



Philadelphia Chapter, together Serving God, Family  
And Community

## THE JOURNAL

January – February 2022

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### Philadelphia Chapter Mission Statement

The object is to bring closer in spirit and fact the Councils of the Philadelphia area for the planning of unified action to promote the good of the order and uphold rightful civil power in the nation, state, and community; and to also form a better understanding of the principles and practices of the Roman Catholic faith. This statement was taken from the Catholic Standard and Times dated Thursday, March 25, 1982.

### The Philadelphia Chapter is comprised of the following Councils:

Santa Maria #263	Charles Carroll #1364	Our Lady of Lourdes #4546
San Salvador #283	Madonna #3932	Regina Coeli #4921
Desoto #315	Immaculata #3933	Rev. John McHugh #4935
Commodore Barry #578	St. Katherine Drexel #3938	Fr. Thomas Ryan #5036
Pinzon #904	Regina Mundi #4052	San Rafael #7125
LaRabida #1191	Core Mariae #4100	St. Benedict de Moor #8252
Holmesburg #1284	St. Jude #4273	Mary Queen of Angels #12384
St. Leo's #1294	St. Charles Borromeo #4279	Pokrova #12561
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***Thank You.***

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## Upcoming Philadelphia Chapter Meetings

Friday, January 28, 2022

Friday, March 25, 2022

Friday, May 22, 2022 (changed for Memorial Day)

Friday, February 25, 2022

Friday, April 22, 2022

Friday, June 24, 2022 – Chapter Elections

Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month. For the foreseeable future, meetings will be held both in person at Roman Catholic High School and virtually via Zoom. The start time will remain the same: 7:30 PM.

### Please Note:

- ❖ All meetings at Roman Catholic High School will be held in the school cafeteria. The City of Philadelphia is mandating that masks are required for anyone attending an indoor event.
- ❖ Please note that the dates and times listed above are subject to change. An email will be sent to everyone on the Chapter mailing list if such a change is necessary.

## Chapter Officers 2021 – 2022

### Chapter President

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## President - Dan McPeake

Brothers all,

I hope you all had a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving. I know we are all getting frustrated with this on-going pandemic. This latest covid variant will once again be affecting our family holiday celebrations. But God willing we will all get through this Holiday Season safely and our lives will return to normal in the not-too-distant future.

The Chapter was finally able to honor our 2020 Catholic Man and Woman of the Year at our Annual Columbus Day Testimonial Dinner on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Considering this was our first live event in nearly two years, I thought we had an excellent turnout with approximately 120 guests in attendance. I am grateful to those who came to honor Ed and Barbara as they so richly deserved. Anyone who has a candidate for the 2022 Man or Woman of the Year should forward their nomination to the Chapter Secretary for consideration.

We also held our 2<sup>nd</sup> Deacon Appreciation Mass honoring the Permanent Deacons of the Archdiocese. The Mass and brunch were held at St. Richard's Church in South Philadelphia on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. While we were a little disappointed with the turnout, those who did attend were thankful to the Chapter for the recognition of the efforts of these dedicated clergy members.

Also, on December 13<sup>th</sup>, the Chapter held a Christmas social at MEI Caterers to share some Holiday cheer and celebrate the season with our fellow Knights. It was a fun time to enjoy each other's company and not worry about business. We plan to make it an annual event and we are already in discussions about next year.

Our next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Please note that this will be a **hybrid meeting**, meaning all can attend either in person or online via Zoom. Due to the on-going pandemic, all who attend in person will be required to wear a mask as mandated by the City of Philadelphia. We are hopeful many of you will log-in to participate. The weblink will be emailed out the week of the meeting. We realize we have experienced some connection issues with the Internet link at Roman Catholic in September and October but will hopefully have them corrected by January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, on behalf of my fellow Chapter Officers and Trustees, I hope you all had a Blessed Christmas and have a Happy and Healthy New Year. As this virus continues to impact our abilities to function as we typically would, please stick to the necessary protocols to protect yourselves and your loved ones. Continue to pray for all who have lost their lives and for an eventual return to some semblance of normal living.

Merry Christmas!

Dan McPeake  
Chapter President

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## **Chapter Chaplain – Father Matthew Biedrzycki**

Brother Knights –

This Advent found us again looking forward to Jesus' second coming when he will grant salvation to those who eagerly await him and the anniversary of his first coming in the flesh for the forgiveness of sins at Christmas. When we talk about Salvation, it is important not only to know what we are saved for but from as well. Jesus saves us from sin. My sin. Your sin. Sin altogether. For our part, that salvation is imparted at Baptism, and it is for us throughout our lives to cultivate and protect.

Each of us desires the realization of the perfect Christmas. Our minds and hearts (mine included) through many a Christmas Special on TV and otherwise, come to hunger for the magic which will make this Christmas exceptional. Brothers, Christ has spared us eternal death by his own blood. Eternal life is now before us. If we woke up on Christmas morning fully aware of this mystery - we would die for sheer joy. Brothers, St. Leo once preached at Christmas: "Christian remember your dignity..." Brothers, I pray that we might each remember and celebrate more fully the Salvation Christ affords us by his Incarnation, his coming in the flesh for the forgiveness of sins. May God bless you and your loved one abundantly this Christmas and into the New Year, 2022!

Blessed Michael J. McGivney, pray for us!

## **Vice- President – Atiba McCoy**

Brothers all –

Once again, the Chapter will not be sending a bus to the annual Pro-Life March in Washington D.C. this January. We have been unable to contact the bus company we normally use and have been unsuccessful in our efforts to make other arrangements. There are several local Parishes that are holding their own events to show they stand in unison with the participants in Washington protesting to protect the rights of the unborn. Most events involve Mass, saying the rosary and possibly a march of their own around the parking lot or local neighborhood. Check the local Parish bulletins to see what Churches in your area may be doing. Vivat Jesus!

## **Secretary- Dan Donovan**

My fellow Knights –

I hope you and your families are all doing well. As the President previously mentioned, our next meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup> will be a **hybrid meeting**. The weblink required for those who wish to participate online will be emailed out the week of the meeting. **If you plan to attend in person, please let me know.**

Man Up Philly 2022 will be here before you know. The event is planned for March 19, 2022, at their new venue, Immaculata University. The Men's Spirituality Conference seeks to call men together to strengthen one another and grow together in our commitment to faith. Please join your brothers in Christ for this unique experience and make this year a year of spiritual growth. For more information on the speaker line up and to register for the Early Bird Special, please visit [ManUpPhilly.com](http://ManUpPhilly.com).

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## **2021 Charity Drive - Rich Konstance**

Another year of COVID. Another year of being cautious in our interactions with our Brothers and their families, friends, and neighbors. We keep praying for a return to normal and we ARE getting close. Regretfully, what is left in the wake of this pandemic is an even MORE pressing need to help those less fortunate. Charitable institutions everywhere have suffered.

The Philadelphia Chapter Charity Program is no different. Although somewhat improved compared to 2020, this past year resulted in a significant decrease compared to years previous. Our charitable support goes on, even with lesser funds. Our many charitable outlets are still in need, and we will continue to provide assistance where we can but we DO need your help. Only YOU truly know the level of sacrifice involved with this donation. So many of you have been so generous in your support. The problem we face is knee deep in the old adage, "15% of the people do 85% of the work!" The Chapter has over 4000 members and in 2021, 350 Brother Knights participated in the program (less than 10%). If EVERYONE donated just \$5.00, we would be in great shape, but we know that is unlikely. A donation of just \$10.00 from just half of the membership (less than three cents per day) would going a long way. If can only afford a couple of dollars...THANK YOU. If you can afford \$25 or more...THANK YOU..but PLEASE participate, show you support the effort.

Keep in mind that the Chapter has ALWAYS been there to provide financial support for its members; those who experience unanticipated hardships. This, and other programs, go on despite the constraints of the pandemic, so you can see...we still need your support. On behalf of the Officers and Trustees of the Philadelphia Chapter, I would like to thank you for your past support and hope that you can continue that generosity in 2022. The impact you make on someone's life, through your donation, is a blessing on us all.

## **Council News**

In August, Grand Knight Michael Anastasi of San Salvador Council # 283 emailed the other Councils in his District proposing each donate \$100.00 to provide some security cameras and other measures for the Shrine of St. Rita on South Broad Street. I was informed by Daniel Nadeem, the Grand Knight of LaRabida Council # 1191, that they would be donating \$150.00 towards this worthy cause. Any Councils or Assemblies outside of the district covering the five Councils in South Philadelphia that wish to help should contact Brother Anastasi at [anastasimichael8@protonmail.com](mailto:anastasimichael8@protonmail.com).

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## Chance of a Lifetime – (COAL)

COAL is here in time for Christmas this year! TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW! Individual tickets will be sold at \$5.00 per ticket. Councils will make \$2.25 per ticket sold and delivered to the COAL Chairman by April 5, 2022, and \$2.00 for tickets returned after April 5, 2022. The drawing will be held on Friday evening, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 PM as part of the State Convention being held at the Mount Pocono Kalahari Resort. To simplify the process for submitting tickets, Councils are encouraged to submit tickets stubs and payments together.

Councils that did not receive their allotment of tickets or that require additional tickets can order online at <https://cda913.org/coal-order.html>. Or by contacting State COAL Chairman Fran O'Hara, FSW by phone at 610-733-1812 or by email at [coalchairman@gmail.com](mailto:coalchairman@gmail.com).

Thank you for your continued support.

**COAL Sweepstakes 16** Great Prizes **0000001**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize <b>\$15,000</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize <b>\$10,000</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize <b>\$7,500</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize <b>\$5,000</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize <b>\$5,000</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Prize <b>\$5,000</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Prize <b>\$2,500</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> Prize <b>\$2,500</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> Prize <b>\$2,500</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> Prize <b>\$2,000</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> Prize <b>\$2,000</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> Prize <b>\$2,000</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> Prize <b>\$1,000</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> Prize <b>\$1,000</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> Prize <b>\$1,000</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> Prize <b>\$1,000</b>

Benefits State Council Scholarships  
Drawing Friday April 30, 2021 – 8:00 PM  
Mater Dei Hall, 327 Newtown Street Road, (Route 252, Newtown Square, PA)  
TICKET HOLDERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT NO PURCHASE NECESSARY  
Game of Chance License # 1809  
Donation - five Dollars

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Contributions are not deductible as charitable contributions.

## PA State Council Prayer –St. Michael the Archangel

Holy Michael the Archangel defend us in the battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. Rebuke him, O God, we humbly beseech thee; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the divine power cast into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

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## Chapter Sick List

Brothers, please pray for Past President Bob Larkin who recently had surgery to remove a blood clot from his leg and is currently in rehab. Also, pray for Brother Donald Wells who recently underwent heart surgery. Brother Charles Johnson and his wife are recovering from a serious car accident. And Brother Hassell Mitchell who recently underwent eye surgery. In addition, remember Chapter Warden Fred May and Trustee Jack Eagan who were recently admitted to the hospital.

Finally, pray for our sick Brothers and their family members who are listed below. Also keep in your prayers the families of all who have been affected by the on-going Covid Pandemic as well as all our Country's Military Personnel stationed at numerous bases around the world who will not be home to celebrate the Christmas Holiday with their families.

Fred May	Barbara May	Marge McPeake	Mary Donovan
George Koch	Kathy Koch	Donna McLaughlin	Ray Hill
Father Michael Rock	Ray Kelly	Marie Mochen	Michael Spedding
John Carroll	The Unborn	The Homeless	All Our Veterans

\*\* Please alert the editor of any additions or deletions from this list by emailing [donodan3@gmail.com](mailto:donodan3@gmail.com).  
I would like to keep the listing as up to date as possible. Thank you.

## Prayers Unite the World

EVERY time our Church has had a need, our Brother Knights have responded. Right now, our Faith is under attack like it has never been and the Church needs its most faithful members to stand up and share its message of God's love with the world.

The Knights are partnering with "Prayers Unite the World" to do just that. Begun by a Brother Knight, "Prayers Unite the World" is a website where people can request prayers and then learn about many of the religious communities and Catholic organizations from around the world.

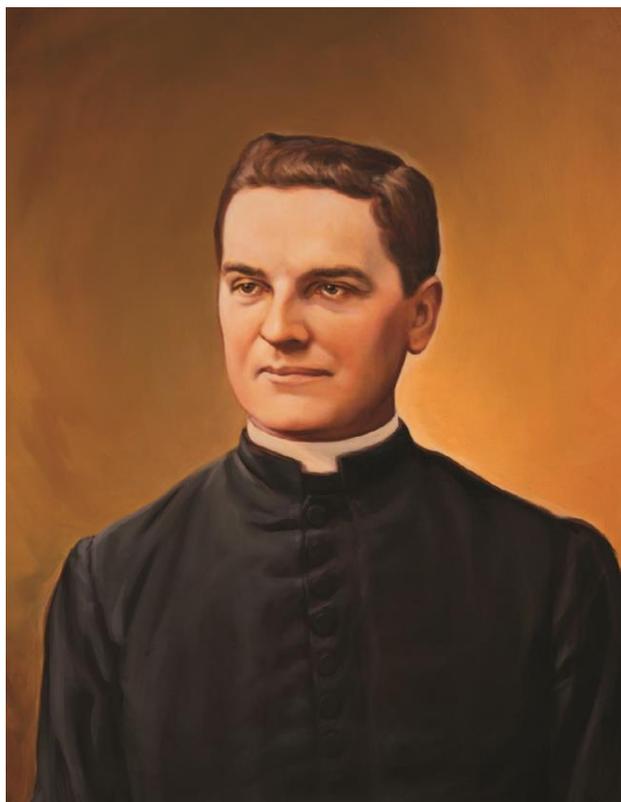
We need to build an army of men who would be willing to share the Faith through the power of prayer. You do not need to explain the Faith. You simply live the Faith and let people know that God and his loving Church are with them. All through the power of prayer.

It only takes five minutes of time, and it does not cost a dime.

For further information contact

[prayersunitetheworld@gmail.com](mailto:prayersunitetheworld@gmail.com)

or call 215-779-219



## **Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney**

*Founder of the Knights of Columbus*

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*).

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Please report all favors received:***

The Father McGivney Guild

1 Columbus Plaza

### **The Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)**

The RSVP is a program for keeping our Faith Alive by supporting our Seminarians and Postulants who have been called to do God's work. These young men and women need Councils of the Knights of Columbus to provide moral, financial, and spiritual support during their religious journey. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the council \$100. The maximum refund for council or assembly is \$400 per individual.

In addition to the \$100.00 each Chapter Council receives from Supreme; you are also eligible for an additional \$50.00 refund from the Chapter for each \$500.00 RSVP donation. We urge all Councils to support our Seminarians and Permanent Deacon candidates through the RSVP and the Archdiocesan Permanent Diaconate and Ministry Program Fund.

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### Philadelphia Chapter Councils Offer Affordable Facilities for That Special Event

The Councils listed offer a variety of professional services and accessible location for your special events:

- \* **Fr. John McHugh Council # 4935**, 5323 Oxford Avenue, Phila. PA 19124 Phone: 215-535-0849  
- special packages for large and small events, catering, and self-catering options available
- \* **Regina Coeli # 4921**, 9617 James Street, Phila. PA 19135 Phone: 215-332-2517  
- flexible hall for large and small events, catering services and full-service bar options available
- \* **St. Charles Borromeo Council # 4279**, 1193 Gravel Pike, Bensalem PA 19020; Phone: 215-638-2202; offer ample parking and a variety of food and beverage packages to fit any occasion
- \* **St. Katharine Drexel Council # 3968**, 15000 Bustleton Avenue, Phila. PA 19116.  
Phone: 215-969-4470; banquet hall available for shower, birthdays and other events, catering, and beverage services available
- \* **Twining Hall (M.E.I. Caterers)** 4900 East Street Road, Trevoise PA Phone: 215-364-2130 - Knight owned business, available for large and small events, several caterings and beverage packages available
- \* **Holmesburg Council #1284** 3300 Knorr St Hall available for rentals. Contact Tim Thomson Hall manager at 215-331-4570(Hall) or 215-514-0962

Please support our local Councils and remember to mention you are a Knights of Columbus member when you call. If I missed your Council, please email me your information and I will include it in next publication.

If you have a Knight's related function occurring before the release of the next Journal, feel free to forward the information to me. I would be more than happy to assist with advertising your event via email.

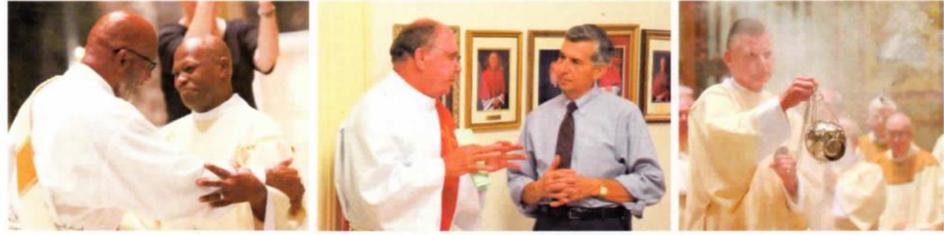
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## THE PERMANENT DIACONATE VOCATIONS AND MINISTRY PROGRAM FUND



THE PERMANENT DIACONATE VOCATIONS AND MINISTRY PROGRAM FUND was created to provide resources to build and support the Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, from ministry and vocation awareness to continuing formation of Deacons.

Your contribution to this Fund will help secure a vibrant community of Permanent Deacons for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Contributions are made through The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia.

Donations can be sent to:           Deacon Fund  
  c/o The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia  
  100 North 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 301  
  Philadelphia, PA 19403

Please make checks payable to THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA with DEACON FUND noted on the memo line.

TO MAKE YOUR GIFT ONLINE, PLEASE VISIT  
[THECFGP.ORG/DONATE/DEACON-FUND](http://THECFGP.ORG/DONATE/DEACON-FUND)



### QUESTIONS?

Deacon Jack Hasson  
215-587-5650 | [jhasson@catholicfoundationphila.org](mailto:jhasson@catholicfoundationphila.org)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Investing in the Deacon Fund will provide the funds to support the charitable works and services provided by the Permanent Diaconate to the people and Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia (CFGF) is an independent, nonprofit community foundation committed to helping others leave a legacy of Catholic philanthropy. CFGF provides investment management and development consulting services to meet the diverse needs of all donors and Catholic institution.

# Chapter Dinner Dance



Chapter President Dan McPeake with Catholic Woman of the Year Barbara Walter

The Chapter honored Barbara Walter and Ed Lawrence as its Catholic Woman and Man of the Year. Both distinguished themselves, not only in 2021, but throughout their careers. Ed, a retired teacher at Archbishop Ryan HS and a member of Father Ryan Council 5036, founded "Prayers Unite the World" and Barbara is an officer and extremely active member of the organization for Disabled Persons.

Also honored with the Past Presidents Award were Donald Wells, a long time Chapter member and member of St Benedict Council. 8852, and Mike Ciampoli current Grand Knight of Regina Coeli 4921 and Faithful Navigator of St. John Neumann Assembly.

The dinner was well attended and was held at Twining Hall In Trevese. Once again, Nick Milillo, caterer at Twining, outdid himself for the setup and the meal. **THANKS NICK**



Past Presidents' Awardee  
Donald Wells

The Chapter encourages EACH COUNCIL to submit nominations for these Awards (one nomination per Council for Man of the Year, Woman of the Year and Past Presidents' Award). Nomination form and procedure will appear in a later issue.

Please plan on joining the festivities next year. We can promise you will enjoy.



Helen & Rich Konstance



The Powers that BE

# 2021 Chapter Dinner Dance



Catholic Woman of the Year  
Barbara Walter



Honored Guest Ray McLaughlin  
State Secretary with wife Donna



Catholic Man of the Year  
Ed Lawrence



How did Father Mike wind up  
at the Regina Coeli Table ??



Guess he's with his buddy  
Father Babowitz

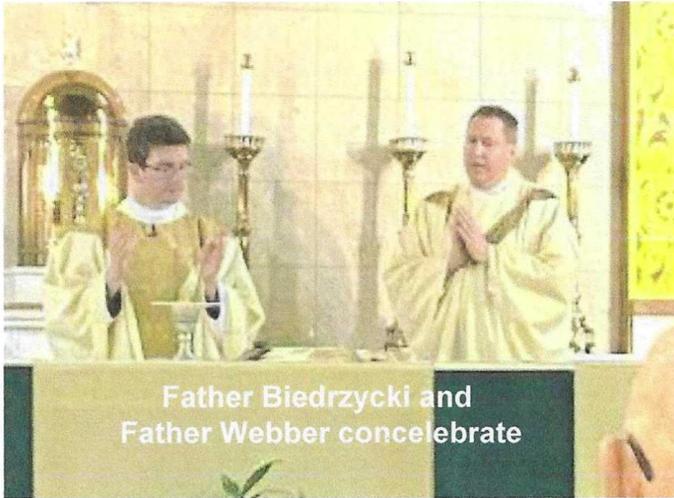


Barbara's Friends

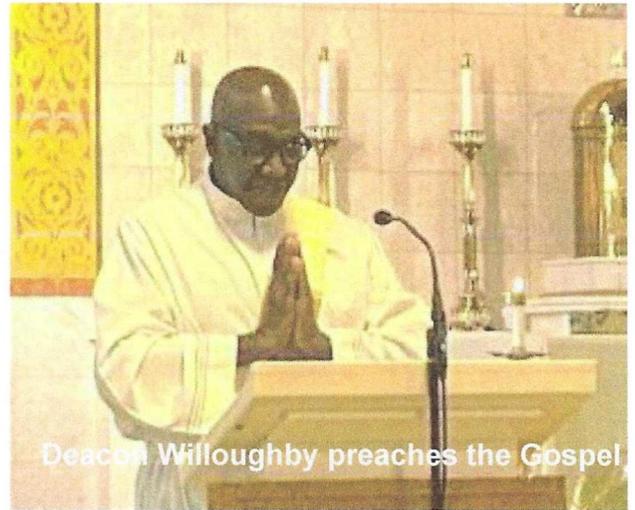


Past Presidents' Awardee  
Mike Ciampoli with wife Jennifer

# Mass for Deacon Appreciation Day



Father Biedrzycki and  
Father Webber concelebrate

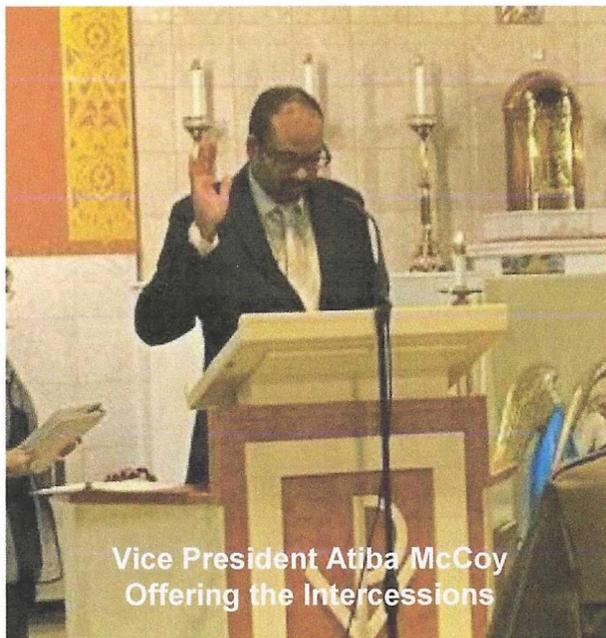


Deacon Willoughby preaches the Gospel

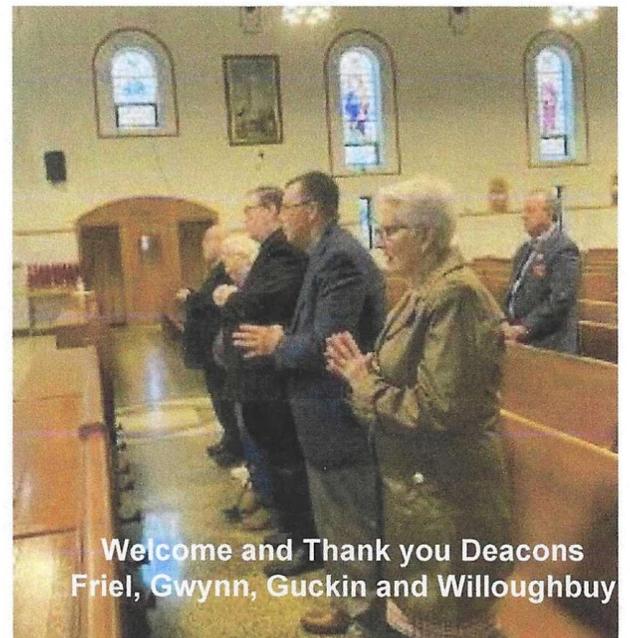
The Philadelphia Chapter celebrated its 2<sup>nd</sup> Deacon Appreciation Day at St Richard Parish in South Philadelphia. The celebration began with Mass, concelebrated by our Chaplain, Father Matt Biedrzycki and St Richards Pastor, Father John Webber. Breakfast followed where certificates of appreciation were presented to the Deacons. Thanks to Joe Marino, Director of Music, John Raab, organist, and Father Webber for their hospitality; to Helen Konstancie for her ministry of music and (as always) Nick Milillo for catering the event



Helen Konstancie leads the  
Congregation in song



Vice President Atiba McCoy  
Offering the Intercessions



Welcome and Thank you Deacons  
Friel, Gwynn, Guckin and Willoughbuy

In 2021 the Philadelphia Chapter was able to renew their Annual Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Visitation to St. John's Hospice in Center City Philadelphia. The Officers are grateful to all of the Knights who donated their time to help those less fortunate.



# A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro/M. Falcioni.

O Mary,  
you always brighten our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain  
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,  
you know what we need,  
and we are confident you will provide for us  
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,  
the Divine Physician,  
for those who have fallen ill,  
for those who are vulnerable,  
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with  
protecting the health and safety of others  
and for those who are tending to the sick  
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who took upon himself our  
sufferings and carried our sorrows,  
so as to lead us, through the Cross,  
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,  
O Holy Mother of God.  
In our needs, despise not our petitions,  
but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

*Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis*

The Officers and Trustees of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Knights of the Columbus hope all our Council members and their families had a Merry and Blessed Christmas and wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

