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The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day he created Spring. - Bernard Williams

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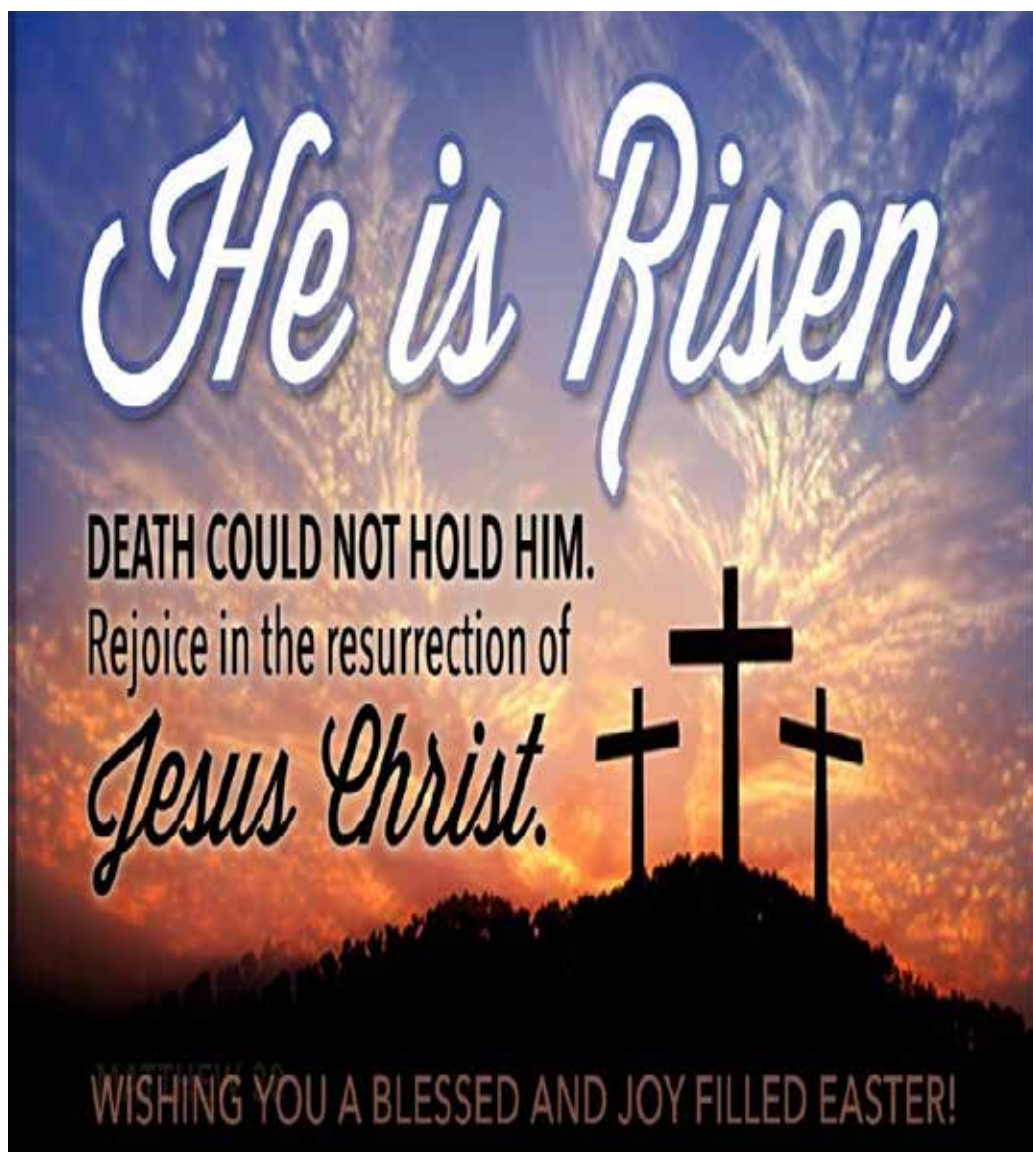
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## State Deputy's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

"Tempus Fugit" is the Latin phrase which means "time flies" - and it's certainly true! It's hard to believe it, but we are now entering the last quarter of the Columbian year.

Accordingly, this is the time of the Columbian year, which councils should assess their progress toward obtaining the Star council award. Most active council will find that reaching these goals is reasonably obtainable. Sometimes they miss getting the award because of something simple. It could be by not sending a form in to Supreme, or not attending a fraternal benefits night, or not getting a few new members. These near misses can be avoided by strong communications between the District Deputies and Grand Knights. So, let's assess our star council status and do our best to achieve our success.

The State Membership Team is working hard and is always available to assist you. Please feel free to contact any one of our diligent Membership team members: Peter Lehr, Jim Funaro, Michael Tully, William Kuil, and Carl Schneider. Also, consider reaching out to the Membership team member in your conference area.

Please add to your calendar two more **McGivney Statue** dedications and blessings.

- May 18 - following the 11 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Shrine pilgrimage in Manorville (Suffolk County).
- May 25 - following the 11 AM Mass at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre (in Nassau County).

As you probably realize, these statues are an outstanding way to honor our founder. So, please feel free to join us at these dedications as we continue to pray for his canonization as a saint of the Catholic Church. Again, my heartfelt thanks go to Father Michael Gelfant, Lou Pepe and Joe Cerato for their diligent efforts on this meaningful accomplishment.

Easter Sunday is only a few weeks away. So, from my family to yours: Happy Easter!

As always, keep up the good work. I am rooting for you!

Yours in Friendship & Fraternity,  
Anthony Ippolito  
New York State Deputy





Dear Brother Knights,

We find ourselves in the midst of this Holy Season which accompanies the journey of the Christ towards the ultimate victory of life over sin and death. The empty tomb witnesses God's divine fulfillment of the covenant with Abraham, Issac, and Jacob. The Divine Son was sent to be the Savior of humanity. The Gospels relate the suffering accepted by Jesus that He might spare us from eternal judgment. Throughout the Easter-tide they remind us of the appearances of Christ to his apostles and disciples.

What occurs after the Ascension is related to us about the mission of the early church in the Acts of the Apostles. (This is the only time in the liturgical calendar that the first reading is taken from the New Testament.)

It is important for us to recall that like Christmas, Easter is season which lasts from Sunday to the Feast of Pentecost. It is a perfect time for us to read this second work of Luke which is the historical account of Saints Peter and Paul as well as other disciples.

It tells of the sufferings of early believers. It is an intimate account of the workings of the Church and its needs. Again and again it gives witness to the presence of the Holy Spirit and how it accounts for the growth in the number of the faithful. It tells how the early leaders deal with issues at the first Council of Jerusalem. Conflicts were present but resolved through dialogue and prayer. In one case, we see the Apostles calling seven disciples to the mission of deacon to care for those who are poor and to contribute to the spread of the faithful.

As our Order has initiated Cor it is a wonderful opportunity to examine the context of the Acts. For those not yet acquainted with Cor it is appropriate to do a spiritual exercise reading of the origins of our Faith community.

Let us rejoice in the Risen Christ who died for us and has been raised for us.

Vivat Jesus,

Father Brian  
Administrative State Chaplain



## HOW GREEN IS YOUR COUNCIL?

Make these last few months count! There are **less than 100 days** to the end of the Columbian Year. The

State membership is **less than 1000 new members** to goal.

Has your Council achieved **all** its objectives this year? If yes, the report turns **GREEN**

Did you meet your membership Growth goal, did you complete your forms on programs, fraternal sessions safe environment and have you filled out all the required forms on member management and sent them in. **HOW GREEN IS YOUR COUNCIL**,

**If you have NOT met your goals, you still have time. Here are resources to help you.**

**Where does your council stand. Discuss at your meeting with your DD & GK & FS. How can you help?**

**Become a Fisher of Men by extending the hand of brotherhood to more Catholic men!**

New incentive from Supreme **[Click here](#)** for the incentive rules.

Three **new** videos to show at recruitment events and council programs are available for download on Supplies Online (log into **[Officers Online](#)** and click on the Supplies Online icon). These videos focus on brotherhood, faith, and charity. Each provide powerful messaging about why men should join the Order. These videos are also available on our **[YouTube channel](#)** and can be shared online and via email and text message. Check on the forms needed for **[Star Council Award](#)**.

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### **Council PROGRAM FORMS Links**

- **[Refund Support Vocations Program - Doc ID: 2683 - Due: 6/30](#)**
  - **[Annual Report KofC Round Table Coordinator - Doc ID: 2629 - Due 6/30](#)**
  - **[Coats For Kid Program - Doc ID: 10588 - Due: As Needed](#)**
  - **[Family of the Year - Doc ID: 10680 - Due: As Needed](#)**
  - **[Food For Families Report Form - Doc ID: 10057 - Due: 6/30](#)**
  - **[Global Wheelchair Mission Report Form - Doc ID: 10071 - Due: As Needed](#)**
  - **[Habitat for Humanity - Doc ID: 10092 - Due: As Needed](#)**
  - **[Matching Funds for NY Elementary Schools / Religious Education - Due: 6/1](#)**
  - **[State Council Service Program Awards Entry Form -: As Needed](#)**
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**Thank you for all your Hard Work!**

Worthy Brothers All,

We will soon gather together for the 130th Annual New York State Council Knights of Columbus Convention. Have you done your part in making Programs a success? Have you sent (to the NY State Council office or me) in the appropriate forms to make your programs known and continue to work together for the good of our Church, Community and our Beloved order?



Let this be the year that your council wins a State Service Program Award!!!!

***WE NEED YOU to make Programs a success. WE NEED YOU to be proud of your programs and “blow your own horn”.***

***WE NEED YOU to submit the appropriate forms to the appropriate person.***

***WE NEED YOU!!!!***

Thank you Worthy State Deputy Anthony Ippolito and all of my Brother Knights for your dedication and support to the Programs of the New York State Council Knights of Columbus.

Continue to amaze us with your unending support and dedication.

Vivat Jesus!!

Thank You,

Brian Langdon

New York State Council  
Knights of Columbus  
Program Director



I greatly appreciate the opportunity to write to you on behalf of our training team this month. Almost two years ago our State Deputy approached me regarding joining the training team, I had my reservations. He told me he wanted things to be a little bit different, and that he was going to put a lot of emphasis toward this effort. Then he added the



kicker, he was naming Steve Driscoll as the training director. He also stressed that Mike Murtha would be on the team. That statement was sufficient. I have been acquainted with both Steve and Mike for several years and have always admired their collaborative efforts and their approach to life. I knew right away things are going to be a bit different. And then the team started to grow and grow and grow. New ideas, new approaches and very creative strategies were used, and the team was actually enjoying working together. We were never bored, On the contrary, many times I felt as if I was trying to hold on to the tail of a mighty tiger, full of energy and creativity. I knew this was going to be an experience. I have to say that this was one of my favorite experiences during my tenure as a Knight of Columbus. I was given the opportunity to work with men that I had never worked with before. I was challenged to do things that I had never done before. And I have to say I enjoyed every moment of it. I am very thankful to our State Deputy for giving me this opportunity. I am very grateful to all the members of this dedicated and talented team, working together has been a tremendous amount lot of fun and I feel an experience few will ever forget.

I do wish that I could have helped a few more financial secretaries during these two years. I was able to work with many using electronic media and had a lot of success – but I wish that more requested the help. I feel there is a tremendous need that somehow needs to be addressed – most seem to prefer the one-on-one approach but I would recommend at least one large mandatory gathering of FSs (virtual or live) per year – even to just touch base a question.

As this fraternal year draws to a close and a new group awaits its turn at the plate. I thank you all once again and I wish the new team all the very best and I hope they experience the same enjoyment that I had working with such wonderful Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus,

Rick Ditrio



## SUPPORT

At a recent Fourth Degree Assembly, a Brother Sir Knight and I had a conversation about Vocations and what could be done to raise awareness of the need for additional men entering the Priesthood. The concern about a lack of youth involvement in our faith presented itself. In our discussion, he mentioned that the pastor of his parish experienced an uplifting conversation with several high school seniors who were interested in gathering to learn more about their Faith. While I'm not aware of whether anything has happened to date, it brought to mind that we as Knights might look to provide opportunity and support for activities that bring our youth closer to their faith and perhaps the Priesthood and religious life.

The following are random thoughts that could be developed. It is important that a priest would be present at these gatherings.

- Develop a program with your parish priest for High School juniors and seniors based on the Supreme Council's "CORE" Program. Its mission is to focus young Catholic men on Christ and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a commitment to prayer, formation and fraternity.



- Assist the parish or area local Young Catholic Adult group (Age 21 – 35) with their faith and social activities. Speakers, entertainment, refreshments are among the assistance that can be provided. Its mission to bring young men and women together in a Catholic atmosphere.



- Is there a college or university nearby? The council (or District or Chapter) can work with the Newman Club or School Chaplain with a variety of religious and social activities. An informal gathering over a cup of coffee with the chaplain can lead to discussions about Catholic family and priestly life.



The role of the Knights of Columbus can vary in many ways. It could range from the motivation to begin, provision of support and participation of Knights in the activities.

### **REMINDERS**

It is not too late to join the RSVP program of the Supreme Council. Also remember, the RSVP program is also available to men and women who enter professed religious life as Nuns and Brothers. If a participant is needed, just call your Diocesan Vocation Office for help. The Supreme ([www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)) and State ([www.nykofc.com](http://www.nykofc.com)) Websites are helpful as well.

Has your council established a relationship with your participant beyond a Check? If not a letter or invitation to a council event would show your interest and concern for their decision to be a priest.

Today, a vocation to married life is critical to our society and the future of our country. Does your council sponsor events, spiritual and social, that highlight strong Catholic family values?

Got a great vocations story or picture? Send it to me and we can share with others.

Austin Cannon, Jr., PGK, FM, KGCHS

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**Vocations are everybody's business!**



# 2024 C&B Council Awards



## Top Five Councils

<u>Name</u>	<u>Books Sold</u>
1. Msgr. Sherman # 5103	5,170
2. Jamaica #337	1,862
3. Our Lady of Mercy/Joseph F Lamb #5723	1,605
4. Fr. Deveraux #7980	1,191
5. Our Lady of Cenacle #3892	1,070

## Books per Members-Conference Leaders

<u>Conference</u>	<u>Council Name &amp; Number</u>	<u>Books/Mem</u>
Suffolk	Immaculate Conception #928	7.31
Nassau	Our Lady of Mercy/Joseph F Lamb #5723	11.72
Kings	Bishop Thomas V Daily # 17000	10.04
Queens	Jamaica #337	32.11
BMS	St. Helena of the Cross #18332	5.77
Westchester/Putnam	Cardinal Hayes #3995	8.31
Hudson Valley	Triune #2052	5.27
Capital	Hon. Joseph P. Molinar #4989	3.20
Finger Lakes	Fr. Deveraux #7980	14.89
Western	Our Lady of Fatima Shrine #14622	13.38
Central	Sacred Heart #6282	4.98
Northern	Rouses Point #2366	17.38

## Total Sales Category Leaders

<u>Category</u>	<u>Council Name &amp; Number</u>	<u>Books Sold</u>
Over 200 Members	Msgr. Sherman #5103	5,170
116-200	Our Lady of Mercy/Joseph F. Lamb #5723	1,605
76-115	Fr. Deveraux #7980	1,191
51-75	Jamaica #337	1,862
26-50	Rouses Point #2366	851
25 & under	St. Helena of the Cross #18332	138



State Sectary Jim McCue presents  
C & B Bonus Checks to the Brothers of  
Westchester – Putnam



Brothers all,

The Free-Throw Championship season is coming to a close. In January, Councils all across the state held their local events and welcomed youngsters from 9 to 14, along with their parents and families into their athletic facilities. These local events are often held at their local Parishes and are a great opportunity to make connections with families in and around their Parishes and highlight their Faith in Action and involvement in their community.

In February and March, District, Regional and Major Conference levels were held with top scorers advancing through and making their way to the NYS finals of the program which are being held on **April 6<sup>th</sup> at West Point**. There they will get the chance to interact with the members of the West Point, Bishop O'Keefe, College Council as well as Brother Knights from Councils across the state. Unless they possess a military ID, visitors to West Point must have a background check done at the West Point Visitors Control Center. After receiving their pass from the Visitor Control Center guests will enter through the Thayer gate.

At the conclusion of the event, the Council at West Point hosts a cookout for all of the participants and their families. It's a fun time for everyone and highlights our unity and commitment to families and community.

Nick Caputo

Free-Throw Chair



## Convention Information

The NYS Annual Convention will take place this year on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Villa Roma Resort in beautiful Callicoon N.Y. Reservation Forms and Credential information has been sent out to all *Financial Secretaries*. If you are attending the Convention as a Delegate please contact your F.S. for your paperwork. It is imperative that you bring your Credentials with you along with a valid Travel Card to the Convention. When you arrive at the Convention please register upon arrival or at your first opportunity. The sooner the better!

***If you are a current F.S. and you have not received this information from the NYS Council, please contact Executive Secretary Joseph Bonarrigo at the NYS Office , 203 Rockaway Avenue Valley Stream, NY, 11580 Phone: 631-366-3787/88 Fax: 631-366-3786 Email: [NYSkofC@aol.com](mailto:NYSkofC@aol.com) and he will be happy to assist you.***

**Please get your Reservations in as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing many of our Brothers and Delegates at the Convention!**



My Brother Knights,

After what seemed to me to be a long cold winter, spring has finally arrived! April is always such a welcomed month, the first month

where we get that hint of what is to come. It is a month of renewal and revival. It is only fitting that this year we celebrate Easter in April as well. It is no coincidence that the natural world parallels our spiritual world. In nature, we enter into winter, a dark period and wait until spring, where everything is awoken and we celebrate the renewal of life with joy and hope. In our spiritual life, we enter into lent and we await Easter, also a time of joy and renewal and transformation, when we celebrate the triumph of life over death, and the promise of what is to come, with the hope of eternal life!

This time of Year our Order is always busy! So many Councils are busy during Lent with Fish Fry's and Membership drives. We are coming into the home stretch for this Columbian Year and there is still a lot of things that need to be done. This is a great time to take a minute to review just all of the good things you have done and put the finishing touches on another wonderful year. Start to prepare those SP - 7 forms and make sure that your Council qualifies for the Star Council Award! There is still time to conduct whatever program you need to complete your year. The NYS Council has lots of resources if you need any assistance! Never hesitate to reach out to your State Team or your District Deputy! Your Councils Success is always our top priority!

Have a very Happy Spring and a very Happy Easter!!

M. Boehm  
NY Knight Life Editor



Congratulations to Brother Deacon Michael Kristan on his promotion of the Restore Health and Wellness Clinic founded by the St. Michael's Family Protection Institute. Brother Michael has worked tirelessly to open the clinic and place an Ultrasound Machine in the clinic with the help of the Bishop John E. McCafferty Council #15118. A Knight since 1985, Mike began his journey with the Niagara Falls Council and is now a Fourth Degree Knight and a member of the Bishop John McCafferty Council #15118 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester. Great work Brother Mike & Council 15118!



Congratulations to Brother Knight Vincent Letteri PGK, FDD, PFN, FM, PCC on reaching the milestone of 50 years as a member of the Knights of Columbus and Patchogue Council 725. Presenting Vinny with his Plaque and Pin is GK Joe Fontana (L) and DGK Anthony Monaco(R).





Members of the NYS Council attended the Annual Lenten Retreat the weekend of March 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Mount Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls, NY. They were led in Prayer by NYS Associate Chaplain Fr. Michael Gelfant PGK.







# WHICH CAME FIRST?

## A Look at Easter's Holy and Worldly Symbols



The original Easter color was red, representing the blood of Christ. Today's Church Easter color is white.

**COLORS**

Hello pastels! Our wardrobes and our M&Ms take on a lighter, less saturated hue at this time of year.

Rabbits are a symbol of fertility and new life. Although not mentioned in the Gospel, it is likely these were borrowed from springtime pagan celebrations as symbols for Easter in the early days of Christianity.

The Easter Bunny spreads joy (and candy) to children by delivering decorated eggs and other gifts. If you bite into a chocolate bunny this year you won't be alone -- 90 million are produced each year.

At Easter, eggs represent Jesus' resurrection. In the 1200s, eggs were forbidden during Lent, so people would decorate them to mark the end of fasting and eat them at Easter.

Eggs have long been linked to pagan celebrations of spring (much like the rabbit). Today, the most popular Easter egg traditions include egg hunts and egg rolls.

Lilies were growing in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus went to pray in his final days.

Daffodils, tulips, and lilies bloom around Easter marking the coming of spring (and allergies!).

Jesus' death is likened to the sacrificial lamb of Passover. Jesus is often called the "Lamb of God."

Lamb is a traditional Easter dish, served as a main course or as a lamb-shaped cake for dessert.

The Paschal candle is lit to remind us Jesus is the light of the world.

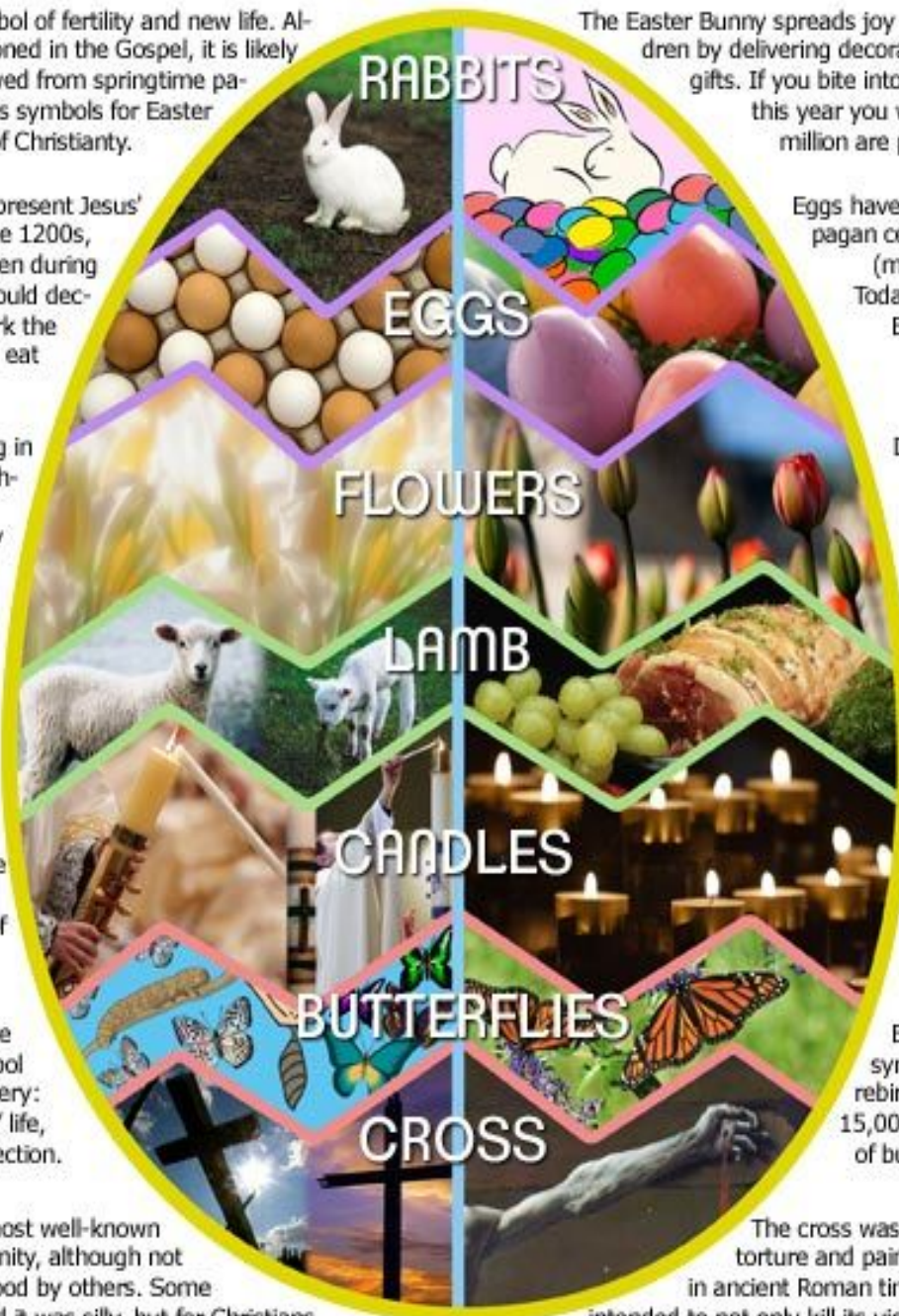
Candles are lit to remember loved ones or those who are suffering.

The life cycle of the butterfly is a symbol of the Pascal Mystery: symbolizing Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

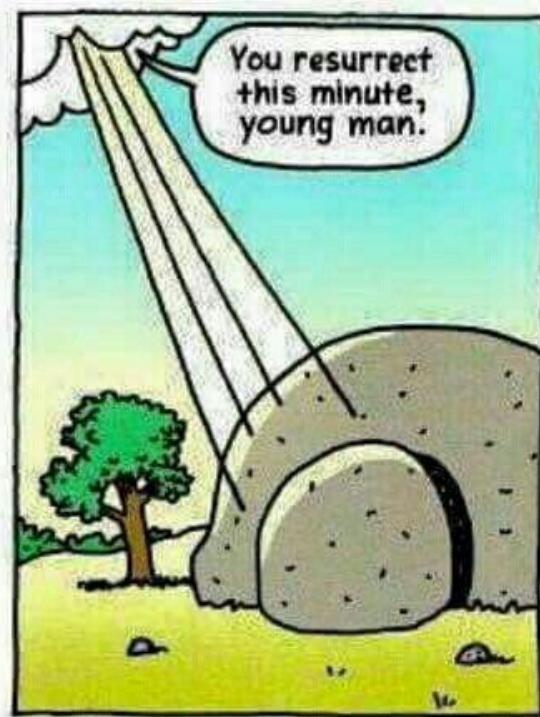
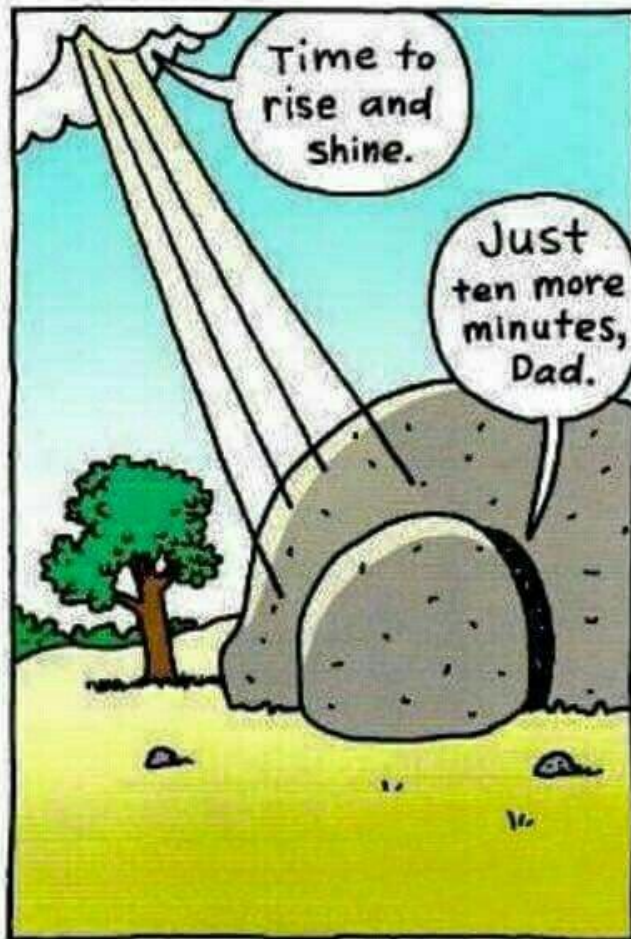
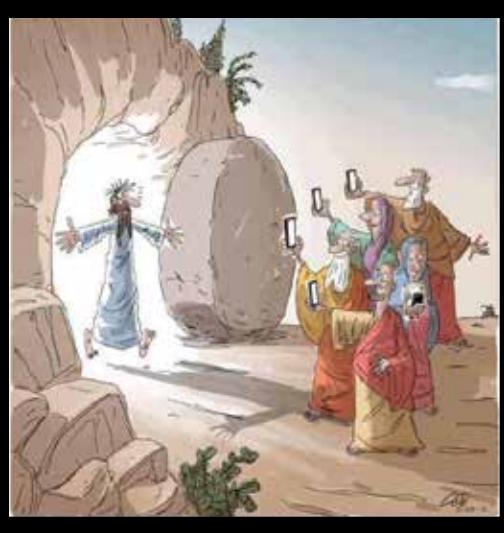
Butterflies have long symbolized renewal or rebirth. There are about 15,000 to 20,000 species of butterflies worldwide.

The cross is the most well-known symbol of Christianity, although not originally understood by others. Some mocked it and said it was silly, but for Christians it represents the power of Jesus' triumph and resurrection.

The cross was used as a device of torture and painful public execution in ancient Roman times. Crucifixion was intended to not only kill its victim, but to terrorize those who were a witness to the brutal and inhumane act.







HAPPY EASTER !



## New York Martyrs Shrine Officially Designated National Pilgrimage Site by U.S. Bishops



AURIESVILLE — Earlier this year, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops announced that [Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine](#) in Auriesville has been designated as a national shrine for pilgrims by the [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops](#). The Shrine was informed of its new official status by Father Dustin P. Doughty, executive director of Secretariat of Divine Worship for the U.S. Bishops, in a letter to Bishop Edward Scharbenberger of Albany, who, in a personal capacity, is chairman of the board of Friends of Our Lady of Martyrs, which runs the Shrine.

In August 2024, the Board of the Friends of Our Lady of Martyrs formally requested that the sanctuary be designated as a National Shrine.

Traditionally known as the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs, the National Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs is located a short distance from the Empire State's capital region and about three hours by car from Manhattan, Boston, and Buffalo. It encompasses the former Ossernenon village where Jesuit priests Saints Isaac Jogues, René Goupil, and Jean de Lalande were martyred in the 1640s. It is also where convert St. Kateri Tekakwitha, known as "The Lily of the Mohawks," was born in 1656.

Opened in 1885, the Shrine has been administered for most of its history by a succession of Jesuit provinces in the northeastern United States and was formally owned by a non-profit corporation named Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, Inc.

In 2017, that foundation transferred the ownership of the Shrine to Friends of Our Lady of Martyrs, a non-profit corporation composed mainly of lay people, diocesan clergy, and other supporters of the Shrine, and chaired in a personal capacity by Bishop Scharfenberger.

"We are delighted that the bishops have confirmed what the faithful have long instinctually known: The National Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs is our home for the cultivation of holiness here in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico," Bishop Scharfenberger said.

"The inspiration of the martyrs in my upstate New York backyard was foundational to my own early calling to the priesthood," he continued. "To this day, I go to the Shrine as a pilgrim to refuel in prayer for God's outpouring of graces in my daily decisions and the lives of the faithful people the Church has entrusted to me."

In 1930, a year before Pope Pius XI canonized the eight North American Martyrs — the three who died in Auriesville and the five who died in Ontario, Canada — a church dubbed the "Coliseum" was built on the grounds of The Shrine.

Constructed according to the tradition of a Roman amphitheater where early Christian martyrs had yet been killed, the round, roofed Coliseum has 70 doors, symbolizing the 70 disciples whom Jesus sent out to proclaim the Gospel in every direction (see Lk 10:1). Built to seat over 8,000 people, it has the largest capacity of any Church building in the western hemisphere.

It was recently filled in October 2023 for the New York State Eucharistic Congress, which featured popular Catholic speakers Peter Kreeft, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus Patrick Kelley, Bishop Joseph Espallat of New York and Catholic Channel Sirius host Katie McGrady, among others. Julie Baaki, Executive Director of Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, described the ongoing relevance of the Shrine.



“Pope Francis has said that there are more Christian martyrs in the world today than in the early Church,” Baaki said. “Our National Shrine is a haven where pilgrims come to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters throughout the world as well as for growth in courage for any trials we face as we try to live lives of virtue, grow in faith and try to pass it along.”

“As a wife and mother,” continued Baaki, “I see the fruits of my prayers to the Martyrs in everyday family life, and a superabundance of graces in the testimonies of faithful who visit. Even before this new designation, our Shrine has drawn multitudes from across the country to upstate New York to learn from the faith of the martyrs and Saint Kateri.”

Monsignor Roger Landry, National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the U.S.A. and a Board Member of Friends of Our Lady of Martyrs, said that the Shrine is a place where all Catholics are confirmed in the missionary dimension of the Christian life.

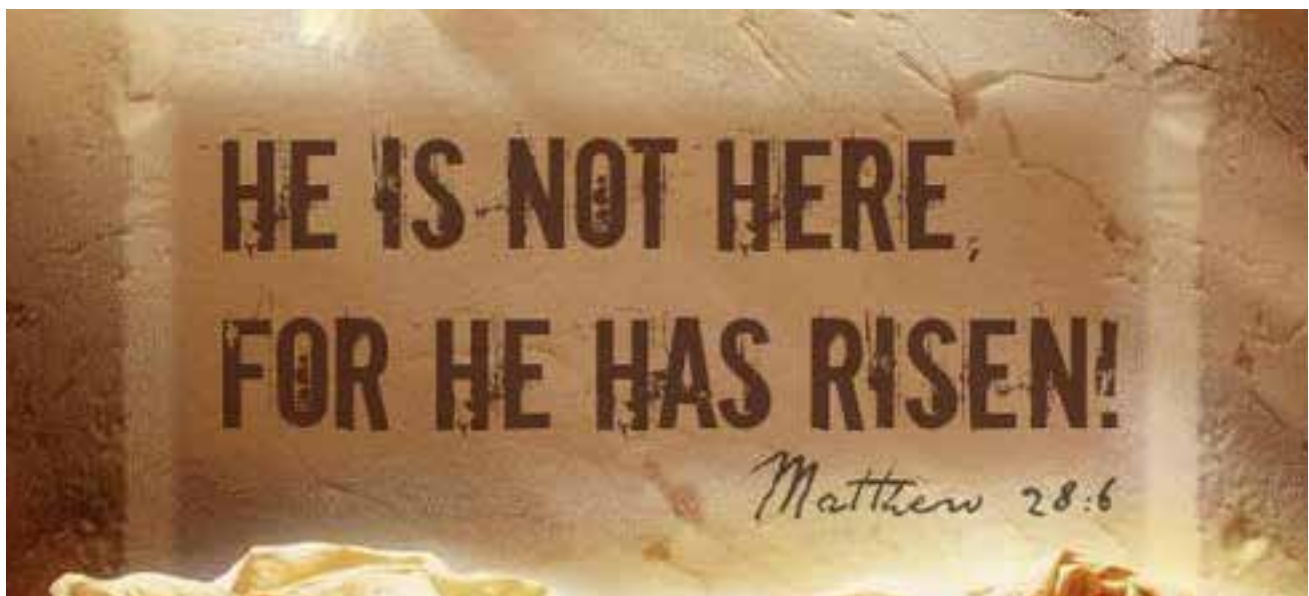
“As Pope Francis repeatedly teaches us, we Catholics do not just have a mission but are a mission. We have been entrusted by Jesus Christ with the completion of his saving mission on earth,” he said.

“It’s therefore impossible not to be impressed by the witness of the great missionary saints Isaac, Rene and Jean, who left their native France to bring the saving Gospel of Jesus and his real presence in the Eucharist to the native peoples of eastern Canada and New York. What they suffered out of love for Christ and for others inspires me and team at the Pontifical Mission Societies to try to support all those who are making similar sacrifices to share Christ and his word across the globe today,” he said.

Landry, who has also served as a chaplain at the Shrine during its summer season, said that the new National Shrine, “because of its association with four great saints and heroes of our faith, probably is, after the tabernacles that adorn our Churches and the souls of newly baptized babies, the holiest place for Catholics in the country.” He urged everyone to visit the Shrine to “experience its enormous spiritual riches” for themselves.

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs will begin its 2025 season on May 3 and will remain open through the feast day of the North American martyrs on October 19. 2025 is the centenary of the North American Martyrs’ beatification. There is a novena to St. Kateri every July 6-14 leading up to her feast and another to the martyrs every October 11-19.

Considered one of the holiest sites in North America, the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs is especially important to Knights in New York, who have made annual pilgrimages there since 1938. In 2015, the New York State Council contributed \$100,000 to renovate the shrine, which had fallen into disrepair; the Supreme Council donated another \$500,000 to the restoration project. If you have never been there before we certainly encourage every Brother Knight who is able to attend to make every effort to do so!





# SAVE THE DATE

PLEASE JOIN THE NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL  
Knights of Columbus  
AT CITIFIELD FOR  
**THE NY METS VS. THE COLORADO ROCKIES**



Vs.



**SUNDAY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2025 AT 1:40 PM**

A Flyer Will Be Circularized Soon



## **MASS & STATUE DEDICATION**

**SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025**

**10:00AM Rosary**

**11:30AM Mass  
Statue Dedication**

**CELEBRANT**

**BISHOP JOHN O. BARRES**



### **SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE ISLAND**

**258 Eastport Manor Road  
Manorville, NY 11949**



**BLESSED MICHAEL J. McGIVNEY  
FOUNDER  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Blessed McGivney statue donated by  
Suffolk County Knights of Columbus**



**NEW DATE!**

## **MASS & STATUE DEDICATION**

**SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025**

**11:00AM**

**CELEBRANT**

**BISHOP JOHN O. BARRES**

### **ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL**

**29 Quealy Place  
Rockville Centre, NY**



**BLESSED MICHAEL J. McGIVNEY  
FOUNDER  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**The parish priest who changed the world.**



**BLESSED MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY**

Parish Priest

Founder

Knights Of Columbus

**The Blessed Michael J. McGivney Church Statue Initiative**

Join the New York State Knights of Columbus, the first jurisdiction to place  
10 statues of Blessed Michael McGivney in the 8 Cathedrals and  
2 Co-Cathedrals of New York State.

Celebrate Blessed Michael McGivney's profound impact on the Catholic Church  
and his remarkable journey toward sainthood.

Commemorate this humble parish priest, who founded the Knights of Columbus  
and is revered for his unwavering faith and dedication to serving others.

**Contributions**

Donations should be payable to "New York State Council Knights of Columbus"  
and sent to SK Louis Pepe, 93 Rapelve St. 4D, Brooklyn, NY 11231.





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# April



**April Fool's Day Apr 1st**



**Palm Sunday Apr 13th**



**Good Friday Apr 18th**



**Easter Apr 20th**

## Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

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



The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild promotes the cause for sainthood of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, who was beatified on Oct. 31, 2020. Members of the Guild, and anyone devoted to Father McGivney, can play an active role in the cause by praying for his intercession in times of need, especially in cases of serious illness, and reporting to the Guild any favors received.

Membership in the Guild is free and open to anyone who is devoted to Father McGivney and wishes to invoke his intercession and assist in his sainthood cause through prayer. Members receive a quarterly newsletter and are remembered in a weekly Mass offered for their intentions.

Catholic men who wish to live out the vision and mission of Father McGivney are invited to join the [Knights of Columbus](#) and become part of a network of charity, unity and fraternity that serves local parishes and communities. Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 in New Haven, Conn., and died at the age of 38 in 1890. His cause for sainthood was opened in 1997, and his heroic virtue was recognized by the Vatican in March 2008, when he was declared a Venerable Servant of God by Pope Benedict XVI.

On May 26, 2020, Father McGivney took another step toward sainthood when Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a [miracle attributed to his intercession](#). With the approval of this miracle, he was beatified on Oct. 31, 2020, with the title of Blessed.

Another miracle through his intercession is needed for him to be canonized as a saint.

Those devoted to Father McGivney are encouraged to recite regularly the prayer for his canonization, which is available online and on a special prayer card. You may Report favors through this website or by email or regular mail at the addresses listed below.

To request a third-class relic or to order devotional items, click on the [online form link](#). Print out the form, fill it out and mail it to the Father McGivney Guild.

The Guild has more than 176,000 members, and you are encouraged to join by filling out and submitting the [online form](#). Please assist in the cause of Father McGivney by spreading the word about this holy and blessed priest.

For more information or to request a prayer card:

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