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Brothers,

Summer 2026 is coming to an end, and I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer as I have had with family and friends. It has certainly been a memorable one for my family and me, as I had the incredible joy of watching my son graduate from college and begin the next chapter of his life in seminary.

As we close out the summer, I also want to take a moment to recognize what an incredible start we have had to our new fraternal year. I have been truly impressed by the involvement and commitment I have witnessed from our Brother Knights over the past few months.

We had one of the largest turnouts I can remember for a July meeting, three incredible community meals in June, July and August, and one of the best Lobsterfests I have witnessed. And, of course, every Friday night we host a tremendous Bingo — an undertaking that requires a significant commitment from so many of our members.

Thank you to everyone who gives their time and lends a hand. Your involvement is what makes us one of the most active councils on Long Island. More importantly, it allows us to do so much for our parish and the community we serve. Every meeting attended, every meal served, every event supported and every hour volunteered makes a difference. I hope each of you takes pride in what we accomplish together. We have exceeded every expectation I could have imagined, and I am grateful to each and every one of you.

This summer has also brought sadness as we have lost a few of our Brother Knights. Please continue to remember them and their families in your prayers. Let us also pray for our brothers who are facing health challenges and those who are recovering.

As we begin this new fraternal year, I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new Brother Knights. Please take the time to introduce yourselves, welcome them and help them become involved in the life of our Council. And as always, continue to invite other Catholic men to join us and experience the fraternity, faith and service that make the Knights of Columbus so special.

Finally, remember that membership in the Knights also provides access to valuable benefits and resources for our families. I encourage you to speak with our Worthy Insurance Agent, Patrick McGuire, to learn more.

Thank you again, Brothers, for everything you do. It has been a great summer and a fantastic beginning to our new fraternal year. I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the months ahead.

In Prayer and Brotherhood.

TJ McCann
Grand Knight Queen Of All Hearts Counsel #41

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Prayer for the canonization of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney

*God, our father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney to be an apostle of Christian family life and lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commitment of charity and building up his body, which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant, prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (now make your request) Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Father – Hail Mary – Glory be to the **Father**.*

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	31 Officers meeting 7pm	1	2	3 Members meeting 7pm	4 NO BINGO	5 Totus-Tuus (COR)9am Seton Chapel
6	7 	8	9	10 9-11 Mass of remembrance 7pm At SJE	11 BINGO	12 Totus-Tuus (COR)9am Seton Chapel
13	14	15	16	17	18 BINGO	19 Totus-Tuus (COR)9am Seton Chapel
20 Officers installation 3pm at SJE	21	22	23	24	25 BINGO	26 Totus-Tuus (COR)9am Seton Chapel
27	28	29	30	1	2 BINGO	3 Totus-Tuus (COR)9am Seton Chapel



Bingo every Friday at St. John the Evangelist Parish auditorium.
Sales start at 6:30pm and Bingo will start at 7:30 and usually ends around 10:30.
Brothers, we will need your help. Bingo is how we raise funds to make our many donations. There are many jobs that need to be done from sales, to calling to set up and break down as well as snack bar. You don't need to stay all night, any amount of time you can give us will be appreciated.

District Deputy's Message

Brothers,

As we come to the 25th Anniversary of September 11th
Please say a prayer for the families who lost loved ones that day and those who have been lost since.

There will be a 9/11 Memorial Service in Patchogue flyer is attached to this email.

There will be a Grand Knight and FS Training on Saturday Sept 12th 2026
At our lady of mount Carmel Church in Patchogue 10am Coffee 10:30am trainings start.

Suffolk chapter is holding a putting for C&B event Sat and Sunday September 12th & 13th from

I look forward to installing all the Newly Elected officers of Queen of All Hearts Council.
Vivat Jesus!!!

James J. Kaan -PGK
District Deputy
1st New York District
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The Totus-Tous men's prayer group has started working with the Knights of Columbus COR program. What is COR? How does it work? How can I learn more about it? Come to the convent {Seton Chapel} Saturday mornings at 9am, grab a cup of coffee and find out

Masses for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

2026 SCHEDULE OF MASSES

FOR THE CANONIZATION OF BLESSED MICHAEL J. McGIVNEY

AUGUST 2 SUNDAY 12 PM
SEPTEMBER 12 SATURDAY 5 PM

OCTOBER 4 SUNDAY 12 PM, Rosary to follow in the prayer garden
NOVEMBER 8 SUNDAY 8 AM
DECEMBER 20 SUNDAY 8 AM

MASS DATES IN BLUE ARE COUNCIL ATTENDED MASSES

Masses for council members and their families

Clara Hoffmeier, Saturday September 19, 5pm at SJE
William Fitzpatrick, Saturday, October 24, 8am at SJE

August 2026 Lecturer's Reflection

Brother Knights,

Even though the feast of St. Benedict occurred last month in July, I felt compelled to write this for this month's reflection. We have an old family friend who lives in Nevada who has a special devotion to St. Benedict. At times she likes to send medals of the Saint and prayers for his intercession which she mailed to us last month.

As a result I did some reading on St. Benedict as I wasn't too familiar with him. There are many teachings we can take from Saint Benedict and apply them in today's world.

St. Benedict was born in the late fifth century however, much of the advice he offers can feel particularly current and useful in today's world. In 530 A.D. Saint Benedict wrote a book of precepts which today is commonly known as the Rule of Saint Benedict.

The way of life he established is commonly used in the phrase "ora et labora" which is to say pray and work. This can be summed up as making God the center and focus of one's life and taking care of your responsibilities creating a balance between prayer and work. As such, this phrase has been adopted as the motto of the Benedictine Order as well as other monastic communities. While in theory this sounds like a simple concept, the world we live in seems to do everything it can to keep us from fulfilling said concept.

Saint Benedict starts out his book of precepts with "listen with the ear of your heart." To me this is exceptionally useful advice, as in our modern world we are surrounded by many distractions many of which are aimed at keeping one from hearing God's will and perceiving him in the world we live in. It has been said that by seeking God in all that we do, we can love him as well as our neighbors with our whole heart.

Brothers, so perhaps it can be said that St. Benedict's message for us in today's secular world full of every kind of distraction imaginable is this, slow down a little, listen and perceive the Lord in our daily life, pray, and do the work that is in front of us.

Vivat Jesus

Meeting Date: Thursday, August 13th, 2026

The Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by Grand Knight TJ McCann.

The roll of officers was called and noted as follows:

Chaplain (Fr. Riegger): P
Associate Chaplain (Fr. Leone) – E
Grand Knight (TJ McCann): P
Deputy Grand Knight (Frank Ferrara): P
Chancellor (Brian Leavy): P
Recorder (Dan O’Connell): P
Financial Secretary (George Keller): E
Treasurer (Kevin Both): P
Lecturer (Vincent Ladalla): E
Advocate (Michael Curtain): P
Warden (Frank Cantasano): P
Inside Guard (Raul Perez): P
Outside Guard (2) (Doug Boyce, Rick Mazarakis): P,P
Trustee 3rd year (Steve Aracri): P
Trustee 2nd year (Jim O’Connor): P
Trustee 1 year (Gene Daversa): P

Last month’s minutes

Motion made to accept the Minutes as published – Motion carried.

Chaplain’s Message:

1. Great to be here and see so many people here and to see the great representation we have.
2. Hopes everyone is having a great summer.
3. Thanked GK TJ, DGK Frank, and all the officers, for the great job we are doing
4. Thanks us for Bingo and our generous Stipend and also for all we did for his Anniversary Mass.

Grand Knight Report

1. Purchased cake for Billy as it is his last meeting before he leaves for the Seminary.
2. Mentioned today is Guy’s last meeting.
- 3.

Treasurer –

Report by Kevin Both

Motion made to Accept the report – motion carried.

Membership Committee/Admissions

1. We have 2 new members
 - a. Mark Havens – married, St. John’s is Home Parish – sponsored by Brian L.
 - b. Vincent Parisi – single, St. Jude’s is Home Parish – sponsored by John M.

Motion made to Accept the new members – motion carried

Bingo report

1. Profit for July: \$ 7729.93 (*3 occasions)
 - a. Due St. Johns’s: \$3865.00
2. Disbursements:
 - a. St. Johns - \$3035.77
 - b. PO Box – \$522.00
 - c. St John’s Church – \$620.54
 - d. OLQA - \$2000.00
 - e. Chapter Charities - \$1000.00
 - f. James O’Connor - \$100.00
3. Thanked all the Volunteers for their support and for making this the most profitable year. Without your commitment, we would not have been this successful.

Motion made to accept the Bingo report - motion carried

Financial Secretary Report

1. Membership Totals:
 - a. Associate Members: 157
 - b. Insurance Members: 75

- c. Inactive Members: 12
- d. Total Members: 244
- e. Honorary Members: 3
- f. Honorary Life Members: 49
- g. Exempt Members: 4
- 2. Council in good standing
- 3. 14 is our Membership Quota

4th degree report

- 1. 8/26 – Next 4th Degree Meeting
- 2. 11/18 – we are hosting the 4th degree meeting here.

Council Events Community Director – (DGK Frank Ferrara)

- 1. All events are on the website www.kofc4126.com
- 2. 8/29 – Lobster Fest – 3pm - Lobster \$50/Chicken \$35
- 3. 8/31 – Community Meal and Officer's Meeting
- 4. 9/3 – Membership Meeting

Service Committees:

Upcoming Events

1.

Bell Jars report –

- 1. Bell jars – ended \$52.93

Shirt/Jacket Report

1.

Retention Committee

1.

STAR Council Chairperson Report

1.

Nominating Committee

1.

Parish/Rectory Liason – (Brian Leavy)

- 1. Talked about Holy Smokes and how it was well attended.

C and B books

- 1. Turn in any remaining money to Gene D.

Field Agent Report

- 1. Interest rate has been constant
- 2. Today is the Feast Day for Fr. McGivney – He was born on August 12 and died on August 14 from TB at the age of 38
- 3. We are a Fortune 1000 insurance company

Bills and Communications:

- 1. Invitation to NIS'50th Anniversary Cocktail Reception @ Bellport Country Club on Oct. 22nd
- 2. Thank you Letter from OLQA School
- 3. Thank you Letter from Catholic Charities Talbot House.

Unfinished Business

- 1. Joe mentioned a trip to Mary Help of Christian's Shrine in Stony Point – Joe to look into it and the cost - parking is free, about 2 hrs trip. Only cost would be getting there like a van – table this for one for month – still ongoing
- 2. Looking to do a tour and a picnic at the St. George's Manor. – PGK Jim O to look into it. – looking for future dates after August
- 3. DGK Frank Ferrara drafted a letter to Supreme regarding how we thought it was an injustice that we did not get STAR council with what we have done in this Fraternal Year

New Business

- 1. 9/19 – Council BBQ, time TBD
- 2. 8/29 – Lobsterfest – need lots of help, it is our biggest fundraiser
- 3. Kevin talked to Meat Farms regarding our Food Drives as they are taking over the King Kullens
- 4. Motion made for \$500 to New Hope Rising – motion passed
- 5. Billy spoke and mentioned how thankful and humbled he is for the gifts that we gave to him.

6. Also, he spoke about his trip to Rome and how there was a Mass said for all of our intentions. He asked that we continue to pray for him.
7. Motion made up to \$150 for a tee sign for Moriches Community Center golf outing
8. 9/10 - Vigil Mass for 9/11@7pm
9. 9/12 – 100th Anniversary of OLQA Mass @ 5pm
10. 9/20 – Installation of Officers
11. 10/4 – Next McGivney Mass - 12pm
12. 11/27 – Black Friday Football Game – 2pm
13. 12/12 – Council Christmas Parties

Lecturer's Reflection

Presented by Vincent Ladallia

District Deputy Report

1. Brought us greetings from our Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, up in New Haven, and our State Deputy Gary Leonardo.
2. This year when we go for Founders Award there is a new way for the insurance
3. We started the year out strong with 2 new members – Goal is Founders Award and STAR Council
4. C&B books are back
5. Chapter BBQ – 8/29
6. 9/12-9/13 - Suffolk Chapter is having a PUTTING for C&B Tournament - \$10pp

50/50 Report

1. \$251 collected, \$126 for Council, \$125 for Winner.

Grand Knights Summary:

1. Eternally grateful for helping out his son, Billy.
2. Good luck to Guy, he will be missed.
3. Sad day as we learned about the passing of Brother Knight, Ed Strack. He will be missed.
4. Keep Holly Redmond, Eddie Strack, Tom Taylor, Peggy Lankau and the PGK of Westhampton and his family on the death of his son in our prayers.

PUTTING FOR C & B

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BILL FONTAINE

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9-11 MEMORIAL

SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

STARTS AT 9:00 AM

We come together to honor the lives lost, the heroes who emerged, and the strength that united us.

SUFFOLK COUNTY CHAPTER OF KNIGHTS

Let us never forget.

ADDRESS:

44 Maiden Lane, Patchogue, NY

REPASS TO FOLLOW MEMORIAL AT THE PATCHOGUE COUNCIL #725

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Queen September 2026 Council Message

Brothers,

I want to start off this month's message with an interesting, but lesser-known story about Father McGivney. We know our Founder cared deeply about the lives of his parishioners and strengthening their sense of community. He was also very practical about what a parish community most often needs: money.

One fall, with St. Mary's in debt to creditors, he led an ingenious combination fundraiser and social event. St. Mary's hall turned into a coffeehouse filled with music, dancing, skits, dessert and, of course, coffee, which was a profitable draw at the time. The party was only supposed to last one night, but the people of New Haven kept coming and drew it out for a week! In the end, Father McGivney was able to pay down a good amount of the debt — and further solidified his reputation as a priest deeply embedded in the life of his parish.

Father McGivney recognized and valued the things that really matter: God. Fellowship. A sense of belonging and the space to reinforce those ties of friendship, mutual support and common faith.

Brothers, September is Life Insurance Awareness Month, but what I'd like to propose is that we think of it as "The Things That Matter" Month. What does your family value? What are the pillars of your family culture? What do you want to preserve for them when you're no longer here?

Life insurance can be a big part of that. Maybe you want to protect the home that shelters your family, that's set the stage for so many memories and is a safe haven for your children to return to. Maybe you want to ensure that your children — or grandchildren — will have access to high-quality education. Or maybe you want to safeguard a family business or a similar legacy that can continue to provide for your loved ones.

We can talk about these options and more, and whether they might best be covered by temporary or permanent policies. Ideally, I want to help you match your insurance coverage not just with your basic needs, but with the things that your family deems most important to preserve.

This month, I challenge you to think about what those things are. And if you don't have a plan to protect them, give me a call, or scan my QR code below.

Thank you!



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BOOK A MEETING



Please join the parish and school community of St. John the Evangelist as we gather in thanksgiving to celebrate

100 years of Catholic education in our community.

Centennial Mass of Thanksgiving

Saturday, September 12, 2026

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

St. John the Evangelist Church

We are especially honored to welcome home **Bishop Robert Guglielmo**, a 1959 graduate of **St. John the Evangelist School**, who will preside at this historic Centennial Mass. His return makes this celebration especially meaningful as we give thanks for 100 years of Catholic education and the many generations of students whose lives have been shaped by this important ministry.

A Century of Faith, Learning & Service

On September 13, 1926, the doors of St. John the Evangelist School opened for the first time. Founded by the **Sisters of Charity**, the school began its mission of forming young people in faith, knowledge, and service.

What began 100 years ago has touched countless generations of students, families, teachers, and parishioners.

In 1992, the school entered a new chapter as **Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School**, joining with neighboring parishes while continuing the tradition of Catholic education here on the campus of St. John the Evangelist.

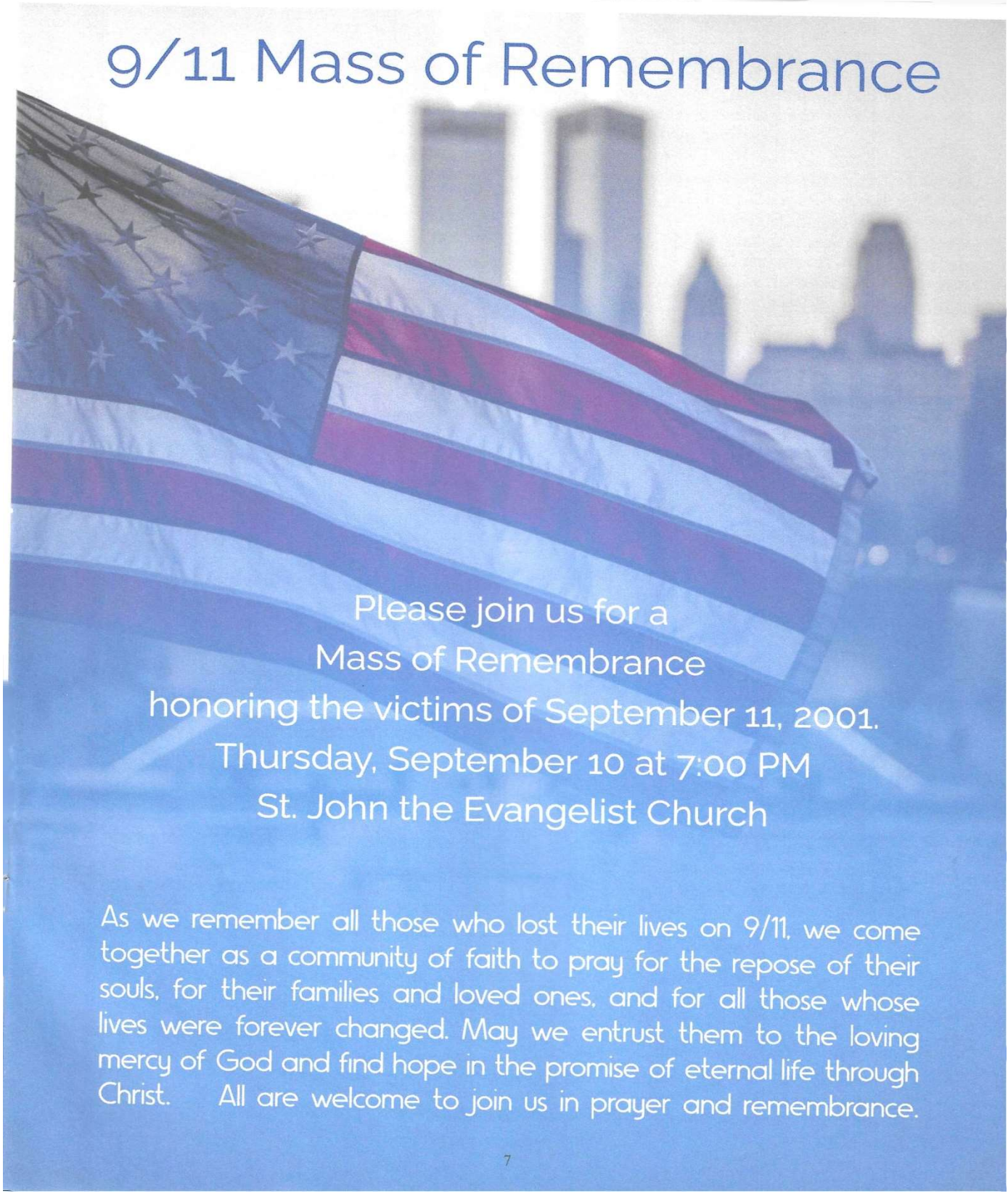
This Centennial is more than a celebration of a school—

It is a celebration of a legacy of faith and the many lives shaped by Catholic education throughout the past century.

As we begin our **2026-2027 Centennial Year**, we invite alumni, families, parishioners, former students and teachers, and friends of our parish and school to come together for this special Mass of Thanksgiving.

**Come celebrate our past, give thanks for our present,
and pray for the future of Catholic education in our community.**

We look forward to celebrating this historic milestone with you!

An American flag is shown waving in the foreground, with a city skyline, including the Twin Towers, visible in the background. The text is overlaid on this image.

9/11 Mass of Remembrance

Please join us for a
Mass of Remembrance
honoring the victims of September 11, 2001.
Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 PM
St. John the Evangelist Church

As we remember all those who lost their lives on 9/11, we come together as a community of faith to pray for the repose of their souls, for their families and loved ones, and for all those whose lives were forever changed. May we entrust them to the loving mercy of God and find hope in the promise of eternal life through Christ. All are welcome to join us in prayer and remembrance.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Please keep the following Brothers Knights or members of their family in your thoughts and prayers, as they have been ill or need your support.

The Priests, Deacons and religious of our local parishes all seminarians, Fr. Leone, the Keller Family, John Amorello and family, Barbara Heptig, Bill Hasper and family, Barbara LaValle, Barbara Laughlin, Peggy Lankau, The Simone and Rowe families, The McCann Family, Dennis Morrill, Christine Schaff, Angela McDermott, Kathy Gillen, Peggy Orlando, Karen Lynch, Frank S Cantasano, Frank Rienzo, Kathleen Both, John Madigan, Steve Abazis, Frances Coll, Michael Coll, Thomas Taylor, Ken Swicicki, Guy Panuccio, Herb McIntire, Mike Redmond, Jim Redmond Jr, Ana and Raul Perez, Judy Paulson, Joseph Ladalia, Marianne Ladalia Virginia Ferrara, Joe Villacci, John Alesi, Billy McCann, Mark Havens, Steve Salch, Katie O'Connor, Susan Fitzpatrick, Joan Kominos, Josh Penna, Lisa and Brian Boyce, Trudy Semler, Pat Sabia, Patricia Barry, Diane Ferrara, Vincent Biondo, Liz Harrington, Rick Mazarakis, Susan Testa, Karyn Yoing, Sandy Smith, James Patrick Lapham, Rob Costanso, For repose of the souls of, Ed Strack

For all those serving our country and all of the departed members of our council and their families. For all the unborn and their families and for the souls in purgatory

If you know of a brother in need please contact:

Members Welfare Coordinator
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A Note from the Editor

To have articles printed in the newsletter, I **must** have them by the **15th** of the month. You can E-mail them to S.K George Keller at ambagfk@aol.com

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