



Knight Worthy News

St. Joseph Council 10627, High Bridge, New Jersey

A Catholic men's organization promoting Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Family and Patriotism

July 2021

The Grand Knight's Corner

By James McCloskey

Dear Brothers,

It's a great honor to serve as the new incoming Grand Knight starting July 1, 2021. Furthermore, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the council to give a warm thanks to our out-going Grand Knight Mario Bernardo for his two years of service.

There are several areas of focus that are already underway. The first item is that I have been working in partnership with Andrew Rispoli and Father James to address the WiFi challenges that we have faced as a council for many years in both the Church Hall and Upper Room. I am pleased to report that the necessary troubleshooting steps are being implemented to remedy the problem.

Next, as incoming Grand Knight, I have taken the initiative to have a plaque made to honor the many years of CCD service that the late Kathryn Van Nest dedicated to our parish and the community. The idea of the plaque was received by Father James with great enthusiasm and appreciation for such a thoughtful gesture by the Knights. Arrangements will be made to have the Van Nest family be present for the plaque dedication in the Upper Room in the weeks to come.

As the slate of new directors for our council's programs has been established, I thought it fitting and essential to contact Pam, the Human Resource person at Shoprite. Specifically, I wanted to inquire what the future collections for the ARC Program might be in the weeks and months to come. It was clearly stated by Pam that NO collections will be conducted for the remaining part of the year. This policy comes directly from Shoprite's corporate office. This information has already been shared with our outgoing Grand Knight and Tom Corrado, our new Community Director. I felt this communication was especially important to Tom's success in transitioning from Faith Director to Community Director. Lastly, I'm still committed to training Michael Krochta to support the future success of the ARC collections moving forward.

Another important task completed this week was the scheduling of a date for the Installation of New Officers in the fall. The date that was approved with Father James is September 23rd at 7:00 PM. This date just so happens to fall on a Thursday, which is when our monthly meeting normally take place. This was part of my planning for said date.

On the Faith Services front, Andrew Rispoli, our new Faith Director, has gotten off to a great start. He initiated a newsletter, *The Way to our Father* that will be distributed via e-mail to members. He'd already been doing Bible Study sessions for St. Joseph Parish and I felt it was vital to support and attend Andrew's session which took place on June 29th. Several phone calls and texts were made to get our brother knights to attend this important event. The only members in attendance were outgoing Grand Knight Mario Bernardo and myself. Moving forward, it's my hope to get more brother knights to support Andrew's Bible Study sessions. Andrew has also scheduled a Men's Retreat for July 10 which I encourage you to attend (*see page 3*).

Lastly, I plan to be in attendance for our July 22nd Budget Review meeting and provide whatever needed guidance is necessary to firm up our council's 2021-2022 budget requirements.

Vivat Jesus

James McCloskey, Grand Knight



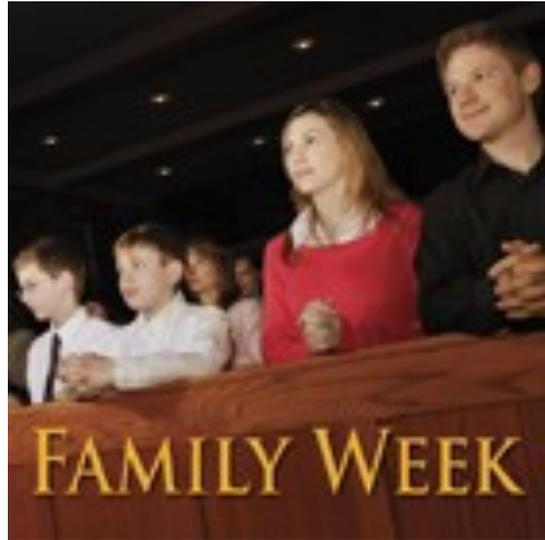


FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Mark your calendars
to celebrate
K of C Family Week

Family BBQ—

St. Joseph Church
Saturday August 7
after 5pm Mass



A Prayer for Christian Fathers

In this Year of St. Joseph

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

Amen.

- *Author Unknown*

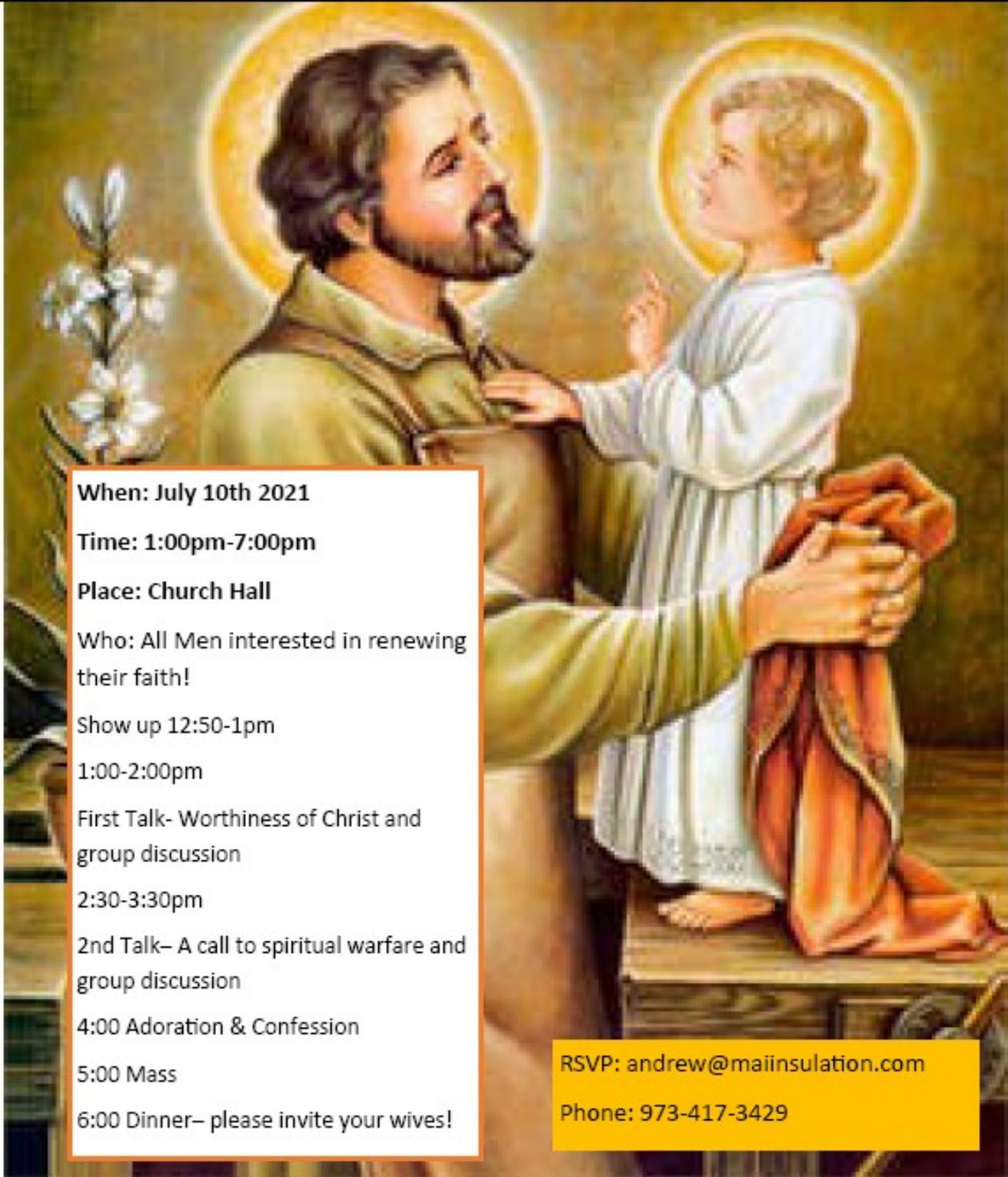


FAITH ACTIVITIES

Knights of Columbus St Joseph Council #10627 Presents

A CALL TO INCREASE OF FAITH

Men's Retreat and Fellowship



When: July 10th 2021

Time: 1:00pm-7:00pm

Place: Church Hall

Who: All Men interested in renewing their faith!

Show up 12:50-1pm

1:00-2:00pm

First Talk- Worthiness of Christ and group discussion

2:30-3:30pm

2nd Talk- A call to spiritual warfare and group discussion

4:00 Adoration & Confession

5:00 Mass

6:00 Dinner- please invite your wives!

RSVP: andrew@maiinsulation.com

Phone: 973-417-3429

LIFE ACTIVITIES

Our Life Director, Rich Mirocco, developed a new “Choose Life” banner that’s displayed on the front of St. Joseph Church. **Thanks brother Rich!**



The Religious Recession



The following is from an April 22, 2021 **Pearls and Irritations** newsletter. The writer, John A. Dick, tells us: “A Gallup poll released on March 29, 2021, indicates that the proportion of Americans who consider themselves members of a church or synagogue has now dropped below 50%. The results highlight a dramatic shift away from religious affiliation in recent years, and among all age groups. When Gallup first asked the question in 1937, church membership was 73%.”

“In terms of US church membership, Protestants show a 9% decline from 73% to 64%. **Catholics, however, have the greatest decline with 58% indicating church membership, which is down 18 points from 76% in a previous Gallup survey from 1998-2000.**”

Mr. Dick suggests several reasons for the decline:

“generalized secularization, clerical sexual abuse, which is not just a Catholic problem . . .” He asserts, *“Many come to church looking for warm living bread but find instead cold old stones . . . mostly because their church experiences too often leave them hungry for spiritual experiences and spiritual nourishment. They are hungry for a taste of the Divine, even when they may not know how to express that hunger.”*

Troubling information, indeed! He offers no solutions, but we can probably all agree that, as Knights, **we** have a particular responsibility, to ourselves, our families and to our church. And, we can hope that our clergy and the Church hierarchy will develop solutions that will encourage all of us to practice our faith.

You can read Mr. Dick’s article at <https://johnmenadue.com/contemporary-religious-recession/>

Fraternal News



In Memory of

Kathryn Van Nest, wife of brother Greg Van Nest died suddenly. She was 44 years old.



Kathryn was an exemplary person and a great friend of Saint Joseph Council. She supported many Knights' activities. As the eighth grade CCD teacher at Saint Joseph's Church, Kathryn organized many of our spelling bee competitions. Kathryn will be missed.

Kathryn's funeral Mass was at St. Joseph Church, on June 7, celebrated by former Pastor Fr. Maurice Carlton, assisted by former Pastor, Fr. Len Rusay and our council brothers, Deacons Tom McGovern and Steve Fortier. If you were unable to attend, the Mass can be seen at

[www.facebook.com/stjoeshb/
videos/2576415725995392](https://www.facebook.com/stjoeshb/videos/2576415725995392)

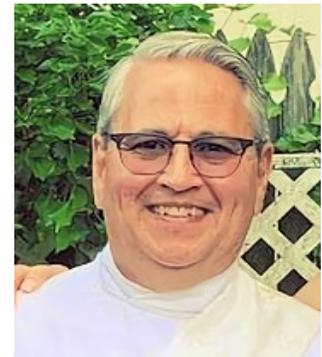
Please pray for brother Greg's and Kathryn's families. May she Rest In Peace

Welcome Brothers!

We are pleased to announce that, in June, two former members of the Council returned to the Order: Deacons Steve Fortier and Tom McGovern. Both were members of St. Joseph Council before being ordained to the Diaconate in the Diocese of Metuchen. Brother Tom was ordained in 2012; Steve was ordained in 2019. They serve their ministries in St. Joseph Parish.



Dea. Tom McGovern



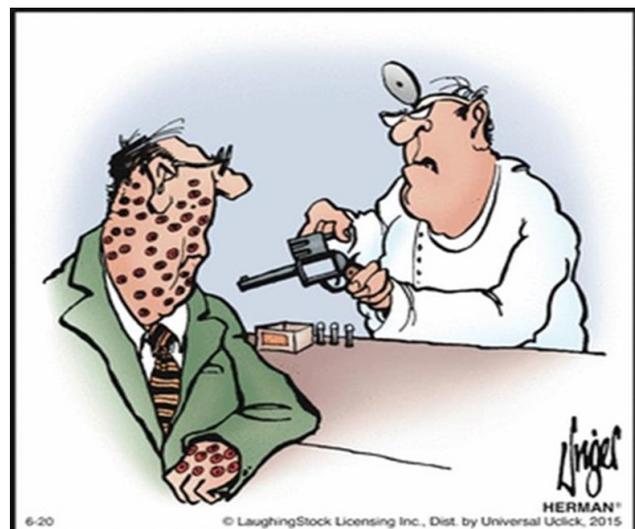
Dea. Steve Fortier

Brother Tom lives in High Bridge with his wife, Anne. Brother Steve also lives in High Bridge with his wife Michelle.



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"I'm sure you'll agree, we don't want an epidemic."



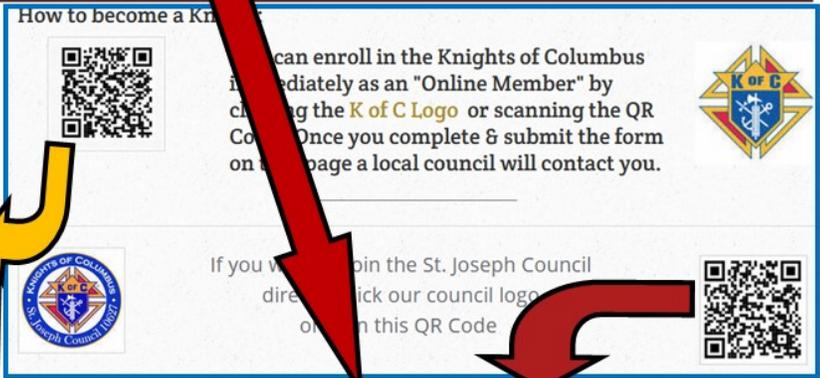
The St. Joseph Council website has been updated to adjust to the needs of visitors using tablets and mobile phones. And, we've adapted our site to make it even easier for men who wish to join the Knights to use the technology available.



Paper "Form 100s" will not be used!

The "Join the Knights" web page now has QR Codes that can be scanned to link a visitor to the correct web page, depending on whether the man wants to become an "online member" or wants to join our council.

Less information is required from an applicant and it can be entered electronically.



JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TODAY!

If you do not live in the United States or Canada, please [click here](#).

Since 1882, membership in the Knights of Columbus has been open to men 18 years of age or older who are "practical" (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. Since that time, the Knights of Columbus has understood "practical catholic" to mean a Catholic who accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the **precepts of the Catholic Church**, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

Fields indicated with * are required.

State/Province:

Name: First Name Last Name

Email:

Confirm Email:

Date of Birth: Month Day Year

Preferred Language:

I am a baptized Catholic male *

I am a practical Catholic *

I agree to abide by the [Laws and Rules of the Knights of Columbus](#), and accept the [Privacy Policy](#).

Captcha: I'm not a robot

On my honor as a Catholic gentleman I declare that the above is true.

PROCEED TO JOIN >



Scouting Outreach

On Friday, June 25th, Scouts received the religious emblem awards they earned through the Diocese of Metuchen at a special Mass celebrated by Fr. John Barbella (Pastor, Sts. Philip & James Parish, Phillipsburg) and St. Joseph Council Chaplain, Fr. James Kyrpczak. Awardees included Scouts (BSA) who earned the Ad Altare Dei award (focusing on understanding of the seven sacraments), and the Pius XII award (focusing on vocations). Girl Scouts who have earned their own Catholic religious awards were in attendance to receive their awards.

Among those receiving the Ad Altare Dei award was Antonio Kalless-er, from St. Joseph Parish, as well as several other Scouts from Troop 121 in Clinton, who are his classmates at Immaculate Conception School. An-thon-y is the son of proud parents Steve & Patricia Kalless-er. Dad Steve is



also St. Joseph Council's Scouting Activity Di-rector and you may remember seeing Steve and Antonio's photos in the July 2020 issue of *Knight Worthy News* as they worked on the flags flying over I-78

(www.kofc10627.org/council-newsletter)

One of the five service projects that Antonio needed to ac-complish was the staining of the gazebo in the Mary Garden behind St. Joseph Church.

Since 12-year old Scouts aren't allowed to work on lad-ders, brother knights may have seen his father, Steve -- **who is afraid of heights** -- looking uncomfortable and unhappy staining the roof, cupola, and fascia boards while Antonio was working away below. (There's no special award for Ste-ve, but for anyone seeking to soothe brother Steve's frayed nerves, you are encouraged to drop off a bottle of single malt Scotch whiskey at the parish office clearly marked "*Ministry for those Disaffected by Irrational Fear of Altitude.*")



Ad Altare Dei Emblem (to the altar of God)

Congratulations Antonio!

A Success and "Thanks!"

Brothers:



Organizing is the easy part; execution is what all of you pull together to do. It simply can't be done on the day of

the event without all you guys doing the heavy lifting! Thanks to all of you who helped. Here is a short bullet point summary of the outing:

- We had 102 golfers, the best turnout ever –up 15% from 2019!
- Even with our strategy NOT to hit all the former "Covid-19 affected" sponsors for donations, 2021 sponsors contributed \$5,325 . . . only 4% less than from 2019 outing.
- Our "better prizes" strategy seemed to work from hearing positive comments although raffle tix sales were up only +7.5%, still good news.
- Table games: Honesty, 50-50, Beat the Pro, Cash Hole in 1, Memorabilia, all performed slightly better than 2019 and were well received.
- **Our NET profit is \$13,936.37 vs \$12,421.35 in 2019—a 12% increase!**
- Once again many thanks to our sponsors, our golfers, and those of you who spent a long day helping out.

(Editor's Note: and special THANKS to YOU, Kevin, for your tireless efforts!)

If anyone has any COMMENTS or suggestions not already given to me . . . please do so ASAP. We have to begin our planning for 2022!

Vivat Jesus!

Kevin Loughney, P.G.K.

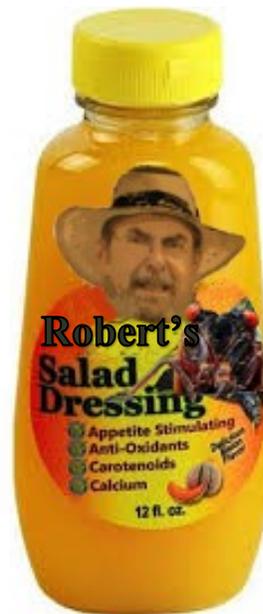
Food Corner

Most of us unknowingly eat a pound or two of insects each year in processed foods like bread and condiments. This year, the roaring Brood X, "17 year cicadas". . . *as many as 1.5M per acre*, provide a great opportunity to enjoy some healthful and protein-rich food! This is the banner year! Brood X is the 'Big one'! (If you missed Brood X, Brood XIV will be here in 2025, so save your recipes!)



Collect them in the morning before their shells harden and blanch them (boil for 4-5 minutes). Nutty-tasting, ready to pop into your mouth or serve in a salad. (Best choice? **Robert's Salad Dressing™** available wherever fine foods are sold!) **Ummm-UM!**

Cicada-Liscious Tacos



- 2 tablespoons butter or peanut oil
- 1/2 pound newly-emerged cicadas
- 3 serrano chilies, raw, finely chopped
- 1 tomato, finely chopped
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 tsp ground pepper or to taste
- 1/2 tsp cumin
- 3 tsp taco seasoning mix
- 1 handful cilantro, chopped
- Taco shells
- Shredded cheddar cheese
- Shredded lettuce
- Robert's Salad Dressing™

Directions:

1. Heat the butter or oil in a frying pan and fry the cicadas for 10 minutes, or until cooked through.
2. Remove from pan and roughly chop into 1/4 inch cubes. Place back in pan.
3. Add the chopped onions, chilies, and tomato, and season with salt, and fry for another 5 minutes on medium-low heat.
4. Sprinkle with ground pepper, cumin, and oregano, to taste.
5. Serve in taco shells and garnish with cilantro, lettuce, cheddar cheese and Robert's Salad Dressing™.

Yield: 2 main course servings.





FAMILY ACTIVITIES

MEMBERS —

Please use the Sign-Up tab on the website if you intend to come and/or to help brother Chris.

You're Invited to a



Parishioners of St. Joseph
Church are invited to celebrate
Knights of Columbus
Family Week

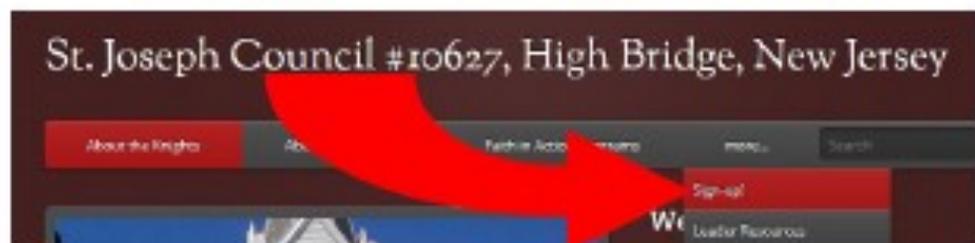


Parish and Council

Family Week BBQ - Saturday August 7 (after 5PM Mass)

It's FREE, but you must sign up no later than August 4 so we'll know how much to prepare!!

Select the **Sign-up!** tab at www.kofc10627.org





ST. JOSEPH
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POTLUCK DINNER



A great time filled with
food & friendship

Bring a dish or
just bring
yourself!

Saturday July 17 after the
5 pm Mass,
in the Church Hall

Visit www.sjchb.org to sign
up or call the Parish Office
at (908) 638-6211.



WHAT WILL
YOU BRING?



A FAVORITE DISH
OR DESSERT?

Dates to Remember

Sunday July 4	Lebanon Boro Parade	Arrive before 10 am	Right to Life Float!
Saturday July 10	Men's Retreat (Wives invited, too!)	1-7PM St. Joseph Church Hall	(See page 3)
Saturday July 17	St. Joseph Parish Pot Luck Supper	After 5pm Mass	Hosted by Deacons Tom & Steve
Thursday July 22	Leadership Meeting	7:00 pm	Assemble 2021-2022 Budget
Saturday August 7	Family Week BBQ	After 5pm Mass	
Tuesday-Sunday August 24-29	Hunterdon 4H Fair	Ringoes	Right to Life Display !
Thursday August 26	Leadership Meeting	7:30 pm	
Friday September 17	NJRTL Banquet	6:30 pm Hyatt Regency New Brunswick	Notify Rich Mirocco if you plan to attend
Thursday September 23	Installation of Council Officers	7:30 pm	

- ◆ **Leadership Planning Meetings** are on the 4th Thursday of each month (7:30 pm in the St. Joseph Church Upper Room). All officers, trustees, directors and activity leaders are encouraged to attend. (Other members are welcomed!)
- ◆ **Regular Membership Meetings** (on the 2nd Thursday if each month) will be resume in September!!

During labor, the pain is so great that a woman... can almost imagine what a man feels like when he has a cold.





Special Notice - St. Joseph Council recognizes and celebrates “milestone's” of members and wives of members (birthdays, wedding anniversary dates and ordination anniversary dates of clergy members). We’ve done that for many years two ways: listing them in ***Knight Worthy News*** and with individual E-cards to members sent on the date of the ‘milestone’. We will continue to list them monthly in ***Knight Worthy News***, but with this new Columbian Year, we are suspending the individual E-cards.



We know that some members appreciate the individual cards because we sometimes receive a ‘thank you’ from the member. **(WE thank YOU if you've thanked us!!!)**

It isn't because we don't care. The E-Cards are just a lot of work!

Thank you for understanding!

Happy Birthday!

Shirley Scarponi July 4
 Joseph Maretta July 5
 Tim Waldron July 9
 Caryn McKay July 10
 Sarah Hall July 12
 Jill Gallico July 16
 Chris Dietrich July 16
 Theresa O'Shea July 26
 Lisa Buckley July 30

Happy Anniversary!

Wayne & Virginia Lloyd
 July 11
 Joe & Jill Gallico
 July 12
 Ed & Julia Schneider
 July 12
 Tom & Carolyn Newman
 July 22
 Matt & Sarah Hall
 July 24
 Tom and Pamela O'Farrell
 July 28
 Mark & Carol Ayotte
 July 29

(Area Code 908 unless otherwise noted)

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