



THE KNIGHT LIFE



Newsletter of Father James J. Kelly Council #3632 Verona, Cedar Grove, W. Orange February, 2009

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MEETINGS

1ST & 3RD

TUESDAYS

OF THE MONTH

7:30 PM



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Feb. 24 | Officers' Meeting |
| Feb. 25 | Ash Wednesday |
| Mar. 6-8 | Men's Retreat @ Loyola Retreat House in Morristown |
| Mar. 3 | Regular Meeting @ VCC 7:30 PM |
| Mar. 14 | Rosary for Life |
| Mar. 17 | Regular/Social Meeting/St.Patrick's Day Celebration@ Salvatorian Monastery 7:30 PM |
| Mar. 19 | Feast of St. Joseph |
| Mar. 25 | Annunciation of the Lord K of C Day of the Unborn |
| Mar. 28 | Catholic Men's Conference -Essex County Richard J. Codey Arena |
| Mar. 28 & 29 | Mentally Challenged/Special Citizens Drive @ Kings |
| Apr. 5 | Palm Sunday |
| Apr. 7 | Regular Meeting @ VCC 7:30 PM |
| Apr. 10 | Good Friday |
| Apr. 12 | Blessed Easter |
| Apr. 17-19 | Mentally Challenged/Special Citizens Drive @ Shop Rite |
| Apr. 21 | Regular Meeting @ St. Catherine of Siena |
| Apr. 24-26 | Mentally Challenged/Special Citizens Drive @ Foodtown |

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

At a recent Knights of Columbus function, the chaplain got up and said that just by walking into your garage, you don't turn into a car. Just like when you walk into church on Sundays, that doesn't turn you into a good Catholic. You have to work at it.

Soon we will be observing Ash Wednesday and Lent (see pg. 4). We always hear what people "give up" for Lent. How about a different approach and ask ourselves "what can I do" for Lent. Our parishes have excellent programs for Lent like *Disciples in Mission* at OLL, and the men of St. Catherine's are attending a retreat at Loyola Retreat House in Morristown. Get involved. Attend the Catholic Men's Conference (pg. 4). Donate your time to collect for our Special Citizen's Drive by standing in front of Kings for two hours. Take part in the Rosary For Life. Evangelize and recruit a new member. In other words, let us be **Knights who put our faith in action!**

Vivat Jesus,
Chuck Collins, GK

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Brother Knights!

John Paul II spoke about the great feast of Our Lady of Lourdes celebrated every February 11th. "Why has this place become for the sick almost a 'Cana of Galilee', to which they feel invited personally? What draws them to Lourdes with such power? Because they know that as at Cana, 'the mother of Jesus is there': and where she is, her Son cannot fail to be. This is the certainty that moves the multitudes into Lourdes every year in search of relief, comfort and hope."

Mary always leads us to her Son who has a special love for the sick. He will always give us sufficient graces so that difficult moments will only serve to draw us closer to Him. May we always go wholeheartedly to Mary, no matter what our situation may be, she will never fail to give us consolation.

Vivat Jesu!

Fr. Robert

ROSE SUNDAY WEEKEND—JANUARY 18

We collected at both our parishes on the weekend of January 18. It was a snowy weekend but we did fairly well. At Our Lady of the Lake Church we collected \$1019. At St Catherine of Siena we collected \$959. Thanks to all who collected: Judy & George Hectus, Nick & Jean Munning, Greg Mau, P.J. Hanly, Bob Rodgers, Diane & Fred Mahn, Kevin Carr, Ralph Powell, Jessica Moses & family, Tore Mathisen, Patty Bishop, Judy Sommer, Erick Watkins, Lyons family, Patrick Hanley, Tim Murphy, John Sommer, Larry Dillon, Bob & Grace Whealon, Al Linkus, Jeanne & Lenny Andriuzzi, Carlos Fernandez.

MSGR. CHARLES GUSMER

Affectionately known as Fr. Charlie, Msgr. Charles Gusmer retired as pastor from St. Catherine of Siena last month. He was a good friend of the Knights of Columbus and our council, and we will miss him. A retirement reception was held in his honor on January 25, attended by several of our members. Deputy Grand Knight Kevin Brown presented him with a check for \$200 from our council with best wishes and good health in his retirement. Fr. Charlie was very grateful and wished our council good luck in our future endeavors.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to our brother Knights born in the month of February:

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| Donald Vincent | Fr. Robert Gelinis | Kevin Brown | Mark Rodgers |
| Phil Tummarello | Gregory Mau | Walter Hislop | Rick Flattes |

ST. PATRICK'S DAY MEETING/PARTY

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us at our March 17 meeting to be held at the Salvatorian Monastery. There will be a very short business meeting followed by Irish fare, refreshment, and music. Spouses, family, and friends are all welcome. Recommended attire is green and required attitude should be rebellious. Irish jokes are encouraged. Anyone who would like to help on the committee, call Chuck Collins at 973-857-9124.

OFFICERS' MEETING

A meeting of the council's officers will be held on Tuesday, February 24, at DGK Kevin Brown's house: 14 Briarhill Rd., Cedar Grove, 7:30 PM. It's time to refocus and rejuvenate with some new ideas. You don't have to be an officer to attend. All are welcome to share their input. Refreshment & snack donations are appreciated. This is not a council sponsored evening.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Keep praying daily for the pre-born baby that you spiritually adopted who is in danger of being aborted. Your baby has been developing for five months now.

ROSARY FOR LIFE – MARCH 14

Join your brother knights and Judy Holtz's Rosary support group on the 2nd Saturday of every month, from 8:45 AM to 10 AM on Bloomfield Ave. in Montclair, in front of the Social Security building, opposite the Pilgrim Abortuary. We come to pray that mothers will not abort their babies. We say the four mysteries of the rosary and the chaplet. You can come for part of the time or stay for all the mysteries. It takes only one hour and 15 minutes of your time. Prayers do cause miracles.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.

36th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

Thursday, January 22, 2009

The trip started off well with a beautiful Mass said by our Chaplain, Fr. Robert Gelinas. There were forty three on the DeCamp Bus. Unfortunately, the bus broke down two hours into the trip. The bus did get to a service station so the marchers could get out and move about. It took 2 hours for another DeCamp bus to arrive. It was decided that it was too late to continue on to Washington so they turned around and came home. Everyone was very disappointed, especially the ones going for the first time. The food was good and there was good camaraderie among the passengers. They all said they were looking forward to next year. To be counted among the over 100,000 people marching for life. You probably noticed a lack of coverage on the march on the radio, TV, and newspapers. But what can you expect from the ultra liberal media.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT (FOCA)

This is the bill President Obama promised the Pro Choice Abortion groups he would sign when it reached his desk in the Oval Office. He is indebted to the abortion industry for all the monies they gave to his campaign. If this bill is signed into law, abortion would become an entitlement that the government must fund and promote. This means that you, the taxpayers, would have to pay for abortions. Doctors and nurses would have to perform or assist in abortions, despite their beliefs, or lose their jobs. Catholic hospitals would be closed. There is no Freedom of Choice in this bill!

We can prevent this from happening if we write, phone, email, our elected representatives, that we are against this bill. We had a successful postcard campaign at Our Lady of the Lake two weeks ago. 813 postcards were mailed to our two U.S. Senators Frank Lautenberg and Frank Menendez, and our House Representative Bill Pascell. If you haven't done this yet, NOW is the time to speak out!

U.S. Capitol switchboard 202-224-3121

The White House 202-456-1111

Check out the email action page: www.nchla.org

MENTALLY CHALLENGED / SPECIAL CITIZENS DRIVE

Deputy Knight Kevin Brown will be in charge of scheduling this year. We have dates for the following stores:

Kings March 28 & 29

Shop Rite April 17, 18, 19

Foodtown April 24, 25, 26

In the next *Knight Life*, we will list the dates for OLL and St. Catherine's. Please make note of these weekends and please, please, please, volunteer as much time as you can. This is our big charity drive every year with our goal of \$10,000. This is putting your Faith in Action!

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. In January, Grand Knight Chuck Collins' name was drawn and he won \$55. It pays to attend meetings!



GOOD OF THE ORDER

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

Gabriel Bercovici, Alice Garcia, Mary Lou Rapuano, Ian Stryker, John D. Coyne Jr., William Foley, Regina Soboti, Richie Weber, Paul Maria, Joe Musynske, Hayley Pope & family, the Rembert Family, baby girl Hanlon, Eric M, Thomas Flood, Frank Rodgers, Anita Sommer, Elaine Shaffer, Eileen Frey, Pat Reynolds, Dr. Doris, Stella & Jerry Votta, Leonard Laniewski, Christine Maccia, Marie Cole, John DeSimone, Steve Rappaport, Nicole Greco, Daniel Fischer, Fr. Frank McGowan, Paul Coleman, Walter Breese, Beth Duelly, William Robertson, Jane and Andy C., Jim McEvoy (bilateral knee replacements), and Barbara Shea.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those members who have died and their families, especially Maria Stassi, Jane McWilliams, & James O'Doherty.

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.

We should continue to pray for all those who run maternity shelters for the homeless and unwed mothers, especially Good Counsel.

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.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE— SATURDAY, MARCH 28

As men of God, we seek to guide one another towards Christ by spreading the Gospel, and pray that we may follow Him faithfully. The Archdiocese of Newark is pleased to introduce a Men's Commission, an opportunity to offer a structure of fellowship and support to deepen men's faith and relationships with Jesus Christ; and help guide their roles in their families, in the Church, and in society as men of God and men for others. To introduce the Men's Commission throughout the Church of Newark, they will hold the first Catholic Men's Conference (or Call to Catholic Men of Faith) which will be a large scale public gathering of men throughout the Archdiocese and beyond to come together and support one another in their personal discipleship and journey toward Christ.

Saturday, March 28, 2009.

The day will begin at 8:00 AM and it will conclude at 4:00 PM. The venue will be the Essex County Richard J. Codey Arena in West Orange, NJ. For more information please contact them via email at CatholicMen@rcan.org, or log on to www.rcan.org/menscommission.

ASH WEDNESDAY & THE FORTY DAYS OF LENT

Most people are surprised to learn that the "Forty Days of Lent" begin on the first Sunday of the season, not on Ash Wednesday. The 40th day is Holy Thursday, the day on which Lent ends and the Paschal Tridium begins. This method of counting 40 days comes from the earliest history of the Church.

But there is another 40-day period to consider — 40 days of fasting. Because Sundays are never days of fasting, the "Forty Days of Lent" (from the First Sunday to Holy Thursday) include only 34 fasting days. In the sixth century, the day we know as Ash Wednesday and the three days afterward were "added to this Lenten fast so that there would be 38 fasting days before the Paschal Tridium. The fasting days of the Tridium — Good Friday and Holy Saturday — are counted with Lent's 38 to total 40 day's of fasting before Easter Sunday.

Observing a 40-day fast models our lives after the lives of the Lord Jesus, of the Prophet Elijah, of the lawgiver Moses — each of whom fasted for days at the onset of their life's work. Each year we are invited to enter more deeply into a holy life. And even if we fail in our attempts — or especially if we fail — we can be sure that God will not.