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A Month of Gratitude, Faith, and Evangelization By Gary Damich, State Deputy Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus

Brother Knights, Families, and Friends,

November is a month that draws us closer to God through **gratitude and remembrance**. We begin by honoring the saints and praying for all souls who have gone before us in faith. We pause to honor our **veterans**, who embody sacrifice and service. And we gather as families for **Thanksgiving**, giving thanks to God for His countless blessings.

As Knights of Columbus, gratitude is not just something we feel—it is something we **live**. True gratitude flows from a heart centered on Christ and leads us to evangelize, serve, and form others in faith. When we share our blessings, we share our faith. When we invite others to join us, we invite them to encounter Christ more deeply.

This season is a wonderful opportunity for **faith-filled outreach**.

1. Invite a **veteran** who misses camaraderie and purpose to continue his mission through the Knights—where service, faith, and fraternity thrive together.
2. Speak to a **young father** at Mass about how the Order strengthens families through prayer, faith formation, and service to the parish.
3. Encourage **men active in ministry**—ushers, catechists, lectors—to join us and grow spiritually through brotherhood and works of mercy.
4. During **Thanksgiving outreach**—a parish meal, food drive, or service project—extend an invitation to those serving beside you: "Join us in the Knights; this is how we live our faith together."

Our Order was founded to form Catholic men in faith and action. Every council should be a place of **evangelization**, where men are strengthened through programs like *Into the Breach*, *Holy Hour initiatives*, *Building the Domestic Church*, and *Faith in Action*. These moments of prayer and formation help us grow as disciples—and that growth naturally draws others to join.

This November, let us live with hearts full of **gratitude and faith**. Let us thank God by sharing the gift of our brotherhood with others. When we evangelize through kindness, serve with humility, and invite with joy, we help bring men and families closer to Christ.

May this season of thanksgiving renew in each of us the spirit of faith, fraternity, and gratitude that defines the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus! Gary Damich, State Deputy, Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus

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ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER #16991 PARTICIPATES IN COATS FOR KIDS



Council 16991 at St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother, Avondale, delivered 10 cases (120) Coats for Kids to the San Rocco Outreach Center in Avondale, PA on 10-19. Pictured at the food pantry of San Rocco are PGK Jerry Dobrzyn , GK Al Schmitt, and Brother Mark Nix.

ARTICLES AND PICTURES FOR THE NOVEMBER 2025 EDITION OF THE KEYSTONE KNIGHT ARE DUE NOVEMBER 10, 2025. SEND THEM TO: rickterroni@comcast.net. LET'S SHOW EVERYONE WHAT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN THE STATE OF PA ARE DOING! PLEASE TRY TO SEND A PICTURE WITH YOUR ARTICLE! PLEASE TRY TO SEND ARTICLES IN WORD FORMAT AND PICTURES IN JPG. SEE SCHEDULE FOR THE KEYSTONE KNIGHT FOR THE 2025-2026 FRATERNAL YEAR ON PAGE 28!

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From The Desk of
Jim Banks
State Family Director

******* NEW FAMILY PROGRAM *******

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

The Remembering Our Faithfully Departed program calls upon councils to honor and pray for the deceased members of their council, families, and parish community by commemorating the dearly departed and asking for the intercession of the saints. Some ideas are creating altars in the church or in the home which call as a prayer for the deceased, praying a memorial rosary, or offering a Mass for the deceased. Councils could work with the Parish to host a costume party for the youth where they honor their favorite Saints. The suggested timeline is All Saints Day Nov 1, All Souls Day Nov 2 or any other date in November.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/family/remembering-our-faithful-departed.html>

Just a reminder it is time to order supplies for Keep Christ In Christmas! The link for supplies is <https://form.jotform.com/241067845926162> Password: PA202

It's that time of year to really drive the Food for Families Program. Thanksgiving and Christmas are two of the most requested dates for food from the local food pantries. What can your council do to help this year?

Lastly, remember to submit the Form 10784 so that we as directors can identify participation in the programs.

Thanks for all that you do to help build the domestic church!

Vivat Jesus,

Jim Banks, PFN, PGK, DD

State Family Director



STATE CHAPLAIN REPORT

Rev. Pierre "Bud" Falkenhan Jr.

Dear Brother Knights,

October is a busy time for our Catholic Church. To begin with, we have the Month of the Holy Rosary and since as Knights either at our First Degree or at the new exemplification of Unity, Charity and Fraternity we were given a rosary and asked to pray it daily, thus the Month of the Holy Rosary is an appropriate time to do just that and as I suggested in last year's October Keystone Knight, be sure to take your time and not rush this prayer.

Another event that we celebrate in our Church is Respect Life Month. This cause is so important for us Knights for between The Pennsylvania March for Life in Harrisburg every September, the work we do raising funds for the Ultra Sound machines which we have placed in numerous places throughout our Commonwealth (the last one being a mobile one in the Diocese of Allentown) and our contributions to local pregnancy centers via the ASAP program.

Finally October is the month that we celebrate Columbus Day, a time to honor our order's name sake. Now all of us know that Christopher Columbus was a Faith Filled man who not only named one of his three ships the Santa Maria (after the Blessed Mother), but he had a Catholic priest as the Chaplain on his voyage of discovery, thus presuming that all three of his vessels were blessed before the voyage. Along with that I either read or heard the idea that at the end of the day of sailing, Columbus brought his three ships close so the crew could pray the Salva Regina together. It is even reported that when the sailors grew weary because of their long voyage and wanted to turn back for home, they prayed the Salva Regina one more time and when they awoke the next morning, they spotted land. Granted many years back, our order's name sake got some bad press because of his "so called" treatment of the indigenous people that he encountered, but rest assured that he did not treat the natives out of malice, all he wanted to do was to spread the Gospel. So as Knights of Columbus, it is by the good works that we do in society that we not only honor our order's patron, but try to restore Columbus's good name in our society and the world.

Wishing you well in the month of October, I remain

In Christ

Fr. Bud Falkenhan
State Chaplain



From The Desk of
Richard J. Ray
State Council Scholarship Chairman

Pennsylvania State Council College Scholarship

The PA State Council awards ten college scholarships each year, at the State Convention in May, to eligible Knights, Columbian Squires, and sons and daughters of Pennsylvania brother Knights from the various dioceses of the jurisdiction. The \$ 4,000.00 awards, payable in installments of \$1,000.00 per year, help recipients attend some of the finest colleges and universities in the country.

Information about this Pennsylvania KofC program can be found on the PA State Council website at [https:// www.kofcpennsylvania.org/scholarships](https://www.kofcpennsylvania.org/scholarships). There is a link on the page to an application form, along with instructions regarding student eligibility and the parent's council participation in the COAL program.

Applications for the 2026 PA college scholarships are due to me by December 31, 2025. Applicants are encouraged not to wait until the last minute, as obtaining the required signatures and certifications becomes more difficult over the Holidays at the end of December. ACT, SAT, or CLT test scores are accepted.

Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries are encouraged to share this information with their council membership and to encourage any members with high school seniors graduating in 2026 to apply for a \$ 4,000.00 PA State Scholarship.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Vivat Jesus!

Richard Ray

PA Scholarship Chairman.

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From The Desk of John Fitzpatrick, FM, FST State Awards Chairman



Northeast Financial Secretary/Grand Knight Training

Council leaders from the Northeast region gathered in Stroudsburg on October 11 for Financial Secretary and Grand Knight training. The objective was to provide with the tools that will allow them to perform their duties as efficiently and effectively as possible. A variety of topics were covered including the use of Officer Online for Member Management, Member Billing, Reports, Affiliate program, Safe Environment Program compliance, prospect tab, and adding new members. John Hoolick, General Agent for the Hoolick Agency, spoke about the fraternal benefits available and the importance of councils working with their field agents. The Financial Secretaries and Grand Knights enjoyed the presentation and are eager for even more knowledge that will make them successful leaders. A copy of the training slides were sent to the attendees. The interactive session also enabled attendees to share their best practices with the other Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries in attendance. The Northeast will host another round of training sessions in January/February that focuses on fraternal year end tasks and reporting.



Don't Sweat It

Cathedral Assembly 3298. Allentown has conducted its Don't Sweat It program since 2018, supporting several local Allentown hospitals. The program is an offshoot of the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids campaign. While presenting coats to Sacred Hospital, one of the nurses suggested adding sweats to the list of items donated. Recently, the assembly donated twenty pairs of youth sweats and socks to Lehigh Valley Hospital – 17th Street, Allentown. The sweats and socks were presented to Lisa Liddington, Vice President, LVH-17th Street & LVHN Operations, and Program Director, School-Based Health. Lisa was very appreciative of the assembly's generosity and stated that it served as a reminder that cold weather was fast approaching.

The sweats will be distributed to local school base nurses in Allentown. For a variety of reasons, children sometimes require a change of clothes. By having the sweats on hand, it reduces the cases where a parent, if they had transportation, would have to come in with a change of clothes, or the child would need to go home.





From The Desk of
Fran O'Hara, FSW
State COAL Chairman



Chance of a Lifetime (COAL)

16 Great Cash Prizes - \$ 65,000

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

COAL is HEATING UP! We plan on shipping tickets by early November; However, they will be available this week for Councils that want them early. Let me know!

COAL supports the PA State Council Scholarship Program and is also an Easy and Risk-Free way for Councils to fundraise in SIX easy steps.

1. Councils Order Tickets. Form is available on the State Council website, kofcpennsylvania.org or email Fran O'Hara at coalchairman@gmail.com. Include shipping and contact information.
2. We ship the tickets free of charge.
3. Councils sell **Individual** COAL Tickets for \$5.00 each.
4. Councils send sold Ticket stubs and \$2.50* for each Ticket to the COAL Committee.
5. Council keeps \$2.50 profit per Ticket.
6. Councils throw away extra Tickets.

* \$3.00 after the Discount Date, April 1, 2025 (\$2.00 Profit).

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Drawing - Friday May 15, 2026 - 9:00 PM
Pennsylvania State Council Convention
Doubletree by Hilton, Pittsburg, PA

Council 3862 Donates \$ 2,000.00



Knights of Columbus Council 3862 Bangor recently donated \$2,000 to the Northampton County Miracle League.

Father Jacob W. Post Council 14464 Volunteers at the Iron Pigs Games



Father Jacob W Post Council #14464 in Bath, Pa volunteer at The Iron Pigs Games at Coca-Cola Park in Allentown. Their K of C 14464 council then receives a donation which they use for their charities.

Bishop McDevitt Assembly #920- York & Vicinity-Installation of Officers

On September 12, 2025, Bishop McDevitt Assembly #920, held an Installation of Officers ceremony and celebratory dinner. The event was hosted by Faithful Navigator, Mel McConnell. The officers were sworn in by Joseph Paoletti, Former Master, PFN, PGK and District Deputy. He was assisted by Mike DeLucia, District Marshall, PFN, PGK and District Deputy.

The group had the honor of Father Stephen Kelley starting the program with a prayer, blessing the medals, being installed as the assembly Faithful Friar, closing the ceremony with a prayer and saying the blessing at the dinner. Father Kelley is pastor of Saint Patrick Parish in York and Sacred Heart Parish in Spring Grove.



Officers installed pictured left to right in the front row below are as follows: Karl Zerbey, Faithful Scribe, Matt Raley, Faithful Comptroller, Dale Fanale, Faithful Pilot, Mel McConnell, Faithful Navigator, Father Stephen Kelley, Faithful Friar, Joe Paoletti, Former Master. Row two: Mike Delucia, District Marshall, John Moramarco, One Year Trustee, Pat Worker, Past Faithful Navigator, Shay Coll, Outer Sentinel, Dick Lyko, Inner Sentinel, and Joe Valenti, Faithful Purser. Row three: Kelly Brown, Two Year Trustee and Chester Young, Three Year Trustee and Color Corps Commander. Missing from the ceremony is Faithful Captain, Spencer Downing.

The assembly wishes to thank Joseph Paoletti and Mike DeLucia for traveling two hours each way, from the Philadelphia area, in order to conduct a very professional and meaningful ceremony. We also wish to thank Lady Sandra Brown for making the "Italian Feast", to quote Mike DeLucia, which everyone who attended the event thoroughly enjoyed. (Photos provided by Past Faithful Navigator and Sir Knight James Phipps.)

Knights from the Diocese of Allentown March for Life



Knights from the Diocese of Allentown participated in the Pennsylvania March for Life in Harrisburg. Diocese of Allentown Bishop Schlert was also in attendance.

Knights Participate in Parish Blue Mass



Saint Patrick's Church in Milford, PA held its inaugural Blue Mass, where the sacrifice of the Mass was offered for the safety, well-being, and intention of all first responders. The Knights of Columbus John Paul II Council and Our Lady of Guadalupe Assembly were integral in organizing and sponsoring of the event with having the color corps escort the over 40 first responders to their seats, gifting them with blessed medals, and offering lunch and refreshments after the Mass. Deacon Tom Spataro, who served as the homilist, and himself is a retired court officer, spoke on the importance of law and order in God's will, the sanctification of first responders careers, and personal notes of seeing God's actions in his own life. At the end of Mass Rev. Fr. Joseph Manarchuck blessed all the first responders present and thanked them for their continued service.

Council 403 Holds Annual Family Rosary Night



From left are Jeff Brewer, the Rev. James Gutting and Craig Cuthbertson at Family Rosary Night.

Knights of Columbus Council 403 held its annual Family Rosary Night at St. Bernard Church on Oct. 7.

Always held the first week of October, the evening commemorates the Battle of Lepanto associated with “Our Lady of the Rosary.”

“The Battle of Lepanto, fought Oct. 7, 1571, stands as one of the most celebrated naval engagements in the history of Christendom,” Knights said in a press release.

“A coalition of Catholic powers, known as the Holy League, confronted the Ottoman fleet in a clash that not only altered the balance of power in the Mediterranean but also left a lasting spiritual legacy through the institution of the feast of ***Our Lady of the Rosary***.”

The council aims to remember this history as well as that of Bradford’s large Italian immigrant community of the 1920s and 1930s, who were noted for holding neighborhood family Rosary nights.

John Place, Council 403 event chairman, organizes Family Rosary Night each year.

“Although attendance was slightly down this year,” representatives said, “this is still well-received by the faithful of Bradford.”

Council 4159—St. John Paul II Makes Donation, Participates in Baptisms And Installs Officers



Knight's council 4159 St. John Paul 11 of the Poconos recently installed there officer's with their Pastor Father Brian Clarke. See photograph—middle right. Also celebrated 3 baptism with their parish families given keepsake rose's and rosary beads to the newly baptized. See photographs in the top row. And celebrating the Lords of Miracles mass with the spanish community. Leading the procession into church. Grand knight Michael Casey gives check to underwrite Walk for Life for Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos. See photograph middle left.

SAVE THE DATE

St. John Neumann, Assembly 933

**Announces Our Annual Testimonial Dinner
Honoring**

SK Edward Kligge

Past Faithful Navigator



Sunday, December 14, 2025

2:00 – 6:00 PM

Regina Coeli Council Home

PLUS

**The Awarding of The
St. John Neumann Medal to
Helen Konstance**

JOIN US IN OUR CELEBRATION

Tickets: \$45.00

Program Book

**will be available to include
ads of Congratulations or
Advertisement**



Veterans Medical Center Chapel Hosts Bishop Coffey for Mass Honoring Venerable Chaplain Emil Kapaun

Lebanon, PA — On Monday, September 29, the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels, the Veterans' Administration Medical Center Chapel in Lebanon, PA welcomed the Most Reverend Joseph L. Coffey, Auxiliary Bishop for Veterans' Affairs for the Archdiocese of the Military Services, USA, as the principal celebrant of a special Mass honoring military service and spiritual heroism.

Approximately 100 attendees—both military and civilian—gathered for the Mass, which honored the legacy of Army Chaplain Emil Kapaun, a Korean War hero whose cause for canonization is currently underway. Bishop Coffey spoke movingly of Chaplain Kapaun's courage and faith, highlighting his selfless service to fellow soldiers and unwavering commitment to God even in the face of captivity and death.

The liturgy included prayers for veterans, active-duty personnel, and chaplains serving around the world. Music was provided by Music Director Jess Huhn, and Knights of Columbus assemblies from all over the state acted as honor guards. Youth from Our Lady of the Cross School in Lebanon served the Mass.

After the Mass, Bishop Coffey blessed and dedicated a picture of Venerable Father Kapaun which will be hung in a place of honor at the medical center.

Following the Mass, attendees gathered for light refreshments and fellowship, sharing stories of service and reflecting on the enduring example of Chaplain Kapaun. The event was part of a broader initiative to raise awareness of his life and promote devotion to his cause.

For more information about Chaplain Emil Kapaun and ongoing efforts to support his canonization, visit www.kapaunlegacy.org. Pray for his eventual beatification and canonization. Venerable Father Emil Kapaun, pray for us.

Pictures: Credit Ray Maillet



The picture to the left is of Bishop Coffey raising the Sacred Host during the Mass.

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The photo to the left is of the Honor Guard Processional - Knights of Columbus Honor Guard prepares for the start of Mass” Bishop Homily - “Bishop Coffey delivers the homily during the Mass. The photo to the right shows the honor guard recessional— Members of Knights Honor Guard lead the officiants after the Mass. They are led by Wayne Freet, FVSM, PSD.

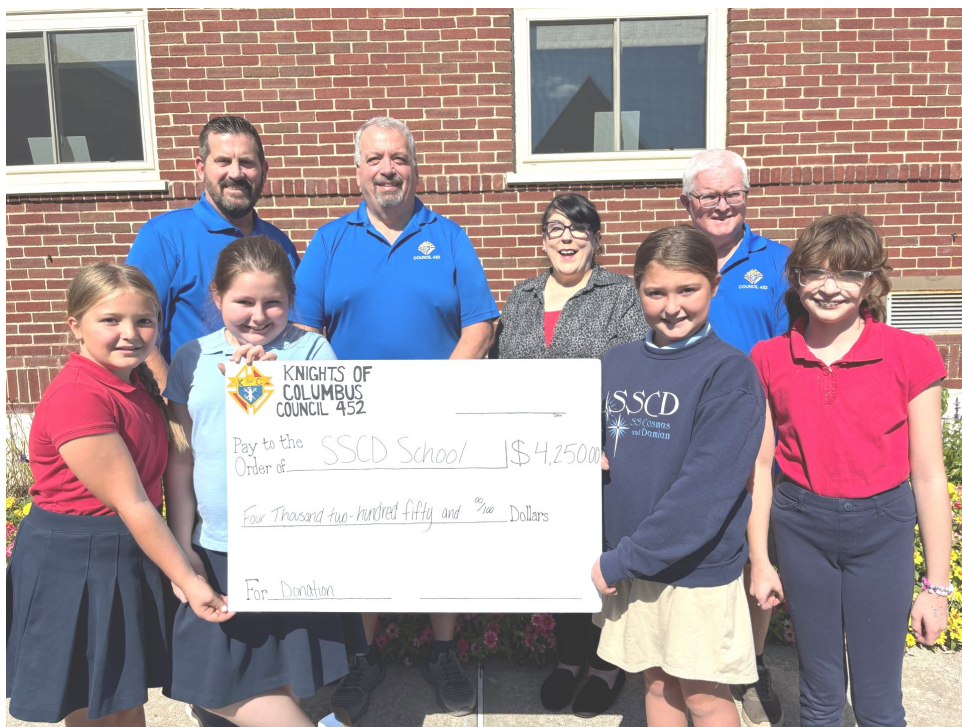


The photo—middle left is of Bishop Coffey delivering the homily during the Mass.

The photo— middle right is of Bishop Coffey blessing and dedicating the image of Father Emil Kapaun.

The photo to the left is of Bishop Coffey leaving the altar at the end of Mass.

Council 452 Donates to Saints Cosmas and Damian School



Council 452 recently donated \$4250 to the Saints Cosmas and Damian School. The Knights donate \$8500 yearly to the school in the form of a scholarship that helps with tuition for students attending from the parish. Pictured are some of the school students in the front row and in the back row: Tim Love, Council 452 Grand Knight, Tony Fallara, Council 452 Treasurer, SSSCD Principal Jennifer Skarbek, and Greg Aikens, Council 452 Warden. The Knights hold breakfasts and bake sales throughout the year to fund this annual scholarship.

Knights State Council Makes Financial Contributions to Support Religious and Vocations

The Pennsylvania State Council of the Knights of Columbus on September 17 made two financial contributions in support of retired religious and vocations to the priesthood. The contributions were in the amount of \$2,772.34 for the Retired Religious Fund, and \$1,428.17 to the Christopher Fund in support of vocations.

Representatives from the State Council presented the two checks at the Diocesan

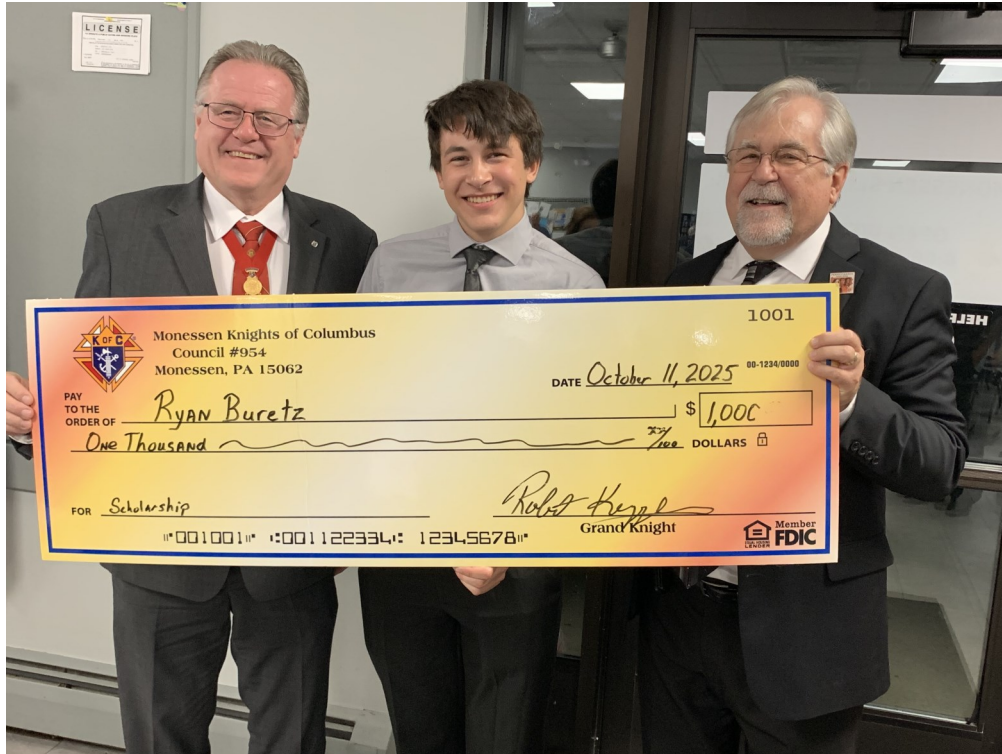


Center in Harrisburg to Bishop Timothy Senior, who was joined by Father Mark Speitel, Diocesan Secretary for Clergy and Consecrated Life, and Father Joshua Weaver, Diocesan Vocations Director.

Learn about the Knights of Columbus and their charitable efforts at www.kofc.org.

(Photo by Chris Heisey, The Catholic Witness.)

MONESSEN COUNCIL #954 PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AT THEIR COLUMBUS DAY DINNER



Pictured to the left is Ryan Buretz, winner of the Monessen Knights of Columbus Council #954 scholarship-2025. Ryan's service to his Church and Parish was instrumental in achieving this award. The award was presented at the Council's Columbus Day Dinner. Pictured with Ryan are Gary Damich, State Deputy and Robert Kuzynski, Grand Knight.

Pictured to the right is Jessica Andereson, Mobilizer for the Monessen Family Center. Jessica was the guest speaker at the Council #954 Columbus Day Dinner. She addressed her organizations mission to aid new parents by providing diapers, formula, and new baby accessories. The agency is a recipient of funds donated by Monessen Council #954



Blue Mass 2025 - A Tribute to our First Responders.



On Sunday September 28th, we celebrated our Third Annual Blue Mass, honoring the brave men and women who serve our communities. This year's procession was especially meaningful as we were joined by the Pennsylvania State Police Honor Guard and the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Assembly 980 Color Corps, whose presence added great dignity to the ceremony.

Before Mass, our Council hosted a Pancake Breakfast for our First Responders, a small way to thank them for all they do to protect and serve.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and military personnel who attended. A special thank you as well to State Trainer and Central District Officer John Fitzpatrick for leading the Color Corps training, and to Karen Molina for capturing and sharing these wonderful photos.

First Annual 9/11 Memorial Mass at The Church of Saint Luke

On September 11, The Church of Saint Luke held its first Annual 9/11 Memorial Mass to honor the lives lost on that tragic day 24 years ago. The Mass was planned and led by members of the Father John T. Butler Council 4084, Knights of Columbus.

The Pennsylvania State Police Honor Guard attended and led the solemn procession into the church, followed by members of our Council. Before Mass began, a moving 9/11 Memorial Museum video was presented, setting a reverent tone for the ceremony.

Three parishioners then shared their personal reflections and memories of that day, reminding all in attendance of the lasting impact 9/11 has had on our nation and in our hearts.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank our Pastor and Chaplain Father Michael Quinnan and the parish community for their support and participation. We look forward to continuing this important tradition each year as we remember, honor, and pray for all those affected by the events of September 11, 2001.



GOOD LUCK TO BROTHER KNIGHT RAYMOND BITTNER WHO IS COMPETING AT THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS FALL FESTIVAL



The attached picture shows Outside Guard Raymond Bittner, and Grand Knight Angelo Villavicencio of St. Joseph the Worker Council 5947, Hopewell Township, PA.

Raymond, shown with his gold medal and his partner (not shown) took 1st place at the Special Olympics Western Regionals in Slippery Rock University on September 29, 2025.

Raymond and his partner will be competing at the Special Olympics; Pennsylvania Fall Festival on November 7th thru 9th at Villanova University.

Good Luck Raymond!

St Ann Knights of Columbus Council 12886 Garden of Mercy

St. Ann's Knights of Columbus Council 12886, Emmaus, PA finished up another successful growing season this year. The council grew and harvested vegetables in their Garden of Mercy, donating over 3,176 pounds of vegetables, which provide healthy fresh food options to individuals, families and seniors experiencing food insecurity.

Most of the donations come from their garden, as well as from people dropping off vegetables from their own home gardens. Council members tend the garden during the week, watering, weeding, and picking vegetables, which are then delivered every week during June through October to local food banks and soup kitchens in the Lehigh Valley including Cay Galgon Lifehouse, New Bethany Ministries, Allentown Rescue Mission, Greater Shiloh Church, Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley, Whitehall Food Pantry, Casa Guadalupe, Casa Jeanette, City Limits, St. Paul's UCC, and Jordan Lutheran.

The council's Garden of Mercy was created in 2016, the same year that Plant A Row Lehigh Valley (PARLV) was founded. Council 12886 became one of PARLV's first drop off locations. Plant a Row encourages local backyard gardeners to donate one row in their existing gardens, and donate the produce from that row to local food pantries and free meal centers. Karen Fitzpatrick, wife of John Fitzpatrick, started as a PARLV delivery driver in 2017 and became PARLV Coordinator in 2019, managing 28 pickup sites and 26 recipients.

As PARLV has grown, so has the Knights' Garden of Mercy. Since 2016, PARLV has donated over 1000,000 pounds of fresh vegetables. In that same time period, the St Ann Council has donated over 18,800 pounds. For more information, please visit <https://plantarowlv.org/>.



Convocation of Knights in Defense of the Faith

A “Convocation of Knights in Defense of the Faith,” hosted by Bishop Alfred Schlert, took place Saturday, Sept. 20 at St. Joseph the Worker Church, Orefield. Knights of Columbus, Knights of Malta, and Knights of Holy Sepulcher gathered together for a 9 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert and concelebrated by our State Chaplain, Father Bud. Twenty one Sir Knights, representing the 4th degree assemblies across the diocese, served in the Color Corps.

After mass, the congregation processed outside for the Blessing of a Mobile Ultrasound Unit that was funded through an effort organized by local Knights Councils. After enjoying light refreshments and fellowship, the day concluded with two keynote presentations. Pennsylvania State Deputy Gary Damich spoke about Blessed Michael McGivney and the Knights’ Cor initiative. Father Stephan Issac concluded the event and spoke about “Defending the Faith”.



International Food Festival 2025 Unites Community at Corpus Christi Catholic Church

A Celebration of Culture, Cuisine, and Community Spirit

On October 4, 2025, Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, hosted its highly anticipated International Food Festival, marking a remarkable second year under the leadership of Grand Knight Martin Alvarez and Father Alan Wolfe. This vibrant event brought together over 600 families from both the parish and the wider Chambersburg community, celebrating cultural diversity and unity in a joyous atmosphere.

Council 15171 took center stage by preparing and serving an array of authentic dishes, including Mexican tacos and tamales, Guatemalan pupusas, and Italian pasta and pizza. The festival featured culinary delights representing Guatemala, the Philippines, Greece, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Germany, Poland, the United States, Mexico, and India. Each dish was freshly prepared and served, allowing attendees to savor flavors from around the globe.

Adding excitement to the festivities, the Knights of Columbus organized a raffle with five enticing prizes, highlighted by the grand prize a 2022 Buick Encore. The raffle was meticulously planned months in advance to ensure full compliance with local and state regulations, reflecting the council's commitment to transparency and community trust.

Participating in this extraordinary event was a true honor for both the council and the broader community. The festival fostered a sense of togetherness, welcoming families from diverse backgrounds to celebrate their shared values. All proceeds from the event will support parish initiatives and year-round council programs, such as the local food pantry, Mother's Day celebrations, "Christ in Christmas," and holiday gifts for children during Advent, among others.

The International Food Festival stands as a testament to the strength and unity of the Chambersburg community, creating lasting memories and making a positive impact for all involved.



SEE SPANISH VERSION ON NEXT PAGE WITH MORE PHOTOGRAPHS!

Festival Internacional de Comida 2025 une a la comunidad en la Iglesia Católica de Corpus Christi

Una celebración de cultura, gastronomía y espíritu comunitario

El 4 de octubre de 2025, la Iglesia Católica Corpus Christi en Chambersburg, Pensilvania, acogió con entusiasmo su esperado Festival Internacional de la Comida, que celebraba su segundo año bajo el liderazgo del Gran Caballero Martin Alvarez y el párroco Alan Wolfe. Este animado evento reunió a más de 600 familias tanto de la parroquia como de la comunidad de Chambersburg, celebrando la diversidad cultural y la unidad en un ambiente festivo.

El Consejo 15171 se destacó preparando y sirviendo una variedad de platos auténticos, como tacos y tamales mexicanos, pupusas guatemaltecas, pasta y pizza italianas. El festival ofreció delicias culinarias representando a Guatemala, Filipinas, Grecia, República Dominicana, El Salvador, Alemania, Polonia, Estados Unidos, México e India. Cada plato fue preparado y servido al momento, permitiendo a los asistentes disfrutar de sabores de todo el mundo.

Para añadir emoción a la jornada, los Caballeros de Colón organizaron una rifa con cinco atractivos premios, entre los que destacó el premio principal: un Buick Encore de 2022. La rifa fue planificada minuciosamente con meses de antelación para garantizar el cumplimiento total de las normativas municipales y estatales, reflejando el compromiso del consejo con la transparencia y la confianza de la comunidad.

Participar en este extraordinario evento fue un verdadero honor tanto para el consejo como para toda la comunidad. El festival fomentó el sentido de unión, acogiendo a familias de diversos orígenes para celebrar valores compartidos. Todos los fondos recaudados se destinarán a apoyar las iniciativas de la parroquia y los programas anuales del consejo, como el banco de alimentos de nuestra parroquia, nuestra escuela católica, la celebración del Día de la Madre, "Cristo en Navidad", la entrega de regalos a niños durante el Adviento, entre otros.

El Festival Internacional de la Comida es un testimonio de la fortaleza y la unidad de la comunidad de Chambersburg, creando recuerdos imborrables y generando un impacto positivo para todos los involucrados.



A Woman's Concern Celebrates New Ultrasound Machine Gift from Knights of Columbus

Lancaster, PA — A Woman's Concern (AWC) joyfully announces the arrival of a new ultrasound machine, made possible through the generosity of the Knights of Columbus in Lancaster County and the support of many donors. The fundraising campaign not only met but surpassed its goal, enabling AWC to also secure an extended warranty for this critical piece of equipment.

The Knights of Columbus have a long history with AWC, having provided the center's first ultrasound machine in Pennsylvania 25 years ago. Their continued support demonstrates a steadfast commitment to life and the local community.

Jill B. Hartman, Executive Director of AWC, emphasized the medical importance of how ultrasound technology plays an essential role in supporting *her health*. "At AWC, our professional sonographers can confirm that a pregnancy is intrauterine, detect a fetal heartbeat when present, and accurately estimate gestational age through precise measurements. These medical insights are essential for providing women with accurate information to support informed decisions regarding their health and pregnancy."

The new machine strengthens AWC's mission to support both mothers and fathers facing unplanned pregnancies at no cost to them. The organization's men's program complements this effort by reaching fathers, who often play a key role in pregnancy decisions.

A celebration and blessing of the ultrasound machine was held on September 29th.



From Left to Right, Michael Thornton, President of Board of A Woman's Concern; Brian Smith, State Treasurer, Fr. Lawrence W. Sherdel, Former State Chaplain; Jill Hartman, Executive Director of AWC; Jack Rosati, State Program Director; Bill Childs, District Deputy of the Knights of Columbus.

For over 50 years, A Woman's Concern has been a trusted resource in Lancaster, providing compassionate care, education, and support to families throughout their pregnancy and baby's 1st birthday.

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PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER PRESENTS PAST PRESIDENT AWARD AT THE CHAPTER DINNER



State Deputy Gary Damich and State Warden Michael Yuknek on October 5 2025 presented State Certificate of Recognition to SK Michael Selinsky PGK,FDD,FN and SK Ed Kligge PGK,FDD,PFN at the Philadelphia Chapter Dinner. Mike and Ed also was presented the Past President Award from the Chapter.

MEMBERS OF THE CARDINAL DOUGHERTY ASSEMBLY AT MASS WITH ICON



The Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon was on display at St. Madeline's church in Ridley Park, PA for the installation of the new pastor. In the picture from l-r are members of the Cardinal Dougherty Assembly: PFN John Rush, PFN Tony Grimaldi, Honor Guard Captain, SK Frank Gwynn, Chalice Guard Captain, FN Chuck Bradford PFN Joe Chiaravalloti, SK Leo Witkowski, SK Jeff Spina, PFN Ben Linowski, District Marshall, PFN Fran O'Hara FSW.



EAST REGION CONDUCTS KofC SOCCER CHALLENGE



Boys-11 Caden Anastasia



Boys-10 Jack Walsh



Girls-11 Evelyn Kloe



Boys-12 Vincenzo Spinogatti



Girls-9 Ellen Fucich



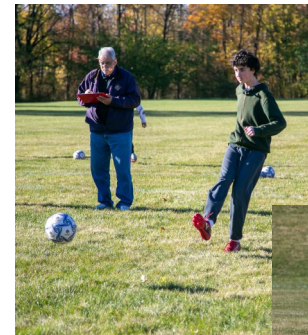
Boys-13 Michael Shields



Girls-10 Lilly Baranauskas



Girls-14 Isabella Pargola



The East Region held its Soccer Challenge on Saturday, October 26 at Gwynedd Mercy University. Above are photographs of each winner with Mike DeLucia, East Region Regional Program Chairman and State Warden Mike Yuknek. Thanks to Mike Delucia and Mark Dusing for organizing the event! Photographs by Carlos Medina, DD 28. To the left is a photograph of all the volunteers.

A Relic of Blessed Michael McGivney Finds a Home in Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — October 23, 2025

In a solemn and joy-filled celebration, Knights from across Pennsylvania gathered at **Saint Anthony's Chapel** in Pittsburgh as **Father Michael McGivney**, founder of the Knights of Columbus, was honored with the enshrinement of a **second-class relic** — a fragment of the cassock he wore at his burial.

The relic was presented during a **Votive Mass** celebrated by **Father Nicholas S. Vaskov**, pastor of Saint Anthony's Chapel, and **Father Pierre Falkenhan**, Pennsylvania State Chaplain. **District Deputy Theodore J. Schorr** of Ohio Council 6 formally presented the relic on behalf of **Council 11838 (Fr. Joseph P. Newell Council, Cranberry Township, Pa.)**, which co-sponsored the event with the **Fourth Degree Queen of Angels Assembly 2191**.

Joining members of the council and assembly were numerous brother Knights, families, and friends, including **Gary Damich**, Pennsylvania State Deputy; **Stan Glowaski**, Past State Deputy; and **Eric Johnson**, Past State Deputy.

Special recognition was given to **Brother David Pasquale** of Council 11838, who led the effort to obtain the relic and collaborated closely with Father Vaskov to arrange its enshrinement within the chapel's world-renowned collection.

Saint Anthony's Chapel holds the **second-largest collection of relics in the world**, surpassed only by the Vatican. Reflecting on this remarkable addition, State Deputy Damich remarked, "To have this relic placed within the chapel that houses the second-largest collection of relics in the world — second only to the Vatican — is a profound grace. It offers all the faithful a unique opportunity to pray for Blessed Michael McGivney's canonization and to reflect on his priestly example of charity, unity, and service to widows, orphans, and the vulnerable."

As the faithful gathered in prayer, the presence of Blessed Michael McGivney's relic served as a reminder of the enduring power of faith and fraternity that continues to inspire the Knights of Columbus. His example calls all Knights to live out the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity with renewed devotion and courage.



After the Mass, Fr. Nick Vaskov lovingly allowed each person to either touch or kiss the reliquary. It was a quite-moving experience for everyone. See photograph to the left.



Knights Honor Guard marches into the splendid St. Anthony's Chapel. See photograph to the left.



The photo to the left is of the actual area where this latest relic will be housed, on the right side of the statue of the Blessed Mother.



Once the devotion was completed, members of the Knights Honor Guard along with officers lined up for a photo. On the far left is Ted Schorr of Dayton, Ohio, and, brother of the late Fr. David Schorr of the Bishop's Latin School (who at one time had been the pastor here). Ted, very emotionally, tried explaining to me how his brother had been his sole motivating factor in having this induction ceremony at St. Anthony's. "My brother, David, is totally responsible for this happening. He inspired me to do this," he said while choking back tears. See photograph to the left.



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