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“To keep me from sin and straying from Him, God has used devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. My life vows destined to be spent in the light irradiating from the tabernacle, and it is to the Heart of Jesus that I dare go for the solution of all my problems”

~ Pope John XXIII

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State Deputy's Message

June Message



Dear Brother Knights,

As we stand at the threshold between one fraternal year and the next, I find myself reflecting on a simple question: *How did we do?* Looking back on this first year together, I can say with confidence that we did great. Could we have done better? Of course — improvement is always possible, and the desire to grow keeps us sharp. But when I look at the year behind us, I see a year filled with **purpose, progress, and pride.**

When we began this journey, we set out to make meaningful changes and to make a difference. **Together, we have done exactly that — and the best is yet to come.**

Our membership and program teams have been nothing short of outstanding. Their dedication, creativity, and relentless drive have strengthened councils across our jurisdiction. We are close to reaching our membership goal, and our online conversion rate stands among the best in the Order. Our Faith in Action program team has come on strong, and the response to our Family of the Year and Chaplain of the Year awards was exceptional, with applications coming in from every corner of the State.

Our training teams — Brothers serving their own regions — brought formation and support to all twelve minor conferences, ensuring that every leader had the tools they needed. Delivering training locally proved more effective and more personal, and it strengthened the bonds within each area.

Our communications team — through our website, newsletter, and timely updates — has provided clarity, connection, and confidence to our members. The website continues to improve, and our newsletter has become one of the finest publications in the Order.

Our staff has worked tirelessly behind the scenes, ensuring that every visit is warm, welcoming, and efficient. Their commitment to service strengthens the entire State Council.

We also extend heartfelt thanks to our priests, who continue to go the extra mile to bring God into our meetings — through the presence of the Blessed Sacrament,

through confessions, and through their spiritual guidance to our Brothers and Sisters. God is welcomed back into our chambers, helping us make the decisions that must be made. What a powerful sight it was to see them all gathered at the altar during Mass. Their ministry enriches everything we do.

But most importantly, I want to thank **you**, my Brother Knights, and your families. Your encouragement, your trust, and your steadfast support mean more than you know. You inspire us, strengthen us, and remind us why this work matters.

I am deeply proud of our State Officers, who have stepped up and managed their responsibilities with dedication and heart. They have worked tirelessly in their areas, bringing the message of the State Council to the councils they serve. The same is true of our Board of District Deputies, whose leadership keeps us strong, focused, and on target.

As we enter another fraternal year, we do so with high hopes and even bigger dreams. We are determined to place the New York Jurisdiction among the leaders of our Order — and with your help, your faith, and your confidence in those who serve, **we will achieve that goal.**

I look forward to continuing the great works we have begun and to remaining firmly rooted in the principles of Blessed Michael J. McGivney. I am proud and honored to be your State Deputy. Let us go forward together into this second year — united in purpose, strengthened by faith, and committed to leaving a legacy of charity, unity, and fraternity that will guide future administrations for years to come.

Vivat Jesus

Gary J. Leonardo
NY State Deputy



My brother Knights,

As we enter the month of June, our attention focuses on three things that I would like to talk about briefly in this month's state newsletter:

First, June 7th is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (the Most holy Body and Blood of Christ) in which parishes throughout the state will hold Eucharistic processions in their respective communities.

This is a practice that needs a deep sense of rekindling for the most obvious reason – the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is the greatest treasure we have as Catholics. We owe it to our Lord and to our Church to seek a deeper knowledge and reverence for the Eucharist. I encourage all of you to participate in a Eucharistic procession in your community. If your church is not having one, wander over to the next one and participate (if possible) with your families. Let us be effective witnesses of the Eucharistic love of Jesus by adoring him in procession and in adoration this first weekend of June!

Second, June 12th gives us the great Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This day, traditionally falling on the Friday after the feast of Corpus Christi links the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist to the heart of our Savior. Fr. Gelfant in his remarks to the State Convention spoke about the Sacred heart and the devotion to Him at length. This year, our Order has begun the program encouraging parishes to enshrine the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in parishes. This is an amazing way for us to link our families to the time-honored tradition of consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Some saints that we can look to for inspiration who had great devotion to the Sacred Heart are Padre Pio, St. John Bosco, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, St. Faustina Kowalska among others. Pick one of those saints for your family, teach your children about their life, in particular their devotion to the Sacred Heart and use it as a means of emulation in your own lives.

Finally, a word of thanks to all who have worked so hard this Columbian year to make it so successful in our state! It takes many hands to make work light (as the old adage says) and our state family has done that and then some. A word of deep thanks and congratulations to our Worthy State Deputy, Gary Leonardo and the State officers for a job well done and congratulations on your re-election this past May at the State Convention. A sincere word of thanks to all the state family, district deputies, grand knights, officers and directors who make our state run so smoothly. A word of gratitude as well to my brother chaplains - I look forward to our continued work together. May God bless all of us as we continue to forge ahead in the mission and work of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney!

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Jean-Pierre A. Seon
Associate State Chaplain, NYS Council



Brother Knights,

As we enter the month of June, I want to personally thank each and every one of you for your outstanding dedication and hard work this fraternal year. Your efforts have produced impressive results, with many councils achieving **Star, Double Star, and even Triple Star status**. These accomplishments reflect the strength of our Order in New York State and the true spirit of Columbianism. Congratulations on all you have achieved!

Now is the time to finish strong and aim even higher. I strongly urge every council to make a final push for the **Star Council Award**. This prestigious recognition is within reach for many more councils, and earning it brings well-deserved honor to your members and your local community.

To secure the **Star Council Award** (and to avoid any last-minute issues), please take the following actions immediately:

- Complete and **submit the SP-7 Form** as soon as possible. Early submission is critical — it allows time to identify and correct any errors so the form can be resubmitted if needed before deadlines pass.
- Ensure full **Safe Environment compliance** for all applicable members and volunteers. This remains a non-negotiable requirement and an important priority for our Order.
- Host or participate in at least **two Fraternal Benefit Events** during the year. These events are an excellent way to promote our insurance programs while strengthening brotherly bonds and serving our communities.

Your State Membership Team stands ready to assist any council that needs guidance, resources, or support to complete these requirements. Do not hesitate to reach out — we are here to help you succeed. Let us come together in these final weeks to maximize our impact, grow our membership, and celebrate the fraternal achievements that make the Knights of Columbus the premier Catholic men's organization in the world.

Thank you again for your tireless service, leadership, and commitment. Keep up the outstanding work!

Vivat Jesus!

Carl Schneider
State Membership Chairman
New York State Knights of Columbus



As we enter the final month of this fraternal year, we do so with gratitude for all that has been accomplished in our councils across New York State. Our brothers have served their parishes, supported their communities, strengthened their families, and witnessed our faith with generosity and conviction. Yet even as we celebrate what has been done, we must also recognize that our work for this year is not quite finished.

There is still important business before us. Many councils have year-end tasks to complete, meaningful programs still to execute, and essential forms still to submit. These final weeks are not merely administrative, they are an opportunity to finish the year with discipline, purpose, and pride. Every report submitted, every service activity completed, and every program carried through to the end reflects our commitment to excellence and our dedication to the mission of the Knights of Columbus.

Now is the time for every Grand Knight, council program director, and council officer to take a careful look at what remains on the calendar. Review your council's outstanding responsibilities and confirm that planned programs are conducted with care and visibility. Make sure forms and reports are accurate, complete, and submitted on time. A strong finish requires attention, teamwork, and follow-through from every level of leadership.

When we finish well, we do more than close out a successful year, we set a standard for the one to come. We show our members, our parishes, and our communities that the work of charity, unity, and fraternity is conducted with consistency and integrity. The final month of the year is our chance to demonstrate that our commitment does not fade at the finish line, but grows stronger as we prepare the way for those who will continue the work after us.

Thank you for the dedication you have shown throughout this fraternal year. I encourage every council in New York State to use this last month wisely, complete the tasks before you, execute the programs still within reach, and submit every required form before their due date. Let us move forward together and finish this year strong, united in purpose and steadfast in service.

Fraternally,

SK Thomas M. Moran
NYS Program Director

PROGRAM ALERT

Please note that the deadline for New York State ASAP & RSVP Rebates is rapidly approaching. ASAP form #11418 or RSVP form #2863 must be submitted to the Supreme Council and be processed before you can apply for the N.Y.S. Rebate.

Note that the Supreme Program deadline is June 30, 2026

New York State ASAP & RSVP Rebate forms can be found @ <http://newyorkknights.com> , under New York Forms Tab, [RSVP Rebate Form](#) and [ASAP Rebate Application](#).

The requirements for the rebate are:

- NY State Rebate Form (from NYS website)
- Copy of Supreme Council Rebate check/voucher
- Payment of your NYS Per-Capita assessment
- Minimum purchase of 25 FundCrazr Football Raffle Tickets

There is no C&B requirement this year to qualify for the rebate.

Please email your submissions to;
Tom Humel @ ttk13@verizon.net **Before June 13, 2026**

Please feel free to contact Tom Humel @ 631 445-3253
or ttk13@verizon.net with any questions.

Vivat Jesus,
Tom Humel



2025–2026 Star Council Checklist

To earn the **Star Council Award** in the 2025–2026 fraternal year, your council must meet all requirements by the end of the year (**June 30, 2026**). The award recognizes outstanding achievement in **membership, insurance, and programming**.

Core Requirements

1. **Father McGivney Award (Membership Growth)**
 - Achieve a **6% net increase** in membership by June 30, 2026.
 - Intake must be between **5 and 15 new members** (based on total membership)
2. **Founders' Award (Insurance & Fraternal Benefit Events)**
 - Host/promote **at least two Fraternal Benefit Events** (live or online).
 - Minimum attendance:
 - **10** attendees for councils with 99 or fewer members.
 - **14** attendees for councils with 100 or more members.
 - Submit **Form 11077** (Founders' Award Application) within 7 days of the seminar.
3. **Columbian Award (Programming & Charitable Outreach)**
 - Submit **Form SP-7** by **June 30, 2026**.
 - Earn **16 program credits** total:
 - 4 credits in each of the four categories: **Faith, Family, Community, Life**.
 - Featured programs count as **2 credits** each/
4. **Service Program Personnel Report (Form #365)**
 - Due **July 1, 2025**.
5. **Report of Officers Chosen for the Term (Form #185)**
 - Due **July 1, 2025**.
6. **Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form #1728)**
 - Due **January 31, 2026**.
7. **Council In Good Standing**
 - Fully compliant with applicable **Safe Environment Program** requirements (U.S. and Canada only).



C&B

At the 2026 State Convention last month we honored the top the DD's in each conference. These DD's aggregately increased the books per member 41% This emphasized the importance of our DD's in working with their Councils in growing sales. We continue to ask for DD support this year.

Who will be next year's winners?

The following DD's were acknowledged by the State Deputy and received a gift as a token of our appreciation

Congratulations to:

John Thompson
William Ramsey
Stephen Hurchla
David Gilfoy
David Kibler
Joe Sbarra
James Nolan
Gerald Soulia
Michael McCorey
James Kaan
Steven Brundage
Nick Gallegos

Reminder the Quick Start is Sunday July 19 @ VILLA ROMA - PRIZES WILL CONTINUE TO BE DISTRIBUTED BASED ON THE (3) MAJOR CONFERENCES

1st Prize \$400.00 Each – Total \$1,200.00
2nd Prize \$250.00 Each – Total \$750.00
3rd Prize \$100.00 Each – Total \$300.00

Make sure to get your sold books sent in or to your DD to participate!
The C&B team is available for any assistance needed

Ken Karchinski
Director C&B



My Brothers of the NYS Council – You made it through another Year! It is hard to imagine that it has been a year already! I want to take a moment to Congratulate and thank all of you – all of the GK's and Council Officers and Brothers, along with the DD's for all of their hard work this past

Columbian Year. What an amazing job you all did in representing our Order! It is truly an honor and a privilege to get to talk to so many of you, either in person or through emails, about what your Councils are doing. It never ceases to amaze me to hear about all of the different events and programs that are being run all throughout our State! Keep up the great work!! And that goes for all of the Chapters and Conferences and Assembly's too!

And of course I can't forget about all of the Officers, Directors, Chaplains, Administrative State Chairman, Chairmen and Staff Members of our own New York State Council. What a great group of men, all dedicated to doing the work of the Order, many of who are still heavily involved in their Home Councils, Chapters, Conferences and Assemblies as well! These men are workers and doers. They are more than just a pretty face, they are not afraid to dig in and get their hands dirty when necessary. And it is a great privilege to count myself among them.

I want to wish all of the Dad's a Happy Father's Day! You are not only leaders in our Order, but you are the leaders of your families as well (No matter what your wife says!). In all seriousness, that is a great responsibility, as you know. My prayers are with you! And that goes for all of the Uncles, Godfathers and all of you that may not have kids, but still continue to be a presence in the lives of young people in your family or neighborhood. Continue to lead by setting an example of what a catholic gentleman is! Vivat Jesus. See you next year!

Michael Boehm
NYS Newsletter Editor

On Sunday May 17th the NYS Council held its ***Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Island Shrine*** in Manorville, on Eastern Long Island. I don't know how he does it, but once again Chairman Lou Pepe arranged for a glorious beautiful day! Bishop Barres was there to celebrate the Mass along with our own Fr. Mike Johnson and Fr. Hugh. We began with a lovely Rosary in front of the Statue of Blessed McGivney and then had a wonderful Mass. Thank you to everyone who came out for this event!





Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 11, 2026

On June 11, 2026, as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Parishes and Councils around the country are encouraged to join the bishops in celebrating the consecration of our nation to the Sacred Heart and to pray the Novena.

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you.

From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.

Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you.

We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America.

Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

We encourage you to pray this Novena. It is something individual Brother Knights can do or together as a Family or with your Council. Join together with Catholics all over America for this Historic Event.

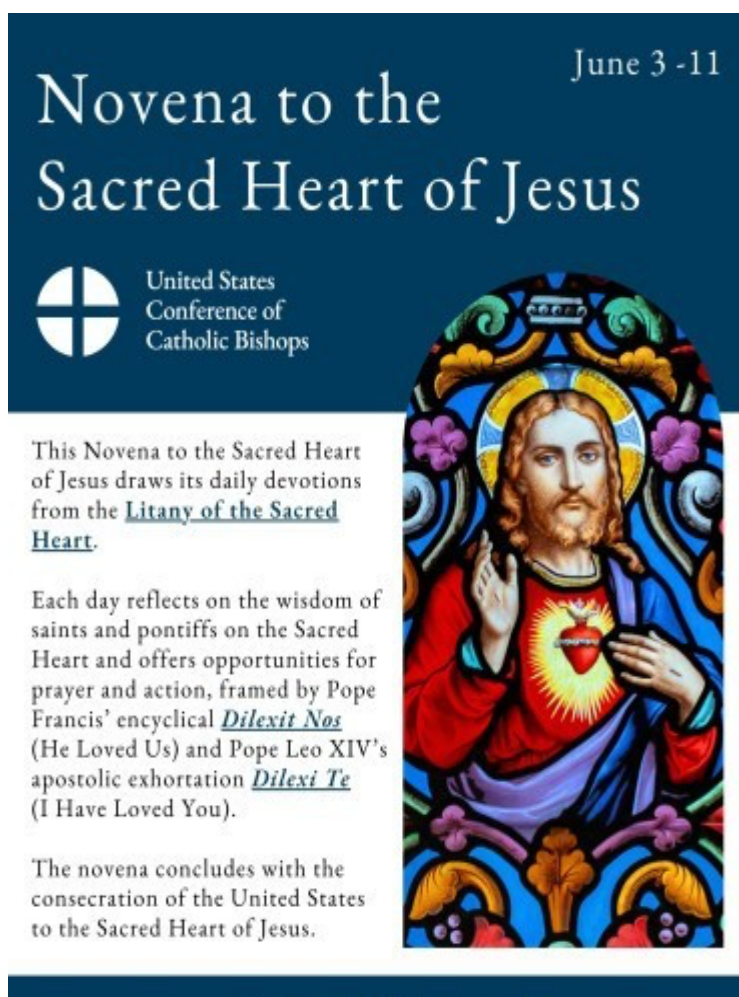
June 3 – June 11

This Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus draws its daily devotions from the **Litany of the Sacred Heart**. Each day reflects on the wisdom of saints and pontiffs on the Sacred Heart and offers opportunities for prayer and action, framed by Pope Francis' encyclical *Dilexit Nos* (He Loved Us) and Pope Leo XIV's apostolic exhortation *Dilexi Te* (I Have Loved You).

Join the U.S. Church from **June 3-11** in praying this Novena to the Sacred Heart, which will conclude with the consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Click or copy and

paste in your browser the link below for the USCCB website for more information on the Consecration and the Novena Prayer.

<https://www.usccb.org/consecration-united-states-sacred-heart-jesus>

The poster features a dark blue background. At the top right, the dates "June 3 -11" are written in white. The title "Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus" is prominently displayed in a large, white, serif font. Below the title is the logo of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which consists of a white cross inside a circle, followed by the text "United States Conference of Catholic Bishops" in a smaller white font. On the right side of the poster is a colorful stained-glass style illustration of Jesus Christ with his Sacred Heart glowing and surrounded by a crown of thorns. Below the illustration, there are three paragraphs of white text. The first paragraph states that the novena draws its devotions from the Litany of the Sacred Heart. The second paragraph describes the daily reflections on the wisdom of saints and pontiffs, framed by Pope Francis' encyclical Dilexit Nos and Pope Leo XIV's apostolic exhortation Dilexi Te. The third paragraph notes that the novena concludes with the consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

June 3 -11

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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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

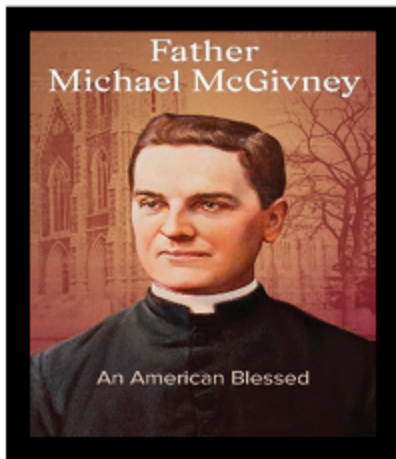
Send Submissions To:

Saville1@yahoo.com
SK Stephen Saville FN
State Chairman of Priest Recognition
NYS Council - Knights of Columbus
518-538-3391



St John Paul II Council 338 is proud to nominate Fr. Christopher Emminger for recognition on *Clergy Spotlight*. As Pastor of the Enchanted Mountains Catholic Community (EMCC), Fr. Chris served as the Pastor for three parishes: the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels (where he was also Rector), St. John the Evangelist, and St. Bonaventure. As a relatively junior Priest, this was an immense responsibility, and while he was assisted for part of his tenure by another Priest serving as Parochial Vicar, Fr. Chris was the Spiritual Father of the EMCC. During his tenure, he was responsible for several accomplishments that deserve recognition. These include reinvigorating the Parish Councils, a successful parish festival at the Basilica, and a very positive response to the Diocesan Road to Renewal and the first tranche of the Pillars of Formation. However, we want to focus on his service to our parishes through his support of the Knights of Columbus. He served as the Chaplain of the Council and proposed that the Knights develop and implement a *Vocation Chalice* program, providing a chalice for that very purpose. Fr. Chris intended to share this chalice among families with young children, to encourage them to consider vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life, and promote prayerful discernment of vocations. Another Knights program he has embraced is our EMCC *Cor* program. While Fr. Chris was transferred before the program really took root, his suggestions regarding the kickoff helped facilitate the growth of *Cor*, including rotating the site of the sessions between the parishes quarterly and promoting the program through Mass and bulletin announcements.





Blessed Michael McGivney Article for June 2026

A Holy Death

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed in us (Rom 8:18).

Falling ill amid the influenza pandemic of 1889-90, Father McGivney traveled far to find effective treatments but always returned to his parish to tend to his duties while his health lasted. In his final days, priests visited to comfort him, learn from him, and administer the Last Rites. For his own part, he prayed fervently for his parishioners and his Knights, offering his sufferings for their spiritual and temporal welfare. A man of practical action till the end, he updated his will, providing for the seminary education of his youngest brother and dividing his goods among his siblings. The flu, known as the “grippe,” that consumed the world’s attention also grabbed hold of his body. He was confined to bed in his rectory for much of the summer before succumbing to the virus, with an underlying condition of tuberculosis, on Aug. 14, 1890, two days past his 38th birthday, on the vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was a model of goodness and patience and — in his last priestly act on earth — offered himself to God in a holy death. As one of his Knights remembered, “He was a man of the people. He was zealous of his people’s welfare, and all the kindness of his priestly soul asserted itself more strongly in his unceasing efforts for the betterment of their condition.” The remembrance card at his funeral quoted a passage from the Book of Wisdom that highlighted his holiness of life and closeness to God: “Being made perfect in a short space, he fulfilled a long time; for his soul pleased God, therefore He hastened to bring him out of the midst of iniquity” (Wis 4:13-14).

Petitions

For our loved ones who have died, that they may soon see the face of God in the land of the living. **R/ Grant our prayer, Lord, through the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney.**

For those who suffer in mind, body or soul, that they may be comforted and healed by God’s gracious hand. **R/ Grant our prayer, Lord, through the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney.**

This is what the McGivney Guild is all about. Through love, allowing a loved one to see the face of God in the land of the living. We Knights must do our part to lift 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. Freunds Schuh, PGK, FSD
New York State Council Chairman—McGivney Guild
Thomas.Freunds Schuh@gmail.com



My Brother Knights,

As we approach the end of the Columbian year. Our Columbiettes are still very active. They will be attending their convention at the beginning of June. I hope all the councils that have Columbiettes will keep working hard as they have in this Columbian year and for the start of the new one. For all those councils that have not formed a Columbiettes Auxiliary this is a great time to start thinking of forming an Auxiliary in your council. When Columbiettes and Knights work together it forms a united bond. If anyone has any questions on how to go about forming a Columbiette Auxiliary. Please contact me and I will refer you to the procedure.

Fraternally,
Joe Muller
NYState Chairman
Columbiettes Ladies Auxiliary
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joemul1024@gmail.com



June 21st is Father's Day, and let me be the first one to wish all my Brother Knights out there a Happy Father's Day. I came across this article by Dr. Gregory Popcak that serves as a sorta guide for all the catholic dads out there and I thought I would share it with you. I hope that you find it useful. You guys are awesome and doing the best job that you can – keep up the good work and God Bless you all!

Blessed Are Dads Who Are Poor In Spirit

Seek to be a father after THE Father's own heart.

Being a dad is on-the-job training. No one has it figured out. Don't pretend you do. Go to God every day. Ask him to teach you to be the husband and father he wants you to be; the husband and father your wife and children need you to be.

Blessed Are The Dads Who Mourn

Be not afraid of feelings. Empathize with your family's tears, fears, and struggles. In scripture, "mourning" doesn't mean "be sad" so much as it means "cultivate a compassionate heart." It is not your job to fix or feel judged by your wife or kids' feelings. It is your job to be present to your wife and kids, to understand why they feel as they do, to show that you care, and to help them work through their feelings in godly ways

Blessed Are The Dads Who Are Meek

Meekness isn't weakness. Cultivate the humble strength of a listening heart. In biblical Greek, the word for "meek" is "praus," it was an adjective used to describe a war horse that is not easily spooked in battle and responds readily to its rider's commands. A real leader *listens* first. The father who is authentically meek is not afraid to listen to God and to attend to the needs his wife and children bring to him especially when doing so requires him to grow, change, or learn new skills.

Blessed Are The Dads Who Hunger And Thirst For Righteousness

Awesome Dads are on a Mission from God. Live for Him. Lead your family To Him. Research shows that when dads model discipleship in their lives and relationship and take the lead in prayer, faith formation, and character training in the home, kids are exponentially more likely to live your faith and values as adults. Be the father that leads your family to THE father.

Blessed Are The Dads Who Are Merciful

Be a loving mentor in your home. Don't break hearts. Mold them. Don't be "The Punisher." Be a mentor and teacher. Treat your children with respect. Don't just yell or impose harsh consequences when they mess up. Instead, teach them how to meet their needs and express themselves in good and godly ways. Put more energy into encouraging, teaching and supporting good behavior than in punishing bad. Easier said than done!

Blessed Are the Dads Who Are Pure in Heart

Cherish the treasure of your wife and children. Protect their dignity. Affirm their worth Pope St. John Paul the Great taught that the opposite of love is use. Love makes people more people-y. Use makes people into things or tools. Don't treat your wife or kids as the "things" that exist to make YOUR life easier. Set the standard for loving service in your home.

Blessed Are the Dads Who Are Peacemakers

Keep your house in order. Prioritize your family. Protect the heart of your home. St. Augustine said, "Peace is the tranquility of right order." Be the hands-on dad that makes sure your household is characterized by respect, generosity, mutual service, and orderliness.

Blessed Are the Dads Who Are Persecuted for the Sake Of Righteousness

The world will try to undermine your effort to be an awesome dad. Be one anyway. When your friends, family-of-origin, co-workers, or employers try to make you sacrifice what's best for your family for what they want, choose your family and know God the Father will honor your sacrifice.



Grand Knight John Stedman (r) Knights of Columbus Fr. LaFarge Council 4012 of Yorktown Heights NY presents annual donation checks of \$1000 for student scholarships and \$500 for technology and safety initiatives to St. Patrick's School Principal John Amelio and Msgr. Joseph Giandurco, pastor of St. Patrick's Church. Scholarship and donation funds are raised from **C&B** sales. The donation funds for tech and safety will be matched by NYS KofC.



and listening to music. Our Knights set up, served and cleaned up.

The Knights of Christ The King Council #3993 had the pleasure of helping the Parish Youth group and Activities committee host the Blessed Sacrament Church family BBQ after the 12.30 mass. Over 100 parishioners young and old enjoyed food donated by Osteria Santina and Harvest Cafe while playing games



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

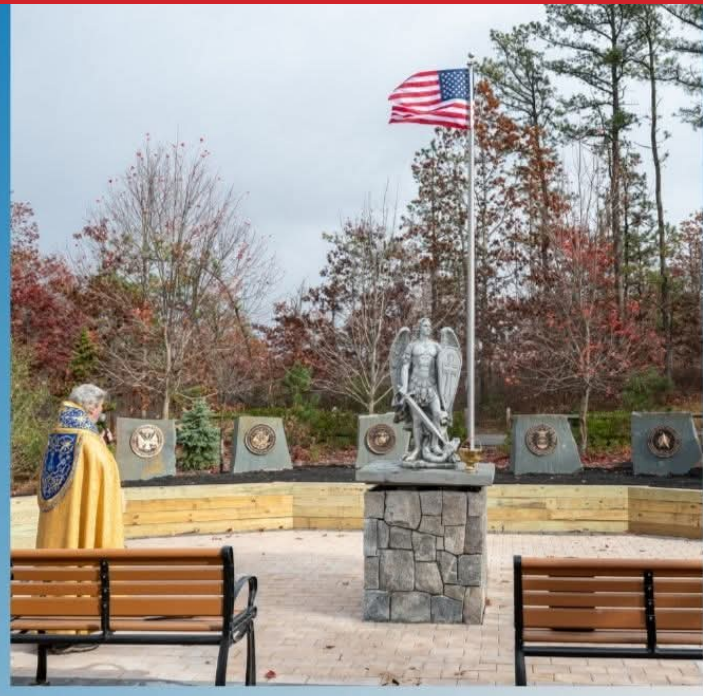
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SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Mass at 11:30 am at the Rock of Our Lady
Followed by a Procession and the Solemn
Dedication of the Site



Dedication Ceremony
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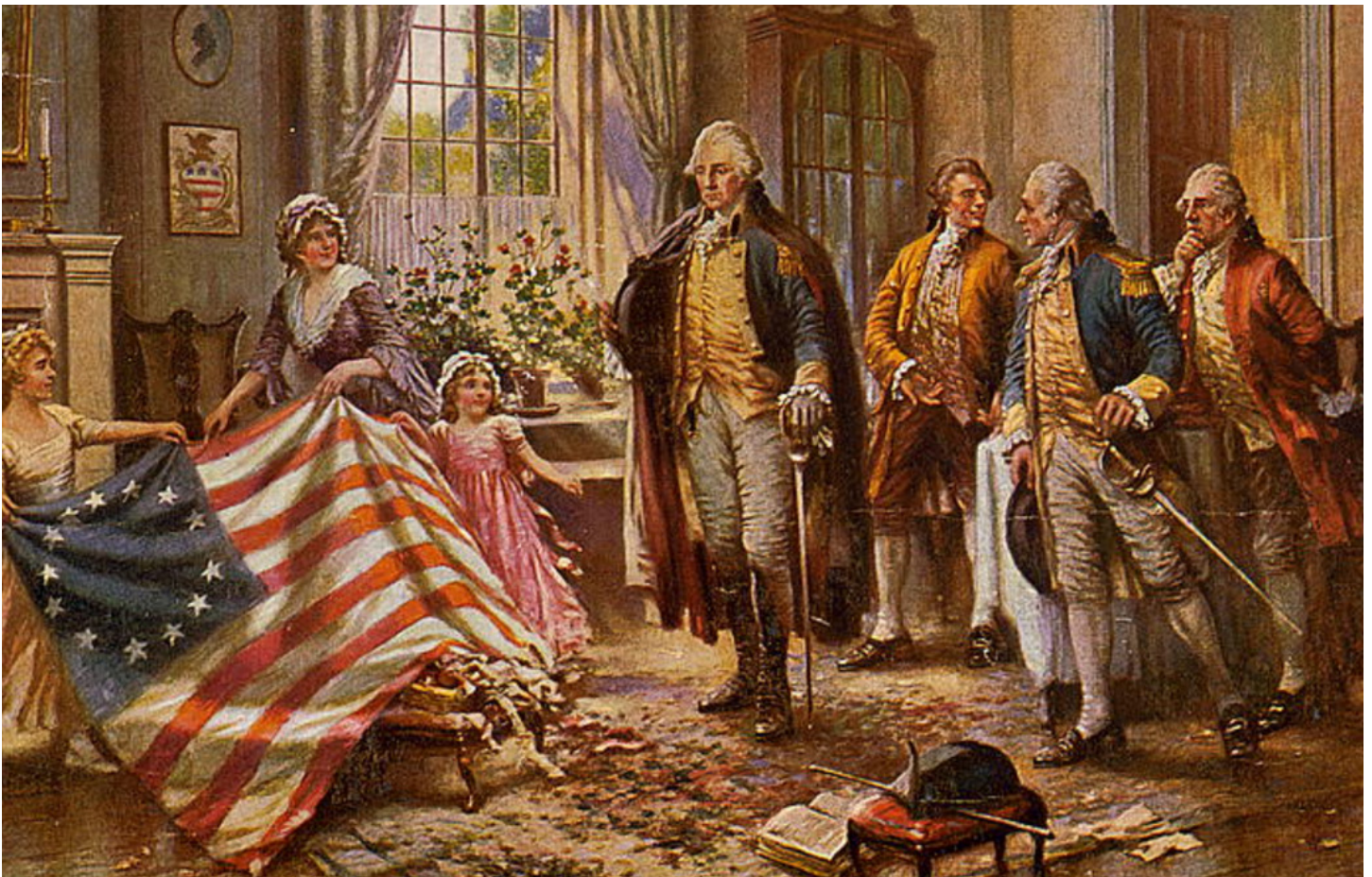
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June



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June 14th



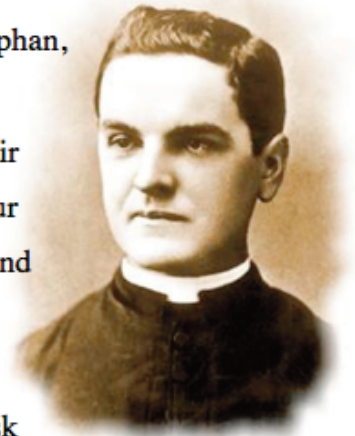
Juneteenth
June 19th



Father's Day
June 21st

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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