

# NEEDHAM KNIGHTS NEWS

Newsletter for the Needham Knights of Columbus  
Fr. Daniel J. Kennedy Council 1611 - Sept. 2020



My Brothers,

I'm sure that you are as anxious as I am to get our fraternal year going. The first months of our year will be complicated by the COVID-19 restrictions. For now, we will meet outside in our parking lot or online via ZOOM when the weather doesn't permit us to meet outside. The information and guidelines are changing weekly and hopefully we will be able to open up our hall again in the not too distant future. We will continue to raise money for the scholarship fund as well as for seminarian support. We will participate and raise money for the State Charity Fund thru the Tootsie Roll Drive, which I'm told will be held in the spring. Our Leave No Neighbor Behind Initiative is still ongoing. We need to continue our support of our parishes, in any way we can. Our Membership Drive is being coordinated with our Parishes and dates will be announced soon for the weekends we will be stationed outside St. Joe's and St. Bart's to recruit new members

I recently was in St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church and a banner on the wall with the following verse from Colossians 3:23 which reads: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, working for the Lord, not for men."

Ultimately, all we work for is for the greater glory of God and thru this we help our fellow man.

As always, I welcome your input for activities that you would like to see the council involved in.

VIVAT JESUS!!

Fraternally,

Bob Timmerman, Grand Knight

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## Prayers

Prayers are requested for:

Fr. John McLaughlin, as he recovers from recent surgery.

Ann Cosgrove, wife of brother Ed Cosgrove as she undergoes treatments for breast cancer.

Deborah Levett, good friend of Dan Brennan who is also receiving treatments for breast cancer

Herek Zwirello, who is home recovering after a recent surgery

Bob Van Sickle, who is recovering from surgery after having his Thyroid removed

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### **September Message from Fr. John McLaughlin**

Brother Knights: For us in New England, September brings the Feast of the Holy Cross, September 14. Our Cathedral is dedicated to the Holy Cross of Jesus, and our oldest Catholic College is that of the Holy Cross. Before the Pilgrims came to Plymouth in 1620, Samuel de Champlain had dedicated this coast of New England to Christ, and named our area La Terre de la Sainte Croix, the Land of the Holy Cross. The Emperor Constantine read these words in the sky, "In this sign (of the cross) you shall conquer." His mother, St. Helen, is venerated as the one who found the True Cross at Jerusalem in 325 A.D. Let us often make the Sign of the Cross over ourselves and on the foreheads of our children and our children's children. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen. Even the first canonized saint of the Americas, Rose of Lima, said, "Apart from the Cross there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven." May our Brother Knights love the Holy Cross! Amen

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### **September Business Meeting**

On this coming, Wednesday, September 2nd, we will have our monthly business meeting. The meeting will be held in our parking lot, weather permitting. Beginning at 6:30, we will have grilled hotdogs and hamburgers and individually packed chips and snacks. If you can help with set up, etc. please contact **DGK Chris Kent (617) 530-0004**. \*\*\*\*\* IF THE WEATHER IS INCLEMENT, WE WILL HAVE OUR MEETING ONLINE VIA ZOOM. YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH THE ZOOM INVITATION, IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY.

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### **Serve Safe Training For All Chefs And Helpers**

One of the requirements that will be required as we go forward and look to being able to meet and dine in our hall will be that ALL those involved the preparation, cooking and serving of meals will be required to take the online Serve Safe food handling course. The course takes about 2 hours online and can be found at [www.servesafe.com](http://www.servesafe.com). It is important that we all follow the guidelines outlined in this course, for the safety of those we serve. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Timmerman

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### **Welcome Fr. Bryan Parrish and Fr. Joseph Kim**

Please join me in welcoming Father Bryan Parrish as Pastor of St. Joseph Parish and Father Joseph Kim as our new Parochial Vicar. Father Parrish served as the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy which he had done with distinction for the past five years. Before that he worked in the Vicar General's Office as Assistant to the Vicar General. A native of Canton and ordained to the Priesthood in 1988, Fr. Parrish served previously as Pastor of Holy Family Parish in Duxbury and Parochial Vicar at St. Mary Parish in Plymouth, St. Paul Parish in Wellesley and St. Mary Parish in Quincy. He has also assisted the Cardinal with a number of

leadership positions within the Archdiocese: a member of the Presbyteral Council, College of Consultors and the Clergy Personnel Board. He has also represented the Cardinal on the Board of the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust.

Father Joseph Kim who was ordained to the priesthood on May 19, 2018 in the Basilica and Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Boston). He began to ponder a vocation to the priesthood during his early to mid-20s when he rediscovered his faith in the Catholic Church. As he asked and reflected on deeper questions about life and faith, he was invited to assist in teaching religious education in his home parish. It was through the backdrop of the parish community that he began to understand the faith while being nourished through the Sacraments leading him to greater communion with God. Father Joseph currently serves as Parochial Vicar of Divine Mercy Parish in Sacred Heart, St. Ann's, and St. Mary's (Quincy) which he has done for the past two years as his first assignment.

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### **Knights of Columbus Founder Father Michael McGivney Moves Closer to Sainthood**

The Vatican announced on May 27th that Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, a Connecticut priest who served his flock during the pandemic of 1890, before himself becoming ill and dying of pneumonia.

The pope's action means that Father McGivney can be declared "Blessed," the step just prior to sainthood. An additional miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession will be required for his canonization as a saint.

The miracle recognized as coming through Father McGivney's intercession involved an unborn child in the United States who in 2015 was healed in utero of a life-threatening condition after prayers by his family to Father McGivney.

Father McGivney spent his entire priesthood in parish ministry and died of pneumonia on August 14, 1890— two days after his 38th birthday – after falling ill amid a pandemic. Recent scientific evidence indicates that that pandemic – like the current one – may have been caused by a coronavirus.

A date will soon be set for the beatification Mass, which will take place in Connecticut. It will include the reading of an apostolic letter from the Holy Father and the bestowing of the title "Blessed" on Father McGivney.

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### **On Line Exemplifications**

The Massachusetts State Council will conduct Exemplifications of Charity Unity and Fraternity on ZOOM the Third Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. Candidates are requested to sign-in at 6:30. If you know of Catholic man over the age of 18, who is interested in joining our order, please contact Membership Director Ken Gustin (kengustin100@gmail.com) and he will set up an interview and assist the potential candidate in logging in for the exemplification.

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## Leave No Neighbor Behind

I am pleased to announce to you that as of today, August 28th, that we have raised in excess of \$9000.00 for this initiative. We have made donations to both the Needham Community Council Food Pantry and the Greater Boston Food Bank. It is humbling to have received donations from our brother Knights and families and the greater community of Needham. We will continue raising money for this program as long as there is still the need to do so.

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