



Knights of Columbus

Serving the Parishes of Corpus Christi and Saint Aidan

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Clarion

Lent Edition



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Grand Knight's Report-

Mike Villa

Dear Brother Knights and Columbiettes,

I am behind the eight ball, totally bogged down and delayed with this message. Therefore, it will be short.

First off, I want to wish Carol Augello a speedy recovery from her surgery this past Monday. She is home and on the mend. Pete and Carol went through hoops to get into Manhattan for her scheduled surgery with a monster of a blizzard on the way. They did it and surgery was a success. Great job, keep Carol and Pete in your thoughts and prayers.

This March seems like it crept up on us and we are very busy. Sunday March 1st the Mineola St. Patrick's Day Parade. The parade will hold the same

route as last year. Our council will be open to the public beginning at 1pm. Which is the same time the parade starts. All marchers will meet and muster at the NYS Court House parking fields on Old Country Road at noon. If anyone needs a ride to the parking lot, please be at the council at 11:30am and my wife and I will provide rides to the parking fields. Volunteers are needed throughout the day and at the end of the party to help clean up, please.

The following Thursday, March 5th is our business meeting at 8pm. Please come down and get involved with your council. Then that Saturday March 7th, Jim Corrigan is chairing our Irish Night. It is always a great time and our steward Chef Pete will be preparing all the food. The party runs 7pm-11pm complete with Donny Gold Irish Dancers, Kevin McLeod Band, Door Prizes and of course the

Pot of Gold Raffle. The night is \$75 and includes great traditional Irish fare, Irish coffee and an open bar. Please come and make this a successful night for our council.

Thursday March 12th we will be hosting an Exemplification in the main hall. Please encourage friends and family to consider becoming a Knight. They must first log onto kofc.org and click on join and complete the online application. They will receive an email back with instructions for them to verify their information. This verification must be done within 24 hours of receiving the email, at which time I will then get notified about them and our Chancellor will get in touch with them. The Exemplification will have the candidates arrive at 7pm and we will begin the ceremony promptly at 7:30pm. In our last Exemplification we gained 19 new Knights and hosted the event for 30 new Knights to the order.

On Thursday March 19th we will have our monthly social meeting at 8pm, again please come down and get involved in your council. Finally on Friday March 27th. we will be hosting a comedy jam. It's an inexpensive evening out with some laughs. Details will follow and emails will be sent out.

Sunday March 29th is Palm Sunday, and it is also Founder's Day. In case you are unaware, Founder's Day is the date in 1882 when the Knights of Columbus was officially incorporated by Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney. I will have church drives at a later date.

Well, it was somewhat short. I hope to see everyone at these events this month. Your help is always needed and appreciated.

Vivat Jesus,
SK Mike Villa, GK

From the Editor's Desk:

Will Havron, Editor
SK Michael Murtha, PGK Co-Editor

Business Meeting will be held on Thurs., Mar. 5th
Social Meeting will be held on Thur., Mar. 19th.

Come Support the Council and your Brother Knights! Come to the Exemplification!

Corpus Christi Council #2502 Officers

2025- 2026

Grand Knight	Mike Villa
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Alt to Deputy Delegate	PGK Mike Murtha

Editor's Desk: Clarion Deadline

The Deadline for the Clarion every Month is the 20th of the month. Any articles you wish to have included must be sent to me by e-mail: 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!

March is a special month

The month begins with the second week of Lent and ends with Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. Lent calls us to beautiful and challenging work: to repent of our sins, to return to the Sacraments, to give alms

generously, and to open our hearts more fully to God's grace. Consider during the holy week, we never walk alone. The Church, Our Blessed Mother, and the entire communion of saints accompany us as we journey toward Easter.

Sundays of Lent 2026:

2nd Sunday of Lent: March 1st – Reflect on God's promises and strengthen our faith.

3rd Sunday of Lent: March 8th – Focus on turning away from sin and returning to God.

4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday): March 15th – A joyful pause in Lent, reminding us of God's mercy.

5th Sunday of Lent: March 22nd – Renew commitment to prayer, fasting, and service.

Palm Sunday: March 29th – Celebrates Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and begins Holy Week.



March riddles – 1.) “How many gold coins can a leprechaun throw in an empty pot?”

2.) “What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a four-leaf clover?”

3.) “Where can you always find “gold,” but there's no gold at all?”

Chaplain's Report - Msgr. Bob Batule

March Clarion Column

We are in Lent now, the season of prayer, fasting and giving alms. It's appropriate to see Lent this way because the Gospel on first day of this holy season mentions all three ascetical practices.

First, prayer. Jesus is the exemplar of prayer. The evangelists attest to this too. Jesus prayed by Himself and took the apostles with Him for the purpose of teaching them to pray. Jesus prayed because His mission was entirely focused on carrying out the Father's will. His prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane is utterly central to accomplishing that divine will. Not my will, but your will be done. Every time we pray, we ask Our Heavenly Father for the grace to act in accordance with the divine counsel, not our own preferences and priorities.

Second, fasting. In this respect, Jesus is our guide too. He fasted for forty days and forty nights in the desert at the start of His public ministry. Jesus fasted that He might be focused entirely on the work given Him by the Father in the Spirit. Fasting is an act of self-denial. To achieve high goals in this life, we cannot be divided in our interests and attention. There must be a singleness of intention in our witness; otherwise, we will wind up only as half-hearted in our discipleship.

Third, alms-giving. The Lord sought to relieve the suffering of the poor throughout His earthly ministry, and taught the disciples to do the same. We cannot take a pass on this matter, remaining on the sidelines. We must dive right in where it is appropriate and offer the consolation of our deeds where it helps the most. Acts of charity reflect our commitment to the needy around us. We don't have to look very far or very long before finding those in distress and putting into practice the corporal and or spiritual works of mercy.

Remain committed to your Lenten resolutions. And make it a point to adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at your parish.

The Eucharistic Revival continues with us. Seek His Presence when and where you can.

In Christ,
Msgr. Bob Batule
Council Chaplain

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Help Stop Abortion

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*.

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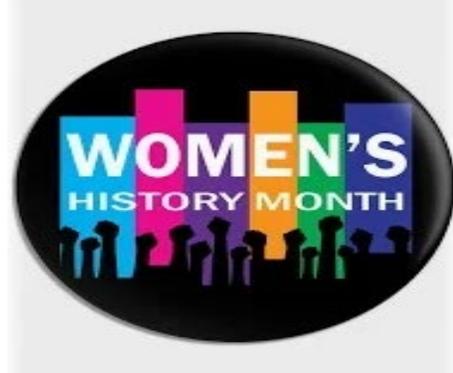
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[March is Women's History Month &](#)

[March is Irish Heritage Month](#)



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[Daylight Saving Time Begins](#)

Set clocks one hour ahead

**DAYLIGHT
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At 2:00 a.m.



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[St. Patrick's Day](#)

Happy St. Patrick's Day! **March 17th is St. Patrick's Day.** Also affectionately known as St. Paddy's Day or St. Patty's Day, it's the one day each year that everyone and anyone can call themselves Irish – if

not by birthright, then in spirit. If you have been living under the Blarney Stone, lucky you!



The luck of the Irish and all things green are celebrated on St. Patrick's Day, Initially, a day to honor St Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, over time the holiday has evolved into a fun and festive celebration of Irish culture. The Catholic Church first recognized March 17th as a feast day commemorating Ireland's best-known and most beloved patron saint, Saint Patrick, in 1631. With rare exceptions, March 17th always fell during Lent, when alcohol consumption was prohibited by the Church. But on Saint Patrick's feast day, the ban on alcohol was lifted, presumably because it was a feast day, and feasting usually included alcohol. Saint Patrick's feast day in Ireland remained a traditionally pious religious day. Irish laws eventually curtailed the use of alcohol during the feast by mandating that all pubs remain closed on that day. This was Irish law until it was repealed in the 1970s. Meanwhile, in America, more than one million Irish men, women, and children were immigrating through Ellis Island in the 1800s. They faced oppressive discrimination in America, leaving most unemployed and living in severe poverty in New York City tenements. As their numbers grew, the Irish discovered strength in unity and rallied together to celebrate their beloved patron saint with a parade every March 17th. The practice of St. Patrick's Day parades and festivals followed Irish immigrants as they made their way across America's heartland and into the deep south, seeking cheap farmland and job opportunities. Parades are the heartbeat of St. Patrick Day festivities in America. This is not surprising, since the first parade held in St. Patrick's honor took place in America, not Ireland, in 1601 in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. And the first actual St. Patrick's Day parade also took place in America, in 1737, although it was pretty much just a stroll down

the middle of a street in Boston by a few Irish Protestants to honor the patron saint of their motherland. The first St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City was held in 1762, 14 years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence and was organized by Irish troops serving in British colonies. Today the world's biggest St. Patrick's Day celebration is the annual parade in New York City, where more than two million spectators line the parade route, all claiming to be Irish, at least for the day. **"Erin go Bragh!"**



[The Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)



Saint Joseph with the Infant Jesus by Guido Reni, c 1635

Saint Joseph's Day, also called the Feast of Saint Joseph or the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, is the principal feast day of Saint Joseph, husband of the Virgin Mary, stepfather of Jesus Christ and protector of the family and patron of the Church and of workers. This holiday takes place during Lent, a time of fasting, and the holiday is traditionally a meatless feast in Europe. One of the most popular traditions of St Joseph's Day is to set the Tavola di San Giuseppe, or the Table of Saint Joseph. The origins of St. Joseph's Table can be

traced to the Middle Ages. According to one tradition, during a famine brought on by a severe drought, starving villagers — many of them farmers — prayed to St. Joseph, asking for his intercession. St. Joseph helped them to survive by eating the fava bean. It was the only crop that would grow in such harsh conditions. So bountiful did the crop become that the famine ended. To offer their thanks the people prepared a special feast, inviting the poor and less fortunate among them to share the meal. The feast of St. Joseph's Table has been celebrated ever since. The festival is celebrated with a ritual that begins with what's called tupa-tupa, or "knock-knock." A group of poor or orphaned children is usually selected to portray the Holy Family, reliving their journey through the Holy Land for food and shelter. The family approaches the first door and knocks. When asked who is there, they ex-claim, "Jesus, Mary, and Joseph! We seek food and shelter." The owner responds, "There is no room for you here." The family proceeds to the second home, where the ritual is repeated, to the same response: "We have no room for you here." Finally, the family approaches the third house where, after they knock, the host replies: "Welcome to this house. The table is set. The food is prepared. Come in and honor us with your presence." The Holy Family enters the house, and the bountiful feast begins with the cry, "Viva la tavola di San Giuseppe!" ("Long live the table of St. Joseph!"), which is heard throughout the day. All other attendees must wait until the Holy Family has finished their meal before they are allowed to eat. The St. Joseph's table itself — also known as an "altar" — is traditionally comprised of three ascending tables, or "steps," representing both the Holy Trinity and the ascent from earth to heaven. At the center of the last and highest table is a statue of St. Joseph or a picture of the Holy Family. Often the altar is the result of a vow made in the previous year, in which an individual or family promised to build an altar if St. Joseph granted a petition. The altar must never be a source of personal financial gain, and often it is customary for people to beg for supplies to build it. Palms and lily plants typically adorn each of the tables. Vigil candles, usually green, brown, and dark yellow, accompany the flowers, representing the colors of St. Joseph.

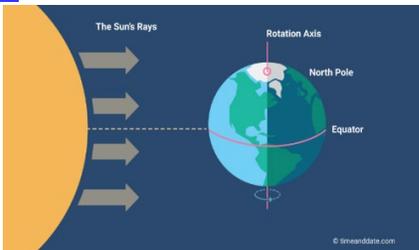
Breads are formed and baked into the shapes of various Catholic symbols, such as a St. Joseph's staff and various carpentry tools, a chalice, cross, monstrance, dove, lamb, fish, or heart. Some of these elaborate breads are not eaten as part of the meal but later given to the poor. Bottles of wine are also placed upon the altar, as well as assorted fruits such as grapes and lemons. The various culinary treats that form the meal are each blessed by a priest; thus, the food is never to be thrown away or wasted. Because the feast of St. Joseph falls during the Lenten season, meat is not a part of the meal. The main course is a pasta dish containing sardines, tomatoes, and fresh fennel, and sprinkled with breadcrumbs to represent the sawdust of a carpenter. There are several names for this dish, but it is often called pasta con sarde, pasta con mudrica or pasta Milanese. Various soups made of lentils and vegetable dishes such as stuffed artichokes, broccoli, and fennel, as well as the all-important fava bean, which is often served roasted and lightly salted, accompany the pasta. As with all things Sicilian, the meal is followed by a tasty assortment of desserts: various cookies, zeppole and the famous St. Joseph sfinge, which is a round cream puff filled with ricotta cheese or cream and adorned with candied fruits. The food that remains is given to the poor, along with any money that guests may have contributed. St. Joseph's Table is still celebrated today in many parts of the United States, and even where it is not, the memory of the feast persists, allowing for anyone to initiate this charming custom. An important mark of a religious feast is its social dimension. St. Joseph's Table is a celebration of family, in honor of the protector of families. It is not merely a private celebration: In addition to private altars, public altars have been traditionally built at the village churches in Sicily and here in the United States. In New Orleans, for example, the first St. Joseph altar was built on the front steps of St. Joseph Church on Tulane Avenue in 1967. The feast has been celebrated by Italians in New Orleans ever since. St. Joseph's Table is an expression of gratitude for the simplest things in life, such as a crop of fava beans that grew at a time when the fields were otherwise dry and barren. Sicilians often call fava beans "lucky beans." Those who keep the fava bean in their pantry are said

never to run out of food. This attitude of humility is exemplified in the various preparations that go into making a St. Joseph's Table, from the construction of the three tables to the basic, simple ingredients of the food. It is quite fitting, then, that the Solemnity of St. Joseph occurs during Lent, a time of reflection, humility, and almsgiving.



Mangia! Mangia!

Equinox



There are two equinoxes every year: one in **March** and one in September. In March, the Sun crosses the equator from south to north. The March equinox is the moment the Sun crosses the celestial equator—an imaginary line in the sky above Earth's equator—from south to north. This happens on March 19th, 20th, or 21st every year. On the days of the equinoxes, the Earth's axis is perpendicular to the Sun's rays, meaning that all regions on Earth receive about the same number of hours of sunlight. In other words, night and day are, in principle, the same length all over the world. This is the reason it's called an "equinox," derived from Latin, meaning "equal night." However, this literal translation not entirely true because in

reality, equinox days don't have exactly 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of dark.

Fraternal Corner - Prayers for the Sick & Deceased

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

Carol Augello, Conor Mulligan, John Cloghessy, Thomas Mckiever, Robert Teemsma, Robert Hinck, James b. Flynn, 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

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

James Barry	1985-1986
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	2023-2025

Financial Secretary Report

Nicholas F Pennacchio-Dues

Dear Brother Knight,

DUES ARE DUE JANUARY EVERY YEAR.

2025-2026 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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Name: _____

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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; Ray Loughlin;

Mike Villa, James Tremblay.

[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.

[Joseph J. Ryan Knight of the Year Award](#)

Congratulations to GK Mike Villa SK, for being named the **2026 Corpus Christi Council Knight of the Year! Save the date, brunch honoring Mike Sunday, June 7th.** This award recognizes long-term contributions to the Council and is known as the **Joseph J. Ryan Knight of the Year Award.**

Review the attached list of the Council’s winners since 1959 (*indicates Deceased).

Brother John & Mary Biancaniello and his committee will run the June 7th, Knight of the Year Brunch. Here are details: Corpus Christi Council, Sunday, June 7th from 1230 pm to 430 pm. \$40 a person includes Brunch beer wine soda and mimosas, cash bar for mixed drinks. For reservations contact: John Biancaniello 347-219-9474 or mjbian911@gmail.com; Charlie Farruggia 917-837-5315 or ecabeagle@aol.com; and Nick Pennacchio 516-462-4061 or nfrankp@aol.com.

See the Attached Flyer.

Corpus Christi Council Contact the Steward for Rentals. Submit Articles to the Clarion newsletter.

Contact the Steward Pete Augello to book a rental at the council, call the council number 516 746 8643, leave a voicemail if the machine comes on.

To submit articles to the Clarion newsletter, please email Mike Murtha mtm12533@aol.com and Will Havron kofcwillhavron@gmail.com.

Conor Mulligan, the grandson of a KofC member

Pls forgive me, my technical skills are quite weak, my apologies

As I said earlier, my family is extremely grateful for all the prayers our Council said for Conor Mulligan 18 mos. old.!!! For those not aware, not long after

Conor was born, after many hospitalizations, his parents learned that he had a very rare form of infantile epilepsy and would likely not survive the year.

Here is the video of his funeral at Our Lady of Victory Church in Floral Park. Standing room only!! My nephew Brendan is a fireman, FDNY. I think his entire house was there

The funeral begins 11 seconds into the video.

The parents, Brendan and Gill Mulligan - 2 of the most courageous, humble, nicest people you could ever meet, gave the best speech I have ever heard!! The priest gave a wonderful homily.

Worth seeing, since we each go through very difficult times at points and struggle with how to make sense of it. This young couple is simply inspiring. Thanks for your patience.

<https://youtube.com/live/4PhWsi5l0iE?feature=share>

RIP Conor



St. Patrick's Dinner-Dance

We will be honoring Rev. Michael Bissex, Irishman of the Year. The dance will be held on Saturday, March 7th, from 7:00PM – 11:00PM for \$75 per person. Corned beef & cabbage, Shepherd's pie will be served followed by coffee and dessert. There will be a cash bar. Irish Mist will provide music for your listening and dancing pleasure. Kevin McLeod Band will perform along with Donny Golden Irish Step Dancers. In conjunction with the St. Patrick's Dinner Dance, our annual "Pot of Gold" raffle will be conducted. Raffle tickets are \$10 each with a limit of only being sold. Grand Prize = \$ 1,000; 2nd Prize = \$ 500. Drawing will take place during dinner-

dance. Raffle tickets will be mailed within the week to Council members. Reservations are required. Please contact PGK Jim Corrigan via email: Kofcjm@gmail.com or text: (516)282-6774. **SEE THE ATTACHED FLYER**



Pot of Gold Raffles

Jim Corrigan is selling raffles (a limit will be sold) as part of the March 7th St Patrick's Dinner Dance. They are \$10 each; First Prize \$1000; Second Prize \$500. Checks payable to Corpus Christi Council #2502. Mail checks to Jim Corrigan at 500 Denton Ave, Apt 4C, Garden City Park, NY 11040. You can also contact via kofcjm2502@gmail.com or text him on 516 282 6774. Every member received a St Patrick's Pot of Gold Raffle in the mail from Jim. Please send your raffle ticket in. If you would like additional tickets, please contact Jim. Thank you. **SEE THE ATTACHED FLYER**

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National Vietnam War Veteran's Day



We commemorate those who fought in the Vietnam War on **National Vietnam War Veterans Day, March 29th**. There's no doubt that the Vietnam War was one of the most brutal. In fact, there were over three million Vietnam War casualties during the years of battle. It was known as the Second Indochina War to Americans, and considering its long fighting time and brutality, National Vietnam War Veterans Day was created to honor all the Vietnam veterans who fought during its time. The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 established the day as a national observance. However, it is not an official holiday in any part of the United States. Vietnam War Veterans Day was first observed as a one-time occasion on March 29, 2012, when President Barack Obama issued a proclamation calling on "all Americans to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities." The day was introduced as an annual event in 2017 when President Donald Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017. Across the United States, commemorative events like wreath-laying ceremonies, speeches, and luncheons are held to mark the occasion. Typical venues include the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington DC, war veteran medical facilities, and military cemeteries.

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Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday (also **Passion Sunday**) is in the Christian holiday commemorating Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem before his suffering and death on the cross. It is associated with the blessing and procession of palms or twigs



(sometimes decorated with flowers) from local trees. This tradition corresponds to the palm branches the crowd scattered in front of Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem. **Palm Sunday** is the first day of Holy Week which also includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

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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. You can also share your questions, feedback and story by emailing knightline@kofc.org.

Charles Farruggia, Chancellor

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Special Days, Council Activities
Save The Dates

- Mineola St. Patrick's Day Parade 3/1
- St Patick's Day Parade Second Street Block Party
- Women's History & Irish Heritage Month, 3/1
- Second Sunday of Lent, 3/1
- Council Business Meeting, 3/5
- Daylight Savings Time Begins, 3/8
- Third Sunday of Lent 3/8
- Council Business Meeting, 3/5
- Knights of Columbus Exemplification 3/12
- Fourth Sunday of Lent, 3/15

- St. Patrick's Day 3/17
- Solemnity of St. Joseph, 3/19
- Council Social Meeting, 3/19
- March Equinox 3/20
- Fifth Sunday of Lent 3/22
- COR meeting, 3/26
- 2502 Council Comedy Jam 3/27
- Palm Sunday 3/29
- National Vietnam War Veteran's Memorial Day - 3/29

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Corpus Christi's 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 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 4th 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.

The upcoming meeting will be held **March 26th at 7:00 pm**. All Catholic men are welcome. If you have any questions, call Jim Corrigan (516) 282-6774.

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Council Events & Activities

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. **TBA** from 7-10:30pm. Only \$20/person for great music, Full Buffet and 1 Complimentary Beer, Wine or Soda. Extra \$3 Charge for 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!!!

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Ads for The Clarion

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[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.

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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.](http://kofc.org/KnightCast)

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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.



A bronze statue of Blessed Michael McGivney commissioned by the Supreme Council and gifted by the Fourth Degree is pictured at the St. Joseph altar of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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[Breaking the Chains](#)

On Feb. 8, the Church honors St. Josephine Bakhita, patron of those impacted by human trafficking. Kidnapped and enslaved as a child in Sudan in the late-19th century, she later became a religious sister and humbly served her community in Italy for more than 50 years. Her feast coincides with the Church's International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking. In his apostolic exhortation [Dilexi Te \(I Have Loved You\)](#), Pope Leo XIV affirmed the Church's efforts to combat modern forms of slavery, including human trafficking: "When the Church bends down to break the new chains that bind the poor," he writes, "she becomes a paschal sign" (61).

Breaking the Chains

Today, millions of people worldwide remain affected by modern forms of slavery — including forced labor, sexual exploitation and forced marriage. The Knights of Columbus is part of a global effort to combat human trafficking,

partnering with religious communities, the Arise Foundation and other organizations in places like the Philippines, Nigeria and Ukraine, to bring safety, healing and hope to survivors and those at risk. [READ MORE](#)

'To Get a New Life'

Bakhita Mountain Home in Colorado Springs, Colorado, is a residential home and program for women survivors of trafficking and sexual exploitation. The home, which receives support from Mount St. Francis Council 12228, provides a space for women to work toward personal goals and heal from past trauma. "Father McGivney's mission on protecting and helping orphans, widows, [and so on] — that's the basic part of being a Knight," said Past Grand Knight Bob Condrone. "This is the epitome of helping a family to get a new life."

[WATCH HERE](#)

Consecrating the Ordinary

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which coincides with the Church's celebration of the World Day for Consecrated Life on Feb. 2, exemplifies how all baptized Christians are called to offer their lives to God — whether as laypeople or as consecrated persons. "We are all here to be given to Christ — to live for him in this life and be happy with him in the next," reflects Dominican Sister Maria Rose of the Crown of Thorns. "The formal commitment of religious life is meant as a sign of this universal call to all baptized Christians — a beacon to remind us what it is we are meant to be." [READ MORE](#)

'They Matter to Someone'

For 12 years, Sister Kamila Frydryszewska of the Little Missionary Sisters of Charity has served in Ukraine alongside her religious community, aiding and offering refuge to vulnerable women and children. Since the full-scale invasion of 2022, her service to families in need near the front lines has continued, despite the threat of artillery fire. Partnering with the Knights, she and her sisters provide safe lodging, food and other basic necessities to those who have lost everything to war. [READ MORE](#)

New Film Profiles Founder of Religious Order

A K of C-produced documentary will begin airing on ABC-affiliated stations across the United States in February through a partnership with the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission. *God Above All: The Life of María Félix Torres* tells the inspiring story of a woman of deep faith and powerful intellect whose “yes” to God opened her heart to a special mission. From defending the faith during the Spanish Civil War to founding the Company of the Savior, Mother María Félix Torres (1907-2001) dedicated her life to educating young women and fostering holiness. Visit motherfelixfilm.com.

KNIGHTLINE

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[The Gift of Encounter](#)

Today, the Church observes the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and, with it, the World Day of the Sick — a reminder to pray for those suffering due to illness, and for their caregivers. In his [message](#) for the 34th World Day of the Sick, Pope Leo XIV invites us to reflect on the parable of the Good Samaritan. Reflecting on the “gift of encounter,” the Holy Father explains, “Love is not passive; it goes out to meet the other. ... In this parable, compassion is the defining characteristic of active love; it is neither theoretical nor merely sentimental, but manifests itself through concrete gestures.”

Not MAiD for This

According to Canada’s Sixth Annual Report on Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD), released in November, 16,499 people died by MAiD in 2024. Now accounting for more than 5% of all deaths in the country, the annual count has steadily increased more than 16-fold over the past decade. As euthanasia becomes increasingly common, Catholic groups, leaders and professionals — including many Knights of Columbus — offer hope, care and advocacy for those vulnerable to despair. [READ MORE](#)

Medical Missionaries

Dr. Gilbert Irwin, a member of George Brent Council 5332 in Manassas, Virginia, founded the nonprofit Medical Missionaries nearly 30 years ago in

response to the lack of health care available in Haiti. With support and manpower from Council 5332, the Medical Missionaries established a 24/7 medical facility in Haiti’s Central Plateau that serves approximately 25,000 patients a year. [WATCH HERE](#)



Supper at Emmaus (oil on canvas) by Rembrandt (1606-1669)

At Home With Jesus

While Jesus spent much of his public ministry traveling and teaching on the road, the Gospels also share many instances when he taught, healed and shared meals within the homes of those who welcomed him along the way. Catholic families are called to make their home a sacred space as well, writes Allan Wright in a recent essay for *Columbia*. “Just as Jesus spent much of his time teaching, healing, forgiving and sharing meals in the home, so too can our ‘domestic church’ become a central place where our family experiences the person and love of Christ.” [READ MORE](#)

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KNIGHTLINE

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Hardwired for Communion

As the season of Lent begins today, Ash Wednesday, Knights are encouraged to renew their commitment to prayer, charity and self-denial alongside their brothers. In his [2026 message for Lent](#), Pope Leo XIV emphasized the communal aspect of prayer and fasting that is necessary for “allowing the word of God to touch our hearts.” The Holy Father continued, “Our parishes, families, ecclesial groups and religious communities are called to undertake a shared journey during Lent, in which listening to the word of God, as well as to the cry of the poor and of the earth, becomes part of our community life, and fasting a foundation for sincere repentance.”

Sacred Snow

Knights from Michigan Technological University Council 17237 in Houghton, Michigan, joined fellow students and local parishioners to construct the Ice Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows at St. Albert the Great University Parish. For the past 11 years, the chapel has drawn increased attention from around the world. This year, more than 900 people braved the cold on Feb. 6 and 7 to attend three Masses held in the ice chapel. [READ MORE](#)

Hardwired for Communion

Recent polling data shows that nearly 70% of Gen Z men spend one to six hours a day online, and 27% spend six hours or more. But the fulfillment they seek cannot be found in digital distractions, writes Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly in a recent column for *Columbia*. “At their core,” the supreme knight argues, “all men have a deep desire to be challenged with a vision of life that calls them to sacrifice for a higher purpose.” [READ MORE](#)

An Act of Surrender and Trust

Throughout the Philippines, Knights and their families are welcoming the Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon into their communities and homes, inviting Christ to reign in family life. “The enthronement, for me, is the acceptance of the openness of the Sacred Heart within us,” said Rommel del Rosario, a member of Our Lady of Fatima Council 9636 in Las Piñas, Metro Manila. “What inspired me to enthrone the Sacred Heart in

our home was when I thought about the protection of my family.” [WATCH HER](#)

Hope for the Homeless

After his wife, Donna, lost her brother to homelessness, Walter Finneran, a member of Sheridan Council 24 in Waterbury, Connecticut, helped her turn grief into action. Through Brian Bags, the Finnerans work with Knights and community members to provide essentials to those in need, honoring Brian O’Connell’s memory and exemplifying the Order’s call to serve the vulnerable with compassion and dignity. [WATCH HERE](#)

Lenten Resources

In this holy season, join Dominican Father Jonathan Kalisch and Renzo Ortega, manager of digital evangelization content, as they unpack why we are called to sacrifice and what that can look like as Knights. Look for their weekly video reflections on the Sunday readings across the official K of C social media channels or at kofc.org/lent. You will also find additional free resources, including a guide to confession, meditations for praying the Stations of the Cross and more.

KNIGHTLINE

VOLUME 44 | NUMBER 8 | 2/24/26

Four years of Heroic Charity

Four years after the full-scale war began in Ukraine, nearly 2 million people have reportedly been killed or injured and more than 10 million Ukrainians have been displaced from their homes. Since Russia’s invasion on Feb. 24, 2022, Knights across the globe have responded to the crisis through the Order’s [Ukraine Solidarity Fund](#). “As Christians, we recognize that our Ukrainian brothers and sisters need not only material support, but also prayer, spiritual care and the peace that dwells in the human heart through God’s grace,” said Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly in a message to Knights today. “We unite with Pope Leo XIV in ‘carrying within our hearts’ the suffering of the Ukrainian people.”

A Year of Steadfast Solidarity

Throughout 2025, Knights around the world stood in steadfast solidarity with the people of Ukraine — uniting prayer with action to bring hope amid

hardship. Inspired by Blessed Michael McGivney, the Order and its partners in Ukraine and Poland delivered heroic charity: feeding the hungry, rebuilding communities, and providing medical care, including life-changing prosthetics. Since the war began, the Knights of Columbus has served more than 2 million people, shipping 10 million pounds of supplies, delivering 320,000 care packages, and distributing 60,000 rosaries. [WATCH HERE](#)

Light After the Explosions

The war in Ukraine, which has killed an estimated 15,000 Ukrainian civilians as of December 2025, is increasingly reaching cities once considered relatively safe. Missile strikes on residential areas and critical infrastructure have reshaped everyday life in urban centers across the country. Amid the destruction, local Knights of Columbus have responded within hours of the attacks, working with residents and other volunteer networks to clear rubble, support affected families and assist the wounded. [READ MORE](#) | [WATCH HERE: TERNOPIL](#) | [WATCH HERE: LVIV](#)

Making Room for Childhood

By some estimates, more than 4,000 of Ukraine's educational facilities have been destroyed since Russia's full-scale invasion began four years ago. In many communities, schools operate part time, at reduced capacity or in unsuitable buildings. Against this tragic backdrop, Knights of Columbus throughout the country are helping to construct and restore children's spaces. "Beyond the purely economic or material, our support instills in people a belief that goodness exists," said State Treasurer Myroslav Mazur. "There are capable men ready to help — this gives people a sense of confidence."

[READ MORE](#)

"Compassion" — Stations of the Cross

This Lent, Knights are encouraged to pray a special [Way of the Cross](#) that connects each of the 14 stations with the sufferings of the Ukrainian people. Written by young adult Ukrainians who assist the Knights in distributing humanitarian aid, each meditation allows participants to reflect

on the great sorrows inflicted by war and unite them with the pain experienced by Christ during his passion and death.

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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. You can also share your questions, feedback and story by emailing knightline@kofc.org

District Deputy 17th New York Report - SK Richard Carl PGK

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Brother Knights,
I look forward to seeing you.
V. J. Rich Carl

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Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

The **Charity Ball** will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2026, starting at noon. It is at Leonard's Palazzo. If you are interested in attending, please make reservations so a space can be held for you. The cost is \$110.00 per person.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

Please be advised that Chapter President Kevin Fitzpatrick's email has been hacked.

If you receive an email message, appearing to be from him asking you to purchase gift cards for a project of distribution to disabled Veterans, please disregard. The message is being sent by someone who is posing as Fitz.

If you happen to receive it, simply disregard and let him know. He'll be changing his passwords in an effort to stop these phony messages. And above all, **DO NOT BUY GIFT CARDS FOR THE CHAPTER!**

Thanks for you patience, your understanding and for All you do for the Nassau Chapter.

God Bless and Be Well!
Steve Connelly, PGK, PFN, PCP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Have you checked out our new [Nassau Chapter KofC Facebook Page](#). Log in to view or sign up. See posts, photos and more. Kindly disregard the previous Chapter Facebook Pages.

If you have **ANY** questions, ideas or concerns, or to reserve/order your signs, please either respond to this message or you can call me at 516-312-5375.

God Bless and Be Well!

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The Mineola Chamber of Commerce.

The Mineola Chamber of Commerce welcomes you! Home of the county seat, we are one of the largest chambers on Long Island serving the businesses of Mineola and the surrounding areas.

As the voice of our business community, we strive to cultivate and strengthen economic developments in the area for our merchants, professionals, and businesspeople to make Mineola a better place to work, live, learn, and play.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month between September and June at various Chamber member venues. Networking begins at 6:00PM and the dinner meeting starts at 6:30PM. **Chamber meetings are suspended during the summer months of July and August.**

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

Events/Meetings:

Our February meeting was another great success at Laraira Restaurant on February 17th with guest speakers Stuart Adler and Thomas Barraco who spoke about trusts and estate planning. Our March meeting, will be a Breakfast meeting, held at the Mineola High School Synergy Building, which provides a hands-on environment for students to work with real companies, gain mentorship, and manage professional responsibilities, on March 17th beginning at 8:00am.

Normal price of \$45. Networking begins at 6:00PM and the dinner meeting starts at 6:30PM. Hope to see you then! **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**



The Holy Spirit window is pictured through the baldacchino in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican.



Discover the Catholic Vision at Work

Brother Knight,
What does work have to do with holiness?

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We can avoid burnout, put work in its rightful place in our lives and let it bring us closer to God.

Fraternally,
Knights of Columbus



Lent is Almost Here



We're built for sacrifice.

Ash Wednesday is next week, starting the holy season of sacrifice through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

This Lent, join brother Knights Father Jonathan Kalisch, O.P., and Renzo Ortega as they unpack why we're called to sacrifice in the first place and what that can look like as Knights.

Look for their video reflections on the Sunday readings each week, either at www.kofc.org/lent or on social media.

We'll be posting on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kofc), [X](https://twitter.com/kofc), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kofc), [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/kofc) and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/kofc). Want to get started early?

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Our sacrifices — during Lent or any time of the year — point to something greater: life with Jesus.

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Supporting Ukraine Word, Prayer and Deed

Brother Knight,

Today marks the fourth anniversary of the war in Ukraine. Since this tragic war began, nearly 2 million people have reportedly been killed or injured and

over 10 million Ukrainians have been displaced from their homes.

Throughout our history, the Knights of Columbus have responded in our communities by serving those most in need in times of war, natural disaster, and crisis. Our response in Ukraine has been no different. From the very beginning of this conflict, we have proudly supported the people of Ukraine in word, prayer, and deed.

Within 36 hours of the start of this war, the Knights of Columbus launched the [Ukraine Solidarity Fund](#) – which has now raised more than \$24 million for those in need. This generosity has enabled us to deliver more than 10 million pounds of food and supplies through our Charity Convoys and to provide more than 320,000 care packages.

As Christians, we recognize that our Ukrainian brothers and sisters need not only material support, but also prayer, spiritual care, and the peace that dwells in the human heart through God’s grace. This is why we have [collaborated with local Knights](#) to provide Ukrainian children with faith-based therapy, organized support events and psychological care for widows, distributed 60,000 rosaries throughout Ukraine, and developed a [novena for an end to the war](#).

We unite with Pope Leo XIV in “carrying within our hearts” the suffering of the Ukrainian people. Join me in continuing to stand firm in support of our brothers and sisters in need, and please consider donating to the [Ukraine Solidarity Fund](#).

I encourage you to view our latest [Ukraine Impact Report](#), as well as our [Ukraine Year in Review video](#), to learn more about our Order’s crucial work on behalf of those this war has left in need of shelter, food, medical supplies, and spiritual care.

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, thank you to all those who support this essential work. Blessed Michael McGivney founded our Order to care for widows, orphans, and families in need. By serving our brothers in Ukraine, and their communities, we continue to do just that.

Fraternally,
Patrick E. Kelly
Supreme Knight



Introducing the New KofC Website

Dear Brother Knights,

Our new Knights of Columbus website has officially launched, and it’s ready for you to explore!

This is the first major step in our digital transformation — making it easier to navigate and easier to connect more deeply with who we are and what we do.

And there’s more to come.

We hope you take some time to browse the website. Stay tuned for updated content and other improvements in the future!

Fraternally,
Knights of Columbus

P.S. - Don’t forget to update any bookmarks you may have saved with the new web pages.

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- 1.) “One. After that, it’s no longer empty.”
- 2.) “A rash of good luck”
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*Happy Saint Patrick's Day
&
Happy Saint Joseph's Day*

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Joseph J. Ryan Knight of the Year Award

Congratulations to GK Mike Villa SK, for being named the **2026 Corpus Christi Council Knight of the Year!** Save the date, brunch honoring Mike Sunday, June 7th. This award recognizes long-term contributions to the Council and is known as the **Joseph J. Ryan Knight of the Year Award**. Here are the Council's winners since 1959 (* indicates Deceased).

1959 Leo Blatz PGK*	1960 John Davanzo*	1961 Anthony Riggio*
1962 John Dowling PGK*	1963 Rev. Thomas Manning*	1964 Joseph Raeder*
1965 Francis X. Kehoe PGK*	1966 Daniel McGrath PGK*	1967 Edward Panzella PGK*
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1974 James P. McCullagh*	1975 Anthony Ciampi*	1976 Nicholas A. Sergi*
1977 Paul Senft*	1978 Edward J. Duffy*	1979 Robert E. McGarvey PGK*
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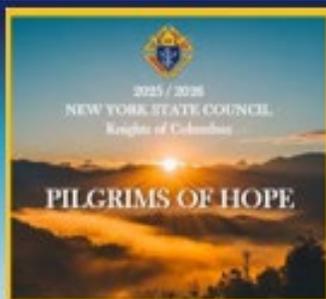
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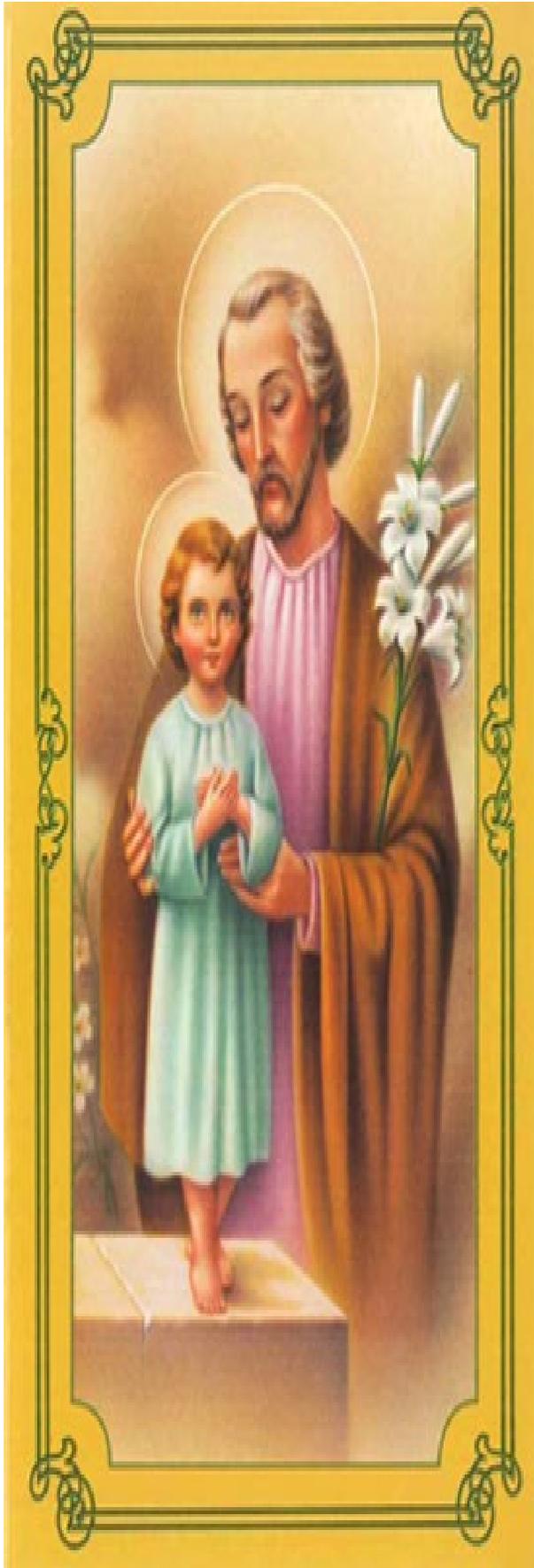
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WITH ME,
CHRIST
BEFORE ME,
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BEHIND ME,
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IN ME.





Father, you entrusted our Savior
to the care of St. Joseph.
By the help of his prayers
may your Church continue
to serve its Lord, Jesus Christ.

May we also serve you
at your altar with pure hearts.
Protect your family always, and in
your love watch over the gifts
you have given us. Grant this
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*On March 19, you will be
remembered and prayed for
in a special Mass
for St. Joseph's Day
celebrated by the Passionists.*

Happy St. Joseph's Day!



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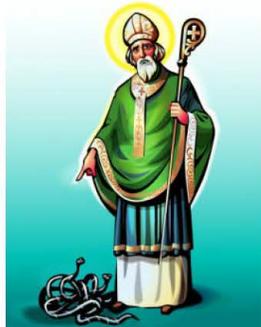
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