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Special Dates:

Wednesday, October 7th

Our Lady of the Rosary

Monday, October 12th

Columbus Day

Wednesday, October 14th

Officers Meeting 7:00pm Parish Ctr.

Monday, October 19th

Membership Meeting 7:00pm Center

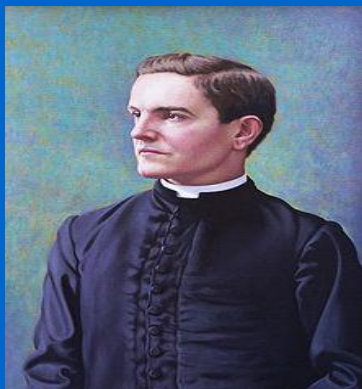
Thursday, October 22nd

St. John Paul II

Saturday, October 31st

Beatification of

Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney



Grand Knight's Message:

Greetings Brothers,

Well, as of this writing, we are in a bit better shape with this pandemic than the last newsletter. There is still a way to go. I pray each day that you continue to stay well.

At our last Membership Meeting (Sept. 21st) there was good discussion on the Pancake Breakfasts. The council concluded that it was still a little too risky to hold one at the present time, a cautious, but smart decision. It was also decided that we would 'revisit' the topic on a monthly basis. Hopefully, with God's blessings, we can start them back up soon.

If any brother donated blood at the last parish blood drive, please let me know. I am currently putting together information for the "No Neighbor Left Behind" initiative. And, if you have done *any* kind of charitable work for someone in need (shopping, taking them to the doctor, church, repairing something in their house, etc.) please let me know what you did and how many hours you contributed.

The virtual Rosary with the Parish and School Community was held and streamed on Wed. September 30th. Our Worthy Outside Guard, Roger Kenneally led several decades of the rosary on the council's behalf and Brother Bret Sowards was in attendance also. My thanks to our brothers for their time and dedication. The next one will be on Wednesday, October 28th at 6:00 pm.

I would like to welcome our newest Brother, Ricardo Marrero to our Council. He was confirmed at the last meeting. Blessings Brother!

Knowing that you brothers are active behind the scenes amid the pandemic, although, the works are not always known to everyone is appreciated by those you help. That is what makes this council so great.

Vivat Jesus,

---Mike P.



Prayer for Our Country:

Almighty God. You have given us this good land for our heritage. We humbly ask You that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Your favor and glad to do Your will. Bless our land with honorable endeavor, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitude brought here out of many nations and tongues. Endow with the Spirit of wisdom those to whom in Your name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Your law we may show forth Your praise among the nations on earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble do not allow our trust in You to fail. Amen.

--Thomas Jefferson

Chaplain's Inspiration:

My Dear Brother Knights,

October is Respect Life Month and today is Respect Life. Each year at this time, the Bishops of the United States call us to pause and reflect more deeply on the sacred gift of human life and our role in welcoming, cherishing, and protecting the lives of our brothers and sisters.

Jesus did this all through his earthly ministry, summing it up in one line, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these our brethren, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40).

This year's theme is appropriately "*Live the Gospel of Life.*"

The life of Jesus in us, primarily through the sacraments, is the Gospel life.

As St. John Paul the II reminds us in his encyclical, The Gospel of Life, Jesus calls each of us to "*care for the other*

Birthdays:

John Yevich 10/ 2

James Gray 10/ 4

Thomas Rogers 10/20

Antonio Sclafani 10/21

John Fox 10/25

Frank De Lusso 10/29

Richard Gonzalez 10/29

Knighthood Anniversaries:

Francesco Sclafani 10/3/1995

Fernando Galang 10/19/2005

Kevin Burnett 10/28/2014

Francesco Franzese 10/15/2015



as a person for whom God has made us responsible" (EV 387).

Some of those who most need our care and attention are those whose lives are treated as if they don't matter. Sadly, human life often faces particular threats at its beginning and end – precisely when it is most in need of protection.

Tragically abortion and assisted suicide reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern.

Let us recall the words of Sunday's Gospel acclamation: "*I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain.*"

We must persevere and work to protect the lives of those who cannot speak for themselves or who feel as if their lives are not worth living.

We can bring some worth and value to pregnant and parenting mothers who need a shoulder to lean on or a helping hand in our community.

We can support a loved one nearing death in a way that respects the gift of his or her life.

Our very presence alone speaks volumes of love.

Something else we can do is support and advocate for laws and policies that protect and defend human life.

We have in our parish Respect Life Ministry, and you're welcome to find out more ways to minister to the least of our Lord's brothers and sisters.

They are not worthless in his eyes, nor are they worthless in ours.

If our efforts seem difficult and the vineyard seems neglected and trampled, maybe even laid to waste, know the Lord has not abandoned us.

Isaiah, the prophet, reminds us that the vineyard's keeper *has not forgotten his cherished plant*.

Finally, my friends, let us ask the Lord for an outpouring of grace, especially the graces of Wisdom, humility, encourage.

And ask for open and generous hearts, so we may respond to his call to Live the Gospel of Life. Amen.

Peace be with you.

Fr. Rick Pilger, I.C.





Insurance Agent's Report:

Brothers all,

On Wednesday, September 23, there was a ZOOM webinar on Retirement Strategies. The guest speaker was world renowned economist Tom Hegna. The meeting was viewed by 1200 brother Knights statewide. Tom offered many tips to secure your income during retirement. It was a very entertaining and informative evening. My thanks to the brothers of the council who were in attendance.

Remember, if you have any questions or need assistance, I am only a phone call away.

God Bless and Stay safe,



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--St. John Paul II

Deputy Grand Knight's Reflection:

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.....

As Knights, we know nothing is impossible with Jesus by our side. We dare to dream big, set high goals, and have lofty ambitions for ourselves, our families, and our Council. In our daily prayer time, ask that Jesus gives us the will to reach our aspirations. As a Knight, we are asked to Share Your Strengths. Let determination rule us and our commitment to Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism be a sterling example for others to follow.

One of the great New York Yankees, Billy Martin once said, "There's nothing greater in the world than when somebody on the team does something good, and



everybody gathers around to pat him on the back." Think about our pancake breakfasts, and other social and charitable events during the past year. We strive to do nothing out of selfishness, rather regard our good work as more important than ourselves. We are grateful for how our work as Knights, enriches the lives of others.

With October here, we especially pray for a renewed respect for human life. We pray for all those who are faced with life and death decisions. May our society truly embrace a culture where the dignity and worth of human life is respected.

On a lighter note: Father El Quickie was on his way back to the parish from an extended out-of-state trip. Eager to be home before dark, he was traveling well over the speed limit and ended up being pulled over by a state trooper. The officer was not impressed by his explanation or his priestly collar and asked, "Would you like a little sermon about your driving, Father?"

"No, no my son, skip the sermon, said the flustered priest, "and just take up the collection."

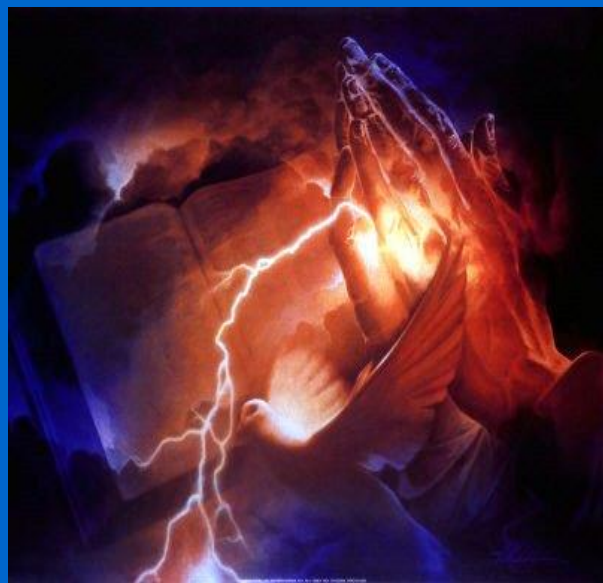
Peace,

Tony Romano

40 Days for Life:

The Nationwide 40 Days for Life campaign runs from Sept. 23-Nov.1. It is a focused pro-life effort that consists of 40 days of prayer and fasting, *peaceful* vigil, and community outreach.

On Saturday, October 10th there will be a day of solemn prayer at the All Women's Center. It is located at 1413 Central Ave in St. Petersburg. It will run from 8 am to 6 pm. For more information call our Culture of Life Director Chuck Warich at 508-498-9130. If you plan to attend, please wear your council shirts, bring your chairs, prayer books, rosaries or spiritual readings.





Novena for the Cause of Life:

The defense of life and the promotion of human dignity in every stage and condition are preeminent concerns of the K of C and the entire Church.

From October 4-12, during Respect Life Month, Knights are called to join all Catholics in prayer with Pope Francis for an end to abortion, euthanasia, and the many social ills that bring illness, broken families, unhappiness and premature death, especially for the most vulnerable.

During each day of the novena you can reflect on a quote selected from the teaching of Pope Francis on the sanctity of life, pray a decade of the rosary and conclude with St. John Paul II's prayer from *Evangelium Vitae*.

These reflections and prayers are posted later in this newsletter.



Prayer Intentions:

---For our peace, tolerance, compassion in our Country

---For continued healing for:

Fr. Rick

Skip Wallis

Darren Desaultes

Francesco's dad

Ged Roman's father-in-law (open heart surgery)

---For the end of Covid

---For those affected by Hurricane Sally

---For those affected by the wildfires out west

---For the sanctity of all life

---For the end of prejudice in all forms

---And those intentions that are near to our hearts



Seen while passing a church:
"Get in touch with God by knee-mail."

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And in conclusion:

This October is an exciting month. The "Month of the Rosary", Right-to-Life Month and the Beatification of our courageous founder Fr. McGivney. I pray that we can come away with a sense of hope, love and gratitude for what we have, and the difference we can make in the lives of those around us.

As always, I am grateful for everything you men do for our council, parish, community, and country. I pray that you and your families continue to remain healthy and safe. May God bless you all!



Novena for the Cause of Life

For each day, reflect on the quote from Pope Francis, pray a decade of the rosary and conclude with St. John Paul II's prayer.

1 Sunday, Oct. 4 – “Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation”

2 Monday, Oct. 5 – “Human life is sacred and inviolable, and the use of prenatal diagnosis for selective purposes must be strongly discouraged.”

3 Tuesday, Oct. 6 – “It is God who gives life. Let us respect and love human life, especially vulnerable life in a mother’s womb.”

4 Wednesday, Oct. 7 – “Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ”

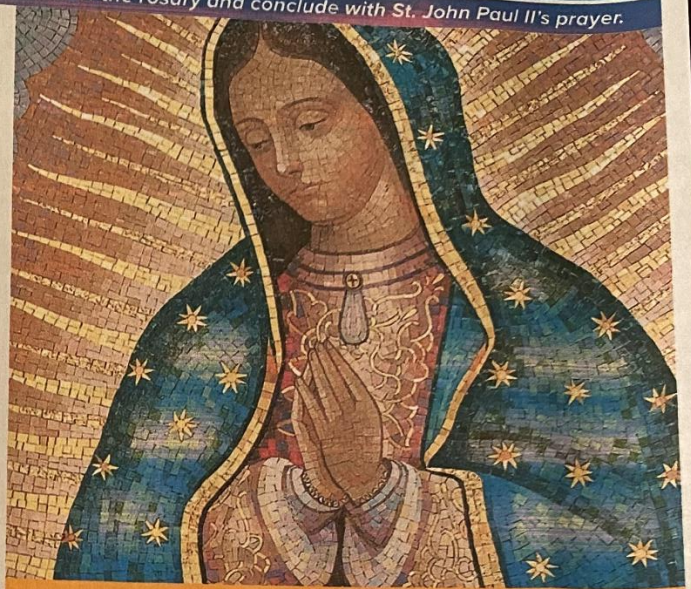
5 Thursday, Oct. 8 – “The Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question. ... It is not ‘progressive’ to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life.”

6 Friday, Oct. 9 – “Our defense of the innocent unborn ... needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life”

7 Saturday, Oct. 10 – “Equally sacred ... are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly”

8 Sunday, Oct. 11 – “All too often ... people do not accept the ‘Gospel of Life’ but let themselves be led by ideologies and ways of thinking that block life, that do not respect life”

9 Monday, Oct. 12 – “Unborn children are always to be welcomed; life is always to be protected and loved, from conception to its natural end.”



O Mary, bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life:
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women
who are victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick killed
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.
Grant that all who believe in your Son
may proclaim the Gospel of life
with honesty and love
to the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace
to accept that Gospel
as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
throughout their lives
and the courage to bear witness to it
resolutely, in order to build,
together with all people of good will,
the civilization of truth and love,
to the praise and glory of God,
the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

– St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*



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Visit kofc.org/novena for the sources of each papal quote.

Sunday, Oct. 4 – Monday, Oct. 12, 2020

