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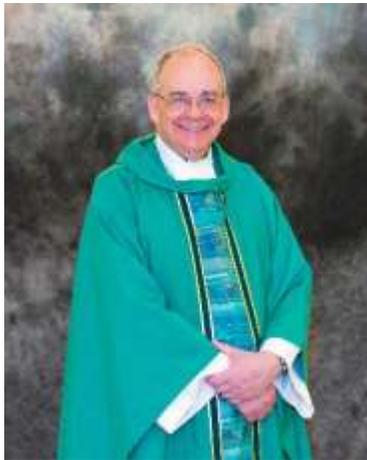
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, MONSIGNOR MARTIN VALLEY

Dear Brothers,

Hard to believe our summertime is half over already---but I do hope you and your families have been experiencing some restful and relaxing times.

Things have been a little hectic around the rectory in recent days. As many of you are aware, our dear Father Mike suffered a fall in his rooms on the evening of Monday, July 18th. There was a major tendon tear above his right knee, and other damage as well. After a successful surgery to repair

this, he has now been transferred to Saint Joseph's Health Care Centre in Guelph, for convalescence and rehabilitation work. Father Mike shall be off the grid for many weeks, probably into months. You perhaps know that there are numerous health challenges which he faces, even without this latest struggle. But he remains in his usual jovial good spirits, and wants to be remembered to all his brother Knights. He will appreciate your prayers going forward.

Meanwhile, as I write these words, the apostolic visit of Pope Francis to Canada---what he referred to as a "penitential pilgrimage"---has come to an end, and he is safely back home at the Vatican. I think everyone can agree that this was a most extraordinary experience, and it has certainly stirred up many mixed emotions all across the land. His words were utterly sincere and from the heart. He clearly recognizes that there is a long journey ahead for all of us. Especially poignant and thought-provoking were the words he spoke at Lac Sainte-Anne in Alberta, the famed place of pilgrimage beloved to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. These reflections were delivered on the evening of Tuesday, July 26th, the Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus.

The Holy Father said: *"Brothers and sisters, all of us need the healing that comes from Jesus, the physician of souls and bodies. Lord, as the people on the shores of the Sea of Galilee were not afraid to cry out to you with their needs, so we come to you, Lord, this evening, with whatever pain we bear within us. We bring to you our weariness and our struggles, the wounds of the violence suffered by our Indigenous brothers and sisters. In this blessed place, where harmony and peace reign, we present to you the disharmony of our experiences, the terrible effects of colonization, the indelible pain of so many families, grandparents and children. Lord, help us to be healed of our wounds. We know, Lord, that this requires effort, care and concrete actions on our part; but we also know that we cannot do this alone. We rely on you and on the intercession of your mother and your grandmother."* I should imagine we could

all draw strength from recognizing that we cannot do anything at all to address our own woundedness, or that of the world, without total dependence on God to guide us and lift us up. Let us all bring to him our burdens and our needs, and those of the people we love, and the Church we love and serve. Let us walk the challenging journey ahead in faith, trust, confidence, and always in unity.

As I come now to the end of my year-long series on the Mass, I would like to offer a summary reflection or two. What we have tried to do this year is to carefully go through the whole Mass from beginning to end, drawing out the significance of each rite, and striving to show the connections with our whole spiritual life. It is so necessary that we appreciate the gift we have in the Mass, which is the very centerpiece of our existence as Catholic believers. I can only encourage you to participate in the Mass as fully and actively as you possibly can, so that you more and more become someone who brings its meaning and fruits out there into the world you are meant to touch.

The issue of God's people being properly spiritually "formed" to celebrate the Liturgy has been on the mind of Pope Francis for some time. At the end of June, he published a Letter addressed to all of us. Its opening words call to mind what Jesus said to his disciples at the Last Supper: "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer" (Luke 22:15). Stressing how this indicates that the Mass is an invitation from the heart of the Lord, the Pope goes on to say: *"Before our response to his invitation — well before! — there is his desire for us. We may not even be aware of it, but every time we go to Mass, the first reason is that we are drawn there by his desire for us. For our part, the possible response — which is also the most demanding asceticism — is, as always, that surrender to this love, that letting ourselves be drawn by him. Indeed, every reception of communion of the Body and Blood of Christ was already desired by him in the Last Supper."* When we are inclined to see our going to Mass only as an obligation we alone undertake, it is worth calling to mind that we are there because the infinite love of Jesus draws us. God goes first---as always. Understanding that, and living by it, is the foundation for appreciating the Mass, and for everything else we are and do.

The Holy Father further reminds us that the Mass is a real, true encounter with Jesus Christ, risen and living Lord. Thus, it draws us into astonishment, wonder, marveling at the beauty of the invitation and the relationship offered. And that, of course, leads to worship. Never let the Mass become "ho-hum", merely routine, emptied out of its infinite capacity to stir wonder, awe, and praise. And pray for priests, who are perhaps most susceptible to slipping into regarding the Mass as routine, since we need to celebrate it so often. I thank God that he continues to stir up in me a fire for the power of the Mass. It truly sustains me, in every way. And this is a gift I must continue to share.

Pope Francis sums up his reflections thus: "The Sunday celebration offers to the Christian community the possibility of being formed by the Eucharist. From Sunday to Sunday, the word of the Risen Lord illuminates our existence, wanting to achieve in us the end for which it was sent. (Cf. Is 55:10-11) From Sunday to Sunday, communion in the Body and Blood of Christ wants to make also of our lives a sacrifice pleasing to the Father, in the fraternal communion of sharing, of hospitality, of service. From Sunday to Sunday, the energy of the Bread broken sustains us in announcing the Gospel in which the authenticity of our celebration shows itself. Let us.....listen together to what the Spirit is saying to the Church. Let us safeguard our communion. Let us continue to be astonished at the beauty of the Liturgy. The Paschal Mystery has been given to us. Let us allow ourselves to be embraced by the desire that the Lord continues to have to eat His Passover with us. All this under the gaze of Mary, Mother of the Church."

Of all the honours I have in serving as your Chaplain and your Pastor, none means more to me than being able to celebrate with you the Mystery Of Faith in the Holy Mass. Let us continue to support one another in that great work of grace, and all that flows from it.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, brothers! May it be peaceful and refreshing!

Monsignor Martin Vallely
Chaplain

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mike Perron
August 3

Stephen Verschuren
August 5

Mark Freeman
August 12

Hugo Aponte
August 14

Reverend Michael Downey
August 14

Reverend Martin Vallely
August 15

Richard Cupido
August 20

Lino Fera
August 23

Andres France Aguilar
August 31

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATIONS**

Congratulations to:

Bro. Aurel and Alina Chiasson
August 6 – 62 years

Bro. Sheldon and Sheila McCormack
August 10 – 31 years

Bro. Don and Nancy Prescott
August 15 – 52 years

Bro. Camille and Annette Johnson
August 18 – 27 years

Bro. Michal and Melissa Janecek
August 24 – 4 years

**CALENDAR
OF
COUNCIL EVENTS**

- Aug. 1 – **Civic Holiday**
- Aug. 2 – Special Olympics Bottle Drive
4:00 to 6:00 pm
- Aug. 2 – Business Meeting – 6:00 pm
- Aug. 13 – Blessed Michael McGivney Feast Day**
- Sept. 5 – **Labour Day Holiday**
- Sept. 6 – Special Olympics Bottle Drive
4:00 to 6:00 pm
- Sept. 6 – Business Meeting – 7:00 pm

Business Meeting
August 2
6:00 pm
BBQ FAVOURITES

GRAND KNIGHT’S MESSAGE:

A very happy summer to you all brothers,

We are in midstride with summer and it has been a fabulous one thus far. I hope that you and your loved ones have taken the so much needed time away to rest and recharge. As I run into friends and colleagues during my daily tasks so many of them remark how fast the summer has flown by – “I cannot believe it’s the end of July?!”, “Where has the summer gone?”, “September is right around the corner!” I find it so interesting how we put so much “time stock” into summer. Perhaps as Canadians we relish the warmth because of course we do the opposite in winter – “This cold never seems to end!”, “This is the longest winter ever!” Long winters, short summers. If that is the case (*editor’s note – all seasons are technically 3 months long – so they are all the same length time wise) then we should relish each moment this summer.

Take a moment to smell the proverbial roses. Call that friend up and make a coffee date. In fact, do one better, knock on a friend’s door today, invite them for a walk or they may invite you in. You never know how a great conversation can add length to this short summer.

God bless
Mark

PRAYER NETWORK

In charity, we pray for:



Brothers

- Fr. Mike Downey
- Ken Browne
- Richard Cupido
- Michael Nelligan
- Henry Rudachyk
- Ted Zwolinski

Evangeline Nelligan, and Shannon Wilken, wife and daughter of Bro. Michael Nelligan

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 905-330-3545 or by e-mail at kofcholyrosary@outlook.com.



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**IF YOU MISSED THE JULY 5th BBQ,
DON’T MISS THIS ONE!!!
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2 – 6 PM**

**COME AND HELP WITH THE
BOTTLE DRIVE COLLECTION AND
STAY FOR SOME FRATERNITY,
GOOD EATS AND
A SHORT MEETING!!!**

Council News

Donation To Special Olympics At Our July 5th Bottle Collection Day.

Our 2022 bottle drive started out in record fashion so our council decided to donate most of what has been collected to date to our Special Olympics friends during our July 5th collection day.

We had an amazing turnout of athletes, coaches and volunteers from Special Olympics Burlington to help with sorting and storing hundreds of bottles collected and to witness our \$2,000 interim donation. Ken Medland and Darlene Halchuk co-ordinators for Special Olympics put the word out to the Special Olympics community and they responded. Our next bottle drive is being held on Tuesday, August 5th and we will be returning the bottles to the Distribution Centre in Stoney Creek on Saturday, August 6th.



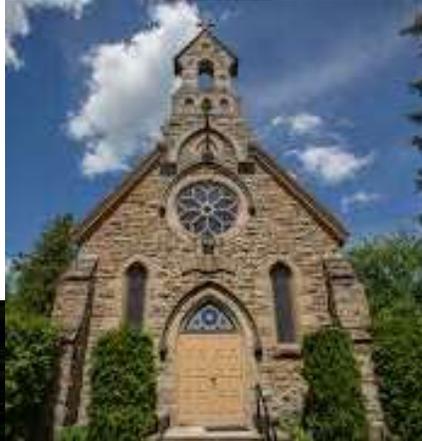
1st Annual July BBQ And Outdoor Council Meeting On July 5th

It is the practice of some councils to not have regular business meetings during the summer but ever since our council was formed, we continued to hold our regular indoor meetings. This year, we decided to change it up a little and have a less formal meeting outside and to have a barbecue so we could enjoy the great weather. So, on July 5th, we did just that and enjoyed some hamburgers and hotdogs professionally prepared by our resident barbecue specialist Jim “Membership Director” Hession. The burgers and hotdogs were cooked to perfection and thanks to the preparation and clean-up work by Brothers Ken Fleming, Vic Lefebvre, David Lord and Joe Milton the meal included fresh potato salad, onion and the usual condiments. At the request of Brother Jim, we will add cheese to the menu and do the same thing again for our August 2nd meeting....so come on out and enjoy.



75th Anniversary Parish Mass Celebrated At Holy Sepulchre Chapel July 6th

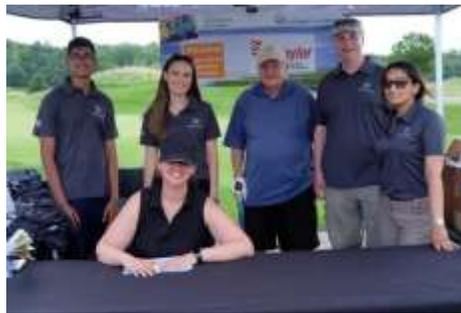
Wednesday July 6th marked exactly 75 years to the hour that our parish was formed. During the first few years of the existence of our parish all of the Masses were celebrated in the tiny chapel at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in west Burlington. To honour the occasion our Pastor and council Chaplain arranged to have a special Mass at 10 AM in that same chapel. The turnout of parishioners was amazing and the tiny chapel was bursting at the seams with the enthusiastic crowd. Some parishioners who attended celebrated their 1st communion in that chapel many years ago. The Parish held Masses in that tiny chapel starting in 1947; they then moved in 1951 to the new Holy Rosary School and eventually the new church which opened in 1955.



HCCF Golf Tournament Held On July 12th

The Annual Halton Catholic Children’s Foundation (HCCF) Golf Tournament was held on Wednesday, July 12 at the Piper’s Heath Golf Club in Oakville. Brother Marc Clare led the organizing committee and they did another amazing job and they raised \$21,000 for the needy families of Halton. Brothers Vic Lefebvre, and Ken Fleming along with Father John Van Hees and Tom Fleming brother of Ken, represented our council at the event. Our council sponsored a hole and HCCF received a very much appreciated hole sponsorship (\$200) and a nice golf hat from Burlington Special Olympics.

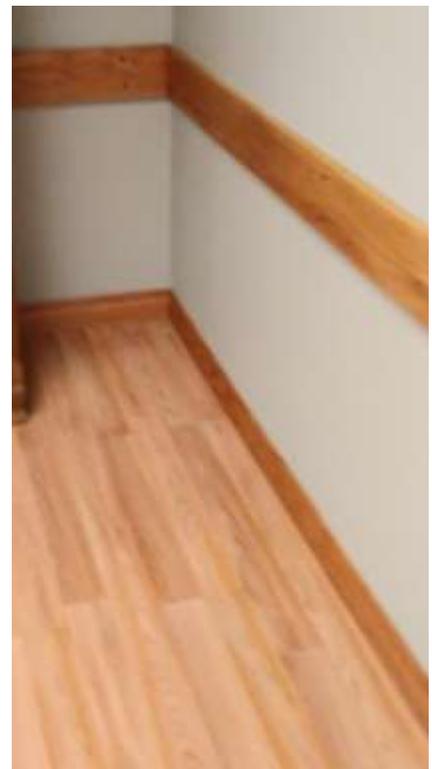
There were actually 6 teams that were in some way connected to the Knights including our council, St Gabriel council led by Brother Denis Herod, St. Paul the Apostle Council led by Brother Carlos Paixao, (a former member of our Council), a team led by our council Brother Mike Bogoslawski, Brother Ken Browne played in a group originally formed by Brother Vince Iantomasi, but Vince was unable to attend and Holy Rosary Council from Milton. The golf conditions were great just a bit windy but everyone had a good time. We enjoyed a great lunch and we all came home with 4 cans of Nickle Brook beer.



Knights Replace Worn Out Baseboards In Heritage Room.

During the week of July 11, members of our council continued their active support of our church and parish by removing the old baseboards in the Heritage Room and replacing them with new oak baseboards. The Heritage Room is being updated to highlight our 75th Anniversary and specially to honour all of our past and present pastors. Starting with our Founding Pastor Father Bernard Harrigan right up to our present Pastor Monsignor Martin Vallely. There have been 10 pastors in our 75-year history of which 3 are still alive.

A special thank you to Brothers Ken Fleming, Jim Hession, David Lord, Howard McNamara and Joe Milton for getting such a great job done. Our official photographer slipped up that day and forgot to take a picture of Brothers Jim Hession and Howard McNamara while they did their magic. Brother Jim supplied his beautiful compound mitre saw and air compressor while Brother Howard showed off his carpentry and geometry skills to make sure all of the angles were perfect. Brothers David and Joe did a masterful job of staining all the boards and giving them a coat of polyurethane. Great job guys.



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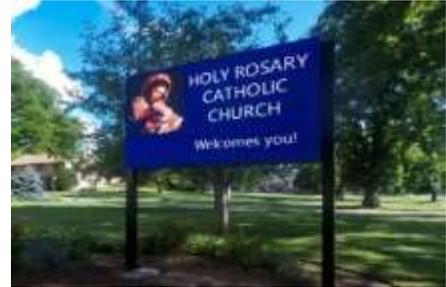
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Knights in Action – July 2022

Brothers Help Out at Holy Rosary

Brothers Andrew Kemnitz, Vic Lefebvre and Howard McNamara help out the parish by regularly serving at Masses and Funerals. Brothers Ken Fleming, Jim Hession, David Lord, Howard McNamara and Joe Milton replaced the baseboards in the Heritage Room in July. Thank you, guys, for what you do.



Special Olympics

Our storage container still has the July collection in it so we will return those bottles plus the August 2nd collection to the Distribution Centre on August 6. Future collection days will be September 6 and October 11.



Cobs Bakery

The Cobs bread team continues despite some setbacks including locating organizations able to make use of the hundreds of pounds of fresh bread made available by our members each week. Great work Brothers Jim Hession, Willie Joki, Vic Lefebvre, Blaise Mac Isaac and Stephen Verschuren.

