

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MAY 2019

In service to one.



COUNCIL 13977

In service to all.

Next Meeting: Wed. May 22, 2019

Our next meeting has been rescheduled for May 22nd since the Eighth Grade Confirmation was scheduled during our May 8th meeting.

Also during this meeting, we will be asking for nominations for officers for the 2019–2020 fiscal year (we still need a warden). We also may possibly be conducting a first degree beforehand. The degree may start at 6:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. depending on the availability of the candidate and District Deputy. Thank you to Brother Knight Bill Bakos by recruiting the candidate, and for volunteering to work out the details of holding a first degree. GK Ernie will pass on further information as it becomes available.

Brother Knights, if you know of any man interested in joining our council and attending the First Degree, please let GK Ernie know ASAP.

Thank you

REMINDER

All Cash
Bonanza Ticket
Sales have
ended on May
7th. Special



thanks goes out to Brother Knight Bob Gugliotti for once again heading up the ticket sales before after all of the Masses these past few weeks. It is very much appreciated. If anyone has sold any tickets that need turned in please contact GK Ernie ASAP at (330) 842–1544.

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 our Council Field Agent Dave Roberts.



Dave grew up in Kenosha, Wisconsin and is blessed to be married 34 years to his best friend and lovely wife, Paula. They are

blessed to have two daughters, Ashley McLean (married to son-in-law Peter) and Caitlin Roberts. Recently this past November, his family welcomed their newest addition, grandson Alexander McLean. He finds it unbelievable being able to hold his child's child!

Growing up, Dave attended St. Peter's Church in Kenosha. He graduated from Ripon College located in Ripon, Wisconsin with a BA degree in Politics and Government. Currently he is a member of St. Paul's Church in Salem, Ohio where he currently belongs to their council (Council 1818). Additionally, he serves as a Eucharistic Minister, and is also a member of their Finance Committee and Men's Fellowship.

Dave is a fourth degree member of the Knights, and has been an active member for 32 years. He was encouraged to join the K of C by his father in law, John Vessalo, who he states "Is one of the best men I have ever known." He was also encouraged to join his council so he could also play softball (Ha! Ha!). In his 32 years as a brother knight, he has moved around the country involving job promotions with his previous employer and has been active in five councils. He always has found being a member of the Knights allows him to get involved at his local parish and community immediately. He still has many good friends/brother knights scattered around the country because of his membership that he still is in contact. Dave

also states, "Being a member of the Knights of Columbus has helped me grow and practice my Catholic faith, and become a better husband and father." In addition, he always asks prospective candidates for Knights of Columbus membership "Why would you not want to join such a great group of men like the Knights of Columbus?"

Dave currently serves as the local Field Agent for the Knights of Columbus Insurance in Northeast Ohio. He truly enjoys meeting and working with brother knights assisting them in securing their dreams and future for their families. He believes that being able to live and discuss his Catholic faith and strive to fulfill the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney's mission of rendering financial aid to the members and beneficiaries and help men grow in their Catholic faith. Dave has held many council officer positions over the years and is currently heading up the 2019 Super Cash Bonanza Charity Campaign.

Dave's favorite football team is the Green Bay Packers and grew up rooting for them during the Vince Lombardi (a famous member of the K of C) era.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Brother Knights who helped out with the Annual Parish Easter Egg Hunt on April 14th (Special thanks to Brother Knight George Zokle for once again

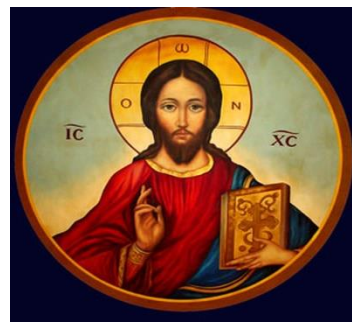
taking charge of the event this year.) Very special thanks to our Fourth Degree Knights who attended the Confirmation ceremony on May 8th. And as always, continued thanks to our very dedicated Bingo Volunteers. Your hard work and service are greatly appreciated!

LOOKING AHEAD

BBQ/Social/Awards Ceremony-June 12th

Austintown 4th of July Parade-July 4th

Installation of Officers-July 10th



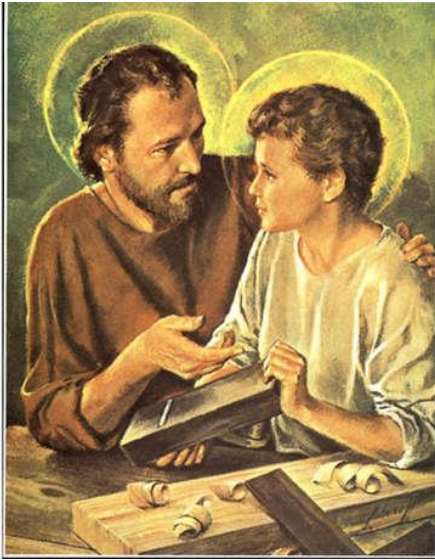
Kyrie eleison – Lord have mercy.

FAITH CORNER

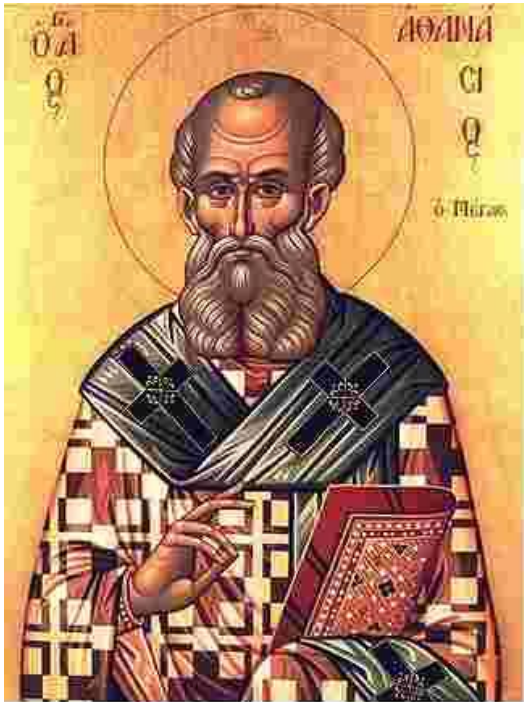
Let us continue to pray for the canonization of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney



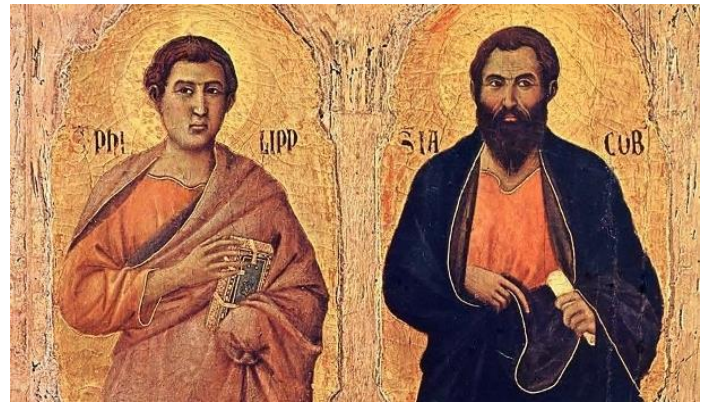
IMPORTANT FEAST DAYS-MAY 2019
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER-MAY 1ST



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



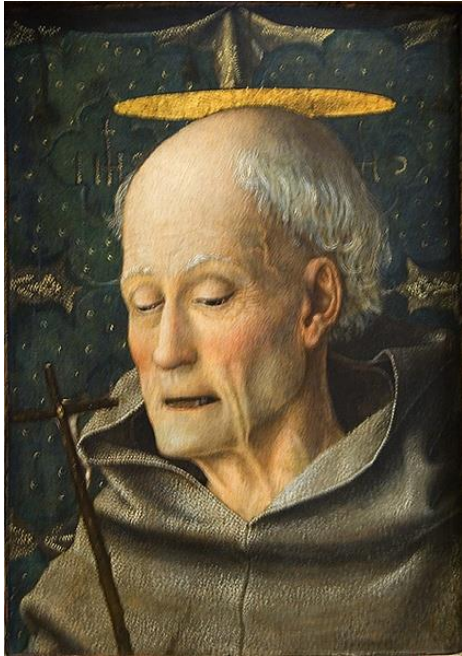
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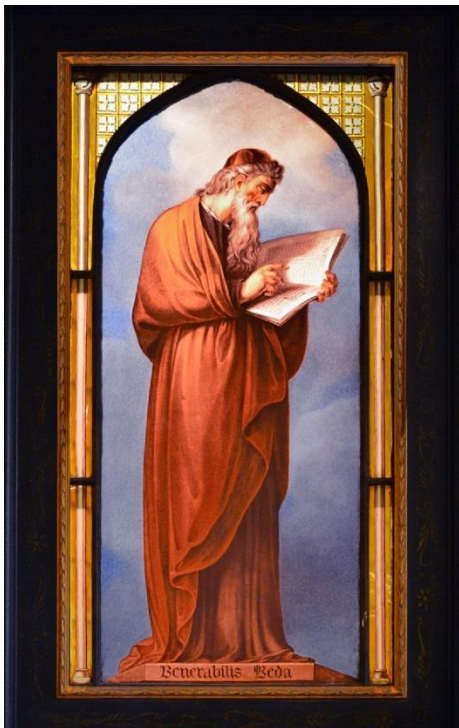
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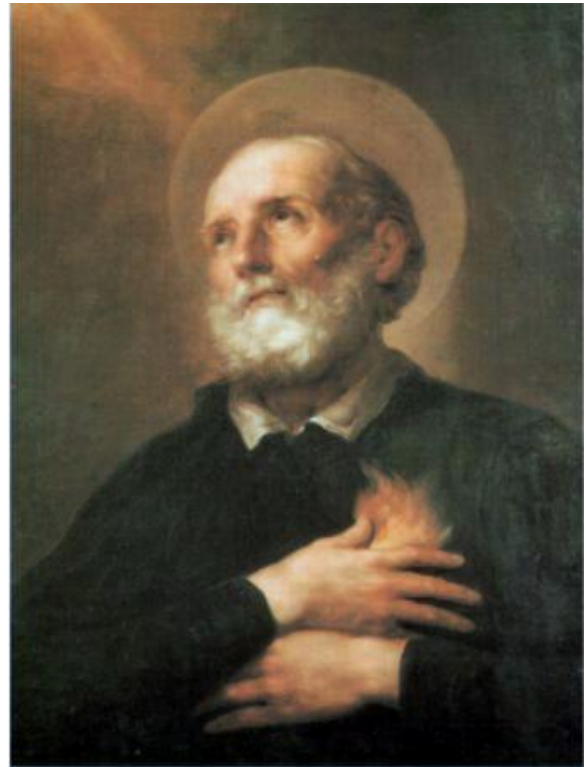
ST. BERNADINE OF SIENA-MAY 20TH



ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE-MAY 25TH



ST. PHILLIP NERI-MAY 26TH



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.

*PLEASE PRAY FOR THE VICTIMS
AND THE FAMILIES OF THE
RECENT SAN DIEGO SYNAGOGUE
SHOOTING, FOR OUR CATHOLIC
BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN SRI
LANKA (HEALING FROM THE VERY
TRAGIC CHURCH ATTACKS ON
EASTER SUNDAY) AND FOR OUR
CATHOLIC BROTHERS AND
SISTERS IN FRANCE FROM THE
UNFORTUNATE FIRE DAMAGE OF
THE NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL IN
YOUR PRAYERS.*





PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

Loving God, you are the author and sustainer of our lives. You know the anguish of the sorrowful; you are attentive to the prayers of the brokenhearted. Hear your people who cry out to you in their need; strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness.

We pray today for those who have died because of violence, of terrorism. Draw them to yourself; let your face shine upon them. May they be greeted with choirs of angels and experience your eternal peace and joy.

Be near to all those who have been touched by violence: those who have been hurt, lost their loved ones or lost their sense of security. Be for them a steady comfort and safe resting place.

Softens the hearts and steady of the minds of those who would do violence to others. May hate be replaced with love, violence with peace and darkness with your light. 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-MAY 2019*



The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity-

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

From "Rejoice and Be Glad" by Pope Francis:

141. Growth in holiness is a journey in community, side by side with others. We see this in some holy communities. From time to time, the Church has canonized entire communities that lived the Gospel heroically or offered to God the lives of all their members. We can think, for example, of the seven holy founders of the Order of the Servants of Mary, the seven blessed sisters of the first monastery of the Visitation in Madrid, the Japanese martyrs St. Paul

Miki and companions, the Korean martyrs St. Andrew Taegon and companions, or the South American martyrs St. Roque González, St. Alonso Rodríguez, and companions. We should also remember the more recent witness borne by the Blessed Trappists of Tibhirine, Algeria, who prepared as a community for martyrdom. In many holy marriages too, each spouse becomes a means used by Christ for the sanctification of the other. Living or working alongside other is surely a path of spiritual growth. St. John of the Cross told his followers: "You are living with others in order to be fashioned and tried."

*MONTHLY CATECHISM PASSAGE-
MAY 2019*

820 "Christ bestowed unity on his Church from the beginning. This unity, we believe, subsists in the Catholic Church as something she can never lose, and we hope that it will continue to increase until the end of time."²⁷⁷ Christ always gives his Church the gift of unity, but the Church must always pray and work to maintain, reinforce, and perfect the unity that Christ wills for her. This is why Jesus himself prayed at the hour of his Passion, and does not cease praying to his Father, for the unity of his disciples: "That they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be one in us, . . . so that the world may know that you have sent me."²⁷⁸ The desire to recover the unity of all Christians is a gift of Christ and a call of the Holy Spirit.²⁷⁹

*MONTHLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE-MAY
2019*

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

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 'at near
genocide levels'](#)

[Persecution Of Christians Is
Approaching Genocide Levels.](#)

[Report Finds: Christianity 'Is At Risk
Of Disappearing'](#)

[Christian Persecution is on the Rise:
Sri Lanka and Beyond](#)

[Are Christians Privileged or
Persecuted?](#)

[Roman Empire's Persecution of
Christians](#)

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.

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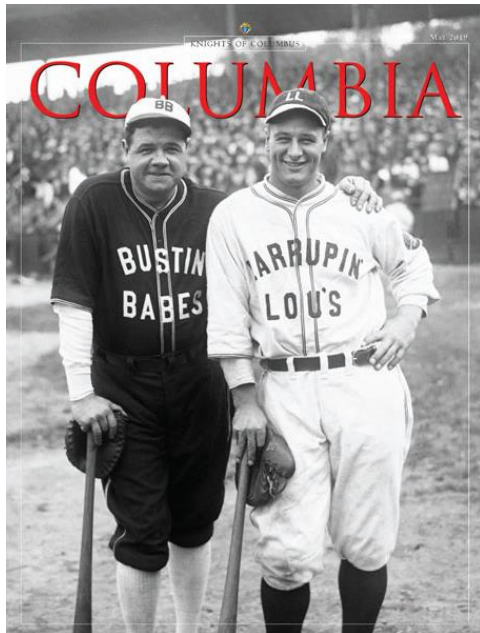
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[Monsignor Pope's take on Death
Penalty Blog](#)

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:



[May Columbia Link](#)

[April 2019 Knightline Link](#)

[May 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*

May 2019

***Have you insured your most valuable
asset?***

Did you know that May is designated Disability Insurance Awareness Month? Is your income protected if you become sick or injured and cannot work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from

earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings.

I would like to show you that Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection.

If you are ill or injured, Income Armor provides monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain your standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, while your savings and retirement assets remain intact.

In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. I look forward to meeting with you. Please give me a call today so we can set an appointment.

Sincerely,



UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 12, 2019

July 10, 2019

August 14, 2019

September 11, 2019

OFFICERS

Grand Knight	Ernie Ramhoff III
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Bakos
Chaplain	Rev. Mel Rusnak
Chancellor	Joe Dravecky
Recorder	William Potkanowicz
Treasurer	Clem Clausen
Advocate	Ernie Ramhoff II
Warden	Bernie Willoughby
Inside Guard	Ken Balzic
Outside Guard	Bob Gugliotti
Trustee for One Year	Joe Iwasky
Trustee for Two Years	Dominic Mattiussi
Trustee for Three Years	Doug Styka
Lecturer	Rich Mattiussi
Financial Secretary	Bob Pesa

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

THE CATHOLIC
Exponent



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