



Needham Knights News

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

MARCH, 2017



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

I place my trust in you!

Dear fellow knights:

Vivat Jesus!

With the beginning of March, the end of the winter is in view. With the beginning of March, we also start the beginning of Lent, and the resurrection of our Lord is in view. Let's take the next seven weeks to prepare ourselves for Easter, and let's also keep our eyes on the good weather ahead.

During Lent, please consider what you can do for the Lenten Mission. St. Joseph's Church will once again be collecting vitamin lollipops, energy bars and funds for the support of the children and patients at Sacred Heart Parish in Milot, Haiti. Anything that you can do for this very worthwhile venture is deeply appreciated.

Our monthly meeting falls on Ash Wednesday. As a result, our chef, Tom Harkins, will be preparing a simple dinner before meeting consisting of soup and a sandwich. Please join us and remember your fasting obligations on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Also in March is our annual St. Patrick's Day party which will take place on Saturday, March 11. Get tickets early as this often sells out. The food and live music are always exceptional, as are the Irish dancers. It is our only fundraiser for our parish schools who certainly need and appreciate our donations. Please do what you can to attend or to support the schools with a donation to the St. Patrick's Day party. With a little luck, maybe you will win one of the many raffle prizes.

Thank you to all who took part in, and were responsible for, the Super Bowl party. It was a huge success, and we raised some significant funds for the seminarians who truly deserve the funds and are appreciative of our help.

If you want to have a good weekend away on the cape, put the State Annual Meeting on your calendar. It is May 19-21 at the Resort and Conference Center in Hyannis, 35 Scudder Road, Hyannis MA, 508-778-6039. It is a great event and a great time to be on cape before the crowds.

Ash Wednesday masses are as follows:

St. Joseph Church: 6:50 am, 9:00 am, 12:10 pm, 7:00 pm

St. Bartholomew Church: 9:00 am and 5:00 pm

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes- 7:30 am, 12:30, pm, 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm.

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

March 1, Ash Wednesday

March 1, Council monthly meeting, bring clothing for homeless veterans

March 4, Men's Prayer Group

March 11, St. Patrick's Day party

March 18, 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:

March 1, 2017 – Tom Harkins

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 and his crew for a wonderful February meeting dinner. At this point, Chris has almost become the official K of C chef.

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:

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:

March 18, 2017

April 15, 2017

May 20, 2017

June 17, 2017

Other events

St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance will be Saturday, March 11. It is a benefit for our schools. Once again, we appreciate all of your generosity.

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.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael Gillis, Grand Knight