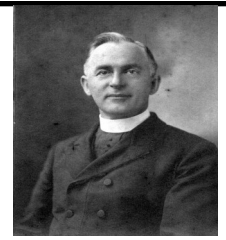




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## Chaplain's Reflection Turn the Other Cheek

Perhaps the most difficult of all the gospel passages is Luke 6:27-38. In it, Jesus sums up so much of his ministry. We are to love. We are to love everyone. We are not to expect to be repaid or given anything in return, yet we are to be overwhelmingly generous. We are to stop judging and give everyone else the benefit of the doubt, lest we be judged by others. This is the gospel where the rubber really hits the road.

Even more to the point, the measure with which we measure will be returned back to us. This is probably the most threatening part. We know how badly we can treat others among our families, friends and acquaintances. This is where we come face to face with the reality that we are sinners. We all struggle with this every single day.

So if you want to be challenged, meditate on these words of Jesus. Embrace the idea that we need to pray for the people that we don't see eye to eye with. We need to pray for the people that we don't always get along with. We need to pray for the people that we are really angry with. Over time that will soften our hearts.

As you pray, reflect. Why do you dislike the person? What really irritates you? What gets under your skin? Why are you so impatient? Why are you so angry? Why can't you just let certain things go? Why do you hold grudges? And we could go on and on. While this may enkindle all kinds of emotions inside of you, it also calls you to a deepening. If you can bring those people to prayer, that will make a big difference.

Another application of this gospel is to consider how you approach driving. Driving can be the most difficult thing to do when you've got all kinds of faceless people in front of you, behind you and around you. But if we allow that to drive us crazy, that is really on us. Instead of being passive aggressive, let it go. Let them go around, let them pass, don't get in the way, pull off to the side. Just let things go. It's really an act of surrendering because we want to be in control and we can't be.

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## Grand Knight's Station "Faith and Family Foremost"



We are still dealing with the limits placed on us by the coronavirus and may be facing a significant resurgence of the virus as we head into fall and winter. Please make sure to continue to take care of yourself and your family. When you have time, please be sure to check in on your fellow parishioners, neighbors, friends, Brother Knights and Maryknights. Also, get a flu shot if you haven't done so. We're considering how to host some of our more popular programs and postponing others, so watch for e-mails and notices about upcoming events.

As you know, with challenges comes opportunities. We have the chance to show our neighbors and communities how important the Knights are and what it is to be a Knight. As Knights of Columbus, we take care of our community through prayer and works of charity. Charity is the first principle of our order. Two recent works of charity involved collections of food and goods. The Maryknights held a very successful food drive recently. On September 19, our Council members and Maryknights donated dozens of boxes of food, plus cases of water, cleaning supplies and financial donations, to the Little Sisters of the Poor on Harewood Road in Washington, DC. It was heartwarming to see the generosity of so many Council men and women. Our Council will continue to be a drop-off site the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon.

As we're forced to rethink our Council year and activities, let's remember our many programs of charity and think of how to expand them. As we said this year, the coronavirus can't keep us down. Some of these activities have been led by the same small number of Brother Knights for years. These men perform exemplary work. What's truly needed now is for more men, and hopefully many of our younger members, to volunteer for activities and recruit new members. This can be done by supporting activities at our local parishes as well as at the Council. Don't let lack of experience or fear of a great commitment of time stop you – we can help you along the way and will gladly take an hour or two of your time now as you gradually become more familiar and comfortable with the activity.

Our Council outdoor lounge is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday starting at 4:30 p.m., with dinner on Friday night starting at 6 p.m. We're considering times on the weekend to watch football and other sports. We have very limited seating under the tent but operate carefully under required healthcare mandates. Please wear your mask when you are not eating, wash

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Reflect on this Gospel. Think about what is going inside your head. Remember, the aggression you show will be returned back to you, but the kindness that you show will also be returned back. So, let's really get in touch with what's going on inside of us, bring it to prayer and allow that prayer to surface whatever may be going on inside of us.

Maybe we need to pray for patience. Maybe we need to pray that we will be better able to listen to our heart before we open our mouth or act impulsively. Our mouth can be the most cutting and dangerous thing we have. Whenever, we let other people have it, sooner or later that will bring us great regret.

So we have to start with ourselves. Bring these things to prayer. Bring people to prayer. Start the journey on the road to getting a little closer to what Jesus is asking us to do. We can all start working on this little by little. This is a journey not a destination. So we will always have to work on our patience and to control our impulses to criticize, judge and engage in all the other unloving things that we do. We need to bring our struggles to prayer. If we really work at this, the greatest gift to us will be a little more patience, a little more understanding, a little more mercy, a little more compassion and a lot more love.

*Deacon Alan Jeeves*

## Annual Car Raffle



***Remember in your prayers:***

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Norman Burton, HLM  
Patrick Moore

### **Deceased**

Charlotte Hassan, mother of State Warden Ron Hassan  
D. Patricia McCaw, mother of Ed, Kenny, Brian, Maureen and Erin

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your hands repeatedly, respect physical distancing and the health of others. We love having you at the Council, but want no one to feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

When you have time, visit [Franciscianmedia.org](http://Franciscianmedia.org) for its Saint of the Day calendar. It's interesting to click on a link and learn about a saint of which you've never heard and also learn more about well-known saints.

Prayer is an important activity for all of us - and may be more important now with the virus, world events and other distractions to our daily life. Remember to take time each day to pray for healing and guidance. When possible, pray the Rosary and join us either in person or virtually for our Friday Night Rosary at 5:30 p.m.; the link to access online is available on the Council's Facebook page via this link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewmgFt6b\\_EI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewmgFt6b_EI). Just log on at about 5:25 p.m. and search for and open <https://www.facebook.com/rosensteel.council>

And as school year plans continue to emerge, please pray for our students, teachers and parents.

*Thank you,*

*Paul Girolami*

### The Best of Rosensteel

**Knight of the Month** - You've seen him at the Council for years. He worked on a kitchen crew with the Horners and spends hours at the grill at our annual Council Picnic. You can find him at our children's parties, entertaining, cooking and serving food. He also makes a great Santa. His family also joins him at the Halloween, Christmas and Easter parties. We're not sure about the safety of having our children's parties this year, but that won't stop us from thanking Steve Caffi, our Knight of the Month for October 2020.

Thank you, Steve, for your countless hours of volunteerism to our Council and families.

**Family of the Month** - They can be seen on our Friday night kitchen crews and volunteering at other Council events throughout the year. He fills in as a bartender. She also bartends special events such as the Super Bowl. Both are regulars at our Washington Football Team games at the Council. She's known for her work with a needle and yarn. Both help direct our children's parties and work children's activities at our Council Picnic.

Thank you to our Family of the Month – Barbara and Bill Dassing.

## Financial Secretary's Report

Brother Knights, the charity work at our Council continues and the need is more acute this year during these unsettling times. The funding of the charity work that we do as Knights comes from our annual dues collection. These funds help fund the Nuns Appreciation Dinner, Food Baskets for the Needy, dinners for the emergency workers at Holy Cross and all the other great charity work that we do. Without funds from our dues paying members, we would not be able to have as big an impact in our community as we do.

Currently, there are 169 Knights with dues outstanding. It could be that you have forgotten to pay your dues or meant to pay and it slipped your mind. I will be sending another notice for dues collection for the calendar year ending 2020 soon; please consider bringing your dues current. If you are having trouble making your dues payment, please contact Kevin Carey at [kdcarey@loyola.edu](mailto:kdcarey@loyola.edu) or Gus Gusman at [guskoc2169@gmail.com](mailto:guskoc2169@gmail.com).

### Fraternal Insurance

Soon you'll be receiving your 2020 Fraternal Survey. Separate and distinct from the Council fraternal survey, this survey is designed to help members update the Supreme Council on their information and circumstances so that the Supreme Council can in turn advise them of the member benefits available to them that they may not be taking advantage of.

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**Beatification Ceremony for Father McGivney Set for October 31; 20-minute documentary to air October 25** - Fr. Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, will be beatified on October 31. Once he is beatified, he will be given the title "Blessed." An additional miracle attributed to Fr. McGivney will be needed before he can be declared a saint. A miracle credited to the intercession of Fr. McGivney was approved by the Vatican and announced by Pope Francis on May 27. A child who was diagnosed as terminally ill in the womb was miraculously healed in 2015 following prayers for the intercession of Fr. McGivney.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said of the announcement, "For members of the Knights of Columbus and many others, the news of the beatification is a time of great joy and celebration. Father McGivney ministered to those on the margins of society in the 19th century, and his example has inspired millions of Knights to follow his example in their own parishes and communities."

The Knights are offering a free livestream of its latest documentary - *Father Michael McGivney: An American Blessed* - ahead of his beatification Mass on October 31. This new short documentary explores the life, legacy and impact of Father Michael McGivney. The 20-minute film will air on the K of C YouTube and Facebook channels on October 25 at 8 p.m.

Fr. McGivney will become the fourth U.S.-born man to be beatified, joining Blessed Stanley Rother, Blessed James Miller and Blessed Solanus Casey. Fr. McGivney died at age 38 during a pneumonia pandemic.

While the Church has recognized three women born in the United States as saints – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Katharine Drexel and St. Kateri Tekawitha – there have been no U.S.-born canonized men.

**Novena for the Cause of Life, October 4 - 12** - The defense of life and the promotion of human dignity in every stage and condition are preeminent concerns of the Knights of Columbus and the entire Church. From October 4 - 12 during Respect Life Month, Knights are called to join all Catholics in prayer with Pope Francis for an end to abortion, euthanasia and the many social ills that bring illness, broken families, unhappiness and premature death, especially for the most vulnerable.

During each day of the novena, you can reflect on a quote selected from the teachings of Pope Francis on the sanctity of life, pray a decade of the Rosary and conclude with St. John Paul II's prayer from *Evangelium Vitae*. By reflecting on the teachings of Pope Francis and calling upon the help of Our Lady for nine days, we can deepen our commitment to the Gospel of Life and support the most vulnerable through prayer.

The prayers and reflections for the novena can be found at <https://kofc.org/novena>. Copy and enter the link into your web browser each day.

**Halloween "Trunk" or Treat Set for October 25** - Calling all children! Come to the Council on Sunday, October 25, at 1:30 p.m. for a "Trunk" or Treat Halloween giveaway, weather permitting. We'll have cars in the lot with their trunks open and bags of candy ready for you to take and enjoy. Cars will be at least one parking space from the next car and we will be wearing protective masks. Your parents can come too. Some adults may be dressed as Cowboys or Washington Football Team fans, since the game is at 1 p.m. Let's scare the Cowboys out of the stadium with a trick or treat win for Washington.

**Candlelight Rosary for the Unborn set for October 20** - Please join us in the historic St. John's cemetery at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, for our annual Candlelight Rosary for the Unborn. We won't be gathering in the church or Council after the Rosary. Rain date is October 27. We'll provide the candles; please wear your mask and any protective items you wish, but please join us.

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Dear Maryknights,

Welcome fall! I hope we are done with 90-degree days, but October has been known to see a few of those so don't get too many sweaters out just yet! It was great to see so many of you turn out for the food drive/membership drop-off from September 11 -12. Thank you to all the Knights and Maryknights who were so generous with their material and cash donations; \$40 dollars in Safeway gift cards were donated and with the \$240 dollars in cash donated we were able to purchase Giant gift cards. The truly amazing quantity of groceries and cleaning supplies we received were donated to St. John the Evangelist and to St. John's House along with potential to donations to MUM or the Council (final disposition was not clear at the time of publication, but rest assured they will end up in good hands).

Last but not least, many, many thanks to our sponsors of the *2020-2021 Maryknight Membership Kit* provided at the drop-off: **Whyte House Monograms, Olde Towne Pet Resort, Eileen del Valle, Clean Beauty Advocate and Mastiha Artisan Greek Bakery.** And let's not forget **Nothing Bundt Cakes**, which provided baked goods to the bake sale extraordinaire which netted \$435, while our 50/50 netted \$77.50! Congratulations to our 50/50 winner Pat Kilner. Well done everyone! Please be sure to patronize our sponsors' businesses, especially in these unprecedented times.

I hope that everyone continues to thrive even though our opportunities to be together are diminished. The ZOOM calls, though nothing like being gathered together, keep us connected. And despite the physical separation, there are still opportunities to do good. Comfort Cases is in particular need of pajamas for its kids, sizes infants to young adults. It is also happy to accept books, crayons and coloring books. A new addition to the Comfort Cases is a pair of socks for each child, sizes infant and up, is needed. You may drop items off at the Council or Kathy Arvedlund has offered to pick them up from you if you cannot bring them in. The Pillow Project has pillows available for distribution to breast cancer patients. Please contact Nancy Koski if you know someone who is in need of a pillow and she will take care of delivery.

Saint John XXIII is our featured saint for October. Cardinal Angelo Roncalli was elected pope on October 28, 1958, becoming John XXIII. Gregarious and open, "Good Pope" John as he came to be known, exuded an enthusiasm for life that in itself set a positive tone for his pontificate and raised hopes for a season of change. His interesting and varied career prepared him well for just such change. As a young man, Angelo Roncalli was a stretcher bearer in World War I and witnessed the ravages of war first hand. As a young priest he was a teacher and later became the national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Pope John XXIII died on June 3, 1963. In his few short years as pope, he won the hearts of the world and his death was universally mourned. He was canonized in April 2014. At the canonization of Saint John XXIII, Pope Francis commented, "In convening the Second Vatican Council, Saint John XXIII showed an exquisite openness to the Holy Spirit. He let himself be led and he was for the Church a pastor, a servant-leader. This was his great service to the Church; he was the pope of openness to the Holy Spirit."

Finally, October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, owing to the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7. The Little Sisters of the Poor are sponsoring A Million Families & A Million Rosaries, asking us to pray the rosary every day for an end to the pandemic. You can sign up and pray along with the Little Sisters of the Poor at [www.littlesistersofthepoor.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.org).

Wishing you a blessed October,

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