



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Our Mission

Welcome to the Wilton Knights of Columbus Quarterly Newsletter.

Our Mission is to provide our members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities' families, and our young people.

We want to partner with our sister organization, the Columbiettes, to empower Catholic men and women to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in our own community.

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The Eucharistic Procession: The carrying of the Blessed Sacrament in procession for nearly a mile through the heart of the Town of Wilton, along with the display of an inspiring exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles in the parish center, marked Our Lady of Fatima Church's engagement with the opening of the Catholic Bishops' National Eucharistic Revival on Pentecost Sunday (May 19).

Some 160 of the faithful, ranging from First Communicants to nonagenarians, followed as Father Reginald Norman, the pastor, and then Father Jim DiVasto, the parochial vicar, displayed the monstrance bearing the Eucharist as they walked from the church on Danbury Road to the Town Green. There, they joined in Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and recited the traditional 18th-century prayers, the Divine Praises.

The gold monstrance, a gift to the parish from donors to the "We Stand With Christ" diocesan capital campaign of 2019, gleamed as motorists on the busy Route 7 state corridor, showed support by slowing down to watch the procession or honked horns as they sped by.



Father Norman, known familiarly as Father Reggie, in a brief homily delivered standing in a landmark gazebo, reminded the assemblage that prayerful acts such as reciting the Rosary and Eucharistic adoration were essential means by which to enrich their spiritual lives.

On their return to the church grounds, where members of the Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes treated them to refreshments, parishioners availed themselves of the opportunity to view, in the Parish Center, more than 100 large panels depicting Eucharistic Miracles—among them, appropriately, Our Lady of Fatima. The collection was conceived and designed online by Carlo Acutis, the 15-year-old Servant of God, who died Oct. 12, 2006. He is called the patron of youth, of computer programmers and of the Eucharist.

Said Father Reggie of the story told by the exhibit, "How can anyone deny the power of the Eucharist?"

[Report written by Frank DeRosa from the Offices of the Diocese of Bridgeport]



A Tribute to our Outgoing Grand Knight - Jamie McDowell



July 2024 – For Jamie McDowell, June 30th brought an end to almost 9 years of being the Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus Council 12698. Jamie served for 9 years as a faithful servant to Our Lady of Fatima Church. Over the years, he worked closely with the members of the Knights, the Columbiettes, and the Parish to organize or help with many events, including

Coats for kids, the Christmas Creche in the town center, the Easter Egg Hunt, Fish Fry Friday, the Parish BBQ, Knight at the Wilton Playhouse, Game Night, Breakfast with Santa, the 911 memorial, Bingo Night, St. Patricks Day and others. He was always first to the Parish Center for the monthly meeting to ensure tables and chairs were setup in advance so that an orderly meeting took place.

Jamie also presided over the Covid period and ensured the Knights remained in contact and were available to help during the lockdown period. Under his leadership, the Council earned the Father McGivney, the Founders', the Columbian Awards and the Star Council Award raising the profile of Wilton Council 12698. Jamie also contributed as a CCD teacher at Our Lady of Fatima.

Jamie was raised on Wilson Point in Norwalk where he spent much of his youth on the water. He met his wife Allyson and they moved to Wilton in 1991. After 33 years and raising 4 kids, they are still happily living in the same house. He was a huge contributor in the Community, starting with youth sports from Kindergarten soccer to youth football and helping win many championships. He was also President of the Wilton Youth Football Association for several years.

As his wife Allyson puts it “If Jamie is needed, he will be there”. Thank you Jamie for all you have done, and we look forward to you sharing your experience with the new Wilton Knights of Columbus Officer Team for many years to come!.



Meet the 2024 KOC Officers

Grand Knight

Michael Healy



Warden

Rob McCullough

Deputy Grand Knight

David Flynn



Inside & Outside Guard

Scott Douglass

Financial Secretary

John Danaher



1 Year Trustee

Paul Niche

Chaplain & Lecturer

Fr. James DiVasto



2 Year Trustee

Peter Slavin

Chancellor & Membership

Rob Lenihan

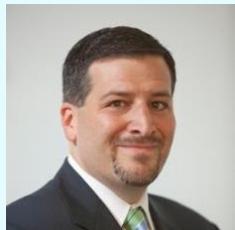


3 Year Trustee

Jamie McDowell

Recorder

Peter Rubsam



Advocate

Bill McMorris

Treasurer

Brian Rafferty



Our Chaplain's July Message

Dear Brother Knights and families,

Here we are in the long, warm days of summer. Many of us look forward to a 4th of July BBQ and vacation with family or friends. We appreciate and go to more outdoor events at the shore or in the mountains, enjoying more of our land's natural beauty and summer's more relaxed pace of life. And if you enjoy a really good hot dog from time to time as I do, now's the time. July is national hot dog month!

July too invites us to devotion of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus. The origins of this devotion trace back to the early Church. While there is no longer a feast in the Roman Calendar for this mystery of our salvation since 1969, there is a votive Mass of the Most Precious Blood which can be offered, especially on a Friday, where the Church directs that any Mass can be offered. The Collect prayer of this votive Mass gives us good direction for our intentions as we pray this month.

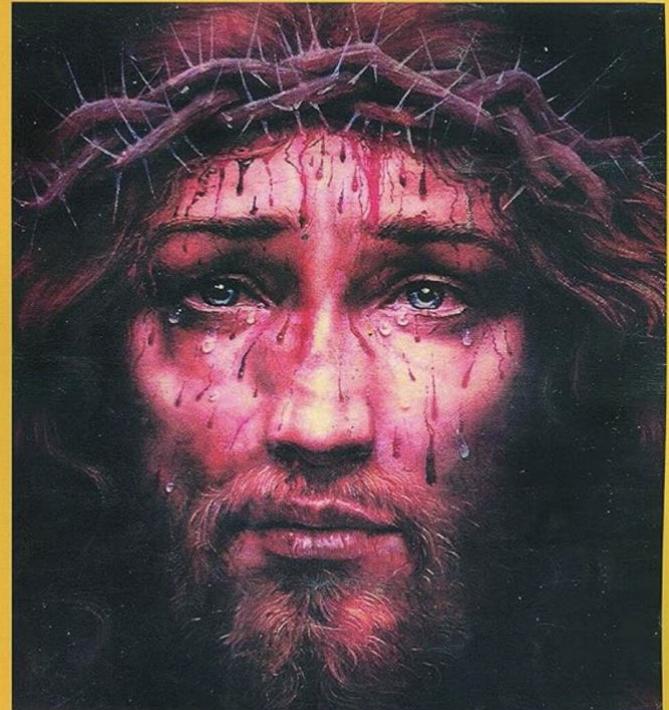
"O God, who by the Precious Blood of your Only Begotten Son have redeemed the whole world, preserve in us the work of your mercy, so that ever honouring the mystery of our salvation, we may merit to obtain its fruits..."

Indeed, 'preserve in us the work of your mercy'. Whether we reflect on the freedoms we enjoy here in the United States of America, especially on July 4th, or the most treasured gifts of our families and Catholic faith, let us take time to pray and consider how every day Jesus invites us to allow him to do works of mercy in us *for us, and through us for others* to heal wounds of sin and division, day by day restoring all to his peace.

So enjoy this July. Be safe, have fun! And when you're away on vacation, do attend Mass with special intentions for your families, friends, and fellow parishioners.

DEVOTION TO THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

The greatest devotion of our time



May the Most Precious Blood that pours out from the Sacred Head of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Temple of Divine Wisdom, Tabernacle of Divine Knowledge and Sunshine of Heaven and Earth, cover us now and forever. Amen.

Blessed Father Michael McGivney, pray for us

Father Jim



THE WILTON PLAYSHOP

PRESENTS



**Book, Music and Lyrics
by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey**
Directed by John Atkin Choreography by Christine Titus
Musical Direction by Ken Knox

A great crowd turned out for the Wilton Playhouse rendition of Grease on Saturday night May 11th. It was a high-octane musical bursting with rock and roll energy, taking you back to a teenager's world in the 1950s. Written by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey, it followed a group of greasers and Pink Ladies at Rydell High School as they navigate friendships, romance, and the pressures of fitting in.

Thanks to Peter Rubsam for organizing the event and to everyone who participated. We are already looking forward to next year's show.



Card and Board Game Night

A great night was had for our first annual **Card and Board Games** night held on Friday May 31st. Pizza and burgers were a hot commodity on the night. The highlight of the night was a riveting game of Jenga between Barry Gunderson and Mike Healy which drew oohs and aahs from the crowd as the tension built. Barry emerged as the winner taking home the Jenga crown. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a great night, including the Knights, Columbiettes and everyone who attended!

