

NEEDHAM KNIGHTS NEWS

Newsletter for the Needham Knights of Columbus
Fr. Daniel J. Kennedy Council 1611 - Mar. 2021



My Brothers,

The season of Lent offers us the opportunity to deepen our faith and become closer to Christ through prayer, reconciliation and self-sacrifice. Our parishes offer many opportunities for spiritual growth. Please consult the parish websites and avail yourselves to these opportunities for a more meaningful Lent. We have a couple of opportunities thru our council also to help with your Lenten journey. Please see below more information on the First Saturday Men's Discussion Group and our Virtual Holy Hour with Fr. Joseph Kim and the St. Joseph Lenten Mission Collection headed by council Advocate Michael Gillis.

I hope to see you this Wednesday, Mar. 3rd, for our Zoom business meeting.

VIVAT JESUS!!

Fraternally,

Bob Timmerman, Grand Knight

PRAYERS

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Brother Jim Tierney who passed away on February 5th. Additionally, prayers are requested for Brother Jack Gurkin who is in a facility in Framingham and Brother Bob VanSickle who is recovering from recent cardiac surgery.

MARCH BUSINESS MEETING

On this coming, Wednesday, MARCH 3RD, at 7:30 PM, we will have our monthly business meeting. The meeting will be held virtually, via ZOOM. Please use the following link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85399185238?pwd=ROJWNWVZbTJSakFRTzcvSWkxbkdBdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 9918 5238

Passcode: 892529

A separate reminder will also be sent.

LENTEN FAMILY HOLY HOUR

All council families are encouraged to join Father Joseph Kim, parochial vicar at St. Joseph's on Thursday, March 11th at 7:30 PM for a special Family Holy Hour for our council family. The Holy Hour will be virtual via Zoom and will include prayer, scripture and reflection. I hope that all will make a special effort to attend and please invite non-council families to attend as well. A Zoom link will be provided prior to Thursday March 11th.

LENTEN HAITIAN MISSION COLLECTION

Once again the Justice and Peace Committee of Saint Joseph Parish is organizing an annual Lenten Haitian Mission collection. We will again be donating to CRUDEM, the foundation that sponsors the Hospital Sacré Coeur in Milot, Haiti. This 125 bed hospital, is a beacon of hope to the people of rural Northern Haiti and provides both medical care and economic stability to the region. There is the opportunity to support CRUDEM with financial donations and with the following items: High protein bars (10 grams of protein or more) and Vitamin C Lollipops (available at A New Leaf in Needham or Amazon.com). Beginning on Ash Wednesday 2/17, donations can be left in the receptacles at the doors of St. Joseph Church through Palm Sunday, March 28th, 2021. Financial donations are much appreciated and will allow CRUDEM to support the hospital's daily operations, build homes and meet basic nutritional needs. Checks should be made payable to CRUDEM Foundation and placed in an envelope marked CRUDEM and deposited in the collection basket or mailed to St. Joseph rectory.

With your generous donations CRUDEM continues to carry on its mission of “Creating a Healthier Haiti, One Dignified Life at a time”. Thank you for your sacrifice this Lent.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Director Ken Gustin needs your help in promoting membership so that we can attain our quota of new members. Please consider asking a friend, neighbor, relative or someone you may only see at church who you think would make a good member. All you need to do is give Ken a name and contact information and he'll take it from there. We will be running notices in the church bulletins seeking new members. Anyone who turns in a signed application for a new member in the month of January will be entered into a drawing to win a Knights of Columbus polo shirt customized with the council logo.

MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

On Saturday March 6th at 7:00 AM “The Saturday Morning Boys” will meet again via ZOOM to pray and read the Readings, Psalms, and Gospel for this Sunday's Mass, and then discuss them. If you have never joined in for this monthly gathering why not challenge yourself to sit in? Just listen if you don't want to participate. You will be amazed by the discussion and all the things God is revealing to us through the scriptures. Words written thousands of years ago by another culture entirely seem like articles from today's Op Ed Column of a major Newspaper! Join us and be surprised! Non-members are always welcomed! Contact Ted Harrigan to get the Zoom link at timothymharrigan@verizon.net

SUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER FOR SEMINARIAN

Thank you to all who supported our fundraising activity for our seminarians. I am pleased to report that we raised in excess of \$3,300. That will be distributed to seminarians studying at our local seminaries. Thank you also to Ken Gustin, Rob Timmerman, Mike Fraini, Mike Riley and Matt Ching for helping to spread the word to ensure a successful fundraising event.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Thank you to all who joined in on the fun this past Friday evening for Music Bingo. I am pleased to report that we exceeded the amount we needed to satisfy our commitment to award 4 scholarships this year. I would be remiss if I did not thank our host for the evening, PGK Mike Riley (who also promoted the event thru his social media channels), Ken Gustin for all his work in publicizing the event in the parish bulletins and thru our social media outlets. A special thanks to Treasurer Ron Hadley for providing a detailed accounting of who had registered and paid via Venmo.

We will be awarding 4 scholarships this year, 2 to current college freshman who will be entering their sophomore year and 2 to graduating high school seniors who have been accepted to college. The committee will pass along information in the next newsletter with more details. Serving on the scholarship committee this year are Bill Dermody, Jim Clark, Ron Gillis and Paul Bacigalupo.

SERVE SAFE TRAINING FOR ALL CHEFS AND HELPERS

One of the standards that will be required as we go forward to be able to meet and dine in our hall will be that those involved the preparation, cooking and serving of meals will be required to take the online Serve Safe food handling course. Not everyone needs to take this class, but those who normally take a lead role in the kitchen really need to. The more who take the class, the better. The course take about 2 hours online and can be found at www.servesafe.com It is important that we all follow the guidelines outlined in this course, for the safety of those we serve. This is a great way and an easy one for you to give back to the council. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Timmerman.

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