

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SEPTEMBER 2017

In service to one.



COUNCIL 13977

In service to all.

Next Meeting: Wed., September 13, 2017

For our next meeting, we will be installing new officers for the upcoming year. Families are encouraged and welcomed to attend the ceremony.

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.



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 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 or Brother Knight Rich Mattiussi at mattiussi52001@yahoo.com. This month's Knight of the Month is Brother Knight Joe Dravecky.

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Joe was born on May 9, 1960 in Boardman, Ohio. He is married to his wife, Gina and has one daughter, Amy who recently married his new son-in-law, Steve. For 40 years, he has worked as a machinist. Growing up, Joe belonged to St. Charles Church and was then a member of St. Christine Church for ten years after being married there. He has been a member of St. Joseph Parish for 22 years.

At St. Joe's, Joe serves as a Eucharistic Minister, is a member of Environmental Committee, an Usher, and also willing to volunteer to help out with whatever is needed for church events. Joe has been a knight for 12 years and currently serves as a 2nd year trustee. His past positions that he has held in our council include; Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Treasurer, Lecturer, and 3rd year trustee. He became a Knight because it fulfilled his obligation as a Catholic man, and he encourages other

men to join for the same reason. He also would like to thank all of the fellow Brother Knights for all they do whether in the Church or out in the community.

Joe enjoys watching all sports, especially the Little League World Series. He enjoys Italian food and loves to spend time in his backyard watching and feeding birds. His favorite hobby is wood working.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who helped serve food at the Anointing of the Sick Mass on August 24th. Also, congratulations to our dedicated Bingo Volunteers! An article about the council helping out in the kitchen at our Parish's Bingo Nights on Tuesday nights (with the proceeds benefiting financial assistance for Brother Knight Father Zach Coulter's ordination, St. Vincent DePaul Society, and several parish ministries) made the August 2017 issue of Columbia Magazine (See article that says Parish Assistance on the next page)!!!!!!

THANK YOU for all of your hard work and your service is ALWAYS greatly appreciated!

LOAVES & FISHES

The councils of Ontario District 16 and Father James Assembly in Chatham teamed up with the St. Joseph's Parish Catholic Women's League to put on a "Loaves and Fishes" dinner and silent auction. The event raised \$3,700 to support seminarians and vocations.

PARISH ASSISTANCE

St. Joseph-Austintown (Ohio) Council 13977 collaborated with its parish to operate the Parish Bingo Kitchen on a weekly basis. The council provides all refreshments and labor needed for the event, the proceeds of which are split 50/50 with the parish, supporting its community events and other causes. From its portion of the profits, Council 13977 was able to provide \$1,000

in financial assistance to a member recently ordained to the priesthood, as well as ongoing support to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and several parish ministries.

CARE PACKAGES

St. Gabriel's Council 11889 in Saddle River, N.J., sent more than 100 gift boxes to Marines stationed in the Middle East. The council has been sending support to troops annually for the past 12 years and received thanks from the U.S. Marine Corps for its ongoing generosity.

CHAPLAIN COLLECTION

Father Charles J. Watters Assembly in Dunwoody, Ga., made posters of military chaplains serving in the field to go along with its parish fund drive for the

FAITH CORNER

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

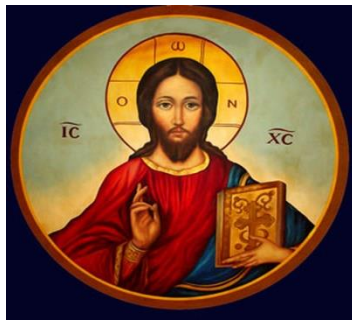


LOOKING AHEAD

Installation of New Officers–September 13th

First Steps for Change Baby Bottle Drive–
October

Snow blower Raffle–November



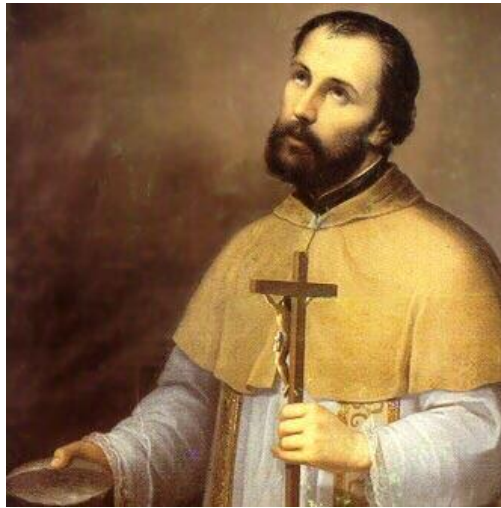
Kyrie eleison – Lord have mercy.

IMPORTANT FEAST DAYS- SEPTEMBER 2017

*ST. MOTHER THERESA OF
CALCUTTA-SEPTEMBER 5TH*



ST. PETER CLAVER-SEPTEMBER 9TH



*ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM-
SEPTEMBER 13TH*



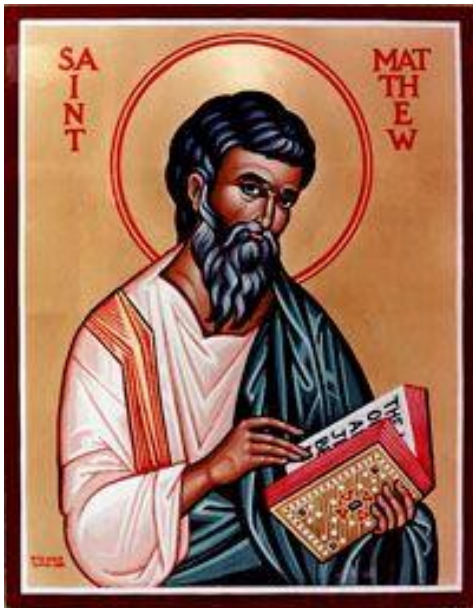
*OUR LADY OF SORROWS-
SEPTEMBER 15TH*



*SS. CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN-
SEPTEMBER 16TH*



*ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND
EVANGELIST-SEPTEMBER 21ST*



*SS. COSMAS AND DAMIAN-
SEPTEMBER 26TH*



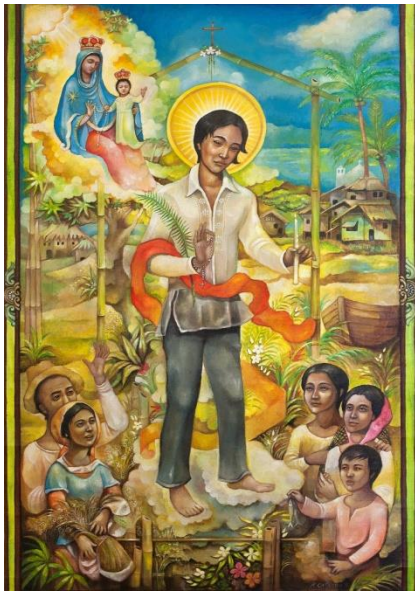
*ST. VINCENT DEPAUL-SEPTEMBER
27TH*



ST. WENCESLAUS-SEPTEMBER 28TH



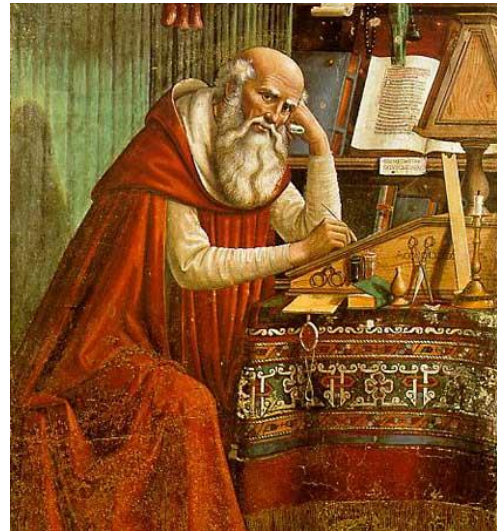
*ST. LAWRENCE RUIZ AND
COMPANIONS-SEPTEMBER 28TH*



*ST. MICHAEL, ST. GABRIEL, AND
ST. RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS-
SEPTEMBER 29TH*



ST. JEROME-SEPTEMBER 30TH



PRAYER CORNER

*PRAYER by Bl. John Cardinal Henry
Newman to help us honor ST.
MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA-*

SEPTEMBER 5th

DEAR JESUS, help
me to spread Thy fragrance

everywhere I
go. Flood my
soul with Thy
spirit and love.
Penetrate and



possess my whole being so utterly that
all my life may only be a radiance of
Thine. Shine through me and be so in
me that every soul I come in contact
with may feel Thy presence in my soul.
Let them look up and see no longer me
but only Jesus. Stay with me and then I

shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others.

*PRAYER TO ST. VINCENT DEPAUL –
SEPTEMBER 27th*

Noble Saint
Vincent de Paul,
beloved servant of
the poor,
may we follow your
example and do
good works
among those whom
society has
abandoned,
enslaved, or
forgotten.



Inspire us to feed the hungry,
to love a child,
to provide comfort and medicine to the sick,
to clothe those whose garments are
threadbare,
and to offer hope and our Lord's words
to all who need respite.
Pray for us to our beloved God
that we may commit ourselves selflessly
to doing the same charitable acts
that you did all your life,
and intercede with him
that we may have the favor of his guidance
and strength and love upon this important
and meaningful work.

Amen.

*PLEASE KEEP THE VICTIMS OF
HURRICANE HARVEY 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.

RHODA WISE HOUSE AND GROTTO



On August 11th, Brother Knights Dominic and Richard Mattiussi, along with Lisa, Monica, and Nicholas Mattiussi, took a trip to the Rhoda Wise House and Grotto in Canton, Ohio. Rhoda Wise was a Canton native who had dealt with multiple illnesses in her life. In 1939, she was diagnosed with cancer in her leg in which doctors had thought was incurable. Then, while in the hospital, Jesus appeared to her on her hospital bed and she thought that he came for her. Jesus then declared that he would return to her in 31 days.

Over a month later, Jesus would appear to Rhoda again, along with St. Therese (or St.



Theresa) the Little Flower. The Little Flower then stood up on her bed and advised her

to walk. Rhoda miraculously was able to easily step out of her cast and walked to the nearest church for Mass. Eventually, both Jesus and St. Therese would appear to her a few more times causing attention to thousands of people who would camp outside of her house and see the light of Jesus outside of her window. Until her death in 1948, people from all over the country would come to Rhoda's house to seek prayer for their illnesses or loved ones to be healed. One of the people who came to her was a young girl name Rita Rizzo (who would eventually become Mother Angelica, the foundress of the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) who was suffering from a stomach ailment in which Rhoda suggested to her to pray a novena to St. Therese who cured her).

Right next door to the house is the Grotto of the Sacred Heart and Little Flower (Pictured above this article) where people can come and pray. In the years following Rhoda's death, her daughter, Anna Mae kept Rhoda's home open to visitors. When she died in 1995, the home was willed to Mother Angelica and EWTN. Because it is such an important part of Mother Angelica's story, the property was transferred to Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in 2001. On January 1, 2015, property ownership was transferred to Rhoda Wise Shrine, Inc. with nonprofit status (501c3).

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On October 7, 2016 Rhoda Wise's Cause for Beatification opened in the Diocese of Youngstown.

While during their visit, the Mattiussi family was very blessed to meet one of Rhoda's grandchildren, who told them stories about her grandma and stories about when she and her family lived in the house as well. They watched a documentary in another room on Rhoda's life and got to sit in her chair. Towards the end of their visit, they got to see a rose petal that belonged to Rhoda which has the image of St. Therese if you face the petal towards the sun (Pictured right).



Servant of God, Rhoda Wise, pray for us!

***POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY PRAYER
INTENTION-SEPTEMBER 2017***



Parishes: That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

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>

**Next, please read about The 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/>

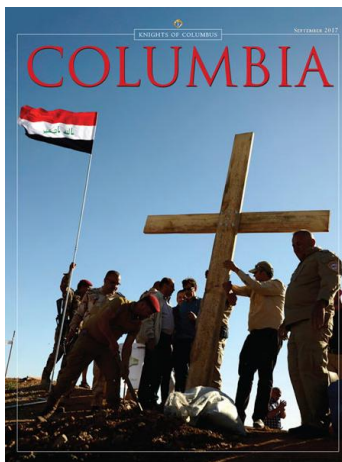
**Into the Breach: Knights of
Columbus Play Pivotal International
Role**

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:



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-Pending
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

COMMUNITY

1. Patriotic Activity (July 4th Parade)-Pending
2. St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen-Pending
3. Habitat for Humanity-Pending
- 4.
- 5.

COUNCIL

1. Newsletter-Pending
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

5.

FAMILY

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CULTURE OF LIFE

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YOUTH

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MEMBERSHIP

1. Knight of the Month Recruitment-Pending

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 11, 2017

November 8, 2017

December 13, 2017

January 10, 2018

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Lecturer	Rich Mattiussi
Financial Secretary	Bob Pesa

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Channel:



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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