

Council News

"There is Strength in Unity"

The Newsletter of **Pope John Paul I Council - Knights of Columbus**

Serving Visitation BVM & Saint Teresa of Avila Parishes January – February-March 2011





*Free Throw Contest*The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest was held at St. Teresa's on January 22nd. The vinning girls are: Alina Dowdalls 10(ATA), Kelsey Pettine 11 (STA), Brianna Valeria 12 STA) and Sara Matour 13 (STA). The winning boys were Ryan McDonnell 10 (VBM), Matthew Hartz 11 (BVM), Andrew Welsh 12 (BVM), & Sean Mann 13 (STA).
Regional Playoffs were held on February 26th with the Mother of Divine Providence council acting as host. Father Kelly gave the opening blessing which was a nice way to start off the event.
Competing from our council were Ryan McDonnell, Matthew Hartz, Andrew Welsh, Sean Mann and Brianna Valerio. All five advanced to the next level.
Plaques will be presented to our winners at the start of our March 15th meeting.





A Baby's Breath

On April 16th A Baby's Breath Crisis Pregnancy Centers in Jeffersonville will hold their annual Run For Life to be held at the Norristown Farm Park. Our council will again provide marshals for the event. Bud Swedkowski will be soliciting your help.

A Baby's Breath offers free pregnancy tests, pregnancy counseling, pre-natal classes, parenting classes and material support. We provide a place where mothers, fathers, and families can workout the complications of a crisis pregnancy. Our volunteers are trained to work with clients in a compassionate, but objective way. Last year we helped over 150 clients. A Baby's Breath is privately sponsored and operates as a 501C non-profit organization. For more information, please go to our website (www.ababysbreath.org).

Faith



On the Battle Field

We need the support of Our Lady—We are Her Knights **PRAY THE ROSARY**

Adoration Schedule

Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Visitation BVM is always open for you.

Our Knights hour is 9-10 PM every Friday. Please join our group, the parish needs you! Contact Rob Cusella (610-631-1534)

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Calendar

Council Meetings

Officers meetings at St. Teresa's on Mar. 8th, Apr. 12th & May 10th. Regular Council meetings on Tuesdays Mar.15st, Apr.19th & May.17th.

March for Life

On Monday January 24 our Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Chaplain, several other brothers and wives of brothers along with the rest of an entire bus load from Visitation, St Eleanor and St Teresa parishes went to Washington DC to join in the March for Life. It was a cold but nice sunny day for the march. We started out at the rally on the National Mall. We were in a good spot to clearly hear the rally speakers. It was especially good to hear several senators and representatives, especially several of the newly elected, speaking out for the cause of life. We then moved over to Constitution Avenue where we met up with the Philadelphia deligation and proceeded to march up past the Capital to the Supreme Court. There were many, many thousands of marchers supporting the right to life. We say many Knights and Knights councils there, and we even saw our own State Deputy Goroge Koch marching for life. After the march several of us went to the Russel Senate office building to hear from our Senators Toomey, and Casey. We all look forward to the day when we can continue to support mothers and families in need without having to worry about abortion killing their babies.

Prayer Vigil.

My Brother Knights, please plan to take part in the monthly prayer vigil (third Saturday every month) outside of Planned Parenthood in Philadelphia on Saturday morning. We start out with Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church (13th & Market Sts) and then walk in procession while saying the rosary to the abortion center.

Check Out Our Web Site

Check out our "Recently Improved" Web Site at <u>WWW.kofc7565.org</u>. Meeting Notices and Pertinent Announcements are always on the main page. On the left hand side you will find many useful links There is a new link to Highlights from the most recent council meeting and updates on upcoming events. You can easily access contact information for our officers as well as the adoration schedule. You can even read a digital version of this newsletter!!! Check it out and please provide any feedback or suggestions to our Deputy Grand Knight John Gatto (jgatt@aol.com or 484-919-2368)