



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Monsignor John F. Callahan Council 3600 of West Hartford

## **SERVICE DRIVEN BY FAITH**

Greetings Fellow Parishioners and Friends,

There are several items that I would like to share with you this evening.

1. This year the Mums Sale was a big success. We sold about 200 Mums Plants for HopeWorks and again we were their greatest supporters for this drive. We want to thank everyone who purchased a plant or made a separate donation to HopeWorks. A special Thank You to our Mums Sale Volunteers who helped with setup, pick up, sales or clean up.

### HopeWorks Mums Sale Volunteers

Sam	Bianchi
Cosimo	Bosco
Bertha	Calabrese
George	Coppolo
Kathy	DeConti
Brian	DeConti
Lauren	DeConti
Tim	Geary
Larry	Gloekler
Sally	Hanrahan
Bob & Tracy	Kuszpa
Rachel	Lobo
Liz	Mead

Carole	Mulready
Kristy	Neilson
Janet	Quinn
Father	Sam
Joan	Sonski
Maggie	Urban

There are likely to be a few plants for sale at the Picnic on Sunday.

2. Earlier this month the Knights of Columbus made a presentation to Sunrise Northeast of funds collected from the Tootsie Roll Drive. Sunrise Northeast cares for people with intellectual disabilities. For two weekends in October each year, the Knights of Columbus stand outside of Stop & Shop and Foodmart collecting money and handing out candy. Last October we collected just over \$1,000. A little over \$200 was donated to the Special Olympics and about \$830 was presented to Sunrise. This was a joint venture with Saint Peter Claver's Council. The attached photo contains some familiar faces.



From left to right we have Sir Knight John Daly, Father Sam, Brother Tim Geary, Brother Emmet Dalton, Sabrina Wozniak from Sunrise, Sir Knight Larry Gloekler, Joan Schweitzer, Patty Schweitzer a resident of Sunrise, Grand Knight Hugh Schweitzer, Grand Knight Chris Kelly, Sir Knight Rosaire Brodeur, Thomas Kelly, Matthew Kelly and Sir Knight Paul LeMay.

3.

### Bus Trip to Lourdes in Litchfield

The Knights of Columbus will be offering a Bus Trip to Lourdes in Litchfield for a special day of Prayer. The bus will leave from the parking lot of Saint Thomas the Apostle Church at about 9:30 am Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. At the Shrine we will have Mass at 11:00 followed by Lunch. At 2:00 there will be a Living Rosary and we will depart for home at about 3:30 and arrive back at Saint Thomas the Apostle at about 4:30. The cost of the Bus will be \$12.00 per person. Seats are limited and we need a full bus load to go.

For more information or to reserve a seat on the bus, please contact:

**Rosaire Brodeur at 860-232-7431.**

#### Schedule for October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 Trip to Lourdes

9:30	Depart from Saint Thomas the Apostle
11:00	Mass at Lourdes
12:00	Lunch
2:00	Living Rosary
3:30	Depart for West Hartford
4:30	Arrive at Saint Thomas the Apostle

Lourdes website :

[http://www.shrinct.org/Lourdes\\_in\\_Litchfield/Make\\_a\\_Pilgrimage.html](http://www.shrinct.org/Lourdes_in_Litchfield/Make_a_Pilgrimage.html)

4. This Sunday, after the 10:30 we will have the Annual Parish-Family Picnic. The Knights of Columbus will be manning the Grills and hosting

a Soccer Challenge for boys and girls. This is a Soccer program offered by the Knights of Columbus worldwide. Each youngster will take 25 shots at an open net from about 20 feet away. Points are awarded based on where in the net the ball goes.

5. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting Coffee hours during the month of October. On one of those Sunday's 10-17 we will have a special Pancake Breakfast for the benefit of Saint Thomas the Apostle School. Plan to join us in support of our Parish School.

6. We will be holding a Saint Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance again this year with St Mark's Council on March 19 at their Parish Center. Save the date and join us for Food and Fun. More information will appear in the Bulletin as we get closer.

7. The Knights of Columbus will be holding a New Year's Eve Dinner Dance again this year in our Parish Center. Hold the date to bring in the New Year with Fellow Parishioners.

8. Remember that each Wednesday at 7:00 am we hold a special Mass for all of the men and women of our Armed Forces who are defending our Freedom in this War on Terror.. Join us in Praying for them!

9. **Did You Know...that the United Way Campaign is underway** in the greater Hartford area? Many local companies are soliciting contributions from employees on behalf of the United Way. The United Way offers donors an opportunity to direct their contributions to organizations of their choice.

The Food Bank at Saint Thomas the Apostle Church is one of the organizations that the United Way will direct donor contributions to, if the donor makes a specific request. Our Food Bank is identified, within the United Way agencies, as code AG2735-1. If you are donating to the United Way, **please consider earmarking some or all of you contributions to our Food Bank by marking your Donor Card with agency code AG2735-1.** As you know, our Food Bank distributes food to people in our community and excess food is shared with the Towns of West Hartford and Hartford.

We have received contributions from the following:

The Hartford Financial Services Group

The Phoenix Companies, Inc.

Travelers

Northeast Utilities Systems

Robinson & Cole LLP

Pratt & Whitney

UTC Power

and Individual Donors.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please contact Michael DeConti 860-232-1319

10. The Women's Club will be holding a Bake Sale on the weekend of October 23 and 24. Stop by after Mass for some homemade goodies.

11. On Saturday, November 13 the Women's Club is sponsoring a Bus trip to the Culinary Institute of America and the famous Vanderbilt Mansion, in Hyde Park, NY.

12. Did you know that Saint Gerard's Center For Life is expanding into the former Saint Luke's Rectory in Hartford. This Saturday, September 18, members of the West Hartford Knights of Columbus will be at the former St. Luke Rectory continuing the renovations in the Rectory for use by the St. Gerard Center for Life. Each weekend a group has gone over there to prepare the space for its new use. If you have an hour or so, you might want to stop by and help. If anyone is available for some painting or wallpaper removal from some of the bathroom walls as well as other projects, please contact:

Chris Randall 860-490-3566.

13. Last week the Youth Spectacular was held at Saint Thomas Seminary. Youth Groups from around the Archdiocese came for a day of Spirituality and fun. Monsignor Motta shared a short video with the Knights of Columbus and I thought you might like to view it. There were approximately 1,000 young adults present to share the Good News. It was a day to celebrate the Saints.

Enjoy <http://www.youtube.com/orehartford>

14. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Youth Group called the Squires at Northwest Catholic High School. This is a Catholic organization similar to the Knights of Columbus for young men under the age of 18. Attached is a picture of the Squires Officers taken at the Knights of Columbus headquarters in New Haven.



15. This summer, after installing a stair lift for a Parishioner, the Knights of Columbus received the offer of another stair lift for deployment to a home that could get some good use out of it. We accepted the donation of the stair lift and with the help of Father Sam, we found a good home for it. We installed the second stair lift and it is providing access to a second floor with much less energy expended.

16. The Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven has a special presentation on Mother Teresa.

Among Mother Teresa's many honors were the Nobel Peace Prize (1979), the Presidential Medal of Freedom (religion, 1985) and the Congressional Gold Medal (humanitarian and charitable activities, 1997). She was also the inaugural recipient of the Knights of Columbus' highest honor, the Gaudium et Spes Award (Christian faith and service, 1992).

The exhibition, which runs from March 25, 2010 - April 3, 2011, is a historical presentation, chronicling Mother Teresa's life from childhood to beatification by the Catholic Church. It includes biographical information, artifacts such as her sari and other religious and personal articles, as well as a full-scale replica of Mother Teresa's convent cell (room) in her Calcutta convent.

See the Knights of Columbus Museum's website for more information. There is free admission and free on-site parking.

[http://www.kofcmuseum.org/en/exhibits/mother\\_teresa/index.html](http://www.kofcmuseum.org/en/exhibits/mother_teresa/index.html)


### 17. ***Reverend Arthur J. Murphy Golf Classic***

The Rev. Arthur J. Murphy Golf Classic will celebrate its eleventh anniversary on Friday, September 24th at Wintonbury Hills Golf Course in Bloomfield, CT. We hope you will join us. Your support will help St. Thomas the Apostle School continue to thrive. With the help of committed friends and families, our school can continue to succeed and provide our children with the educational excellence they deserve. The 18-hole, scramble format begins at 1:00 PM and a reception and dinner is to follow at 5:30 PM. Details of the day, as well as the invitation, can

be found on our website at [www.stthomasapostlewh.org](http://www.stthomasapostlewh.org). If you need more information, or are interested in volunteering, please contact Sarah Blanchard, Development Coordinator, at 236-6257 or at [development@stthomasapostlewh.org](mailto:development@stthomasapostlewh.org).

## 18. New Altar Server Training

There will be a training session for new altar servers on Sunday, September 26th after the 10:30 Mass in the upper church. Servers must be in fourth grade or above. The training session will last approximately one and one half hours. In order to serve this fall you must attend this session. One parent must also attend with his/her child. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Ferguson at 860-236-2195, or [ldferguson@comcast.net](mailto:ldferguson@comcast.net)  
Take Care, Michael

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