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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT...



During the month of May we honored and dedicated our time to the Blessed Mother. With our Faith in Action Program.

- First Friday Pro life Rosary followed by Adoration
- First Sunday of the month Rosary after all masses
- First Monday of the month Patriotic Rosary

Mother's Day Breakfast we honored all Mothers with a free breakfast and flowers and held a Mother's helping Mothers fund raising program for Mothers in need.

Donations were given to St Gerard House with baby items:: diapers, wipes, personal hygiene products and clothing items. We thank all for their support..

These actions honor Mary and engaged our Knights and their families to continue to grow in their faith.

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Brothers,

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your Grand Knight for the last two years. The success we have had would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of the leadership team and our membership - I want to Thank You for that. Together we have achieved Star Council for two years in a row and revitalized many programs that have benefited our parish and community.

I never planned on being Grand Knight, but sometimes the unexpected things in life are the most rewarding. Some of my favorite parts have been helping feed the poor, working with youth, and raising funds for our charities. The best part of all has been working with and building friendships with so many brother Knights in our council. I will always be grateful for and have fond memories of my time leading this amazing council.

This coming meeting will be my last as Grand Knight. I am looking forward to whatever God has in store as I continue to serve our council, church, and community. I am also excited for Bill Burns as he takes over as Grand Knight - he has done a fantastic job as Deputy Grand Knight and I am sure he will take our council to new heights of success.

Please join me at the next Council meeting as we show support and welcome our new leadership team.

Vivat Jesus !

Robert

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Knights in Action, Faith in Action

Faith



Our goal is to strengthen men and their families in the Catholic faith. Formation in our faith goes beyond mere facts or religious practice to an authentic connection with a loving God and his son Jesus Christ.

- Rosary First Friday every month followed by Adoration
- Patriotic Rosary—First Monday every month
- Vocations Program - Support our seminarians financially and spiritually
- Building the Domestic Church Kiosk. Booklets in the lobby
Into the Breach 6/9,6/23/& 7/7

Family



Father McGivney sought to strengthen the bonds of families in his parish and the Knights of Columbus. These programs, created for families by families, help us to live this call.

- Donated \$872 of valued groceries in April to Christ Cupboard - For the year valued is \$12,658
- Family of the Month - The Yelvington Family
- Family of the Year - The Wharton Family

Community



Knights are called to serve others. Our first principle is Charity – at home with our families and in our communities. When Knights of Columbus members come together they accomplish great things.

- 60 lunch bags for the needy at St Francis House 5/19
- Donate to St. Francis House food & toiletry items
- Adapt a Highway 6/12
- Help the Homeless: Gift Card, Water and Breakfast Bar.

Life



The Knights of Columbus vigorously defends the dignity of each human being at every stage of life.

- Rosary - First Sunday of the month
- Donate to Mothers in need - Baby items to St Gerard & Devine Mercy House
- Blood Donation 5/9

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Father Michael McGivney

1852-1890

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

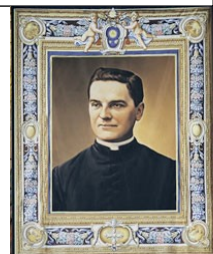
Beatified 31 October 2020

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. 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 your servant Father Michael J. 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.





Helping Life

Sources

Sir Knight Joe Bishop, Chairman of Florida K of C Charities Inc. Helping Life
Knights of Columbus web page



One of our key initiatives as members of the Knights of Columbus is to vigorously defend the dignity of each human being at every stage of life. Our efforts in the March for Life show public support for the right to life. Novena for Life we lead our community in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life in our nations. We give and get support in fund raising to Help Life buy purchasing Ultrasound machines that help abortion minded women to choose life by viewing their unborn children on ultrasound machines. We fund and support Pregnancy Centers to change public hearts and minds about abortion by showing love for both mother and child before and after birth.

Our Sir Knight and Brother Joe Bishop has lead the charge as Chairman of the Helping Life Campaign, for the Florida K of Charities Inc. The Campaign kickoff off in October , 2020 and was challenging due to the pandemic. Direct mailing was sent out to over 45,000 members in Florida and included personalized mail labels. To date there were 3,073 responses, donations averaging \$31.00 a 10% increase. Total Address Label donations received were \$77,936 representing a 100% increase vs the previous year.

Councils, Assemblies, Brother Knights and individuals supported the Helping Life fund with donations of approximately \$141,000. 120 individuals donated \$100 or more and two individuals donated a \$1,000.

In Sir Knight Joe's report to the State Deputy, he acknowledge Assembly 2474 for a \$10,420 designated donation from the Gary Sinise Foundation. Another Council and Assembly designated donations accounted for \$18,728.

All funds will be used in Helping Life with purchasing more Ultrasound equipment and support pregnancy centers. Since 2009 The Knights of Columbus donated 1,000 ultrasound machines to pregnancy centers around the world, fulfilling a 10-year imitative to give millions of babies a chance at life. More than 3,000 pro-life pregnancy centers now operate throughout territories of the Knights of Columbus. By the very nature of its founding, the Knights of Columbus is called to care for the widow and orphan.

Abortion-vulnerable unborn children and mothers experiencing unexpected pregnancies certainly fall within that mandate. With aid from the Knights, pregnancy centers can offer support to help women choose life. Councils can "adopt" a pregnancy center and provide material, labor, and spiritual support throughout the year. The Ultrasound Initiative is a staple of the Faith In Action program developed by the Knights of Columbus.

Thank you Sir Knight Joe Bishop for your time and outstanding effort chairing the Helping Life Campaign. Thank you to all the Knights and Families for their participation and contributions to support Helping Life.





Slate of New Officers July 1, 2021

3rd Degree Officers up for Election

Grand Knight	Bill Burns
Deputy Grand Knight	Jim Denkler
Chancellor	Terence Mahoney
Recorder	Joe Jasmon
Treasurer	Don Mazzenzio
Advocate	Bruce Erdel
Warden	Mike Alken
Inside Guard	Sean Mahoney
Outside Guard	Tim Symis
First Year Trustee	Pat Polizzi
Second Year Trustee	Robert Cook
Third Year Trustee	Robert Bridenbaugh

4th Degree Officers up for Election

Faithful Navigator	Terence Mahoney
Faithful Captain	Dave Wharton
Faithful Admiral	Bill Burns
Faithful Pilot	Joe Farina
Faithful Scribe	Colm Muphry
Faithful Comptroller	Robert Cook
Faithful Purser	Allan Ramos
Inner Sentinel	Sean Mahoney
Outer Sentinel	John Lutz
Trustee one Year	Bruce Erdel
Trustee two Years	Pat Polizzi
Trustee Three Years	Joe Bishop

The Breach In The Church

In the past two decades, more than 14 million Catholics have left the faith. In the face of these losses, Catholic men are called to put aside any hesitation to live a life of mission. We must enter into the breach.

Called to Conversion

Christ calls us to a life of continued formation so that, with grace, we can seriously engage the war for our souls. That's why the Knights have produced *Into the Breach*, a video series inspired by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted's apostolic exhortation of the same name.

Ready for Battle

Prepare yourself for the spiritual battle raging around you. To step into the breach requires every man to have faith and take action. The *Into the Breach* series challenges men to seek greatness and to be heroically virtuous, to have a character marked by goodness and truth, strength and courage.

Building a Brotherhood

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another" (*Proverbs 27:17*). Through shared experience and small group discussion, men build a brotherhood through *Into the Breach*, strengthening them in their mission as disciples.



You're Invited

Join us as we watch and discuss *Into the Breach*. Through small group discussions, we'll learn how to be stronger fathers, better husbands and men fit for the breach.

Location: Parish Family Center
Room 410

Date: June 23 &

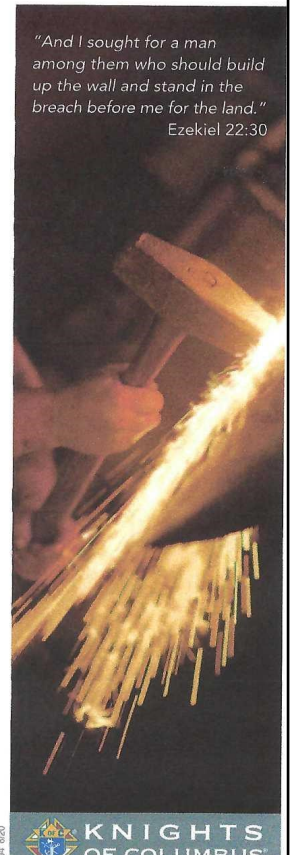
July 7th

Time: 7pm

Contact: Robert Gearing
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Watch all episodes
for FREE
at
kofc.org/intothebreach

"And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land."
Ezekiel 22:30





4th Degree Ave Maria Assembly #3008

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Patriotic Rosary

The Patriotic Rosary was written by a member of the Caritas Community, Alabama. It dedicates one Hail Mary in the traditional Catholic Rosary to each state of the United States and asks God’s protection of and guidance for the nation. The Patriotic Rosary is prayed everywhere around the globe and inspired by Our Lady of Medjugorje. Our Parish has been doing the Patriotic Rosary for nine years on the first Monday of the month.

On April 17, 2021 the Patriotic Rosary was performed in St Augustine. The Ave Maria Color Corps, SJDR Patriotic Rosary leaders and the Knights of Malta participated. On May 3rd, 2021 the Patriotic Rosary was performed at San Juan del Rio.



Photo By Dan McIntyre

KNIGHTS IN ACTION



Family of the Year
2020
The Wharton Family

Each month of the year our council selects the “Family of the Month” and from those selectins from the preceding twelve months the committee selects the “Family of the Year”. Some of the factors that the committee follows are: Has the family made a significant contribution to the church community and/or council? Does the family pray and attend Mass together? Does the family stands above the rest in promotion of the principles of our Church and Order? Which family can best be called the “model” family for all in the council to follow in every aspect of service to the Church, community and council, as well as each other.



Wishing everyone a very blessed Easter

L/r Sofia, David, Gabrielle, John & Mary

Dave is a member of the Knights of Columbus since 2016. He recently completed the 4th Degree exemplification and was elected Faithful Captain for the Ave Maria Assembly. Every 3rd week of the month chairman Dave and volunteers make lunch meals for the St. Francis House. Approximately 60 bag lunches are prepared and personal items (tooth brushes, toothpaste etc.) donated by parishioners, are delivered to the St. Francis House.

Mary serves as a Eucharist minister, helps lead lady ministries including Blessed is She Brunch and Walking with Purpose, with speaking and inspiring women to grow in their faith. Se led the Stewardship committee for two years.

Dave and Mary Wharton have presented the Financial Peace University for the last five years. The course by Dave Ramsey is a nine-lesson course designed to help you build a budget, dump debt, grow your resources, and leave money stress behind. The course is based

on biblical wisdom and common sense. Dave and Mary has helped many parishioners get their finances in order.

Their children, Gabrielle, Sofia and John are very engaged in our church and participated in many youth activities. The Wharton Family has been members of San Juan del Rio for 10 years, and you’ll see the family attend mass together.

Congratulations to the Wharton Family for Family of the Year 2020.



MAY 2021

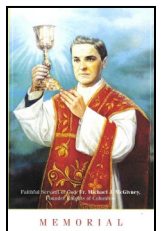


Knight of Month
John Luntz

Family of the Month
The Yelvington Family



We are praying for your healing to get well soon. Toni Bilello, Robert Bridenbaugh, Bill Burns, Tim & Eve Syrmis, Steve Wright, Matt Fiorentino & Patricia Stepp.



Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Civic Award

To qualify for the Civic Award an assembly must conduct and report at least four varied patriotic programs. This award is a tribute to the spirit of patriotism and national pride exemplified by the assembly’s program of activities.

Congratulation's to Bill Burns who served as FN for the Ave Maria Assembly from July 2018 –June 30 2020.

In the photo from l/r is current FN Terence Mahoney, Past FN Bill Burns and Dan McIntyre, Regional Administrator presenting the award.



Photos by Colm Murphy

Mother's Day Breakfast, Mothers Helping Mothers Sunday May 9th, 2021

By Sal Santapola, Newsletter Editor

When Lou Bilello and I as co-chairs planned our Mother's Day Breakfast this year it was a bigger challenge than we expected. Since we didn't have any activities last year and no past history to work with. We had to fine tune our plans. So we estimated how many parishioners would attend based on the numbers attending the previous week 7am and the 9am masses. With that being said we decided to purchase enough food for about 125 attendees.

On Saturday with the help of 5 brothers, the tables were set up and the Ladies Auxiliary decorated the tables with center pieces and flowers. Next up was the kitchen, as some of us never worked the new facilities. With the direction of Warren Cook and Doug Link we received excellent information on everything we needed to know to work the kitchen. We did a dry run and the Ladies Auxiliary cut up the fruit.

When it was all said and done on Mother's Day over 100 Parishioners attended the breakfast. We gave Carnations to every Mother that attended, and their breakfast was free. Everyone enjoyed the menu which consists of: scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. It turned out to be very successful.

The Mother's Helping Mother's program was also a success. Parishioners donated four baskets full of diapers, wipes, clothing and personal hygiene items. We donated all these items to St Gerard House in St Augustine, FL. We thank all the parishioners that participated.

A special thank you to all the volunteers including Brother Knights, Ladies Auxiliary and the youth who helped with the clean up on Sunday. The key to success was everyone working together to make this happen.

Our Council has been doing the Mother's Day Breakfast since 2003 and we only missed last year due to the virus. We look forward to next year.



L/r Doug Link, John Borghese & Mike Shurr



Co-Chair Lou Bilello cooking eggs



L/r Butch Ferrizzi & Bruce Erdel serving food



Joe Farina collecting Baby Items



L/r Parishioners & Dan McIntyre standing in line for fresh fruit. In background Vinny Zammataro serving coffee



John Luntz selling KofC Raffle Tickets

Photos by Dan McIntyre & Sal Santapola



Officers - 3rd Degree

Chaplain	Fr. Dilip C. Pally
Grand Knight	Robert Bridenbaugh
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Burns
Chancellor	Tim McCrohan
Recorder	Joe Jasmon
Financial Secretary	Jerry Chlopek
Treasure	Jim Denkler
Lecture	Terence Mahoney
Advocate	Bruce Erdel
Warden	Joe Farina
Inside Guard	Kevin Mason
Outside Guard	John Lutz
Trustee 1 Year	Pat Pollizzi
Trustee 2 Years	Bob Cook
Trustee 3 Years	Carlos Irene

**Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the Month
at 7:00PM Family Center/Gym**

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Officers -4th Degree

Faithful Navigator	Terence Mahoney
Faithful Friar	Fr. Dilip C. Pally
Faithfull Comptroller	Bob Cook
Faithful Captain	Bruce Erdel
Faithful Admiral	Bill Burns
Faithful Pilot	Joe Farina
Faithful Purser	Allan Ramos
Faithful Scribe	Colm Murphy
Inner Sentinel	Rich Bracz
Outer Sentinel	John Lutz
Trustee 1 Year	Pat Pollizzi
Trustee 2 Years	Joe Bishop
Trustee 3 Years	Paul Soriano

**Meetings 2th Tuesday of the Month
at 8.00pm Family Center/Gym**

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DATES TO REMEMBER

June

- 4- Rosary 9am followed Adoration First Friday of the month
- 4-Father John's Farewell Party 6pm
- 4/5- Eucharistic Congress
- 6-Rosary First Sunday of the month
- 8-3rd Degree Meeting - 7pm
- 9-Into The Breach 7pm
- 12-Highway clean up--8am
- 14-Flag Day/Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- 19-Exemplification 4th Degree 10:30am
- 20-Father's Day Breakfast
- 22-4th Degree Meeting--7pm
- 23-Into the Breach 7pm

July

- 1-Rosary 9am followed by Adoration First Friday of the month
- 4-Independence Day--Rosary First Sunday of the month
- 5-Independence Day observed - Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- 7-Into the Breach 7pm
- 13-3rd Degree Meeting - 7pm
- 27-4th Degree Meeting - 7pm

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

"...one Nation, under God,
indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

August

- 1-Rosary First Sunday of the month
- 2-Patriotic Rosary 7pm.
- 6-Rosary 9am followed by Adoration First Friday of the month
- 10-3rd Degree Meeting 7pm
- 24-4th Degree Meeting 7pm

Special points of interest:

- June 4 - Father John's Farwell Party 7pm
- June 4/5 Eucharistic Congress/
St Joe's on the 5th at 8am
- June 12 - Highway Cleanup 8pm
- June 14 - Flag Day/Patriotic Rosary
- June 9--Into the Breach 7pm
- June 19 - Exemplification 4th Degree 10:30am
- June 20 - Father's Day Breakfast
- June 23 -Into The Breach 7pm
- July 7-Into the Breach 7pm

