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Grand Knight's Message

Greetings Brothers

As we approach Easter, please keep in your prayers the memory of The Most Reverend

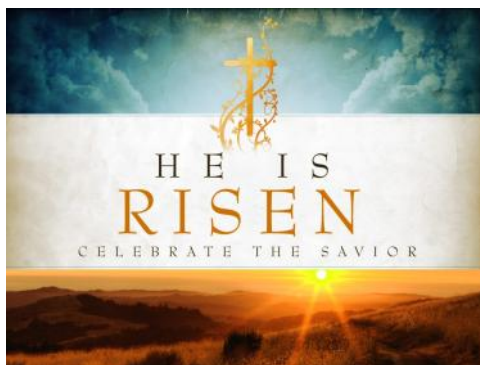


William F. Murphy, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Rockville Centre who passed away on March 26, 2026.

He will be long remembered for his leadership of The Diocese from June 26, 2001 until his retirement on December 9, 2016.

Viewing will be held at The Cathedral of Saint Agnes on April 6, 2026 from 2-4pm. Our Lady of Fatima honor Guard will be present.

Our Council is on track towards gaining Star Council status for the third year in a row. As always, we are looking for new members and fulfilment of our Fraternal Benefits requirement. As of this writing we have 2 new members



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Chaplain's Message

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



THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CROSS TO US CHRISTIANS

Dear brothers and sisters,

The cross is one of the most important and recognizable symbols in the Christianity, carrying deep spiritual meaning centered on the life and death of Jesus Christ.

At this core, the cross represents:

Sacrifice and Love

Christians believe that Jesus died on a cross to atone for the sins of humanity. This act is seen as the ultimate expression of love-God giving His Son for the salvation of others.

Salvation and Forgiveness

The cross symbolizes the belief that through Jesus' death and resurrection, people can be forgiven for their sins and restored in their relationship with God. It represents hope for eternal life.

Victory Over Death

Although the cross was originally a Roman instrument of execution, Christians view it as a symbol of triumph. Jesus' resurrection is seen as a victory over sin and death, transforming the meaning of the cross from suffering to victory.

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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.

Sick & Distressed

MONSIGNOR MARK ROWAN	CAROL DISTEFANO	CATHY BELLANZA
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		THOMAS J STRYSKA

Recently Deceased

BRIAN FITZPATRICK	BISHOP WILLIAM MURPHY	FRAN DONADIO
GERAD BUETNER		GARY KANE

Please inform the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary of Any Brother that is Sick or has Passed Away.

Happy Birthday Brothers

April

K Antoine
 John Blasco
 John J Brown
 Patrick J Burns
 Robert Forzano
 John F Garry
 Michael Gray
 John J Henderson
 Stephen H Herman
 Edward J Lomot
 Fred H May
 Morgan V O'Connell
 George K Oppong Afriyie
 Walter Reid
 Ryan P Schultz
 Richard C Wagner



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!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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List of Upcoming Important Dates

APRIL-2026

- 2—MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 3—GOOD FRIDAY
- 4—HOLY SATURDAY
- 5—**EASTER SUNDAY**
- 6—EASTER MONDAY
- 7—Council Meeting (Biz & Social) Tues, 7:30pm
- 21—Officer's Meeting, Council #2204 Tues, 7:30pm

MAY-2026

- 5—Council Meeting (Biz & Social) Tuesday, 7:30pm
- 10—MOTHER'S DAY
- 14—THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
- 19—Officer's Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm
- 24—PENTECOST
- 24—MEMORIAL DAY
- 31—TRINITY SUNDAY

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

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.

*Please report all favors received:
 The Father McGivney Guild
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 www.fathermcgivney.org

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Faith and Identity

For many Christians, the cross is a personal symbol of their faith. It is often worn as jewelry, displayed in homes and churches, and used in worship as a reminder of their beliefs and commitment.

Self-Denial and Discipleship

Jesus taught his followers to “take up their cross”, meaning they should be willing to sacrifice, endure hardship, and live faithfully according to his teachings.

In short, the cross is not just a historical object-It represents love, hope, and the central message of Christianity.

Fr. George Afriyie Oppong
Associate Chaplain



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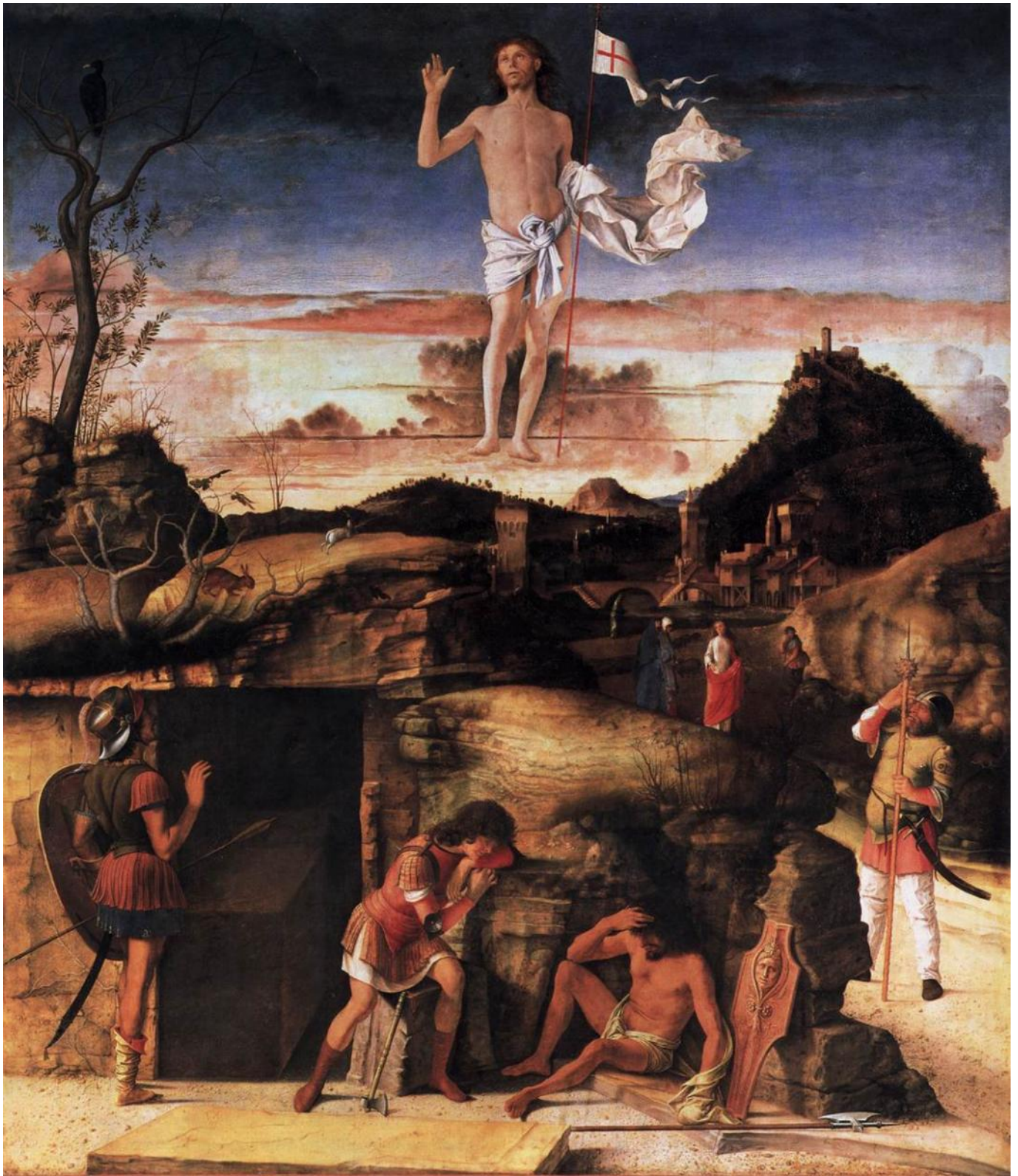
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(Below left) accepting the Star Council award from DD Phil Goglas.

(Right) GK Dan Healy handing out Coats for Kids.

(Bottom) St Kilian Council members pose with GK Dan Healy and the Star Council award.





Resurrection of Christ

Giovanni Bellini

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RESOLUTION

My Brother Knights

At our last Council meeting held on February 3 2026 it was voted and approved to send out the following resolutions for approval to be voted on at our next meeting to held on March 3 2026 at 7:30 pm at our Council Hall located at 1 Morton Street Farmingdale, NY 11735.

Whereas all Councils have been asked to contribute to the purchase and installation of a bronze Blessed Father Mc Givney statue at Saint Anthony of Padua in East Northport, be it resolved that the members of Saint Kilian Knights of Columbus, Council 2204, donate the amount of \$1000.00 for this purchase.

Whereas all Councils have been asked to contribute to the Saint Pius Home for Retired Priests, be it resolved that the members of Saint Kilian Knights of Columbus, Council 2204, donate the amount of \$1500.00 to this worthy cause. The residents of this facility have dedicated their lives to our parishes and ultimately to God. This is our opportunity to demonstrate our gratitude for dedicated service to God.

Your presence is greatly needed to carry these resolutions. Please make an effort to attend our next meeting on March 3 2026 at 7:30 pm.

The Councils needs your input on these Matters. Pizza and refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Fraternally
Dan Healy GK



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and 3 prospects. A membership drive is being held on the weekend following Easter. We plan on serving coffee and bagels in the blue room of the church basement following each Mass. I am asking for volunteers to make themselves available to set and clean up. More details will be made available at our next meeting to be held on April 7. As usual, we will begin at 7:30pm with pizza after the meeting.

Upcoming events include, but are not limited to, Knight at the Races on April 17, Bingo night, date and time TBD, Garage Sale, date and time will be confirmed at the next meeting, Mother's Day "Roses for Life" sale, and of course Blood Drives. The need is always there so we must remain diligent in our cause.

Committees for these events are currently being formed. If you would like to get involved, please let us know. We would love to hear from you. These events are profitable, fun, rewarding and allow us to continue to support our Parish and charities through the Knights of Columbus.

I will end this article as I usually do and ask that you ask yourself why you joined the Knights of Columbus. By supporting charitable events you will be assisting to further the giving that is at the heart of our organization.

I sincerely wish all of you a Blessed Easter and hope to see you soon.

Fraternally,
SK Dan Healy GK
"Vivat Jesus!"

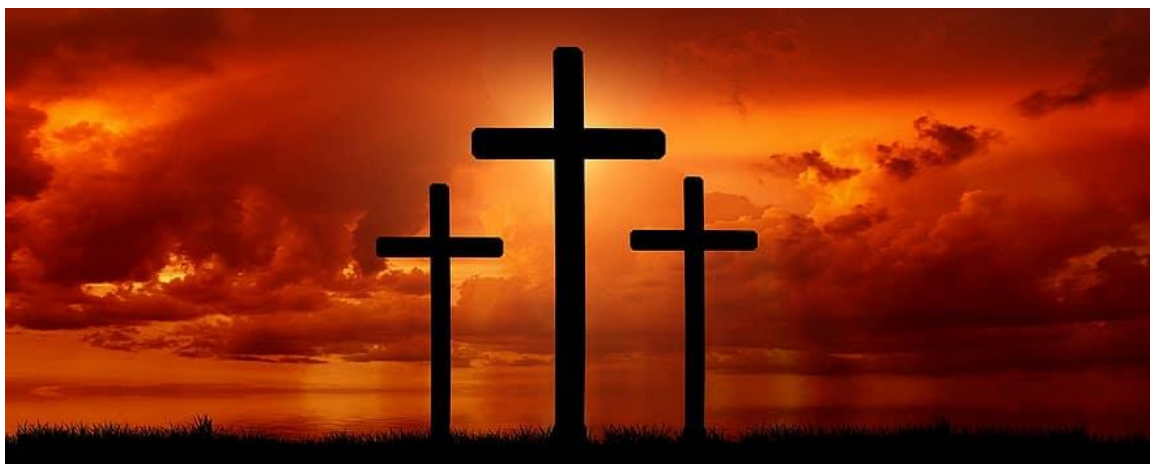
Suffolk Chapter Report

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!!! REMEMBER, "CHARITY IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT PRODUCT".**

Fraternally,
Greg Warnokowski,
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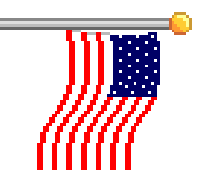
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