



Knights of Columbus Week in Ottawa – March 25 – 31, 2019

By proclamation of the Mayor, March 25 -31, 2019 is declared Knights of Columbus Week in Ottawa. We are celebrating here at St. Patrick Basilica – Everyone Welcome! Here is a list of activities we have already scheduled.

March 23, 24 and 25th, 2019 – St. Patrick Basilica Council Membership Drive

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. St. Patrick Basilica Council 12158 will be holding a membership drive at all Masses the 23rd, 24th and 25th of March. Come and find out how Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a very powerful way. If you would like to join today, simply go to KofC.org/join us and enter our council #12158 for local information. We would love to meet you, just drop in downstairs after Mass, have a tour of our K of C Chambers and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea with us.

Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Pilgrimage Starts in Ottawa

Each year, March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The first stop for this special Knights of Columbus Silver Rose is in Ottawa and we are inviting everyone to join us in both French and English. Everyone welcome! Refreshments will be served following the ceremonies.

- **Monday, March 25, 2019** – 7:00 – 8:00 pm - Notre Dame Cathedral (French)
- **Tuesday, March 26, 2019** – 7:00 – 8:00 pm - St. Patrick Basilica Scavi Grotto (English)

Monday, March 25 – Friday, March 29 – K of C Habitat for Humanity Build Days

As a special “Faith in Action” project during Knights of Columbus Week in Ottawa, the Knights of Columbus of Ottawa have been invited to participate in a Habitat for Humanity build from March 25 to 29, 2019 – Monday to Friday – 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Our volunteers can be men and/or ladies, Knights, parishioners or friends. Everything that you need for the day will be provided, including tools, steel-toe boots, hard hats and safety training. It is a maximum of 10 participants per Build Day. All participants must be 16 years of age or older. Volunteers who are 16 and 17 must be accompanied by an adult who works alongside them on the build. We will be volunteering alongside Habitat for Humanity build crew volunteers, Construction Manager, Steve and Site Supervisor, Jason. They are presently working on finishing three townhouse units for Phase II of Leacross Landing and we will be helping with painting, trim, finishing work and clean-up of Phase III site. If you are interested as a volunteer and can join us for a Build Day, please email volunteer@habitatgo.com with the following info: Your full name, Your Council Name or Parish affiliation, your email address and top two choices of build days during the week, March 25-29, and also if you are available to help out for more than one day. Once you are signed up, Habitat for Humanity will follow up to confirm your Build Day via email and also send more details about what to bring, what we provide, parking and safety guidelines etc. Habitat for Humanity and the Knights of Columbus volunteers look forward to building with you!

Thursday, March 28 – 7:00 pm – Father McGivney Movie Night

Everyone is welcome to join us in a special viewing of “Father Michael McGivney” - the story of an Irish immigrant priest who founded the Knights of Columbus. Come learn the amazing story behind the *Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney Honoris* that we proudly display in the Scavi of St. Patrick Basilica. We'll bring the popcorn!

Friday, March 29, 2019 – Way of the Cross – Founder's Day Prayers

Come join us for our weekly Stations of the Cross (based on the text of St. Alphonsus Liguori) at 7:30 p.m. in the Basilica. Then we proceed to the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney Honoris to offer our prayers for his canonization.

Saturday, March 30, 2019 – Knights of Columbus Week Dinner /Dance

Enjoy Roast Chicken Dinner (Vegetarian or Gluten Free Options) and then dance to a live band at St. Patrick Basilica Scavi. Deputy Mayor Dudas will be on hand to present the proclamation of “Knights of Columbus Week in Ottawa” on behalf of Mayor Jim Watson. Tickets are \$35 each available from Ron Hutt, 613-238-4888 ronhutt@rogers.com or Dom Pontone, 613-294-8516, dompontone@rogers.com Once again, everyone is welcome.

Sunday, March 31, 2019 – The Holy Family Icon

To help families live out the joy of Christ, our Knights of Columbus Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori has composed a prayer through which families can come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father. Knights of Columbus Councils are asked to guide their parishes and community to understand and offer this important and impactful prayer. Preparing for the Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. It is choosing a way of life for your family. Through this consecration, each participant is consciously choosing to be a beacon of God’s love through his Church.

The featured image for this program is an etching of the Holy Family by Giovanni Balestra (1774-1842). The original etching, based on a painting by Giovanni Battista Salvi da Sassoferrato (1609-1685), is housed in the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Rome. The images were blessed by Pope Francis on June 29, 2015, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, through the auspices of the Almoner of His Holiness, Archbishop Konrad Krajewski. Under the guidance of the state deputies, these framed images travelled on pilgrimage from council to council throughout each jurisdiction in 2017-2018. St. Patrick Basilica Council 12158 is blessed to have secured one of these beautiful images to be placed permanently at St. Patrick Basilica.

To close out Knights of Columbus week in Ottawa we will be officially installing the Holy Family Icon in the Scavi, adjacent to our Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney Honoris following the 12:15 pm Sunday Mass. From this day forward, all families of St. Patrick Basilica are welcome to come to the Scavi any time, enjoy the beautiful image and pray for the consecration of your family and all Catholic families to the Holy Family of Jesus.

For more information on Knights of Columbus Week or if you just want to learn more about the Knights of Columbus you can contact St. Patrick Basilica Council at kofc12158+GK@gmail.com or phone 613-744-7764

God Bless,
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