

# District 64 News



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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**In Service to One, In Service to All**

October 2020

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11935 St. John's, Marshalls Creek  
12114 Fr. Henry E. Zapotocki, Tannersville

Fellow Knights,

I ask everyone to recite the *Memorare of Blessed Virgin Mary*. Pray it at least once a day for our country and for our church leaders.

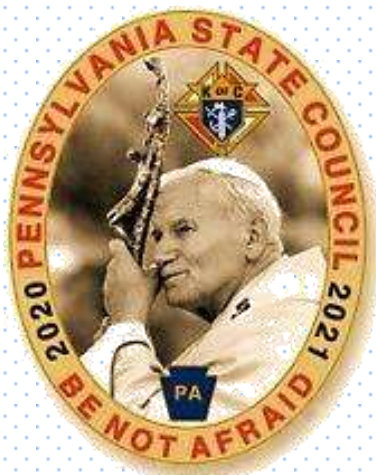
District 64 will again be a sponsor for the PRCP Walk for Life.



**Vivat Jesus!**

*Joseph Galayda, DD*

### STATE PRAYER "INTERSESSION OF ST JOHN PAUL II"



O Blessed Trinity, we thank you for having graced the Church with Saint John Paul II and for allowing the tenderness of your fatherly care, the glory of the Cross of Christ and the splendor of the Spirit of love to shine through him. Trusting fully in your infinite mercy and in the maternal intercession of Mary, he has given us a living image of Jesus the Good Shepherd. He has shown us that holiness is the necessary measure of ordinary Christian life and is the way of Achieving eternal communion with you. Grant us, by his intercession, and according to your will, the graces we implore, through Christ our Lord. Amen

# ***Beatification of Father McGivney***

## **RECOGNITION OF FATHER MCGIVNEY**



### **Special Mass on October 31, 2020 in Hartford, Connecticut**

Our Founder, Father Michael McGivney, will be beatified during a special Mass Oct. 31 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. On May 27, the Vatican announced that Pope Francis, who met with the board of directors of the Knights of Columbus in February, had signed the decree recognizing a miracle through the intercession of Father McGivney, clearing the way for his beatification. Once beatified, he will be given the title "Blessed."

Father McGivney (1852-1890), the son of Irish immigrants, was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, and was ordained a priest in 1877 for what is now the Archdiocese of Hartford. He founded the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882. He originally started the Knights as a service organization to help widows and orphans. At the time, Father McGivney was an assistant pastor at St. Mary's Parish. He is buried in New Haven.

The fraternal order for Catholic men has become the largest lay Catholic organization in the world with two million members and sponsors a wide range of educational, charitable and religious activities. Father McGivney, will be the first American parish priest to be beatified. He has long been a hero of working-class Catholics.



# How Social Distancing May Change the Way We Do Church

“When we think about the mechanics of Sunday Eucharist, it’s difficult to imagine a system better designed to spread contagion. Parishioners of all ages are crowded into a confined space, they hug or shake hands, they receive bread on the tongue or in the hand from a minister, whose hands are not gloved, they share a cup of wine and they crowd together at the church entrance before and after Mass.

“But just as everyone wants to get America back to work, pastors want to reopen churches to their congregations as soon as possible. But public health experts tell us that the country is not ready.

“Before people can safely congregate in churches, movie theaters, sports events, bars, and other crowded places, Americans will need to be vaccinated against coronavirus. Again, we are nowhere near having that in place. Even if we were, meeting in large crowds would still be discouraged until a vaccine is available. Could churches reopen while practicing social distancing during the time prior to a vaccine? It is possible, but it would be a logistical nightmare with rules that would have to be enforced with absolute rigor.

“First, the pastor would have to examine the church and calculate how many people it could accommodate while observing 6 feet social distancing. Parishioners would not have the freedom to choose where to sit. They would have to be directed to and from their seat by an usher. The space around the entrance to the church would also need to be marked at 6 foot intervals so that people did not crowd the door and break social distancing. No lingering would be allowed in the church parking lot. All these rules would have to be enforced strictly.

“Both of our daily and weekend masses, each individual that chooses to receive does so by receiving in the hand and not their mouth. The celebrant touches every host and if he accidentally touches a surface or the hand of the individual receiving, he must cleanse his hands with a hand sanitizer. Another means of protecting both our fellow parishioners and ourselves is by wearing face masks. A face mask is intended to trap droplets that are released when the wearer talks, coughs or sneezes. Asking everyone to wear a mask can help reduce the spread of the virus by people who have COVID-19. Many people wear a mask the wrong way. The CDC recommends that you wear a face mask when you’re around people who don’t live with you and in public settings when social distancing is difficult. Your face mask should fit snugly and both your nose and mouth should be covered.

“With the help of everyone adhering to these rules and laws that have been put into effect by our local governments and state lawmakers we will defeat this enemy that has plagued our society for the past 6 months.”

[Jesuit Fr. Thomas Reese is a columnist for Religion News Service]  
Everyone STAY SAFE....

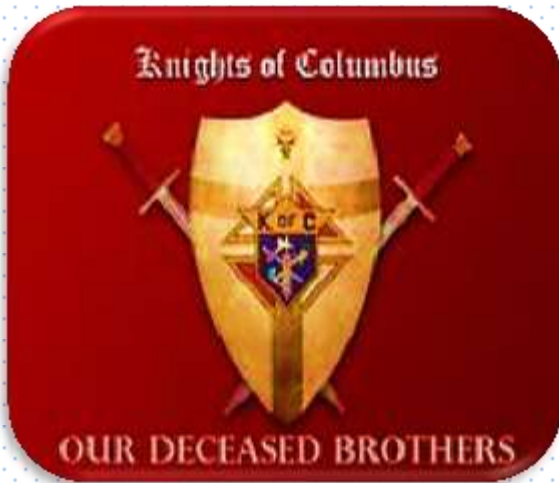
**Vivat Jesus!**

*Ralph Manento*, PGK, FDD

11434 Father Francis M. Craft  
Saint Mathew Parish  
200 Brodhead Ave, E. Stroudsburg, PA 18301  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:30pm & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 9:30am

**Grand Knight Report:**

Our council will be volunteering at the **PRCP Walk for Life**



We remember our  
brothers who  
returned home to be  
with the Lord. Our  
Council Memorial  
Mass will be held on  
Sunday, October 11,  
2020 at 11:15am.



**Vivat Jesus!**

*Anthony Matrisciano, GK*

11935 Saint John  
Saint John the Apostle Parish  
5171 Milford Rd., E. Stroudsburg, PA 18302  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7:30pm & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 7:00pm

**Grand Knight Report:**

Our council will be preparing the hot breakfast for the Pregnancy Resource Center of the **Pocono's Annual WALK for LIFE** to be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.



**Vivat Jesus!**

*Julio Cruz, GK*

4084 Father John T. Butler  
Saint Luke's Parish  
818 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday 7:30pm & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 7:30pm

**Grand Knight Report:**

Our council will volunteer at the **PRCP Walk for Life**



**Vivat Jesus!**

*Allen J. DeRenzis, GK*

12114 Father Henry E. Zapotocki  
Our Lady of Victory Parish  
327 Cherry Lane Rd, Tannersville PA 18372  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 7:00pm

### Grand Knight Report:



October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm is our Annual Memorial Mass as we pray for and remember the deceased members of our council. We are also sending volunteers to work the PRCP Walk for Life.



*Vivat Jesus!*

*Phillip Trippodi, GK*

7141 Monsignor Connel A. McHugh  
Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish  
1402 Route 209, Gilbert, PA 18331  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 7:30pm

### Grand Knight Report:

First of all I hope that everyone is well and safe.

I have a few important updates to let you know. The church has added another 20 chairs for the Masses. Now total of 200 seats. Also, Kim is asking for help to bag up Angel gifts and delivered them PVEN between November and Dec 4<sup>th</sup> Delivery to PVEN is Monday or Friday between the hours 8AM to Noon. If you would like to donate contact Kim in the office at 610-681-6137 Christmas gifts for the children and also senior gifts.



**October 3<sup>rd</sup>** Pregnancy Resource Center is having a **Walk for Life**. They need some help. Registration at Danbury Park 8:30am. If you are available please contact me Leo at 570-992-8812 or John Blundetto at 570 807-7973.

**October 4<sup>th</sup>** The Church is holding **Chain for Life Walk**. They will meet at the front of Chapel at 2:30pm. Walk will start at 3:00pm end ends around 4:00pm.

**October 24<sup>th</sup>** **FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION** at St. Matthews Hall,

Stroudsburg must be registered by 12:30pm. Cost is \$50.00 which includes the following: Fourth Degree Social Baldrick, Pin and Certificate suitable for framing. This is a Virtual Degree. Applications must be filled out and return to me. Leo Weir, FN I will forward these applications and checks to Joe Galayda, Controller. I will have the application at our next meeting or after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday.



## KNIGHTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Council, Assembly, and State scholarships are being offered to eligible selected candidates who will be graduating in 2021. The amounts and number of scholarships from each of the three have different requirements for eligibility; please check before filing.

**Council 7141** will be awarding one scholarship for \$1000. To be eligible one of the main requirements is the applicant must be a registered member of Our Lady Queen of Peace parish for at least one full year prior to the application deadline of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Assembly 980** will be awarding three \$1000 scholarships but the applicant must be the son or daughter of an Assembly member, or legal Guardian, in good standing. Grandchildren of members in good standing are, also, eligible. Please see application requirements before applying. The filing deadline is April 16, 2021.

**The PA state council** awards a \$3000 scholarship, in payments of \$750 for each of four years, to the sons or daughters of Knights of Columbus members in good standing, or their legal guardians. Grandchildren are not eligible. The filing deadline for this scholarship is December 31, 2020. Once again be sure to read all the instructions for filing requirements.

If anyone has any questions concerning the application process please contact Tom Whitehead (570-646-8174 or [easter@ptd.net](mailto:easter@ptd.net)).

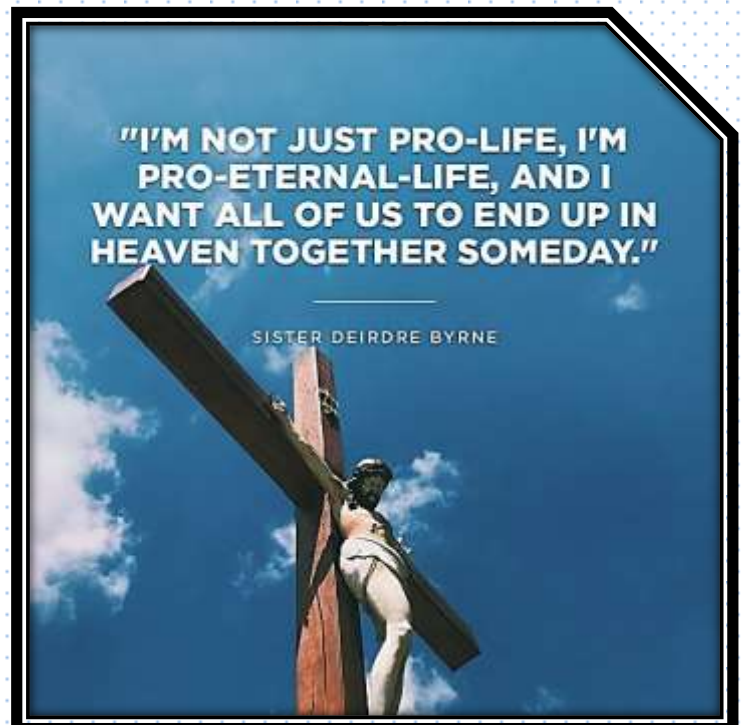
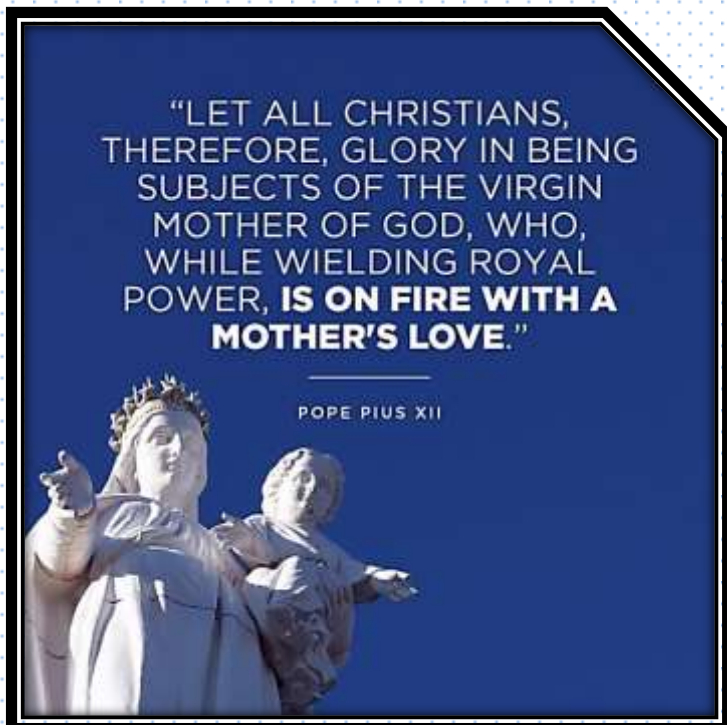


**We are a sponsor for the Pregnancy Resource Center's Walk for Life** to be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Dansbury Park.

Please keep everyone in your prayers.  
God Bless you and your family.

**Vivat Jesus!**

*Leo Weir, GK*



**Father John T. Butler Assembly 980**  
**Location: 200 Brodhead Ave, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301**  
**Times: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of Month 7:30pm**

Faithful Navigator Report:

## **HONOR VETERANS- FLY THE FLAG!**

**Columbus Day** - October 12<sup>th</sup> 2020

**United States Navy Birthday** (1775) – October 13<sup>th</sup> 2020



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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**FOURTH**  
**DEGREE**  
*Patriotic Degree of the Order*



October 24<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification (Virtual)

12:30pm - Registration

1:00pm - Degree starts

3:00pm - Degree Ends

\$50.00 Candidate Fee Checks made to Master Fourth Degree, John Philapavage

Candidates will receive the following:

Fourth Degree Social Baldric and Fourth Degree Pin (PG-113)

Certificate suitable for framing

Anyone interested in becoming a Fourth Degree Knight contact:

Leo Weir at 570-977-8812 [Jnbg9981@aol.com](mailto:Jnbg9981@aol.com) or

Joe Galayda 570-588-9242 [reffjoe@gmail.com](mailto:reffjoe@gmail.com)

Application deadline is October 14

Exemplification will be held at St. Matthews, Stroudsburg in the hall downstairs.

**Vivat Jesus!**

*Leo Weir, Faithful Navigator*



# FIVE MYTHS ABOUT CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

1. **MYTH:** Columbus was sailing to prove the world was round.

**FACT:** Every educated person at the end of the fifteenth century knew the earth was a sphere, a fact known since antiquity. What was in dispute was the earth's circumference, which Columbus underestimated by one-fourth.

2. **MYTH:** Queen Isabella sold her crown jewels to finance the first journey.

**FACT:** The royal treasury of Spain was depleted after the completion of the conquest of Granada early in 1492. However, Luis de Santangel, the royal treasurer, was able to secure funding by reaching out to the crusading societies throughout the Mediterranean, as well as other financial backers from Spain and elsewhere. The crown put up very little to finance the journey.

3. **MYTH:** There was a priest on board the Santa Maria in 1492.

**FACT:** Because of the dangers involved, there were no priests or friars on the first voyage, despite the deep piety of Columbus. Many of the paintings of the first landfall in the new world on San Salvador show a priest with Columbus—contrary to the facts. There were five priests on the second voyage: Benedictine Father Buil; the Jeronymite Father Ramon Pane; and three Franciscans.

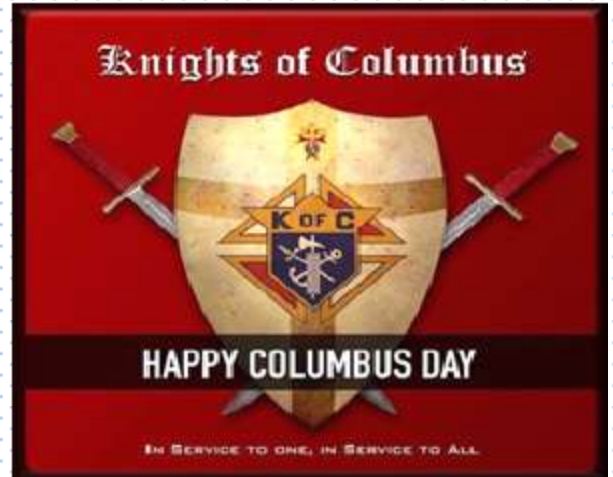
4. **MYTH:** Columbus introduced slavery to the New World.

**FACT:** Slavery was already widespread among the native Indians when Columbus arrived. Columbus was insistent on the fair treatment of the Indians, a policy which gained him many enemies as governor of Hispaniola. Bartolome de las Casas, a Spanish friar who worked for the protection of the Indians, is quick to excoriate his fellow Spaniards in their grave abuses, but is filled with nothing but respect and admiration for Columbus. The mass subjugation and importation of Africans to the Americas did not begin until a generation after Columbus' death.

5. **MYTH:** Columbus died a pauper, in chains, in a Spanish prison.

**FACT:** Despite the fact that the Spanish crown retracted some of the privileges promised to Columbus, he was relatively wealthy at the time of his death. Although he returned to Spain in chains in 1500 after his third voyage, the King and Queen apologized for the misunderstanding and had them removed.

On May 20, 1506, the Vigil of the Ascension, Christopher Columbus lay on his deathbed in his apartment at Valladolid, surrounded by his fellow Franciscans and his sons. As the friars chanted Compline, his last words echoed those of Christ on the cross: **In manus tuas, Domine, commendo spiritum meum. (Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.)**





# Imago Dei

Welcome to **PRCP's Walk for Life!** As always, we will be raising funds to continue helping women and families found in unplanned pregnancy situations (for more information on how we help women and families, please visit our website, [www.prcpoconos.org](http://www.prcpoconos.org)). Our theme for this year's Walk is **Imago Dei: We are made in the Image of God**, and this is based on Genesis 1:27, *"So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."*

This year's Walk for Life will take place on Saturday, October 3, 2020 at the Dansbury Park Pavilion in East Stroudsburg. Pavilion opens at 7:30am. Registration will begin at 8:30am, and the Walk will begin at 9:00am. This year's Walk will be roughly 2 miles through the streets of East Stroudsburg. This event is rain or shine. All are welcome.

In 1985, the Monroe County Council for Life assisted the community in opening the Center under the name "People Who Care" after seeing the great need to support women facing an unplanned pregnancy. Affiliation was obtained with the Christian Action Council, now called Care Net. In May 2004, our name was changed to the Pregnancy Center of the Poconos to more accurately reflect the services of the Center and to increase the appeal to the abortion-minded client. Over the past 35 years, we at PRCP have seen over 4,500 clients in our center. During this time, we have seen babies saved, women come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and families' needs met in our community.

The PRCP is supported by churches, businesses and residents of the Poconos. It also has a special relationship with the Knights of Columbus who were instrumental in obtaining an ultra sound machine. So far this year, seven babies have been saved from destruction and families in our community are being made stronger.

Our volunteer counselors go through a process of screening, training and observation before they work with a client. Volunteers must be Christian. The current statement of faith they must sign has been approved by our dioceses.

On a personal note, it has been my privilege to work on the board with Christians from many denominations who are fully devoted to Jesus. We are faithful people but how we worship in our faith is kept private. Nevertheless, we work in Christian unity. The main purpose of what we do is to save lives which include babies, mothers, fathers and families. We also pray that a client will learn to know Jesus and join a church of their choosing.

**Imago Dei - Vivat Jesus!**

*John C. DeRobertis*, PRCP Board Chairman



# MARCH FOR LIFE

January 29, 2021  
— Washington, DC —



Our 2021 March for Life theme was revealed this week during our first-ever virtual theme launch. The theme we chose this year is **TOGETHER STRONG: LIFE UNITES**.

Inspiration for the theme came from Mother Teresa's words, which are so clearly reflected in the dedication of all those who work to protect the precious gift of life: "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."

The power of the pro-life community lies in the beautiful truth that we are called to do different things, yet we share the same end goal of making abortion unthinkable.

You are building a culture of life in so many ways; maybe you volunteer at a local pregnancy center, pray outside abortion clinics, or vote to protect the most vulnerable. All of us are needed to accomplish our goal of ending abortion.

At the March for Life, our mission in the fight to end abortion is to bring pro-life witness into the public square to unite, educate and equip pro-life America. We bring these strong, united pro-life voices not only to the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world but also to the media, social media, and Capitol Hill every day of the year.



This Statue offers hope and healing to post-abortive women suffering from pain and regret

Further healing and hope comes from our churches and from the counselors at your local pregnancy resource center



**Be therefore shall be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect**

(Matthew 5:48ASV)



## Constancy

The 26<sup>th</sup> virtue on the Deputy Grand Knight's compass is *Constancy*. **"I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob are not destroyed."** Malachi 3:6 (NIV)

When I was a young child I created a little game with a rubber ball. My Dad came over to play with me. I explained the rules to him and we started to play. He was winning at my game so I tried to change the rules. My Dad explained that you cannot change the rules in the middle of the game. This is a good rule to follow. Once you start changing the rules while the game is in play you may lose your credibility.

Of course, bad rules always need to be changed. Constancy has to do with following procedures that have been set in motion. Before making plans or rules, the cost must first be counted. Plans have to be carefully laid out and followed. Once in a while there may be extraneous circumstances whereby changes will become necessary. For example, you planned your wedding. All looks great until that eventful day when Jack Frost opens up the heavens with a blizzard. Your wedding has now been postponed.

Now, let's say all is going well for the wedding day. You are at the altar and suddenly change your mind and decide to marry your maid of honor. A very bad move on your part, not to mention the beating your rejected bride will give you.

Be constant with your plans. Obtain virtues as you grow in grace and knowledge of God. There are proper ways to make changes but rarely in the middle of a game. Learn from your mistakes and the next time you will make better choices.

On a broader scale, constancy should be part of your very character in all that you do. Be like our Lord, Jesus who is forever constant.

**"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."** Hebrews 13:8

**"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."** James 1:17(NIV)

**"Above all, maintain constant love for one another."** 1 Peter 4:8



# Constant Laughter

