

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MAY 2018

COUNCIL 13977

In service to one.

In service to all.



Next Meeting: Wed. May 9, 2018

RIDES FOR MEETINGS

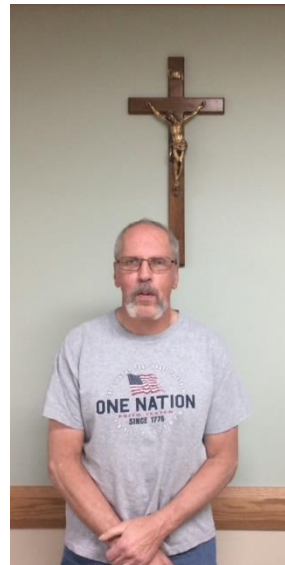
Do you know of a brother knight that is disabled or cannot drive and is unable to attend the monthly meetings? If you would like to volunteer to help pick up a fellow brother knight for future meetings please contact GK Doug Styka in person, by phone (330-717-4957), or email (djstyka@sbcglobal.net) for 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 is Brother Knight Ken Balzic.



Ken was born on July 8, 1958 in Farrell, Pennsylvania. He attended St. Anne's Parish in Farrell and then after he and his family moved to Youngstown at a young age, he attended St. Matthias Parish in Youngstown as well as attending grade school there. He then graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Youngstown in 1976.

Ken married his wife, Pam (Baker) Balzic on February 21, 1987 and they were married for 30 years until her passing in March of

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2017. They have two daughters Addie (Married to Son-in-Law, Brother Knight Bill Bakos) and Emily, one son Kenny Jr., and two grandsons George and Emmet. He works for Hynes Industries, which is a steel fabricating plant, as a machine operator who cuts the steel.

Ken has been a member of our council for about 5-6 years and currently holds the position of inside guard. He was encouraged by Brother Knights Deacon Mike Roberts, John Rozzo, and Tom Williams to join and thinks of K of C as being a charitable resource and a good way to help others out in the church community.

Other than the K of C, Ken is involved in the Parish Life Committee and St. Vincent DePaul Society here at St. Joseph. For years, he also taught CCD with his late wife Pam until retiring last year. He enjoys spending quality time with his family and loves cars. Ken even calls himself a car guy because he loves to work, fix, and cruise in cars a lot!

THANK YOU

Thank you to those who helped out with the quarter auction on April 20th and to our entire council for donating the flat screen television for the John Rozzo Memorial Scholarship Dinner on April 14th. Also, continued thanks to our dedicated Bingo Volunteers. Your hard work and your service are greatly appreciated!

LOOKING AHEAD

Family BBQ/Social Meeting/Awards Ceremony- June 13th



Kyrie eleison – Lord have mercy.

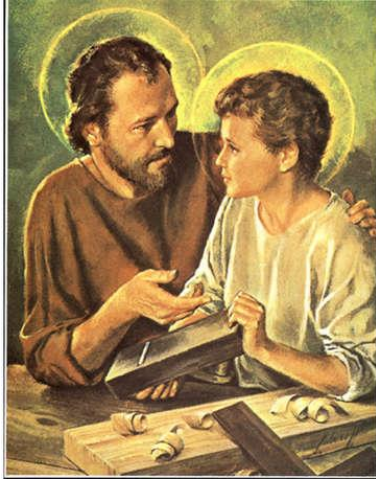
FAITH CORNER

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

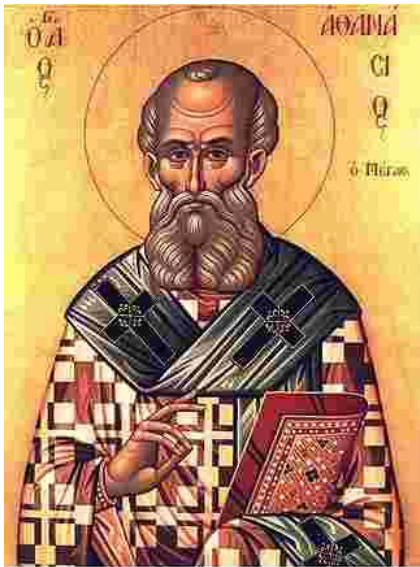


*IMPORTANT FEAST DAYS- MAY
2018*

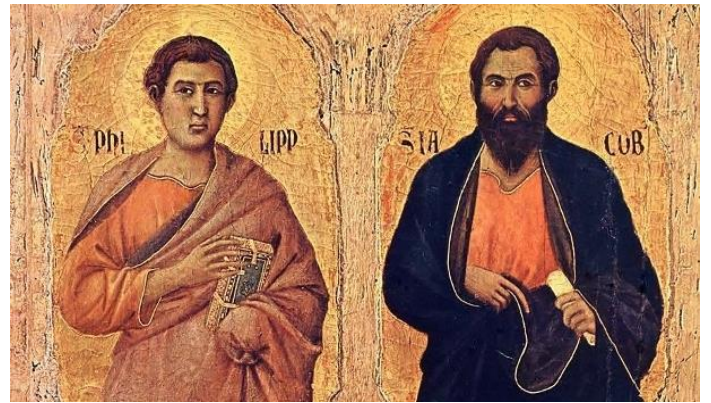
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER-MAY 1ST



ST. ATHANASIUS-MAY 2ND



*SS. PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES-
MAY 3RD*



ST. DOMINIC SAVIO-MAY 6TH



OUR LADY OF FATIMA-MAY 13TH



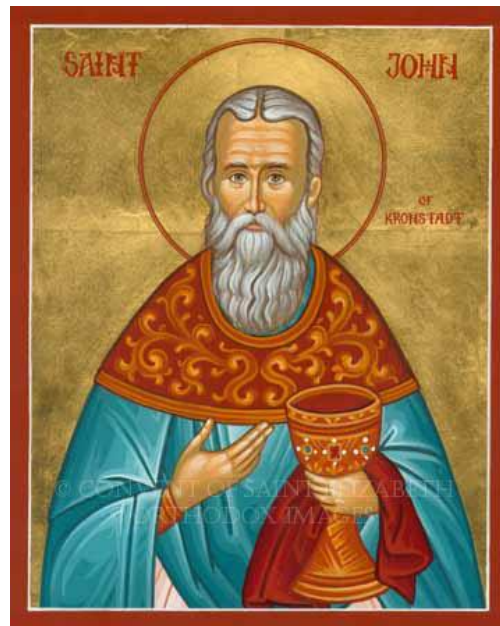
ST. MATTHIAS-MAY 14TH



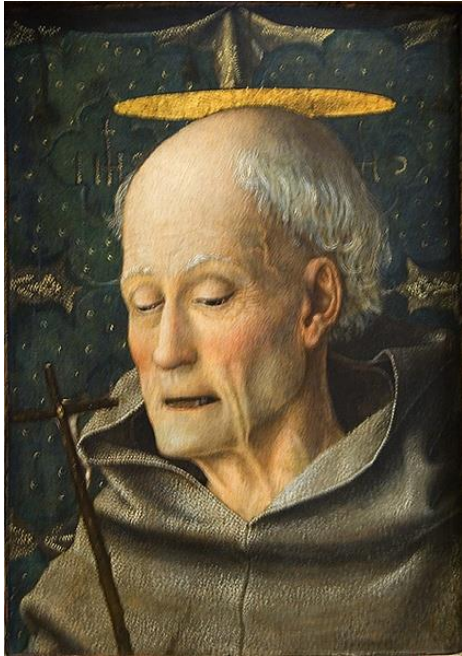
ST. DYMPNA-MAY 15th



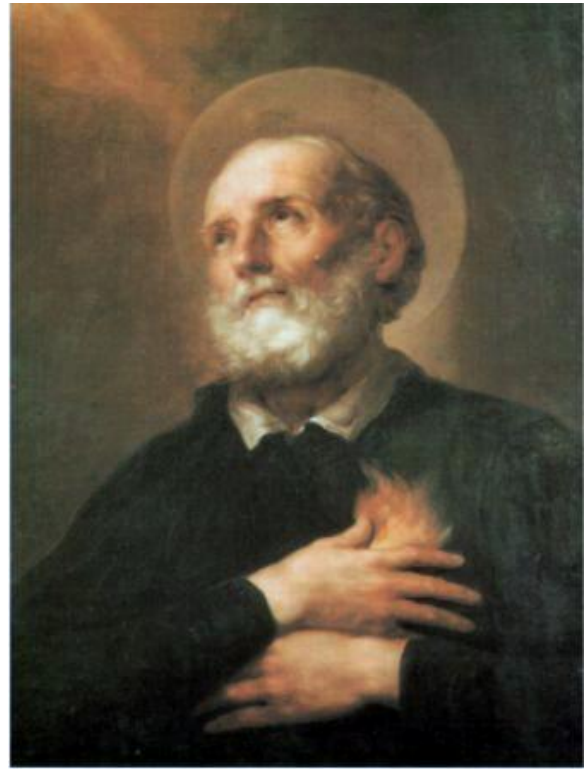
ST. JOHN I-MAY 18TH



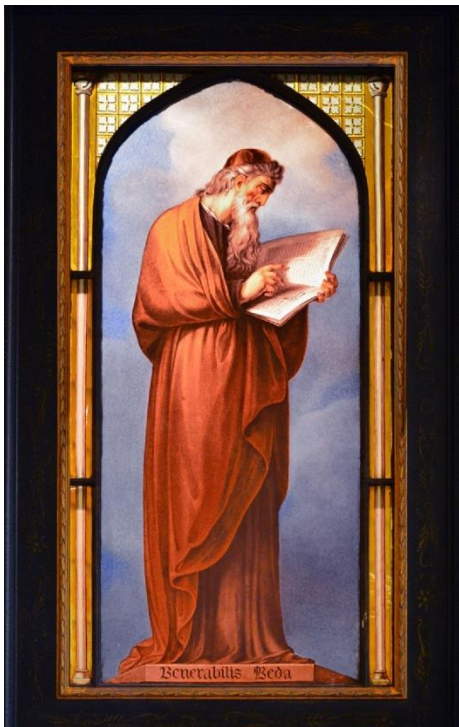
ST. BERNADINE OF SIENA-MAY 20TH



ST. PHILLIP NERI-MAY 26TH



ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE-MAY 25TH



ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY-MAY 27TH



ST. JOAN OF ARC-MAY 30TH



PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA-MAY 13TH



O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the **children** of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the **redemption** that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of **Jesus** Christ, our **Lord** and Redeemer.

Amen.

*PRAYER TO CHRIST ASCENDED INTO
HEAVEN-MAY 13TH*



O **Lord** Jesus, I adore you, Son of Mary, my Saviour and my Brother, for You are God. I follow You in my thoughts, O **first-fruits** of our race, as I **hope** one day by Your **grace** to follow You in my **person** into heavenly glory. Until then, do not let me neglect the earthly task which You have given me. Let me labour diligently all my **life** with a greater appreciation for the present. Let me realize that only by accomplishing true human fulfillment can I attain Divine fulfillment and ascend to You at the completion of my work.
Amen.

*PRAYER FOR PENTACOST SUNDAY-MAY
20TH*



Let us pray
[that the Holy Spirit
may bring peace and unity to all mankind]
Almighty and ever-living God,
you fulfilled the Easter promise
by sending us your Holy Spirit.
May that Spirit unite the races and nations
on earth
to proclaim your glory.
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.

Amen.

*PRAYER TO THE MOST HOLY TRINITY-
MAY 27TH*



O God, Thou who art one in **nature** and three in persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, first **cause** and last end of all creatures, the infinite Good, incomprehensible and ineffable, my Creator, my Redeemer, and my Sanctifier, I believe in Thee, I **hope** in Thee, and I love Thee with all my heart.

In the midst of Thine infinite happiness, Thou didst choose me, through no merits of mine, in preference to countless other creatures, who would doubtless have corresponded with Thy blessings better than I have done; Thou didst love me from eternity; and when my hour in **time** had come, Thou didst draw me from nothingness into earthly existence and didst bestow upon me Thy grace, as a pledge of everlasting life.

From the depths of my misery, I adore Thee and I give Thee thanks. Thy holy Name was invoked over my cradle to be my profession of faith, my plan of action, and the only goal of my earthly pilgrimage; grant, O most Holy Trinity, that I may ever be inspired by this faith, and may carry out this plan with perseverance, so that, when I have reached the end of my journey upon earth, I may be able to fix my gaze upon the blessed splendours of Thy glory.
Amen.

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

*LET US ALSO PRAY FOR BISHOP
GEORGE MURRY AS HE
UNDERGOES TREATMENT FOR
LUKEMIA AT THE CLEVELAND
CLINIC. PLEASE PRAY THAT HE
HAS A FULL RECOVERY FROM
THIS ILLNESS.*

POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION-MAY 2018



The Mission of the Laity- That the lay-faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

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 to invite Middle East's Christian leaders to day of prayer for persecuted Christians](#)

[Archdiocese of Hartford joins Knights of Columbus in support of Persecuted Christians in the Middle East](#)

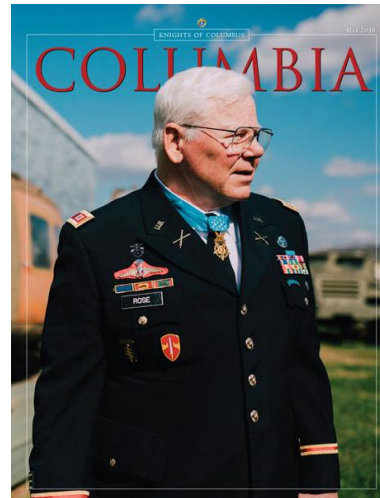
[Islamic Extremism Remains Top Driver in Persecution of Christians Across Globe](#)

[Is Talking About Persecution of Christians Not PC?](#)

[American Catholics are aware of Christian persecution but need leadership from clerics](#)

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. Chaplain of the Year-Pending
4. Support Our Seminarians- Pending
- 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. Volunteer of the Year-Pending
3. State Cash Bonanza-Pending
4. Knight of the Year-Pending
5. Lady of the Year-Pending

FAMILY

1. State Matching Funds-Approved
2. October Fest-Approved
3. Memorial Mass-Approved
4. Keep Christ in Christmas-Approved
5. Chili Cook-off-Approved
6. Family of the Year-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-Approved

YOUTH

1. Trunk or Treat-Approved
2. All Saints Day Parade-Approved
3. Coats for Kids-Approved
4. Free Throw Contest-Approved
5. Youth of the Year-Pending
6. Easter Egg Hunt-Approved

MEMBERSHIP

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 13, 2018

July 11, 2018

August 8, 2018

September 12, 2018

OFFICERS

Grand Knight	Doug Styka
Deputy Grand Knight	Ernie Ramhoff III
Chaplain	Rev. Mel Rusnak
Chancellor	Bill Bakos
Recorder	Bob Gugliotti
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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<https://www.kofcoho.org>

<http://www.doy.org>

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