



Needham Knights News

The monthly newsletter of the Father Daniel J. Kennedy- Needham Council 1611

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Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist,

I place my trust in you!

Dear fellow knights:

Vivat Jesus!

I hope and pray that you all had a reflective Advent and peaceful and blessed Christmas. I wish you all healthy and prosperity in the year ahead. It is good to hear that many of those for whose health we were praying have shown positive results, so please keep the prayers coming. Thank you to Chris Kent and his crew for putting on the Christmas party. It was another good night at the council. Thank you again to Chris who, on very short notice, has agreed to fill in for a fellow knight who, because of illness, cannot serve dinner at the meeting this month. Your commitment and assistance to the council is what makes it great.

The events this month that are discussed below include the following:

January 4, Council monthly meeting, bring clothing for homeless veterans

January 7, Men's Prayer Group

January 21, Briarwood

Mass and Reconciliation Schedule

St. Josephs - St. Josephs - Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM, Sunday - 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m.

St. Bartholomew- Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM, Sunday- 8:00, 9:45, & 11:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays 3:15-3:45 p.m.

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes- Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM, Sunday- 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:30 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturday 8:30 to 9:00 am and 3:30 to 4:00 pm
Sunday 11:30 am to 12:30 p.m.

Council meetings

The meetings of the council are the first Wednesday of the month. Dinner is at 6:30 dinner, 7:40 rosary, 8:00 meeting. With any luck, and the help of the council, we hope to keep the meetings to approximately one hour. I want to thank in advance all of you who volunteer to put on a dinner for our membership. If you are willing to do so again this year, please contact me.

The schedule meetings for the remainder of the year are as follows:

January 4, 2017 – Chris Kent

February 1, 2017

March 1, 2017

April 5, 2017

May 3, 2017

June 7, 2017 (possibly at 5 followed by a family cookout)

Please do your best to enjoy a light dinner with friends at the council along with the meetings. The monthly meetings are only as good as those who attend them.

Thanks to Chris Kent, Bob Timmerman and their crew for a wonderful December meeting dinner. Thank you, Chris, for stepping up and agreeing to do January as well.

Men's Group

The Men's Group is ably guided by our own Ted Harrigan. It meets the first Saturday of each month, rain or shine, even on holiday weekends. Ted is there at 6:30 am, to set up "coffee and crumpets". The group officially starts its meeting at 7:00 am and ends promptly at 8:00 am allowing plenty of time to get to the First Saturday mass at St. Joseph's should you wish to attend. During the hour, the meeting is centered on a robust discussion of the Sunday mass readings and how the readings affect our daily lives as Catholics. The group is not limited to just members of the council. You need to be there to really understand what a wonderful group this is, so try it out. You will not be disappointed.

The Men's Group meetings are as follows:

January 7, 2017

February 4, 2017

March 4, 2017

April 1, 2017

May 6, 2017

June 3, 2017

July 1, 2017

August 5, 2017

Briarwood

Come join our merry band of musicians and vocalists as the council continues one of its most important community events. All are welcome to this event that is so special to the residents at Briarwood. The event is the third Saturday of each month. Even those like myself whose voice is a little off key are welcome. Thank you to Marty Cunniffe and all the other Knights and their guests who brighten up the spirits of the Briarwood community each month. Upcoming dates are as follows:

January 21, 2017

February 18, 2017

March 18, 2017

April 15, 2017

May 20, 2017

June 17, 2017

Other events

Clothing drive for Homeless Veterans

We are still be collecting winter clothing at the meetings which will be given to the homeless veterans. Please bring what you have for our veterans and leave it at the office of the council. Soon we will deliver the clothing to the New England Center for Homeless Veterans.

Super Bowl Party

Super Bowl Party for the benefit of our seminarians, Sunday, February 5, 2017, to be hosted by Mike Fraini.

St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance, either Saturday, March 11 or Saturday, March 18, for the benefit of our parish schools.

May Procession

May Day Procession, likely either May 6 or May 13, depending upon the church's availability.

Possible Family Barbeque

Family cook-out, possibly at the June 7 meeting. If so, we will move the meeting to 5:00 with the cookout at 6:30.

Other possible events.

Membership drives, hopefully at St. Joseph and St. Bartholomew once in the spring.

Coffee sponsorship after the Sunday mass, perhaps in conjunction with the fall or spring membership drive.

Memorial Mass

Service projects, likely serving dinner at Father Bill's in Quincy, an ice cream social with the retired priest at Regina Cleri, and any other worthy charity which a member of the council wished to propose to the council for approval at a monthly meeting.

I appreciate your help. The strength of our council is directly related to the participation level of our members, so take advantage of your membership and get involved. The more involvement we have, the more you will enjoy your membership.

Welcome. Will you join us for your benefit and ours?

Vivat Jesus!

Michael Gillis, Grand Knight