

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

NOVEMBER 2017

In service to one.



COUNCIL 13977

In service to all.

Next Meeting: Wed., November 8, 2017

FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Saturday, November 4th, our council will be sponsoring a Family Memorial Service for twelve of our Brother Knights who have passed away. The Memorial Service will start with the Rosary at 8:30 A.M., and the council is inviting all Brother Knights and their families to attend. Following the Memorial Prayer Service, there will be coffee and donuts served. It is anticipated that the Prayer Service and social will be over by 10:00 A.M.



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) for more information.



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 or Brother Knight Rich Mattiussi at mattiussi52001@yahoo.com (Bios are optional). This month's Knight of the Month

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is our Deputy Grand Knight, Brother Knight Ernie Ramhoff III.



Ernie was born on June 21, 1967 in Youngstown, Ohio. Growing up, Ernie and his family attended St. Luke Church in Boardman until they moved to Austintown when he was in 5th grade. After moving to Austintown, his family became members of St. Michael Church in Canfield. In 1993, he married Mary (Williams) Ramhoff at St. Joseph Church and eventually moved to Cleveland, Ohio where they remained members of the Parish as well as becoming members of SS. Phillip and James Church in Cleveland where Mary taught. In 1999, they moved back to Austintown, and have been members of St. Joe's ever since.

Ernie and Mary have 5 children; Ernie IV, who works for Kraftmaid Cabinets, Trevor, who is attending YSU majoring in Electrical Engineering and currently works as a cook at Mojo's in Austintown, Kyle, who is a

sophomore at Fitch High School and is currently working towards his Eagle Scout with St. Joseph Boy Scout Troop 184 and also working towards getting his driver's license, Bryce, who had been sick with RSV and after a hospital stay and few emergency room visits, unfortunately passed away on March 19, 2003 from strep, and Devin, who is in 7th grade at AMS and is involved in the STEM program, is on the Robotics Team and the Drama Club (He recently landed a role in the upcoming play, Robin Hood as Friar Tuck) , and like his brother Kyle is involved with the Boy Scouts.

Ernie works as the Director of Outsourced Services for a computer consulting company, Promethean Software Service in Stow, Ohio. He has been with the company since he and 2 owners founded it in 1999, and has since grown to 7 people which includes 1 network communication engineer, 1 EDI services coordinator, 3 Sr. EDI project managers and 2 junior programmer EDI analysts.

Ernie became a member of our council joining as the 30th charter member back in 2006. He jokes that since the requirement is to have 30 members to start a council, there would not be a St. Joseph council without him. He is a Fourth Degree Knight and currently serves as the Deputy Grand Knight. In the past, he has held the positions of Advocate, Recorder, and Treasurer. He became a Knight because he was invited to a meeting by his friend,

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Brother Knight Doug Cirbus. He forever thanks Brother Doug for inviting him to the meeting which led him to joining the Knights, and eventually becoming a Fourth Degree Knight alongside him.

In addition to being involved in the K of C, Ernie is also involved with the St. Joseph Boy Scout Troop (Troop 184). In the past, he was a Den Leader and Treasurer for the Cub Scouts, he was appointed a member of the Parish Council by Fr. Trimbur and remained on for 7 years, and was an assistant for 8th grade CCD and filled in as a teacher for 2 years of 8th grade Confirmation students.

As for hobbies, Ernie has never been a very big sports fan; however, he always has rooted for the Cleveland sports teams (Indians, Browns, and Cavaliers) because his dad (Brother Knight Ernie Ramhoff II) was always a Cleveland fan. His favorite food is any dinners at home with the family, and the hobby he enjoys most is working on cars. He has a 1972 Oldsmobile 422 convertible that he bought when he was 17 years old. He later decided to rebuild the motor and restore the body, however, it was never completed and now the car has sat untouched for almost 25 years. Some day when he has money and time, it may get finished.

REMEMBERING BROTHER KNIGHT JOSEPH ZOLDAK



Our council unfortunately lost another dear member as Brother Knight Joseph Zoldak passed away at the age of 59 at the Hospice House on October 22nd. A member of St. Joe's, Joe was a 1st Degree Knight in our council as well as serving as an altar server, greeter, and helped with the Anointing Mass Meal. He was also very involved with the St. Vincent DePaul Society at our Parish and also served on the board of directors of the St. Vincent DePaul Society Mahoning County. A 1974 graduate of Austintown Fitch High School, Joe worked 35 years for the U.S. Postal Service before retiring in 2013. Prior to his death, he was working at Sam's Club in Niles which he enjoyed. Joe also enjoyed playing poker, was an avid golfer while belonging to the Men's Falcon League for 35 years (He even had a hole in one once), and was a diehard Notre Dame fan as he recently enjoyed his last trip to South Bend, rooting for his beloved Fighting Irish.

Joe is survived by his wife of 10 years (although they have been together for 31 years), Esmeralda "Bonnie" Zoldak; daughter Sara Rudolphi of Youngstown; son Joseph E. Zoldak of Columbus; his sister Christina (Mark) Sheppa of Solon; as well many in-laws, nephews, nieces, great-nephews, and great-nieces. He also cherished a special bond with his great-niece, Solana Jackson and leaves behind his beloved dog, Jack.

Please keep Brother Joe and his family in your prayers.

WELCOME NEW BROTHER KNIGHT ZACH POTKANOWICZ



New Brother Knight Zach Potkanowicz pictured with our degree team members after making his first degree on October 28th. Pictured from left to right: Recorder: Brother Bob Gugliotti, Financial Secretary: Brother Bob Pesa, Grand Knight Brother Doug Styka, Brother Knight Zach Potkanowicz, Degree Team Member: Brother Jack Kochanski, Deputy Grand Knight: Brother Ernie Ramhoff III, and Council Program Director: Brother George Zokle.

Please welcome our new Brother Knight Zach Potkanowicz to our council. On October 28th, Zach made his 1st Degree here at St. Joseph and is the fourth member of

his family to join our council along with his father and two older brothers (Brother Knights Bill, Josh, and Jake Potkanowicz). Zach is currently a senior at Austintown Fitch High School and plays the quad drums as the co-drumline captain in the marching band. He also plays percussion in the symphonic band.

THANK YOU

Thank you to those who helped out with the Cub Scout Trunk or Treat on October 22nd. Additional thanks to those who volunteered with the Hoagie Night on October 28th as well as cleaning up the Social Hall before and after the event. Thanks to those who also helped serve donuts for the CCD kids on October 29th. Special thanks to Brother Knights Dominic Mattiussi, Rich Mattiussi (as well as Nicholas Mattiussi who helped pick up a few bottles), and Bob Gugliotti for distributing and picking up the baby bottles for the First Steps for Change Baby Bottle Program. And (of course) lastly, continued thanks to our dedicated Bingo Volunteers. Your hard work and your service are greatly appreciated!

LOOKING AHEAD

Rosary/Memorial Service–November 4th

Thanksgiving–November 23rd

First Day of Advent–December 3rd

Feast of Immaculate Conception–December 8th

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Christmas–December 25th



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- NOVEMBER 2017

ALL SAINTS-NOVEMBER 1ST



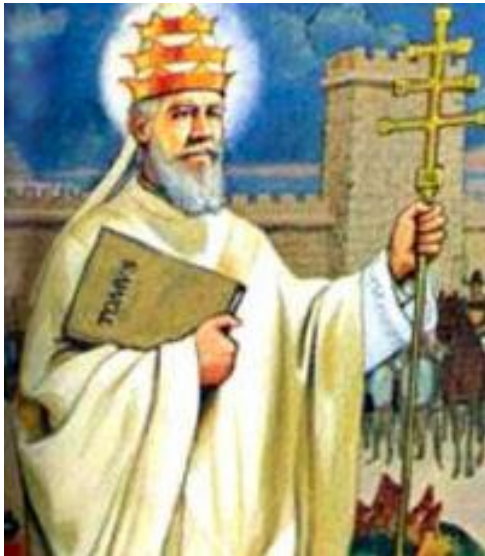
*ST. MARTIN DE PORES-NOVEMBER
3RD*



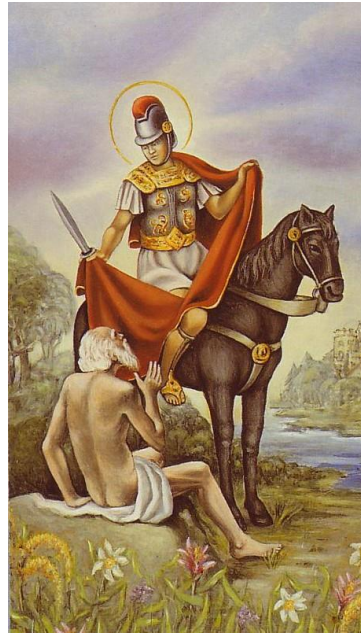
*ST. CHARLES BORROMEO-
NOVEMBER 4TH*



*ST. LEO THE GREAT-NOVEMBER
10TH*



*ST. MARTIN OF TOURS-NOVEMBER
11TH*



*ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI-
NOVEMBER 13TH*



*ST. ALBERT THE GREAT-
NOVEMBER 15TH*



ST. GERTRUDE-NOVEMBER 16TH



*ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY-
NOVEMBER 17TH*



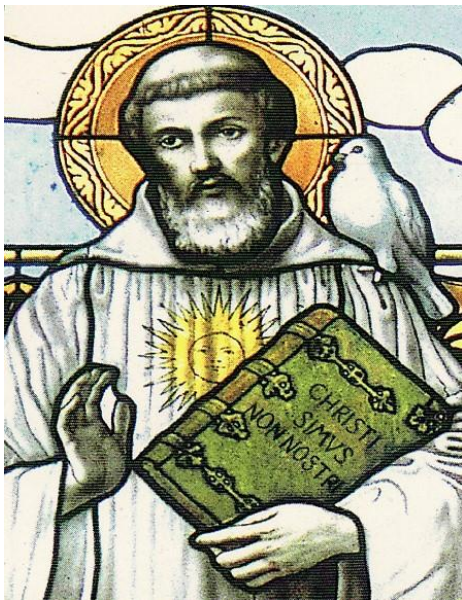
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ST. CLEMENT I-NOVEMBER 23RD



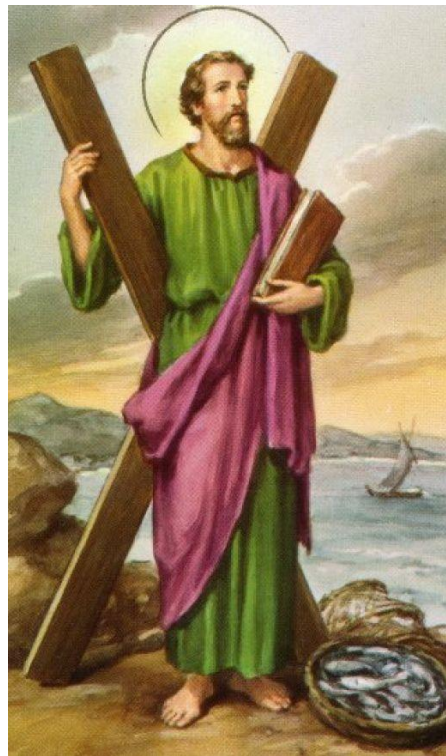
*ST. COLUMBAN, ABBOT-
NOVEMBER 23RD*



*ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA-
NOVEMBER 25TH*



*ST ANDREW, APOSTLE-NOVEMBER
30TH*



PRAYER CORNER

PRAYER TO ALL SAINTS- NOVEMBER 1ST



Dear holy saints of God, we join our prayers of praise to yours this day. With you, we sing of God's goodness, rejoice in God's mercy and celebrate God's incredible love. Teach us to live as you lived, always think of others, always recognizing our weaknesses, always rejoicing in God's gifts, always closely following Jesus. Blessed are you, happy are you, all your holy saints of God. Pray for us that we, too, may someday be among God's Holy Ones.

AMEN

PRAYER TO ALL SOULS-NOVEMBER 2ND



Jesus, dear Savior, on this day we prayerfully remember all our loved ones

who have died. Please give them comfort and hope and may they be at peace, knowing that they will rest in God's arms eternally. Thank You for our memories of them and for the good times we shared. We ask You, please, through their intercession, to deepen our faith, strengthen our hope and increase our love that we, too, may someday stand before You, ready to enter Your Holy Kingdom.

AMEN

A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION'S ELECTION-NOVEMBER 7, 2017



O God, we acknowledge You today as Lord,
not only of individuals, but of nations and governments.

We thank You for the privilege of being able to organize ourselves politically and of knowing that political loyalty does not have to mean disloyalty to You.

We thank You for Your law,
which our Founding Fathers acknowledged and recognized as higher than any human law.

We thank You for the opportunity that this election year puts before us,

To exercise our solemn duty not only to vote, but to influence countless others to vote, and to vote correctly.

Lord, we pray that Your people may be awakened.

Let them realize that while politics is not

their salvation, their response to You requires that they be politically active.

Awaken Your people to know that they are not called to be a sect fleeing the world, but rather a community of faith renewing the world.

Awaken them that the same hands lifted up to You in prayer are the hands that pull the lever in the voting booth; that the same eyes that read Your Word are the eyes that read the names on the ballot, and that they do not cease to be Christians when they enter the voting booth.

Awaken Your people to a commitment to justice, to the sanctity of marriage and the family, to the dignity of each individual human life, and to the truth that human rights begin when Human Life Begins at conception, and not one moment later.

Lord, we rejoice today that we are citizens of Your kingdom.

May that make us all the more committed to being faithful citizens on earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

A PRAYER FOR VETERANS DAY- NOVEMBER 11, 2017



We ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces. We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe. We pray especially for the young men and women, in the thousands, who are coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord; may we pray for them when they cannot pray. We ask for, echoing John Paul II, an end to wars and the dawning of a new era of peace, As a way to honor all the veterans of past wars.

Have mercy on all our veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in. Bless all the soldiers who served in non-combatative posts; May their calling to service continue in their lives in many positive ways.

Give us all the creative vision to see a world which, grown weary with fighting, Moves to affirming the life of every human being and so moves beyond war. Hear our prayer, O Prince of Peace, hear our prayer. Amen.

*THANKSGIVING PRAYER-NOVEMBER
23RD*



Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this **time** of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our **faith** and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our **family** and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and **blessing** throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother.

Amen.

*GOD BLESS AMERICA! AND
THANKS TO ALL OUR
VETERANS LIVING AND
DECEASED! ALSO, A
HAPPY AND BLESSED
THANKSGIVING TO ALL OF OUR
BROTHER KNIGHTS AND THEIR
FAMILIES.*



*LET US ALSO CONTINUE TO PRAY
FOR OUR LOVED ONES THAT OUR
SUFFERING FROM ILLNESS OR
CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL.*

*POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY PRAYER
INTENTION-NOVEMBER 2017*



Christians in Asia: That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

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](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-](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>

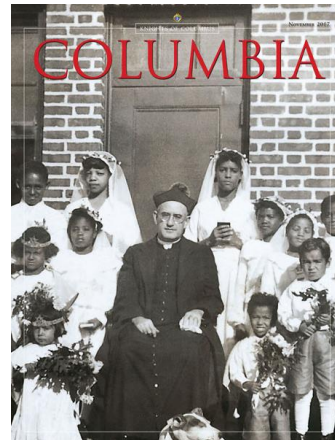
[Into the Breach: Knights of Columbus Play Pivotal International Role](#)

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

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. I would be happy to receive and post any special prayer requests.

Don't forget to Read:



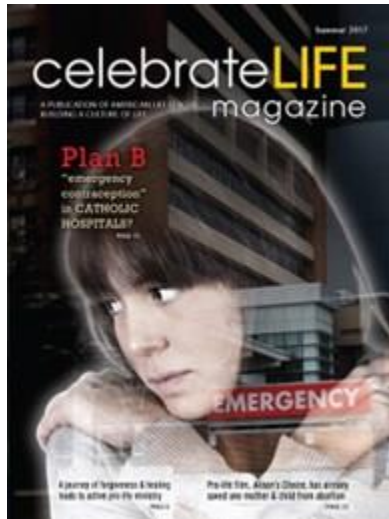
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Pro-life Magazine



<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 4th 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.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

YOUTH

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

MEMBERSHIP

1. Knight of the Month Recruitment-Pending
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

December 13, 2017

January 10, 2018

February 14, 2018

March 14, 2018

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