



St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

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APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER

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your family & friends*



Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori

- The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, in New Haven, CT.
- It is a strong supporter of the Catholic Church, both in deeds and financially, from the parish level to the Vatican.
- Is a strong defender of the Culture of Life against abortion and assisted suicide.
- It has an international membership of over 1.8 million devoted Catholic men.
- It is a family oriented fraternal organization based on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism open to all practicing Catholic men eighteen years older.
- Its benefits, services, insurance and programs are available to every member in good standing and their family.
- The members of Knights of Columbus St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698 devote themselves to their parish, their community, their families, their fellow members and their families.

K of C COUNCIL 10698's **APRIL, 2017**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." ~ Pope John Paul II</i>						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
					Vigil for Life against abortion	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Palm Sunday		Council 10698 Dinner 6p Meeting 7p		Holy Thursday	Good Friday	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
EASTER	Patriots Day Lantern Award Banquet					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Easter Egg Roll		Council 10698 Meeting 7p	<i>Newsletter deadline 6p</i>			
30	<i>God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.' ~ Billy Graham</i>					

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL 10698
April 2017 Newsletter

“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.”

~ Grand Knight's Message ~

Brother Knights and Families,

Spring is officially here! Easter Sunday will end the Lenten season and flowers will bloom.

In the month of March, the council held its annual Irish Dinner which was festive. We hope that all who attended enjoyed the food and fun at Villa Rose restaurant.

Due to weather, the Blood and Tootsie Roll Drive at our local Stop&Shop on April 1st has been cancelled. Please plan to support these worthy drives when we schedule them in the future.

Friday, April 7th is our annual support of Pro-Life at the Springfield Planned Parenthood. Norm Gousy will again coordinate this vigil. Please see him for your support of this worthy cause.

April 23 after the 10:30 Mass will be the annual Easter Egg Roll lead by PGK Tom Grady and our friendly Easter Bunny, please give Tom your help and support.

I hope that this message finds you doing well and that each of you and yours has a blessed Holy week.

Fraternally yours,

Will LeBrun, Grand Knight/DD

Vivat Jesus

~ Your Prayers are requested ~

- † For repose of the souls of: Fr. Vern Decoteau, Bishop Dupre, Charles Dumais, Ann Olive, William Mazarz, Armand Gurtin, Rita Hall.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may Your perpetual light shine upon them and may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

- † For healing and comfort for; PGK Terry Carney, PGK Tom Grady, PGK Tom Barry, PGK Bill Bowen, Norman Gousy, Ivan LeBrun, Wayne Griffin, Barb Hume, Vic Tetreault, John Clark Thomas Bowen, Armand Como. Kelly Wilson, Noah Jubb.
- † For all those suffering in solitude in need of the healing power of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- † For all to learn and practice our Lord Jesus Christ's *Compassion, Understanding and Patience*.
- † For the comfort, safety and well-being of all that protect our safety and freedoms by serving in our military, police, fire fighters, and EMTs.

~ A Call to Serve ~

- **HELP IS NEEDED** on *every* Sunday to assist Holyoke Soldiers Home residents in wheelchairs between the elevator and the chapel. Volunteers are asked to check in with the receptionist at 9:15am.
- **HELP IS NEEDED** to support the Easter Egg Roll on Sunday, April 23rd following the 10:30 mass.

~ *Hats Off & Thank You to:*

- 👍 To Brother Jeff Pronovost, Warden, for his commitment to maintain the hall and work on the second floor.
- 👍 To Richard Poissant, who participated in the annual Western Mass Basketball Free Throw contest.
- 👍 To Norm Gousy for coordinating the Pro-Life vigil.
- 👍 To PGK Tom Grady for coordinating the Easter Egg Roll for the parish on Easter Sunday.
- 👍 To PGK Bill Bowen and wife, Deb, PGK Terry Carney and wife, Lynn donations of raffle prizes to the Irish dinner. And GK Will LeBrun and wife, Ann, coordinating this event.

~ *40 Days for Life - St Francis Parish Vigil* ~

As most of you know, the Knights of Columbus have long been an avid defender for life, for the pre-born and all the way to the other end, the elderly. Our society is trying to convince us that life is only valuable in those who are beautiful, or healthy, or rich. That is not how God sees us. Every life has a part in God's Plan. Every life deserves to be lived until our God, who created us, brings that life to its' Earthly end.

Soon we will, *again*, need to stand against euthanasia bills that are being pushed through so many states. Massachusetts is one of the 5 states targeted this year by Compassion & Choices. What a deceitful name! They used to be called the Hemlock (a deadly poison used for suicide) Society but found the name too off putting.

On Friday, April 7th, St Francis of Assisi will hold their peaceful prayer vigil. We will be walking and saying the Rosary in front of Planned Parenthood from 8AM to 5PM. Norman Gousy and Kevin Kervick will be there all day. I am asking you to pick an hour or two and join us. It is in the medical district of Springfield, right beside the Red Cross building. If you cannot join us at the abortion center, would you please consider signing up to pray in the Adoration Chapel?

Will you stand up and be a witness against the deliberate dismemberment of an innocent living human being? Will you stand with us to offer a true choice to women who will be making the mistake of a lifetime simply because they bought the lie? Abortion is not health care. It is not a choice made between a woman and her doctor. She doesn't even see the doctor until she goes for the abortion. Abortion has lifelong physical and emotional consequences.

Over 60 MILLION babies lives have ended since Roe vs Wade. Abortion is a bigger blot on our Nation's Soul than slavery.

Please, please pray with us. And please pass this to anyone who might go with you!



On Sunday, April 23rd, following the 10:30 Mass, the St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus council and Worthy Chaplain Fr. Jack will once again sponsor the annual Easter Egg Roll. This free event for parish and council children/grandchildren **ages 8 and under** starts around 11:45am on the church grounds of St. Francis parish (rain location is the St. Francis Social Center upper hall). Children are invited to bring their baskets to enjoy a hop through the grass to music, collecting from over 1000+ colorful eggs filled with delicious surprises. Children will enjoy an appearance by a very furry long-eared special guest who will be available to visit and take free pictures with them during the event, with pictures available for pick up the following weekend. Don't miss out on this great event in celebration of the Easter Season! The council is always looking for donations for this free event for the kids, whether it be monetary, or non-peanut based, individually wrapped bite-sized candy (that can fit into a small plastic egg). Donations can be dropped off at the council hall or by contacting Chair PGK Tom Grady at 413-323-4036 by 4/11.

A good time was had by all

at our council's Irish Night dinner party on Sunday, Mar 19th at the Villa Rose. All enjoyed a wonderful dinner and revelry with friends and family.

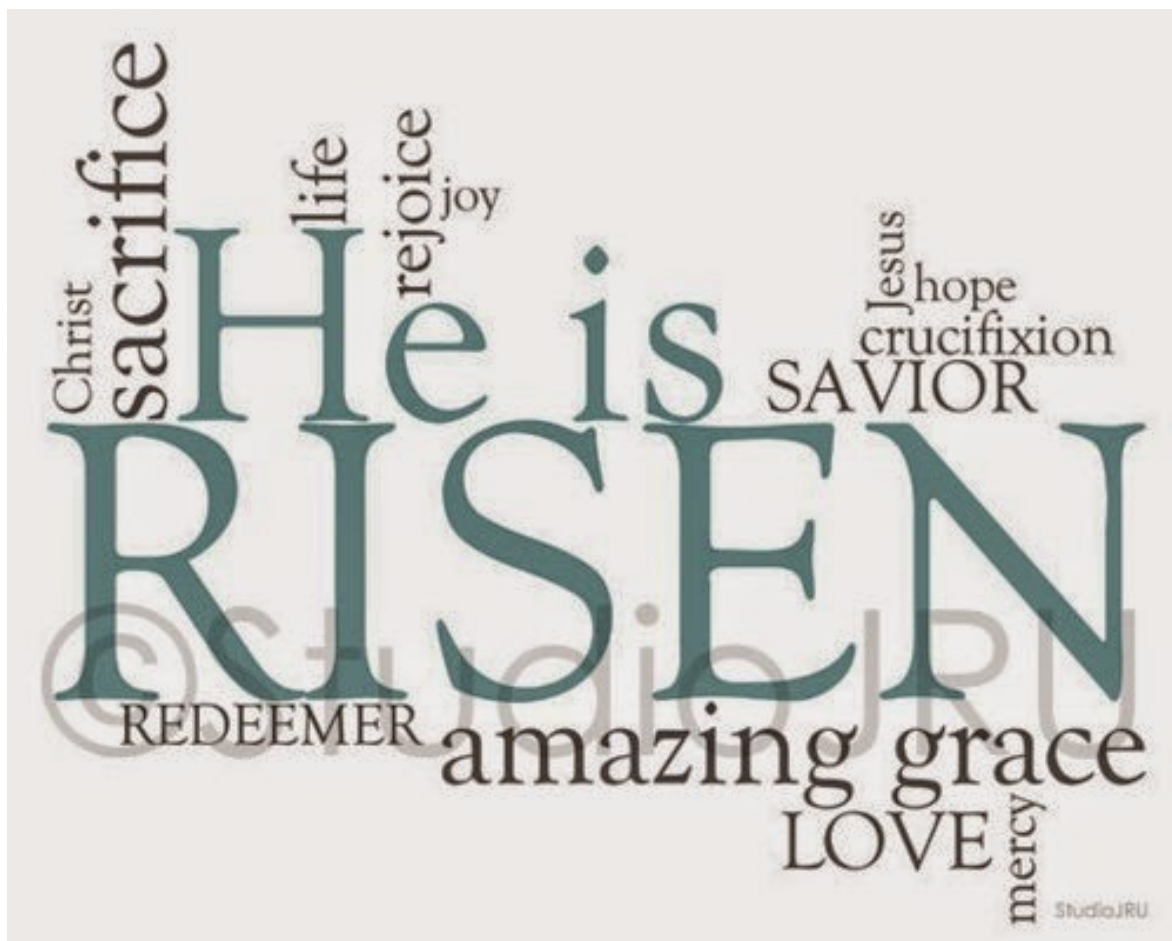
Thanks to GK Will LeBrun and his wife Ann for coordinating a great night.



~ K of C Council 10698's Activity 3-MONTH Agenda ~
Mark your calendars!

Council meetings (every month): **2nd Tuesday**- Dinner 6p, meeting 7p. **4th Tuesday**, meeting 7p

DATE/TIME:	EVENT / ACTIVITY:
M-W, April 3-5	Parish Mission, 7p, at St. Francis of Assisi church
Sun., Apr 9	PALM SUNDAY
Fri, April 14	GOOD FRIDAY
Sun, Apr 16	EASTER SUNDAY
Mon., Apr 17	PATRIOTS DAY
Apr 17	State Lantern Award ceremony. Sheraton Hotel, Framington, MA
Sun., Apr 23	EASTER EGG HUNT at St. Francis church after 10:30 Mass
Wed., Apr 26, 6p	Newsletter deadline to submit contributions
Wed., May 3, 7p	LIVING ROSARY on Belchertown Common.
May 6	4th Degree Exemplification. Hyannis, MA
Sun., May 14	MOTHER'S DAY
May 19, 20 & 21	MA State Convention, Hyannis, MA
Mon., May 29	MEMORIAL DAY
Sun., Jun 18	FATHER'S DAY



Please support these businesses that help our council!

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"Put the family in the hands of the Father"

Parish Social Center/ Pine Room

Every Wednesday from 7:30-8:30

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Advertising in Council 10698's monthly newsletter is FREE to all members of K of C Council 10698 and for businesses that help Council 10698 in fund-raising efforts via email. Contact the editor if you would like to advertise your business/service.

K of C Council 10698 Newsletter Editor~ PGK Bill Bowen, phone: 413.687.7962

Email your contributions to: btowncoordinator@charter.net.

Deadline to submit is no later than 6pm on the 4th Wednesday each month.

Every effort is made to ensure the content and information in this newsletter is accurate and informative.

Comments and corrections are welcome.

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- St. Francis of Assisi website: by going directly to www.stfrancisbelchertown.com/knights-of-columbus

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