



CONNECTICUT STATE DEPUTY MONTHLY MESSENGER

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Two Month Calendar

Date/Time	Event/Program	Place/Location
Jun. 20, Mon. 7:30AM	Vocation Golf Tournament	Lyman Orchards, Middlefield
Jul. 8-9	DD Organizational Meeting	Cromwell Marriott

Future Events to Mark on Your Calendar

Aug. 13	Blessed Michael McGivney Feast Day	
Sep. 24	CT Catholic Men's Conf.	NW Catholic HS

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

Program Director's Message

Food for Families. Why is this such an important Program? In Connecticut, there are over 2500 homeless, 84,000 unemployed and over 350,000 families living below the poverty level. 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.

Special Olympics Summer Games. Saturday June 4th at Fairfield U, 1073 North Benson Rd, Fairfield, CT and Saturday, June 11th / Sunday, June 12th at Southern CT State U 501 Crescent St., New Haven, CT. Knights are needed to staff the Olympic Town locations between 8 am and 4 pm each day. Olympic Town is a place for athletes to spend their free time between events playing games like ring toss, knock hockey, Connect 4, and cornhole. Knights supervise the games and hand out prizes. Get a group from your council, or volunteer as an individual. Come for a few hours or the whole day. It is a great experience, and you will be glad that you did! Contact Jim C. Wilson FDD for more information at WilsonJimC533@gmail.com or 860-471-522.

Vocations Golf Classic. Monday June 20th, 2022, at Lyman Orchards Golf Club Middlefield, CT. Funds raised from this annual event assist the State Council in their ongoing efforts to support vocations throughout Connecticut, while encouraging local councils to do the same. It is interesting to note that tuition for one seminarian for one week costs an average of \$250. Information and registration form can be found on the State website. For details, please contact Kevin Brady at (203) 654-1717 or kevin.brady@kofc.org.

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 April 2022, the Supreme Office selected the **Jeff Rode** family submitted by Council 3181, Windsor. **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.

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 June 27th and the topic will be EVANGELIZATION. 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.

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.

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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.