

# The Knightly News

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## Monthly Newsletter

**June 2020**

### IMPORTANT DATES IN JUNE

Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Officers' Meeting, 7:30 PM via Zoom  
 Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> – General Business Meeting, 7:30 PM via Zoom  
 Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – Flag Day  
 Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – Corpus Christi

### Grand Knight's Message

My dear brothers, may our Lord God be praised! For He heard your prayers and blessed my wife and I with a beautiful strong baby girl Obioma (good heart) on Friday, May 22, 2020. My family and I extend our gratitude and appreciation for your prayers, support and encouragement. I was also informed by the Worthy Financial Secretary Roger Williams, that your support continued to my reelection for a second term as your Grand Knight. I am humbled for your trust in me as the CEO of the marvelous Council 4522 Pope John Paul II Council.

Lest I forget, let me use this opportunity to inform you in case you have not heard that we will need to recruit a new Chaplain. The Bishop of Arlington diocese has announced his postings and transfers of priests. Our Chaplain has been transferred to Woodbridge effective June 25. The priest from Woodbridge Rev. Fr. Diaz is transferred to Queen of Apostles. We will need to ask him to be our chaplain and cultivate his relationship with us.

My brothers, the VA state annual meeting has come and gone, elections of state officers was held, and the incoming State Deputy has made all his appointments. Council 4522 has been awarded the State Deputy award, and the 19/20 fraternal year is coming to an end. Fraternal year 20/21 will continue to provide great opportunities and hopefully, achievements, including continuing the processes necessary to move our station to the Queen of Apostles campus, recruiting new members, and building a strong presence in the Queen of Apostles community. The work ahead will need the hand and support of each council member. Remember, alone, breaks easily, together builds a strong bond.

I know that the election of council members was held on Wednesday, May 27, 2020. I did not participate in the election because that was my daughter's first doctor's

visit. The election committee will be reporting on the election, as such I will not disrespect their work in my message. However, I thank them for the particularly important work they did and I dismiss them from their charge as members of the election committee.

Let me conclude by asking you to start preparing for the sending-off of our Chaplain, Fr. Juan and the welcoming of our probable Chaplain, Fr. Diaz. Remember, as Knights we are the extension of the arm of the priest. Our Bishop has spoken, so we must follow. All of the priests at Queen of Apostles have been transferred to Our Lady of Angels in Woodbridge. May we start with prayers for them and for our incoming priests. May the Lord our God guide and keep you always in Jesus' gracious name. Stay well, be safe, healthy, and blessed!

### Knight of the Month

Our Knight of the Month, long overdue, is Dennis Brown, PGK, PFN, FDD. Brother Dennis is an exemplary Knight. He has dutifully served our Council and the community for over 25 years. Brother Dennis recently transferred to the Holy Spirit Council; but remained in his current position as Recording Secretary to complete his term, at the request of the Grand Knight. He has participated on and led numerous committees throughout his tenure and served in many officer positions, including two terms as Grand Knight here at the Council. The Council is grateful for his dedicated service here at 4522 and wishes him the best going forward at Holy Spirit. Brother Dennis, congratulations on being named Council 4522's June 2020 Knight of the Month!



**Family of the Month (and thanks)**

Shepherds of the “Family of Families,” Queen of Apostles’ Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Reverends Juan Espino, Ignacio de Ribera, Javier O’Conner and Jamie de Cendra are the Council’s Family of the Month for June 2020. Queen of Apostles Catholic Church has been blessed to have the stability of the Disciples for the last seven years. The Council has shared in those blessings, as Fr. Vives, then Fr. Juan, provided spiritual support and direction as our Council Chaplains. The Disciples have been incredibly supportive of the Knights of Columbus and our Council, allowing us to get a strong foothold in the parish—which will provide for many new Knights and more opportunities to help those in need.

As you have probably heard, Bishop Burbidge recently announced new clergy assignments for the Diocese, and sadly, the Disciples will be leaving us for the Our Lady of Angels parish in Woodbridge in late June. In the meantime, let us give thanks for their spiritual guidance and support for our “family” and remember them always in our prayers. Once again, congratulations (and many thanks) to our June 2020, Family of the Month.

**In case you missed it!****MIRACLE APPROVED****Father McGivney to be Beatified**

On May 27, The Vatican announced Pope Francis had approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, a Connecticut priest who served his flock during the pandemic of 1890, before himself becoming ill and dying of pneumonia. [Read More.](#)

**Officer Election Results FY 2020-2021**

Pope John Paul II Council 4522 Officer Elections were held via Zoom on May 27, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. Brother Daniel Penrose, on behalf of the nomination committee, conducted the special meeting and the election proceedings. The Council thanks the outstanding work of the Nomination Committee—Brother Daniel Penrose, SK Vincent Guevara, and PGK Roger Williams. Your slate of officers for next year, commencing July 1, 2020, are as follows:

Grand Knight - Patrick Okoronkwo  
Deputy Grand Knight – Daniel Penrose  
Chancellor – Vincent Guevara  
Recording Secretary - John Cosgayon  
Treasurer – Rich Lamarre  
Warden – Joseph King  
Inside Guard - Leo Weston  
Outside Guard - Tobias Amadi  
Advocate – Ron Plavchan  
3rd Year Trustee – James (Jay) Moore

**For the Casey Club**

President: Roger Williams  
Vice President: James (Jay) Moore  
Treasurer: Craig Delaney  
Secretary: John Cosgayon

Congratulations gentlemen and thank you in advance for your service and support in the upcoming year!  
God Bless you and your families!

**Men on a Mission by Joseph McInerney  
Special Reprint in Celebration of Father’s Day**

Suppose you had a choice: your dream car with all the options and a summer home on the shore, or a life of daily toil spent with persons you truly love and who truly love you. Which would you choose? Think twice.

The answer lies in what really makes you happy. If there is more to happiness and fulfillment than material comfort, where can we turn to find the truth about these things? While there is always a limit to the number of things you can accumulate, or cars you can fit on your driveway, there is no limit to the amount of happiness a human heart can receive – or give. The same is true for love.

Ultimately, the human heart reaches out to the infinite and eternal love of God. The Second Vatican Council tells us that we should look to Jesus Christ to find the meaning of human fulfillment. “Christ...in the very revelation of the mystery of the Father and of his love, fully reveals man to himself and brings to light his very high calling” (*Gaudium et Spes*, 22).

**Mission: Redemption**

Christ’s role on earth can be depicted in terms of a mission. God the Father sends his only begotten Son into the world to reconcile it to himself. In other words, the mission of Jesus is nothing less than to save the souls of all people from all time. Christ achieves this

mission through his roles as priest, prophet, and king. As the perfect priest, Christ offers himself as the perfect sacrifice for the salvation of all humanity. As a prophet, he bears God's message of reconciliation to the world, teaching about God's love and mercy. As king, he rules the universe, exercising his authority through service and humility.

The mission of the modern-day father, like that of Christ, is the salvation of souls. The difference between them is the fact that Christ's mission is universal, concerned with the salvation of all mankind. The father's mission is concerned primarily with the salvation of his own family. Despite the difference in scope, the father has the same methods at his disposal to achieve this mission of salvation.

Through his share in Christ's grace in the sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony, a father shares the grace of Christ's death and resurrection with his children. He is also a priest in the sense that he brings his children to the sacraments, giving them a direct share in the grace of Christ. The father is a prophet – the bearer of God's message – to his children by fulfilling his obligation to teach them the Catholic faith.

Lastly, he performs Christ's kingly function as the spiritual head of his family. This headship is always exercised in a Christian manner, rather than a worldly manner. A father's obligation to lead his family in holiness is not a call to domination, but to service.

### **A Father's Fulfillment**

Each week at Mass when reciting the Gloria, we learn that Christ alone is the holy one. In living out the vocation of fatherhood, a man is called to imitate the holiness that led Christ to give his entire self for the love of his brothers and sisters. At its root, then, fatherhood is a call to holiness. The example of Christ shows that holiness consists in the radical gift of oneself for the sake of others.

Fatherhood is the mission that allows a man to give of himself unreservedly. Thus, it is through fatherhood that most men will find their greatest happiness. To avoid fatherhood for the sake of that dream car, or that special summer home, is to cheat yourself out of one of life's most rewarding experiences. By calling men to make a gift of themselves to others, God calls fathers to a life of remarkable holiness, indescribable happiness, and true fulfillment.

Reprinted from <http://www.fathersforgood.org> Joseph McInerney, a graduate of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family, lives in Springfield, Va., with his wife and five children. He is also a member of Springfield Council 6153.

### **Don't Forget to Fly Your Flag!**

*Flag Day* is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The United States Army also celebrates its' birthday on this date. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1946, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress, although it is not an official federal holiday.



### **The Life of St. John Paul II**

The late 1970's were a turbulent time for the leadership of the Roman Catholic Church. It was typified by the "September Papacy" of Pope John Paul I. Albino Luciani (John Paul I) was only the pope from the end of August 1978 until the end of September of that same year. When elected, the leadership of the church was probably hoping for a steady hand to guide the church through the implementation of the recent Vatican II reforms. This was not meant to be however, and Karol Wojtyla was elected pope on just the fourth ballot of the conclave in October of 1978.

Karol Wojtyla often referred to himself a successor to St. Stanislaw, and now he proceeded from the See of St. Stanislaw (Krakow) to the See of St. Peter (Rome). St. Stanislaw holds a place of great importance to Polish Catholics as he did to Wojtyla himself.

St. Stanislaw was appointed as the Bishop of Krakow in 1072. During his tenure, he had a fierce disagreement with king Boleslaw, this eventually ended with the king's excommunication from the church. Angry at this action the king eventually had the Bishop killed while he said mass, and had his body quartered. Legend has it that his body was miraculously reintegrated, and it lies today in a sarcophagus in the Wawel Cathedral in Krakow.

The themes of speaking religious truth to political power resonated throughout Wojtyla's time in Poland, and of course will continue into his life as pope. Furthermore, the reintegration theme was almost certainly not lost on him and the remainder of Polish Catholicism for a country that had been so badly divided in every sense of the word for the greater part of the last century.

### Pro-Life Update

Now that the Alexandria Women's Abortion Clinic has moved to the 4th floor of 5999 Stevenson Avenue, pro-life advocates have been reaching more women than ever before—praying on the sidewalk and connecting women, who are interested, to helpful resources while respecting social distancing.

Many Pregnancy Health Centers (PHC) have had to temporarily close during the COVID-19 pandemic. 24-Hour Hotline counsellors have been frustrated when not able to connect a woman to a local PHC in their area who can offer immediate help. Sidewalk Counselors also didn't feel confident they could connect women to resources that were open. As the angst rose, amazing women stepped up—the very directors of the PHC or Programs that deliver services. We recognize:

The Director of the Office of Family Life and Respect Life for the Diocese of Arlington, along with the Directors of the individual programs that provide essential support to women during pregnancy and healing after abortion; Director of the Assist Pregnancy Center; and the Director of the Pregnancy Ultrasound in Fairfax.

All these amazing women, Therese, Amy, Sarah, Jo, Maria, and LeeAnna have sacrificed their personal time by allowing their personal cell phone number to be accessed should a woman facing a challenging pregnancy need immediate assistance. This has enabled the sidewalk counselors to be confident that they can truly help a woman explore options and get the help they need by women who run these wonderful programs. We need to bring women to them so they can help them! Here is some of what we can offer even when most PHCs are closed:

Free sonograms at <https://3dand4d.com/>

PHC: Resources and free sonogram at <https://metrowomensva.com/covid-19-updates>

Gabriel Project: <https://helpforpregnantwomen.org/en/contact-us?>

Project Rachel: <https://helpafterabortion.org/home>

The Alexandria Women's Clinic is losing clientele because there are sidewalk angels praying for these women. The Clinic is getting desperate having called the Police on several occasions only to be told the counselors are doing nothing illegal. They practice social distancing and do not harass anyone. If a woman is not interested in receiving information (or taking a picture of our brochure) they immediately turn away. There have been so many appreciative women who have thanked us for receiving information about free sonograms, counseling options and post-abortion care, all of which are not provided by the Clinic.

The busiest days are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings. Please consider coming out and safely standing in support of women facing a difficult situation. Show them that you care. Pray for them so they can have the courage to reach out and get connected to people who genuinely want to help them make their situation better...not worse. It is essential that there are at least two people on the sidewalk in case a woman wants to talk with a sidewalk counselor.

If you are interested, send SK Larry Cirignano and email at [larryvote@gmail.com](mailto:larryvote@gmail.com) and he will ensure someone can meet up with you so that together you can safely stand and pray together. And if you are not able to physically be present on the sidewalk, consider coming to Park & Pray! Your prayers are needed so that the right message is spoken by the sidewalk counselor to give a woman back her hope or start the healing after an abortion.

Lastly, don't miss the next Praise & Worship Holy Hour on June 9, 2020 from 7:30-8:30 pm *featuring musician Sara Prince with Deacon Marques Silva as homilist!* Please join in to pray for the special intention of healing and conversion of families and for an end to the Covid-19 crisis. To join in on June 9th click: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoGr0W4778Nadt6vmAlhhow>

Again, if you have any other questions, please contact SK Larry Cirignano at [larryvote@gmail.com](mailto:larryvote@gmail.com) or (202) 306-6863.



**Casey Women’s Club**

The year 2020 started with a world-wide Pandemic, bringing death, grief, churches, schools, businesses closed and self-isolation. Thankfully, through our prayers, all our members are well and coping with the restrictions of our everyday lives. I often reflect on St. Pio’s motto “Pray – Hope – Don’t Worry”

The year 2020 is also a momentous year for the Casey Women’s Club of the John Paul II Council; it is our 60th Anniversary, organized to assist and support the Knights of the Council. Due to self-isolation we are slow in our efforts in plans for this special occasion. As our plans become solidified, additional information will be forthcoming.

Be Safe – Stay home – Pray!  
 God Bless us all,  
 Connie King, President



**Happy June Birthdays!**



Daniel Restivo	06-01
Walter F Glowicki	06-02
Robert L McMurrer	06-04
Philip J Moser	06-05
James William Amos	06-08
FS Roger L Williams	06-08
Patrick T James	06-10
PGK Joseph M Roney	06-11
Stephen W Nary	06-12
Jordan Andrew Ryan	06-16
Daniel J Stessalavage	06-16
MAJ Robert J Ulses	06-16
PGK John V Wenderoth	06-18
Michael M Hadeed Sr	06-19
Vicente L Guevara	06-22
Martin Oppus	06-24
Hilowe Tesfa	06-27



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**The submission deadline for the July 2020 Newsletter is June 20th**

MAY THE HOLY NAMES OF JESUS BE PRAISED AND HONORED BY ALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND MAY IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY RULE IN ALL OF OUR HEARTS UNTIL WE ATTAIN TO EVERLASTING LIFE! AMEN! ST. JOSEPH AND ST. DOMINIC, ORA PRO NOBIS!

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