



KNIGHTS of Columbus

Holy Family Council 10019



Brothers,

I hope all is well with you and your families. Our next business meeting will be held on March 12, at 7:00 PM. At this meeting we will be accepting nominations for council officers for 2024-25. Please consider running for an officer position and start thinking about who you would like to nominate for the next fraternal year. Also, we will be choosing delegates for this year's State Convention.

We are hosting the monthly Rosary on Wednesday, March 6th, at Holy Family at 6pm.

The next big event that we will be hosting at Holy Family Church Hall is the St. Patrick's Day meal on Saturday, March 16 at 5pm. Volunteers will be needed to help set up and prep on Friday evening, March 15 at 6 PM and volunteers to help cook and clean up afterwards on Saturday. There is a signup sheet on the [district's web page](#), or you can contact Bob Michaud at 207-740-6585 and he will help you.

Our Church Membership Drive, which was scheduled to be held on March 16th and 17th, has been rescheduled as it conflicts with the St Patrick's day meal. It will now be held on Saturday April 13th and Sunday April 14th.

We are currently in the process of planning for a Eucharistic Procession. We will be leaving Holy Family Church and processing to the Basilica. This was scheduled two years ago and was cancelled due to inclement weather conditions. This is a Parish wide event, and we are looking at Sunday, June 2nd. I will have more information as we get nearer to this event.

Vivat Jesus
Bruce Labrecque GK

Council Officers

- Grand Knight - Bruce Labrecque
- Chaplain - Open
- Dep. G. K. - Patrick Akerley
- Chancellor - Brian Wilson
- Warden - Ray Laplume
- Recorder - Joe Levasseur
- Financial Sec - Ray Martineau
- Treasurer - Bob Roberge
- Lecturer - open
- Advocate - Al Viens
- Inside Guard - Matt Viens
- Outside G- Open
- Outside G- Dylan Labrecque
- Trustee 1 year - Gordon Davis
- Trustee 2 year - Dave Bouffard
- Trustee 3 year - Maurice Moreau

Directors

- Program Director - Al Viens
- Faith Director - Dan Lake
- Community Dir - Bob Roberge
- Family Director - open
- Life Director - Gordon Davis
- Membership Dir - B. Labrecque
- Retention Chairman - open
- Vocations Chairman - open
- Public Relations - open
- Kitchen Crews - open
- News Letter & Webmaster - Bob Dumond
- Ins. Agent - William Weiss

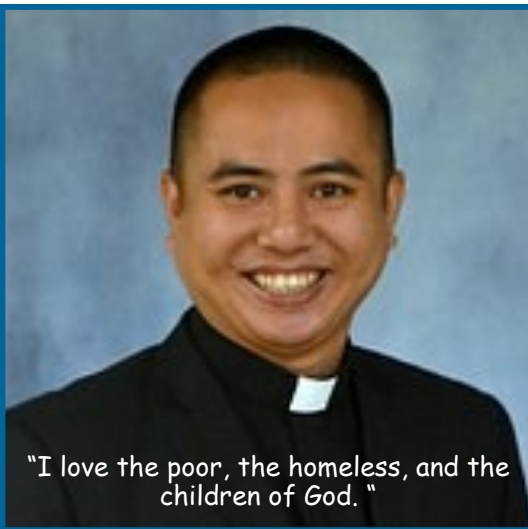
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All funds received from our bottle account now are dedicated to be used as prize money for the KofC Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for our Catholic youth.

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!



"I love the poor, the homeless, and the children of God."

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Seminarian

Hoa Nguyen

<https://portlanddiocese.org/vocations/hoa-tien-nguyen>

Welcome to our
SEMINARIAN

Page!

These men have given
up their lives for
God.

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SEMINARIANS



Council 10019 Sponsored
Seminarian

Erin Donlon

<https://portlanddiocese.org/vocations/erin-donlon>



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.

Certificate Of Appreciation

Awarded in 2024 to
Knights of Columbus
Holy Family 10019
For generous support of
Hope House's Family Support Center



Dear Holy Family KofC,

What a generous amount of diapers, wipes, baby clothes/items, and overwhelming money gift you brought to bless our Family Support Center and Free Women's Health Clinic!! The needs of mothers and babies in Lewiston continue to grow, and your faithful support has helped Hope House to match needs with compassionate help. We cannot thank you enough for your support over the years, and again last week. May God continue to bless your work here in Maine on behalf of Lewiston's tiniest community members and their mothers.

Pictured on this year's Certificate of Appreciation (attached below) are 2 neighborhood mothers holding their babies who they first saw in ultrasounds in our clinic. They, like many others, continued coming in this last year to get ongoing assistance. Your donations enable us to help from the critical days after the very start of life, to throughout the early parenting years. Your kindness continues to bless so many!

With deep appreciation,
Jan Willson, Co-Director
Hope House, Inc.

A Sincere Thanks



Pictured above Left: Grand Knight Bruce Labrecque presenting Matthew Wilkins, right, the Baby Mav Bean Supper Benefit check.

A special thanks to all our parishioners and friends for the generosity afforded to this family.

Holy Family Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus,

Thank you for this generosity. Very humbled. We don't like or usually expect help. We thank you all very much.

-Matt, Emily, Jordan,
Remington, Maverick R.I.P.

Hmmm... I just don't get it ????



Hey all you nutty Brothers, (*I love nuts!*)

I'm just sitting here wondering Lord, where are all my brother Knights? Plus, what's a quorum? It's getting hard to do business anymore. Lord, please ask them to come back to our meetings. I know they are getting "mature" but we even have padded chairs now! And we have a PA system so all can hear, if anyone needs it! Thank you so much!!!

Remember, we are only meeting once a month now, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm. And March is the month we begin nominating officers and select delegates for the State Convention. All positions are open. Just 1 hour a month. Your knowledge and experience is priceless for our future. So please, come and teach our young members.

COME AND VOTE!

Bob Dumond





Sitting L to R: Matt Viens, Ray Laplume, Patrick Akerley, Ray Martineau, Al Viens
Standing L to R: Bob Roberge, Joe Levasseur, Brian Wilson (holding the Founders Award), Bruce Labrecque (holding the Columbian Award), Gordon Davis, Dave Bouffard.

COLUMBIAN AWARD

The Columbian Award recognizes our council's performance in offering faith-filled programs in each of the four Faith in Action program categories.

In order to earn the Columbian Award, our council had to complete at least four program credits in each of the Faith in Action categories of Faith, Family, Community and Life.

FOUNDER'S AWARD

In order to receive the Founder's Award, our council had to complete the following requirements:

- Host two fraternal benefit seminars

Action:

- Coordinate seminar with agent
- Submit Form 11077 to general agent

Saint Dominic Academy's Eight Grader John Lydon wins State Finals in the 2023-2024

Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest.

This contest encourages today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. The goal of this program is to involve young Catholics in grades 8 to 12 (public, private, parochial or home schools during the current school year) in civic discourse and instill in them religious and life-affirming values. Holy Family Council 10019 sponsors all 8th graders at Saint Dominic's Academy in Auburn, Maine. Essays should be 500-750 words on a specific topic, changing every other year. Entrants will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme in a way that showcases creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic.

On December 15, 2023, Holy Family Council awarded three 8th graders first place and submitted them to the Maine State Council for further judging. After all applications from councils across the State, John Lydon, from Saint Dom's, was declared State of Maine Champion for 8th graders.

John gave his ideas on **"How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?"** Following is John's essay:

"In today's digital era, the Church has incredible opportunities to spread its message and connect with people in new and innovative ways. In this essay, I will be discussing how the Catholic Church can use modern day social media and technological devices to spread the word of God to the people on earth.

Mother Angelica, a catholic Nun, was the known founder of an international cable network called EWTN. Over 20 years ago, starting in 1981, she developed a way for Catholics to join together in Catholicism using radio and television. She wanted a better way to communicate matters of the Catholic Church. This is a great example of how someone took technology that was available and used it to benefit Catholics worldwide.

We now live in a modern age where there are new ways to gather as a community. Platforms such as YouTube, TikTok, and Twitter (X) provide opportunities for the Church to share uplifting messages, inspirational quotes, and thought-provoking content. By utilizing these platforms, the Church can reach people where they are, in the comfort of their own homes or on their smartphones. Additionally, live streaming and online services have become increasingly popular, especially in recent times when physical gatherings may not be possible. By embracing technology, the Church can provide virtual worship experiences, allowing individuals to participate in services from anywhere in the world. The inclusivity and accessibility can help the Church to connect with individuals who may not have been able to attend in-person services, as mentioned earlier.

Another way the Church can evangelize in the modern age is through podcasting. Podcasts have gained immense popularity, providing an opportunity for the Church to share sermons, teachings, and discussions on various faith-related topics.

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By offering the content in an easily accessible format, the Church can reach individuals who prefer audio based learning.

Another way that the Church can evangelize in the modern age is through Zoom. Zoom is a virtual meeting program. A priest could lead a discussion with parishioners and have retreats. Instead of just preaching to the congregation, the priest can have full conversations with the parishioners. The parishioners on Zoom can ask questions to the priest. The parishioners can also make friends that live all over the world. Furthermore, the Church can leverage the power of online communities and forums to foster discussion, provide support and answer questions. Creating spaces where individuals can engage with one another and with Church leaders, can deepen their understanding of the faith and provide a sense of belonging. These online communities can also serve as a gateway for individuals to explore further and eventually connect with local Church communities.

In Conclusion, the Church can effectively evangelize in the modern age by embracing technology and utilizing social media platforms, live streaming, podcasting, and online communities. By meeting people where they are and providing accessible and engaging content, the Church can reach a broader audience and make a meaningful impact in the lives of individuals seeking spiritual connection and guidance. Remember, it takes someone brave with a powerful message to start a trend. Once everyone hears it and is open to the idea, it can only bring on great things.



John Lydon is being congratulated by Bob Dumond for winning the State Championship Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for 8th graders.



"I Survived 9" MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is very simple. Each of us is a walking witness to the fact that we were carried in our mother's wombs. We have all survived the potential threat of abortion in a culture of death. The Mother's womb is meant to nurture life for 9 months; instead, it has become a battleground in which lives and souls hang in the balance. We are called to step into the breach and protect the unborn. We are their voice, the unborn need us! We are called to prayer and action through public support of the pro-life cause. Please consider joining us in this act of love for the most defenseless of all human beings! Look for future parish and community events in support of Life and for the Love of God.

Here are a few of our activities throughout the year:

- Monthly Prayer Vigils and Adoration with the Most Holy Rosary
- Mothers Day Flower Sale (May)- To benefit Hope House
- Tootsie Roll Drive- To benefit the mentally handicapped
- Baby Bottle Drive- To raise money for the Hope House
- Walk for Life (July)- To benefit Maine Right to Life
- Respect Life Month (October)- Increased awareness in our parish and throughout America (USCBB)
- 40 Days for Life (Sept-October Portland Maine and Feb-March August)- Prayer Vigil campaign to end abortion at Planned Parent Hood
- Coats for Kids (Dinner Fundraiser September)
- Lewiston-Auburn Bridge Walk (August)- Support end of abortion
- Hands Around the Capitol Augusta (January)- end of abortion
- March for Life(January)- Washington D.C. end of abortion
- Prayer Opportunities: Holy Hours, Adoration, Pro-life Rosary



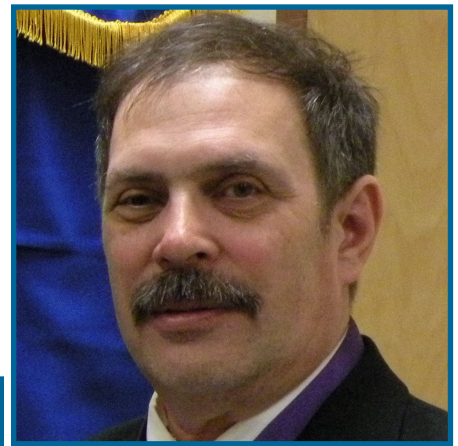
The members of Holy Family Council 10019 would like to extend a warm thank you to all our friends who support our mission of raising funds to benefit K.of C. charitable works, pro-life, parish and community programs.





KNIGHTS of Columbus

Rev. Peter C. Conroy Assembly 2516



Al Viens
Faithful Navigator

Worthy Sir Knights,

Nominations for the 2024 - 2025 fraternal year begin at the meeting in March. All offices are open. Consider running for a position.

The Maine District Biennial Meeting will take place at Sacred Heart Church in Auburn, on Sunday March 24, at 2:00 PM. Three candidates for the position of Master of Maine will be nominated and forwarded to the supreme Master for consideration for the position.

Brother Sir Knight Gregg Turley, Faithful Navigator of Rockland/Belfast Assembly 340; is gearing up to sponsor a Patriotic Degree on Saturday May 18 at St. Bernard's Church in Rockland. If you are a third degree member looking to advance to the assembly or 4th degree, this would be a good opportunity. There is an [electronic application](#) on our website. Please fill out and forward to my email address aviens1958@yahoo.com or print and hand deliver to myself or Robert Roberge.

Please remember to pay your dues!

When is the last time you attended a meeting? I know there have been changes with Supreme as well as a pandemic. Perhaps you forgot when we meet? It is on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6pm at Holy Family church hall. Please join us and see what we are up to.

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 Easter

God Bless America

Al Viens - Rev. Peter C. Conroy Assembly 2516 Assembly 2516

Assembly Officers

- Faithful Navigator - Al Viens
- Faithful Friar -
Fr. Patrick Finn
- Faithful Captain -
Brian Wilson
- Faithful Admiral -
Bruce Labrecque
- Faithful Pilot - Ray Laplume
- Faithful Scribe -
Joe Levasseur
- Faithful Comptroller -
Bob Roberge
- Faithful Purser - Dan Lake
- Inner Sentinel - Matt Viens
- Outer Sentinel - Bob Dumond
- 1 yr. Trustee - Jerry Henault
- 2 yr. Trustee - Arthur Fortin
- 3 yr. Trustee - Ray Martineau

Commander

Honor Guard - OPEN

Assembly Meetings

September thru June

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

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Friends! Join the group of worshipers every Thursday at Our Lady of the Rosary church basement in Sabattus at 6:30 pm for an hour of "Lectio Divina" lead by:

Ivan Boudreau.

It will help you understand the following Sunday's Gospel like never before.

HOW DO YOU PRAY THE LECTIO DIVINA?

Lectio Divina is a practice of **scriptural reading**. It involves meditating on a passage of the Bible, preferably the **Gospel of the day**.

Steps to pray:



1. INVOKE

Invite the Holy Spirit to guide the reading of the Scripture.



2. READ

Ask yourself: What is this passage saying? If you can, use a Bible commentary.



3. MEDITATE

In a moment of silence, try to listen to the voice of God.



4. PRAY

Begin to dialogue with the Lord and open yourself to his will.



5. CONTEMPLATE

Listen closely with your heart and put into practice what he has told you.



How to pray? 10 ways of praying



March 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat


<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>					1 (Abstinence)	2 <i>Rosary 3:25pm</i> <i>HFC</i>
3 <i>Rosary 10:25am</i> <i>HFC</i>	4	5	6 <i>KofC Rosary,</i> <i>Holy Family 6pm</i>	7	8 (Abstinence)	9 <i>Rosary 3:25pm</i> <i>HFC</i>
10 <i>Spring</i> <i>Ahead 1 Hour!</i> <i>Rosary 10:25am</i>	11	12 <i>Meetings</i> <i>Assembly 6pm</i> <i>Council 7pm</i>	13	14	15 (Abstinence)	16 <i>St. Patrick's</i> <i>Dinner HFCH 5pm</i> <i>Rosary 3:25pm</i>
17 <i>Rosary 10:25am</i> <i>HFC</i>	18	19	20	21	22 (Abstinence)	23 <i>Rosary 3:25pm</i> <i>HFC</i>
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>4th Degree</i> <i>Biennial Meeting</i>	25	26 <i>Council Officers</i> <i>Meeting</i> <i>HFCH 6:30pm</i>	27	28 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	29  <i>(Fast & Abstinence)</i> <i>KofC Founders</i> <i>Day</i>	30 <i>Rosary</i> <i>3:25pm HFC</i> <i>Holy Saturday</i>
31 <i>Easter</i> <i>5th Sunday</i> <i>Rosary 10:25</i>						




LINKS

Link to POP Website:
<https://princeofpeace.me/>

Link to Northern Maine
Catholic Men's Retreat Set
for April 12 - 14.





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