

A Very Special Parish Event Saturday and Sunday October 26 and 27



Saint Raphael's Knights of Columbus Tinto Council #47 is pleased and honored to bring a beautiful icon of Saint Joseph, patron saint of the Archdiocese of Hartford, to Saint Raphael Parish on the last weekend of October.

At every Mass parishioners and friends will have the rare opportunity to contemplate Saint Joseph, the foster father of our Lord Jesus and the protector of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

The beautiful icon was written (prayerfully painted) by Elizabeth Bergeron from a drawing by famed iconographer Alexandre Sobolev. Elizabeth considers an icon "an artistic work like no other. It is a place where God meets man."

The icon is the current centerpiece of the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program, which, since 1979, has displayed icons that are particularly inspiring to Knights and their communities - Our Lady, the Holy Family and the Divine Mercy, among others - at more than 174,800 local Councils and prayer services.

Tinto Council is privileged to share this inspiring depiction of Saint Joseph with our parishioners. The Knights will provide copies of Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly's introduction to the Pilgrim Icon Program for families to take home, as well as prayer cards of the *Patris Corde Prayer* from Pope Francis's 2020 Apostolic Letter of the same name.

As part of his Papal Message to the Knights of Columbus 139th Supreme Convention in 2021 the Holy Father wrote:

"St. Joseph's example of 'creative courage' in the fulfillment of his vocation as father of the Holy Family makes him a particularly good model for all those men who, in these times of uncertainty and unrest, seek to persevere in fidelity to our Lord and his Church, entrusting their lives and the lives of their families to his providential guidance and care."

We hope you enjoy this very special event. *Saint Joseph, pray for us.*

