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Father McGivney Mass

Blessed Father McGivney, who was born Aug. 12, 1852, is the patron and founder of the Knights of Columbus. In May 2020, Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of McGivney, meaning he can be declared "Blessed," a step away from sainthood. He was beatified in October 2020.



The miracle recognized as coming through McGivney's intercession involved an unborn child in the U.S., who in 2015 was healed in-utero of a life-threatening condition after prayers by his family to McGivney. An additional miracle attributed to McGivney's intercession will be required for his canonization as a saint.

McGivney is known for founding the Knights of Columbus in 1882. "Father McGivney has inspired generations of Catholic men to roll up their sleeves and put their faith into action," former Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. "He was decades ahead of his time in giving the laity an important role within the Church. Today, his spirit continues to shape the extraordinary charitable work of Knights as they continue to serve those on the margins of society as he served widows and orphans in the 1880s. Father McGivney also remains an important role model for parish priests around the world and left us a transformative legacy of effective cooperation between the laity and clergy."

Born to Irish immigrant parents in 1852 in Waterbury, Conn., McGivney was a figure in the growth of the Church in the U.S. in the late 19th century. Ordained in Baltimore in 1877, he ministered to an Irish American and immigrant community in the then-Diocese of Hartford. At a time of anti-Catholic sentiment, he worked to keep his flock close to the faith by finding practical solutions to problems, spiritual and temporal alike.

With a group of leading Catholic men of New Haven, he founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 at St. Mary's Church to provide spiritual support for Catholic men and financial resources for families that suffered the loss of a breadwinner. McGivney spent his priesthood in parish ministry and died of pneumonia Aug. 14, 1890.

Father McGivney Feast Day Mass







Stand Up and Paddle!

9 Knights & 3 Wives participated once again as volunteers in the Special Olympics Stand Up Paddle State Championships at Benderson Park in Sarasota FL Friday & Saturday August 19th and 20th.

The following tasks were assigned to volunteers:

- Assist with timing and staging of the athletes.
- Assist with dinner and opening ceremonies.
- Assist with finalist athletes and distribution of awards.
- Assist with lunch and breakdown.

170+ athletes competed at various levels. Parents were in attendance assisting their athletes with preparation and cheering them on during the races.

Here's what Amy Simon, Director, Volunteer and Family Services had to say:

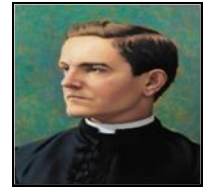
"Hi everyone!

Just a note to truly say THANK YOU! Thank you for joining us this weekend, by giving of your time and talent to truly make such an impact for Special Olympics Florida athletes. Your generosity helped more than 170 athletes participate in this amazing event. Thank you for helping in the heat with awards, timing, staging, meals and so much more!

Thank you for making an impact! We look forward to having you join us again in the future.

Amy"







Special Olympics Bowling resumed post-pandemic midyear 2022. Brother Knights & Wives have participated in 2 events in July and August. Below are some of the comments:

- **Vinnie Spanicciati** “It was a really touching experience to help put a smile on their faces.”
 - **John Coliton** “It was an extremely humbling, rewarding experience and it was an honor to support and participate.”
- Joe Finamore** “Here are 2 pictures that were sent to me. The first is me and one of the athlete bowlers, the second is my wife with the athlete she was with at the line ready to bowl.”



“Both my wife, Cheryl and I volunteered. It was an amazing experience. The athletes were very hard working and looking forward to competing. The excitement on the faces of these athletes as they bowled made the experience for us even more rewarding. It was a heartwarming experience for both of us. We were truly blessed to share the time with these incredible athletes!”

**Blessings,
Joe & Cheryl Finamore**



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Message from Field Agent Brian DeBlauw

“Heraclitus, I believe, says that all things pass and nothing stays, and comparing existing things to the flow of a river, he says you could not step twice into the same river.” – Plato

These statements couldn’t more impact at any other time. Our world moves faster now that it ever has. A phone is more powerful than computers a few years ago and cars are starting to drive themselves. Scary.

The Knights of Columbus are no different. We made a historical change 2 years ago when we opened the exemplification ceremonies to the families. This was a huge change for the Knights and so many people were upset at the change, and many also welcomed it, but we have all progressed through this together. This is what is so special about our order, the pillars of unity and fraternity. We made it through this change together. The vast majority of us have made it through these COVID times together and we pray together for the one’s that have gone before us.

You may or may not realize this, but the insurance side of the business has changed and grown in many ways as well. We now offer investment strategies through the Knights of Columbus Asset advisors that allow us to provide growth strategies while we still offer all of the safety and guarantee strategies offer through the Knights of Columbus insurance company. Additionally, we can now offer strategies for even more charitable giving strategies and wealth transfer strategies that were not available before. We will continue to change and adapt to the market and to the world around us and continue to offer more products, services and solutions to you, our brothers and your families.

This is your insurance company and your investment company created by a priest 140 years ago and all based in the one thing we have in common, our faith. How special is that?

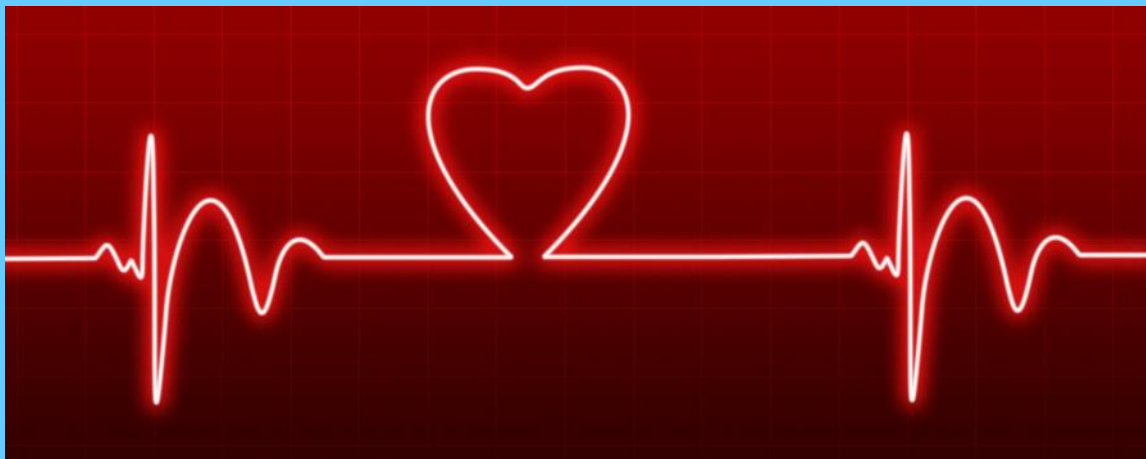
God bless you my brothers.

Your fraternal benefits advisor,

Brian DeBlauw

Father McGivney Feast Day Mass

Father James Sullivan, rector of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, blesses the crowd gathered for a ceremonial unveiling of a restored statue of Blessed Michael McGivney in central Waterbury, Connecticut, where Father McGivney was born 170 years ago.



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13341 is Honored to Sponsor the
First Responders Mass

*At Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church
On Saturday September 10th at 1:00pm*

The First Responders Mass is hosted to honor the work of public safety personnel including law enforcement officials, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel.

Particularly in the wake of events of September 11th, 2001, the First Responders Mass and so-called Blue Mass is a way to recognize the sacrifice of police, firefighters, and EMS personnel, and to remember those who have given their lives in service to their communities.

The Knights of Columbus has taken an active role in sponsoring Masses in the communities in which it serves, to join with the community in expressing appreciation to these dedicated professionals for all their selfless work.