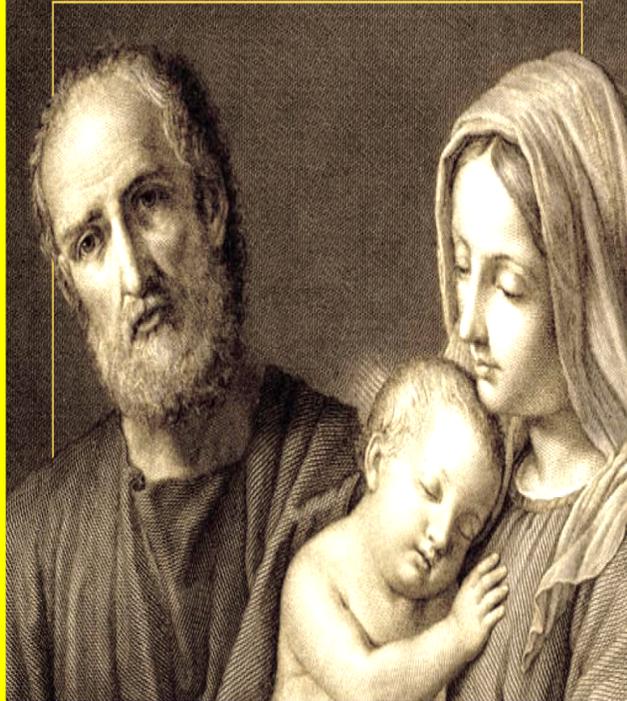
Determination The bishop sends a formal report and request to Rome where it is reviewed by Causes of the Saints. Nine theologians read the material and determine whether there is enough cause to pass it to the entire Congregation. If so, the candidate's writings and other aspects of his or her life are studied to make sure there is nothing that goes against the teachings and practices of the Church. As part of this investigation a person called a "devil's advocate" raises questions and objections to the candidate's sainthood. This is to make sure the final decision is complete and fair, and all evidence of the candidate's saintliness is assured. Once a candidate has been determined to be virtuous and heroic in his or her faith, he or she is declared "Venerable." ✓

Beautification The next step is beatification. If the candidate was a martyr, someone who died for their faith, he or she may be beatified and named "Blessed." Otherwise, a miracle brought about by the intercession of the saint must occur and be verified by the Congregation. Once the person is beatified and named "Blessed," he or she can be venerated, or officially honored, in his or her city, diocese, region, or religious community. ✓

Canonization After being beatified, another miracle is required for the person to be canonized and officially declared a saint. Once again, the miracle must have occurred because of the person's intercession. The Prefect of the Congregation then sends the cause for canonization to the pope who makes the final decision. Once a person is canonized, he or she is officially declared a "Saint." The pope declares this in an official way at a special Mass in honor of the new saint.

Fraternally,
Thomas L. Freundsuh, PGK, FSD
New York State Council Chairman—McGivney Guild
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CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY



O Lord Jesus, you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. There you grew in age, wisdom and grace as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer. We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Savior. At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home. We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood while

showing us the dignity of work. We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need. May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!



New York State
Knight of Columbus



THE NEW YORK RANGERS
VS.
THE CALGARY FLAMES



TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2026
7:00 PM at MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

\$125 PER TICKET



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OF TICKET: _____ at \$125 each TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____



My Brothers,

I have listed below the procedure to start a Columbiettes Auxiliary at your council. If a Knights of Columbus Council wishes to have Columbiettes in their council, the first thing that they must do is to notify the New York State president. A Columbiette Officer in your area would be happy to go to your council and talk about having Columbiettes to your members if you like or you could have a social get together and invite the ladies who might be interested to come and listen to the representative of the

Columbiettes.

The membership of the Knights of Columbus must meet, discuss, and vote on having the Columbiettes, to start an auxiliary of Columbiettes you will need a minimum of 20 ladies. After the Knights vote on having the Columbiettes the Grand Knight must send a letter to the president of New York State and the copy letter to the Supreme Secretary. They do not need to be married to a Knights of Columbus they need to be a woman over 18 and Catholic. From there the New York State president will appoint a district deputy who will help organize meetings and explain to the ladies what is expected. The ladies with their District Deputy will write the by-laws when the bylaws are approved and the new ladies decide on who their offices will be , Columbiettes Officers are President ,Vice President, Past President ,Secretary Financial, Secretary, Treasurer and Sentinel. Just a reminder they have their own banking with an EIN number the money is theirs not the Knights. After everything is approved a date will be set for the Initiation ceremony and the Installation of Offices They will have a District Deputy with them helping them with aspects of this process.

If any questions please contact me, @ 917 364-1800 or @ joemul1024@gmail.com i'm happy to help and I will help you in any way I can. The New York State president is now Cathy Bischoff and the Supreme President is Janet Shuhler.

Please see attached the flyer for the Testimonial Dinner for Jeanne Mucci Past Supreme President and also the flyer for the New York State Columbiette cruise in May

Fraternally,
Joe Muller
New York State Chairman Columbiettes
917-364-1800
joemul1024@gmail.com



Come Cruise with the New York State Columbiettes

May 9-16, 2026

NYSCC is sponsoring a 7-day cruise to Bermuda out of New York Harbor.

Balcony Cabin: \$1992.68 pp.

Included in this price:

Insurance, Government taxes and fees, Beverage package, 3 Specialty dining, 150 minutes of Internet
(per person) \$50 shore excursion (per cabin)

Inside Cabin: \$1372.70 pp.

Included in this price:

Insurance, Government taxes and fees, Beverage package, 1 Specialty dining, 150 minutes of Internet
(per person) \$50 shore excursion (per cabin)

\$125.00 Deposit is due at the time of your reservation

Make your checks payable to:

Travel Emporium

Mail Reservations to:

Catherine Bischoff, 1825 Maple Avenue, Peekskill, NY 10566.

Questions: call Cathy Bischoff, 914-943-9293.

Current US Passport is required

NO Ocean view cabins.



*Testimonial Luncheon in honor of
Jeanne Mucci,
Supreme Past President
Sunday, March 22, 2026*

Hartigan House
519 Central Ave, Bethpage, NY

12 o'clock

\$70 per person

price includes luncheon buffet, open bar and a
great time to honor Jeanne and help



*Please see the Reservation and Testimonial Booklet forms
for more information*



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The Supreme Website also has a new design!



Brother Knights,

Exciting news! On Tuesday, January 20th, the Supreme Council launched a brand new kofc.org, a major step in the Order's digital modernization efforts.

The new English website will feature an improved user experience for members and prospective Knights. Fraternal leaders will especially want to explore the new Resources page and improved search feature, designed to help you find what you need in your leadership role. While we only be launching in English at this time, work is already underway to upgrade the site in French, Spanish and Polish.

Look out for more communications in the weeks ahead, including a Frequently Asked Questions document and a video walk-through of the new website's features.

Fraternally,

Knights of Columbus



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Facebook Group of New York State Council Knights of Columbus.
Posts should be limited to the Knights of Columbus. As a member of the
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media, to help you grow deeper in your faith, stay informed about the
Order and connect to your Brother Knights. This is the **ONLY OFFICAL FB**
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FEBRUARY



**Groundhog's Day
February 2nd**



**Valentine's Day
February 14th**



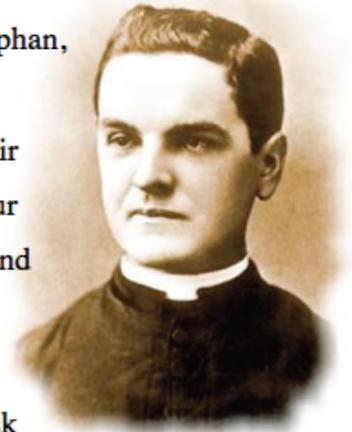
**President's Day
February 16th**



**Ash Wednesday
February 18th**

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:

Father McGivney Guild, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510

Tel: 203-752-4087

Email: guild@kofc.org