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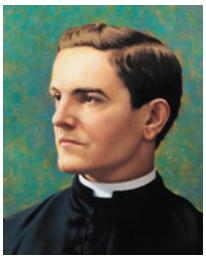


Fr. McGivney

Government cancels controversial FDA contract for aborted remains

The Department of Health and Human Services has announced the termination of a contract between the Food and Drug Administration and Advanced Bioscience Resources, Inc. "…to provide human fetal tissue to develop testing protocols."

"HHS was not sufficiently assured that the contract included the appropriate protections applicable to fetal tissue research or met all other procurement requirements," the statement read.

"As a result, that contract has been terminated, and HHS is now conducting an audit of all acquisitions involving human fetal tissue to ensure conformity with procurement and human fetal tissue research laws and regulations."

In July, the Food and Drug Administration signed a $15,900 contract with Advanced Bioscience Resources, Inc. to procure fetal tissues obtained from elective abortions. The tissue was to be used in the creation of "humanized mice." The mice would be injected with the tissues, causing them to develop an immune system similar to that of a human for the purposes of clinical testing. This is called a "chimeric animal."

"In light of the serious unresolved questions uncovered by the investigative work of both the House and Senate panels, we are alarmed that the FDA has continued to award contracts to ABR for the procurement of human fetal tissue," the legislators wrote.

The letter also called for an end to the use of fetal remains in scientific research.

"The practice of conducting research using the body parts of children whose lives have been violently ended by abortion is abhorrent."

An anti-abortion group has drawn attention to a little-known practice: the buying, selling of fetal tissue acquired from abortion clinics.

The group accuses Planned Parenthood of selling fetal tissue for profit, which is illegal and which Planned Parenthood denies doing. House Republicans plan to investigate. This may be just one more battle in the nation's long war over abortion, but the dispute has raised questions about who the buyers and sellers are, what fetal tissue is used for and what the law allows.

Scientists at major universities and government labs have quietly been using fetal tissue for decades. They say it is an invaluable tool for certain types of research, including the study of eye diseases, diabetes, and muscular dystrophy. Nevertheless, some agree to talk about it only if their names and their universities' names are withheld because they have received threats of violence from abortion opponents. Companies that obtain the tissue from clinics and sell it to laboratories exist in a gray zone, legally. Federal law says they cannot profit from the tissue itself, but the law does not specify how much they can charge for processing and shipping.

The National Institutes of Health spent $76 million on research using fetal tissue in 2014 with grants to more than 50 universities, including Columbia, Harvard, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford, Yale and the University of California in Berkeley, Irvine, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco. It expected to spend the same amount in 2015 and 2016.

Men's Retreat at St. Jerome's
Saturday, November 3
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

November 29 and 30
December 1 and 2.

Christmas Party
Msgr. McCall Hall
Saturday, Dec. 15

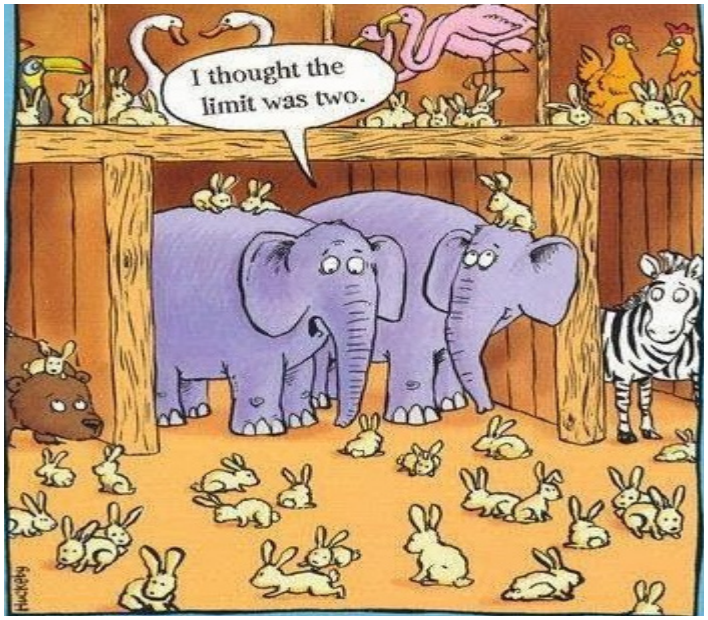
Thursday, November 1,
See page 3
for times.

Friday, November 2,
See page 3
for times.

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND KNIGHT

Danny McConnell GK

Brother Knights:
Please welcome our newest members to our council: James Cullinan and Matthew Ittig. They completed their degree at St. Jude. Also, be sure to congratulate brother Ron Waters who completed his Knighthood degree.
A great big thank you to Jim Blackwell and his Silly Sinatras for chickens they delivered to St. Jerome Lifeline. The chickens were paid with council funds owed to Jim.
I cannot say enough about the good things our council has and is doing. We are so blessed with our membership. Please keep our Priest in your prayers.
Danny MccConnell GK



Day 39 on the ark.

BOOSTERS

If you would like to be a part of our Booster club, your first donation (you, for example) would be $5.00; each additional name (your wife, for example) would cost $3.00. Also, this would be a wonderful way to remember loved ones by posting their names for all to see. Please fill out the form below to submit names.
Here are our names for the Booster list:
Bob Anderson,Vice Supreme Master PSD
Bob Lamelle
Boone Bowen
Edgar Lecuyer
Anne Lecuyer
Dave Dumont, PFN
Thelma Dumont
David Ruppel
Patty Ruppel
Henry J. Cajiao
John and Carol Scozzafava
Tom and Mary Walsh
Henri and Judy Bellavance
Bob Dasch PGK PFN and Stephanie Dasch
Dick McCarthy
Kelly McCarthy
Patricia Pomianowski
In Memory of Earl D. Lochner, Henry Cajiao, Sue Anthony, Henri Bellavance Jr., David McConnell, Carol Anderson, Bob Dash Jr.
Al Pomianowski, Marie Bowen

FIRST NAME_____

SECOND NAME_____

IN MEMORY OF_____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED_____

Please mail this form to

Dave Dumont
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Largo, FL. 33771
727-531-0905

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2 and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven. Although millions, or even billions, of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints --those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church.

Generally, All Saints' Day is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day, unless they have an excellent excuse, such as serious illness.

The holy day was eventually established on November 1 by Pope Gregory III in the mid-eighth century as a day dedicated to the saints and their relics

In other countries, such as Portugal, Spain and Mexico, traditional practices include performance of the play, "Don Juan Tenorio" and offerings made to the dead. All Saints' Say occurs on the same day as the Mexican "Dide los Innocentes" a day dedicated to deceased children.

Across much of Europe, the day is commemorated with offerings of flowers left on the graves of the dead. In Eastern Europe, candles are lit on graves instead of offerings of flowers.

In some places, such as the Philippines, graves can be painted and repaired by family members. Many of these practices blur the distinction between All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

Mass times at St. Patrick's will be Nov. 1 at 8 a.m. 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Mass times at St. Jerome's will be Oct. 31 at 4 p.m., Nov.1 at 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

A Mass of Remembrance will be on Friday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m. honoring our loved ones who have died, in any year, here or abroad. If you would like to participate in this Mass, please print the name of your deceased loved one on the form below and return it to the parish office by 10:00am on Wednesday, October 31st, so we can remember them at Mass. After the homily, each name or multiple names submitted by the same person will be called, and a family member or friend present will light a candle in their memory. The names of our deceased who died from November 1, 2017 to October 31, 2018 (which will be listed on the Scroll in the sanctuary) will also be read at this Mass.

ST. JEROME'S PARISH

A Mass of Remembrance for those who died the past year will be held Friday, November 2, at 7:30 p.m. Pictures of loved ones may be placed in collage, and as a name is called, loved ones may come forward and light a candle.

SILLY SINATRAS PROVIDE CHICKENS FOR PINELLAS HOPE

On Wednesday, October 17, members of our Knights of Columbus Council 4892 delivered 120 Tyson whole roasting chickens to Lifeline at St. Jerome's Parish. The donation was a result of a Knights' giving campaign and Silly Sinatra funding.

L-R: Danny McConnell GK; Edgar Lecuyer, Fred Melchiorre, Jim Blackwell, and Chuck Lake.

LIFELINE FOOD PANTRY

SPOTLIGHT
on
Jim Blackwell
Financial Secretary

"I was born on an island: Manhattan. I graduated from grammar school and high school in Queens, all of it Catholic."

Jim Blackwell sounded proud of this beginning. He said after graduation he planned to go to college for business, so he went to Pace University in Manhattan. He said it took him 5 years to complete the program because his life was so busy in other respects. "I ended up taking 157 credits to get my degree."

After passing his CPA exam, he moved to Long Island and worked in public accounting for 3 years, but then decided to leave the business world behind. "I was my own boss for the next 10 years. "I had a hot dog truck, a tax business, and then I drove a yellow cab in NY city for 8 years. That's where I met Yanna, my wife; she was a customer." They decided to move to Texas 3 days after they were married. They needed a new start.

Jim & Yanna both got entry level positions in customer service, and eventually Jim worked his way up to finance manager, primarily involved in writing, reading, and revising marketing contracts. He retired after 22 years with Transamerica and they moved to Florida in 2016.

"I originally became a Knight because of my dad," he said. His father became a Knight in 1989, and later became both Grand Knight (at the age of 82) and Faithful Navigator. Jim became more active after his dad had a stroke. He was able to help his dad do different service projects, helping in any way, especially with his wheelchair. It seemed that everybody knew him, Jim said. "We worked the Tootsie Roll drive together. He was a super guy, an exemplary Knight."

As for me and my activities now," he said, "I owe my involvement to Danny McConnell, our Grand Knight. Jim said being Financial Secretary is his first officer's job. "It's a typical Office Manager's type of role: a lot of detail. There are always 100 things to do: membership cards, exemplifications, ordering a lost officer's jewel, booklets for Faith in Action, email updating, etc."

"Since I've retired and left the business world behind, I'm into feeding the poor. I work at Pinellas Hope as a volunteer, leading Bible study every Friday, which I've done for a year." He's also involved with RCS, a food bank in Tampa. They see about 80 clients a day. As a volunteer for RCS, Jim brings food to the permanent residents of Pinellas Hope every Wednesday afternoon.

The Silly Sinatras, a singing group, is involved in the chicken ministry, as Jim calls it. "This year we will feed about 1,200 families. Our group performs about 7 or 8 times a month. It takes a lot of my time."

He and Yanna also have joined the Lion's Club to help people who need glasses. And he's still in the choir. "I can talk about the Silly Sinatras for a solid hour," he laughingly said.

GOSNELL: THE STORY OF AMERICA'S BIGGEST SERIAL KILLER

Film Review

This police/court room drama is based on actual information on Dr. Kermit Gosnell (played by Earl Billings) who for decades ran a Philadelphia inner-city abortion clinic.

In 2010, Philadelphia police detectives (Dean Cain and Michael Beach), with DEA and FBI agents, raid the clinic for evidence of illegal drug prescription sales. They are shocked by the clinic's filthy conditions, bags of aborted fetuses in hallways, and fetal body parts stored in a refrigerator.

Interviewing clinic workers, they learn that: patients are given anesthesia by untrained assistants; one patient died on the operating table from an anesthesia overdose; abortions were performed on babies older than 24 weeks; and some babies were delivered alive, after which Dr. Gosnell cut their spinal cord with scissors.

The detectives take the bagged bodies to the coroner and bring the situation to the DA's attention. A prosecutor (Sara Jane Morris) agrees to take up the murder case. Getting a warrant to search Dr. Gosnell's home, they look for missing files and other evidence and discover a large amount of cash.

In 2013, the DA's office brings Gosnell to trial on murder and other charges. Gosnell hires an experienced defense attorney (Nick Searcy, who also directs the film) who defends Gosnell as performing a service to minority women.

The DA's prosecutor obtains compelling testimony and photos from one of Gosnell's young assistants. The jury deliberates for 10 days before offering their verdict.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Retreat

St. Jerome's Parish Hall
Saturday, November 3, 2018
9:00 Mass
Breakfast
Time of Reflection with Fr. Tom
Break
Final sharing of faith
Dismissal at 12:15
R.S.V.P. to editorjhand@tampabay.rr.com
by Monday, October 29, 2018
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

St. Patrick's School will be celebrating their 53rd Fun Fair this year with a later date and a brand new Christmas theme! The dates will be November 29 and 30 and December 1 and 2.

Fall has become a very saturated market and we are anxious to celebrate the beginning of Advent and the birth of our Lord along with all the happiness the season of Christmas brings. We want to let you know how much we appreciate your support and how important it is to the success of the fair, our largest fundraiser of the year. Please look for us soon outside the church selling our Benefit Drawing Tickets and offering opportunities for personal and corporate sponsorship. We will be raffling decorated trees such as those at the Christmas Party last year, and we are in need of any artificial trees that you may want to donate along with any decorations that you are no longer using; please contact me if you are able to help. We are very grateful for all that you do to make a difference in our kids' lives.
Patty Ruppel, Fun Fair Chair 727-455-1976

The Msgr. McCall Hall has been booked for a Christmas party on December 15. The band will be Two Dog Night. Mark your calendars. The tickets are now on sale at $25.00 each which includes the meal, open bar, and entertainment. There are only 100 tickets available, so don't wait too long to get yours.

Dick McCarthy, PGK, announced that our annual pancake breakfast now takes place each Sunday. Naturally he needs volunteers to help prepare the pancakes and then to help clean up when the breakfast is over.
If you you able to help, please contact Dick at 644-3638.

We have heard from Ron Klemm, PGK, that the Christmas parade will take place December 15.
We will discuss it further at our next meeting.

22 people
die each day because the organ they need is not donated in time.

1 out of 3 deceased donors
is over the age of 50.

DONATE LIFE

MEETING MINUTES

From the October 11, 2018
council meeting

Three-year trustee Dave Ruppel reported that this year's talent show wasn't as profitable as last year's. Previously we were able to give St. Pat's school $500, but this year our net income was only $386.29, so Dave decided to give the school $70 for the purchase of 10 bibles for the 5th grade and $50 for the principal to spend as he wishes. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to do just that. Dave also said he hopes the teachers and principal will support the show better next year. He also said the food was great and that those who participated in the show did well. He didn't know why the attendance was lower than normal.

GK Danny McConnell once again thanked Dick McCarthy PGK for heading up this year's first pancake breakfast. Dick said we went about $20 in the hole, but the year's first breakfast is always low in attendance, he added. He can always use volunteers.
The breakfast is held the 1st Sunday of each month.

Jim and Yanna Blackwell need your help in collecting pull tabs from aluminum cans. Our local Lion's Club takes them in order to help get reading glasses for those in our area who are unable to afford them.
They can be dropped off at either St. Pat's or St. Jerome's.

Dick McCarthy, PGK, stated that St. Pat's soccer challenge needs a few number five balls. They should cost between $100 and $115, it was stated. He felt that 6 balls would be needed. The motion was made to purchase the balls, seconded, and passed.

50/50 raffle tickets are still available. Remember: our council keeps 50% of the proceeds.
GK Danny McConnell would like for a council member to step up and be in charge of ticket distribution in order to reach more people.
Please contact him at 812-993-1926 if you are willing to take on this responsibility.

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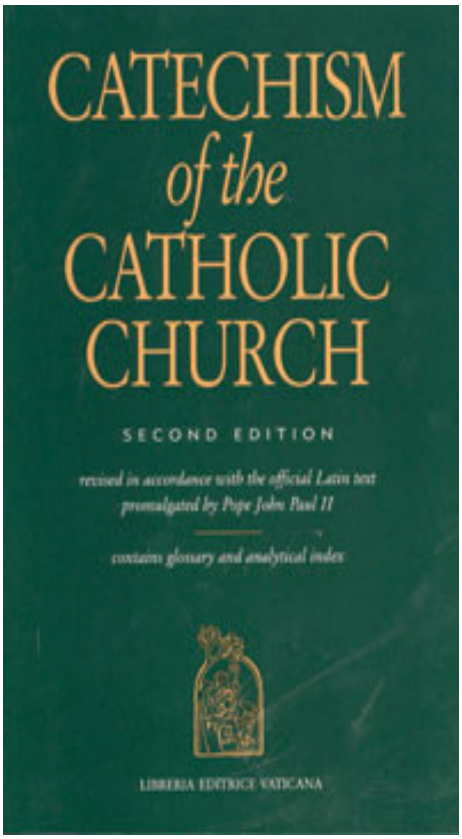
ASSEMBLY

Faithful Navigator Henri Cajiao announced that there will be a 4th Degree exemplification on November 24 in Orlando. Two members are going. He doesn't have any hotel rates yet.
Concerning the Christmas party, he said we need to sell tickets. The sales' deadline will be the next meeting. Then we will know how much to order.
Supreme sent a letter about support for North Carolina. The hat was passed at the 4th Degree meeting and $200 was raised. He asked if the 3rd Degree wanted to match that.
He then passed the hat. Forty-five dollars was raised. GK said we might pass the hat at the next meeting.

TRUNK or TREAT
little monster needs some candy!



What does the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* say about...Purgatory?

1030 All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

1031 The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire. As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come.

1032 This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead: Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.

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