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Brothers,

I hope everyone has had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As 2025 rolls around we will be doing more suppers / fund raisers beginning on January 11, 2025, we will host a bean supper.

This month's Rosary will be held on Wednesday January 8th at Holy Cross at 6 PM.

On Friday, January 10, we will be loading the Nativity (Creche) up at 9:30 AM and bringing it into storage until next year. It will be stored at my house. 83 Skillings Woods Rd, Turner. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work. Also, on Friday at 4 PM we need to set up the Hall in preparation for the Bean Supper Saturday afternoon.

This year's Baby Shower will be held over 3 weekends. Beginning on January 11, 12 for the next 3 weekends and ending on January 26.

On Saturday January 25, Brother Gordon Davis is planning with Father Divine to hold a Holy Hour for the I Survived Nine and the unborn. This will be from 1:30 to 2:30.

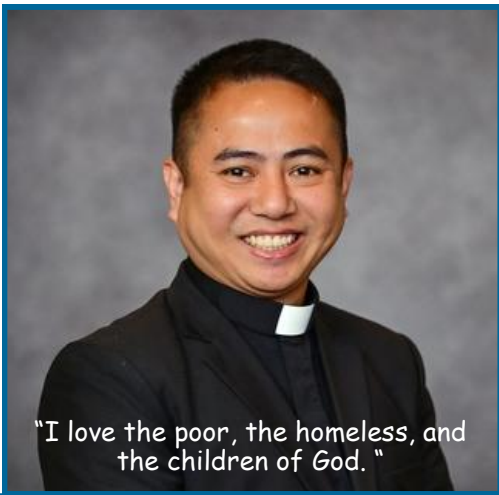
Vivat Jesus

Bruce Labrecque GK



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."

**Rev. Mr.
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Welcome to our SEMINARIAN Page!

These men have given up their lives for God.

Let Us Support Them!

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.

A Sweet Tootsie Roll Result!

December 15, 2024



Pictured above Left to Right: Bob Roberge - Council Treasurer, Dylan Labreque - Former SPRED participant, 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**.

In late September and early October, 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 recipients. Again this year, our recipient was the SPRED program of Prince of Peace Parish.

On December 15, 2024, Holy Family Council Grand Knight Bruce Labrecque presented Irene Chamberlain, SPRED secretary, with a check for over \$1,300.

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 wel-come.





KNIGHTS of Columbus

Rev. Peter C. Conroy Assembly 2516



Al Viens
Faithful Navigator

Worthy Sir Knights,

I want to start my message by thanking the members of the Honor Guard, who at the 4:00 pm mass on Christmas eve at Holy Family church, escorted Fr. Divine with baby Jesus to be placed in the Manger, returning the Honor Guard to the Christmas eve mass after a long absence. I would also like to mention that the brother Sir Knights who dressed displaying Knights of Columbus baldrics, badges and emblems were a nice addition to the mass. Thank you. While Fr. Divine would have liked us at the Christmas morning mass also, currently we do not have the man power at this time, so I will say it plain, if more Sir knights will join the Honor Guard, next year it could happen.

When is the last time you attended a meeting? This is your Assembly. Perhaps you have forgotten when and where we meet? The Assembly meets on the second Tuesday of each month from September to June at 6 pm in the Holy Family church hall. Come and check us out. In the past year, we have grown by 5 new Sir Knights and 3 new Honor Guard members, with the potential of more Honor Guards. If you are not happy with the direction the Assembly is taking, nominations for next years officers begin in March with the election in May. Run for an office. Help us to grow. And so we say goodbye to 2024 and welcome in the new year. It is my hope that the new year will bring more positive growth to our Assembly and Honor Guard.

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Assembly Officers

- Faithful Navigator - Al Viens
- Faithful Friar -
Rev. Divine Fossoh
- 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 - Bob Dumond
- Outer Sentinel - Matt Viens
- 1 yr. Trustee - Gerard Henault
- 2 yr. Trustee - Arthur Fortin
- 3 yr. Trustee - Ray Martineau

Commander

Honor Guard - Dan Lake

Assembly Meetings

September thru June
Business Meetings: Every 2nd
Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.
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With this in mind, on February 22nd in New York City at St Patrick's Cathedral, their will be the 125th Anniversary Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree of the order. Contact me for details if you are or know of a regular member wanting to advance to the 4th degree of the order. My email and phone number are in this newsletter and on our web site.

If you are a member of Assembly 2516 and would like to join our Honor Guard but need assistance in purchasing the new uniform, contact us. We can help. We also have accessories to outfit you as an Honor Guard member, including swords.

Please pray for our military around the world.

Happy New Year to you and your family.

God Bless America
Al Viens - FN
Rev. Peter C. Conroy Assembly 2516



Brothers and Friends,

The District 10 Knights of Columbus (*Lewiston, Lisbon and Sabattus*) pray a monthly rosary Usually on every first Wednesday of each month at 6pm at a different church location. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. Bring the whole family!

This month is on the second Wednesday. January 8, we will be saying the Rosary at **Holy Cross Church** in Lewiston.



Pope Francis on Dec. 24 officially launched the Vatican's 2025 Jubilee Year, encouraging Christians to use the milestone occasion to dream of a "new world where peace and justice reign."

"The Jubilee calls us to spiritual renewal and commits us to the transformation of our world, so that this year may truly become a time of jubilation," said Francis during his Christmas Eve Mass.

Pope Francis

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

December 06, 2024



Pictured L to R: Holy Family Council Essay Chairman - Bob Dumond, Nathan Thomas- 3rd Place Arianna Wasnea-Floyd - 1st Place Winner and Sarah Michaud - 2nd Place Winner

In the fall of 2024, thirty 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 ***"What are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess , and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?"***

Essays were scored on 3 factors: content 35pts, grammar 30pts and style 35pts, making a possible score of 100pts. Five judges made up of a Dominican Sister, 2 retired professional women and 2 Sir Knights judged each essay. Approximately 15 to 20 hours were spent scoring all the essays.

We award the top three place winners with a certificate and monetary prizes of \$75, \$50 and \$25 respectively.



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On December 06, 2024, 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 knew and were invited to attend.

All the teachers and staff were there. Also in attendance were Father Divine Fossoh and photographer Bob Roberge. After the presentation, pictures were taken and placed on our website.

I will always remember the letter I received from one of the student'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.



2024 FOOD DRIVE

In late November, Prince of Peace Parish at Holy Family held a food drive. Our parishioners were very generous. Five pickup truck loads plus two cars were fully loaded with food collected at church on two weekends. This food was donated to the Loaves and Fishes food pantry in Sabattus.

Thank you and God Bless all the parishioners of Holy Family.



Coats 4 Kids

Holy Family Council delivered 144 new coats for our community children this year.

Pictured to the left is Bob Roberge giving the Lewiston School system some of these coats.

May God Bless them
and keep them warm this winter!

The Shrine of La Salette Inspires Many

Shrine of La Salette Bus Trip Inspires All !!!

On December 12, 2024, 51 souls bordered a bus driven by our Sister-in-Christ, Pam Vaillancourt. Destination was The Shrine of La Salette in Attleboro, Massachusetts.

This was the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All were given a handmade chaplet and a special prayer sheet for to pray to our Lady.

After the chaplet prayer, a couple chance drawings were made with prizes donated by the Holy Family Knights of Columbus.

At La Salette, there was a museum with over 1500 Nativity sets from all over the world. It was incredible! There were 2 masses celebrated. At the 4pm mass, Father Divine and Father Samy co-celebrated with the local priest. At 5pm, a lighting of the lifesize creche was conducted while prayers and a song were sung. At the end of the song, a family with 6 children "hit the switch" and instantly lit millions of Christmas lights all over the property. Another amazing sight! The group was then treated to a family style meal of French meat pie and a full turkey dinner.

A special thanks to Ray Laplume, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Wilson and Mr. & Mrs. Bob Roberge for organizing this wonderful trip. And a special thank you to our driver, Pam, for getting us there and back safely.



January Birthdays

Birthday	Member
1/1	Steven M. Sawczyn
1/2	Gerard E. Poulin
1/4	Francis Navojosky
1/10	Steven P. Boulet
1/10	Emilien C Lafond
1/15	Rev. Robert C. Vaillancourt
1/26	Paul Ramsden
1/27	Robert A. Dumond
1/29	John J Cyr
1/29	Richard G. Ouellette



CROSS THE STREET MINISTRY

Holy Family Council members participate in the "Cross The Street Ministry" every Tuesday morning. You may have seen the beautiful van parked by the street with a picture of the Pope on one side and Saint Mother Threse on the other side. We pass out sandwiches, gloves, stockings, hats, snack packs, coffee, and multiple other items as we get them. We park at the upper end of Kennedy Park and serve anyone that comes.

Above left picture shows the van (known to the locals as "The Pope Mobile") in action. The gentleman to the left is Joe Levasseur handing out snacks and water. Inside van is Bob Dumond and Bob Roberge. Outside right is Dave Gervais handing out sandwiches. Recipients are always grateful and give their thanks and Blessings.



The Knights of Columbus Council 10019 is sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive on February 17th at the Holy Family Parish hall, 607 Sabattus Street- from 1:00 PM until 5:30 PM. An appointment is needed by going to redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767. There is an urgent need for blood donors.

Volunteers will be needed to set up the hall for the drive and during the drive itself. To volunteer, call Ray Laplume at 241-0639, please leave a message if I am not able to answer your call.

January 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>The Holy Family K of C lead a Rosary. Every Saturday at 3:25pm and Sunday at 10:25am before each mass @ Holy Family Church, Please Join us!</p>		<p>1 New Years Day</p>	<p>2 Lectio Divina 6:30 OLR</p>	<p>3 Maine State Council Winter Meeting</p>	<p>4 Maine State Council Winter Meeting</p>	
<p>5 Maine State Council Winter Meeting</p>	<p>6 The Epiphany of the Lord</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Monthly Rosary 6pm Holy Cross</p>	<p>9 Lectio Divina 6:30 OLR</p>	<p>10 Put away Nativity 9:30 Hall Setup for Bean Supper 4pm</p>	<p>11 Baby Shower Bean Supper 4-6pm</p>
<p>12 Baby Shower All Masses</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Meetings HFCH Council 7pm Assembly 6pm</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Lectio Divina 6:30 OLR</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Baby Shower</p>
<p>19 Baby Shower All Masses</p>	<p>20 Martin Luther King Day</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</p>	<p>23 Lectio Divina 6:30 OLR</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 I Survived 9 Holy Hour 1:30—2:30 HFC</p>
<p>26 Baby Shower All Masses</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 HFCH Officers Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Lectio Divina 6:30 OLR</p>	<p>31</p>	



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