

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MARCH 2019

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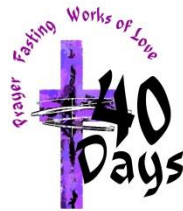
COUNCIL 13977

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Next Meeting: Wed. Mar 13, 2019

LENT 2019

Feel free to attend the following events here at St. Joseph Church throughout the Lenten Season:



- On Tuesdays beginning March 5th from 6:30–8:00 p.m. Father Fedor will have Scripture studies sessions reflecting on the Sunday readings for Lent.
- On Fridays at 7 p.m. we will have Stations of the Cross beginning on March 8th.

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 18th
- Immaculate Heart of Mary (Austintown)– March 19th
- St. Joseph (Austintown)– March 20th
- St. James (North Jackson)– March 28th

ST. JOSEPH BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Tuesday, March 5th, and ending on April 16th, our pastoral associate, Tom Sauline, will lead a Bible Study Program in Mercy Hall from 6:30–8:00

p.m. Those proclaiming the Readings at the weekend Masses are encouraged to participate. This is an excellent way to observe the season of preparing for celebrating Easter.



CATHOLIC MEN'S FELOWSHIP CONFERENCE

"Rise Up, O Men of God"

Men, is your spiritual life a Saturday evening or Sunday morning mechanical chore or a real spiritual activity? Is there room for spiritual growth in your life? If so, come together with men from the Diocese of Youngstown for a day of fellowship, spiritual awakening, and new direction on Saturday, March 23rd; 9:00 a.m., (closing with Mass at 4:00 p.m.) at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Louisville, Ohio. Keynote speakers will include Father Dwight Longenecker and Bishop George V. Murry. Go to www.CMFDOY.org for more information, to download a registration form or register online.

ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY DINNER

On Sunday, March 24th, 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



FOURTH ANNUAL JOHN ROZZO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT DINNER



The 4th Annual John R. Rozzo Memorial Scholarship Dinner will be held on Saturday March 30th at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Center with catering provided by Rachel's. Tickets are currently on sale and the proceeds will benefit students attending local Catholic Elementary Schools. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the buffet dinner starts at 7 p.m. Once again, our council has graciously donated a flat screen television in honor of Brother John's memory for this year's event.

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 Brother Knight John A. Rozzo (John's son) at (330) 531-2325 or email jrozz11@aol.com for tickets, to make a donation, or for more information.

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 Joe Iwasky.



THANK YOU

Thank you to the Brother Knights who helped served coffee and doughnuts for the Mass with Bishop Murry on February 24th (Special thanks to GK Ernie Ramhoff III for setting up the social hall and picking up the doughnuts before Mass) and to the Brother Knights who helped serve food at the Celebrate Weekend on March 8th-10th (Special thanks to Brother Knight Steve Reda for once again donating the chips and pretzels courtesy of his employer, Shearers for the event.) And as always, continued thanks to our dedicated Bingo Volunteers. Your hard work and service are greatly appreciated!



Our council pictured with Bishop Murry from the Donut Sunday after 9:30 a.m. Mass on February 24th.

From left to right: First row: Jim Itts, George Zokle, Chancellor Joe Dravecky, and Financial Secretary Bob Pesa. Second row: Lecturer Rich Mattiussi, Trustee for One

Year Joe Iwasky, Deputy Grand Knight Bill Bakos, Bishop Murry, Grand Knight Ernie Ramhoff III, Inside Guard Ken Balzic, Treasurer Clem Clausen, Rich DiMarino, and Outside Guard Bob Gugliotti.

LOOKING AHEAD

St. Joseph Feast Day Dinner–March 24th

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

8th Grade Confirmation Retreat–April 7th

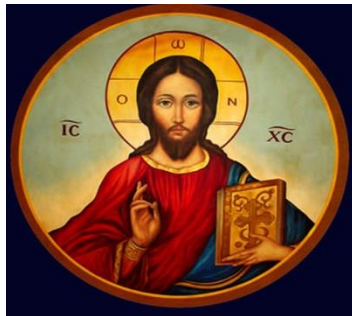
Palm Sunday–April 14th

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- MARCH 2019

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*



PRAYER CORNER

*A PRAYER FOR
ASH
WEDNESDAY-
MARCH 6, 2019*



I already feel
that I have entered into the spirit of
Lent. It is a painful season, especially
as I remember the death of those I
knew. Here is another prayer to
begin the season.

Ashes to ashes, dust to dust
All that is not of God must die
All that is crushed will be restored
All that is lost will be made new
God may we repent of ways that do
not serve you

And admit to the tensions that tell us
where we need to change
Christ is coming walking towards the
cross
God may we see him clearly
Pouring out love
Pouring out mercy
Pouring out peace
May we kneel before him in humble
adoration
May we take up our cross and follow
And walk with Christ into the ways of
life

A LENTEN PRAYER

Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus **Christ** our Savior as a model
of humility.
He fulfilled Your **Will** by
becoming **Man**
And giving His **life** on the Cross.
Help us to bear **witness** to You
By following His example of suffering
And make us worthy to share in His
Resurrection.
We ask this through
our **Lord Jesus** Christ, Your Son.

Amen.

Our Father...

MARY, Mother of Jesus,
you were Jesus' gift for us from the
Cross.
He gave you to us as our mother.

Intercede for all our needs.

Hail Mary...

Glory Be...

*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 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-MARCH 2019



Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities- That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ, and have their rights respected.

From "Rejoice and Be Glad" by Pope Francis:

94. Persecutions are not a reality of the past, for today too we experience them, whether by the shedding of blood, as is the case with so many contemporary martyrs, or by more subtle means, by slander and lies. Jesus calls us blessed when people "utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account" (Mt 5:11). At other times, persecution can take the form of gibes that try to caricature our faith and make us seem ridiculous.

Accepting daily the path of the Gospel, even though it may cause us problems: that is holiness.

MONTHLY CATECHISM PASSAGES– MARCH 2019

Jesus' temptations

538 The Gospels speak of a time of solitude for Jesus in the desert immediately after his baptism by John. Driven by the Spirit into the desert, Jesus remains there for forty days without eating; he lives among wild beasts, and angels minister to him.²⁴¹ At the end of this time Satan tempts him three times, seeking to compromise his filial attitude toward God. Jesus rebuffs these attacks, which recapitulate the temptations of Adam in Paradise and of Israel in the desert, and the devil leaves him "until an opportune time".²⁴²

539 The evangelists indicate the Jesus is the new Adam who remained faithful just where the first Adam had given in to temptation. Jesus fulfills Israel's vocation perfectly: in contrast to those who had once provoked God during forty years in the desert, Christ reveals himself as God's Servant, totally obedient to the divine will. In this, Jesus is the devil's conqueror: he "binds the strong man" to take back his plunder.²⁴³ Jesus' victory over the tempter in the desert anticipates victory at the Passion, the supreme act of obedience of his filial love for the Father.

540 Jesus' temptation reveals the way in which the Son of God is Messiah, contrary to the way Satan proposes to him and the way men wish to attribute to him.²⁴⁴ This is why Christ vanquished the Tempter *for us*: "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning."²⁴⁵ By the solemn forty days of *Lent* the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE– MARCH 2019

Isaiah 58:6–7

6 "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and

untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?
7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

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:**

[Christian persecution not just
happening overseas--many in US
targeted for their faith, too](#)

[Pope dedicates March prayer
intention to new Christian martyrs](#)

[Trump admin admits a dozen
Iranian Christian refugees, hundreds
more in limbo](#)

[Christianity in the Middle East threatened with extinction](#)

[11 Christians Killed Every Day For Their Faith](#)

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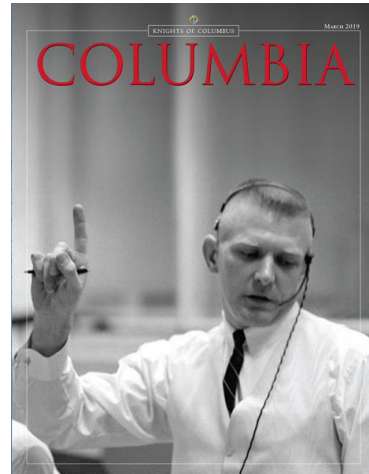
<https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2018/06/13/usccb-head-condemns-trump-administrations-recent-moves-on-immigration-policy/>

[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. I would

be happy to receive and post any special prayer requests.

Don't forget to Read:



[March Columbia Link](#)



[March 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
- 2.

- 3.
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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*



March 2019

***Plan for this Tax Day and into
the Future***

April 15 (tax day) is right around the corner.

It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. Or perhaps someone has tried to convince you to open an account, touting the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return.

And, our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you?

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee — along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember — absolute safety of principal) — really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you — at your convenience and in your home — to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans. Call me today.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 10, 2019

May 8, 2019

June 12, 2019

July 10, 2019

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THE CATHOLIC
Exponent



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