



Knights Digest



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November 2023



Calendar of Events

2023-2024

- November 5th..... Mass for Deceased Members
- November 11th..... Veterans Day
- November 11th..... Blue and White Mass
- November 11th..... Intellectual Disabilities Drive
- November 12th..... Intellectual Disabilities Drive
- November 13th..... Council Meeting 8:10 PM
- November 14th..... Dining to Donate
- November 18th..... Nativity Setup
- November 23rd..... HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- December 11th..... Council Meeting 8:10 PM
- December 15th..... Columbian Club Christmas Party
- December 16th..... Wreaths Across America Day
- December 17th..... Breakfast with Santa
- December 31st..... New Year's Eve Party (Bring-a-dish)
- January 8th..... Council Meeting 8:10 PM
- January 24th..... Tricky Tray (Holy Spirit)
- February 12th..... Council Meeting 8:10 PM
- March 11th..... Council Meeting 8:10 PM
- April 8th..... Council Meeting 8:10 PM
- April 14th..... 4th Degree Exemplification
- May 13th..... Council Meeting 8:10 PM
- June 10th..... Council Meeting 8:10 PM

Dates are subject to change. Refer to our website for the latest information:

<https://www.kofc4504.org/events>

Memorial Mass for Deceased Members

Family and Friends, please let us not forget our members who passed away this year or throughout our History. We will be recognizing our Deceased members at a Memorial Mass on **November 5th at 12 noon** at Holy Spirit Church. After mass, light refreshments will be served in the parish hall courtesy of Council 4504. All are welcome to attend.

Intellectual Disabilities Drive

The Knights of Columbus will conduct an Intellectual Disabilities Drive at our Parishes on **Saturday, November 11th**, following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. We are also scheduled at St Michael's on **Sunday, November 12th**, following the 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and noon Masses. We will also be at Holy Spirit following their 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and noon Masses.

We are asking for at least three volunteers at each Mass. Thank you

Please email mikepeter4275@gmail.com or call 908-357-5673.

To date our collections have been well received.

Nativity Setup

The Knights of Columbus have scheduled to place our Nativity at Townhall on **November 18th**. We will be meeting at the Council Home at 8:30 a.m. to transport the Figurines to Townhall and put the Manger together around 9:00 a.m.. We either will go back to the Council Home to put the Nativity out in front or if we have plenty of volunteers some can stay back and ensemble there.

Tricky Tray

Holy Spirit Church will be hosting a Tricky Tray on **Sunday, January 24, 2024**.

Please see the letter & flyer on pages 6 & 7 for further details. The time of the event is To Be Determined.



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or preferably via email to: tomdudek@outlook.com

You must clearly identify all people in photos submitted and at what council event the photo was taken. Photos with alcoholic beverages will not be considered. Photos may also be submitted via email as hi-resolution image files. Hard copy photos will only be returned when accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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Swim Club PresidentMike Harms
Columbiette President Fran Corcione

Monthly Meetings

1st. Mon. ----- Council Officers 8pm
2nd Mon.----- Council Mtgs. 8:10pm
2nd Thu. ----- Columbiettes 7pm
4th Wed. ----- 4th Degree Assembly 8pm
4rd Thur. -----Columbian Club Officers 8pm

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Brother Knights,

November, a month resplendent with the golden hues of fall, evokes cherished memories and invites us to partake in special moments. It is when gratitude becomes our guiding principle, prompting us to explore the various facets of our lives for which we are thankful. I extend a challenge to each of us, beckoning us to embark on a journey of introspection to uncover the blessings that have graced our lives throughout the year. But let us not just focus on the present, for November serves as a poignant reminder to acknowledge and honor those who have walked the path before us, serving in similar roles.

In the ecclesiastical calendar, November is a month dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory, a time when the Church pays tribute to its faithful departed who have not yet experienced the fullness of heaven's joys. It is a solemn period marked by introspection, prayer, and remembrance. On November 5th, we shall gather for our Annual Memorial Mass, a solemn occasion to honor and celebrate the lives of our fallen Brother Knights who have left us. Following this sacred Mass, we will convene in the Holy Spirit Hall, sharing in light refreshments as we remember and celebrate the lives that have touched ours. I strongly encourage all of you to be a part of this Memorial Mass, for it provides one of the last opportunities for us to pay our respects to our dearly departed brothers.

As we embrace the spirit of gratitude and remembrance, it is important to consider the many blessings we often take for granted. Among these, family, friends, and the gift of "good health" consistently occupy the top positions on our lists. Yet, let us not forget to extend our gratitude to a higher power – to thank God, whose benevolence and grace make the impossible achievable. On November 11th, we come together as a nation to celebrate Veteran's Day, an occasion that honors the countless Americans who have served and continue to serve in the United States armed forces. We express our heartfelt appreciation to those who have dedicated their time and energy to safeguard our country.

In these tumultuous times, as our nation grapples with complex issues, it becomes paramount to exercise our civic duty. On Election Day, I urge each one of you to exercise your right to vote. We must not forget the ideals our founding fathers so bravely fought for. We find ourselves in an era of global uncertainty, with the Middle East in turmoil, and we, as brethren, are called to offer our prayers for world peace. Let us collectively pray to the Almighty for peace in the Middle East, focusing on Israel, a nation that continually defends itself against those

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who seek its destruction. In unity and prayer, we can work towards a more harmonious world, guided by the principles of love, gratitude, and remembrance.

Lastly, If you have an idea for a program, are interested in volunteering with us, or have a family member who is interested in volunteering with us, please contact me at grandknight4504@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you and working alongside you all.

Please ensure that Rev. Msgr. Dr. Anselm Nwaorgul and Rev. Dr. Krzysztof K. Maslowski are in your prayers, as we appreciate their exceptional work with our Parishes.



Vivat Jesus!
Gerry Aponte, Grand Knight

Dining to Donate

Our next Dine to Donate event will be held on **Tuesday November 14, 2023** from 5:00pm to 9:00pm at

Suspenders Restaurant & Pub
1131 Magie Avenue
Union, NJ

Proceeds from the event will be used to replenish our Charitable Accounts which the Knights of Columbus use to support various activities throughout the community and our parishes.

Our first two Dining to Donate events have been enjoyed by many within our Knights Family. Hope to see you and your families at this event.

Show this article or the flyer on page 4 when ordering.

4504 Union COLUMBIETTES



The Union Columbiettes is a women's organization and we work for all kinds of charities. We meet on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM.

If you know a Catholic woman that would to join our ranks of sister's hood, please contact me Fran Corcione President at mrsc417@hotmail.com or call 973-454-4145.

St. Michael's Parish's 2023 USAN Drive

Brothers, once again, St. Michael's Parish is holding their annual Union of Saints & Nations fundraising drive. The USAN drive is held annually to help St. Michael's Parish to help them take care of the needs of their Church.

The goal of the USAN is to have 50 groups raise \$2,000.00 from each group to help raise \$100,000.00 for St. Michael's. The Union Knights of Columbus would like to establish The Blessed Father Michael McGivney group for our Parishioners at St. Michael's to donate to St. Michael's 2023 USAN. It is not limited to Parishioners at St. Michel's but to any Union Council member who wants to help St. Michael's Parish.

Ideally, if twenty members donated \$100.00 each, we would easily reach the \$2,000.00 goal. Any amount, large or small, we will greatly appreciate.

Donations are made directly to St. Michael's Parish regarding The Blessed Father Michael McGivney group. Or, if it is easier to donate to the Union Knights of Columbus, make sure to reference that it is for St. Michael's 2023 USAN. So please consider donating to a worthy cause.

For questions, please contact:

Parish Office (908) 688-1232

Cynthia Grandeza (908) 591-1065

David Bernot (908) 472-8858

The Union Knights of Columbus and St. Michael's Parish thank you in advance for your support.



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COUNCIL 4504

DINING TO DONATE

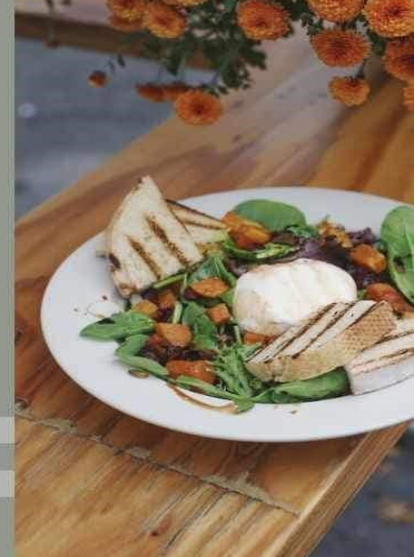
Suspenders Restaurant and Pub

1131 Magie Avenue
UNION, NJ 07083

5PM to 9PM
November 14, 2023

Help us to help our parishes and community. Suspenders Restaurant & Pub will donate a percentage of your bill to the Union Knights of Columbus.

All you have to do is bring this flyer to Suspenders Restaurant & Pub on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, and give it to your server before ordering. Come out, enjoy a good meal with your family and friends, and help the Knights help our parishes and community.





St. Michael
The Archangel Catholic Church
1212 Kelly Street, Union, NJ 07083

BLUE & WHITE MASS

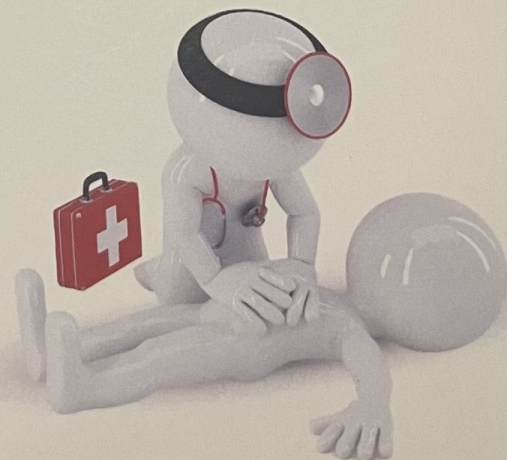
Saturday
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November

... Mass tribute to all our first responders and healthcare workers for their service and commitment

... Everyone is invited and welcome
... There is no need to register

@ 10 am

...You are welcome to wear your uniforms.





Holy Spirit Church

971 Suburban Road ♦ Union, New Jersey 07203

Email: parishoffice@holyspiritunion.org

Phone: 908-687-3327

Website: holyspiritunion.org

Dear friend,

It is with great enthusiasm and dedication that I announce our upcoming Tricky Tray event, scheduled for Sunday, January 14, 2024. This event will become a beloved tradition in our parish and a significant source of funding for the essential repairs and renovations required to maintain our beautiful facilities. As we strive to ensure the safety and comfort of our congregation, these repairs have become increasingly necessary.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church is a non-profit charitable organization, recognized as a 501(c)(3) entity. Our mission revolves around serving the spiritual, emotional, and material needs of our community members, regardless of their background or circumstances. Our commitment to these ideals is unwavering, and we remain steadfast in our efforts to preserve our sacred space.

To make our Tricky Tray event a resounding success, we are seeking support from generous individuals and organizations like yours. Your contribution would be invaluable in helping us achieve our fundraising goal.

Here's how you can help:

Gifts-in-Kind: We welcome donations of goods or services that can be included in our Tricky Tray auction.

Monetary Donation: Your financial support in the form of a monetary donation would be greatly appreciated. Any amount, whether big or small, will contribute to the success of our event. To make a donation or inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please feel free to contact me at parishoffice@holyspiritunion.org or **908-687-3327**. We are also happy to arrange for the pickup of physical donations if needed.

We sincerely hope you can join us in this noble endeavor to support the Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Your generosity will not only help us maintain our beloved church but also strengthen the bonds within our community.

Thank you for considering our request. Together, we can ensure that the Holy Spirit Catholic Church remains a beacon of faith, hope, and love in our community for years to come.

Yours in faith,

V. Rev. Krzysztof K. Maslowski, V.F.

V. Rev. Dr. Krzysztof K. Maslowski, V.F.
Pastor



**Holy Spirit
Roman Catholic
Church**

TRICKY TRAY

**WINTER
FESTIVAL**

**SUNDAY JANUARY 14, 2024
971 SUBURBAN ROAD, UNION, NJ 07083**

\$20.00 PER PERSON * DOORS OPEN AT 2:00 PM

BYOD * BYOF * BRING A BAG FILLED WITH NON PERISHABLE FOOD AND RECEIVE AN EXTRA SHEET 1ST LEVEL TICKETS *

BYOD & BYOF * TICKET BUNDLES AVAILABLE * COFFEE & CAKE INCLUDED * MUSIC

FOR TICKETS CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE 908-687-3327

WWW.HOLYSPIRITUNION.ORG

Holy Spirit Church
WINTER FESTIVAL

TRICKY TRAY

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January 14, 2024

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November 2023

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5 Mass for Deceased Members 12 Noon Holy Spirit Daylight Saving Time	6 Council Officer's Mtg. 8:00 PM	7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day Blue & White Mass St. Michael's - 10am IDD Drive
12 IDD Drive	13 Council Mtg. 8:10 PM Diwali	14 Dining to Donate 5-9 PM Suspenders	15	16	17	18 Nativity Setup
19	20	21	22 4th Degree Assembly Mtg. 8:00 PM	23 	24 Black Friday	25
26 	27 Cyber Monday	28	29	30		