

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MARCH 2018

In service to one.



COUNCIL 13977

In service to all.

Next Meeting: Wed. March 14, 2018

HOLY WEEK 2017

Feel free to attend these events at St. Joseph Church during Holy Week:

- Palm Sunday, March 25th, the Boy Scouts and Ladies Guild will sponsor the Annual Spaghetti Dinner in the Social Hall beginning at Noon.
- The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 29th, will be celebrated at 6 p.m.
- The Good Friday Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 3 p.m. The Lord's Passion (Communion Service) will be at 6 p.m. There is no Mass on Good Fri.
- On Holy Saturday, the Blessing of Easter Food Baskets will be at Noon.
- The Easter Vigil will be celebrated beginning at 8 p.m.



- Easter Sunday Masses are at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

RITE OF PENANCE

The Rite of Penance at our Parish is available on Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. Please feel free to attend the following

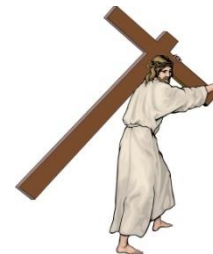


Communal Penance Services which will take place at 7:00 p.m. at these parishes:

- St. Christine (Youngstown)–March 12th
- Immaculate Heart of Mary (Austintown)– March 13th
- St. Joseph (Austintown)– March 14th
- St. James (North Jackson)– March 22nd

REMINDER

The Stations of the Cross are prayed on Fridays at 7:00 p.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.



CELEBRATE WEEKEND

The annual Celebrate Weekend will take place on the weekend of March 9-11th. Help is needed to serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner throughout the weekend. Please volunteer to help serve food if you can. Once again, special thanks to Brother Knight Steve Reda for donating the chips for the weekend courtesy of his employer, Shearer's. Let us keep the high school seniors and adult advisors putting on the retreat as well as the high school juniors who will be making the retreat in our prayers.

ST. JOSEPH BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Tuesday, February 6th, and ending on April 24th, our pastoral associate, Tom Sauline, will lead a Bible Study Program in the Blue Room following 9:00 a.m. Mass. Continuing Education Credit is available to those who participate in the program.



ST. JOSEPH SCRIPTURE STUDY

Beginning Tuesday, February 13th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. we will begin studying the Lenten Sunday Readings with Father Fedor. We will continue on Tuesday, February 20th, 27th, March 6th, Thursday, March 15th, Tuesday, March 20th and 27th. Those proclaiming the Readings at the weekend Masses are encouraged to participate. This is an excellent way to observe the season of preparation for celebrating the Easter Sacraments. Continuing Education Credit is available to those who participate.

ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY DINNER

On Sunday, March 18th, our annual St. Joseph Feast Day Dinner will begin at 12:00 noon. Help is needed to set up and clean up before and after the event. For more information, please contact Addie Bakos at afbakos@gmail.com



EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Parish Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Palm



Sunday, March 25th, at 10:15 a.m. Our council (represented by Brother Knight George Zokle) along with Linda Landers (CCD Director) and Chris Cunningham (Celebrate Advisor) will take charge of the event. We ask that you wear your Knight jerseys to this event! Special thanks in advance to our council for donating \$100 for the Easter Egg Hunt (any additional cost will be borne by the Parish) and to Brother Knight George Zokle for once again taking charge of this event. This year after the hunt is over, children will be separated into three rooms: Lyons Hall, the Blue Room, and the Celebrate Room to receive gifts.

If you wish to volunteer, Brother George requests around 6-7 Knights to be present for the event. Eventually, 2 or 3 persons will be needed in each room to pass out gifts at the end. Those helping should report to Lyons Hall by 9:45 a.m. to get further instructions. For more information, please contact Brother George at gzokle@yahoo.com.

THIRD ANNUAL JOHN ROZZO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT DINNER



The 3rd Annual John R. Rozzo Memorial Scholarship Dinner will be held on Saturday April 14, 2018 at the Maronite Center with catering provided by Blue Wolf Catering. Tickets are currently on sale and the proceeds will benefit students attending local Catholic Elementary Schools. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the buffet dinner will be from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. John was a longtime member of St. Joseph Parish and a local educator that was active in both Mahoning and Trumbull Counties for almost 50 years. In addition, he was a Fourth Degree Knight who was very active in our Council until his passing in June of 2015. Please contact Alaina Chepke at 330-207-3393 for tickets.

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 Brother Knight Gerry Savo.



THANK YOU

Thank you to the 4th Degree Knights for helping out with Confirmation for the 8th graders at St. Columba Cathedral on February 24th. Also, continued thanks to our dedicated Bingo Volunteers. Your hard work and your service are greatly appreciated!

LOOKING AHEAD

Celebrate Weekend–March 9–11th

St. Joseph Feast Day Dinner–March 18th

Palm Sunday and Easter Egg Hunt–March 25th

Holy Thursday–March 29th

Good Friday–March 30th

Holy Saturday–March 31st

Easter–April 1st

3rd Annual John Rozzo Memorial Scholarship Dinner–April 14th

Quarter Auction–April 20th



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-MARCH
2018*

*ST. KATHERINE DREXEL-MARCH
3RD*



ST. CASMIR-MARCH 4TH



*SS PERPETUA AND FELICITY-
MARCH 7TH*



ST. JOHN OF GOD-MARCH 8TH



ST. PATRICK-MARCH 17TH



*ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY-MARCH
19TH*



*A PRAYER FOR ST. PATRICK/ST.
PATRICK'S DAY PRAYER-MARCH
17th*

God our Father,
you sent Saint Patrick to preach
your **glory** to the people of Ireland.
By the help of his prayers,
may all Christians proclaim your love
to all men.
Grant this through
our **Lord Jesus** Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.



*A PRAYER FOR ST. JOSEPH,
PATRON SAINT OF OUR PARRISH-
MARCH 19th*

Oh, **St. Joseph**, whose protection is so great,
so strong, so prompt before the throne of **God**.
I place in you all my interests and desires.
Oh, **St. Joseph**, do assist me by your powerful
intercession, and obtain for me from your
divine Son all spiritual blessings,
through **Jesus Christ**, our Lord. So that,
having engaged here below your heavenly
power, I may offer my thanksgiving and
homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh, **St. Joseph**, I never weary of
contemplating you, and **Jesus** asleep in your
arms; I dare not approach while He reposes
near your heart. Press **Him** in my name and
kiss **His** fine head for me and ask him to
return the Kiss when I draw my dying
breath. **St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls -**
Pray for me.



*PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY
WEEK*



(This **prayer** is designed to be said
within the **family** before a Crucifix
on **Palm Sunday** and during Holy
Week.)

Mother or a child:

(Taken from the words of Pope Pius XII
On the Sacred Liturgy.)

Dearly beloved, in Holy Week, when the
most bitter sufferings of **Jesus Christ** are
put before us by the Liturgy, the Church
invites us to come to Calvary and follow
in the blood-stained footsteps of the
Divine Redeemer, to carry the Cross
willingly with Him, to reproduce in our
hearts His **spirit** of expiation and
atonement, and to die together with
Him.

Father:

We ought to **glory** in the Cross of
our **Lord Jesus Christ**

Family:

in whom is our salvation, **life** and
resurrection.

Father:

Let us pray.

All-powerful, eternal God, You have
chosen to give mankind a model of

humility;
our Savior took on our flesh, and
subjected Himself to the Cross. Grant us
the **grace** to preserve faithfully the
lessons

He has given us in his Passion and to
have a share in His resurrection. This
we ask of You through
our **Lord Jesus** Christ, your Son.

Family:

Amen.

Favor this dwelling, Lord, with Your
presence. Far from it repulse all the
wiles of Satan. Your holy angels, let
them live here, to keep us in peace. And
may your **blessing** remain always upon
us. This we ask of You through
our **Lord Jesus** Christ, your Son.

Father:

Let us bless the Lord.

Family:

Thanks be to God.

Father:

May the almighty and merciful Lord,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and
keep us.

Family:

Amen.

*HOLY THURSDAY PRAYER TO HELP US
BETTER APPRECIATE THE MASS*



O **Lord** Jesus, in order that the merits of
your sacrifice on the Cross might be
applied to every **soul** of all time, you
willed that it should be renewed upon
the altar. At the Last Supper, you said:
"Do this in remembrance of me." By
these words you gave your **apostles** and
their successors the power to
consecrate and to the command to do
what you yourself did. I believe that
the **Mass** is both a **sacrifice** and a
memorial- reenacting your passion,
death and resurrection. Help me to
realize that the Mass is the greatest gift
of **God** to us and our greatest gift to
God.

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER



O Jesus, Who by **reason** of Thy burning love for us
hast willed to be crucified
and to shed Thy Most **Precious Blood**
for the **redemption** and **salvation** of our souls,
look down upon us here gathered together
in remembrance of Thy most sorrowful Passion and Death,
fully trusting in Thy mercy;
cleanse us from **sin** by Thy grace,
sanctify our toil,
give unto us and unto all those who are dear to us our daily bread,
sweeten our sufferings,
bless our families,
and to the nations so sorely afflicted,
grant Thy peace,
which is the only true peace,
so that by obeying Thy commandments we may come at last to the **glory** of heaven.

Amen.

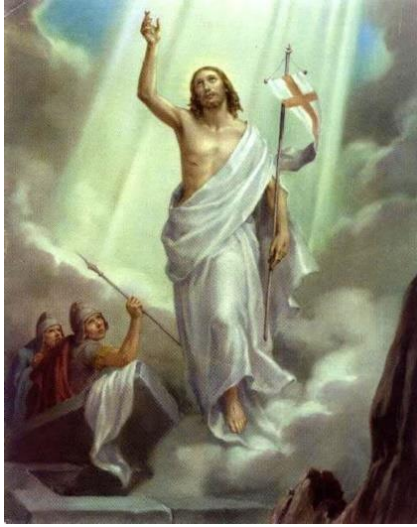
HOLY SATURDAY PRAYER



O God, Creator of heaven and earth:

Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

EASTER PRAYER

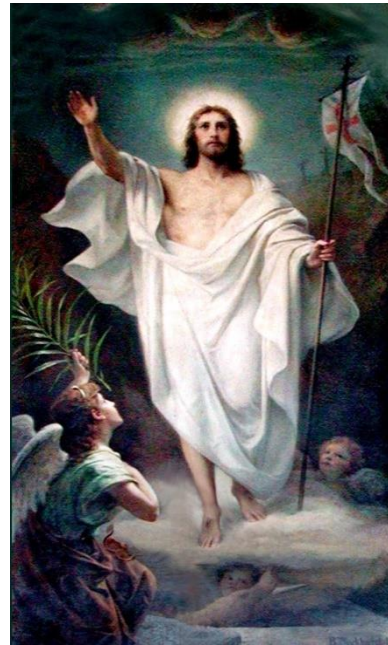


Lord, the resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.

Amen.

*HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER TO
OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS AND
THEIR FAMILIES. FOR CHRIST HAS
RISEN!*

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!



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

*ALSO, PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP
OUR FORMER CHAPLAIN FATHER
KORDA AND HIS FAMILY IN YOUR
PRAYERS AS HE LOST BOTH OF HIS
PARENTS A FEW WEEKS APART
AND FOR BROTHER KNIGHT RICH
DIMARINO AS HE CONTINUES TO
RECOVER IN THE HOSPITAL.*

*POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY PRAYER
INTENTION-MARCH 2018*



Formation in Spiritual Discernment-That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

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"](#)

[Pope Calls For Prayers For Middle East](#)

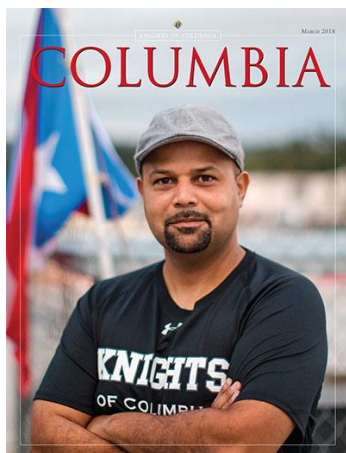
[Colosseum bathed in blood red for
persecuted Christians](#)

[It's Not Persecution to Tax Church-
Owned Businesses in Israel](#)

[Christian Genocide in the Middle East Is
Not Newsworthy- Pope Francis Laments](#)

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.
- 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-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-Approved
- 5.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Knight of the Month Recruitment-Approved
2. K of C Letter Recruitment-Pending
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 11, 2018

May 9, 2018

June 13, 2018

July 11, 2018

OFFICERS

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Inside Guard	Ken Balzic
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

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Newspaper for the Diocese of
Youngstown:

THE CATHOLIC **Exponent**



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