



# *Knights of Columbus*

*Serving the Parishes of Corpus Christi and Saint Aidan*

Corpus Christi Council 2502

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## Clarion



*Habemus Papam!*

June 1, 2025 - Volume 52

### **Grand Knight's Report- Mike Villa**

Greetings and salutations my brother Knights,

If you live in a cave and have not heard, we have a new Pope. The College of Cardinals has selected Cardinal Robert Prevost to lead the Catholic Church. Cardinal Prevost was born in Chicago making him the first American to be elected Pope. Cardinal Prevost has chosen to be called Pope Leo XIV. God Bless Pope Leo XIV.

Congratulations to Mike Murtha and Will Havron who have won first place for their editing and publishing of the Clarion. Thank you both and keep up the great work. Please keep Mike Murtha in your prayers as he continues to recover from a stroke.

On Monday May 26<sup>th</sup> we will be marching in the Mineola Memorial Day parade. We will meet

at 10am at the parking lot of Wilson Park off Union Street. The parade will start at 11am and march to Memorial Park. If you're available, please march and bring your families.

On Wednesday night May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm our council will be hosting an exemplification. We have many new members joining our council along with new members from several other councils. Please come and meet our new brother Knights. As always, there will be a repast after the ceremony.

Our treasurer, Liam Patterson, has agreed to be our nomination committee chairman. We need members to step up, organize and assist in running this great council. My second term is quickly coming to a close and Mike Keisel DGK, was going to step up and run for GK, but things in his personal life changed and he will no longer be able to run for GK. Please see me or Liam if you are interested in becoming an officer.

Please make plans and reservations to Jim Corrigan for our Knight of the Year Brunch on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30pm. This year's recipient is SK Gary Traube who will be honored for his longstanding and continued contributions to our Council. The cost is only \$45 which includes mimosas and buffet. A cash bar will be available.

On Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre Bishop Barres will bless the new statue of Blessed Father Michael McGivney. This will take place at the 11am mass which the Bishop will preside at. There will be a repast after the mass and all are invited. Please wear any K of C jacket or shirt to represent our order.

Our next meeting is our business meeting and will be on Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Please come and get involved. I hope to see everyone there.

Vivat Jesus,  
SK Mike Villa, GK

**Co- Editor's Desk: SK Michael Murtha, PGK Will Havron, Editor**

**Business/Social Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Officer's Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 8pm. TBD**

### **Corpus Christi Council #2502 Officers** **2024- 2025**

Grand Knight	Mike Villa
Deputy Grand Knight	Mike Kiesel
Chancellor	Mike Curley
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Treasurer	Liam Patterson
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Inside Guard	Tommy Tarantola
Outside Guard	Jack Grafig
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Lecturer	Edward L. Pappalardo

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Alt to Pres Delegate	PGK Steve Driscoll
Alt to Deputy Delegate	PGK Mike Murtha

### **At the Sistine Chapel on March 13, 2013, a new Pope was elected.**

White smoke billowed from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel on March 13, 2025, indicating that a new pope was elected. The College of Cardinals selected Cardinal Robert Prevost to lead the Catholic Church. Cardinal Prevost was born in Chicago making him the first American elected Pope. Cardinal Prevost chose the name of Leo, the XIV. God Bless Pope Leo XIV.

### **Co-Editor's Desk: *Clarion* Deadline**

**The Deadline for the *Clarion* every Month is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Any articles you wish to have included must be sent to me by e-mail: [mtm12533@aol.com](mailto:mtm12533@aol.com) Brothers, you, we are responsible for helping with publishing the *Clarion* monthly and on time. We will not extend the submission deadlines any longer.**

EMAIL: [Michael T. Murtha <mtm12533@aol.com>](mailto:Michael.T.Murtha@mtm12533@aol.com)  
516-236-1073

**Any errors were meant for you to find! Good luck!**

### **Chaplain's Report - Msgr. Bob Batule**

Chaplain's Column

We have a new Pope. His name is Leo XIV. And he is an American. He was born in Chicago and went to college in Philadelphia. He is just shy of 70 years of age and has had extensive pastoral experience in Latin America. We look forward to his pastoral ministry for we hold that where Peter is, there is the Church.

We mark the Solemnity of Pentecost on June 8<sup>th</sup> this year. There is a Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

being held at Saint Anthony High School in South Huntington. I will comment on the Congress at a regular meeting, probably on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

I call attention once again to the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.of June. As our council is named for the Body of Christ, I encourage the members of our council to take part in the Procession with the Blessed Sacrament at your parish. The Eucharist is the very center of our Catholic faith, and we demonstrate our devotion to the Lord's Body and Blood by having Processions and the like.

The Knights of Columbus was founded by a parish priest. The parish is where we practice our Catholic faith, and in every parish church the Eucharist is offered that we might become holy in the sight of God. Our councils, including our own, support that work of sanctification. Join with us for events like the Knight of the Year which we hold next Sunday in the afternoon in our own building.

Get involved and stay involved in our council

In Christ,

Msgr. Bob Batule  
Council Chaplain

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**Corpus Christi Council #2502**  
**Past Grand Knight Association**

James Barry	1985-1986
Sam Donato	1994-1996
Nick Pennacchio	1999-2001
Michael J. Raso	2003-2004
Tom Kelly	2006-2008
James Corrigan	2012-2014
Ray Ardanuy	2013-2015
Paul Kelly	2016-2017
Peter Zayas	2017-2018
John Mallon	2018-2019
Michael T. Murtha	2019-2020
Bruce Chester	2020-2021
Dan Albano	2021-2023
Mike Villa	2023-2024

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**Fraternal Corner - Prayers for the Sick & Deceased**

**Brothers, please keep in your prayers the following Knights, Brothers and their families:**

Michael T Murtha, John T. LaRose, Francesco Biancaniello, James Agnew, Sam Donato, Joe Carney Jr., Tom Tarantola, Mike Curley Sr, Kathy Ortman, Bernadette M. Zayas, John Church, Frank Diamond, Sam Donato, Cammilla Rotule, Hilda Macyka, Charles & Maryann Ribando, Margret Ehricks, Margarite O'Callaghan, Marie McQuire, Tom & Vilma Doherty, Terry Hallowoy, John O'Sullivan, Stephen Driscoll, Alice Murtha, Lisa Simeone, all our First Responders, Military Men & Women and all who may be suffering from Covid or Long Covid. **Please add one more Hail Mary for all those individuals who are unable to pray for themselves.**

**Council Wake Calls**

GK Mike Villa 516-742-5652; 516-884-3490  
FS Nick Pennacchio 516-742-8379

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**Financial Secretary Report**

Nicholas F Pennacchio-Dues  
Dear Brother Knight,

**THE NEW FRATERNAL YEAR IS COMING SOON!**  
**DUES ARE DUE JANUARY EVERY YEAR.**

2025 Dues are now due. In addition, if you have not paid past year Dues, please remit them at this time. Annual Dues for Regular members are \$50.00 and \$15.00 for Honorary members. You should have received your Dues Notice either via E-mail or in the US Mail.

You can also use the form below with a check for the applicable amount made out to:

- Corpus Christi Council KofC #2502
- Mail to: Knights of Columbus, PO Box 243, Mineola, NY 11501

**Attention:** If you have any questions regarding your Dues or if you have not yet received a Dues Notice, please contact me via e-mail: nfp3018@gmail.com or tel. # (516) 742-8379. **Members who are two or more years in arrears are subject to removal from Council membership.**

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**National Red Rose Day** is celebrated annually on **June 1<sup>st</sup>** to celebrate the world's most passionate flower. Red roses symbolize romance, passion, love, and beauty, carrying deep cultural significance across various regions and centuries.

### Help Stop Abortion



### PRO LIFE

**Life is the First Right without which no other rights exist. If you know of a woman who is Pregnant and Contemplating ending, her pregnancy through abortion.**

**The Long Island Coalition for Life has set up a Hot Line to counsel and guide her.**

**[631] 243-0066**

**this line is open 24/7\***

### Council Events & Activities

#### Wilmin Corporation

Meeting on the second Wednesday of the month.

#### **Wilmin Corporation Officers:**

President – George Poarch

VP - Charlie Ribando

Treasurer - Marc Randazzo

Recording Secretary - Denis O'Sullivan

Directors: Bill Gyves; Jim Corrigan; Bob Rina; Mike Villa.

#### 2502 Corporation

Meeting on the last Wednesday of the month.

#### **2502 Corporation Officers:**

President – John Musella

VP –Dave Redmond Jr

Treasurer – Lou Librandi

Recording Secretary – Jude Ohrtman

Directors: Danny McQueeney; Andy Bernstein; Nick Passarella; Owen Dugan and Bobby Redmond.

#### Chancellor's Update

Greetings to my brother Knights, I need your help! We need to Recruit, Recruit, Recruit! And mentor new members.

If anyone has a family member or friend that qualifies - male, 18 years or older and Catholic, looking to become a Knight, please call me. Forward the ***Knightline*** newsletter to Catholic men interested in the Knights, and let them know that they **can become a member for free online** using promo code **MCGIVNEY2020** at [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join). You can also share your questions, feedback and story by emailing [knightline@kofc.org](mailto:knightline@kofc.org).



Mike Curley, Chancellor

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**The Belmont Stakes**, also known as The Run for the Carnations and The Test of the Champion, is held on the **first Saturday of June, the 7<sup>th</sup>**, in New York, at Belmont Park.



It is the third race of the Triple Crown. This year the race will be run upstate at Saratoga Racecourse. The 157<sup>th</sup> running of the Belmont Stakes will feature a \$2 million purse. It is a Grade I stakes horse race for three-year-old thoroughbreds, and at 1.5 miles, Belmont Stakes has the longest racetrack of the three events in the Triple Crown. Nonetheless, the distance at Saratoga is 1.24 miles, 10 furlongs or 2012 meters.

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**Pentecost**, also known as Whitsunday, is one of the most important Catholic feast days which has its origins in the Judaism tradition of the Festival of Weeks and **takes place fifty days after Easter**. It marks the end of the Easter season and is seen as the "birthday of the Church". Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon

the Jesus's apostles, after his ascension into heaven as described in the Acts of the Apostles.

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### **Council Activities Save The Dates!**

- National Rose Day, 6/1
  - NYS KofC Met Game, 6/1
  - NYS Deputy Town Hall Zoom Meeting, 6/1
  - KofC Extended Care Planning Webinar, 6/3
  - **Council Business/Social Meeting, 6/5**
  - D-DAY ANNIVERSARY, 6/6
  - Belmont Stakes, 6/7
  - Pentecost or Whit Sunday, 6/8
  - **Knight of the Year Brunch, 6/8**
  - Flag Day, 6/14
  - U.S. Army Birthday, 6/14
  - **World Blood Donor Day, 6/14**
  - Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, 6/15
  - Father's Day, 6/15
  - **Nass Conf Steak & Cigar Night at CCC, 6/17**
  - Juneteenth, 6/19
  - **The Feast of Corpus Christi, 6/19**
  - **Council Officer's Meeting, 6/19**
  - Summer Solstice Northern Hemisphere, 6/20
  - **COR Group Meeting 6/26**
  - Helen Keller Day, 6/27
  - National PTSD Awareness Day, 6/27
  - **Corpus Christi Council Ducks Game, 7/12**
  - **Corpus Christi Council Golf Outing, 9/29**
  - PSD Anthony Ippolito Testimonial, 10/25
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**Flag Day** is observed on **June 14<sup>th</sup>**, in the US. Flag Day celebrates the birthday of the US flag, which

was first adopted on June 14, 1777. This day also coincides with the U.S. Army's Birthday, founded on June 14, 1775.



Americans celebrate the Army's Birthday on **June 14<sup>th</sup>** every year. On June 14, 1775, in the middle of the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress decided that the colonies should all be unified under one force to better organize the fight against the British. Thus, the American Continental Army was founded.



**World Blood Donor Day** is observed on **June 14<sup>th</sup>** across the world. This day is part of the global public health campaign created by the World Health Organization to raise awareness in different areas of blood donation. They wanted the public to know about the lack of good blood supplies in several countries and the significance of healthy people donating their blood. Donating

blood can help with medical treatments, emergencies, and research and save millions of lives. This day also shows gratitude to blood donors across the world.

**DONATE YOUR BLOOD, YOU COULD SAVE A LIFE!**

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[Corpus Christi's Cor Group:](#)



#### **Cor Prayer Group**

Brother Knights.

During the 2022 – 2023 Columbian Year, the Supreme Council introduced the **Cor** Initiative and piloted it in various jurisdictions within the K of C. After a successful pilot period, this initiative was brought out Order wide for 2023 – 2024.

Cor is the Latin word for heart, and a Cor group comes together to give the participants an opportunity to grow closer to Jesus, the heart of our faith, through prayer, formation and fraternity. During this Columbian Year 15 separate Cor groups have already been formed in New York, including here in our Council. Corpus Christi's Cor group held its first meeting in May and by the time of the publication of the July Clarion we will have held our June gathering.

All Catholic men, regardless of membership in the K of C, are invited and welcome to participate in our Cor group. We are currently set up to meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the "Blue Room" of St Aidan's Convent. The Convent is the building directly behind the St Aidan school building adjacent to the church.

What parish can't benefit from a group of Catholic men regularly coming together for prayer,



brotherhood and formation, and who among us can't benefit from participation in such a group. Why not plan to join us for one of our upcoming meetings – it will be 1½ hour of time well spent.

Upcoming meeting will be held **June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

Again, all Catholic men are welcome. If you have any questions call Jim Corrigan (516) 282-6774.

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**Father's Day** will be celebrated on **June 15<sup>th</sup>** this year.



Father's Day is celebrated annually on the **third Sunday of June**. It is a day to recognize and honor fathers and the crucial role they play in people's lives, from childhood through to adulthood.



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**Trinity Sunday**, specifically the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**, is observed on the Sunday following Pentecost.



It's a day dedicated to the doctrine of the Trinity. Trinity Sunday is a day of Solemnity. The feast was officially established by Pope John XXII in the 14<sup>th</sup> century.

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On **Juneteenth**, **June 19<sup>th</sup>**, America celebrates Freedom Day. This is the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation that abolished slavery in Texas and other former Confederate states in 1865. **Juneteenth** is a US federal holiday.



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The feast of **Corpus Christi** will be celebrated on **June 19<sup>th</sup>**. It is observed every year on the **Thursday after Trinity Sunday**.



Corpus Christi is a Latin term that literally translates to 'body of Christ'. It is believed that the bread and wine used during holy communion, or The Eucharist represents the actual body and blood of Jesus Christ. It is a special way of celebrating and feeling the presence of Jesus on earth.

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The **Summer Solstice** in the **Northern Hemisphere** will occur on **June 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:42 PM EDT**. It marks the longest day of the year and the arrival of the summer season.



The Summer Solstice generally occurs between June 20<sup>th</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The solstice happens when the Earth arrives at the point where the North Pole is at its maximum tilt in relation to the sun. This is why days are longer during the Summer Solstice. On the other hand, in the **Southern Hemisphere**, the Summer Solstice occurs around December 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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**Helen Keller Day** is commemorated annually on her birthday, **June 27<sup>th</sup>**. It is a day to remember her achievements in life, and her resilience when overcoming challenges

Hellen Keller was an author, activist, lecturer, and advocate for people with disabilities, being deaf-blind herself. This commemorative holiday is well-known for the fundraising fashion show that is held on this day.

Helen Keller was born on June 27, 1880, in Alabama. When she was only 19 months old, she contracted an illness that left her deaf and blind.



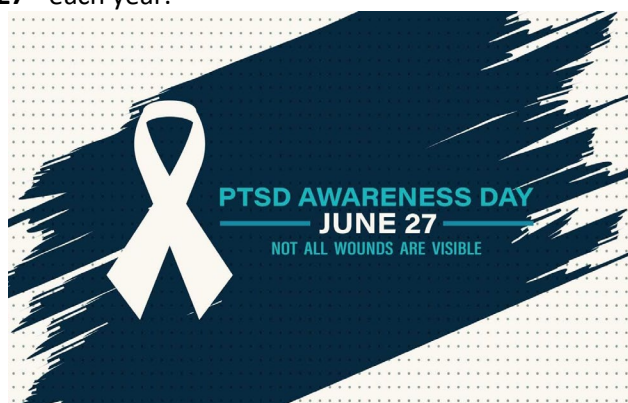
After taking her to a specialist doctor, her parents were advised to contact Alexander Graham Bell, who then instructed them to take Helen to the Perkins Institute for the Blind. There, the school director introduced them to Anne Sullivan, 20 years old and blind herself, who would become Keller's tutor and lifelong companion. It was Sullivan who first taught Keller how to spell and write, by making her trace the spelling of the names of different objects with her fingers on the palms of her hands. Despite her first delays in picking up the language, Keller went on to pursue higher education. In 1900, she was accepted into Harvard University. In 1904, at 24 years old, Helen Keller was the first deaf-blind person to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Through her education, she learned to speak, and much of her life was spent giving lectures and speeches about her life and raising awareness about the disabilities of those that are deaf and/or blind.

She then went on to become an internationally renowned speaker, author, advocate, and suffragette traveling to over 40 countries in her life. In 1915 she founded Hellen Keller International, an organization that aims to do research in health and vision. She was also a co-founder of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).



Helen Keller published 12 books and wrote many articles during her life. She is best known for her autobiography "The Story of My Life", published in 1903. Another famous piece of her writing is the essay "Three Days to See", where Keller imagines what she would do if she could see for three days. After suffering a series of strokes in 1961, Keller was confined to her home for her last years. In 1964 she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Helen Keller passed away in her sleep on June 1, 1968, at the age of 87

**National PTSD Awareness Day** is observed on **June 27<sup>th</sup>** each year.



The day is part of PTSD Awareness Month, which is observed in June, to raise awareness about Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and its impact. The day is an opportunity to educate the public about PTSD, reduce stigma, and encourage support for those affected.

According to many sources the 5 signs of PTSD are:

- 1.) Experiencing a Trauma - This includes exposure to actual or threatened death, serious injury, or sexual violence, either directly, by witnessing it, or learning about it happening to a loved one.
- 2.) Re-Experiencing the Trauma - This involves intrusive memories, flashbacks, or nightmares, which can feel like reliving the traumatic event.
- 3.) Avoidance of Triggers - Individuals with PTSD may avoid thoughts, feelings, conversations, places, or situations that remind them of the trauma.
- 4.) Changes in Thoughts and Mood - This can include negative beliefs about oneself or the world, persistent negative emotions like fear,

anger, or guilt, and difficulty remembering important aspects of the trauma. And

5.) Changes in Arousal and Reactivity - This includes feeling constantly on edge, being easily startled, having difficulty concentrating, and trouble sleeping.

**REMEMBER – NOT ALL WOUNDS ARE VISIBLE – TRY TO BE MINDFUL OF THE FACT.**

### **Corpus Christi Council's #2502 very own LYON'S LOUNGE**

Lyon's Lounge opens at 7:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

#### Open "Mic"rophone Nights

Open Mic Nights. Mark your calendar - scheduled **TBA** starting at 7pm-10:30pm. \$20pp, hot buffet, one free beer, wine, or soda, or credit towards a mixed drink. Great Music! Great Musicians! Bring your family and friends. Come on down for a wonderful night of music and cheer!! You don't have to sing!!!

#### Nassau County Conference Steak & Cigar Night

##### At Corpus Christi Council



SEE THE ATTACHED FLYER



### Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

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 venerable 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.

### Ads for The Clarion

If any Member is Interested in placing an ad in the Clarion or knows of a business that would like to sponsor us, please fill out the information below with a check for \$65.00. Please send your business card, or a suitable standard graphic design file, so that we may display your ad in our Monthly Clarion.

If you have any further questions, please contact David Redmond at 516-362-0837 for voicemail and text, or email [webmaster@kofc2502.net](mailto:webmaster@kofc2502.net).

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**Knights of  
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**Exemplification 5/28**

**There was an Exemplification on Thursday,  
May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

**A notice was posted to membership to please  
come and meet and support our new Brother  
Knights.**

### INTO THE BREACH

Inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation for Catholic men written by Bishop Olmsted of Phoenix, the Knights of Columbus produced a video series which seeks to answer the question of what it means to be a man and how to live as a man in today's world.

Watch today: [www.kofc.org › campaigns › into-the-breach](http://www.kofc.org/campaigns/into-the-breach).

**Have you watched KNIGHTCAST?**

Knights Cast is an inspirational video series from the Knights of Columbus with the aim of engaging today's Catholic men in a compelling conversation about the Catholic Faith and their own, personal growth as they lead their families in service to the Church. [Watch all episodes at KOFC.org/KnightCast.](#) In the latest episode, host Jonathan Reyes speaks with Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly about his desire to make the Knights "first in faith, as in charity"; discusses the first K of C-Marist Poll about Americans' views on abortion since the Dobbs decision; and interviews a relative of Blessed Michael McGivney about his return to health and faith after a medical crisis. [WATCH HERE](#)

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### **Corpus Christi Council #2502 Apparel**

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Order your Fleece-lined Sportswear now:

Three Season Jacket.

A Game, A Sportsman, or A Coaches,

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Golf Hat

Contact Brother Steve Connelly

516-312-5375

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### **Nassau Chapter Assemblies**



### **Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg # 0728**

Corpus Christi #2502

If you are interested in joining our Assembly, the Fourth Degree, you can join by contacting SK Nick Pennacchio, Corpus Christi Council's Fourth Degree Assembly Representative!

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## **KNIGHTLINE VOLUME 43 | NUMBER 17 | 5/1/25**

### **Pope Francis: A Witness to Charity and Fraternity**

*Hundreds of thousands of people flocked to the Vatican last week to bid a final farewell to Pope Francis before his funeral Mass and burial April 26. Around the world, Knights continue to pray for the peaceful repose of his soul. "[Pope Francis] led us to be pilgrims of hope," Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori said during a memorial Mass celebrated in Baltimore last week. "The heart of hope is the death and resurrection of Christ. And it is in the midst of the Church's celebration of Christ's victory over death that Pope Francis passed from this life to the next."*

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### **'A Powerful Witness to Charity and Fraternity'**

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori joined over 250,000 pilgrims in Rome to honor and pray for Pope Francis, whose funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Peter's Square on April 26<sup>th</sup>. [READ MORE](#)

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### **In Honor of Faith and Patriotism**

St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City was the setting for a historic celebration marking the 125th anniversary of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus in February. The event featured the inaugural presentation of a revised Exemplification of Patriotism, during which more than 650 candidates pledged fidelity to God and love for country before being dubbed Sir Knights. [WATCH HERE](#) | [READ MORE](#)

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### **Our Patriotic Duty**

In his latest column for *Columbia*, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly explains how Catholics — and particularly Knights — have a responsibility to foster a love for their country out of gratitude to God. "Nations, just like people, are so much more than the sum of their mistakes," he writes. "We have inherited something precious, which we must treasure. And we must teach future generations to do the same." [READ MORE](#)

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### **St. Joseph and the Dachau Liberation**



On April 29, 1945, the Nazi concentration camp in Dachau, Germany, was liberated by American forces only hours before it was scheduled to be evacuated and destroyed. Many of the prisoners credited this miraculous liberation to St. Joseph, to whom they had entrusted themselves in their extreme suffering. As an expression of gratitude, they began making annual pilgrimages to St. Joseph's Sanctuary in Kalisz, Poland. The K of C-produced documentary *Our Liberator: St. Joseph and the Priests of Dachau* tells this remarkable story, witnessing to the power of intercessory prayer. [WATCH HERE](#) | [READ MORE](#)

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### **The Gift of a Lifetime**

Join the Knights of Columbus, your premier Catholic partner for financial services, for a free webinar to learn more about how extended care planning can help you protect your family's future. The webinar will be held Tuesday, June 3, at 8 p.m. EST. Learn more and register [here](#).

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## **KNIGHTLINE**

**VOLUME 43 | NUMBER 18 | 5/7/25**

### **[A Sacred Time of Discernment](#)**

*When the Chair of St. Peter is vacant, the world turns its eyes to Rome. In a message to Knights this week, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly urged prayers for the 133 cardinal electors, as the conclave begins today, that the Holy Spirit guide their discernment and lead them to choose a shepherd after Christ's own heart. "As has always been the case throughout our long history," he added, "the Knights of Columbus will resolutely stand in solidarity with our new Holy Father."*

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### **Prayer for the Election of a New Pope**

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. [DOWNLOAD PRAYER CARD](#)

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### **Strength in the Face of Persecution**

Despite a constant threat of persecution, the Catholic Church in Nigeria continues to grow, with tens of thousands of people entering the Church every year. Last year, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly announced new initiatives of charity and faith formation to serve the Church in Nigeria, including support for a national catechetical institute to form and educate catechists who minister in each of the country's 60 dioceses. [READ MORE](#)

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### **Food For the Forgotten**

With support from his council, Bill Graham, a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Council 12706 in Mississauga, Ontario, established a Free Food Tables ministry in March 2020 to combat food insecurity in his community. For the past five years, Graham has refilled the tables daily, with assistance from his wife and brother Knights, providing as much as 15,000 pounds of food and supplies to about 2,000 people each month. [READ MORE](#)

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### **Miracle Amid the Flames**

After Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Palisades, California, was completely destroyed during the Los Angeles fires earlier this year, the church's brass tabernacle was found intact and unscathed in the rubble. "Jesus within the tabernacle remained, and that gives us hope as a people in these times of trials and fires," said Mark Padilla, a past grand knight of Santiago Catholic Trade School Council 18585. [WATCH HERE](#).

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## **KNIGHTLINE**

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**[Habemus Papem!](#)**

*With great joy, the Order celebrates the election of Pope Leo XIV and invites all members to unite in praying the Lord will strengthen our new shepherd with wisdom, compassion and courage. "On behalf of our 2.1 million members around the world, I pledge our loyalty to Pope Leo XIV — as well as our prayers today and every day of his pontificate," Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly said in a [statement](#) issued May 8, following the election of the new pontiff. "The Knights of Columbus will always stand in solidarity with Pope Leo XIV as we support the Church's mission of evangelization through our works of charity and faith formation."*

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### **Welcome, Pope Leo XIV**

Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, a native of Chicago and former head of the Augustinian order, was elected the 267th pope May 8, taking the name Pope Leo XIV. From his very first public appearance, Pope Leo XIV has expressed a vision of peace, unity and prayer for his pontificate and the Catholic Church. [READ MORE](#)

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### **Mary's Heart and Ours**

In his column for the May 2025 issue of *Columbia*, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori reflects on how the Blessed Virgin Mary guides us in our pursuit to grow in God's image and likeness. "We have not been preserved from sin as Mary was," he writes, "but we can ask her to pray for us that the Father's creative and redeeming mercy finds a home in our own hearts." [READ MORE](#)

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### **'Who Am I Not To Trust Our Lady?'**

Stranded in "no-man's land" after being deported from Russian-occupied Melitopol, Ukraine, Father Oleksandr Bohomaz turned to the Blessed Mother for protection. "I promised Our Lady that if I made it out alive, I would encourage others to pray the rosary," he recalled. Months later, he kept his promise, leading a tour of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima to 30 parishes in eastern Ukraine. [READ MORE](#)

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### **From Struggle to Service**

After battling severe mental health struggles, institutionalization and even contemplating suicide, Tim McCarthy, a member of Patapsco (Maryland) Council 1960, turned his trials into a catalyst for

service. In 1987, he authored "Unhooking the Hooked Generation," a document that paved the way for the Treatment Court Institute, which has since helped millions overcome addiction. "My whole life is a second chance, and I just hope [this apostolate] can continue to grow," said McCarthy.

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## **KNIGHTLINE**

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### **[A Call for Love and Unity](#)**

*The Church rejoiced on May 18 as Pope Leo XIV was formally installed as 266th Successor of Peter. Tens of thousands gathered in St. Peter's Square for the Mass of Inauguration of the Petrine Ministry. In his [homily](#), the pope emphasized two central themes of his pontificate, rooted in the spirituality of St. Augustine: love and unity. "With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit," he said, "let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made 'restless' by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity."*

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***Pope Leo XIV greeted the faithful at the conclusion of his inauguration Mass on May 18. He wore a chasuble once used by St. John Paul II, who was born exactly 105 years earlier, and carried the late pope's distinctive ferula.***

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### **Viva Cristo Rey!**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Mexican Martyrs: 25 priests and laymen who gave their lives for their faith during the violent persecution of the Church in Mexico in the 1920s and '30s. Among them are nine Knights of Columbus, including six priest-martyrs whom St. John Paul II canonized 25 years ago today. The Sanctuary of the Martyrs of Christ the King in Guadalajara, constructed with major financial support from the Supreme Council, is the first site to permanently enshrine relics of all the canonized and beatified Mexican martyrs. Learn more at [kofc.org/mexicanmartyrs](https://kofc.org/mexicanmartyrs).

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### **A Fraternity of Arms**

A new statue of two World War I leaders, funded in part by the Supreme Council, commemorates the nearly 250 years of military alliance between France and the United States. Marshal Ferdinand Foch, supreme commander of the Allied Forces, and Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces, were instrumental in orchestrating the Allied victory in 1918. A devout Catholic, Foch was named an honorary Knight of Columbus during a visit to the U.S. in 1921, and both men expressed admiration for the Order and gratitude for its support of Allied troops. [READ MORE](#)

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### **Faith, Sacrifice and Brotherhood**

Vincent Spanicciati, a U.S. Marine veteran who served during the Vietnam War and was awarded three Purple Hearts, credits God with guiding him through war and healing. Along with fellow veterans, he helped build a memorial in Mercer County, New Jersey, as a tribute to fallen comrades. He continues to serve God and country through his involvement in the Knights of Columbus, acknowledging “Everything I have is a gift from God.” [WATCH HERE](#)

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### **Honoring Fellow Heroes**

U.S. Army veteran Lewis Reid, who served in the Korean War, has dedicated much of his life to honoring his fellow service members. At age 91, he continues to provide military honors at veteran funerals. A member of St. Joseph Council 12167 in Kannapolis, North Carolina, and Bishop William G. Curlin Assembly 3158 in Concord, Reid was recently honored by the assembly with a Lifetime Patriotic Service Award in recognition of his steadfast service to veterans. [WATCH HERE](#) | [READ MORE](#)

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## **KNIGHTLINE**

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### **[You Visited Me](#)**

*In 1882, Blessed Michael McGivney accompanied James “Chip” Smith — a young man convicted of murder and*

*sentenced to death — to the gallows. Father McGivney visited him in prison and ministered to him, praying with and for him during his final months. Smith went to his death calmly, a badge of the Sacred Heart pinned near his heart. Read more below about the Knights who continue this corporal work of mercy, ministering to incarcerated men and women today.*

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### **‘You Visited Me’**

As a parish priest, Blessed Michael McGivney was a spiritual father to inmates at the New Haven Jail. Today, inspired by their founder, hundreds of K of C chaplains and other Knights serve in correctional facilities, offering support, mentorship and the hope of redemption — recognizing Christ in disguise: “I was in prison and you visited me” (Mt 25:36). [READ MORE](#)

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### **Making Room for Grace**

Humility is not weakness but a strength — a virtue that opens us to God’s saving work. In his May 2025 *Columbia* column, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly reflects on how humility is essential to leadership and to the Christian life. “Pride leads to division and rivalries that block God’s grace and prevent us from advancing the mission he has given us,” he writes. “Whereas humility brings unity and collaboration.” [READ MORE](#)

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### **Faith, Baseball and a Life of Service**

Msgr. Thomas Machalski, a priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn and Catholic chaplain to the New York Mets, combines his love of baseball to his pastoral ministry. He has mentored players like Trevor Williams and Joe Wieland, helping them grow in faith. “I’m so filled with respect for ... major league baseball players,” Msgr. Machalski said. “They made it to the top and yet they have not forgotten their faith.” [WATCH HERE](#)

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### **Pirate’s Padre**

Father Bill Schwartz, affectionately known as the “Pirates Padre,” is chaplain to the Pittsburgh Pirates and a beloved figure at PNC Park. A lifelong baseball fan and brother Knight, Father Schwartz ministers to players, staff and fans alike — offering



encouragement, friendship and spiritual support within the stadium community. [WATCH HERE](#)

### 'Six-Tool Discipleship'

Just as a "six-tool player" in baseball excels in all aspects of the game — including mental toughness — Father Burke Masters, a brother Knight and chaplain to the Chicago Cubs, encourages Catholics to become a "six-tool disciples" of Christ. His formula: Grow in faith through intentional discipleship, worship, generosity, service, building fraternity, and imitating Christ's virtues. [WATCH HERE](#)

### Tell others about *Knightline*

Forward this newsletter to Catholic men interested in the Knights, and let them know that they can become a member at [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join). You can also share your questions, feedback and story by emailing [knightline@kofc.org](mailto:knightline@kofc.org)

### District Deputy 17<sup>th</sup> New York Report - SK Richard Carl PGK

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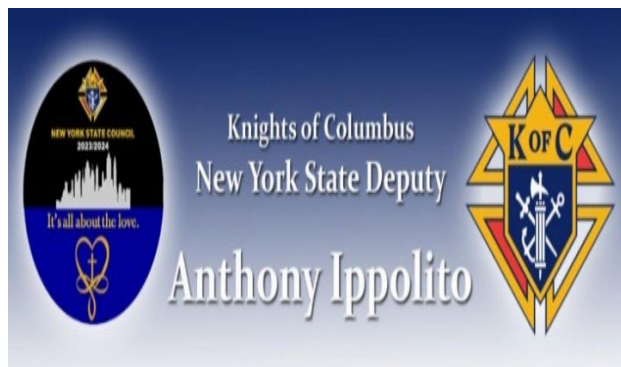
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- The file, "Star Council Check-Off Form 2024-25" lists everything required to qualify for the Star Council award.
- The file, "Church Recruitment Drive" contains suggested details that you might want to utilize. I realize that most councils already follow most of the suggestions. However, you might get a few new ideas.

I look forward to seeing you.

V. J. Rich Carl

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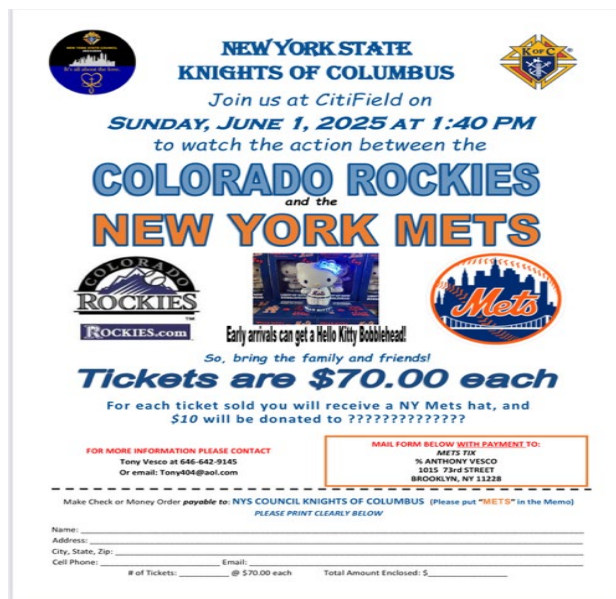
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### [NY State Deputy Town Hall Zoom Meeting](#)

Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:30PM. Click on the link: [www.knightstraining.org](http://www.knightstraining.org). Please spread the word. All Knights are welcome to join this New York State Deputy Town Hall Zoom Meeting!

[Save the Date](#) [The NY State Council at Citifield for THE NY METS vs. THE COLORADO ROCKIES on 6/1/25](#)



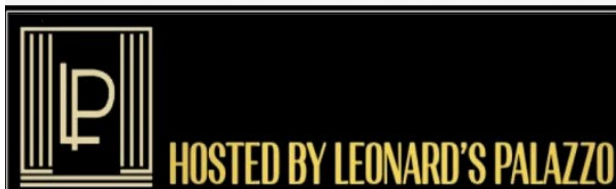
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**Chamber meetings are suspended for the summer months of July and August.**

**ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS - CALL 516-319-4465**

#### Events/Meetings:

We had a BBQ/Social Networking meeting in place of our traditional Chamber meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>, in the parking lot and downstairs of Harry Katz-Carpet One Floor & Home store. It was a great success Hamburgers, Hotdogs, salads and dessert. Beer and Wine were available. Beer was donated by The Jacket Brewery.

Our next Chamber meeting will be in September, when the Mayor will speak about State of Mineola. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

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## News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 8, 2025

Contact: [communicationsdept@kofc.org](mailto:communicationsdept@kofc.org)

### **Statement of Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly Following the Election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV**

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Following the election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly issued the following statement:

"The Knights of Columbus joins Catholics everywhere in celebrating the election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, the successor of St. Peter and spiritual leader of the Catholic Church. On behalf of our 2.1 million members around the world, I pledge our loyalty to Pope Leo XIV as well as our prayers today and every day of his pontificate. The Knights of Columbus will always stand in solidarity with Pope Leo XIV as we support the Church's mission of evangelization through our works of charity and faith formation.

"Pope Leo XIV, the first American Pope, assumes the Petrine ministry with a strong familiarity with the Knights of Columbus. I was honored to meet with him in 2023, shortly after the beginning of his tenure as Prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Bishops, and I know firsthand of his sincere appreciation for the Knights of Columbus and our service to the Church around the world. Our Order began during the pontificate of Pope Leo XIII — and in the years ahead, we will proudly stand with Pope Leo XIV as we seek together to build up the Kingdom of God.

"Since our founding in 1882 by Blessed Michael McGivney, fidelity to the Holy Father has been a defining characteristic of the Knights of Columbus. As it was with his predecessors, the pastoral priorities of Pope Leo XIV will guide and inform everything we do."

Following the First World War, the Knights of Columbus answered the invitation of Pope Benedict XV to open sports fields to serve the youth of Rome. And ever since, for more than a century, the Knights has enjoyed a long and enduring relationship with each successive Pope. Since 1980, the Knights of Columbus has sponsored numerous restoration projects at the Vatican, most recently the restoration of Gian Lorenzo Bernini's iconic Baldacchino over the papal altar and tomb of St. Peter, as well as the Chair of St. Peter monument, both undertaken in anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2025.

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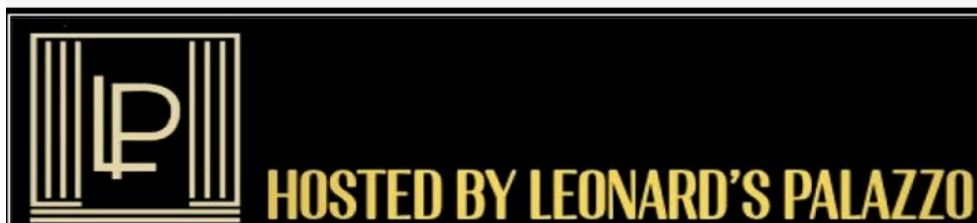
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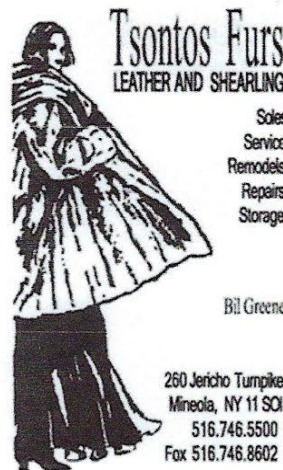
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