



CONNECTICUT STATE DEPUTY MONTHLY MESSENGER

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Two Month Calendar

Date/Time	Event/Program	Place/Location
May 14, Sat. 11:30AM	Fourth Degree Exemplification	Strand Theatre, Seymour
May 15, Sun. 2PM	Living Rosary	St. Edmund's, Mystic
Jun. 20, Mon. 7:30AM	Vocation Golf Tournament	Lyman Orchards, Middlefield

Future Events to Mark on Your Calendar

Jul. 8-9 DD Organizational Meeting Cromwell Marriott

**More Details are available on State Council Website at:
ctstatecouncil.org**

Program Director's Message

Upcoming Programs – Save the Dates

Sunday, May 15th, 2022. Living Rosary, Enders Island. Details on website.

Friday, June 3rd to Sunday, June 5th. Special Olympics Summer Games. Fairfield University, Fairfield.

Monday, June 20th. Vocation Golf Classic. Lyman Orchards, Middletown.

Thursday, June 30th. Columbian Award - Form SP7 due to the Supreme Office.

Blessed Michael McGivney. As we continue to pray for our beloved founder's elevation to sainthood, the **Father Michael McGivney Guild** serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God.

As of **04/01/2022** there were **3697** Guild members in Connecticut. With over 20,000 Knights of

Columbus in Connecticut, why do we only have **3697 Father Michael McGivney Guild** members?? ***Are you a member? Are your Council Officers members? Is your wife a member? Etc...***

It only takes a few minutes to join on-line or through the mail and there is no cost. You can use the form provided in the Columbian magazine or enroll on-line at www.fathermcgivney.org. If you have any questions, contact Scott Flood, PSD, at scottflood@att.com.

Family of the Month. For the month of March 2022, the Supreme Office selected the **Mark Gadzik** family submitted by Council 4313, Coventry. **Congratulations.** This program costs nothing to participate in and is a wonderful way to recognize a family in your parish. With the many challenges facing families and our church, this simple recognition can go a long way in building up and supporting our families. This is a **Featured Program**. Councils participating can earn two credits towards the Columbian Award. Please consider participating in this worthwhile program. **Questions**, contact Steven Bacon, PSD, at bac801@sbcglobal.net.

Food for Families. As we welcome Springtime, our state continues to struggle from the pandemic, cooler evenings, the unemployed, with many in our communities facing hardships and unable to provide ample food for their families, the need for this program is intensified. The goal of **Food for Families** is to ensure that as few as possible go to bed hungry each night. Your Council can help by conducting a food drive to support the local organizations distributing food to those in need in your community, especially during this time of hardships for many through no fault of their own. Let us all help end hunger in our communities and assist those struggling to feed their families. Questions, contact Thomas Stauffer, DD, at tpstauffer@aol.com.

Spiritual Reflections. The **Into the Breach Virtual Mini-Retreat** is a short spiritual retreat you can do from the comfort of your home. The series is 12 one hour sessions on the 4th Monday of each month at 8 pm. Preregistration is required as an email invitation is required to attend. The next session is on May 30th and the topic will be SPIRITUAL WARFARE. Information, contact David Imhof, DD, at imhofda@aol.com.

Pilgrim Icon Program. The “**Saint Joseph Icons**” continues their journey (2021-2023) through Connecticut. Our District Deputies will have the Icons available to them for **two** months to provide each Council in the District an Icon for a least a week. There are THREE Icons in our state.

Beginning May 1st through June 30th, **District 33** is hosting **Icon A**, **District 32** is hosting **Icon B** and **District 26** is hosting **Icon C**. Contact your local District Deputy or David Imhof, DD, at imhofda@aol.com for more details.

McGivney Relic Pilgrimage Tour. This program is offered by the CT State Council this year. Your District Deputy will have all the information needed to schedule and run this event. The State Council will arrange for a Blessed Michael McGivney Relic to be brought to your Council's event at the Parish you serve. A McGivney Votive Mass is strongly encouraged to take place when hosting a Blessed McGivney Relic. You can find information on how to run a McGivney Votive Mass at kofc.org/mcgivney. Supreme has sent this information to all the

Council Chaplains. The Relic Pilgrimage and Mass are open to the Parish and public. There is no deadline for the event or limit to how many times a Council can host the event. The schedule for the McGivney Relic Pilgrimage is being compiled and it is first come, first served. Our goal is to visit each District this Fraternal Year, so reach out to your District Deputy and have him add you're Council to the schedule. For more information contact Gary McKeone, PSD, at immediate.psd@ctstatecouncil.org.

Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour. The month of May is devoted to Mary, Our Mother. It is our hope that this program will help Knights across the world continue to grow in their devotion to Mary our Mother and closer to our Blessed Founder. This Program is centered on the Rosary, with reflections based on the life of Blessed Michael McGivney and the writings of recent popes. This is an easy program to plan and host. Like all Faith in Action programs, this program is designed to be held in person or remotely. All support information can be found on the Supreme website.

Refund Support Vocation Program (RSVP). This is a great way for your council to support and nurture the future of our Faith in our communities. Support our seminarians during their formation through prayer, fraternity and financial. Donate \$500 to a seminarian of your choice, pray for them and write to them. Submit Form 2863 to Supreme and the State Council. Councils will receive refunds of \$100 and \$75, respectfully. For more information contact Steven Bacon, PSD, at bac801@sbcglobal.net.

Columbian Award - Form SP7. The requirements for the 2021-2022 fraternal year consist of 16 Program Credits. Four (4) Credits are required in each of the categories - Faith, Family, Community and Life for a total of sixteen (16) credits. Featured Programs when conducted in accordance with the requirements provide for **two** (2) credits. Additional information can be found on the Supreme website or from the specific Program Chairman listed on our State Website. Entries must be received by the **Supreme Office** prior to **June 30th, 2022**.

Faith in Action 2021-2022 Program Incentive. The details and requirements are available on the State website or from your District Deputy. All entries must be received via **USPS** mail by the **State Program Director** prior to **June 30th, 2022**.

Ultrasound Van. Your support is needed to keep it rolling as well as for new ultrasound projects that truly save hundreds of babies. Refer to the State's Life webpage for further details and information on all these key projects.

Communications. Does your Council have an upcoming activity within our Faith In Action Program model? Is your activity a legacy Council event? Do you want help in publicizing? Contact our Public Relation Director, George Ribellino, FDD, at public.relations@ctstatecouncil.org for assistance.

Programs Attract Members - Members Enhance Programs

For Additional information on these or any other program activities, please check the State Website www.ctstatecouncil.org/, Supreme website www.kofc.org or contact our Program Director: Ted Pacanowski at 203-376-7050 or program.director@ctstatecouncil.org.