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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights and
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January 20th marked the 50th Anniversary of the March for Life in Washington, DC. Our Suffolk Chapter Knights of Columbus sponsored a bus trip to DC for members to attend the event. I could not attend as I've done in the past, but from what I've heard it was both a celebration of the end of Roe v. Wade and a continuation to protest against abortion and to defend life from conception to natural death. As we all know it did not end abortion as the issue was shifted to the individual States and abortion is still legal in many states including here in New York. So, we must continue to protest and pray for a complete end to abortion as hard as that may be.

Due to the recent passing of our Brother Knight and Financial Secretary, James Jay Nolan, our Council has been without a Financial Secretary who handles dues payments and membership cards. We are currently awaiting the approval and appointment by the Supreme Council of Anthony Vitale as our new Financial Secretary. Until then you may mail your check for \$35 to our

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Chaplain's Message

*This month's column is by
Fr. George Oppong-Afriyie*



A Heart of Gratitude

We have a lot to talk about in the areas of our human existence, from economics, politics and family life to spirituality and all the debilitating effects that have gripped our consciousness to be grateful to God.

Politics and Social Justice have left many of us divided, troubled and exhausted. All these, coupled with the seemingly unending Covid-19, continue to pose a threat on humanity and we become more tired with fear in isolation. The instability and uncertainties of the past years still make some of us see the gloomy future as a result, as many of us Christians always grumble, a grumbling that covers a grateful heart.

As unusual and uncomfortable this gratitude may be, God is exposing our misplaced glooming and shortening impatience. God is digging the wells of our gratitude deeper than any year before. Perhaps, God means to unleash the sunrise of gratefulness on a dark, desperate and fearful world. We need to express our gratitude to the Lord for all that he has offered us during the past years. If, indeed, we need a guide for gratitude as we begin a new year, St. Paul's letter to the Colossians is dense as a good source. Despite what Paul was suffering in prison, despite the false teaching that was endangering the young church in Colossae, despite his inability to teach them personally and despite the

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Editors Corner

The Mariner will be printed once a month with one issue for the months of July and August, for a total of eleven (11) issues by and for the Farmingdale Council #2204, Knights of Columbus.

Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month in the Council Hall located at the intersection of Morton Street and Garity Place. The mailing address is 1 Morton Street, Farmingdale, NY 11735-4340. The deadline for material for publication in the Mariner is the Friday that follows the 3rd Wednesday of the prior month. PLEASE keep this deadline in mind for articles you wish to have publish in the Mariner.



**Father McGivney
Pray for Us**



Good of the Order

Brothers those in need will always be with us. If you can remember to bring some kind of dry or can goods, such as tuna, vegetables, pasta cereal etc., to each meeting, the Council will arrange to get this food to the Parish Pantry.

We must always have new members flowing into our ranks and it is your privilege and your duty as a Knight of Columbus to recruit and retain the strength your needs to carry on the great works so well begun. You know as well as I do that there are many fine unselfish Catholic gentleman who would be Knights if we would but give them a word of suggestion and lead them towards our banner. I appeal to each and everyone of you to select one man that you deem worthy and lead him to us. Brother's please communicate to the Council that a Brother or family member is ill.

Please keep the following Knights, Columbiettes, Family members and Friends in your prayers. Please also keep in your prayers all others who have requested our prayers, but due to miscommunications or timing, are not listed. God knows who they are and a simple thought to include them is sufficient.

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Happy Birthday Brothers

February

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List of Upcoming Important Dates

FEBRUARY-2023

2—GROUNDHOG DAY
7—Social Meeting Tuesday, 7:30PM
14—ST. VALENTINE'S DAY
14—Officer's Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm
20—PRESIDENT'S DAY
21—SHOVE TUESDAY
21—Biz Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm
22—ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH-2023

12—Farmingdale Village St. Patrick's Parade
14—Social Meeting Tuesday, 7:30PM
17—ST PATRICK'S DAY
21—Officer's Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm
25 & 26—Ministry Fair
28—Biz Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm

**You will be notified of any changes as soon as possible.
All Officers meetings will be held at the Council Hall**

A PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf: Fill them with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to greater union with your Son. Increase their faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, through the intercession of St. Jean Vianney, grant that your priests will be inspired to strive for holiness by the power of his example. As men of prayer, may they ponder your word, follow your will and faithfully lead the flocks you have entrusted to their care.

St. Jean Vianney, obtain for the Church an abundance of vocations to the holy priesthood. Through your intercession, may many faithful men hear Christ's call, and respond with courage and generosity.

Mary our Mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones. Intercede for our priests, so that by offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

St. Jean Vianney, patron of parish priests, pray for us!



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PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF THE VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD MICHAEL McGIVNEY

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Father Michael J. 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 your venerable servant Father Michael J. 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.

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Ash Wednesday—February 22th



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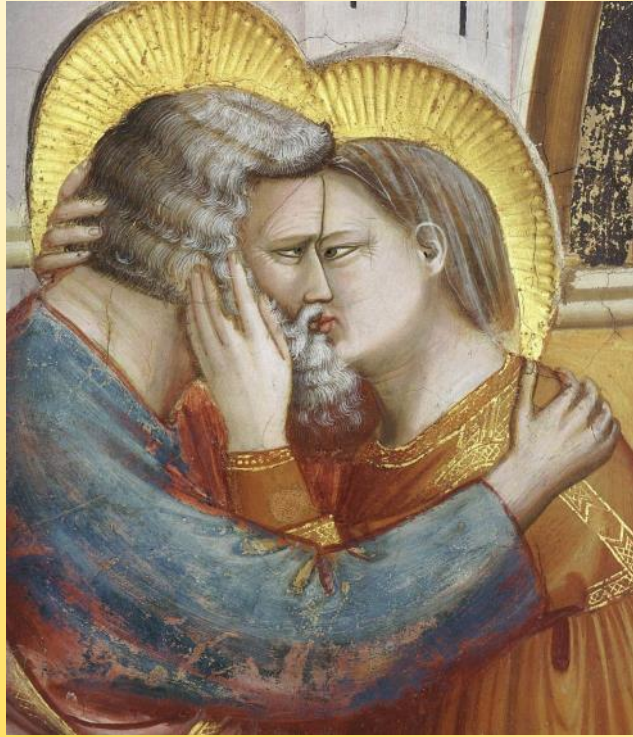


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A Spiritual Thought from the Editor

Ann & Joachim



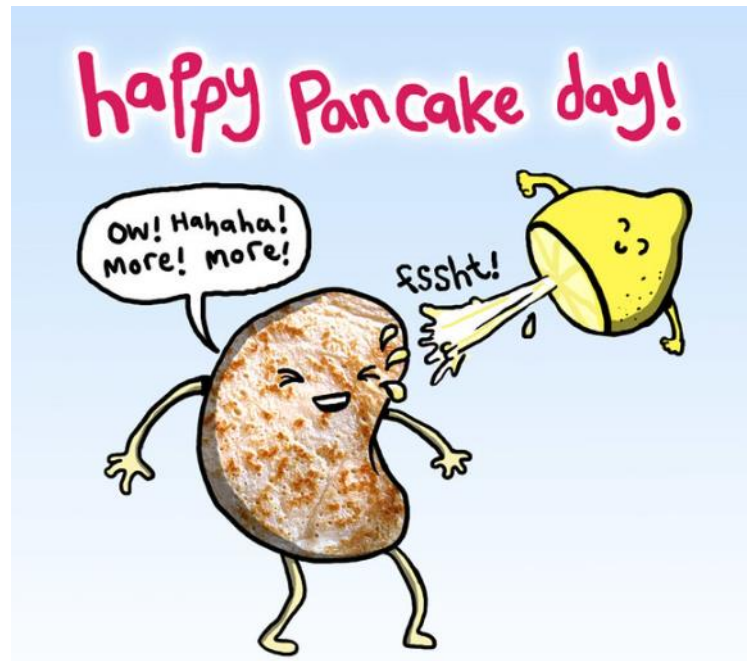
In the spirit of Valentine's Day, let us look at the close-up of a detail from Giotto de Bondone's fresco, "Meeting at the Golden Gate," (1304-06). Depicted is a meeting between Ann and Joachim, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Out of the love of these two, Mary was conceived without sin. Notice how Giotto combines the two halos to form a heart. Even more significant is how marriage is depicted in this painting. Matthew 19:5 has Jesus saying, "...a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." Giotto captures the message of "one flesh" in his painting. Notice how the two faces come together to form one face of "joined" features. There are two eyes: one from Ann and one from Joachim. One nose is shared by the two and the lips, united in that beautiful kiss, form one mouth.

-Paul J Montenero (Editor)

Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday is the day immediately preceding Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent in Western churches).

Shrove, derived from shrive, refers to the confession of sins as a preparation for Lent, a usual practice in Europe in the Middle Ages. Although the day is sometimes still used for self-examination and introspection, Shrove Tuesday eventually acquired the character of a carnival or festival in many places and is often celebrated with parades. As the final day before the austerity of the Lenten fast, Shrove Tuesday also has many customs pertaining to food. Pancakes are traditional in a number of European countries because eggs, sugar, and fat, commonly forbidden during the Lenten fast, are used up so they will not go to waste; the day is known as Pancake Day or Pancake Tuesday in Ireland and in many Commonwealth countries. Similarly rich pre-Lenten treats, sweet *paczki* are traditional in Poland, and king cake is an iconic part of Mardi Gras ("Fat Tuesday") in New Orleans. See also Carnival.



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The following appears in the current issue of the "Suffolk Chapter Light" (KofC Suffolk Chapter):

Wednesday, February 22



What is Ash Wednesday?

Lent did not always begin on Ash Wednesday.

In the Ash Wednesday gospel reading Jesus directs us to clean up: "Put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may not be seen by others" (Matt. 6:17–18a). And yet shortly after hearing these words we line up to receive ashes on our foreheads, a mark associated with penance and fasting. Clearly the Ash Wednesday ritual does not come from the gospel.

Lent did not always begin on Ash Wednesday. In the sixth century, Gregory the Great identified the season of Lent (Quadragesima, or the "Forty Days") as beginning on a Sunday and lasting until Easter Sunday.

The Bible recounts 40 days of rain during the flood, Israel's 40-year journey through the desert, Jesus' 40-day fast in the desert, and the 40-day period of post-resurrection formation Jesus gave to his disciples before his ascension. At the end of each of these scriptural 40s, the things involved are changed: A sinful world is reconstituted, slaves become free, a carpenter begins a messianic ministry, and fearful followers are ready to become Spirit-filled preachers. Lent and its 40-day fast offered the church the same opportunity for transformation.

Since fasting was not permitted on Sundays, the original 40-day season consisted of 36 fasting days. Eventually, it was extended to include 40 pre-paschal days of fasting, resulting in the addition of four pre-Quadragesimal fasting days, starting the Wednesday before Lent.

Eventually, that fast extended to include a total of nine weeks (Septuagesima). However, the 40th fasting day—a Wednesday—retained significance, in large part because of the scriptural significance of that number.

Ashes were added to this Wednesday liturgy in the eighth and ninth centuries to help ritualize the transformation that occurs during Lent. Believers received ashes on their foreheads to remind them of their fundamental identity: "Remember, you are dust, and to dust you shall return." After being clothed in a hair shirt, they were sent out from the church: "You are cast forth from the bosom of the holy mother church on account of your sin, as Adam was expelled from Paradise on account of his sin." Expulsion, however, is not the end. Then, as now, reconciliation awaits believers through Christ.

In its origins, Ash Wednesday was fundamentally oriented toward penance, which was also the focus of Lent at that time. Lent is understood differently today: Its primary focus is now, as at its origins, baptism. Since baptisms in Rome occurred primarily at Easter, the Lenten fast is a pre-baptismal fast—a means by which those converting might better understand how reliant they are upon God and how frequently the pursuits of this world distract from God's love.

Ash Wednesday can help set us upon that path by asking us to consider two fundamental issues: who we really are and where, with God's help, we are ultimately going.

This article also appears in the March 2020 issue of U.S. Catholic



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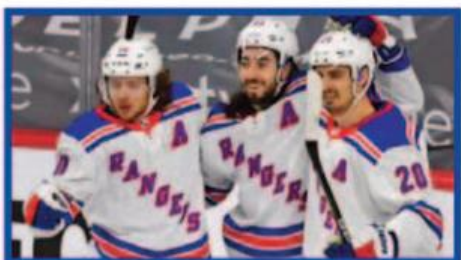
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(Art: Christ Crowned with Thorns,"
by Fra Angelico)

1843 -Sr. Marie of St. Peter (1816-1848), a Carmelite nun of Tours in France, had visions of Jesus requesting a devotion to his face called, "The Golden Arrow."

Golden Arrow Prayer

*May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable,
most incomprehensible and ineffable Name of God
be forever praised, blessed, loved, adored
and glorified in Heaven, on earth,
and under the earth,
by all the creatures of God,
and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Amen.*

Jesus said, "all who honor my holy face in a spirit of reparation, hereby perform the pious services of blessed Veronica."

Veronica had soothed the pain of the injuries of Jesus holy face on the passion procession to his crucifixion.

1938 -Jesus appeared to blessed Maria Pierina, and said (of his face), "I wish it would be venerated on Shrove Tuesday, preceded by a Novena, in which the faithful make reparation with me, joining together with me and following in my sorrow."

Following that request, Pope Pius XII named Shrove Tuesday the Feast of the Holy Face of Jesus.

One can pray to the Holy Face of Jesus for those afflicted with ailments of the face (skin cancer, eye ailments, hearing loss, headaches, etc.), this very short prayer:

"Admirable is the name of God."

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real reason to be angry and in despair, Paul remained faithful, thankful and gracious to the Lord.

Paul begins Colossians Chapter 1:3 with great motivation of grandeur as he opens and punctuates his letter with a profound gratitude. In Colossians Chapter 1:12, 2:7, 3:15-17, 4:12, each chapter captures another dimension of our healthy God glorifying gratitude.

The first insight into gratitude might be most essential as we begin the year. Paul the apostle prays for the Church for spiritual wisdom and understanding so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord that is fully pleasing to Him - bearing every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God, with strength and power, according to His might and glory for all endurance.

Expressing our gratitude to the Father is not normal or natural. Paul prays for it and disappointment, anxieties and grumbling are the normal earthly responses to circumstances like ours. If gratitude towards God blossoms in the soil of hardships and distress, then God has made it grow. That means if we feel thankful again at the end of this year, we thank Him all the more! And if gratitude feels starved at the end of this year, even impossible in many respects due to various unfortunate instances in the workplace, family life, and even in the Church, then we plead with Him to feel our dimmed eyes and ears with the inheritance waiting for the saints in light.

Be grateful to God for everything. Whatever disappointments we may have gone through in the past year, we still need to be grateful. You are a favored Child of God and His miracle.

I wish you a blessed and Spirit-filled New Year.

Fr. George Oppong-Afriyie
Associate Chaplain

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Ash Wednesday is February 22nd and with that the season of Lent. Our Council will be participating in the Parish program, Opening the Sunday Scriptures. We participated in the program during Advent and it provides a way of growing your faith and also contributes to some interesting dialogue and better understanding of the scriptures. Please feel free to join us.

At our January Officers meeting we did some planning on some upcoming events with some tentative dates such as a Food Drive for the Parish Outreach on Saturday, March 4th or March 12th; the Farmingdale Village St. Patrick's parade and our Ministry showcase is the weekend of March 25th and 26th. We will be doing our Knights at the Races fundraiser on Saturday evening, April 1st along with a plant sale during that weekend. A Marian Mass is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2nd at 7:30PM. Additional events and programs may also be planned as they arise.

As always we welcome members who have been absent for a while to come and attend our meetings or start with our Social meetings and rekindle old friendships or make new friendships and join in our fraternity.

A Happy Valentine's Day to all those that celebrate. God Bless.

Finally, remember to pray for the unborn, pray for America, for our military, for an end to the war in Ukraine and peace in our world.

Stay well and stay safe,
Thomas Schwarz
Grand Knight



Suffolk Chapter Report

My Brothers and Sisters,

The Chapter is the fraternal arm of the "Knights of Columbus", working for you and your families. The Chapter has many programs such as the FAC (Fraternal Assistance) which is available to all brother Knights and sister Columbiettes who find themselves in financial difficulty. This is kept strictly confidential, so any one in need should not be afraid to reach out for help. There are scholarship programs for your children and grandchildren, if they plan to attend a Catholic High School. We offer track and free throw competitions for children up to fourteen years of age, where they can win scholarship money for their education. There are fraternal activities for all members and their families. Why not take advantage of what we have to offer by coming to our monthly meetings, on the second Friday of the month, and represent your Council.

The Chapter also collects eyeglasses, can tabs and every Christmas we collect teddy bears for needy children. **THE CHAPTER WORKS FOR YOU, WHY NOT SUPPORT IT!!!**
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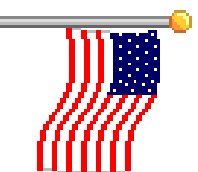
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