



Brother Knights,

On March 23rd, the Council sent an email blast to our membership alerting our members of the beginning of a new tradition at Holy Name of Jesus, the recitation of the Rosary before the First Friday 8:00 AM Masses in remembrance of loved ones. This is a big moment in the history of HNOJ and our Council has been blessed with the responsibility of participating in the recitation of the Rosary together with HNOJ's Grief Committee, our Seniors/Soul Sisters and members of the Pastoral Care/Outreach Committee before every First Friday Mass. To be successful in the roll-out of the Rosary recitation, and to be assured of its ongoing success, our Council needs to develop a system where we are guaranteed there will be an adequate number of members present each First Friday to **lead the recitation of the Rosary**. Following are the specifics on the various aspects of how we intend to proceed.

Who is coordinating the Rosary recitation on behalf of the Knights?

Jim Grube is taking the lead in the coordination of the Rosary recitation, with Tom Silver serving as the backup/support

Developing a core group for each First Friday:

To be assured we have at least seven Knights and Auxiliary members we have developed a sign-up for each First Friday for the next four months – May, June, July, and August - using SignUpGenius. The link to the sign-up site is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e49acaf29abf85-1stfriday>

When you go to the sign-up site you'll note we have seven slots for sign-up: one slot is for a team captain, and the other six slots are for those who wish to **lead the Rosary recitation**. The sign-up includes a place where you are to provide your telephone number and email address (this comes up after you hit the submit button). You are asked to fill out this information, so the captain is able to know how to get in touch with each of the members. **Important note:** while the team captain is to be a Knight, Auxiliary members are urged to sign-up for any of the other six slots. **Another important note:** although we seek a seven-member core group, that doesn't mean we stop there. Others, who have not signed up as a core group member **are urged to attend and participate**. The more (especially new) members and Auxiliary members we have joining the Parish in the Rosary recitation the better!

How the Rosary recitation will be led:

As you enter the church for the Rosary recitation you will see people greeting those who enter. They will be handing out HNOJ "How to Pray the Rosary" guides. These guides have the same content of the KC Rosary guide (they copied the KC content but made the print size larger for easier reading). The Rosary recitation will begin promptly at 7:30 AM. The team **captain** will begin by going up to the Ambo (the lectern where the Epistles and Gospel are read), say good morning to the congregation and advise that the Rosary is being recited in memory of loved ones (no one will be identified). **(NOTE:** this will be typed out on a card for easy reference by the **captain**). After making the announcement, **the captain** will then return to his seat in the pew and begin the Rosary, beginning with the Sign of the Cross, and lead the Apostles' Creed, the three Hail Marys, and the Glory Be, saying the first half of each, then letting the congregation recite the second half of each. After the Glory Be, the **captain** will lead the Fatima Prayer which is to be recited by the whole congregation. **A second member of the core group** will then announce the first Sorrowful Mystery and say the first half of the Our Father, followed by the congregation recitation of the second half. **The same second core group member** will then lead the first decade of Hail Marys and the Glory Be, allowing the congregation to say the last half of each prayer. **The second core group member** will then complete his/her responsibility by leading the congregation in the Fatima Prayer. **The third, fourth, fifth and sixth core group members** will announce the next Sorrowful Mystery and follow the same prayer process. After **the sixth core group member** has led Fatima Prayer, **the seventh core group member** will lead the Hail Holy Queen and say the Sign of the Cross to end the Rosary recitation. **Important note:** the Hail Holy

Queen will be the one contained in both the Knights of Columbus and HNOJ “How to Pray the Rosary” guides, so be sure to have a copy of either “How to Say the Rosary” guide to make sure the last portion is recited correctly.

Where can I get a copy of the Knights of Columbus “How to Pray the Rosary” guide?

Both the KC guide and the HNOJ guide will be available on the table adjacent to “Exit #1” of the church, by the flags, after Easter, April 4th .-

Will we be using a microphone?

No – those leading the prayers will need to project their voices, so the congregation hears what is being said. **To properly project, leaders are asked to remove their COVID-19 masks while leading the prayers, then re-masking when done.**

Where are the Knights and Auxiliary members to be seated?

We are to be seated in the section to the right of the main aisle, the one the priest walks down at the start of each Mass. We should be seated midway down the aisle.

When should we arrive for Mass?

Please arrive and be seated no later than 7:20 AM. That way the team captain will know the core team is in place and ready to go. Any last-minute issues can be worked out before the 7:30 AM start. The team captain needs to walk up to the Ambo at 7:30 AM.

Notifications prior to the First Friday:

Team captains are asked to reach out to the core team members via telephone or email by Wednesday before the First Friday to make sure the core members will be present on Friday and confirm the prayer sequence, so each member knows his/her responsibility before coming to church on Friday. Any core member who finds he/she is unable to attend is responsible to advise the team captain, who will then be asked to adjust accordingly.

Post Rosary recitation debrief:

Team captains are asked to get in touch with either Jim Grube or Tom Silver after the Rosary recitation to offer suggested changes to make the activity go more smoothly thereafter. Neither Jim nor Tom wish to intrude on the team captain’s authority, but would welcome the captains’ comments immediately after the Mass. If we are unable to connect after Mass, you can reach us at:

Jim Grube: jgrube5849@aol.com or 763-559-8930 (h) or 612-250-2615 (c)

Tom Silver: silvertom1948@yahoo.com or 612-508-1088 (c)

Final thoughts:

As noted above, we are blessed to be given the opportunity to participate with other groups of the Parish in the new tradition that is about to unfold. Jim and Tom ask the Knights and Auxiliary to prayerfully consider volunteering to be a core team member to lead the Rosary recitation. We know some may be nervous about participating but remember that the Holy Spirit will be with us as we lead the congregation, so take a bit of a risk and volunteer. **Newer members are especially invited to participate.** This will be a great place to get to know the more veteran members and work with one another to make this the success we know it will be. Questions or comments are invited. You may contact either Jim or Tom at the above email addresses or telephone numbers.

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First Friday Rosary Council Lead

Tom Murphy
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