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Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

From the documents of the Second Vatican Council, we are reminded of **our universal call to HOLINESS**. Yes, it means what it sounds like, you and I are called to sainthood! We too are invited to journey towards conforming our lives to that of Christ Jesus. Simply taking our gifts, talents, blessings, good works and adding our suffering, pain and human sinfulness equals HOLINESS of LIFE!

In that spirit and drive that is ours, we would like to take a closer look at the life of **newly beatified Fr. Michael McGivney**. Born on August 12, 1852, the eldest of 13 children born to Mary and Patrick McGivney of Waterbury, Connecticut. Young Michael attended school in Waterbury's working class neighborhood, but dropped out at the age of 13 to work in the spoon—making factory department of a brass factory.

At 16, he left the factory and entered the seminary at the French-run college of St. Hyacinthe in Quebec. He also studied at Our Lady of Angels Seminary that is part of Niagara University in Niagara Falls, New York. Returning home for a time when his father died, he later entered St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland where he completed his priestly studies.

In 1877, McGivney was ordained for the Diocese of Hartford Connecticut and celebrated his First Mass in his home parish of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury, CT for his widowed mother. Father McGivney served as an assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church in New Haven between 1977-1884. It was here together with a small group of Catholic laymen, **founded the Knights of Columbus**. *Their purpose was to strengthen religious Faith and to help families overwhelmed by illness or death of their breadwinner.*

In 1854, he was named the pastor of Saint Thomas Church in Thomaston and fell ill during an influenza epidemic. He died on August 14, 1890 probably due to complications of pneumonia and tuberculosis. Pope Francis in a February, 2020 letter to the Knights of Columbus stated that they have been faithful to the vision of your founder.

Venerable Michael McGivney, who was *inspired by the principles of Christian charity and fraternity to assist those most in need.*

The Church requires proof of a miracle that is attributed to the candidate's intercession, unless the candidate was martyred for his or her faith. In the case of Venerable Father Michael McGivney, a miracle that recognized as coming through Fr. McGivney's intercession that **involved an unborn child in the United States who in 2015 was healed in utero of a life threatening condition** after prayers by his family to Venerable Michael McGivney.

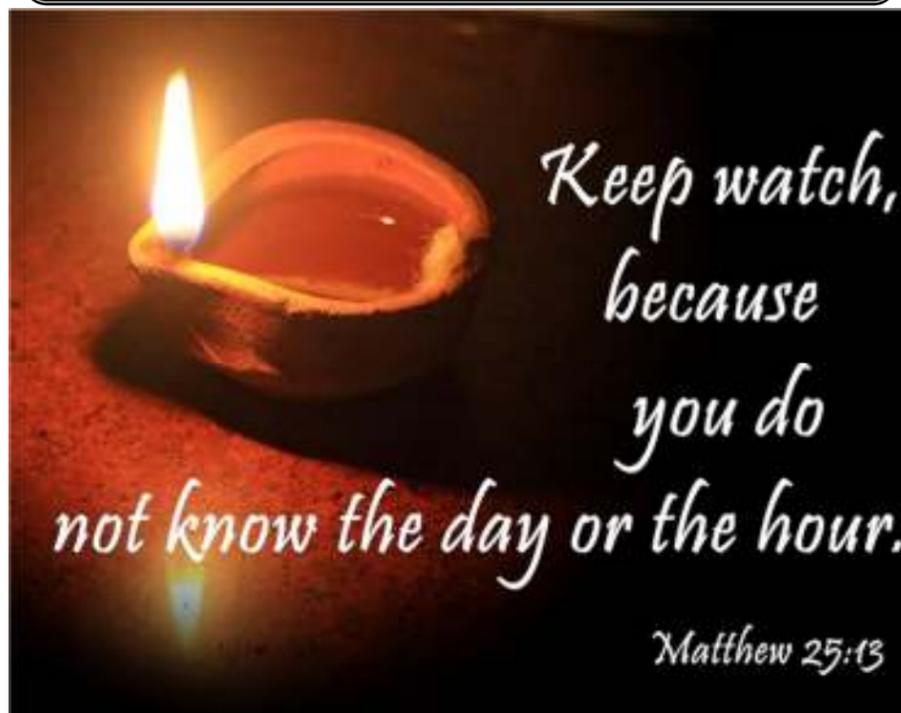
According to Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson, "Father McGivney has inspired generations of Catholic men to roll up their sleeves and put their faith into action. He was decades ahead of his time in giving the laity an important role within the Church. Today, his spirit continues to shape the extraordinary charitable work of Knights as they continue to serve those on the margins of society as he served widows and orphans in the 1880's."

The Beatification Mass of newly named **Blessed Michael McGivney** took place in Hartford, Connecticut at the Cathedral of St. Joseph and was televised by the Catholic Network ETWN on Saturday, October 31, 2020 at 11 AM. Let us rejoice and give God praise with our local Council of the Knights of Columbus upon the beatification of their founder, Blessed Michael McGivney. May they continue his spirit within the city of Columbus and throughout our nation.

Any men interested in becoming a Knight of Columbus are asked to get in touch with those brother Knights here at the Church of St. Benedict the Moor. Namely, Knights Earl King, Andrei Lane, Neal Brooks, Carlos Hern-Martinez, Envoy Taylor, Joseph Turner and Rashad Harris. May your membership be blessed in a world that desperately needs your presence and social outreach.

Your brother in the Lord,
Friar Noel

St. Benedict the Moor Church



Our Mission

St. Benedict the Moor is a Catholic Christian Community that celebrates its African-American heritage and welcomes cultural diversity. Join us at the Table of the Eucharist as sisters and brothers in the Lord. We are committed to grow and diversify the Church through the new evangelization, family, catechesis, young adult ministry and outreach to the poor. In the spirit of the prophet Joshua, we can say:

"As for me and my household; we will serve the Lord."

November 8, 2020

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God."*

St Benedict the Moor Parish

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am
Daily Masses: Mon.-Fri. 12:00 noon
Saturday: 8 am
Holy Days of Obligation:
Mass: 12 noon & 6:30 pm
(Exceptions will be posted)
Sacrament of Penance: Divine Mercy
Room Saturday 8:30-9:30am
or by Appointment

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Altar Flowers



Altar flowers this week are in memory of

Nathaniel Edwards

donated by Celia Mason-Ferguson on the anniversary of his birth

Thank You!

Special thanks to Brett Dawson, Sonsia Richerson and Andrea Lane for your masterful artistry in **preparing the Ancestral Enthronement** before the Altar. We are recognizing and honoring our FAMILY MEMBERS in this tribute of love and prayerful remembrance.

ACA: Annual Catholic Appeal

As of November 3, 2020 we have seen a marked difference in nearing our Goal for ACA: the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our deadline is Sunday, November 30, 2020. The tabulation of giving is as follows:

St. Benedict the Moor 2020

Goal for ACA is	\$18,019
Pledged so far	\$13,977
(from the Glass Church)	(\$144)
(from 4 donors this week)	(\$725)
Balance yet to go is	-\$4,042

Sisters and brothers, we are getting closer, but we are not there yet. If you haven't pledged as of yet, please do so this week. May the Lord keep on blessing our Church as we meet our responsibility for generous stewardship. My prayers of gratitude for all who have sacrificed during this stressful economic time. May the Lord God keep on blessing you with his abundance and with his mercy.

Stewardship

Offering	\$1800 (Online \$250)
Kitchen Renovation	\$775
Altar Flowers	\$200
All Saints/All Souls	\$1115
Outreach	\$25
Church Repair	\$30 (Online \$25)
Utilities	\$45
Poor Box	\$20

Black Catholic History Month

St. Martin de Porres

Martin de Porres a sixteenth century saint from Lima, Peru experienced a life of hardship and poverty. He was attracted to the Dominican Friars where he spent his days nursing the sick and caring for the poor, and his nights in penitential practices and prayer.

Whether he was working in the priory kitchen, infirmary or laundry, Martin de Porres also managed the daily alms of the priory with great practicality and generosity. He was raised to saintly canonization by Pope John XXIII on May 6, 1962 in Vatican City and has been declared the patron saint of inter-racial justice. His feast is celebrated on November 3rd. **St. Martin de Porres pray for us!**

Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 8th 10:30 AM
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time All Souls Novena Day #7
 Monday, November 9th 12 Noon
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
 All Souls Novena Day #8
 Tuesday, November 10th 12 Noon
 All Souls Novena Day #9
 Wednesday, November 11th 12 Noon
 St. Benedict Community
 Thursday, November 12th 12 Noon
 Mary Lauren Little/healing
 Friday, November 13th 12 Noon
 Health of Fr. Noel
 Saturday, November 14th 8AM
 +Sr. Mary Angelica, CSSF

Prayers Requested

Sisters and brothers, in your charity and kindness, please remember the souls of our Friars who have died this past year.

- +Friar Antone Kandrak, OFM Conv. November 20, 2019
- +Friar Boniface Reinhart, OFM Conv. December 28, 2019
- +Friar Edward Costello, OFM Conv. February 18, 2020
- +Friar Brad Heckathorne, OFM Conv. July 11, 2020
- +Friar Alvin Somerville, OFM Conv. August 19, 2020

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Thirty-second Sunday

READING 1 Wis 6:12-16

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate. For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

I will remember you upon my couch, and through the night-watches I will meditate on you: You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

READING 2 1 Thes 4:13-18

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

GOSPEL Mt 25:1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our sick list is for parishioners, family and friends in need of prayer. Please keep our list current by calling the office to add or remove a name.

Fr. Noel Danielewicz	Elvia King
Sr. Agnes, fsma	Lenny Korona
Sr. Apollonia, cssf.	Ida Ruth Lane
Sr. Delores Anne, cssf	Elaine Layer
Helen Bell	Mittie Lewis
Amanda Cole	Delores McLeod
Mik Cole	Ruben Meinhofer & Fam.
Robert Cole	Denvey Nelson
Robert Dozier	Cordell Parker
Carl English	Gwendolyn Parker
Stephanie Findlay	Debra Pough
Yvonne Gilberti	Evelyn Pough
Elizabeth Grey	Marcus Ransom
Ginnette Hughes	Sr. Seraphine, cssf.
Clarence Johnson	Lydia Sliva
Donald Julien	Madeline Smith
Paul Julien	Donnie Tarvin
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