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State Deputy's Message



Dear Brother Knights,

Our convention is now part of our history—and what a truly remarkable convention it was. We heard outstanding reports from our Directors, each one highlighting the tremendous work accomplished during this first year of our administration. And while we celebrate that success, we also recognize that we still have two months left to complete our goals before we enter our second year.

I am profoundly proud of our slate of Officers—men of integrity, dedication, and vision. I look forward to continuing our work together as we strive to make the New York State Council a leader among leaders in our Order.

Our membership is thriving and on the verge of reaching the goals we set forth. Our programs are not only strong, but they are also soaring. The sheer number of Family of the Year applications was heartwarming and reading them made the decision incredibly difficult. Each one reflected the spirit of Blessed Michael McGivney's principles that define who we are.

Congratulations to the Powhida Family on being named Family of the Year. And congratulations as well to Father Zachary Miller, our Chaplain of the Year. Those writeups reminded us once again how essential our Chaplains are to the life of our councils and to the mission of our Order. Their guidance, their presence, and their example strengthen us all.

A special thank-you to Brother Stephen Saville for his tremendous work with Priest Recognition—a new program we launched this year that opened the door for honoring priests from parishes across our state. We look forward to expanding this program as we move into our second year. It was heartwarming to see so many of our Chaplains attending the convention, and our Adoration Chapel was once again a great success, with so many taking time to be with our Lord. Yes—God is back in our chambers.

We also had the privilege of honoring Supreme Director Carmine and Claudia Musumeci for their nine years of service on the Supreme Board of Directors. They represented us with class, humility, and a deep love for this jurisdiction they call home. They were always there ready to help, ready to guide, and ready to support State Deputies and First Ladies who relied on their wisdom and kindness.

As we enter this second year, we do so with renewed purpose and a firm commitment to continue building the dream that Blessed Michael McGivney laid before us in 1882—a dream of strong families, vibrant parishes, and a brotherhood united in faith and service.

Thank you all for your dedication, your trust, and your unwavering support throughout this past year. May God bless you and your families and may Blessed Michael McGivney intercede for us as we continue this journey together.

Vivat Jesus.

Dear New York State Knights of Columbus Family,



As we celebrate Easter joy, we proclaim as an Easter people who rejoice in the Resurrection and hope for the promise Jesus gave us, God's faithful people, that we will share in the Resurrection in eternal life, "*Alleluia!*" which is "*Praise the Lord!*" Do we truly praise the Lord, giving greater glory to God, in all we say and do as disciples of Jesus in our Church, society, and world today? Do we boldly, with courage and fortitude, proclaim that Jesus Christ is King and that He is our salvation and redemption, the only Way, Truth, and Life for us? Or do we, like many of the Apostles and the early disciples of the Church allow fear, anxiety, doubt, uncertainty, worldly desire, or other things to cloud our vision, making us blind to Jesus who is our strength and is always walking the journey of life with us.

We have been hearing in our Scriptures this Easter Season, scenes in the Gospels from immediately following the Crucifixion of Jesus and his Resurrection. We have heard the stories of doubting Thomas, Jesus on the seashore telling the disciples to cast their nets and the great catch of fish that occurs, and the disciples on the Road to Emmaus. In all these stories, those closest to Jesus didn't recognize him until he is revealed through his actions and words to them. They were so blinded by fear, sadness, doubt, and other human emotions that they could not recognize their beloved Jesus present with them. Jesus tells Thomas, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." That is faith! That is our faith! We have not physically seen Jesus of Nazareth standing before us, but we believe in Jesus, in His love, mercy, and compassion, that He is with our Church! We hear the beautiful words from the Letter of Peter from Divine Mercy Sunday, Peter telling the early Church and us, "Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls."

In the Acts of the Apostles that we have been hearing this Easter Season also, we hear how the disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, are on fire in their Faith. No longer do they hide out, locked away out of fear and anxiety. They are out boldly proclaiming Jesus and healing in His name, and bringing the Gospel message of truth in love to all, even if it means that they endure pain, torture, suffering, persecution, or even martyrdom for their faith in Jesus Christ. They are setting the example for all of us to follow. They are on mission, being the hands and feet of Jesus in the world. We should, in our Baptism and then strengthened in our Confirmation, be on fire with the Holy Spirit and do the same! We can not allow ourselves, as Church, the Body of Christ, to be influenced by fear or anxiety of the possibility of persecution in our society for practicing our faith and proclaiming the Gospel message of truth and hope to all.

As a Knights of Columbus Family, we have a duty to set the example for all our fellow Catholics to follow, being the strong right arm of the Church as St. John Paul II called the Knights of Columbus. We must be bold in following the example of Jesus and the early disciples. We follow our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV and his example of preaching social justice and peace in a world where violence, hatred, and war are raging. We stand by those the Holy Spirit has called to lead Holy Mother Church, our bishops, priests, and deacons who strive to shepherd our Church forward and bring healing in the wake of the abuse crisis and to navigate, with the help of the Holy Spirit, our parishes and the faithful through this time in the midst of legal challenges and the need for parish mergers, closings, and restructuring in many Dioceses. We pray for all the faithful, that their faith be renewed in this time and that any who have gone astray and fallen away from the Church may turn back to God, inspired by our example of faith. We go on guided by the Holy Spirit as pilgrims of hope, the theme of the Jubilee Year 2025. We pray, as Knights and as Church, for Jesus to be our strength in our weakness, always focusing on and trusting in Him, and we pray for the protection and intercession of Our Blessed Mother who is always with our Church. *Vivat Jesus!*

Yours in Christ, through Mary,

Rev. Michael J. Johnson
Associate State Chaplain, New York State Council



Carl Schneider
Membership Director

Brother Knights,

With **only two months remaining** in the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year, the time for action is now. June 30 will be here before we know it, and these final weeks present a tremendous opportunity to strengthen our Order, support our councils, and advance the mission of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney.

Membership Growth Remains Our Top Priority

Strong membership is the foundation of everything we do. Every new Knight brings fresh energy, new ideas, and greater capacity to serve our parishes, communities, and families. As we enter the final stretch, I urge every council to renew its focus on recruitment. Talk to the good men in your parish who are already living our principles—men who would make outstanding Knights. Now is the moment to invite them to join our ranks. One of the highest honors a council can achieve is the Star Council Award. This prestigious recognition celebrates excellence in membership growth, insurance promotion, service programs, and Safe Environment compliance. Councils that earn the Star Council Award demonstrate the full strength of our Order. Let's make this a banner year for New York State by qualifying as many Star Councils as possible!

Maintain Safe Environment Compliance

As we approach the end of the fraternal year, please review your council's Safe Environment compliance. Some positions may be coming due for recertification between now and June 30th. Staying current with training and background checks is not only required, it is essential to protecting our youth and vulnerable adults and maintaining our ability to serve effectively. Don't wait until the last minute; take care of this important responsibility now.

Submit Your SP-7 Form Promptly

The SP-7 Columbian Award Application is a critical document that helps your council qualify for the Columbian Award and contributes directly toward earning the Star Council Award. Supreme Council is now accepting SP-7 submissions, and I strongly encourage you to file yours as soon as possible. Do not wait until June 15th to submit. If there are any issues or corrections needed, submitting early gives you the necessary time to address them before the June 30 deadline. Early submission is the safest and smartest approach.

Take Advantage of Virtual Fraternal Benefit Events

Excellent opportunities remain in May and June to participate in the monthly Virtual Fraternal Benefit Events. These webinars provide valuable information on our fraternal insurance programs and help councils meet important requirements for awards and member benefits. Encourage your members—especially those considering insurance options—to attend.

4th Quarter Membership Drive – Big Prizes Available!

The 4th Quarter Membership Drive is in full swing and offers an outstanding incentive package: \$10,000.00 in total prizes for Councils, District Deputies, and the Top Recruiters statewide—plus a special random bonus drawing! Prizes are available for both small councils and large councils, as well as for District Deputies and the top individual recruiters across New York State. This is a fantastic chance to be recognized for your hard work while helping grow our brotherhood. Every new member you recruit brings us closer to our goals and helps more councils earn the Star Council Award. Let's finish the year strong!

This 4th Quarter Membership Drive offers \$10,000.00 in total prizes!

To ensure smaller councils can compete fairly alongside larger ones, we've structured separate incentive tiers based on your council's annual membership quota.

Council Incentive – Councils with 5–10 Membership Quota

Position	Monthly Prize	Quarterly Prize (April–June Total)
1	\$250.00	\$750.00
2	\$150.00	\$500.00
3	\$100.00	\$375.00
4	—	\$250.00
5	—	\$150.00
6	—	\$150.00
Total Payout	\$500.00/month	\$2,175.00

Council Incentive – Councils with 11–15 Membership Quota

Position	Monthly Prize	Quarterly Prize (April–June Total)
1	\$250.00	\$750.00
2	\$150.00	\$500.00
3	\$100.00	\$375.00
4	—	\$250.00
5	—	\$150.00
6	—	\$150.00
Total Payout	\$500.00/month	\$2,175.00

(Note: The prize structure is identical across these quota ranges, giving smaller councils (5–10 quota) the same winning opportunities as those with slightly higher quotas (11–15). This levels the playing field so every council — regardless of size — has a fair shot at top prizes!)

District Deputy Incentive – 4th Quarter

Position	Quarterly Prize
1	\$500.00
2	\$300.00
3	\$200.00
4	\$150.00
5	\$100.00
Total Payout	\$1,250.00

Top Recruiter Incentive – Statewide 4th Quarter (Individual recruiter with the most new members April–June)

Position	Quarterly Prize
1	\$500.00
2	\$300.00
3	\$200.00
4	\$150.00
5	\$100.00
Total Payout	\$1,250.00

Special Bonus Prize

One additional \$150.00 random bonus prize will be drawn from among all winners in the Council, DD, and Top Recruiter categories. If you place in any incentive, you're automatically entered for this extra bonus! Grand Total Across All Incentives: \$10,000.00 — that's serious motivation to recruit aggressively this quarter!

Important Note for All Recruiters (especially for Top Recruiter and Bonus Eligibility):

All recruiters must include their Knights of Columbus membership number when reporting new members or submitting recruitment totals. This ensures proper identification and verification of winners' eligibility. Without the membership number, credits may not be applied correctly for individual awards.

Thank you for all you do for the Knights of Columbus in New York State. Your dedication and leadership make a real difference. If I can assist your council in any way with membership efforts, please reach out to me directly.

Vivat Jesus!

Carl Schneider
State Membership Director
New York State Knights of Columbus



As we get into the final quarter of the fraternal year, we reflect on the achievements and service we all do in our parish and community. We as Knights have worked diligently throughout the year, supporting charitable activities and strengthening the bonds of fellowship among members.

The Knights of Columbus offer a variety of programs designed to serve others and promote faith, charity, and unity. These programs range from supporting parish initiatives to organizing community outreach events, all aimed at making a positive impact on the lives of those around us. One of the highest honors a council can receive is the Columbian Award, this award recognizes councils that conduct well-rounded programs in areas such as faith, family, community, and life. Earning the Columbian Award shows a council's commitment to meaningful service and its dedication to fulfilling the mission of the Knights of Columbus.

These programs and awards are more than just milestones—they reflect the impact the Knights of Columbus have on our order, our parish, and the wider community. By participating in these efforts, members help foster a spirit of generosity, strengthen our parish family, and inspire others to serve.

As we celebrate the successes of this fraternal year, we encourage all councils to support and participate in Knights of Columbus programs. Together, we can continue to build a vibrant, caring community and make a lasting difference.

I ask all of our councils to look at your programs progress towards the Columbian Award, and if you have not reach the criteria yet, what can you do to get there, what program can we execute that makes the greatest impact on our parish or community, what help do we need, and let's get it done.

SK Thomas M. Moran – State Director of Programs



Brothers – C & B is underway!
Books are out through minor coordinators. Additionally rules and prize instructions are on the website if you need to print out any additions

Please contact them if you need more or have any questions:

Len Robusto -BMS
Ricardo Lucchetti- Capital
Robert Hantsch- Central
Jeffrey Lambert- Finger Lakes
James Mortillaro- Hudson Valley
Paul Eggert-Kings
Rich Valenti- Nassau
Lawrence Douglas- Northern
Gerry O'Callahan- Queens
Bill Fontaine- Suffolk
Eugene Nojman- Westchester- Putnam
Tim Meyer- Western

The major coordinators are Jose Ruiz, Ed Smith, Roman Zguta, Charlie Nesto as well as Lloyd and I. We are available for any assistance needed.

Remember Quick start is Sunday July 19.

Ken Karchinski - C&B Director



My Brothers of the NYS Council,

Once again it is my favorite time of year – spring! And to me, May is really the month when spring is in full effect. It's the month when most people start to get outside, start cleaning up, and start planting their flowers and vegetable gardens.

According to the old timers and the Farmer's Almanac, you can't start planting until after Mother's Day. At least that's what I was always told, and I'm sticking to it. Spring symbolizes rebirth and renewal, both in the natural world and within yourself. It's a time when life reawakens, energy becomes vibrant, and opportunities for growth appear all around you. Spring is a powerful reminder that no matter how long or harsh the winter, and this was a rough one, life begins anew. Spiritually, it's an opportunity to shed old habits, release negativity, and embrace a fresh start. I hope you take the opportunity to do so!

As most of you know, we recently are back from our NYS Convention! What a great time I had meeting and talking to so many of my Brother Knights from all over the State. I love listening to all of the activities that our Councils have been involved in and are planning for the future. After the tough winter we just had, everyone seems to be chomping at the bit to get out there and start. There are Church events such as Festivals and Feasts, Council and Chapter Picnics, County and Town Fair and Parades, Communion Breakfasts – lots of opportunities to get out into the Community and not only fundraise, *but to recruit!*

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Spring!!

Michael Boehm
NYS Newsletter Editor

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:

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SK Stephen Saville FN
State Chairman of Priest Recognition
NYS Council - Knights of Columbus
518-538-3391



Deacon Philip Franco, Ph.D.



Deacon Phil was born and raised in our parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Brooklyn. Even after he married and moved to Queens, Deacon never abandoned our parish nor its parishioners. He was an altar server; involved with the RCIA program; Religion educator; is the Formation Director of the Third Order Carmelites; President of the Parish Council; and is a member of our Knights of Columbus Council. He continues to demonstrate his dedication to our parish feast by expanding his role beyond Shrine chairman by joining the Executive Board.

His formal education was always obtained through Catholic schools & institutions: Bachelor's Degree in Theology from St. John's University; Master's in Dogmatic Theology from St. Joseph Seminary; and his Ph.D. in Religion and Religious Education from Fordham University. Upon completion of the diaconate program, he was ordained a Deacon on May 23, 2015. Deacon Phil has also had the opportunity to apply his formal education in a number of fulfilling jobs. He has been the Director of Faith Formation for the Diocese, Principal of St. Margaret Catholic School, and the Assistant Principal / Admission Director at Cathedral Prep Seminary.

Deacon Phil attributes much of his resiliency in living his ministry to his wife Tara and sons Dominic, Michael, and Joseph. They understand that he is an intricate part of the parish, often being called to bring the Eucharist to the sick or dying as well as offering comfort and support to families having endured tragedies. His honor of serving as a Deacon at Mass is only equaled by the privilege he feels in administering Sacraments. One of our younger Council members sums up Deacon Phil as "a great guy and a great blessing to our Brotherhood and our Parish Community".

God Bless Deacon Phil!

2026 New York State Free-Throw Championship at West Point

Congratulations to this year's winners

	Major Conf	Minor Conf	Name	Hometown	Council	District	Score
Girls 9	Upstate	Western	Violet Cramer	Buffalo	3875	73	20
Girls 10	Long Island	Kings	Mille Maruszczak	Brooklyn	4783	35	24
Girls 11	Long Island	Queens	Erin Sullivan	Flushing	18180	27	20
Girls 12	Upstate	Finger Lakes	Sylvia Bysiek	Allegany	243	89	22+5
Girls 13	Upstate	Western	Sophia Krajewski	Buffalo	3076	75	23
Girls 14	Downstate	BMS	Alicia Cannavo	Staten Island	2147	38	21+4

	Major Conf	Minor Conf	Name	Hometown	Council	District	Score
Boys 9	Downstate	Hudson Valley	Bryce Sternkopf	Goshen	5890	61	23
Boys 10	Long Island	Nassau	Luke Wozsen	Franklin Square	5001	21	20+5+5
Boys 11	Upstate	Finger Lakes	Enzo Padilla	Spencerport	7707	93	22
Boys 12	Upstate	Finger Lakes	Joseph Drury	Fairport	7707	93	24
Boys 13	Long Island	Queens	Evan Teo	Oakland Garden	8964	25	23
Boys 14	Upstate	Central	Ryder Matteson	Morrisville	18024	84	21



2026 New York State Free-Throw Championship at West Point



This year's event was a huge success again thanks to the efforts of many people dedicated to serving the ideals of the Knights. The season begins in January with Councils across the State hosting local events in their communities. If more than one Council in a District hosts a Free-Throw event, District Deputies coordinate the next step with District shootouts. In NY, Chapters/Counties hold regional events for their area. Then each of the three Major Conferences holds their finals. It all culminates with the State finals at the West Point Military Academy Prep School gym for the State Finals. It truly is a State-wide effort. I would like to thank everyone involved in the program and a big shout-out to the Major Conference Chairmen, Michael Galgano (Long Island) and Steven Brundage (Downstate). In addition to coordinating their finals, they had to provide me with the information for all visitors to West Point for background checks.

We had boys and girls in every age group, from all three Major Conferences, present for the finals.

The Cadets who are members of the Msgr. O'Keefe College Council #8250 did all the work. From setting up the gym, to welcoming and checking-in the contestants, to scoring and rebounding, they did it all. During the warm-ups they manned the baskets, gave some tips to the kids and provided excellent mentorship to the kids. They were role models of an age that the kids could easily relate to. In addition, the cadets hosted a cookout for all the families, grilling up hundreds of hamburgers and hot dogs and providing snacks and beverages.

Below is a group photo of the Knights in attendance at West Point. Some of the Knights were there to show support for kids from their Council or area. Our State Deputy Gary Leonardo and several other State Officers helped with handing out the trophies and congratulating the winners.

Nick Caputo
NYS Free-Throw Chairman

2026 New York State Free-Throw Championship at West Point

Full List of Participants in Attendance

	Major Conf	Minor Conf	Name	Hometown	Council	District	Score	Place
Boys 9	Downstate	Hudson Valley	Bryce Sternkopf	Goshen	5890	61	23	1
Boys 9	Upstate	Finger Lakes	William Drury	Fairport	15471	91	19	2
Boys 9	Long Island	Kings	Jacob M Lavorino	Howard Beach	197	32	17	3
Boys 10	Long Island	Nassau	Luke Wozsen	Franklin Square	5001	21	20+5+5	1
Boys 10	Upstate	Finger Lakes	Maddox Wingrove	Spencerport	7707	93	20+5+2	2
Boys 10	Downstate	West/Putnam	Thomas Renzo	Scarsdale	14814	48	20+4	3
Boys 11	Upstate	Finger Lakes	Enzo Padilla	Spencerport	7707	93	22	1
Boys 11	Long Island	Kings	Michael Ercole	Brooklyn	14269	33	20+5	2
Boys 11	Downstate	Hudson Valley	Jacob Duncan	Poughkeepsie	7551	53	20+4	3
Boys 12	Upstate	Finger Lakes	Joseph Drury	Fairport	7707	93	24	1
Boys 12	Long Island	Suffolk	Carter Chernow	Smithtown	11163	10	23	2
Boys 12	Downstate	West/Putnam	Brody Metz	Ossining	311	48	18	3
Boys 13	Long Island	Queens	Evan Teo	Oakland Garden	8964	25	23	1
Boys 13	Downstate	BMS	Logan Bentson	Staten Island	1662	39	19	2
Boys 13	Upstate	Central	Jason Valvo	Cicero	10904	81	17	3
Boys 14	Upstate	Central	Ryder Matteson	Morrisville	18024	84	21	1
Boys 14	Long Island	Nassau	Nicholas Covino	Bayville	11709	12	20	2
Boys 14	Downstate	West/Putnam	Grayden Metz	Ossining	311	48	18	3

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Girls 9	Upstate	Western	Violet Cramer	Buffalo	3875	73	20	1
Girls 9	Long Island	Nassau	Battuello	Bellmore	6561	18	13+2+4	2
Girls 9	Downstate	BMS	Madison Garitano	Staten Island	1662	39	13+2+3	3
Girls 10	Long Island	Kings	Mille Marusarz	Brooklyn	4783	35	24	1
Girls 10	Downstate	Hudson Valley	Avery Hoyt	Maybrook	9254	52	17	2
Girls 10	Upstate	Northern	Olivia Newcombe	Canton	1059	101	14	3
Girls 11	Long Island	Queens	Erin Sullivan	Flushing	18180	27	20	1

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Girls 11	Downstate	West/Putnam	Nuha Riyaz Balsara	Ossining	311	48	14	3
Girls 12	Upstate	Finger Lakes	Sylvia Bysiek	Allegany	243	89	22+5	1
Girls 12	Long Island	Queens	Gabriella Luczaj	Maspeth	3701	25	22+4	2
Girls 12	Downstate	Capital	Emma Sturgess	Gloversville	265	64	13	3
Girls 13	Upstate	Western	Sophia Krajewski	Buffalo	3076	75	23	1
Girls 13	Downstate	BMS	Erlinda Pera	Staten Island	2147	38	21	2
Girls 13	Long Island	Nassau	Madison Viveiros	East Meadow	4422	18	19	3
Girls 14	Downstate	BMS	Alicia Cannavo	Staten Island	2147	38	21+4	1
Girls 14	Long Island	Nassau	Sophia Loviece	Levittown	3581	14	21+3	2
Girls 14	Upstate	Western	Denver Kazmierczak	Williamsville	14687	79	3	3

What a great turn out of support from our Brother Knights! Vivat Jesus!





Congratulations to our NYS Council Officers on their Reelection at the NYS Convention held from April 30th – May 2nd at the Villa Roma Resort in Callicoon NY! Here are a few highlights from the weekend!

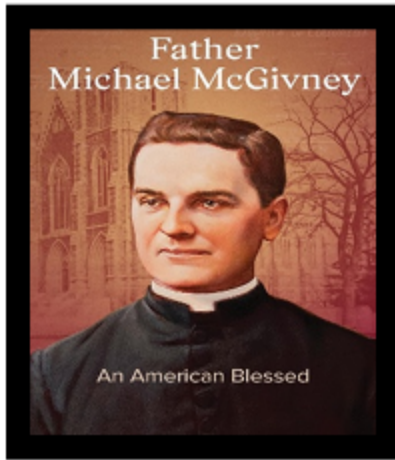












Blessed Michael McGivney Article for May 2026

A Legacy of Love

Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law (Rom 13:8).

Father McGivney was a genius for turning neighbors into friends and friends into brothers. He set the example by serving as a Good Samaritan, stopping to assist, binding up wounds, and caring for the temporal and spiritual welfare of those who had fallen along the wayside of society. In this, he lived out the true meaning of charity — of love: to will the true good of another. Love is a dying to self so that the other may more fully live. Jesus Christ, who is love himself, told us, “Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends” (Jn 15:13), and showed us the authentic face of love on the cross. By forming the Knights of Columbus, Father McGivney was leading men not only to *do something* but to *be someone* — a better person ready to live according to the challenges of love. He knew the full meaning of love and he gave men and their families a way — through charity, unity and fraternity — to live that fullness of the Gospel in their own place and time, in their own homes, parishes and communities. We are invited to follow his example, to live out his legacy, to be Catholics who love God above all things and our neighbors as ourselves, as we strive each day to build up the kingdom of God for the good of all.

This is what the McGivney Guild is all about. Through love, lifting the spirit of Blessed Michael McGivney to sainthood! His inspiring legacy of fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowering the laity lives on through us.

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
Thomas.Freundsuh@gmail.com



On Sunday April 26th The Long Island Chapter held their annual Pro Vita Mass. The Mass was Celebrated by Bishop Robert Brennan and concelebrated by our NYS Chaplain Fr. Michael Gelfant. It began with a wonderful Prolife Rosary just prior to the Mass. The event was attended by several NYS Officers, including our State Deputy Gary Leonardo, Treasurer Peter Lehr and Advocate Robert Graziano as well as Chief of Staff Wally Wych and several Directors & Administrative Chairmen. Fr. Michael reminded us all that we must never wavier from our prolife stance, especially with the newly enacted assisted suicide law!





Spring Cleanup Edition!



The St. Regis Knights of Columbus, Council 4651, led by Past Grand Knight Jeff Thure are contributing to the beautification of some areas in the Community through their cleanup efforts. Great Job Brothers!



The Knights of Christ the King # 3993 were called to help clean up their Church, Blessed Sacrament, after the renovations and repairs were done to the roof inside the Church. Our Knights helped clean up all the dust and planted the Easter Flowers used for Easter Sunday out around the grounds. The Parish looks brand new!



Members of Fr. LaFarge Council 4012 participated in a biannual clean up event in the town of Yorktown Heights NY.

The Council has a dedicated and assigned stretch of road that they accept responsibility for and maintain in the town. What a great way to get involved and get noticed in the community!

A banner for the New York State Council of the Knights of Columbus. The banner features the KofC logo on the left. The text reads: "2025 / 2026 NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL Knights of Columbus New York State Deputy - Gary J. Leonardo PILGRIMS OF HOPE". Below the banner, there is a white box with black text: "PLEASE NOTE: The New State Office Telephone Number is 914-461-6722".

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PILGRIMS OF HOPE

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Telephone Number is 914-461-6722**



My Brother Knights

I hope all the Chapter Presidents and Chairman that have Columbiettes auxiliaries in their Chapters have assigned a Liaison to attend the Columbiettes Chapter meetings. The purpose of that is to report on the fine works of the Knights of Columbus are doing, and also give an opportunity for the Columbiettes to let the councils know what they and to the auxiliaries are doing. If you have any questions please contact me .My contact is listed below.

Also, I need to know from the councils in your Chapter if any Councils have Ladies Auxiliaries? The Ladies Auxiliaries are different from the Columbiettes. I appreciate this information. Please email me any information that you can – thank you!

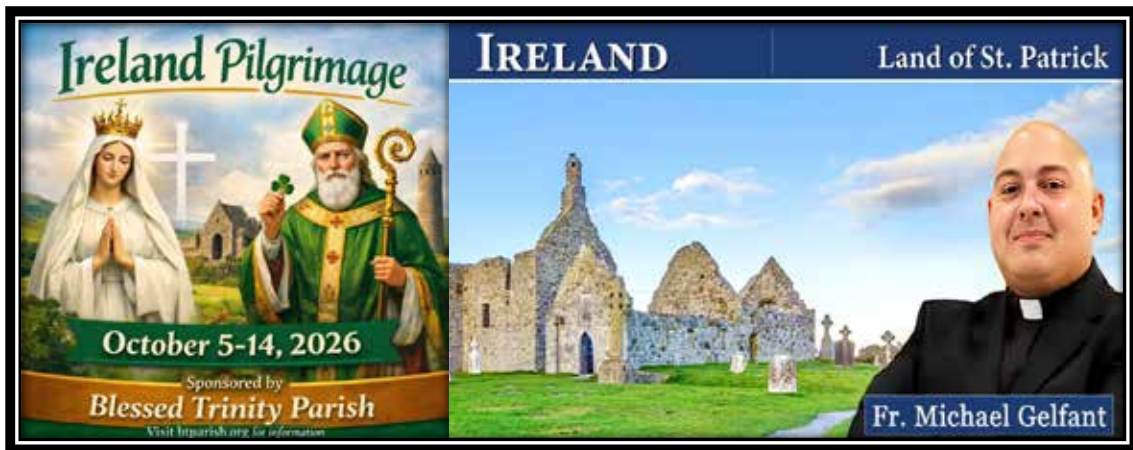
Fraternally,

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NYS Chairman Columbiettes, Ladies Auxiliaries

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Honoring our mothers is a Catholic Tradition



Mother's Day has been celebrated as a national holiday in the United States on the second Sunday of May since 1914. This year we celebrate it on May 10th. But Catholics have been celebrating a sort of mother's day since the first few centuries of the Church. The fourth Sunday of Lent, or Laetare Sunday, traditionally was a time to return to your mother church (home parish) and leave an offering. Also known as **Mothers Sunday**, it naturally evolved into honoring your mother as well. And devotion to Mary, the mother of God and our spiritual mother, in the month of May gives this holiday depth for Catholics that goes far beyond giving flowers or candy on Mother's Day.


"God, creator and lord of the universe, chose to put himself — tiny, needy and helpless — into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering — both physical and spiritual — in every time and every corner of the world recollects Mary's."

In Catholic tradition, the month of May is dedicated to Mary. Chosen by God above all other women, Mary's faith and obedience paved the way for the Incarnation. Her example teaches us faith, obedience, humility and most of all, how to love. According to St. Thomas of Villanova, "If in this world any creature ever loved God with whole heart, with whole soul, and with whole mind, she was the creature." At the foot of the cross, her heart broke for Jesus, yet she accepted God's will not only for her Son, but for herself in her new role as mother to us all. (John 19:25-27) As we honor our earthly mothers this month, let's honor our heavenly mother as well. Those devoted to her are always led to her Son. For her wise counsel tells us, "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5).

A Mothers Love goes beyond anything we can comprehend, and rivals even God's Love for us. Your Mother loves you unconditionally. It knows no bounds, no limitations. We know that the Bible tells us that God knew us before we were formed in the womb. Well your Mom was a close second, she knew you the minute you were formed, or close to it. What can we do to honor our Mothers this Mother's day? If you are so fortunate to still have your Mother living, it goes without saying that you should reach out to her, either with a visit, or if that is not possible, a phone call. You don't have to spend money to show the moms in your life how much you care. Send them a spiritual bouquet for Mother's Day. Ask the Blessed Mother to intercede for them. That is one of the best gifts you can give. For women have no greater role model than Mary. And you can pray the rosary for your mom. You can do that with your family, even at the cemetery. What a wonderful way to honor your mom.

The Officers, Directors, Chairman and Staff of the NYS Council would like to offer all of our Mothers, and yours, both living and deceased, a very Blessed Mother's Day. Please know that we love you always, you are always in our Hearts and we carry you with us forever.

**"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." -
St. Thérèse of Lisieux**



*Dear Father, We thank you
for our amazingly brave men
and women who made the
ultimate sacrifice for the
people of this nation. Thank
you for people who put others
before themselves and, in
doing so, emulate the same
kind of love that you did
when you died on the cross for
us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

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*"Have courage,
and trust in God
who helps those
who trust in Him."*

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PRAYER TO
Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

O loving God,
You inspired Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini
to serve You in the poor,
the sick and the abandoned.

By her example and intercession,
grant that we may have the courage
to follow Your will
and serve others with love.

Teach us to trust always
in the Sacred Heart of Your Son,
and to carry His mercy
to all whom we meet.

Help us to be courageous in faith,
generous in service,
and faithful in prayer,
so that Your love
may be known and shared
through our lives.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

♥ *Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini,* ♥
PRAY FOR US.



MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS,
I TRUST IN YOU.

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*Trust in the Sacred Heart
Serve with Love
Be Courageous in Faith*





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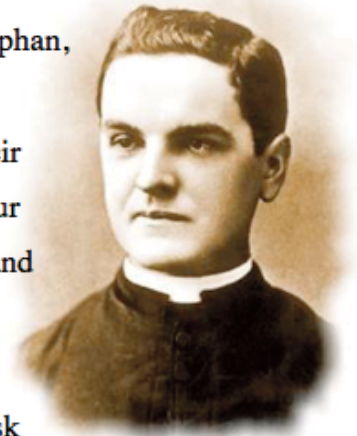
Mother's Day
May 10th



Memorial Day
May 25th

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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Tel: 203-752-4087

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