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Brothers,

I hope everyone had a wonderful and Blessed Christmas. I want to wish you all a Healthy and Prosperous New Year. We will resume our normal schedule of business meetings in January, starting with an Officers meeting on Tuesday, January 2 @ 6:30 and our first business meeting of the month on Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00.

On January 20, we will hold a benefit bean supper with the Proceeds going to the family of baby Mav. Unfortunately, Baby Mav did not make it and has gone to be with the Lord. His family has encountered a lot of expenses and will benefit greatly from this event. Please consider supporting this event. We are expecting a large turnout and will need a lot of help. The set up for this event will be on Friday January 19 at 3:00. I will need help with serving and cleanup after, on Saturday Jan 20. I hope to see you all there.



Happy New Year!



Adoption
not
Abortion



All funds received from our bottle account now are dedicated to be used as prize money for the KofC Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for our Catholic youth.

Roopers, on Sabattus Street, has an account set up for Holy Family KC and any bottle returns can go into that account. Just tell the attendant you would like the refunds put into the "Holy Family KC" account. Thank you for your participation! God Bless!



KNIGHTS of Columbus

Rev. Peter C. Conroy Assembly 2516



Al Viens
Faithful Navigator

Worthy Sir Knights,

Attention all assembly members, when is the last time you attended a meeting? This is your assembly. Your voice matters. Next meeting is on January 9, 2024. Start the year off right.

At our meeting in December, the assembly voted to lower the quorum to 7 because of the low attendance at meetings.

If you are a member of Assembly 2516 and would like to become a member of the honor guard but need assistance in purchasing the new uniform, contact us. We can help.

Please pray for our military around the world.

Happy New Year
God Bless America
Al Viens - FN

Rev. Peter C. Conroy Assembly 2516



Assembly Officers

- Faithful Navigator - Al Viens
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- 3 yr. Trustee - Ray Martineau

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Honor Guard - OPEN

Assembly Meetings

September thru June

Business Meetings: Every 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at HFCH.

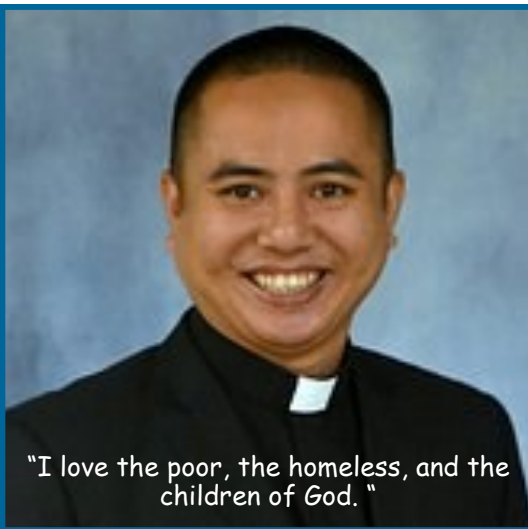
Guard Practice: Every 4th Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Holy Family Church Hall

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Welcome to our
SEMINARIAN
Page!
These men have given
up their lives for
God.
Let Us Support



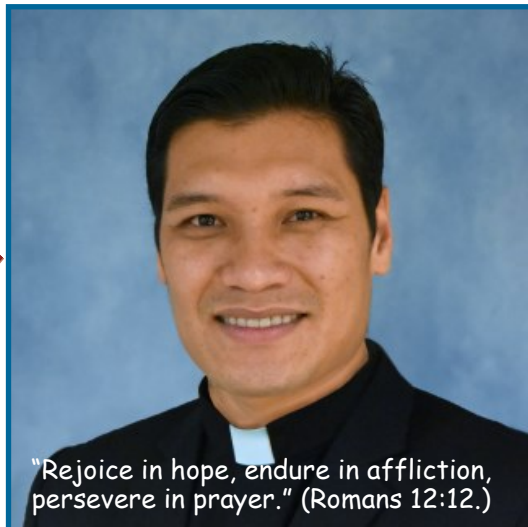
SEMINARIANS



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"Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction,
persevere in prayer." (Romans 12:12.)

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Prayer for Vocations

Loving Father, you sent your Son so that all might come to know the truth and be saved. With the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you continue his work through the Church. Your Son reminded his disciples that the harvest was indeed plentiful but the laborers few. Following his instructions, we beg you to call many to ordained ministry and religious life. Grant them the grace to hear you and to respond wholeheartedly. May Mary Immaculate the mother of your Son, and the patroness of our diocese, intercede for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Holy Family Council 10019 Gifts Hope House Money to purchase New Ultrasound Machine

June of this year our council was approached by a representative from Care Net of Mid-Coast Maine. They are a 100% donor supported, non-denominational, non-political pregnancy help center created to help women make informed decisions about unexpected pregnancies.

Knowing that our Knights of Columbus, Holy Family Council 10019, thru our Pro-Life program, had donated an Ultrasound machine eleven years ago, to Hope House in Lewiston and knowing that this machine was nearing its life expectancy, would we accept the challenge to buy another new machine with their help? Their help was to gift us seed money equal to half the cost of a new machine. Our job was to match that amount with the remainder.

Fortunately, Supreme Council has such a program well established, we merely needed to fill in the appropriate paperwork and file a request. The paperwork was a time-consuming application which took months to complete by all involved, Hope House, doctor and nurse training, State Deputy and finally Supreme Council. With all steps climbed, we reached our goal. In late November we heard that the application was accepted, a check was in the mail.

On December 20, 2023, State Deputy Jon Harvey and Holy Family Council Grand Knight Bruce Labrecque presents checks to Hope House co-founders Bruce and Jan Willson, totaling \$31,885.33 for the purchase of a new Ultrasound machine. This new machine will replace their old one, which was in weekly use at Hope House for eleven years.



Pictured Left to right: Holy Family Council Financial Secretary Ray Martineau, Chancellor Brian Wilson, Hope House volunteer Kylie Tara, Ultrasound Technician Pam Rousseau, Hope House Bruce Willson, State Deputy Jon Harvey and Grand Knight Bruce Labrecque.

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

December 15, 2023



In the fall of 2023, twenty eight eighth grade students at Saint Dominic Academy in Auburn, Maine, wrote an essay for the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The theme this year was “How can the Church Evangelize in the Digital Age?” These students helped us learn many different ways to evangelize in this digital time!

Essays were scored on 3 factors: content 35pts, grammar 30pts and style 35pts, making a possible score of 100pts. Seven judges made up of 2 Dominican Sisters, 2 retired professional women and 3 Sir Knights judged each essay. Approximately 25 to 30 hours were spent scoring all the essays.

Normally we award the top three place winners with a certificate and monetary prizes of \$75, \$50 and \$25 respectively. This year, however, there was a slight twist.

First, understand that for each essay there is a total of 21 scores: 3 scores for Content, Grammar and Style times 7 judges. Then all are averaged to give a final score. Well, after all scores were tabulated, and going out 3 decimal places, we had three students that each had the same average of 94.286. It was brought up to our Council and the decision was made to award all three 1st place winners and each \$75. The probability of three exact scores out to three decimal places is insane.

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Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

December 15, 2023

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So on December 15, 2023, Knights attended the weekly mass at Saint Dom's and after the mass we did the presentation to the students in front of the whole school body. The results were kept secret until then although the parents of the winning students new and were invited to attend.

All the teachers and staff were there. Also in attendance were Father Dan Greenleaf and Dominican Sisters Jackie and Therese. These 2 sisters were 2 of our judges for this essay contest. After the presentation, pictures were taken and placed on our website. The winners were: LtoR in the picture, Dante Carbona, John Lydon and Ella Perreault. On the right is Bob Dumond, Essay Chairman for Holy Family Council.

The day after the presentation, I received this email from Miss Ella Perreault's grandmother who attended the presentation:

"I am so proud of my granddaughter. Her essay was inspiring and enlightening. I found it interesting to learn what goes on in their thoughts and am happy that these essayists had the platform to express themselves. Thank you for offering this opportunity. As a faith community, we really need to heed the advice of our future generation."

***Most sincerely,
Barbara Daigle***

Mrs. Daigle has perfectly expressed the reason why we, as Knights and judges do this every year.



A Sweet Tootsie Roll Result!

December 14, 2023



Pictured above Left to Right: Dan Lake- Council Faith Director, Bob Roberge - Council Treasurer, Irene Chamberland - SPRED Treasurer, and Bruce Labrecque - Council Grand Knight. Photo by : Bob Dumond

September, a time of year when youngsters go back to school and rejoin all the school friends that they missed all summer. It's also the time of year when the Holy Family Knights of Columbus begin their annual **Tootsie Roll Drive**.

This year was the last year our dear friend and brother knight Jerry Poulin lead this wonderful program for our Council. Thank you Jerry for your many years of dedicated service in the many positions your undertook!

On September 9, 2023, Brother Knights stood at the back of the church after every mass at Holy Family church wearing their familiar aprons and handed out Tootsie Rolls and collected donations for our recipient. Again this year, our recipient was the SPRED program of Prince of Peace Parish.

On December 14, 2023, Holy Family Council Grand Knight Bruce Labrecque presented Irene Chamberlain, SPRED secretary, with a check for \$1,186.48.

WHAT IS SPRED?

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A Sweet Tootsie Roll Result!

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WHAT IS SPRED?

SPRED: Special Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation

Dedicated to meeting the spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters with disabilities, and welcoming them into the life of the Church.

SPRED is a symbol-using catechetical program for persons with physical, mental or emotional challenges. The SPRED program also serves as a resource for helping parishes create and nurture caring Church communities where people of all abilities can participate. The program began in the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1960 and is now offered by 14 Dioceses in the United States and 17 others around the world. All of the Maine SPRED programs are under the direction of the Parish Inclusion Ministry of Catholic Charities of Maine. St. Joseph's SPRED of Prince of Peace Parish was established in 1991, and is one of seven SPRED groups in the Portland Diocese.

St. Joseph's SPRED of the Prince of Peace Parish seeks to serve the spiritual needs of special-needs youth of the area by:

- Providing programs that help prepare them for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.
- Nurturing an on-going formation of Faith
- Facilitate meaningful and supportive participation by these individuals and their families in the life of the church.

SPRED meets at 6:00 pm every other Wednesday evening at Sacred Heart Church Hall at 8 Sacred Heart Place in Auburn. New friends from areas nearby are always welcome.

For more information about SPRED, contact Irene Chamberlain.



January 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1 <i>Solemnity of Mary</i> <i>Happy New Year</i>	2 <i>Council Officers Meeting</i> <i>HFCH 6:30pm</i>	3	4	5	6 <i>Rosary 3:25pm</i> <i>HFC</i>
7 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> <i>Rosary 10:25am</i> <i>HFC</i>	8 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	9 <i>Meetings</i> <i>Assembly 6pm</i> <i>Council 7pm</i>	10	11	12	13 <i>Rosary 3:25pm</i> <i>HFC</i>
14 <i>Rosary 10:25am</i> <i>HFC</i>	15 <i>MLK Jr. Day</i>	16	17	18	19 <i>Hall Setup for Benefit Bean Supper 3pm</i>	20 <i>Benefit Bean Supper</i> <i>HFCH 4—6pm</i>
21 <i>Rosary 10:25am</i> <i>HFC</i>	22 <i>Day of prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i>	23 <i>Meeting</i> <i>Council 7pm</i>	24	25	26	27 <i>Rosary 3:25pm</i> <i>HFC</i>
28 <i>Rosary 10:25am</i> <i>HFC</i>	29	30	31	<p>The Holy Family K of C lead a Rosary. Every Saturday at 3:25 pm before Mass @ Holy Family Church, Please Join us!</p>		



LINKS

Link to POP Website:

<https://princeofpeace.me/>

Link to Northern Maine Catholic Men's Retreat Set for December:

<https://portlanddiocese.org/news/northern-maine-catholic-mens-retreat>



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FROM MAINE STATE COUNCIL

Jon R. Harvey, State Deputy

Hello my Brother Knights,

Because 'Pass the Hat for ASAP' was so successful at our State Convention, I similarly have a very special and urgent request.

By now, you all must have heard about the tragic shooting in Lewiston last week. The Maine State Council is looking to assist the injured and families of those killed. As the events unfolded, we all held our breath and prayed. Our hearts stopped beating hearing of the tragedy, and strength of the community. Therefore, we are holding a fundraiser. "HBP", Heartbeat Program intended to restart the Heartbeat of the greater Lewiston and Auburn areas.

I am asking each Council and Assembly to make donations for this worthy cause. You can do this in two ways. First, you can log into the Maine State Council website, www.maineKnights.com. At the top of the page click on 'Contributions'. Fill out the information and pay by credit card; (please also add 'Lewiston Assistance Program' in the Comment Box). The second option is to make a pledge by email notification to the State Secretary, Michael Giroux, at michaelkofc@outlook.com. The checks may then be mailed to the State Secretary, Michael Giroux, at 34 Meadowrue Drive Augusta, ME 04330.

I will coordinate with The Bishop and with Fr. Daniel Greenleaf, the Pastor of Prince of Peace Parish, to make sure that 100% of the donations will be given to those in need. I will also be asking Supreme to match funds or at least donate to our cause, as well as my fellow State Deputies from each State.

We are off to a great start already. Council #8414 in Grand Isle has already held a drive at their recent 40th anniversary that raised \$500.00, and Assembly 356 in Westbrook has pledged at least \$100.00 to the drive. Please consider holding a function, or making a donation, to help our brothers and sisters in need. Please feel free to open to any businesses, Parishes and public in your communities.

In these trying times of seemingly hopeless events, I want to share a prayer to St. Jude, the Patron Saint of Impossible Situations: *'Most Holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful Servant and friend of Jesus, we place ourselves into your hands at these difficult times. Help us to know that we are not alone. Please pray for us, asking God to send us comfort for our sorrows, bravery for our fears, and healing for our suffering. Ask our loving God to strengthen our faith and give us the courage to accept His will for our lives. Thank you, St. Jude, for the hope you offer to all who believe in you.'*

Please join the officers of the Maine State Council in reciting this prayer. We thank you for your consideration and donations.

God bless and Vivat Jesus,

Jon R. Harvey



The members of Holy Family Council 10019 would like to extend a warm thank you to all our friends who support our mission of raising funds to benefit K.of C. charitable works, pro-life, parish and community programs.

