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Our Council's Namesake

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 3/9/2022  
TIME: 7:00PM

### MARCH COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: MONDAY, 3/21/2022  
TIME: 7:30PM

### NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE FROM OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

### APRIL OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 4/6/2022  
TIME: 7:00PM

### APRIL COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: MONDAY, 4/11/2022  
TIME: 7:30PM



## Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

I pray you and your families are well and staying as safe as possible.

We Knights should show our support for the Ukrainian people through prayer, financial aid or whatever means possible to assist with their survival as a country. Ukraine has nine Knights of Columbus councils that began over two decades ago within the Knights of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy. They help to provide community programs through their churches for all their people. Let us pray for peace in Ukraine.

On Monday, March 7th, the US Senate rejected a radical and deceptively named bill called "The Women's Health Act". This bill would create a new national standard, allowing for abortions of unborn children for virtually any reason and at any stage of pregnancy including up to birth. We are thankful for the bipartisan vote from the US Senate who defeated this terrible bill against pro-life in this country.

The Faith in Action Programs will wrap up its last scheduled event with the Good Friday Family Promotion on April 15, 2022, at all four churches we serve. Please remember to participate in as many parish activities including "Stations of the Cross". The 40 Days for Life begins March 2nd to April 10th, the state council invites any council to join the peaceful rosary prayer service at Planned Parenthood in Providence each Saturday morning during Lent. The Building the Domestic Church Kiosk in all four churches will continue throughout the remainder of the fraternal year. Also, members of our council will continue to volunteer at the SVDP soup kitchen on Saturday mornings at OLC church.

Please pray for peace in our country and throughout the world during this trying time and for an end to this pandemic.

Join us Monday, March 21, 2022, at 7:30pm in person at SS John & Paul Parish Hall. The availability of Zoom meetings is provided for members unable to attend in person meetings.

Thank you, brothers, for all the work you do, and please pray for peace in our country during this trying time and for an end to this pandemic.

Vivat Jesus!  
David Legault, Grand Knight

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**One Year Trustee**

John Pizzo

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Paul Lemek



# Chaplain's Corner

My Brother Knights,

March Madness, Spring, Spring Break, spring ahead, Lent.

We have just begun a season. Everything speaks to us of a renewal. Lent is a time to look into our hearts and discover what we need to do in order to renew ourselves. The three mainstays of Lent - Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving - are meant to help us discover where we need God's love and mercy.

We celebrate two great Saints this month. On March 17th we'll celebrate St. Patrick and on March 19th we'll celebrate St. Joseph, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We always look to the lives of the Saints to give us encouragement for our journey of life. No one is born a Saint; we all have to work towards being holy every day of our journey to the Kingdom of God.

Try to attend different Lenten programs and prayer events that your Parish are presenting or those in neighboring Parishes. Lent is meant for you to focus on YOU. What will you carry away from this Lenten Season? It is more than just preparing to celebrate Easter; it is meant about what discovering what you need for journey to the Kingdom of God.

Brothers offer up your rosaries this month for the peoples of Ukraine. That they may not lose hope in God during this time of trial and despair. Pray that Our Lady of Peace will bring an end to this turmoil in their country.

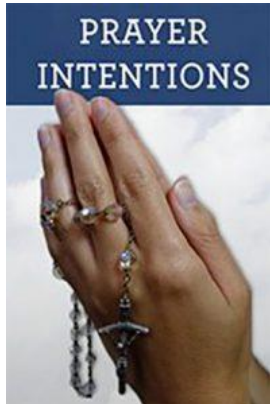
May Prayer be the center of your Fasting and Almsgiving the Lent.

Vivat Jesus!  
 Father Paul Lemoi  
 Chaplain



*“but those who hope in Yahweh will regain their strength, they will sprout wings like eagles, though they run they will not grow weary, though they walk they will never tire.” – Isaiah 40:31*





- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- Our Bishops Tobin and Evans
- The Priests of the parishes we serve
- Our Seminarians Patrick Ryan and Nicholas Whitaker
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- GK David Legault
- Chancellor Anthony Machado
- Brother Rob Brodeur
- Brother John Murray
- Brother Alan Ogrodnik
- Brother Len Denomme
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother James Kmon
- Brother Keith Parent
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother John Murray
- Brother Jim Hall
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Veronica Brouillard
- Nancy Giolitti
- Henry Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Monique Colvin (recently deceased)
- Stephen Mattias
- Michelle Legault
- Wyatt Canfield
- Eric Thatcher
- Savannah Brodeur
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn
- All who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

Edwyn Barrios (35)	March 2
James Dacey (82)	March 3
Michael Greene (66)	March 3
Paul Lacroix (83)	March 6
Thomas Kelly (60)	March 8
Stephen Bert (64)	March 11
Richard Legault (64)	March 11
Christopher Dyl (75)	March 15
Steven Saritelli (55)	March 16
Len Denomme (78)	March 21
Joseph DaSilva (88)	March 22
John Tally (77)	March 30
Michael Byrne (61)	March 30
Jaroslav Lewkowski (57)	March 31

**GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION**

The final Initiative that the Family Program is pursuing is the “Good Friday Family Promotion”. During Lent, it would be wonderful if all Blessing Council Brother Knights would participate in as many Parish activities as possible, including attending “Stations of the Cross”. Check your Parish Bulletins for details. Traditionally, the Knights of Columbus always prays for “Persecuted Christians,” so please consider saying that prayer, on the final page of this newsletter, during Lent on a daily basis. I’ve asked the Pastors of the four parishes we serve to recite this prayer at their individual Congregations at Good Friday Service.

Bill Jakabek  
Family Director

*“Bow down, then, before the power of God now, so that he may raise you up in due time.” – 1 Peter 5:6*

**FAITH IN ACTION EVENTS FOR 2021-22****FAITH – Director, Neil Fidler**

- RSVP – Support of Seminarians - COMPLETED
- Novena and for canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney - COMPLETED
- Maintenance of Domestic Church Kiosks - ONGOING
- Marian Prayer Breakfast/Living Rosary – COMPLETED
- Novena for Persecuted Christians - COMPLETED

**FAMILY – Director, William Jakabek**

- Food for Families - COMPLETED
- Consecration to the Holy Family - COMPLETED
- Good Friday Family Promotion (Lent 2022)
- Reinstitution of “Knight Out” - ONGOING

**LIFE – Director, Paul Lemek**

- Pregnancy Center Support - COMPLETED
- Silver Rose Prayer Service - COMPLETED
- Novena for Life - COMPLETED
- Planned Parenthood Protest/Rosary Prayers during 40 Days for Life campaign - COMPLETED

**COMMUNITY – Director, John Pizzo**

- Annual Car Show at SSJP - COMPLETED
- Funny4Funds Comedy Show - COMPLETED
- Coats for Kids (Nov-Dec) – COMPLETED
- Veterans Park Maintenance - ONGOING

Thank you for all you do!

Paul Lemek  
Program/Life Director

**SUPREME CHAPLAIN’S CHALLENGE**

**March 2022**



**As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” But he did not know what he was saying. ... Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.” (Gospel for March 13, Lk 9:33, 35)**

Having witnessed the Transfiguration, the three apostles did not want to leave the mountaintop. But as the vision ends, God’s voice directs them back to Jesus, who takes them back down the mountain. We might wish in our own lives for extraordinary experiences or “spiritual highs,” but even if we are granted such experiences, we are not meant to cling to them. Brothers, may we be grateful for these enriching moments, if and when they come, but remember that we fulfill our God-given mission primarily within the daily duties of our ordinary lives.

**Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:** This month, I challenge you to withdraw from your normal routine each day to spend some time alone with God’s word by reading and reflecting on the Gospels. Second, I challenge you to assist your council in planning for the Faith in Action Spiritual Reflection program.

**Questions for Reflection:**

Do you tend to seek one emotional religious experience after another, yet feel less motivated to live your faith in between these experiences? Do you recognize the Christian witness you must fulfill in your daily duties as a man, a husband, a father, and in your ordinary work and social interactions? Do you set aside time to participate in a spiritual retreat every now and then to reinvigorate your spiritual life?

*“Then, speaking to all, He said, ‘If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross every day and follow me.’ – Luke 9:23*



**PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS**

O God of all the nations,  
the One God who is and was and always will be,  
in your providence you willed that your Church  
be united to the suffering of your Son.  
Look with mercy on your servants  
who are persecuted for their faith in you.  
Grant them perseverance and courage  
to be worthy imitators of Christ.  
Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations  
to work for peace among all peoples.  
May your Spirit open conversion  
for those who contradict your will,  
that we may live in harmony.  
Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom,  
and to always seek your will in our lives.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
*Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.*

*Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain*

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*“The nearer you go to God; the nearer God will come to you.” – James 4:8*