Our Mission

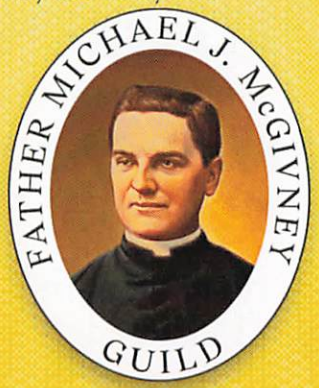
Together, we are empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work, and in their community.

Our Faith

Our goal is to help men, their families, and their parishes grow closer to Christ. Through our programs and resources, we provide opportunities to live and spread the Catholic faith and God's message.

Our History

Founded on the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus international organization was established in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut and a group of parishioners. A fourth principle of patriotism has been established whereby a member may join an Assembly group and is recognized as Sir Knight, as approved by the Holy See.



"Where there's a need, there's a Knight."

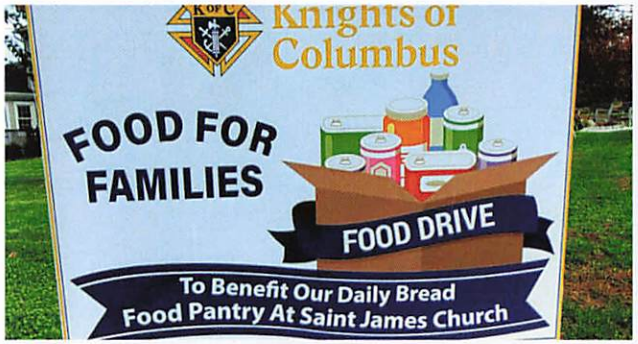
Faith in Action!

Family & Community

Our local Council has performed many charitable acts. We have collected well over 1,000 units of blood; held fundraisers and made donations worth over $10,000 for veteran organizations and their support groups; conducted 'Food for Families' programs which have collected several thousand pounds of food and thousands of dollars in donations for needy families; provided hundreds of new winter coats to children under the 'Coats for Kids' program; donated several thousand dollars to needy families, children's hospital needs and first responder organizations. Knights normally organize three annual blood drives at the parish, held in the Parish Center. In advance of each drive, members schedule appointments for donors, then serve in a variety of supportive roles on the day(s) of the drive(s).

We annually conduct youth basketball and soccer challenge competitions for school-aged children and offer Breakfast with Santa for young children.

Our Council recycles cell phones, eyeglasses, and small electronic devices for the needy, and continually supports individual Knights and their families.



Faith

Our Council plans and supports Mass and prayer services to strengthen men and their families in the Catholic faith. Our faith goes beyond mere facts or religious practice to an authentic connection with God. We supply faith material to parishioners to help strengthen their faith.

Life

Our Council has designed and distributed thousands of pro-life return address labels; continues support of pregnancy centers & pro-life groups, and conducts annual Rachel Stone pro-life tributes. Our Council is a member of the Long Island Coalition for Life.

What it means to be a Knight

The Knights of Columbus is a worldwide Catholic men's organization established to provide a means by which Catholic men could support the Church at large. With approximately 1.8 million members, it is the largest Catholic lay organization in the world today. Individual councils support local parishes and communities.

Mother Teresa Council (officially, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Council #12006) serves St. James RC Church parish in Setauket, New York.

With a philosophy of service to others at its heart, the Council has successfully organized numerous fundraising and other efforts that have served to benefit the parish as well as the community at large. As a member of the Knights you can take advantage of one of the world's best insurance program to benefit you and your loved ones. Family first!

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

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The world needs more Knights

We come from many places, many backgrounds, and many stages in our lives, but we are all of one faith.

A unique brotherhood and camaraderie, where you can count on the support and encouragement of your fellow Knights, no matter the situation.

Come join your Catholic brothers and **Put your Faith in Action.**

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