

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FEBRUARY 2018

In service to one.



COUNCIL 13977

In service to all.

Next Meeting: Wed. March 14, 2018

Due to Ash Wednesday falling on the same day as our February meeting (February 14th), there was no meeting this month. Our next meeting will be normally scheduled again next month on Wednesday, March 14th.

LENT 2018

Feel free to attend these events here at St. Joseph Church throughout the Lenten Season:



- On Tuesdays beginning February 13th from 6:30–8:00 p.m., Father Fedor will have Scripture studies sessions reflecting on the Sunday readings for Lent.
- On Fridays at 7 p.m. we will have Stations of the Cross.

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.



CONFIRMATION

This year, St. Joseph Church will join with other parishes from the Diocese of Youngstown to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Columba Cathedral on Saturday February 24th. Fourth Degree Knights are welcome to volunteer.



CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The 6th annual Diocese of Youngstown Men's Conference will take place on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Louisville, Ohio. This year's theme is *"Rise up O Men of God—The Battle is Real"*. Keynote speakers will include Deacon Larry Oney and the honorary chairman, The Most Reverend Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., Ph.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown. Come for a day of fun and fellowship which will conclude with a Mass with Bishop Murry at 4:00 p.m. (Spouses and families are welcome to attend the closing Mass.) For more information or to register online, go to www.CMFDYOY.org to sign up by February 27th.

WELCOME NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS STEVE ARMOUR AND NICK MATTIUSSI



Steve made his first degree on January 22nd at St. Sebastian Church in Akron. He and his wife Amy belong to St. Joseph Church in Cuyahoga Falls (not to be confused with our St. Joe's haha!!) where he volunteers as a lector. Steve is currently pursuing his master's degree in clinical mental health counseling at John Carroll University in Cleveland where he will graduate this year. Since 2015, Steve has worked for Signature Health as an addictions counselor and case manager. He is also the son-in-law of Brother Knight Joe Dravecky.



Nick made his first and second degree on February 1st at St. Charles Church in Boardman. He is a member of St. Joseph and in the past, has served as an altar server. He is currently a Junior at Austintown Fitch High School where he is the Junior Drum Major of the marching band and plays trumpet in the jazz band. He also is involved in our parish's Boy Scout

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troop (Troop 184), and plans to make his Eagle Scout later this year. Nick now joins four of his family members in our council which include; Brother Knight Joe Reda (Grandpa), Brother Knight Rich Mattiussi (Father), Brother Knight Dominic Mattiussi (Brother), and Brother Knight Steve Reda (Uncle).

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Brother Knights Zack and Jake Potkanowicz for making their 2nd degree along with our new Brother Knight Nick Mattiussi on February 1st at St. Charles. Also congratulations to Brother Knight Bernie Willoughby who represented the St. Vincent DePaul Society by winning first prize in the chili cook off on January 26th!!!!!!

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 Chancellor, Brother Knight Bill Bakos.



Bill was born on June 8, 1988 in Austintown, Ohio. He and his wife Addie have been married for 5 years and have two sons, George and Emmet. Bill is a quality inspector for Ventra Salem LLC. He was baptized at St. Brendan's Church by our former chaplain and former pastor of St. Joseph, Father Korda, and grew up in the Lutheran faith at Zion Lutheran Church. He then made communion and confirmation as an RCIA candidate through our Parish's RCIA program and fully became a member of the Catholic Church in 2010.

Bill has been a member of our council for over 5 years and currently serves as the chancellor. He was encouraged to join the K of C because he was asked by a few of our members and his wife Addie encouraged him to as well. Since then, he is very glad that he made the decision. In addition to

belonging to the K of C, Bill is also the head of the Parish Life Committee with Addie, and serves as a Eucharistic Minister and usher.

Surprisingly, Bill grew up down the street from St. Joe's (Westwood Dr.) but now currently lives in McDonald, Ohio with his family. He jokes that his 2nd job is to support his family and devotes his time to them as well as church and work.

THANK YOU

Thank you to those who attended the Mass for Life on January 21st. Additional thanks to those who helped out with the annual chili cook off (special thanks to Brother Knight Ken Balzic for once again volunteering to make the chili for our council this year) on January 27th and to those who helped out with the K of C Free Throw contest on January 28th. Finally, continued thanks to our dedicated Bingo Volunteers. Your hard work and your service are greatly appreciated!

LOOKING AHEAD

Confirmation at St. Columba Cathedral–
February 24th

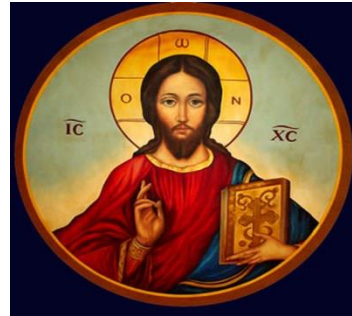
Palm Sunday–March 25th

Holy Thursday–March 29th

Good Friday–March 30th

Holy Saturday–March 31st

Easter–April 1st



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-
FEBRUARY 2018*

ST. BLAISE-FEBRUARY 3RD



ST. AGATHA-FEBRUARY 5TH



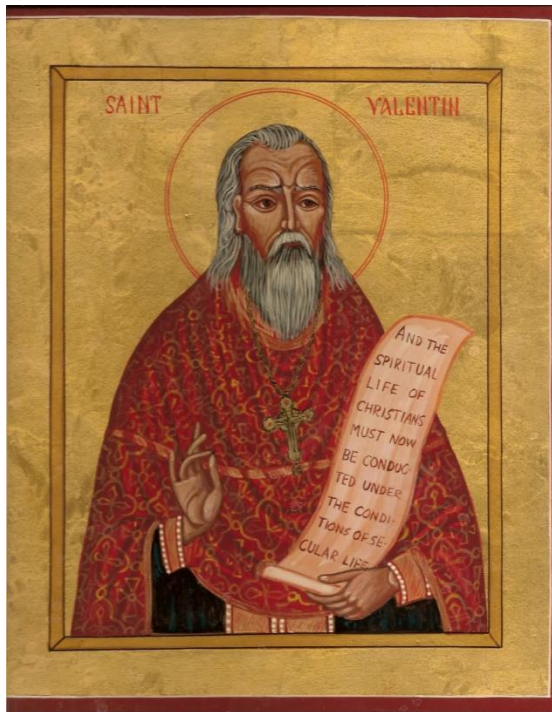
*ST. PAUL MIKI AND HIS
COMPANIONS-FEBRUARY 6TH*



*OUR LADY OF LOURDES-
FEBRUARY 11TH*



ST. VALENTINE-FEBRUARY 14TH



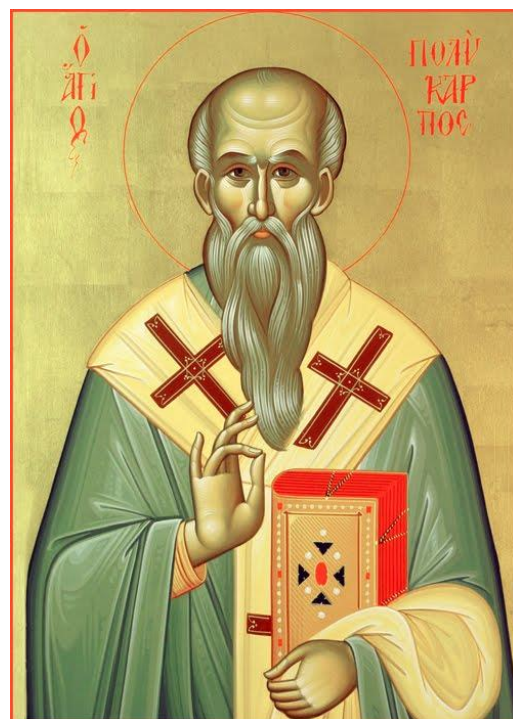
ST. PETER DAMIAN-FEBRUARY 21ST



SS CYRIL AND METHODIUS-FEBRUARY 14TH



ST. POLYCARP-FEBRUARY 23RD



*A PRAYER FOR
ASH
WEDNESDAY-
FEBRUARY 14,
2018*



I already feel that I have entered into
the spirit of Lent. It is a painful
season, especially as I remember the
death of those I knew. Here is
another prayer to begin the season.
Ashes to ashes, dust to dust
All that is not of God must die
All that is crushed will be restored
All that is lost will be made new
God may we repent of ways that do
not serve you
And admit to the tensions that tell us
where we need to change
Christ is coming walking towards the
cross
God may we see him clearly
Pouring out love
Pouring out mercy
Pouring out peace
May we kneel before him in humble
adoration
May we take up our cross and follow
And walk with Christ into the ways of
life

A LENTEN PRAYER

Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus **Christ** our Savior as a model
of humility.
He fulfilled Your **Will** by

becoming **Man**
And giving His **life** on the Cross.
Help us to bear **witness** to You
By following His example of suffering
And make us worthy to share in His
Resurrection.
We ask this through
our **Lord Jesus** Christ, Your Son.

Amen.

Our Father...

MARY, Mother of Jesus,
you were Jesus' gift for us from the
Cross.
He gave you to us as our mother.
Intercede for all our needs.

Hail Mary...
Glory Be...

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

*POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY PRAYER
INTENTION—FEBRUARY 2018*



Say “No” to Corruption: That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

Christian Persecution



FAITH IN A TIME OF PERSECUTION

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

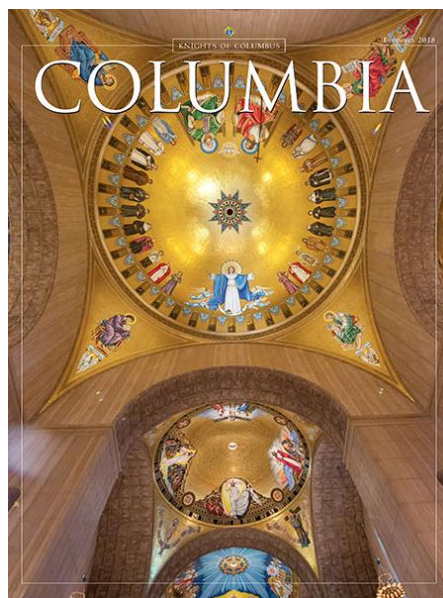
<http://www.kofc.org/en/charities/christian-relief/index.html>

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

[Pope, Patriarch, say Mass for
"persecuted Christian of the Middle
East"](#)

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS If anyone has a specific prayer in honor of a 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.
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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.
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- 5.

FAMILY

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

CULTURE OF LIFE

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

YOUTH

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

MEMBERSHIP

1. Knight of the Month Recruitment-Approved
2. K of C Letter Recruitment-Pending
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- 4.
- 5.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 14, 2018

April 11, 2018

May 9, 2018

June 13, 2018

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Chaplain	Rev. Mel Rusnak
Chancellor	Bill Bakos
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Treasurer	Paul Rarick
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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THE CATHOLIC
Exponent



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<http://www.kofc.org>

<https://www.kofcoho.org>

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