

Knights of Columbus | Milford Knightly News

**John Paul II
Council 13935
Milford, PA**

St. Patrick's Milford PA



St. Joseph's Matamoras PA

April 2024

Council Officers

Grand Knight: Benny Marasa
Deputy GK: Joe Saski
Chancellor: Larry Commisso
Chaplain: Fr. Joseph Manarchuck
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Treasurer: Bill Reed
Recorder: Mark Madsen
Advocate: Bill Gaa
Warden: Paul Schatteman
Inside Guard: Gene Burns
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Lecturer: Bill Gaa

Directors

Program: Joe Saski
Membership: Tony Perito
Faith: Ray Proulx
Family: Joe Saski
Community: Joe Dooley
Life: Tony Perito

Birthdays

Dennis Gilpin
Ernest Sandonato
Stephen Leech

Meeting Dates

Officer's Meeting
April 4th @ 7pm

St. Patrick's Community Hall

Business Meeting
April 18th @ 7pm

St. Patrick's Community Hall
Dinner served @ 6:30pm

Assembly Meeting
April 23rd @ 5pm

Antonio's Cafe
Dinner served @ 6:00pm

Color Corps Practice
April 24th @ 6pm

St. John Neumann's Parish

St. Patrick's Day Parade



On March 17th, The Feast of St. Patrick, our council was prominently displayed in Milford's first ever St. Patrick's day parade. In the photo above from left to right: Brothers Paul Schatteman, Tony Perito, Ron Jason, Larry Commisso, Paul Wojcik, Benny Marasa, Greg Chelak, and Steve Celentano. Brother Gene Grimes joined a few minutes after the photo. Brothers Joe Dooley, Matt Osterberg, and Joe Saski also marched in the parade on behalf of other organizations they are with.

Food for Families

On March 24th, Palm Sunday, our council hosted our monthly Food for Families dinner. Our guest speaker was Jim Pierce of Pike County Hands of Hope.

Our next Food for Families dinner will be on April 28th. Our guest speaker will be Carla Brown from Pike County Child and Youth Services. We will be serving smash burgers, fries and onion rings.





Family Fully Alive

Our Council provided pizza during St. Patrick's live stations of the cross. We also handed out the Family Fully Alive pamphlets. These are used with families to help them grow their faith and build a family prayer time.

There were about two dozen families present at the event and it was a great success.

You can learn more about the Family Fully Alive program on our website www.kofc13935.org under the faith section.

Cor

Join other men in a meeting to unify us in our faith through formation and fraternity. This men's Bible study focuses on the next Sunday's readings in a way that we can share and learn from one another. The Cor Christi meeting is open to all men and not just Knights of Columbus members. You are cordially invited to our COR meeting this Saturday morning April 6th at St. Patrick's Activity Room, from 9:00 to 10:30 am. It is an occasion to meet with other Catholic men and grow in our faith and fraternity. We will be having coffee and bagels. Please feel free to invite any other Catholic men to come with you.

The readings for the Cor meeting are on the last page of the newsletter.

Monthly Holy Hour

Our council held its monthly Holy Hour on March 19th. There were 10 people in attendance. Including three brother knights.

The next Holy Hour at St. Patrick's will be on April 16th at 7pm at St. Patrick's Church. We ask that you please include a petition for an increase in vocations, especially for the priesthood, in your prayers.

If you have any questions please contact the committee chairman Brother Gene Burns.



Prayer for the Canonization 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.



Coffee Socials

St. Joseph's will be holding their monthly coffee social on April 21st after the 8:30am Mass. St. Patrick's will be holding their monthly coffee social on April 14th after the 11am Mass. Both are opportunities for Knights to talk with prospective men who may be interested in joining our order. We are also encouraged to assist with the coffee social.

Welcome New Brother

Welcome brother Ed Guitterez. Brother Ed received his exemplification and lessons in Charity, Unity, and Fraternity at our last business meeting on March 21st. Ed is a retired NYC police officer and currently works as a boat salesman. He is a parishioner of St. Joseph's Parish and serves as an usher there regularly. Once again welcome brother Ed, Vivat Jesus!



Red White & Blue Raffle

May is the Red White and Blue raffle. If you can donate any bottles of wine or spirits bring it to the April Meeting. We will start selling raffle tickets in church after Easter. Right now Tony Perito has tickets to sell. If you can't make the meeting reach out to me and we can make arrangements to pick it up.

Proceeds from the RWB raffle goes to the Special Olympics and Local Veterans organizations like Vet Stock and Wreathes Across America. Along with our 15% Fund.

Prayer to St. John Paul The Great

Oh, St. John Paul, from the window of heaven, grant us your blessing! Bless the Church that you loved and served and guided, courageously leading her along the paths of the world in order to bring Jesus to everyone and everyone to Jesus. Bless the young, who were your great passion. Help them dream again, help them look up to the heavens again to find the light that illuminates the paths of life here on earth.

May you bless each and every family! You warned of Satan's assault against this precious and indispensable divine spark that God lit on earth. St. John Paul, with your prayer, may you protect the family and every life that blossoms from the family.

Pray for the whole world, which is still marked by tensions, wars and injustice. You opposed war by invoking dialogue and planting the seeds of love: pray for us so that we may be tireless sowers of peace.

Oh St. John Paul, from heaven's window, where we see you beside Mary, send God's blessing down upon us all.

Amen.



Annual Golf Outing

Our annual golf outing will be held on May 22nd at High Point Country Club. Brother Knights are encouraged to either volunteer to assist with the event or attend as a golfer. We split the proceeds with St. Eugene the Worker Council in Port Jervis. This fundraiser supports lots of programs, including RSVP and Good Counsel Homes.

Rosary for Life

A Rosary for Life was held on March 25th at St. Patrick's Church. There were 8 people in attendance. We prayed for an end to abortion, a promotion of the Gospel of Life and for us to have radical solidarity with pregnant women and families in need.

The next Rosary for Life will be held on the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Monday, May 13th. If you have any questions please reach out to the life director, brother Tony Perito.



Fraternal Benefits

We will be holding a fraternal benefits event before the next general meeting. This will be done via the on-demand video program. This is a great opportunity to learn about what kind of financial and insurance products the Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefits program has.

We are required to hold two Fraternal Benefits events every fraternal year. Please come and learn about how the Knights can protect you and your assets.

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dearest Lady of Guadalupe, fruitful Mother of Holiness, teach me your ways of gentleness and strength. Hear my prayer offered with deepfelt confidence to beg this favor.... O Mary, conceived without sin, I come to your throne of grace to share the fervent devotion of your faithful Mexican children who call to you under the glorious Aztec title of "Guadalupe" the virgin who crushed the serpent. Queen of Martyrs, whose Immaculate heart was pierced by seven wounds of grief, help me to walk valiantly amid the sharp thorns thrown across my pathway. Queen of Apostles aid me to win souls for the Sacred Heart of my Savior. I plead this through the merits of your merciful Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 Officer's Meeting	5	6 Cor
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Coffee & Chat SP	15	16 Holy Hour	17	18 Business Meeting	19	20
21 Coffee & Chat SJ	22	23 Assembly Meeting	24 Color Corps Practice	25	26	27
28 Exemplification FFF/GMSC	29	30				

Communications Committee

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a great March. I think I can speak on behalf of the entire council when I say the St. Patrick's Day parade was a huge success. Thank you to brother Joe Dooley for organizing the event.

You may have noticed a significant difference, and improvement, in our communications over the past few months. I'm very happy to be able to produce, what I think is, a professional newsletter for our council. It has been a long time since we've done this and am ecstatic to get it back together. As always if you'd like to have anything added to the calendar for the next month please let brother Bill Reed, Joe Sasaki, or Tony Perito know.

Vivat Jesus!

Cor Readings

Second Sunday of Easter

Reading 1

Acts 4:32-35

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

Reading 2

1 John 5:1-6

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

