

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

OCTOBER 2017

*In service to one.*



COUNCIL 13977

*In service to all.*

**Next Meeting: Wed., October 11, 2017**

## Columbus Day Holiday



Columbus Day is a national holiday in many countries in the Americas and elsewhere which officially celebrates the anniversary of Christopher Columbus' arrival in and the discovery of the American Continent on October 12, 1492.

## RIDES FOR MEETINGS

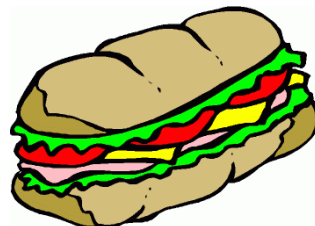
Do you know of a brother knight that is disabled or cannot drive and is unable to attend the monthly meetings? If you would like to volunteer to help pick up a fellow brother knight for future meetings please contact GK Doug Styka in person, by phone (330-



717-4957), or email ([djstyka@sbcglobal.net](mailto:djstyka@sbcglobal.net)) for more information.

## HOAGIE NIGHT

Our council will have a hoagie night on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> after 4:30



Mass. Help will be needed to set up the day before the event and to reset the hall after the event is over. Please see GK Doug Styka for more information or if you would like to help out.

## FIRST STEPS FOR CHANGE (BABY BOTTLES)

Once again this year, our Council will be taking part in the annual First Steps for Change Program with all proceeds benefiting Catholic Charities. Starting next month, baby bottles will be distributed after all 3 Masses in the main



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entry ways of the church. Please see Brother Knights, Dominic and Richard Mattiussi concerning this project.

## KNIGHT of the MONTH

The Knight of the Month article is a great way for our Council to get to know different members a little better. If you are interested and would like to be featured as a Knight of the Month for a future newsletter, please feel free to contact Brother Knight Dominic Mattiussi at [drmrocks@yahoo.com](mailto:drmrocks@yahoo.com) or Brother Knight Rich Mattiussi at [mattiussi52001@yahoo.com](mailto:mattiussi52001@yahoo.com) (Bios are optional). This month's Knight of the Month is our trusty recorder, Brother Knight Bob Gugliotti.



Bob Gugliotti became a brotherhood member of St. Joseph Parish Knights of Columbus Council #13977 on January 14, 2014 when he was bestowed with his First Degree at the local parish where he's been an original member since St. Joseph opened on October 8, 1966 at age six and one-half. He went on to the Second Degree

at the Byzantine Center at the Grove on February 8, 2014 and the Third Degree and his Fourth Degree exemplification both at St. Charles of Borromeo Parish in Boardman on April 28 and October 4, 2014, respectively. Bob was accorded that ultimate honor in the class along with current council brothers George Zokle and Victor Considine.

Gugliotti has served in countless ministries and roles at St. Joseph over 51 years. He has served as a Scripture Lector since March 7, 1982 and as a Eucharistic Minister since his recruitment by former permanent Deacon Mike Roberts on October 13, 1998. Bob joined the church choir on September 28, 2014 and is starting his fourth season with the co-ed singing group on October 15th.

Pastoral Parish Council discernment came for Bob on November 4, 2001, and service on his first term until February 11, 2007. Gugliotti was discerned for another term on February 4, 2011 and is in continuing service to that ministry having been discerned yet again on October 6, 2016. Bob is also involved with the current Parish Planning Team working to determine the future course of St. Joseph Parish and its role in shaping the Austintown community in the years to come.

Gugliotti is also connected to the Parish Life Committee's many church-fellowship inspiring activities and the Guardian Angels bereavement mercy meal preparation and presentation group after funeral masses in the church. He is the second-year recorder in this council and former two-year vice-president and secretary of the now-defunct Men's Club organization. Bob also participates in the ceremony and carrying of the candles each Lent for Stations of the Cross services each Friday before Easter.

Born on March 7, 1960 at St. Elizabeth Mercy Health Center near downtown Youngstown on an early morning when the low temperature dipped to an unseasonable minus-three degrees, Gugliotti dwelled in Struthers for three

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years before moving to Austintown with his parents and brother Joe Jr. on July 17, 1963. The Gugliotti's were members of St. Christine's for three years until Diocese of Youngstown boundaries required a transition to the newly-minted St. Joseph on October 8, 1966 as an original family here when services were conducted at the relatively-new Wellman's Wedgewood Cinema that had opened on July 27 that year itself.

Bob graduated with an honor diploma and a senior-year induction into National Honor Society in 1978 from Austintown-Fitch High School. He was involved for all four years as an equipment manager and statistician for the Falcons' football, basketball and baseball programs. Other HS clubs included Speech and Debate and the Spanish Club. Graduated with a 3.329 grade-point average, Bob was nominated to Fitch High school's Athletic Hall of Fame most recently on September 17, 2016 with the standout 1979-80 boys' basketball team that finished a school-record 22-3 and regional semifinalists losing by two points to the undefeated State champions from Akron Central-Hower that Bob served as a sophomore student at Youngstown State University, and the 1977 baseball squad that was Fitch's first-ever State tournament qualifier that went 27-2 (best ever record), bowing to Solon in the semifinals in Columbus in "Googs" junior year. He was also recognized with AFHS' 1990 and 1992 playoff football teams serving as the head of the statisticians' crew in 2011 and 2013. Bob was the football teams' statistician from 1975 through 2007, the public address announcer at Fitch boys' and girls' varsity basketball games along with baseball, wrestling matches and girls' gymnastics' meets from 1984-85 through 1997-98 seasons and post-season hoops tournaments held at Fitch HS from 1996 to 2005.

He was also in the Austintown Local School District's mentorship program from 1994 to 2004 in broadcasting operations, the sports industry and special education, guiding gifted and special needs' students. Bob was the sandlot

baseball league public address announcer, official scorer, statistician and scoreboard operator at The Joe Koch Family Charitable Foundation's Koch Baseball Complex from May 24, 2005 to July 20, 2008.

Bob graduated twice from YSU with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Telecommunications on August 27, 1983 and a Bachelor of Science sheepskin in Communications Studies, Information Technology and Technical Writing/Publication Design on May 17, 2003. He's proud to have graduated with a 3.577 GPA at age 43. Gugliotti also undertook a Master's of Science Degree program for two years at Kent State University where he carried a 4.0 GPA in Athletic Administration and Sports Management. Lack of grad school tuition funds ended his bid to earn addition academic accolades. Bob's first full-time job out of college was Sports Editor and public meetings correspondent/reporter for The Austintown Leader from November 1984 to April 1993 when it shut down. Also was head sportswriter for the Town Crier newspapers group in 2001 and 2002, another version of The Austintown Leader in 1993 and the short-lived Austin Times tabloid in 1994. Bob was also the Assistant Media Relations Director and head of the stat crew of the summer shorter-player World Basketball League's Youngstown Pride from 1989-1991 and was promoted to the league office in the same capacity in 1992 until the WBL folded on August 1. He received championship rings for the Pride's WBL championships in back-to-back seasons in 1989 and 1990. Gugliotti served as Media Relations Director for the International Basketball League's Mahoning Valley Wildcats' only spring season (19 games) in 2005 playing its home games at Struthers Memorial Fieldhouse.

Gugliotti appreciates all the concern and attention of his parish friends and allies. On September 16, 2015, Bob was diagnosed with high-functioning autism spectrum disorder. The Mensa Society recognized Bob for his tested-IQ that ranges from 139 and up. He found out he was type-2 diabetic on April 2, 2013 and is

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managing that illness well. When not involved in some St. Joseph function, you'll find him walking as is his practice for health reasons in the church parking lot, different places around Austintown , or the public library which has become a daily ritual for him. He also mentors young adults in the local neighborhoods as a custom now.

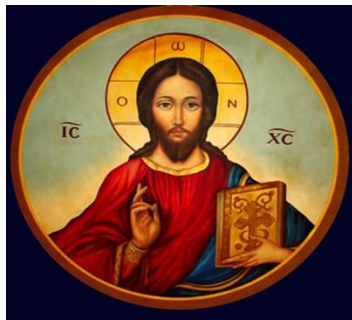
## THANK YOU

Continued thanks to our dedicated Bingo Volunteers. Your hard work and your service are greatly appreciated!

## LOOKING AHEAD

First Steps for Change Baby Bottle Drive–  
October

Hoagie Night–October 28th



*Kyrie eleison* – Lord have mercy.

## FAITH CORNER

Let us continue to pray for the canonization of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney



## IMPORTANT FEAST DAYS- SEPTEMBER 2017

## THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS- OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>





*ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI-OCTOBER  
4<sup>TH</sup>*



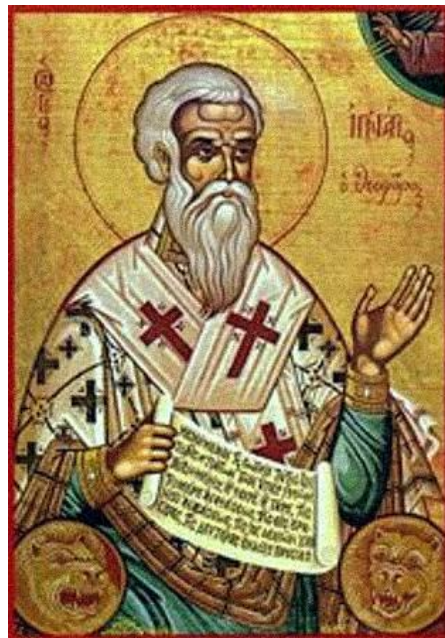
*ST. BRUNO-OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>*



*ST. JOHN XXIII-OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>*



*ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH-  
OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>*



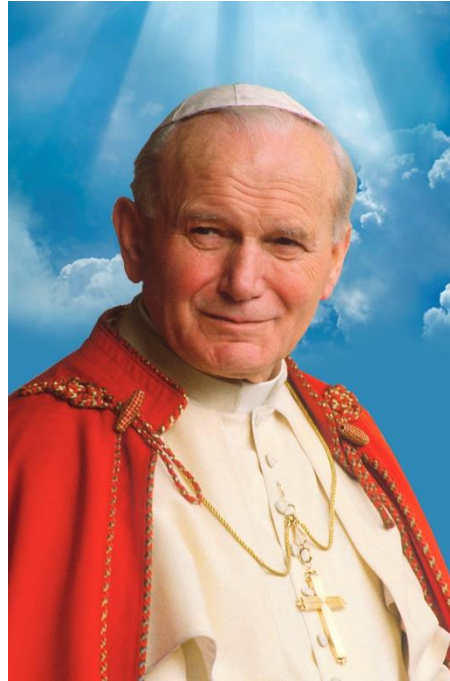
*ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST- OCTOBER  
18<sup>TH</sup>*



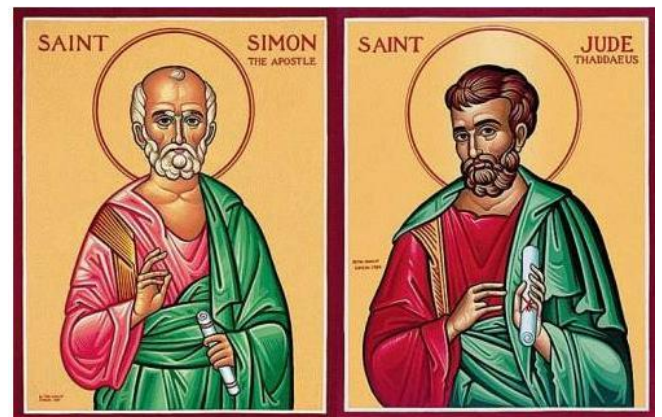
*ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS-OCTOBER  
20<sup>TH</sup>*



*ST. JOHN PAUL II-OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>*



*SS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES-  
OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>*



## ***PRAYER CORNER***

### ***A PRAYER TO ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: FEAST DAY: OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>***

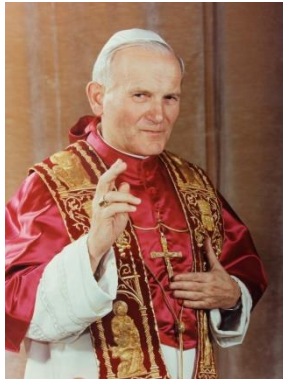
Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.



### ***A PRAYER TO ST. JOHN PAUL II: FEAST DAY: OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>***

Oh, St. John Paul, from the window of heaven, grant us your blessing! Bless the church that you loved and served and guided, courageously leading it along the paths of the world in order to bring Jesus to everyone and everyone to Jesus. Bless the young, who were your great passion. Help them dream again, help them look up high again to find the light that illuminates the paths of life here on earth.



May you bless families, bless each family! You warned of Satan's assault against this precious and indispensable divine spark that God lit on earth. St. John Paul, with your prayer, may you protect the family and every life that blossoms

from the family.

Pray for the whole world, which is still marked by tensions, wars and injustice. You tackled war by invoking dialogue and planting the seeds of love: pray for us so that we may be tireless sowers of peace.

Oh St. John Paul, from heaven's window, where we see you next to Mary, send God's blessing down upon us all. Amen.

### ***PRAYER RECITED FROM CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS AFTER SETTING FOOT IN AMERICA- COLUMBUS DAY-OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>***



"O Lord, eternal and omnipotent God, Thou hast, by Thy holy word, created the heavens, the earth, and the sea; blessed and glorified be Thy name; praised be Thy majesty, who hast deigned that, by means of Thy unworthy servant, Thy sacred name should be acknowledged and made known in this new quarter of the world."



*PLEASE KEEP THE VICTIMS OF  
HURRICANES HARVEY, IRMA, JOSE,  
THE MEXICO CITY EARTHQUAKE,  
AND THE LAS VEGAS SHOOTINGS IN  
YOUR PRAYERS*



Prayer for Protection against Storms and Hurricanes

Our Father in Heaven through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this Hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's visit to Texas Gulf Coast Region and his personal encounters with those whom were affected by Hurricane Harvey:

<http://www.kofc.org/en/news/releases/the-knights-were-there.html>

An article from Catholic News Agency of Bishop Joseph A. Pepe (Bishop of Las Vegas) calling everyone for prayer over the grief that has happened in the city:



<http://direct.catholicnewsagency.com/news/us-bishops-join-in-prayer-after-las-vegas-shooting-51148>

*POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY PRAYER  
INTENTION-OCTOBER 2017*



**Workers and Unemployed:** That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and the unemployed may receive the opportunity to commit to the common good.

### Christian Persecution



### ***FAITH IN A TIME OF PERSECUTION***

PLEASE DONATE TO HELP OUR  
PERSECUTED BROTHERS AND  
SISTERS IN CHRIST (LINK):

<http://www.kofc.org/en/charities/christian-relief/index.html>

**K of C helping Iraqi Christians  
return home (see link):**

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/knights-of-columbus-to-raise-2-million-to-rebuild-iraqi-town-44521/>

**And now, here is a follow up article  
about what the US government  
should do to help Iraqi Christians:**

<http://www.kofc.org/en/news/releases/supreme-knight-statement-rohingya-muslims.html>

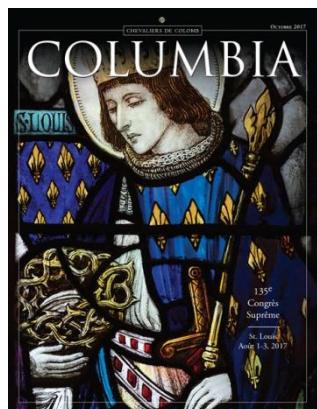
### **Into the Breach: Knights of Columbus Play Pivotal International Role**

During these difficult times in countries such as Syria, Lebanon, and Cuba, the K of C does their part to help people in need by aiding them.

[http://m.ncregister.com/daily-news/into-the-breach-knights-of-columbus-play-pivotal-international-role#.WZx\\_btm9Kc0](http://m.ncregister.com/daily-news/into-the-breach-knights-of-columbus-play-pivotal-international-role#.WZx_btm9Kc0)

**PRAYER SUGESTIONS** If anyone has a specific prayer in honor of a certain Catholic Saint or prayer intention that you would like to be inserted in future newsletters, please feel free to email Brother Knight Dominic Mattiussi at [drmrocks@yahoo.com](mailto:drmrocks@yahoo.com). I would be happy to receive and post any special prayer requests.

## Don't forget to Read:



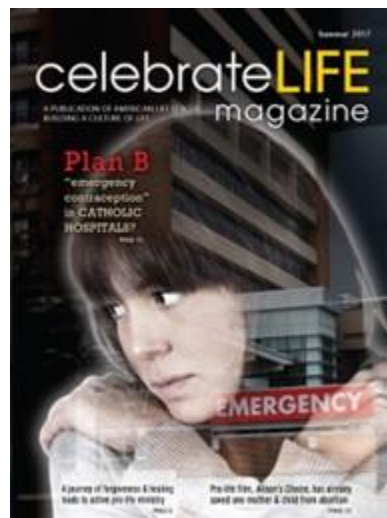
You may also read Columbia Magazine online or on your tablet or Ipad.

## Also feel free to Read:



<http://www.cnewa.org/home.aspx?ID=26&pagetypeID=12&sitecode=HQ>

## Pro-life Magazine



<http://www.clmagazine.org/>

## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

### CHURCH

1. Faith Fiesta-Approved
2. Anointing of the Sick Mass and Dinner-Approved
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

### COMMUNITY

1. Patriotic Activity (July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade)-Approved
2. St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen-Approved
3. Habitat for Humanity-Approved
- 4.
- 5.

### COUNCIL

1. Newsletter-Approved
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

### FAMILY

1. State Matching Funds-Pending

- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

### CULTURE OF LIFE

1. Car Pool-Pending

- 2.
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- 4.
- 5.

### YOUTH

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

### MEMBERSHIP

1. Knight of the Month Recruitment-Pending

- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**November 8, 2017**

**December 13, 2017**

**January 10, 2018**

**February 14, 2018**

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Chancellor	Bill Bakos
Recorder	Bob Gugliotti
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Advocate	Ernie Ramhoff II
Warden	William Potkanowicz
Inside Guard	Ken Balzic
Outside Guard	Rich DiMarino
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Trustee for Two Years	Joe Iwasky
Trustee for Three Years	Dominic Mattiussi
Lecturer	Rich Mattiussi
Financial Secretary	Bob Pesa

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Check out our official Diocesan  
Newspaper for the Diocese of  
Youngstown:

THE CATHOLIC  
**Exponent**



<https://www.facebook.com/kofccouncil13977-stjosephaustintown>

#### **IMPORTANT WEBSITES**

<http://www.kofc.org>

<https://www.kofcoho.org>

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