



Needham Knights News

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

MAY, 2017



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

I place my trust in you!

Dear fellow knights:

Vivat Jesus!

Spring is truly here. We will have a special one this year with the 100th anniversary mass of St. Joseph Church con-celebrated with His Eminence, Cardinal O'Malley this past Sunday. What a wonderful job Father Michael and the Centennial Committee have done putting together a year of spiritual development and enjoyable festivities to mark the occasion. We look forward to a special May Procession this year as, in honor of the 100th anniversary, St. Joseph Church will be hosting the Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary from the World Apostolate of Fatima at the church on Wednesday, May 10, 2017. See the parish bulletin for more details as to the events and times for the day-long celebration. Members of the council are needed to guard the statute throughout the day, so please see Ted Harrigan if you can devote an hour or half hour to sitting with the statute.

On a bitter-sweet note, we are losing our good friend, Father McGaugh, in June. He will be transferring to a parish in Randolph. Our loss is certainly their gain. He has been an incredible pastor during his pastorate, and it is difficult to think of St. Bartholomew's without him. We had hoped to celebrate his time here in Needham at our June meeting, but unfortunately, he has a conflict, so we are in the process of getting a date that works for him. We hope to be celebrating his wonderful time in Needham at a cookout at the council. More will be coming out when we have a confirmed date.

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

May 3, Monthly Meeting

May 6, Men's Prayer Group

May 19, May Procession

May 20, Briarwood

May 25, Ascension Thursday

Weekly 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:

May 3, 2017 Chris Kent

June 7, 2017 Chris Kent

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

Thanks to Tom Harkins and his crew for a wonderful March meeting dinner.

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:

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:

May 20, 2017

June 17, 2017

Other events

May Procession

May Day Procession this year will be May 10th. This is a special May Day Procession as it coincides with the 100th anniversary of Fatima. Ted Harrigan is working on the details, and there will be special event throughout the day at St. Joseph's which includes the Immaculate Heart of Mary Statute from the World Apostolate of Fatima. Please put this on your calendar. We will need members of the council to guard the statue during the day.

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