

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FEBRUARY 2019

In service to one.



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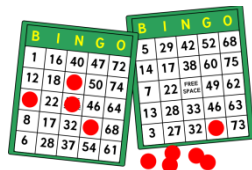
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Next Meeting: Wed. Feb 13, 2019

This month's meeting will be a pot luck family social meeting in which spouses and children are invited. The council will be providing drinks and a main dish (some kind of chicken) and the paper products. We are asking each family to bring some type of casserole, side dish, or dessert to share. We look forward to seeing everyone there and all of the good food! Please contact GK Ernie for more information.

NEW BINGO OPERATIONS

For those who have not read the email regarding the new Parish Bingo

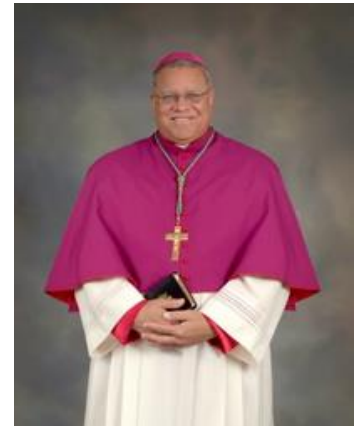


operations to take place starting next month, here is the letter from Grand Knight Ernie Ramhoff III. If you have any questions feel free to contact him at (330) 842-1544 or at ecr@zoominternet.net (See the PDF link on the top right which contains the new kitchen operating instructions.)



BISHOP MURRY MASS

Bishop Murry will be celebrating 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church on Sunday, February 24th. The Knights have been asked to provide donuts and coffee following the 9:30 a.m.



Mass. The CCD students and families are invited to attend a reception in the Social Hall with Bishop Murry after Mass. Each class will have a picture taken with the Bishop as well. We ask that as many knights as possible be present and help out. This will probably be a well-attended Mass and Donut Sunday. Help will also be needed the day before the event (February 23rd) to

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setup the hall and to possibly create an area for the group pictures with the Bishop. Please contact GK Ernie if you are interested in helping out or want more information about the event (Special thanks to GK Ernie for ordering and picking up the donuts before the Mass).

CELEBRATE WEEKEND

The annual Celebrate Weekend 2019 will take place on the weekend of March 8–10th. 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 who are putting on the retreat as well as the high school juniors who will be making it in our prayers.



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) 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 Josh Potkanowicz.



Josh was born on July 1, 1997 in Youngtown, Ohio. He is one of four children to Brother Knight Bill and Wendy Potkonowicz including 2 brothers, Brother Knights Jacob and Zachary, and one sister, Katie. He

graduated from Fitch High School in 2015 where he lettered for four years in both cross country and track. He currently is a full time student studying Mechanical Engineering at YSU, where he also works and is the director of a 3D printing lab.

Josh has been a member of St. Joseph Parish his entire life and has been a member of our council for 3 years. He currently is a 3rd degree knight, and was encouraged to join by his father (and our council Recorder) Brother Knight Bill Potkanowicz. Ever since his father asked him, he is very glad that he joined, and encourages other men to join because it's great to have a group of like-minded men who are trying to make a difference in the parish and community. In addition to our Council, Josh is also involved in the C3 Committee, where a group of our parishioners are trying to create a new culture of calling within the parish.

Josh is a fan of all Cleveland sports teams, and in his spare time runs for leisure and exercise. When he graduates from YSU, he would like to be an aerospace engineer.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Brother Knights who braved the cold weather and attended the Mass for Life at St. Columba Cathedral on January 20th. Congratulations to Brother Knight Bernie Willoughby for winning the Chili Cookoff on January 26th for the second

year in row representing the St. Vincent DePaul Society. (Also special thanks to Brother Knight Ken Balzic for representing our council with his chili once again this year and congrats to Ernie Ramhoff IV (Son of GK Ernie Ramhoff III) for his winning peanut butter pie in the Pie Contest.)

Thanks to our Brother Knights, their families, and to the parishioners who donated paper products, cleaning supplies and health and beauty products for our annual drive for disadvantaged persons. And as always, continued thanks to our dedicated Bingo Volunteers. Your hard work and service are greatly appreciated!

LOOKING AHEAD

Bishop Murry Mass–February 24th

Ash Wednesday–March 6th



Celebrate Weekend–March 8th–10th

St. Joseph Feast Day–March 19th

4th Annual John R. Rozzo Memorial
Scholarship Benefit–March 30th

8th Grade Confirmation Retreat–April 7th

Palm Sunday–April 14th

Holy Thursday–April 18th

Good Friday–April 19th

Easter–April 21st

Parish Retreat–April 28th–29th



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 2019

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD-FEBRUARY 2ND



ST. BLAISE-FEBRUARY 3RD



ST. AGATHA-FEBRUARY 5TH



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



*ST. GERELAMO (JEROME)
EMILIANI-FEBRUARY 8TH*



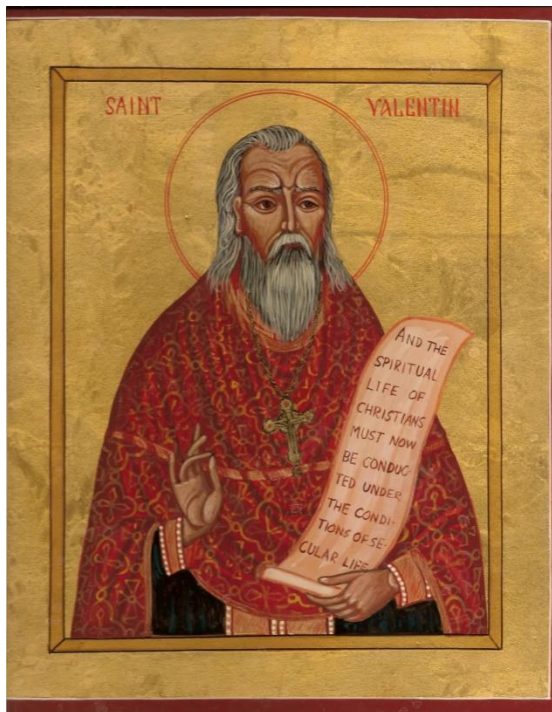
*ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA-
FEBRUARY 8TH*



*OUR LADY OF LOURDES-
FEBRUARY 11TH*



ST. VALENTINE-FEBRUARY 14TH



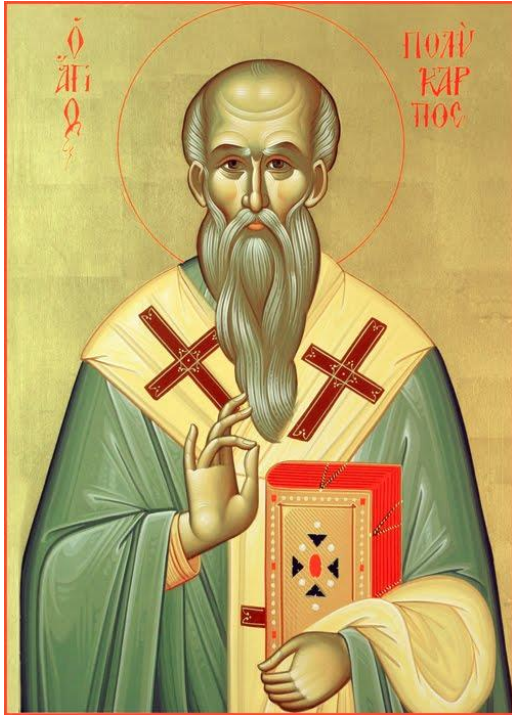
*SS CYRIL AND METHODIUS-
FEBRUARY 14TH*



*ST. PETER DAMIAN-FEBRUARY
21ST*



ST. POLYCARP-FEBRUARY 23RD



PRAYER CORNER

***PRAYER FOR CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS WEEK: INSPIRED BY
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS-
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
JANUARY 27th-FEBRUARY 2nd 2019***



***Thank you, Lord, for the gift of time
for growing and learning, and for the
gift of Catholic education. Inspired by
St. Thomas Aquinas, we thank you for
our school and community.***

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.

***LET US ALSO CONTINUE TO PRAY
FOR OUR LOVED ONES THAT ARE***

*SUFFERING FROM ILLNESS OR
CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL.*

*POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY PRAYER
INTENTION-FEBRUARY 2019*



Human Trafficking-For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

From "Rejoice and Be Glad" by Pope Francis:

76. A person who sees things as they truly are and sympathizes with pain and sorrow is capable of touching life's depths and finding authentic happiness.⁷⁰ He or she is consoled, not by the world but by Jesus. Such persons are unafraid to share in the suffering of others; they do not flee from painful situations. They discover the meaning of life by coming to the aid of those who suffer, understanding their anguish and bringing relief. They sense that the other is flesh of our flesh, and are not afraid to draw near, even to touch their wounds. They feel compassion for others in such a way that all distance vanishes. In this way they can embrace St. Paul's

exhortation: "Weep with those who weep" (Rom 12:15).

Knowing how to mourn with others: that is holiness.

*MONTHLY CATECHISM PASSAGE-
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2263 The legitimate defense of persons and societies is not an exception to the prohibition against the murder of the innocent that constitutes intentional killing. "The act of self-defense can have a double effect: the preservation of one's own life; and the killing of the aggressor. . . . The one is intended, the other is not."⁶⁵

*MONTHLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE-
FEBRUARY 2019*

Romans 12:15

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

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:

[Why Pope Francis' Historic Visit to the Gulf Matters](#)

[Iraqi Cardinal Calls for End to Persecution of Christians in the Middle East](#)

[Christian Persecution Inquiry Not Anti-Muslim, Says Head](#)

[2018: An "Unprecedented" Year of Christian Persecution in Iran](#)

[EXCLUSIVE Pompeo Vows US to Stand with Persecuted Believers: 'Christians Central to Middle East'](#)

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>

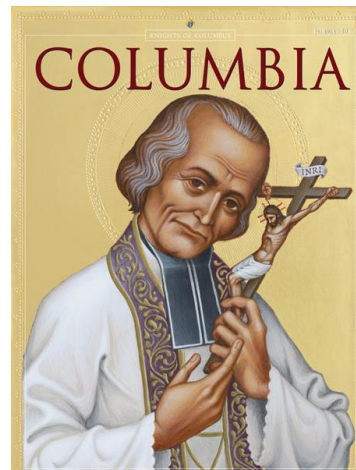
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/index.cfm>

<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. I would be happy to receive and post any special prayer requests.

Don't forget to Read:



[February Columbia Link](#)



[January 2019 Knightline Link](#)

[February 2019 Knightline Link](#)

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.

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*



February 2019

A Founding Notion: Protecting the Breadwinner's Income

While jobs may be safer in 2019, accidents, injuries, and illnesses that can impact your ability to work still happen. Most, in fact, do not happen on the jobsite or place of employment. Did you know that a 2011 study revealed that more than 95 percent of the long-term disability claims on file were not work related?

The Knights have always sought to protect members' families from the "loss" of a breadwinner. I'm sure you know all about Father McGivney's vision for our first, insurance program. But you may not know that Father McGivney also wanted to find a

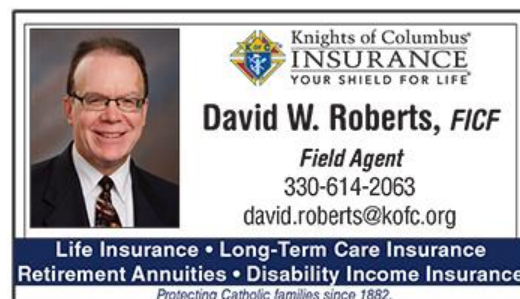
way to help members who couldn't work because of an illness. After all, the "loss" of the breadwinner does not have to mean that person's death; it can also mean the loss of the breadwinner's income.

Consider that loss for a moment. How would your family fare if a source of income suddenly stopped? Could a dual-income family manage on one income stream? What about young families with a working father and a mother who cares for the children? What if his income halted due to an accident or illness?

I've heard some people say they have coverage at work, but too many aren't sure what this coverage entails, how much income it would provide or for how long. Having this protection counts for something, certainly, but it isn't "yours"; it's provided by the company for which you work at their discretion. It could be eliminated tomorrow.

That's where a personally-owned disability income insurance product, like Income Armor, comes into play. It can offer valuable income replacement in the event of an injury or illness. If you have a job, you must know about this coverage. Please schedule an appointment with me today.

Sincerely,



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 13, 2019

April 10, 2019

May 8, 2019

June 12, 2019

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