



Knight Worthy News

St. Joseph Council 10627, High Bridge, New Jersey

December
2024

The Nativity - by Lorenzo Lotto 1480-1556





The Advent Wreath

The word “Advent” is from the Latin *Adventus* for “coming” and is associated with the four weeks of preparation for Christmas.

Advent begins on the Sunday after the Solemnity of Christ the King and continues for four weeks until the Christmas Vigil Mass.

Candles symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son.

We prepare the way by lighting a candle daily, and saying the prayer for the week as a family.

Week 1: **HOPE**

The Prophet Candle, Jesus is coming

O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Week 2: **PEACE**

The Bethlehem Candle, Mary and Joseph’s Journey

O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds through Christ our Lord. Amen..

Week 3: **JOY**

The Shepherd Candle, The Joy the World Experienced at the coming birth of Jesus

O Lord, we beg Thee incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Week 4: **LOVE**

The Angel Candle, “Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards Men”

O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grand Knight's Message

Worthy Brothers,

Hopefully, everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. It is a great holiday to have family come together and share a meal. I know sometimes with how busy everyone is and depending on where your family might live, this might be the only time of year that you see some of your family so it makes this holiday even more important for families to sit down and share a meal with each other.

On November 15th, our brother, friend, and Warden Jim Codd passed away. I have good memories of Jim since I became a Knight. Jim was very active in our Council and normally at Council meetings and always helping with events. If our Council was serving food, Jim was always there running that part of the event. It will not be the same without Jim the next time we have a meeting or event, especially if we are serving food. Please pray for Jim and his family during this difficult time. ***There will be a memorial Mass for Jim on Saturday, December 14th at 8:00am at St. John Neumann Church in Califon.***

Our Council had a collection for "Thanksgiving for the Needy" on the weekend of November 9th and 10th at St. Joseph's Church. The total amount collected and donated was \$1,127.10. We used this money to purchase ShopRite gift cards which were delivered to the Open Cupboard Food Pantry in Clinton by our Food for Families Activity Leader, Don Branflick, and myself before Thanksgiving. The Food Pantry will distribute these ShopRite gift cards to clients of the pantry as needed. Thank you for all your generous donations. Thank you to those brothers who continue to pickup the food at ShopRite in Clinton and deliver those items to the Food Pantry twice a week.

We will be planning to distribute winter coats that we purchase through the Coats for Kids program at some point this month. Our Council will be supporting Life Choices in Phillipsburg and Friendship Center for New Beginnings in Flemington with these much needed coats.

Now that December is upon us, we all know how busy things will start to get in preparation for Christmas especially since there is a little less time this year between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Advent starts on December 1st. Advent is a season of preparation as we wait for Our Lord's return and to celebrate His birthday on Christmas Day. Please keep an eye on the bulletins at both parishes as there are many activities this month. Giving Tree tags are up on the trees in both Church's, please consider taking one to help those in need in our community.

We will only have one meeting this month on Thursday, December 12th. In addition to our regular business meeting, we will be pulling raffle tickets for the ten winners of our Super K Raffle. Please contact Bill Cerwinski to make sure that he has all the money and ticket stubs from any tickets sold and that any unsold tickets are returned to him ahead of this meeting. Thank you to all the Brothers who participated. We will be contacting all the winners and provide a financial recap in the January Knight Worthy News.

The Advent and Christmas season is a wonderful time of year. There is so much to see and do and there never seems to be enough time to do it all. I encourage you to take some time this Advent and Christmas season to reflect on the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ and what that means to each of us. Let us take time to give thanks to God for our blessings and ask him to continue to bless us and the Knights of Columbus. I wish all my brother Knights a very happy, joyful, and wonderful Advent and Christmas seasons. Merry Christmas to all my brothers Knights and their families.

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Vivat Jesus,

Christopher J. Dietrich, Grand Knight

In Memory of

James M. "Jim" Codd, Rest in Peace



James M. Codd
1943 to 2024
Former Council Officer

NO I CAN'T DO SNAPCHAT
OR TIKTOK BUT I CAN WRITE
IN CURSIVE, DO MATH
WITHOUT A CALCULATOR
AND TELL TIME ON A
CLOCK WITH HANDS.

Super K

LAST CALL!

The drawing is December 12

If you haven't gotten your ticket, you still have a few days left to help support the council's charitable work AND you'll miss the opportunity to help yourself with a prize!

**Contact Super K Leader,
PGK Bill Cerwinski
(732) 715-0057**



"AND FOR YOUR DINING PLEASURE THIS EVENING WE ARE OFFERING TWO CHOICES: TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT!"

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The council conducted another very successful Thanksgiving for the Needy collection at St. Joseph Parish. Parishioners were generous and, by adding council funds, the council was able to present \$3,300 in ShopRite gift cards to the Open Cupboard Food Pantry. The gift cards will be distributed to clients during the Christmas Season.



The food pantry continues to operate from its temporary location at the Hunterdon Health & Wellness Center in Clinton, while the pantry's facility is reconstructed following the devastating fire earlier this year.

At left: Jennifer Tavormina, Open Cupboard Food Pantry Executive Director, Grand Knight Chris Dietrich and Jennifer Clock Pantry Manager—Don Branflick Photo



Practical Advice:
If all the toilets in your house are occupied and you are waiting for one to be free, switch off the wi-fi.




**Ordination
Anniversaries**

Rev. Abraham Orapankal
December 17

Rev. Fred Otieno
December 18

Birthdays

Mike Krochta December 1
Eileen Hanly December 4
Sean Boyle December 5
Denise Murphy December 6
Debbie Loughney December 10
Holly Gilligan December 11
Dana Baucom December 17
Paul Petruzzi December 21
Ron Meola December 23
Elizabeth Denis December 28

Anniversaries

Wayne & Linda McKay
December 7

Terry & Fran Goddard
December 12

Bernard & Mylene Mariano
December 22

(Area Code 908 unless otherwise noted)

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