

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

JANUARY 2019

*In service to one.*



COUNCIL 13977

*In service to all.*

Next Meeting: Wed. Jan. 9, 2019

## CHILI COOKOFF

The annual parish Chili Cook Off will be held on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> following the 4:30 Mass. Once again, our Council will be participating along with other organizations of our parish. Special thanks to Brother Knight Ken Balzic for volunteering to make the chili for the event!



## RIDES FOR MEETINGS

Do you know of a brother knight that is disabled, cannot drive or 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 Ernie Ramhoff III in person, by phone (330-842-1544), or email ([ecr@zoominternet.net](mailto:ecr@zoominternet.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](mailto:drmrocks@yahoo.com) or Brother Knight Rich Mattiussi at [mattiussi52001@yahoo.com](mailto:mattiussi52001@yahoo.com) (Bios are optional). This month's Knight of the Month is Brother Knight Tom Williams.



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## MASS FOR LIFE

Please plan to attend the Mass for Life which will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Columba Cathedral and will be followed by a reception including an "Expo" of Respect Life information. A blessing of mothers and their unborn children will take place during Mass. Donations are accepted. The Knights of Columbus are firmly committed to honoring life from the moment of conception until death.

Please contact Brother Knight Joe Dravecky to let him



know if you will be attending the Mass.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the fourth degree knights who helped with the honor guard for the Rite of Acceptance on December 8<sup>th</sup>. And as always, continued thanks to our dedicated Bingo Volunteers. Your hard work and service are greatly appreciated!

## LOOKING AHEAD

Solemnity of Mary–January 1<sup>st</sup>

Parish Chili Cook off–January 26<sup>th</sup>

Ash Wednesday–March 6<sup>th</sup>



Celebrate Weekend–March 8<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat–April 7<sup>th</sup>

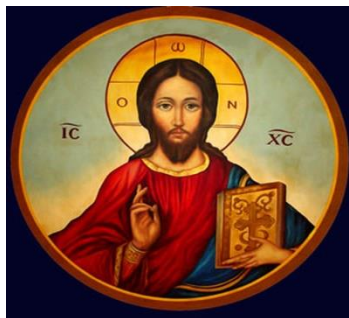
Palm Sunday–April 14<sup>th</sup>

Holy Thursday–April 18<sup>th</sup>

Good Friday–April 19<sup>th</sup>

Easter–April 21<sup>st</sup>

Parish Retreat–April 28<sup>th</sup>–29<sup>th</sup>



*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-  
JANUARY 2019*

*ST. BASIL THE GREAT-JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>*



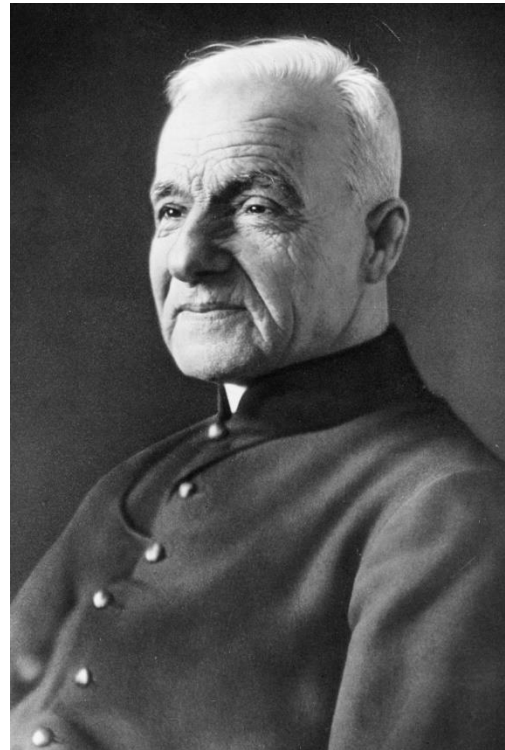
*ST. ELIZABETH ANN SEATON-  
JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>.*



*ST. JOHN NEUMANN-JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>*



*ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE-JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>*

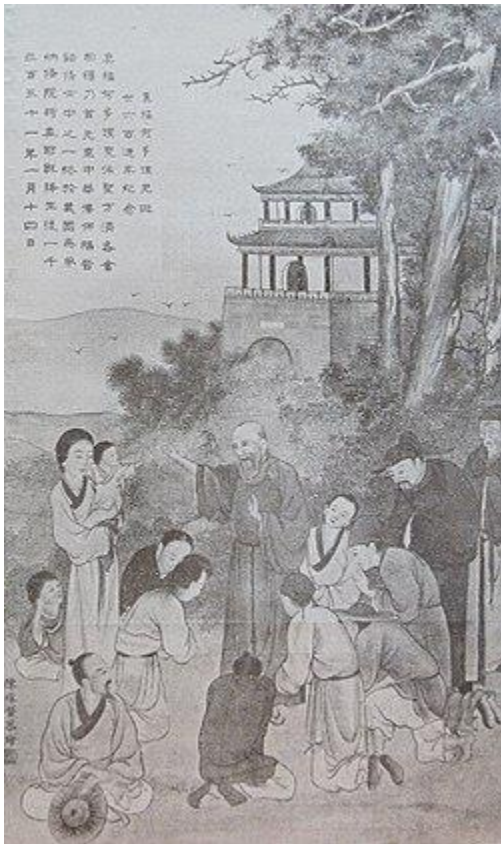




*ST. HILARY OF POITIERS-JANUARY  
13<sup>TH</sup>*



*BLESSED ODORIC MATTIUSSI  
JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>*



*SS. FABIAN AND SEBASTIAN-  
JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>*



*ST. FRANCIS DESALES-JANUARY  
24<sup>TH</sup>*



*SS. TIMOTHY AND TITUS-JANUARY  
26<sup>TH</sup>*



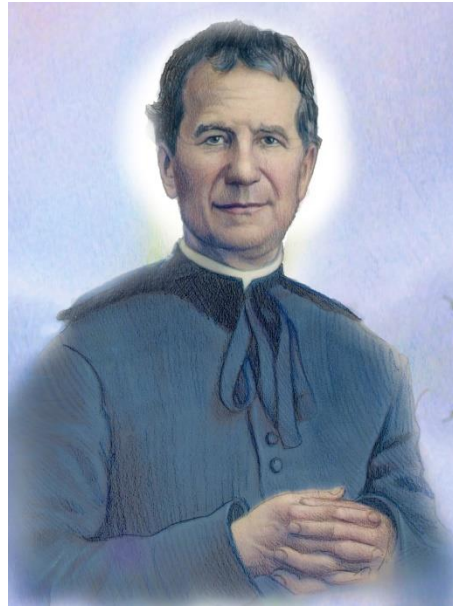
*ST. ANGELA MERICI-JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>*



*ST. THOMAS AQUINAS-JANUARY  
28<sup>TH</sup>*



*ST. JOHN BOSCO-JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>*





## ***PRAYER CORNER***

### ***PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR- JANUARY 1, 2019***



O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our **prayers** on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole **Catholic** Church; convert **heretics** and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year **will** be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our **prayers** and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee.

**Amen.**

### ***A PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN***

Heavenly Father, in Your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those helpless little ones to whom You have given

the gift of life.

Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood.

Help them to see that the child they carry is made in Your image, as well as theirs, made for eternal life.

Dispel their fear of selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother can give.

We ask this through **Jesus** Christ, Your Son, Our **Lord** Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.



**Amen.**

### ***PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE***

God of endless love,  
ever caring, ever strong,  
always present, always just:  
You gave your only Son  
to save us by the blood of his cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,  
join to your own suffering  
the pain of all who have been hurt  
in body, mind, and spirit  
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear our cries as we agonize  
over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.

Breathe wisdom into our prayers,  
soothe restless hearts with hope,

steady shaken spirits with faith:  
Show us the way to justice and wholeness,  
enlightened by truth and enfolded in your  
mercy.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,  
heal your people's wounds  
and transform our brokenness.  
Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and  
grace,  
so that we may act with justice  
and find peace in you.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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*RESPECT LIFE! ALL HUMANS ARE  
CREATED IN GOD'S SACRED  
IMAGE.*



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

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**POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY PRAYER  
INTENTION-JANUARY 2019**



**Young People and the Example of  
Mary-**That young people, especially in  
Latin America, follow the example of  
Mary and respond to the call of the Lord  
to communicate the joy of the Gospel to  
the world.

From "Rejoice and Be Glad" by Pope  
Francis:

89. Our defense of the innocent unborn,  
for example, needs to be clear, firm and  
passionate, for at stake is the dignity of  
a human life, which is always sacred  
and demands love for each person,  
regardless of his or her stage of  
development. Equally sacred, however,  
are the lives of the poor, those already  
born, the destitute, the abandoned and  
the underprivileged, the vulnerable  
infirm and elderly exposed to convert  
euthanasia, the victims of human  
trafficking, new forms of slavery, and  
every form of rejection.

*MONTHLY CATECHISM PASSAGE-  
JANUARY 2019*

**2258** "Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being."<sup>56</sup>

*MONTHLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE-  
JANUARY 2019*

**Psalm 139:13-16**

**13** For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**14** I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

**15** My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

**16** Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

**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:**

**Christianity bows to PC in UK, nearly  
'extinct' in Middle East**

**The Persecution of Christians in the  
Middle East**

**Middle East Christians Are Only Safe  
In Israel**

**Are Christians at Risk of Extinction  
in the Middle East? Some Think So.**

**'Door to Door Searches to Hunt  
Christians': The Syrians Say U.S.  
Pullout Means It WILL Happen Again**

**Articles (Links) on current immigration  
crisis in our country. Please continue to  
keep the poor children who are  
separated from their families in your  
prayers.**

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/catholic-teaching-on-immigration-and-the-movement-of-peoples.cfm>

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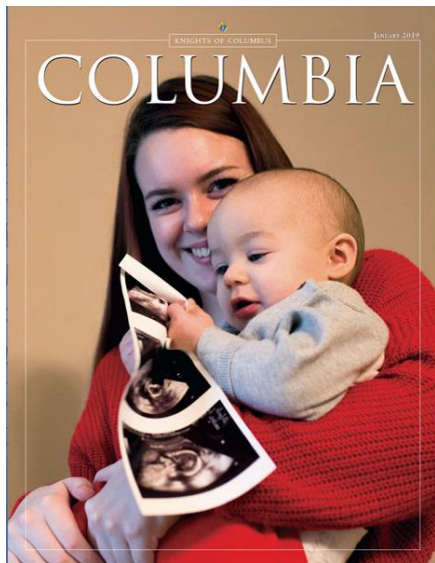


<https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2018/06/13/usccb-head-condemns-trump-administrations-recent-moves-on-immigration-policy/>

### [Monsignor Pope's take on Death Penalty Blog](#)

**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](mailto:drmrocks@yahoo.com). I would be happy to receive and post any special prayer requests.

### [Don't forget to Read:](#)



### [January Columbia Link](#)



(Main K of C homepage did not publish January 2019 Knightline link in time for this newsletter, please check [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org), go under news and click the Knightline tab if you would like to see it within the next few days)

You may also read Columbia Magazine and Knightline online or on your tablet or Ipad.

**DISCLAIMER:** Please note that in the interest of inquiry and dialogue, our newsletter sometimes presents articles with points of views with which we do not necessarily agree.

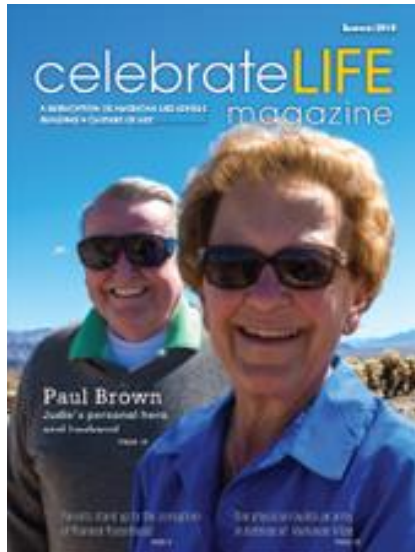
If you have ideas or suggestions for upcoming issues of this newsletter, please send the information to the editor at [drmrocks@yahoo.com](mailto:drmrocks@yahoo.com).

### [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-Pending
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### COMMUNITY

1. Fourth of July Parade-Pending
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### FAMILY

1. Parish Picnic-Pending
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## LIFE

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*MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNCIL  
FIELD AGENT, DAVID ROBERTS*



### *Insurance Check-Up for 2019*

Where did 2018 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week.

I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2018. Now, the New Year is upon us.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to

charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

Sincerely,



### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**February 13, 2019**

**March 13, 2019**

**April 10, 2019**

**May 8, 2019**

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Check out our local Catholic Radio Channel:







## **46<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life**

**January 18, 2019**

**Washington D.C.**

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

THE CATHOLIC  
**Exponent**



<https://www.facebook.com/kofccouncil13977-stjosephaustintown>

### **IMPORTANT WEBSITES**

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