



Rev. John J. Murray

American Martyrs **KNIGHT LIGHT** Fr. John J. Murray Council #14666



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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Joe Timpa

As a K of C council, we are not to be 'political', other than to perhaps remind one another, and others, that we should participate in the election process. So please tune in, pay attention, read, listen, discuss things in a civil tone, and vote as your conscience guides you. Help to decide Big Bird's future.

Once again, because of a council of great brothers, the administrative diligence of our worthy Financial Secretary Matt Byrne and Worthy Treasurer Carl Reyes, and the guidance of our former District Deputy Bob Graziano, our council has received two awards for our efforts last Columbian year.congratulations brothers! Please see the details elsewhere in this newsletter.

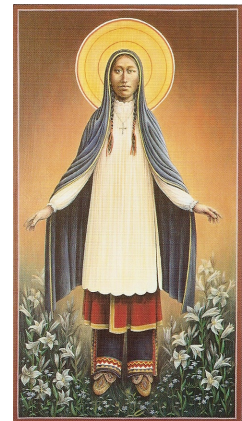
Our Welcome Back BBQ was a success. Each year we learn more regarding how to run a BBQ for



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SAVE THE DATE!

- November 8 Meeting
- November 29 Meeting
- November 30 Christmas Fair Setup
- December 1-2 Christmas Fair
- December 13 Meeting



St. Kateri Tekakwitha

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

By Father Frank Schwarz

Dear Brothers in Christ,

It has been four years since we began this Knights of Columbus Council here at American Martyrs. I am very happy to say that it has been a tremendous success and is without a doubt the "Right Hand" of this parish. As Pastor and Chaplain, I am proud of the work that the Fr. Murray Council K of C has already accomplished, and look forward to what we can do together in the future.

As you know, this year our Holy Father has called for a "Year of Faith" which will celebrate and strengthen the faith that we Catholics share, as well as commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It is in one of the Documents of the Second Vatican Council, "Lumen Gentium", that we are reminded that the laity have a special and indispensable role to play in the mission of the Church in the world: "By reason of their special vocation it belongs to the laity

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Brief Biography of the Reverend John J. Murray

By Michael Shoule

(March 15, 1929 - September 3, 2007)

As great a priest as Father John J. Murray was, it is not an exaggeration to say that he was an even better man. For that reason he was respected by all that met him and loved by those who were lucky enough to get to know him.

John J. Murray was born in Manhattan and grew up in Belle Harbor after his parents moved there when he was one year old. He was an only child who took a particular interest in hotel management which was his father's vocation. He also followed in his father's musical

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HELP RENAME THE STREET CORNER IN HONOR OF Fr. JOHN J. MURRAY

Get an update and learn
how on page 4.

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP!**



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hundreds of people. Thanks to Theresa Asche and Doctor Lawyer Joann Tavella for their assistance. Also, many thanks to Brother Knight David Tavella and his bride for donating the entertainment. I am scared to think what we would have done without it. Dave Russell wasn't around for 'Simon Says'. It could have gotten ugly, with Brian Gaffney telling jokes to the kids (we love you Brian).

The Oktoberfest was also a great time. Thanks to the D'Andrea family and Irmgard Hippeli for the decor. Our youth group kids were very helpful with the setup. Delicious food, a great keg - and Father Frank in the customary attire - it was a very enjoyable night.

We hosted a successful bagel breakfast, in honor of the North American Martyrs. Special thanks to: Tony Zaff for coordinating the bagel delivery; Sue Templin, the parish Director of Faith Formation, and the ever present Theresa Asche, who did most of the shopping; and Johanna Zafferese, for coordinating the assistance of our Hospitality committee - we couldn't have done it without them.

Please note that the Hospitality committee will host a family event on Saturday 11/17/12, after the 5pm mass, in the Sullivan center. It will be a night of games, food, prizes, and a chance to make your own ice cream sundae. Admission is \$10 per family, or \$5 per person. Please attend.

Our Worthy Chancellor Mike Shoule coordinated another successful Greenway cleanup and our resident vampire Ed Pearce coordinated another successful blood drive. Yes we do more than throw parties. Unsung, important work guys; thank you both.

Congratulations to our own Carmine Vaccarino and Vin Yosca, who were installed as District Wardens, on Sunday October 28 (we have guys on the inside now!)

The danger in naming names when distributing thank you's is leaving someone out. I hope that did not happen here. If it did, someone let me know.

We have been busy. To borrow a phrase, 'at ease men', until the Christmas fair. You guys are awesome.

Joe T GK

(Chaplin's Message Continued from page 1)

to seek the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and directing them according to God's will..." (LG31)

Certainly, the Knights of Columbus have been at the forefront of such activity, and you continue to witness to your faith by your conduct as Catholic men and knights each and every day. Whether you are hosting a greenway-clean up, or a food drive, or one of the many social events, you witness to your faith. Even as you continue to help with Bingo, you have opportunities to be an "alter Christus", another Christ to someone else. For that I am deeply grateful.

Also when you are not here at American Martyrs you have opportunities to bear witness to Christ. Whether you are at home or at work, in your neighborhood or on vacation, with family and friends or with strangers, there are always opportunities to bring His peace and love to a world that is often sadly fractured and confused. This is a challenging and awesome vocation that we are called to, but one that we as a brotherhood of men accept as knights. It is the essence of chivalry: to serve others, especially those who are unable to help themselves.

As we enter our fifth year as a Council, I want to thank you all for your work, your service, your example, and your commitment. American Martyrs Church is truly blessed to have you. I pray that God may continue to keep you and your families safe and healthy in the new year, the year of faith.

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. Frank

(Father John Murray Bio, Continued from page 2)

footsteps by learning to play the trumpet and would entertain guests at the family hotel in the Catskills while his father would play along on the piano.

Father Murray's true vocation, though delayed by his years in the business world, was the priesthood and he was ordained a Roman Catholic priest on May 29, 1965. Prior to arriving at American Martyrs parish in Bayside, Queens in 1993, he had served at the parishes of St. Edmund's and St. Fidelis.

His good friend, the Reverend Monsignor John F. Keppler, remembers meeting Father Murray for the first time and immediately noticing how meticulous he was about dressing neatly and having perfectly polished shoes. He also remembers Father Murray as being a stickler for being on time. Over the 14 years of friendship that developed between the two of them, Monsignor Keppler laughingly refers to them as the "Odd Couple". One habit of his that did rub off on Father Murray though was a love of baseball and that led Father Murray to becoming a big Derek Jeter fan because of the way he carried himself on and off the field. Father Murray was devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary and his example encouraged parishioners to pray to her in both good times and bad. He was a regular visitor to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Manorville/Eastport, NY and was on the Bishop's Committee on Alcoholism counseling so many people in need of help. We parishioners of American Martyrs will always remember Father Murray for two things in particular. The first is the series of Lenten talks that he initiated

and would give following the Stations of the Cross each Friday night during Lent. Each year the series would have a different theme that always tied back to how we can grow our faith and become closer to God. These talks were extremely well attended and one of the most popular was the series with the "cruising" theme as Father Murray loved to travel, especially on cruise ships. He even had an oversized world map hanging in his office with push pins marking each of the cities he had visited.

The second is when he would lead the entire church in singing Happy Birthday to baby Jesus at the Midnight Mass each Christmas Eve. This was a fun way to remind the young and old alike of the real reason for the season. He used a similar way of communicating when he would address the Sunday school children each week before giving the homily at the 10:30 mass. He would stand in front of their section, essentially with his back to the rest of the church, give them his trademark pinky wave hello, and present the readings and Gospel to them in a way that they could relate to.

That was one of Father Murray's many gifts, his wonderful ability to connect with people regardless of age, gender, religion, or race. His legacy lives on in the hearts of our parish and with the **Father John J. Murray Knights of Columbus Council 14666 at American Martyrs**. We ask your consideration to see fit to rename the northeast corner of Bell Boulevard and Union Turnpike in Father Murray's honor.

Thank you.

THE COUNCIL JEWEL OF THE INSIDE GUARD & THE OUTSIDE GUARD



Crossed Axes and Key. Key is symbolic of a guardian, secrecy and responsibility for safekeeping and admission. Axe is indicative of authority even to the point of punishment to maintain it. Originally, the axe was symbolic of power over life and death.

SK Vin Yosca serves as this council's Inside Guard and **SK Dominick D'Andrea** as the Outside Guard.

Courtesy of: The Official Knights of Columbus Emblems and Jewels.

THANK YOU

JOHN & LINDA LIMBERG

Thanks to the generosity of our brother Knight **John** and his wife **Linda**, all the parishioners at American Martyrs had an opportunity to share in the fruits of their labor by receiving beautiful pumpkins!





OKTOBERFEST AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

By Michael Shoule

The Sullivan Center was turned into an Oktoberfest tent of sorts on Saturday, October 13th, and everyone got to be German for a night. Father Frank, who initiated the idea of alternating years between an Oktoberfest party and the traditional pasta supper in honor of Columbus Day, was dressed in full regalia sporting authentic lederhosen reminiscent of his German ancestry.

Over 150 guests were treated to great food from Frank's Deli in Maspeth and the DJ wizardry of Joe Timpa, who somehow found the fine balance between oompahs, polkas, and musical chairs much to the satisfaction of young and old alike. More than one partygoer commented at how delicious the WARM soft pretzels were which just added to the Oktoberfest atmosphere.

Danke schoen in a very big way to **Irmgard Hippeli** for providing so many of the great decorations. She mentioned that she used to be in charge of the Oktoberfest parties when her son attended Holy Cross high school. Thanks also to the Knights, their families, the Youth Group, and the other parishioners who assisted with set up, clean up, and the party itself. It was a great time.



Father Murray Street Corner Renaming Update

By Michael Shoule

Rob Liatto and I met with Mr. Dev Viswanath who is the President of the Hollis Hills Civic Association in hopes of gaining their support for the street renaming. Mr. Viswanath said that he had read the bio of Father Murray that Rob had sent to him and that he would encourage the members of the HHCA to give their support. In his opinion though, it is very important for our cause to try and include in the bio the effect Father Murray had on the community as a whole. While he understands how important Father Murray was to American Martyrs parish, in order to gain the support of more members of the community he thinks we should add Father Murray's non-parish activities.

IMPORTANT - In order to do that we need your help please. If you have any suggestions regarding what events, organizations, groups, etc. that Father Murray was involved with, whether on a regular basis or maybe as a one-time speaker or guest please let us know right away. Likewise if you know someone, whether or not from the parish, who would have insight into some of this information, please have them contact us. While this tends to be a long, drawn out process, we have some nice momentum building and we don't want to lose it. The sooner we can gather info to update the bio the better. Please send any correspondence to KofC14666fm@gmail.com Thank you.



Our Past Grand Knight Walks For ALS Cure



On Saturday September 29, our **Past Grand Knight Kevin Lyons** joined hundreds of walkers for the ALS Association's Walk to Defeat ALS®. ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, is a deadly illness with no known cause or cure.

It affects the motor neurons in a person's brain and spinal cord. When the motor neurons die, the muscles waste away. Gradually, a person is robbed of the ability to walk, speak, eat, and eventually breathe. All the while, the mind remains sharp and aware of the total paralysis that is quickly setting in. Upon diagnosis, doctors give ALS patients only two to five years to live.

Kevin's mom died from Lou Gehrig's disease on September 2, 2012. His efforts will help The ALS Association fund research to find the cause and cure of Lou Gehrig's Disease, as well as support services for people affected by it.

Our council donated \$250 to this very important cause.

GREENWAY CLEANUP - - 3 Times a Charm

By Michael Shoule

We had a nice turnout on Saturday, October 20th for our semiannual Greenway Clean-Way event. About 37 adults and children showed up that morning to help beautify the old Vanderbilt Motor Parkway that connects Alley Pond Park with Cunningham Park and is referred to by many as "the bicycle path". Many of the volunteers noticed that there seemed to be less trash than there was during the April cleanup. It is great to see that our efforts are making a difference. If we can get more volunteers for next spring then we can think about expanding our reach to include other wooded areas in our neighborhood that need some attention. In the future, we are hoping to involve the students of St. Francis Prep and possibly the Friends of Cunningham Park organization. The greater our outreach to the different schools, groups, and associations in our community, the larger our impact will be.

We are grateful to the members of the Alley Pond Striders whose volunteers have supported our endeavor from the start. Special thanks to those who volunteered to be point people - Carl Reyes, Matt Byrne, Rob Liatto, and Jim Tavcar.

- PS it seems that the third time is the charm-as of this writing Mike Shoule did not have any poison ivy.



UPDATE

Joe,

Please thank my fellow Brother Knights for their sympathy cards, kind words and abundant generosity in support of my moms passing.

I walked with thousands of others to raise money for a cure to ALS.

I was proud to walk in honor of my mom and countless others who have been afflicted with this disease.

Thank you for walking along with me!

Your Friend,
Kevin Lyons, PGK

From The
Mailroom





Welcome Back Kids!

By Michael Tramonte

Our Council helped welcome the CCD and parish children back to school on September 17th when we hosted our annual Back to School Barbeque. Following the 10:30 mass, we welcomed an enthusiastic - and larger than expected crowd in the Sullivan Center where we served complimentary hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, soda and chips for the CCD children. The expert grilling was handled by our brothers - Dom D'Andrea, Sal Tartaglione, Roger Persaud, Jim Tavcar, Rob Liatto, Don Hamilton, and Michael Shoule.



During the event we showed a video slideshow of many of the successful events the Council sponsored during the last year including Pasta Night, the Car Wash, The Greenway Cleanup and our participation at the Good Friday services.

Entertainment for the BBQ was provided by a visit from Elmo and clowns Kax and Erica who delighted the kids with face-painting, cotton candy, balloon animals and magic tricks. And of course, what would any magic show be without pulling a rabbit out of a box for the big finale?



The council thanks Joann and Dave Tavella for sponsoring the entertainment. We would also like to recognize the participation of the newest Knights to join our Council including George Titza, Roger Persaud, Fernando Barreira, Mike Cassano, and Mike Tramonte.

45 pints Blood Drive Success!

45 pints of blood were donated by 35 individuals in the latest blood drive held October 7. Thanks to **Long Island Blood Center** and **Ed Pearce** for chairing this important life saving initiative.

FAMILY BAGEL BREAKFAST

Our council sponsored a bagel breakfast for all parishioners on October 21 in honor of the North American Martyrs.

Thanks to all who made this possible, especially **Sue Templin, Teresa Asche, and Johanna Zafferese** and the army of helpers!



The Bagel Boys



Wanted!
Articles, Photos, Stories.
Please submit via email.

...From Last Issue:



Can you guess who is making his Fourth Degree?

Answer —
John F. Kennedy

After World War II, Kennedy joined the Knights of Columbus in 1946 on St. Patrick's Day. He was a member of Bunker Hill Council 62 in Charlestown, MA. On his Knights of Columbus membership application, Kennedy noted that his present occupation was "correspondent" (he was working as a reporter for the Hearst newspapers), and in the box that asked, "Do you intend changing your present occupation?" he wrote, "not sure." Eight years later he became a Fourth Degree Knight.

Courtesy of: www.kofc.org





CONGRATULATIONS!

on becoming 2nd Degree members of our order.
George Titza, Michael Cassano, and Patrick Dorelus.

Congratulations to American Martyrs CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS Post 1772 for receiving the National Award in Americanism!

The award for Americanism incorporates seven areas of programs and development: Patriotism, Support for a Constitutional Amendment to ban desecration of the U.S. Flag - Honor Our Flag, Elections (the Right To Vote), Community Activities, Secularism (Fighting against pornography and substance abuse), Support Our Troops.

Congratulations to the newly installed officers of the CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS.

The officers were installed on 9/30/12 after the 10:30 Mass.
The CWV Post Officers are:

- Commander: Ray Fortune
- 1st Vice Commander: Stephen Biscotti
- 2nd Vice Commander: Robert Mitts
- 3rd Vice Commander: Michael Cassano
- Adjutant: Edward Malench
- Treasure: Joseph Kinney
- Judge Advocate: James Barry
- Welfare Officer: Richard Felcetto
- Historian: Robert Shoule
- Officer of the Day: Anthony Zaffarese
- Service Office: Dennis Mullarkey
- 3 Year Trustee: Dennis Keane & Michael Clark
- 2 Year Trustee: Joseph Timpa & Michael Arriaga
- 1 Year Trustee: Domenic Parascandolo & Ralph Menichino
- Chaplin: Rev. Frank Schwarz & Deacon Stanley Galazin



CONGRATULATIONS

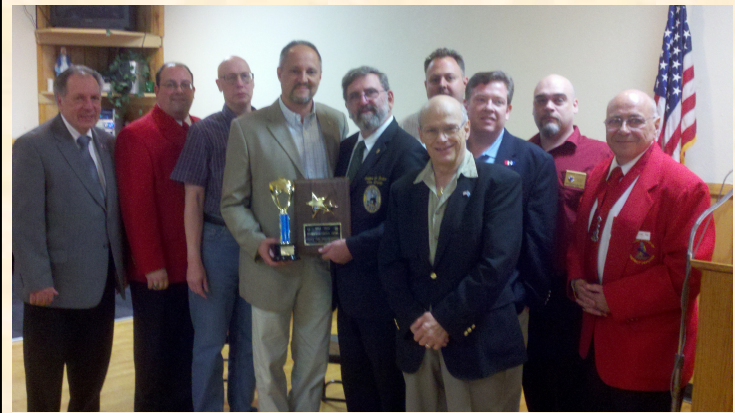
Carmine Vaccarino & Vin Yosca
were installed as DISTRICT WARDENS
for the TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT on October 28.

CONGRATULATIONS AMERICAN MARTYRS

Fr. John Murray - Council 14666

October 5 was the Queens County Awards Night and this year it was held at St. Ambrose Council in College Point. Our council was awarded **Double Star Council** and **Super Star Council** for the last Columbian year. This is a tremendous achievement made possible by the hard work and dedication of our members. The award was presented to our Grand Knight Joe Timpa by NY State Deputy Salvatore Restivo, District Deputies Bob Graziano and John Buglione, and Queens County Conference Chairman Rocco D'Erasmus.

The Double Star Award is the highest award given to councils that achieve outstanding levels of charitable service in areas of church, community, council, family, and also meet or exceed quotas for membership and insurance.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the newly installed officers of the council. The installation was held on October, 25 and was conducted by our Worth District Deputy John Buglione. Special thanks to District Wardens Danny Guez and Carmine Vaccarino.



FOR THE CRUCIVERBALIST...

By Sal Tartaglione

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DOOR OPENS AT 5PM EARLY BIRD SPECIAL AT 7:15PM

GOOD OLD FASHIONED BINGO

\$3,000.00 IN PRIZES
\$650.00 JACKPOT

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ACROSS

- 1 Jennifer Garner Series
- 6 Question
- 9 Hack's Ride
- 12 Tether
- 13 Ursula Andress 1965 flick
- 14 ____ Miss, college
- 15 Beatles' Sexy Girl
- 16 Jack Ketch's job
- 18 Old Fashioned
- 20 HIV Broadway Musical
- 21 Rayburn's "Match ____"
- 24 "What Kind of Fool Am I?" Singer
- 25 Fez or derby
- 26 Past
- 27 AFV Host
- 28 TV Control
- 31 Ronnie's 1st Lady
- 32 Like Brooks & Dunn
- 33 ____ Enterprise NCC-1701
- 34 Orifice
- 35 Summer Pavilion
- 37 Labor Day Telethon Disease
- 38 Duran's Cry 'No ____!'
- 39 Architect's Org.

- 40 Stomach Muscle
- 41 Try Again
- 42 Mont Blanc range
- 44 Nose Part
- 46 The Abyssinian Church religion
- 48 Accepting
- 52 Fib
- 53 School Org.
- 54 Famous Nazarene
- 55 Mistake
- 56 Sculling must-have
- 57 Soothing Plants

DOWN

- 1 Happy Days' Hangout Big ____
- 2 She was Caroline in the City
- 3 Roadside Bomb
- 4 Actor's comment
- 5 Former Citifield
- 6 Ghostly Complexion
- 7 Fish Type
- 8 Howard of The White Knight
- 9 "____ to my window" Etheridge
- 10 Shepard of NASA

- 11 Crooked
- 17 Metric weight
- 19 Forbidden
- 21 Group of Hooligans
- 22 Taj Mahal city
- 23 All-time Saves Leader
- 25 Longtime Jets Owner
- 27 Bassy Brass Woodwind
- 28 Latin Dance
- 29 Jumping Amphibian
- 30 Sinclair competitor
- 32 Believer Hands-off Ism
- 36 Bug killer
- 38 Quincy was one
- 40 Offering Place
- 41 James Dean played one
- 42 Can do
- 43 Cougar's home
- 44 Thin Man's dog
- 45 Indian royalty
- 47 Stock launch
- 49 Film speed
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- 51 Curlicue

