



OUR LADY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, REVEREND MARTIN VALLELY



My dear Brothers, others, near or far, is a gesture towards building a world of community, family, and peace, instead of further adding to a world of division, conflict, and sorrow. Even your participation in the Friday Evening Stations of the Cross this March is a furthering of Mother Teresa's vision that all Christians would embrace the Cross of Christ as their own. The very founding of her Missionaries of Charity was with a view "to quench[ing] the infinite thirst of Jesus on the cross for love and souls" by "labouring at the salvation and sanctification of the poorest of the poor."

Let us be particularly strengthened by generosity, recognizing that all the gifts of God are by their very nature meant to be given away. On the weekend of March 17th/18th, we shall have the Share Lent collection. These monies go to the works of justice and peace, especially in lands that are continuing to struggle under the weight of poverty and oppression. In Lent, I always find myself thinking of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, one of the pre-eminent saints of the 20th century, who taught us so much about what it means to see the face of the suffering Christ in his little ones who are poor and abandoned. Of the countless quotations attributed to her, one of my favourites is: "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other". Please remember, as we honour this great apostle of mercy, that every bit of care we extend to



others, near or far, is a gesture towards building a world of community, family, and peace, instead of further adding to a world of division, conflict, and sorrow. Even your participation in the Friday Evening Stations of the Cross this March is a furthering of Mother Teresa's vision that all Christians would embrace the Cross of Christ as their own. The very founding of her Missionaries of Charity was with a view "to quench[ing] the infinite thirst of Jesus on the cross for love and souls" by "labouring at the salvation and sanctification of the poorest of the poor."

As we will celebrate Holy Week and Easter before our April Newsletter is released, I also want to encourage my Brother Knights to come out for the entire Holy Week celebration, if you possibly can. Its richness needs to be savoured by full participation. I would like again this year to offer some reflections on each of the Great Three Days (the "Triduum"), and why each part of the Triduum is important.

Of course, Holy Week begins with Passion/Palm Sunday (March 24th/25th), our first glimpse that week into the contradictions which Jesus occasions by his coming among us. Palm branches are blessed and waved in imitation of the great enthusiastic welcome Jesus received when he rode into Jerusalem on the donkey. But very soon those cheers turn to jeers as the crowds cry out for Jesus to be crucified, according to Mark's Passion Narrative.

The Monday of Holy Week is, in our Diocese, the traditional evening for the Mass of Chrism. Bishop Douglas Crosby gathers his priests, deacons, and laypeople around him to honour the gift of the priesthood of Christ, and to bless the Holy Oils which will be used in the celebrations of important sacraments throughout the coming year in our parish communities. All are welcome to that Mass, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Monday, March 26th, at 7:00 P.M.

On Holy Thursday (March 29th), the Triduum itself begins. Our parish community gathers together at 7:30 P.M. that evening to call to mind the Lord's Last Supper with His disciples, to honour the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood, and to celebrate Christian love and service, symbolized by the ceremony of the Washing of the Feet. The Blessed Sacrament is specially reposed after the closing procession through the church, and you are encouraged to come and "stay awhile" with him that evening, as the Adoration will continue till midnight.

On Good Friday (March 30th), we do not celebrate Mass, but we do assemble to commemorate the Passion of the Lord, to pray in an especially solemn manner for the world's needs, to venerate the Cross of Christ, on which has hung our salvation, and to receive Holy Communion. Our Good Friday in Holy Rosary Parish comprises: a ceremony more geared to families, at 11:00 A.M.; and the traditional adult ceremony at 3:00 P.M. The Knights will at that Liturgy once again do us the honour of carrying the Cross which will be used for the veneration. Plus we have the Stations of the Cross that evening at 7:00 P.M., and then the final opportunity for your Easter Confession will take place after the Stations.

The stillness of grief on Holy Saturday (March 31st) gives way to the overwhelming joy of Jesus' rising from death to life. At 8:00 P.M., we commence the Easter Vigil, with the lighting of the New Fire and the Easter Candle, carried in solemn procession through the church to its place of honour, and praised in song as symbol of the Risen Christ, Light of the World. The Word of God which is read that night traces the whole history of salvation, all leading to Christ. Water is solemnly blessed, and God's people call to mind their cleansing in baptism by renewing baptismal vows and being sprinkled with the Easter Water. This is also the time for adult converts to be received into the church, and we are pleased to have a couple of them that night, to join our parish community.....plus, we are praying for all converts all over the world. Then continues the first Mass of Easter.

The baptismal vows and sprinkling are likewise repeated at each Mass celebrated on Easter Sunday itself (April 1st), as we sing a joyful "Alleluia!!" to the One who has made us his own.

Knights should be particularly proud to celebrate the glory of their Risen Lord, since it is under His banner of the victory of the Cross that we march, as we do all our works of praise and service. May the Lord make of you, more and more, signs of his gracious, living presence in the world.

A most joyful Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, to you and yours!

Father Martin Vallely

Chaplain

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

Congratulations:

Bro. Jim and Diane Hession
March 18 – 35 years

**FOURTH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

***Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary
Council 15920***

March 29

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

We now find ourselves nearing the end of one of the coldest, snowiest winters certainly that I can remember. I hope all of you are gradually overcoming all of the bouts with pneumonia, colds, flu etc. and getting ready to get back outside and soak up some vitamin D.

Our Financial Secretary Vic Lefebvre certainly has had his share of hardships lately including the death of his sister Evelyne Huard this week. Our prayers go out to Brother Vic and his family as they prepare to lay her to rest later this week in Sudbury. Despite all of this hardship including his kidney stone Brother Vic continues to work tirelessly on K of C activities including editing and publishing this newsletter. We are so blessed to have Vic in our midst.

March is going to be another busy month for our Council including helping with the Stations of the Cross on March 9th and 23rd and Carrying the cross on Good Friday March 30th. On March 4th some of us will be attending the "Conferring of Papal Honours" being held at the Basilica in Hamilton. On March 7th, I encourage as many of you as possible to come out to the City Hall to help us increase awareness and support the Burlington Special Olympics with this year's "Flag Raising". We will meet at city hall around 10 am for the ceremony that will start at 10:30. Mayor Rick Goldring will read the "Proclamation" declaring that week "Special Olympics week" and then we will have the athletes that are there sign the flag and help us raise the flag on the city hall flag pole. Our Brothers from St. Antoine-Daniel council will host coffee and cakes immediately following the flag raising in the church behind the city hall.

Please make a note on your calendars to come out to the Parish Center on the evening of March 14th when our council will be presenting an evening with Denis Gibbons "Hockey, My Door to Europe". This will be a great opportunity for parishioners to get an insider's look at international hockey especially as it has happened in Europe. Dennis has now completed his book on the subject and would like to share his stories with everyone. There will be a "Goodwill" offering basket at the door and the proceeds will be donated to Special Olympics. Please spread the word with your friends, family and other parishioners asking them to come out and enjoy this evening.

See you all at the meeting on March 6.

Vivat Jesus

Ken Fleming,
Grand Knight



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

***Daniel Giroux – March 7
Dr. Patrick Petrowski – March 8
Michael McNamara – March 12
Joe Baumgartner – March 24
Rev. Msgr. Edward House – March 29***

PRAYER NETWORK

In charity, we pray for:

Brother Michael Nelligan
Richard Cupido, grandson of
Brother Guido
Linda Cupido, daughter-in-law
of Brother Guido
Shannon Wilken, daughter of
Bro. Michael Nelligan



In her memory, we pray for:
Evelyn Huard, sister of Bro. Vic Lefebvre who
passed away on February 24.

Prayer for Healing

*Almighty and merciful Father, by the power of your
command, drive away from me all forms of sickness
and disease. Restore strength to my body and joy
to my spirit, so that in my renewed health, I may
bless and serve you, now and forever more.*

To be included in the Prayer Network, contact Bro.
Vic Lefebvre at 905-336-3056 or by e-mail at
kofcholyrosary@outlook.com

CALENDAR OF COUNCIL EVENTS

- Mar. 6 – General Business Meeting
Mar. 7 – Flag Raising Ceremony
10:00 am
Burlington City Hall
Mar. 9 – Stations of the Cross – 7:00 pm
Mar. 14 – Denis Gibbons – Book Presentation
7:00 pm
Parish Centre
Mar. 23 – Stations of the Cross – 7:00 pm
Mar. 25 – **Palm Sunday**
Mar. 30 – **Good Friday**
- Apr. 1 – **Easter Sunday**
Apr. 3 – General Business Meeting
Apr. 14 – Diocesan Zone Meeting
St. Augustine Church
Dundas
Apr. 20 to 22 – **Ontario State Convention**
International Plaza Hotel
655 Dixon Road
Toronto

Council News

Brother Guido achieves 50 years of service with the Knights

A special certificate commemorating 50 years as a Knight of Columbus was awarded to Brother Guido Joseph Cupido by GK Ken Fleming at a meeting held on February 6, 2018. Guido joined the Knights back in the 1960's and has been an active contributor to both our council and our parish ever since. Guido and his family have a great reputation in our community due in part to their generosity but also for their willingness to participate in parish life and make a difference in the lives of others. He is affectionately referred to as "Curly" and his warm and friendly personality makes him well liked by everyone.



CONGRATULATIONS BROTHER GUIDO!

46th Annual District Basketball Free Throw took place on February 10th

Our brothers from Mary of God Council in Oakville hosted this year's District Basketball Free Throw Competitions at St Thomas Aquinas High School on Saturday February 10th. The event was a great success and it was attended by winners from the Burlington and Oakville council events.

A special thanks goes to Don Prescott, Joe Milton, David Lord and Ken Fleming for being there to help with the event. Several members of the Special Olympics were there led by Coach Sara Bauer.



Holy Rosary School wins 2 Participation awards for this year's Basketball Free Throw

Our own Holy Rosary School made a name for itself at this year's Burlington K of C Basketball Free Throw held in January. Thanks to the efforts of grade 4 teacher Brad McKay the school won the 2 most important awards for the event. They won for including the most students in the school qualifying events with 200, and they won the highest percentage of participation in a school achieving 100% of the eligible students in the school. This is a great accomplishment and one we all should be proud of. Individual Council winners from Holy Rosary included Andrew Mazzilli age 9, Kaleia Mano age 10 and Alexis Jenkins age 11. Teacher Brad McKay is pictured with 3 of the participants and Brothers Joe Milton and David Lord.

CONGRATULATIONS HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL!!



The Annual Valentines Dinner and Dance was held on Saturday February 10th

Brother Ron Lehocki and his wife Susan did another excellent job in presenting this year’s version of the Holy Rosary parish Valentines Dinner and Dance. We had over 60 people out to this year’s event and it was very much enjoyed by all. Music was provided by “Rockin Robin” and he seemed to have chosen the right music as the dance floor was busy all evening.

Thank you to everyone that donated the very appropriate prizes (wine, chocolate, spa treatments etc.) and once again thank you to Ron and Susan for putting on a great event.



Our Knights help the ladies of the CWL present a Pancake breakfast and dinner on Shrove Tuesday

February 13 was Shrove Tuesday this year and our council along with the ladies of the CWL presented the annual Pancake Breakfast and Dinner for the parish and community. The event was a great success and in the process we served 182 people over the 3 servings. That would amount to an estimated 600 pancakes and 8 very large hams along with many pounds of fruit etc. The guests made free will offerings totalling \$1,205 and after expenses we collected almost \$800. This resulted in a cheque for \$400 going to the Burlington Food Bank and \$400 going to St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you to all of the Knights that came out to help; it's great when we have so many...it really makes the job easier. I think the ladies were impressed with our cooking skills at least I think that from what I heard them say...ha ha.



[Burlington declares the week of March 5-9 as Special Olympics week in Burlington](#)

On Tuesday, February 20th, GK Ken attended the Burlington City council meeting to hear Mayor Rick Goldring declare the week of March 5-9 "Special Olympics Week" in Burlington. This is now the 3rd year that the Knights of Columbus have worked with the city to help raise awareness of the Special Olympics movement. The now annual Flag Relay is well underway with the flags moving through all 113 districts and ending somewhere near the end of May. The main goal for this year is to focus attention on the Canadian Championships being held in Antigonish, Nova Scotia on July 31.

There are 3 Burlington athletes that have won a spot at these National games and "Coach Cate". Cate Hawkins has been selected to participate as a coach at the games as well. We are working with the other 3 councils in Burlington to set-up a special Flag Raising ceremony at Burlington City Hall on Wednesday March 7th at 10:30 am. We will meet along with members of the Special Olympics in the Atrium of the city hall. The mayor will read the proclamation and say a few words after which we will have a flag available for signing. We will also parade led by the Pope John Paul II Colour Guard to the flag pole where the flag will be raised and will remain on the pole for the day. Our brothers at St. Antoine-Daniel Council have offered to have coffee and cakes for everyone in the church behind the city hall after the ceremony. Please come out and enjoy this fun event. The Mayor's proclamation will be available for all to see at our meeting in April.



[Holy Rosary Parish Holds a Town Hall Meeting on February 27th](#)

The long awaited Parish Town Hall meeting took place in the Parish center on the evening of Tuesday February 27th and it was a huge success.

The room was full of parishioners that saw this as a rare opportunity to contribute to the formation of future direction that our parish will go in serving God and our community. Francis Doyle of the Hamilton Diocese was the facilitator for this evening. He did a great job of keeping the group focused and as a result many great ideas emerged. Now comes the job of sorting through all of the notes and papers to summarize the input into a possible road map for the future.



[Special Olympics Athlete Leadership training February 24](#)

Holy Rosary Parish Center was chosen again this year by Special Olympics Ontario to host their Athletes Leadership Training course for the South Central area and our Knights played a key role in a very successful day. We had 15 athletes out to take the course that is designed to build their self-confidence and to teach them life skills that they might not have an opportunity to learn otherwise. They are able to learn how to work together to analyze problems such as organizing events. They were shown how to categorize the food they eat into the 4 main groups and how to recognize the foods that are not so good for them. They were given an opportunity to write and present a speech in front of a large group which is great training for everyone but especially for these individuals that generally have more difficulty dealing with other people than most. We heard some heart-touching stories of individuals that experienced difficulties due to their disabilities but were able to work through them with the help of parents, coaches and volunteers like our Knights. A special thank you to Don Prescott and his wife Nancy, Hugh Johns and his wife Cathy, Joe Milton, Jim Hession, Sam Cervoni and Ken Fleming for being there to act as mentors.





**Holy Rosary Church together with
The Knights of Columbus presents an evening with**

Denis Gibbons, author of "Hockey My Door to Europe"

Hockey My Door to Europe details the author's personal - sometimes harrowing - experiences covering international hockey, especially behind the Iron Curtain, including the start of Burlington youth hockey exchanges between Canada and communist countries.



Wednesday, March 14 @ 7 pm

**Holy Rosary Church – Parish Centre
287 Plains Rd. E. Burlington**

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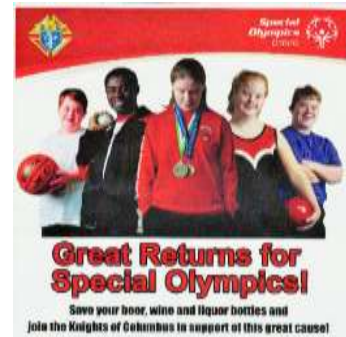
Brothers help out at Holy Rosary

Brothers David Lord, Joe Milton, Sam Cervoni and Ken Fleming come out several times a month to keep the school sign up to date. This month Brother Sam did some temporary repairs to the sign in front of the Church but reports a major repair job is required soon.



Special Olympics Bottle Drive

The 2018 bottle drive will start up on the Tuesday following the Victoria Day weekend this year and as usual we will have a collection after all long weekends until Thanksgiving. Thanks to everyone that helped in 2017.....we raised \$2,100 for the Special Olympics; a cheque was presented to them in December.



Cobs Bakery

Brother Aeneas Mac Isaac and his wife Barb continue to take a leadership role for the Knights by ensuring that every Sunday evening all of the unused baked goods from Cobs Bread in north Burlington is delivered to the Good Shepherd food bank. Brother Vic Lefebvre is also there most every Sunday to help deliver this significant community contribution.



Several of our knights have signed up to help Aeneas and Vic whenever they are needed. This is an excellent example of how the knights of our council work together in an unselfish way to help those in need.

2nd Cobs Bakery night

Brother Vic Lefebvre has arranged a second night for picking up bread at Cobs that the Pope John Paul Assembly is looking after. Great work Vic.

