

Knights of Columbus | Milford Knightly News

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

St. Patrick's Milford PA



St. Joseph's Matamoras PA

September 2024

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Faith:	Ray Proulx
Family:	Joe Saski
Community:	Joe Doolley
Life:	Tony Perito

Birthdays

John Contreras
Matthew Contreras
Ricardo Sequiera

Meeting Dates

Officer's Meeting

October 3rd @ 7pm

St. Patrick's Community Hall

Business Meeting

October 17th @ 7pm

St. Patrick's Community Hall

Dinner served @ 6:30pm

Assembly Meeting

September 26th @ 5:30pm

St. John Neumann's Parish

Dinner served @ 6:00pm

Color Corps Practice

September 25th @ 6pm

St. John Neumann's Parish

2024 Silver Rose



Our council had the great honor in taking part in the Silver Rose program. We had over 8 Knights from our council participate in the event, along with 54 parishioners. The Silver Rose is dedicated to unity in our faith in promoting the Gospel of Life. The silver rose is now on it's way South till it gets to Mexico City as it's final destination, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Knight of the Month

Congratulations to our council's current faith director, Ray Proulx, for receiving the August Knight of the Month for the fraternal year of 2024-2025. Grand Knight Joe Saski credits Ray for spearheading our council's extremely successful Cor program. Ray has served as our council's faith director for three years, and in the past has been the chancellor and a trustee. Congratulations Ray, Vicat Jesus!



From the Desk of the Grand Knight

As we move into September and our third month of the fraternal year, we have a great Life focused month ahead of us. Starting with the Silver Rose Prayer Service. This is a great service for the sanctity of life and Our Lady of Guadalupe. A big thank you goes out to Larry Comisso, the Silver Rose Committee Chair, for putting it together for us. Make sure you check the council website and Facebook page for pictures.

The second part of the month, on September 23 rd, 2023, we have the Pennsylvania March for Life in Harrisburg, PA. There are two vans heading down and there are still a few seats left. Please reach out to, Tony Perito to book your seat before they are full. The prayers of our whole Council will be with them as they participate in the PA March for Life.

On September 12 th is our blood drive at Saint Patrick's from 1:00 to 6:00. Act fast as there are only a few appointments left. However, walk-ins are always welcome. On the website and Facebook page are links where you can go and book your appointment. All are welcome to down and help set up and break down, or just hang out and have some cookies and juice with us. We will be starting set up at approximately noon.

This month's business meeting, on Thursday, September 19 th will be back at our regular meeting place in Saint Patrick's Hall. We will have a special guest speaker from the Special Olympics PA region 4. The Council will be presenting a check for the funds that were raised for the Special Olympics in the Red, White and Blue Raffle. So come on down and join us for a dinner of meatballs and Mac and cheese, a great guest speaker, and a short productive business meeting.



Joseph M. McGivney
Adjutant

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



RSVP

Our council has regularly participated in the Refund Support Vocations Program since our existence. Maxing out the refund from supreme, which is \$100 per \$500 given to a seminarian or religious brother or sister.

Council fundraisers like the Golf Outing, Super Bowl Pool, and Calendar raffle all have proceeds that go to the RSVP fund. If you are interested in helping with this program please reach out to the RSVP chairman Tom Hogan, or the faith director Ray Proulx.

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 October 14th 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

Food for Families is cancelled for the month of September due to a parish fundraiser for T.J. Slain, a young man who died of Melanoma earlier this month.

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.



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 our council's very own Gene Burns and his wife Maureen Burns for being the family of the month for August. Gene and Maureen are actively involved in many aspects of parish life and the Knights of Columbus. Congratulations Gene and Maureen, Vivat Jesus!

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

The Pennsylvania March for Life will be taking place on September 23rd. We will have two vans leaving from St. Patrick's Church at 8am. More information will be provided at council meetings and we will also have someone speaking from the pulpit in August trying to get people to attend the March. As of the writing of the note we have eight people interested in attending the March. We need six more to fill up both vans.



Port Jervis Prayer Chain

On October 13th, the city of Port Jervis will be holding their annual prayer chain to end abortion. Program show this counts as a local March for Life and we can get credit for it. But more importantly this is a way to show locals that the cause of life is not dead in our area. The prayer chain starts at 1pm next to the Reformed Church in Port Jervis, 30 E Main Street. It is an hour and a half of silent prayer while holding signs facing traffic.

I've attended this event for the past three years and have found it to be both a rewarding and challenging experience as you get both thumbs up and expletives thrown at you in the matter of minutes. Please contact Tony if you are interested in attending this 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 SI	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

Our council has many new program initiatives this year. I have mentioned many of them in the above articles. We are really in need of chairmen to run these programs though. Please brothers if you have any interest to run some of these programs with the prospective Faith, Family, Community, and Life directors please reach out to me, our Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight.

Three upcoming programs we really need to think about are the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, Coats for Kids, and Keep Christ in Christmas. Please contact any of the officers above and we will create a plan together to get these programs launched!

