



THE KNIGHT LIFE



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2ND & 4TH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 24	Regular Meeting at St. Catherine's
May 28	Memorial Day
May 31– June 3	Carnival @ St. Catherine of Siena
June 7	Regular Meeting @ OLL
June 9	Jerry O'Connor Special Citizen's Picnic
June 9	Rosary For Life
June 11	Golf Outing
June 17	Father's Day
June 21	Regular Meeting at St. Catherine's—Election of Officers
July 4	Parade in Montclair

Dear Brother Knights ...

A big "thank you" to everyone who helped with the Special Citizens fundraiser collections at our churches and local grocery stores. We're *this close* to our goal. Many of you have sent in donations by mail; there's still time to do that! Send in yours, and ask your friends & neighbors, too!

We've still got a lot of fun events coming up this month & next. Want to march with the Council in Verona's Memorial Day parade? Want to help with our game booth at the St. Catherine's carnival? Have a few golfing buddies to bring to the Golf Outing? Want to join the fun at the Jerry O'Connor picnic? Come on out and get involved – we'd love to see you!

Vivat Jesus,
Tony Morano
GK

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



May is “Mary’s Month.” And what a glorious month it is! We continue to celebrate Easter, the Ascension of the Lord, and we close out the Easter season with Pentecost. Pentecost marks that special night when almost 2000 years ago, the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and has continued to guide the Catholic Church ever since, just as Jesus promised. In addition we may know or be celebrating many other joy-filled events in our lives including First Communions, Confirmations, Graduations, Ordinations, Weddings, Mother’s Day, and many other markers of our lives.

As we celebrate these special events in our lives it is right for us to take a pause and recall why we celebrate these milestones. All of these are significant life moments as a person grows in age and maturity, but hopefully they are truly markers that a person is growing in their relationship with the Lord. For if they are not growing towards God, where are they growing?

These days the Church finds herself under attack. We as members of the Body of Christ, are under attack for our very beliefs. We are challenged not only as a unified Church but even as individuals in how we choose to follow the teachings of Holy Mother Church and how we choose to support those teachings. The Knights of Columbus have always been committed to aiding the Church and now, more than ever, we are called to stand united in Faith.

Growing up I am sure we all had the experience of being told by our mother to do something even if we didn’t want to or like it. We may have even asked why we had to do it and your mother probably would have said, “Because I said so, that’s why.” While we might not always have agreed at the time, looking back we probably have learned the wisdom of our mother’s for having made us do things even when we didn’t want to do them. There is a certain comfort in submitting the will to another that takes away the pressure of having to discern every movement we make. In many cases, there are situation and topics that we are not well versed on or have not taken the time to contemplate completely. Sometimes we make judgments based on our emotions and what we feel is right at the time. Instead, we, as Catholics, are called to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit as discerned and shared with us by Holy Mother Church. Many holy women and men have been dedicated to listening to the Spirit of God so that we, who do not spend as much time contemplating God’s will, might know what is universally right and wrong, in short what is the ultimate truth. And, should we ask, we will not only hear because Holy Mother Church said so. Rather we can rationally explain why because faith and reason are never able to part from one another as John Paul II explained in his document *Fides et Ratio*.

My dear brother Knights, I invite you in a special way to pray during this month to our Mother Mary. Ask her intercession to aid Holy Mother Church in defending her beliefs and to assist in the spread of the Good News. As we crown Mary Queen of the Universe, ask her to assist all under her care and especially us, to have the strength and courage to stand up and fight for our beliefs. I pray that just as Mary was willing to say to the Angel Gabriel, “I am the handmaid of the Lord,” that we too might be willing to accept the will of God, even when it means accepting an unpopular belief.

May God Bless You All,
Fr. Mac

GOLF OUTING - JUNE 11, 2012



The date is drawing near for the event of the year: 18 holes of golf, a hole in one challenge for a 2012 Acura TSX, putting contest, followed by an open bar, lunch and fantastic raffle prizes, all at nearby Glen Ridge Country Club. And it is all for charity-our parish youth groups.

But time is truly running out to take advantage of the discounted fee of \$150. After May 28, it will be \$165. If you can’t play, a great way to help out is sponsor a hole for \$100. A sign that will display your name or business will be prominently placed on a tee box. But we have to get those signs printed soon.

Check out the Golf Outing website at kofc3632.org/golf for all the information—registration forms, sponsorship information, and more. Sell sponsorships! Get golfers! Come out and play on June 11! With you’re help we’ll keep the Golf Outing going and growing. For more information about how you can get involved, contact Dan Fitzpatrick at **973.222.7503** or thefitzs@comcast.net.

VERONA MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Our Council proudly accepted the invitation to march in Verona’s Memorial Day parade. Let’s make this a family affair by bringing your wife family and friends to honor those who have died protecting our lives and our country.

SPECIAL CITIZENS DRIVE

As of this printing, we have collected the following:

Our Lady of the Lake	\$923
St. Catherine of Siena	<u>815</u>
	\$1738
ShopRite of Caldwell (1 day)	\$847
Foodtown of Cedar Grove (3 days)	1802
Jack's Foodtown of Caldwell (3 days)	<u>1522</u>
	\$4171
Mail drive	\$3210
Total	\$9029

*Kings of Verona & ShopRite of West Orange no longer let us collect at their stores.

Brother, as you can see, we are still \$971 short of our goal of \$10,000 We can still make our goal if the brothers who have not yet contributed, will do so. Help us reach our goal for the 6th straight year and 11 out of the last 13 years. We still have time. Please make our check out to Knights of Columbus #3632 and mail it to John Sommer at 172 Forest Ave. in Verona, NJ 07044.

The brother's and friends who helped collect at St. Catherine's: Pat Mullen, Gary Wilcyewski, GK Tony Morano, John Sommer, Jim Miserindino, Al Linkus, Tim Murphy.

At Our Lady of the Lake: PJ Hanly, Dan Fitzpatrick, Fred & Diane Mahn, John Sommer, George Hectus, Nick Munning, Chuck Collins, Nansie Salls, Joe Cafarella, Eric Watkins, Greg Mau, Torre Mathisen, Dave & Lori Lyon, Pat Hanley, Tony Ditri.

At the supermarkets: Al Linkus (collected everyday at all the stores), John Sommer (5X), Tim Murphy (2X), Diane Mahn, Larry Dillon (4X), Phil DeRitas (2X), PJ Hanly (2X), Tom DeFrancisci (2X), Joe Cafarella (2X), Tony LoRusso (2X), Carlos Fernandez, Greg Mau, Dave & Lori Lyon, Pat Mullen, Tony Ditri.

Thanks brothers for all your time well spent.

PRIDE IN PRIESTS DINNER

On May 2, Knights from the Archdiocese of Newark gathered at the Fiesta Banquet facility in Wood-Ridge, NJ, for dinner to honor men of the cloth. All Priests of the Diocese are invited as guests of the Knights of Columbus, to show how proud we are of them. State officers were in attendance including State Deputy Dan Rossi, who presented a check on behalf of the K of C to Archbishop John J. Meyers, for his personal charities. Archbishop Meyers then made a beautiful speech remarking what the Knights meant to him and the Archdiocese.



GK Tony Morano, DGK PJ Hanly, Recorder Al Linkus, PGK Larry Dillon, PGK John Sommer, PGK Chuck Collins, Financial Secretary/PGK Joe Cafarella; Fr. Steve Kopacz, St. Catherine of Siena; Council Chaplain Fr. Robert McLaughlin, St. Catherine of Siena; Rev. Canon Jean-Marie Moreau, St. Anthony of Padua (West Orange); Fr. Al Berner, St. Catherine of Siena; Fr. John Gibbons, Past Council Chaplain, (not pictured Tony LoRusso)

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CARNIVAL

St. Catherine's is holding its annual carnival starting Thursday, June 2 to Sunday, June 5. Our council has volunteered to help run a gaming booth from 6 to 10 PM all four nights. It's a lot of fun and helps raise money for St. Catherine's school. Our council also sponsors the booth.

Please sign up for one of these dates. You can do a 4 hour shift or a 2 hour shift. Please contact Kevin Brown @ 973-239-4446 to sign up.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of officers for the 2012-2013 Columbian year will be held at the second meeting in June. We are asking brothers to step up to the plate and volunteer your time and leadership for some of the positions in the coming year. Elected positions are Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Warden, Recorder, Treasurer, Advocate, Inside Guard, Outside Guard. Contact PGK Kevin Brown @ 973-239-4446

JERRY O'CONNOR MEMORIAL K OF C SPECIAL CITIZENS PICNIC

All Knights and their families are invited to this special picnic. It will be held on Saturday, June 9 (rain date June 10), 12 noon to 4 PM at Cedar Grove's Community Park on Little Falls Rd. Music will be supplied by Jake Thomas and his band. Beryl O'Connor and her family took this picnic to heart and have raised the funds to finance this special event. They will be the hosts. This was Jerry's special project and his family took it over after his death.

Jack Cavallere and Joe Cafarella are in charge of the food with the able assistance of Bob Rodgers. They would like some help. Please call Jack at 973-226-1101. It is a special day for these special citizens. Bring your family, lawn chair, and enjoy this great day of food, music, fun and friends. If you have never been to this annual event, you should really make an effort to see your council do its best work.

PRO-LIFE NEWS

You may have known that during the past Lenten Season, there were over 200 cities in America participating in a "40 Days For Life" campaign, including Montclair, NJ. At each location, there were daily prayers, fasting, and a constant vigil outside places where abortions are performed. Further, you should know that we pray the rosary in Montclair, across the street from the Abortuary, every 2nd Saturday of the month, for the past eight years. But do you know that on Saturday, April 14, we surely set a new record for "saves" (mother's changing their planned abortion). Most often, there are 1 or 2 saves on a particular day, if any. Now check out these figures:

	<u>Abortions</u>	<u>Saves</u>
Montclair 40 Days For Life	672	20
Montclair April 14	55	9

Yes the power of prayer is amazing! Over 200 people from 35 churches came to pray across the street from the Pilgrim Medical Center's abortion clinic during the "40 days". About 20-25 people, including six Franciscan Friars and a few Knights, prayed the rosary on April 14.

Our next Rosary For Life will be Saturday, June 9 and it will be our eight year anniversary. Plan to be a part of it. You never know, your presence and prayers just may help save a baby's life. See you on June 9 between 8:45 and 10 AM in front of the Social Security building on Bloomfield Ave. in Montclair.

SHIELD AWARD—VERONA

Our council presented it's 2012 Shield Award for Verona Police at it's regular meeting on May 10. GK Tony Morano made the presentation to officer Joseph Ballantyne, with Police Chief Doug Huber attending.

On the morning of Nov. 6, an 80-year-old man was driving with his wife and daughter westbound on [Bloomfield](#) Avenue when, at Chestnut Street, he stopped on the corner and slumped down in the driver's seat. He had gone into cardiac arrest.

As the call went over the police radio, Ballantyne was just a block or so down the road and rushed to the scene. After checking for the man's pulse and respiration, Ballantyne retrieved his defibrillator from his squad car. After a shock and eight compressions, the man began to cough.

"When he opened his eyes I started saying his name 'You all right? You with me?'" said Ballantyne. Ballantyne said the man was cognizant and was even well enough to help himself out of his car. After being transported to the hospital, the man is said to be doing well.

At the May 24 meeting, we will present the Cedar Grove Shield award at St. Catherine's.

GOOD OF THE ORDER



Your prayers are needed for our brother Knights and all those listed below:

John D. Coyne Jr., Regina Soboti, Hayley Pope & family, the Rembert Family, Thomas Flood, Anita Sommer, Elaine Shaffer, Eileen Frey, Christine Maccia, Stephanie Herbert, Barbara Shea, Suzanne Flood, Mark, Gustafo & Eduardo Chiappara, Brenda Benvenuti (lung disease), Bill Frazee, Christine Collins, Bruce Williams, Claire Tomeo, Nivaldo DelPino, Stella & Jerry Votta, Patti Roma, Baby Brooke, Carol Luders, Ron Blaha, John Stevenson, Tony LoRusso, and Karen Reynolds.

- Please pray for the repose of the souls of those members who have died and their families, especially William Spooner III, Ann Echloff, Francis Judge, William Robertson, and Fausto Alercon.
- Pray for our seminarians, especially the ones we support, Thomas Quinn & Antonio Sarento.
- Pray for peace in our world especially in the Middle East and for the safety of all our military men and women.
- Special prayers for our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI.
- Say the rosary daily with your family for your own personal intentions, for the Good of the Order, and for the end of abortions.
- Pray for all our parish priests, deacons and religious, that the Holy Spirit will come and strengthen and enlighten them to carry out Christ's work. Also pray for vocations to the religious life.

If there are any Knights or their family members who are sick, in need of prayers, would like visitors, or would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact John Sommer at 973-857-1370 and he will make arrangements.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to our brother Knights born in the month of May:

Fr. Tesfamariam Baraki	Joseph Cafarella	Al Linkus	Emil Jarco
James McEvoy	Chuck Pritchard	Mathew Ripoli	

And a Happy Belated Birthday to our Chaplain, Fr. Mac whom we forgot to mention in last month's issue

INSURANCE

No doubt the signs of spring have had their effect on you. Initially, getting outdoors is the obvious thing to do. We start by poking around the garden, working on the lawn, attending softball practice, dusting off the gas grill.

Beneath it all we sense that vacation time is near. This pleases everyone. It doesn't matter whether we are planning an elaborate vacation or will simply enjoy the company of our family at home - the feeling is the same. Vacations are fun.

If we've planned properly, chances are that some of our hard earned dollars have been set aside for this occasion. We recognize that if we plan to spend money in the pursuit of enjoyment, the ordinary fixed expenses - mortgage, utilities, etc. - must still be paid. So you need a vacation fund.

All this makes good sense. The soundness of the idea is obvious. Isn't it amazing that so many of us see the wisdom of planning for our vacation each summer, but fail to plan our long range vacation - retirement. The government has thought about it and encouraged your independence at retirement age. Your place of employment has probably thought about it and planned a pension for you.

The only one left is you...it's time you thought about it. Find out how you can add to government and employer programs an amount sufficient to provide for you and yours.

After all, retirement is the longest vacation you'll ever take. Call our insurance agent, Craig Fuchs at (973) 632-6694 and he'll plan it with you.

MEETING ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

We collect \$1 from each member at every meeting and if a member's name is drawn and he is in attendance, he wins. If he is not present, the money is rolled over to the next meeting, and so the pot grows. Remember, you need to be at the meeting to win. Tom Minichillo's name was picked at the April 27 meeting and Rev. Tesfamariam Baraki's name at the May 10 meeting. Neither were there. The pot is now at over \$100 after the last meeting.

STAND UP FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

On June 8, tens of thousands of faithful citizens will gather in prayer and public witness in cities and towns all across the United States to oppose the HHS Mandate and stand up in defense of our religious freedoms.

STOP THE HHS MANDATE!

**Make your voice heard in
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY**

**Stand Up for Religious Freedom Rally
Friday, June 8, Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Statehouse Steps, NJ Capitol
125 W. State Street, Trenton**

Parking: StandUpRally.com/TrentonParking • Signs will be provided.

For more information, contact:
New Jersey Right to Life, 732-562-0562, www.njrtil.org

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HHS MANDATE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What is the HHS Mandate?

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has issued a mandate under Obamacare that forces all employer health plans to include free contraceptives, sterilizations and abortion-inducing drugs, regardless of moral or religious objections. Religious employers like Catholic universities and hospitals will be forced to provide services that directly contradict their teachings.

How does the HHS Mandate attack our religious freedoms?

The HHS Mandate provides a "religious exemption" so narrow that it excludes such religious ministries as educating the young, caring for the sick and feeding the hungry. Not only is the federal government requiring employers to violate their convictions, it is claiming the right to decide for religious institutions what constitutes their ministry.

What about the Supreme Court?

The Supreme Court is set to rule on Obamacare at the end of June. Whether the law is upheld or not, we must demand that our health care laws respect religious liberty.

StandUpforReligiousFreedom.com