

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

DECEMBER 2017

In service to one.

COUNCIL 13977

In service to all.



Next Meeting: Wed., December 13, 2017

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.



ATTENTION PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

There will be a meeting on Monday, January 8, 2018 in Lyons Hall at 6:30 pm to review and plan the balance of the activities, which have to be reported by April 18, 2018. For more information, please contact or email Brother Knight George Zokle at gzokle@yahoo.com.

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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 is our Trustee for Two Years, Brother Knight Joe Iwasky.



THANK YOU

Thank you to our Brother Knights and their families who attended and helped out with the Family Memorial Service on November 4th. Thanks to the Brother Knights who helped out with the Nativity displays after all Masses on November 25th and 26th. Also, thank you to those who attended the Memorial Mass and Social on November 28th at St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church for our deceased Brother Knights, Marty Greggo and Joe Zoldak. And (of course) lastly, continued thanks to our dedicated Bingo Volunteers. Your hard work and your service are greatly appreciated!

LOOKING AHEAD

First Day of Advent–December 3rd

Feast of Immaculate Conception–December 8th

Christmas–December 25th



Kyrie eleison – Lord have mercy.

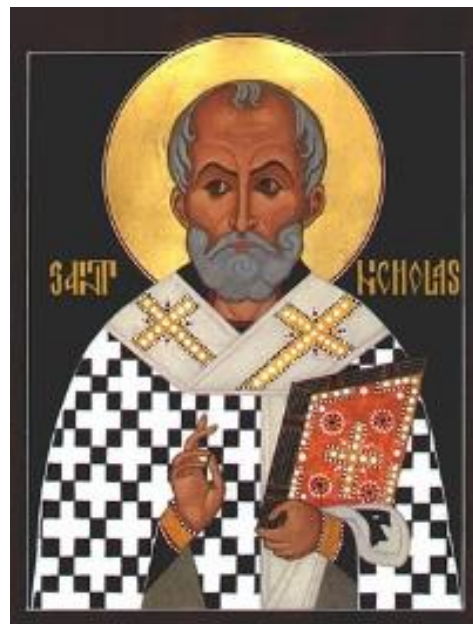
FAITH CORNER

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

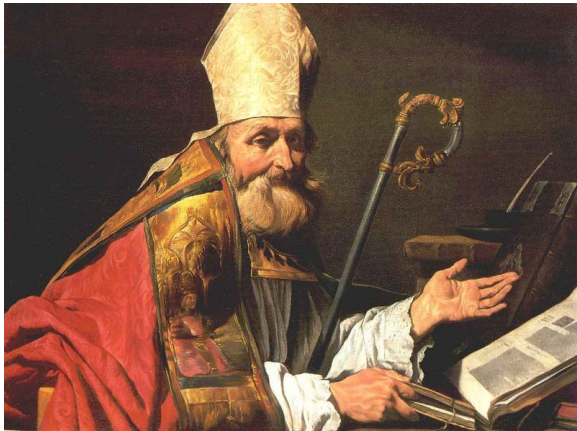


IMPORTANT FEAST DAYS- DECEMBER 2017

ST. NICHOLAS- DECEMBER 6TH



ST. AMBROSE-DECEMBER 7TH



*IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-
DECEMBER 8TH*



ST. JUAN DIEGO-DECEMBER 9TH



*OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE-
DECEMBER 12TH*



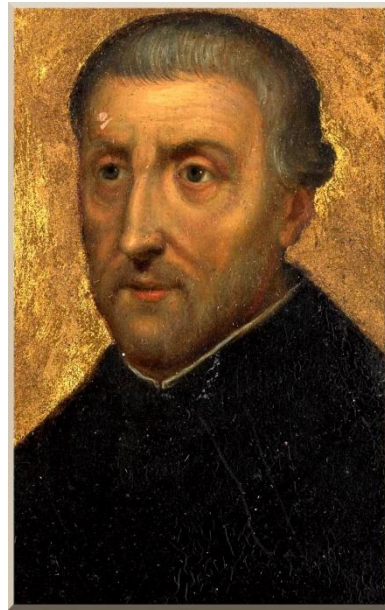
ST. LUCY-DECEMBER 13TH



*ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS-
DECEMBER 14TH*



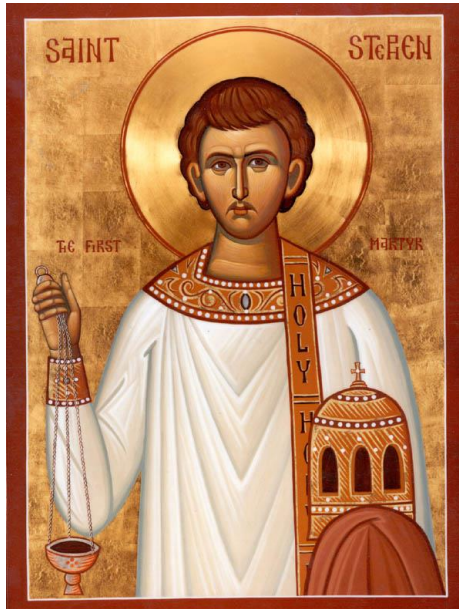
*ST. PETER CANISIUS-DECEMBER
21ST*



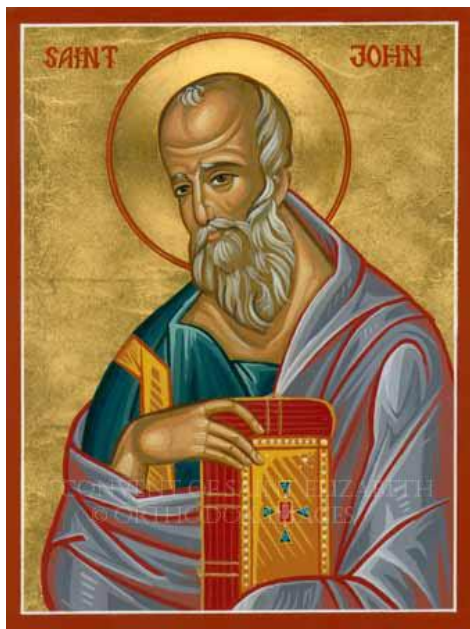
*ST. JOHN OF KANTY-DECEMBER
23RD*



ST. STEPHEN-DECEMBER 26TH



*ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND
EVANGELIST-DECEMBER 27TH*



*ST. THOMAS BECKET-DECEMBER
29TH*



PRAYER CORNER

A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the **wisdom** and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my **prayer** as part of my service of the **Lord** who enlists me in God's own work for justice.



Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His **will** so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is **right** to bring

to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the **God** who acted there, hearty gratitude for the **life** begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of **Jesus** Christ, whose **advent** I hail. Amen.

*PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION-DECEMBER 8TH*



O God, who by the **Immaculate Conception** of the Blessed Virgin Mary, didst prepare a worthy dwelling place for thy Son, we beseech thee that, as by the foreseen death of this, thy Son, thou didst preserve her from all stain, so too thou wouldst permit us, purified through her intercession, to come unto thee. Through the same **Lord Jesus** Christ, thy Son, who livest and reignest with thee in the **unity** of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

Amen.

*PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE-DECEMBER 12TH*



Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mystical Rose, make intercession for the Holy Church, protect the Sovereign Pontiff, help all those who invoke thee in their necessities, and since thou art the ever Virgin Mary, and Mother of the True God, obtain for us from thy most holy Son the grace of keeping our faith, of sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life, of burning charity, and the precious gift of final perseverance.

Amen.

*PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS
MORNING DECEMBER 25, 2017*



The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven,
and crowns another year with peace and

good will. Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world... Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, And the Christmas evening bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

*TO ALL OF OUR BROTHER
KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES,
MERRY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS
SEASON TO
ALL AND A
HAPPY AND
PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR!
FOR CHRIST IS
BORN TO SAVE
US ALL FROM
SIN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!*



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

POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION-DECEMBER 2017



The Elderly: That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

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>

**Follow up articles (links) about our
Christian brothers and sisters
suffering in the Middle East:**

<https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2017/12/07/dolan-persecution-christians-kitchen-table-topic-u-s-catholics/>

<http://thehill.com/opinion/international/363064-pence-put-a-spotlight-on-persecution-of-middle-eastern-christians>

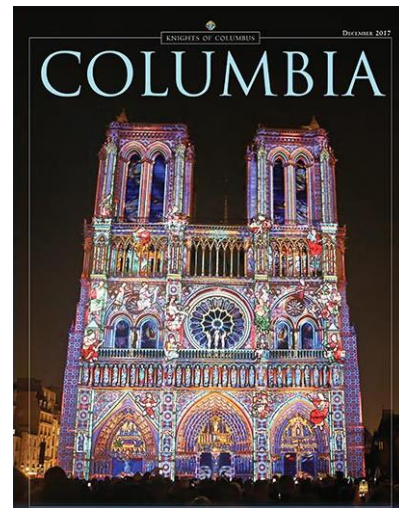
<http://www.thetablet.co.uk/news/8191/0/ecumenical-us-conference-highlights-persecution-of-christians->

http://wcfcourier.com/news/local/lebanese-priest-talks-of-middle-east-threats-to-christianity/article_881c5a49-3661-5f90-9bf7-b1589d0c6669.html

<https://cruxnow.com/global-church/2017/12/05/u-s-commitment-persecuted-christians-wavers-russia-steps/>

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:



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 4th Parade)-Approved
2. St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen-Approved
3. Habitat for Humanity-Approved
4. State Cash Bonanza-Approved
- 5.

COUNCIL

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

FAMILY

1. State Matching Funds-Approved
2. October Fest-Approved
3. Memorial Mass-Pending
4. Keep Christ in Christmas-Pending
- 5.

CULTURE OF LIFE

1. Car Pool-Approved
2. World Marriage or Unborn-Approved
3. Fall/Spring Rosary-Approved
4. Baby Bottles-Pending
5. Pro-life Memorial Donation-Pending

YOUTH

1. Trunk or Treat-Approved
2. All Saints Day Parade-Approved
3. Coats for Kids-Pending
- 4.
- 5.

MEMBERSHIP

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 10, 2018

February 14, 2018

March 14, 2018

April 11, 2018

OFFICERS

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Deputy Grand Knight	Ernie Ramhoff III
Chaplain	Rev. Mel Rusnak
Chancellor	Bill Bakos
Recorder	Bob Gugliotti
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Advocate	Ernie Ramhoff II
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Outside Guard	Rich DiMarino
Trustee for One Year	Rick Larson
Trustee for Two Years	Joe Iwasky
Trustee for Three Years	Dominic Mattiussi
Lecturer	Rich Mattiussi
Financial Secretary	Bob Pesa

Check out our local Catholic Radio Channel:



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

THE CATHOLIC Exponent



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<https://www.kofcoho.org>

<http://www.doy.org>

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