

Knights of Columbus | Milford Knightly News

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

St. Patrick's Milford PA



St. Joseph's Matamoras PA

October 2024

Council Officers

Grand Knight:	Joe Saiki
Deputy GK:	Larry Cominos
Chancellor:	Tony Purto
Chaplain:	Fr. Joseph Manarchuck
Financial Sec:	Dennis Mann
Treasurer:	Bill Reed
Recorder:	Gene Burns
Advocate:	Greg Chelak
Warden:	Paul Schatteaman
Inside Guard:	Gene Grimes
Outside Guard:	Steve Caltanano
Lecturer:	Nathaniel White

Directors

Program:	Tony Purto
Membership:	Tony Purto
Faith:	Ray Proski
Family:	Joe Saiki
Community:	Joe Doolley
Life:	Tony Purto
Evangelization:	Vacant

Meeting Dates

Officer's Meeting

November 7th @ 7pm

St. Patrick's Community Hall

Business Meeting

October 17th @ 7pm

St. Patrick's Community Hall

Dinner served @ 6:30pm

Assembly Meeting

October 22nd @ 5:30pm

St. John Neumann's Parish

Dinner served @ 6:00pm

Color Corps Practice

October 30th @ 6pm

St. John Neumann's Parish

Welcome Brother Knights



Congratulations to new brothers Jack Boyle and Tom Koenig. We look forward to having you join us in our order's mission.

And thank you to the exemplification team. This was our council's first and it was a great success.

Knight of the Month

Congratulations to brother Paul Schatteaman for being September's Knight of the Month. Paul is our council's current Warden and serves on multiple program committees along with being president of our parish's finance committee. Paul joined the order in 2022.



From the Desk of the Grand Knight

Greetings brothers,

I want to start by saying Welcome to the Council and the Knights of Columbus to our two newest brother knights Jack Boyle and Tom Koenig. Jack and Tom are going to be great additions to our Order and we hope to see great things from them in the future. Our Council has shown great growth over the last two years, and it's a pleasure to see. I'd like to say a big Thank You to our new degree team who performed a fantastic first Exemplification Ceremony.

Also, a big giant WELCOME to our community and family to Giovanni Antonio Perito. Giovanni was born September 20th to our very own Chancellor Antonio Perito and his wife Nicole. All are happy and healthy and doing well.

Congratulations, Tony and Nicole.

This month we have a lot of great events focused around life, prayer, and Mary. Check the schedule and I hope you can join us for some of these events. The food for families this month will be extra special, as we present a check for the funds the Council raised to the Special Olympics Pennsylvania Region 4 representative. There will be guest speakers and Special Olympians as guests. Good food and great guests, there's no better way to spend a Sunday evening. We have a great agenda lined up for the rest of the fall and into winter, as we launch our new Coats for Kids program. As well as expand our Keep Christ in Christmas campaign. If you get a chance, swing by an officers' meeting, social meeting, or a business meeting and let us know where you want to jump in. I hope that everybody is doing their weekly road work to prepare for this year's Khrist Kringle 5K in December.

As always, Thank You for your hard work in supporting each other and our families.

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.



Faith



Rosary

Our council held a Rosary service at St. Joseph's on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. There were five brother Knights who attended. Thank you to Brother Ed Guitierrez for organizing, promoting, and running the event!

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 November 2nd 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.

Monthly Holy Hour

The next Holy Hour at St. Patrick's will be on October 15th 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 St. Joseph's Protection

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so prompt, so strong, before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers. Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls - pray for me.

Amen.



Family

Food for Families

Our next Food for Families event will be on October 27th. Our guest speaker will be Heather Scheiner from the Special Olympics. If you are interested in helping please reach out to Tony Perito, the chairman, or Joe Saski the Family Director.



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Building the Domestic Church

The Knights of Columbus encourage members to use the Building the Domestic Church prayer booklet to promote family prayer, providing a collection of prayers that strengthen the bond between parents and children. By incorporating prayer into daily life, families are reminded to place God at the center of their relationships, creating a domestic church where faith can flourish and be passed down to future generations.

At the heart of this initiative is the belief that "a family who prays together stays together." By praying as a family, relationships grow stronger, both with God and each other. The Knights emphasize that this practice helps families build a strong foundation of faith, fostering spiritual growth and unity that can endure life's challenges.



Family of the Month

Congratulations to Frank and Jennifer Vogel for being our council's Family of the month. Frank, Jennifer and their kids exemplify the Catholic family by attending Mass regularly together.

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.



Community

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

This contest encourages today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith through creative writing. The goal of this program is to involve young Catholics in grades 8 to 12 (public, private, parochial, or home schools during the current school year) in civic discourse and instill in them religious and life-affirming values. The essay should be a 500 – 750-word paper specifically focusing on the topic listed below. Winning essays will be judged on grammar, style, and clarity. Entrants should also utilize creativity and imagination for final submissions in a manner that adequately addresses their overall position on the topic.

Topic for 2024-2025 Fraternal Year:

Virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do good. It governs our acts, orders our passions, and guides our conduct by reason and faith. It also encourages Christians to live in a relationship with the Holy Trinity. The call to live a virtuous life applies to individuals in every state of life and occupation, including our elected leaders.

What are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?

The due date for the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest is on Wednesday November 13th.



Coats for Kids

Our Council will be dipping our toes in the Coats for Kids program. The District Deputy at the last meeting let us know that State is highly encouraging council's to participate in this program. Our chairmen for the program are Chris Brighton and Dr. Joe Cirello.

If you are interested in participating in this program please reach out to Chris or Joe, or Joe Dooley the Community Director.

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.



Life

PA March for Life

Brother Knights, parishoners, and community members went down to Harrisburg on October 23rd. They braved the elements and had a great time. Thank you brothers for walking and lending your voices to the voiceless. Let's remember to continue praying after we march for a change in hearts to the decision makers in Harrisburg.



Port Jervis Prayer Chain

Brother Knights, community members, and people from the tri-state area gathered in Port Jervis for the Port Jervis Life Prayer chain. A moment for somber prayer and being a witness to the lives lost from abortion. In total over 70 people were at the prayer chain.

Brothers Tony, Paul, Joe P, and Nathaniel were present for the event.



Rosary for Life

We will be holding a Rosary for Life and Novena for the Protection of life kickoff on October 22nd after the 12pm Mass. We encourage you to attend if you can. Please reach out to the chairman Nathaniel White, or Life Director Tony Perito, if you're interested assisting.

Prayer of St. Patrick

As I arise today, may the strength of God pilot me, the power of God uphold me, the wisdom of God guide me. May the eye of God look before me, the ear of God hear me, the word of God speak for me. May the hand of God protect me, the way of God lie before me, the shield of God defend me, the host of God save me. May Christ shield me today. Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit, Christ when I stand, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

Amen





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

Program Director's Report

As of the writing of this report our council is on it's way to earning the Columbian award. Here is a chart showing the points we've earned for the Columbian program award:

Category	Points Earned	Points Needed
Faith	9	0
Family	2	2
Community	2	2
Life	5	0

