



# Needham Knights News

Newsletter of the Father Daniel J. Kennedy- Needham Council 1611 October, 2018



*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, truly present in the  
Holy Eucharist,  
I place my trust in you!*

Dear Brother Knights:

Vivat Jesus!

Our first meeting of the year was very positive for the council and its future. Membership approved a budget for the year. We acknowledged shortfalls in 2018 and accordingly raised dues to \$60 per annum. Membership considered carefully the impact and decided that a modest increase would help us keep up with additional per capita charges and other expenses without disadvantaging vulnerable members. Thank you brothers for your approval.

While I'm on the subject, let's acknowledge the privileged position we enjoy, being proprietor of a desirable retail property. We are blessed with a superb team of property managers led by Bob Timmerman and Joe Mecagni. Also countless helpers over time that have assured us the opportunity to enjoy a beautiful and very useful facility for our Council Meetings and event needs. We also have been able to make the Hall available for Catholic efforts to spread the faith through conducting meetings to further their mission. I am thinking of especially the Catholicism Series by Bishop Baron over the summer, the Bible Study series just beginning and the Massachusetts Catholics for Life Group that is using our facility for their efforts. We are blessed and happy to make our blessings available to the wider Catholic community. Let's remember in a special way our forebears who made decisions for the long term that enable us to continue to uphold the K of C values.

To that end, we have scheduled a Memorial Mass at St. Bartholomew Church at 9:45 for our deceased members on Sunday, October 7, 2018. We will also conduct our recruitment drive in conjunction with the Parish Community Sunday on that same day, Sunday October 7, 2018. I hope for a strong turnout of members for recruitment at the 8:00 and 9:45 Masses and attendance

as a body for the 9:45 Mass for our deceased members. Even if you don't normally attend St. Bartholomew Church, please make an exception on this weekend to remember and honor our forebears, who did an outstanding job as Knights of Columbus in our community of Needham over the years.

Also, recruitment of new members is a high priority for our council. New members will bring new energy, new ideas, and new commitments. This will insure that the Daniel Kennedy Council will continue to be a positive force for Catholic action in Needham in the years to come.

## **October**

October will be a very busy month and starts on the first Wednesday with our October meeting.

Families are invited for dinner and installation of officers that will precede the formal meeting, which will probably begin around 8:15 PM. District Deputy Bryan Choate will conduct the installation. It will be a meaningful evening and will help us carry out one of the very nice K of C traditions. Further, Bob Timmerman has volunteered to be chef for the evening and he promises something different for a very special evening. Bob always does a great job and knows how to please his audience. Please join us.

Also charity of the month will be a collection for Little Sisters of the Poor. As many of you know they are dedicated to serving the elderly poor, a category that is sometimes forgotten in our reality. The Sisters are very faithful and mission-oriented and occasionally need help. Now is one of those times. They have a candidate for entry into the Order, a local girl, graduate of Notre Dame, who needs to pay off student loans before she may gain entry. If we could take a collection at our meeting and raise a few hundred, I am sure it would be meaningful. For the Sisters, welcoming a new entrant is very exciting and affirming. Our help will send a message of thanks and support to the Sisters and will be deeply appreciated.

Recruitment under PGK Ron Hadley will get underway seriously in October. Ron has scheduled recruitment drives at St. Bart's on October 7 and St. Joseph's on October 21 and 22. We need a strong turnout at each Mass for these events. This is our chance to speak to parishioners that may want to join our Order, but have not had the opportunity. I am sure there are many. Please come and help.

Also as noted above, the 9:45 Mass on Sunday October 7 at St Bartholomew will be for our deceased members. We need a strong turnout of brothers for this event. We will process in to Mass and sit together. Let's honor our forebears with a good example for the congregation, especially families of the Parish.

Brothers Ken Gustin and Tom Fern are again heading up the Tootsie Roll drive for disabled children and adults. We will begin with Church collections. St. Bartholomew will be September 30 and 31 and St. Joseph, October 13, 14. We need brothers to help at all Masses. Please let Tom or Ken know your schedule and join us at the end of each of the Masses. Of all our charitable work, this is one of the most meaningful. It provides assistance for individuals and families that really need our help. They deal with difficulties and if our intervention helps ease a burden, we are fulfilling our mission as Knights. I urge all to participate. Later in the fall, in November, we

will be collecting at retail locations and we will be releasing a calendar for that shortly.. Many thanks to Tom and Ken and all who so generously support this effort. Following is the schedule for the Church collections, recruitment drives and note especially the Mass for Deceased members at 9:45 at St.Bart's.

Hi Paul,

Ron and I have been working on dates for the Tootsie Roll and Membership drives for the parishes, and the dates are below laid out in Chronological order. Probably a good thing to include in the newsletter as the dates are coming up fast.

Ron made the excellent suggestion of doing the Tootsie roll drive first followed the next weekend by the membership drive at each parish as a means of giving some preemptive visibility.

Both parishes have approved these dates and I can write up announcements for them to put in the bulletins. These have all been added to the Events calendar on the website.

Sat. Sept. 29th - Tootsie Roll Drive at St. Bart's after 4:00 Mass  
Sun. Sept. 30th - Tootsie Roll Drive at St. Bart's after all Masses  
Sun. Oct. 7th - Membership Drive at St. Bart's after all Masses and at the Ministry Fair  
Sun Oct 7<sup>th</sup>- 9:45 mass for Deceased members  
Sat. Oct. 13th - Tootsie Roll Drive at St. Joe's after 4:00 Mass  
Sun. Oct. 14th - Tootsie Roll Drive at St. Joe's after all Masses  
Sat. Oct. 20th - Membership Drive at St. Joe's after the 4:00 Mass  
Sun. Oct. 21st - Membership Drive at St, Joe's after all Masses.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ken

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The Jointly sponsored bible study commenced at our hall this past week. What a great honor it is to help the parishes and participants meet an obvious need for many in our community. I received a nice report from Ken Gustin on the first meeting and I quote Ken below. Many thanks Ken.

Good evening Paul,

I wanted to let you know that the first night of the joint parish bible study in the hall this evening was an overwhelming success. We had 40 attendees! The materials and content

appears to be excellent and include a nice mix of readings, video instruction and group discussion at each table.

There were three Knights present including me. I know we just finished the Catholicism series and there can be some burnout and everyone's schedule is busy. But if anyone has the time and would like to come by for some of the upcoming Tuesday evenings, I'm certain they will be pleased with the program. I would warmly invite all to consider this. If anyone would like to attend, even some of the nights, please let me know so I can have additional material kits ordered.

A reminder, there is a \$16 cost per person for the materials, so people should be aware of that. Finally Fr. Borek started the evening off and was clearly impressed and very happy with the turnout. The committees who put the program together said they felt using the Knight's Hall was instrumental in the great turnout, drawing people from BOTH parishes. I must say I agree.

The very exciting family dinner celebration will be held on Columbus Day, Monday October 8. This is always one of the most fun nights of the year so get your reservations in early and many thanks to the Committee co-chairs, Lee and Chris Kent. Following is the announcement. Please contact Chris Kent if you are able to help.

### **COLUMBUS DAY FAMILY PASTA NIGHT!**

Our annual event will be held on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Family and friends are welcome! A homemade dinner, prepared by the Kent Family, will include "Sunday Gravy & Meatballs" with pasta, Caesar Salad, and Garlic Bread.

### **PLEASE BRING A DESERT TO SHARE!**

Once again, proceeds from the event will be donated to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This is an important cause for our organization, our brothers Herek Zwirello, Ken Gustin and Bill Flanagan, as well our dear friend Linda Riley.

The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. Reservations are required no later than Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Reservations: Bob Timmerman @ [rtimmerman1021@yahoo.com](mailto:rtimmerman1021@yahoo.com)

We can use your help! Please contact Chris Kent @ [wck02494@gmail.com](mailto:wck02494@gmail.com)

Our Deputy Grand Knight continues to offer the men's discussion group each first Saturday. He gave some thoughts on the subject recently and I believe it may be worthwhile to review his message to us.

Hello, Men –

These are terrible times for us Catholics – for those ravished by abuse, for their loved ones suffering with them, for those whose innocence and faith is shattered by scandal, and for those faithful laity and clergy who reel in grief from each new revelation of misconduct and cover-up. We see, with great sorrow, that Judas is alive and active in the Church. Perpetrators and enablers within the Church structure are the proper objects of our righteous anger. Let us not allow that anger to be directed against the Church herself. To paraphrase Bishop Robert Barron in one of the recent *Catholicism* videos, the Church is holy not because of its members (including clergy) but because of its Founder. As Peter replied to Our Lord in John's gospel last Sunday, "Master, to whom shall we go?"

So, as Catholic men, to whom shall we go? We have been given a time not of certainty and triumphalism, but of challenge amid the apparent ascendancy of sin. What shall we do in our time? May I humbly suggest that we double down in prayer together, that we might be strengthened as men to protect and defend ourselves, our families and our Church from the evil lurking in Man's fallen nature. We need each other, Guys. Each of us has a gift to bring to the struggle. Together, we are strong. So, if you haven't come to our group for a while, please consider returning this Saturday, or on October 6. We'll leave the coffee on for ya!

The first Saturday falls on the 1<sup>st</sup> this month. If you're around town this Labor Day weekend, come on down for fellowship, song, scripture, reflection and robust discussion. Saturday morning, Sept. 1 at 7:00 AM. Coffee will be on at 6:30. Usual location: K of C Hall, 1211 Highland Ave. (rear entrance.) Please invite a friend or neighbor, for fellowship with other Catholic men. As a longtime member of our group says, "you'll be GLAD you did!"

Our intention and deep prayer this month is that the Holy Spirit descend upon, purge and purify all members of His Church with a "cleansing fire."

Materials attached. In addition, here are a few online resources for Sunday's readings:

- [http://www.scborromeo.org/biblestu/b\\_ot\\_22.pdf](http://www.scborromeo.org/biblestu/b_ot_22.pdf) Commentary on the day's readings from St. Charles Borromeo Church, Picayune, MS – thanks to Marty Cunniffe for finding this terrific resource.
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9C\\_Tla\\_KQs0&index=2&list=PLpTzvCOJa7DD-uFtIWwJSoiHMmBgqLd9d](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9C_Tla_KQs0&index=2&list=PLpTzvCOJa7DD-uFtIWwJSoiHMmBgqLd9d) USCCB's homily for the day.
- <https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/homily/> Bishop Barron's Sunday homilies (homily for this Sunday, Sept. 2, is not posted yet).
- <https://stpaulcenter.com/pure-religion-scott-hahn-reflects-on-the-twenty-second-sunday-in-ordinary-time/> Scott Hahn's reflection on Sunday's gospel.

Finally, here are a few writings apropos the upheavals we're facing in the church:

- <http://www.renewalministries.net/wordpress/a-time-of-judgment-and-purification/> A ‘prophecy’ of Fr. Michael Scanlon that rings as true today as when he delivered it nearly 40 years ago.
- <http://www.renewalministries.net/wordpress/dear-troubled-catholics-a-letter-from-ralph-martin-about-the-current-crisis/> Dear Troubled Catholics – 7/31/18 Letter From Ralph Martin About the Current Crisis.
- <https://www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2018/08/an-open-letter-from-young-catholics> open letter to the US or world bishops, signed by a large number of young Catholics and addressing the Cardinal McCarrick and related scandals. I’d gather most are in their 20s and 30s. I’m most impressed how they express not only their anger at those in the hierarchy who enabled and perpetuated scandal, their demand for independent investigation and a “cleansing fire”, but also their abiding love of Christ, his Church, and her ministers who serve with fidelity.
- <https://aleteia.org/2018/08/21/dorothy-day-never-expected-much-of-the-bishops/> Dorothy Day, Bishops, and the Church (thanks again to Marty Cunniffe.)

God bless,  
Ted

Ted’s comments are worthy of our reflection. Among Catholics today this message is very much on target. Many are even more concerned, and some very angry. Let’s pray for a solution, work toward improvement in church governance in ways we are able and be vigilant in our own interpersonal relations.

Also remember the faithful bishops, priests, leadership, etc. They too are being undermined and deserve our prayers and support.

I was pleased we were able to view the Bishop Baron video on the subject at our September meeting. His was a powerful message and a reminder that our faith is not in persons, but in Jesus, in the Trinity, in the Eucharist, the Sacraments, the Creed and the Word. Let’s seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Our ministry to the aged residents of Briarwood continues. Many thanks to Marty Cunniffe and his helpers. Following is Marty’s most recent report

Another good turnout today at Briarwood today. Present were:

Jack Gurkin  
Dan Brennan  
Paul Bacigalupo  
Jim Healy  
Margaret Pobywajlo  
John Kent

Chris Kent  
Jan Paul von Wentz  
Bill Dermody  
Marty Cunniffe

Next month we go on the 20th.

Marty Cunniffe

Great job all. Many thanks for your service and the very faithful volunteers who cheer up the residents each month..

### **November**

Our November meeting will be on Wednesday November 7. If you can chef for November, please let me know.

Even before our meeting, we have an even more exciting new function planned for Friday, November 2. Put the date on your calendar. You do not want to miss the Wine and Cheese tasting event in the planning stages. Co-chairs Bob and Beth Timmerman, Joe and Antonia Neddar and Chris and Lee Kent are busy creating a new event to benefit the K of C Scholarship program. Ken Tustin and Ted Harrigan are committee members.

As many know, Joseph Neddar, son of Joe and Antonia, was awarded a scholarship this year. The Neddars confirmed the very positive impact the award had on Joseph. We hope to raise funds to continue the program. If there is a need among our families that is challenging today, it is college education for our youth. Let's do our part to be helpful. Keep an eye out for publicity on this gala.

### **Other**

Great news about Fr. John McLaughlin. His doctors have assured him he is cancer free. Prayers answered. Thank you Lord.

The Catholicism series wrapped up in September. It was a very fine addition to the summer offerings in our community over 10 weeks. Many took advantage. Thank you Ken Gustin and all who helped. If there is interest by anyone not able to attend the series in the Hall, speak to Ken and you can access the series. It's well worth the effort.

We would like to continue our tradition of Trivia Nights at our Hall. These charity events will insure that we are able to meet calls on our charity over the year. Please let me know if you able to chair or co-chair an evening, fall or spring. Many thanks in advance.

We have been requested to help with CCD education in the parishes. I urge all to consider this voluntary service. It is very rewarding personally. Your presence will be helpful to students who will benefit from the voice of a Catholic man. Give it consideration, you will be glad you did and the students will benefit from your witness.

We disbursed the remaining support checks to seminarians from the 2018 Super Bowl party, one of the best ever. Awardees were Deacon Paul Wargovich, Patrick O'Connor, Fernando Avala and the Military Archdiocesan Scholarship Program. Great job all, especially co-chairs Paul Batch, Bob Timmerman and Chris Kent. Thank you.

I invite all members to access the website and keep up to date on current Council events. In addition to general info and history of our Council and the K of C, there are also calendars of events for each month. Try it yourself at [www.needhamkofc.org](http://www.needhamkofc.org). Not only is the website a very useful addition to our internal communication system, it also reinforces our outreach to the larger community. As a K of C Council, we need to gain visibility in our community so we can grow and increase membership to continue the many good works that have defined Daniel Kennedy Council over the years. Kudos to Ken for his efforts and initiative on this important advance to Council capabilities.

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We are certainly living in challenging times. Between storms, natural disasters, turmoil in many parts of the world, and divisiveness in our own environment, we need to pause and reflect. Was it worse in Fr. McGiveney's time, back in 1882? Possibly, but the founding principles of the Knights of Columbus, charity, unity and fraternity have helped generations cope with the issues of the day. Not only cope but prevail. Let's rededicate ourselves. Each in our own individuality, can be a positive influence.

Also October 7 is the Feast of the Lady of the Rosary and Respect Life Sunday. We can look to our Lady for a message. As far as we know there have been no appearances of Our Blessed Mother in this century. If she were to come, to whom would she appear? In the 20th century it was to youngsters in the field or young sheep herders. Probably in the 21st Century, it will via the internet. If she does come, I'm guessing the message will be to pray the rosary. Let's go with that for now until we get new information.

Faternally,

Paul

Grand Knight