

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

AUGUST 2019

In service to one.



COUNCIL 13977

In service to all.

Next Meeting: Wed. Aug. 14, 2019

Following our upcoming meeting, we will have our annual award ceremony honoring our Knight of the Year, Family of the Year, Youth of the Year and Lady of the Year. The event will begin roughly after our business meeting. All are welcome to attend.



54th ANNUAL FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION PILGRIMAGE



The 54th Annual Feast of the Assumption Pilgrimage will take place at The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon on August 13th, 14th, and 15th (Feast of the Assumption). During those three days, different Masses will be celebrated in the Maronite, Roman, and Byzantine Rites, confessions will be heard from 2–5 p.m. on

the 14th and 15th, and a Pontifical Divine – Liturgy will be celebrated followed by a candlelight procession and blessing with the Icon of Our Lady of Lebanon on the 15th. Food and refreshments will be available all 3 days.

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 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

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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 new District Deputy, Pete Rich.



Pete was born on March 11, 1963 in Youngstown, Ohio. He is married to his wife, Mary and they have two children; Maggie (23 years old) and Ben (21 years old). Growing up, Pete attended St. Patrick School (where he would attend Mass as well as attending St. Dominic Church) from 1st–3rd grade, then attended Taft Elementary, Adams Junior High, and Woodrow Wilson High School (4th–12th grade) on Youngstown's Southside. After graduating high school, he attended YSU and then transferred to The Ohio State University, earning his degree in civil engineering.

Pete has worked as a Civil Engineer for 31+ years with Ohio DOT and previously had spent a year early on with Engineering consultant Sticklen–Belsheim. He has been a member of the K of C since December 2014 and made his first and second degree at St. Charles Church in Boardman. In addition to being a District Deputy, he has held the positions of treasurer, advocate, and trustee in his council in the past.

Other than the K of C, Pete has been involved in many activities at St. Michaels Church (his current Parish) in Canfield over the years which include; Appalachia Project, coaching CYSL (Catholic Youth Soccer League) soccer, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Stewardship Committee, Christ Renews His Parish, serving as a Home-bound Eucharistic Minister, singing with the Church Choir group at Masses, and helping out with community meals.

When asked how he decided to become a knight, Pete was at a golf outing with a fellow CRHP (Christ Renews His Parish) brother. He told him if he would join the Knights, he would start going to meetings with him. Prior to that moment, he had been asked to join before but had not been interested at the time. Pete now encourages other men to join because he feels that the K of C is a great way for a Catholic man to serve as our Lord asks.

Pete enjoys rooting for his alma mater, Ohio State as well as the Minnesota Vikings (he

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used to play little league football for the Poland Little Vikings during his childhood). His favorite activity is eating (especially enjoying any food with peanut butter or any kind of nut) but finds anything active like golfing interesting. Pete also enjoys watching The Price is Right whenever he is off from work and grows about 300 garlic plants every year! Before becoming an engineer, Pete attended a cooking school in Hudson, Ohio when he thought of considering becoming a chef.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Brother Knights who helped cook food for the Faith Fiesta on July 21st and the Parish Picnic on July 28th. And as always, continued thanks to our very dedicated Bingo Volunteers. Your hard work and service are greatly appreciated!

The following pictures from the Parish Picnic are courtesy of Brother Knight Bill Bakos:



GK Ernie Ramhoff III, Brother Knight Doug Styka, and Brother Knight Bill Potkanowicz

preparing to serve hamburgers and hot dogs.



All three Brother Knights serving hot dogs to Brother Knight George Zokle and unidentified person.



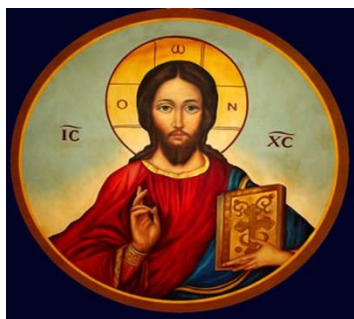


Brother Knight Ken Balzic working the grill.

LOOKING AHEAD

Annual Award Ceremony–August 14th after our business meeting

First Steps for Change Baby Bottle Drive–October



Kyrie eleison – Lord have mercy.

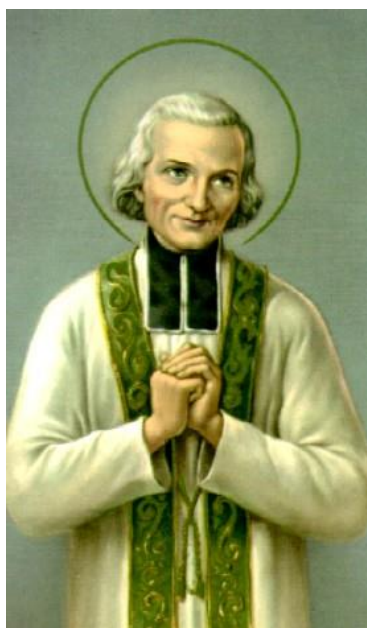
FAITH CORNER

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



IMPORTANT FEAST DAYS-AUGUST 2019

ST. JOHN VIANNEY-AUGUST 4TH



ST. DOMINIC-AUGUST 8TH



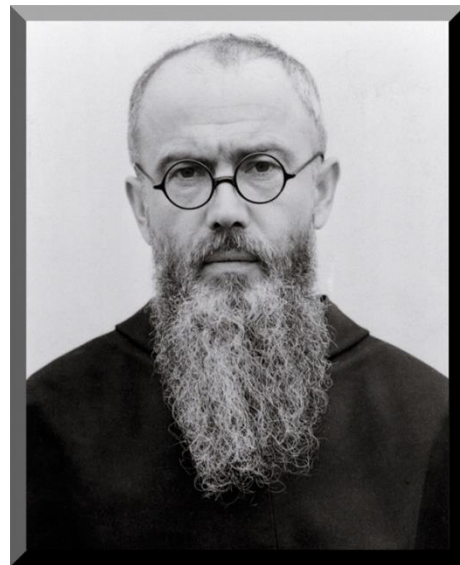
*ST. LAWRENCE, DEACON AND
MARTYR-AUGUST 10TH*



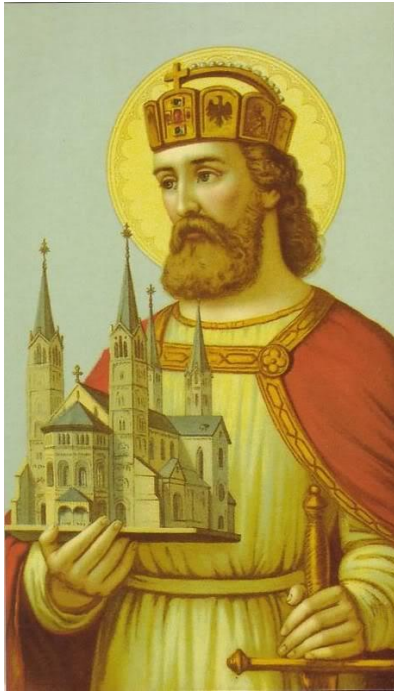
ST. CLAIRE-AUGUST 11TH



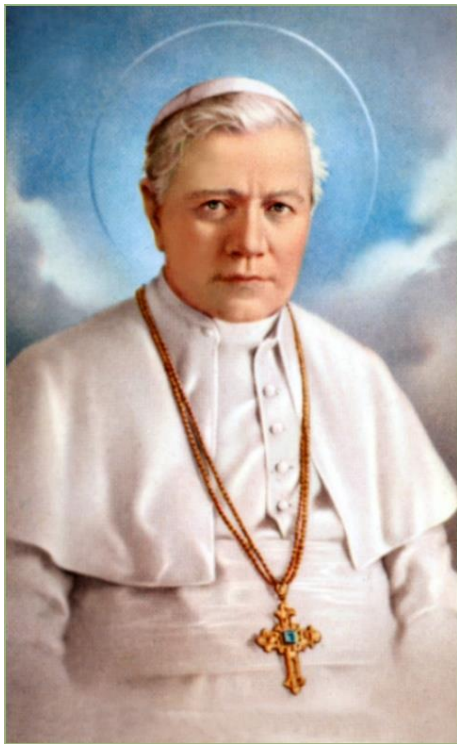
*ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE-AUGUST
14TH*



*ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY-
AUGUST 16TH*



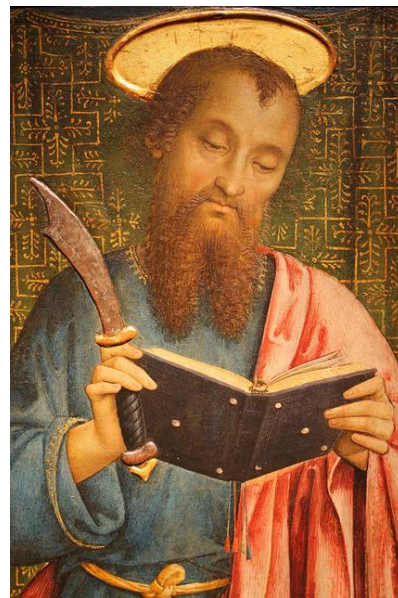
ST. PIUS X-AUGUST 21ST



ST. ROSE OF LIMA-AUGUST 23RD



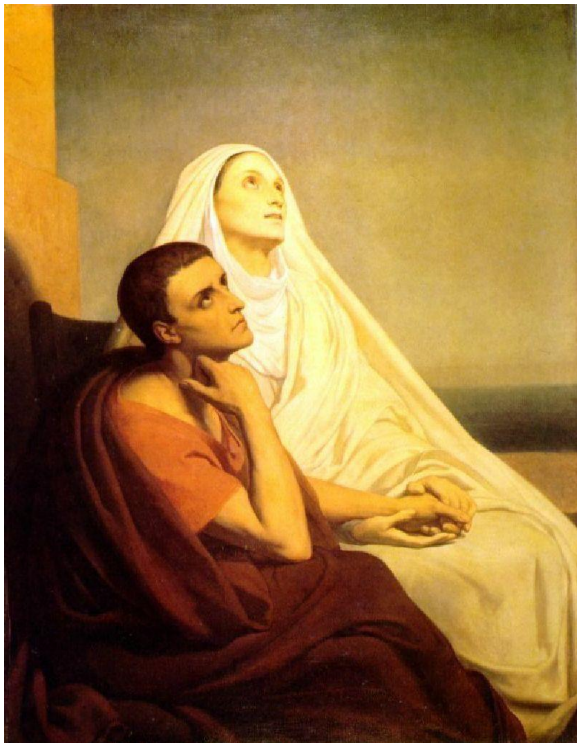
*ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE-
AUGUST 24TH*



ST. LOUIS-AUGUST 25TH



*SS. MONICA AND AUGUSTINE-
AUGUST 27TH AND AUGUST 28TH*



*CATHOLIC COLLECT PRAYER FOR
THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
(FROM THE ROMAN MISSAL)-
AUGUST 15TH*



Almighty and everlasting God,
You have taken up body and soul
into the heavenly glory the Immaculate Virgin
Mary,
Mother of Your Son: Grant, we beseech You,
that, ever intent upon heavenly things,
we may be worthy to be partakers of her glory.
Through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit,
One God, forever and ever. Amen.

*LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR
BISHOP MURRY AS HIS LUKEMIA
HAS UNFORTUNATELY RETURNED
AND CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR
LOVED ONES THAT ARE
SUFFERING FROM ILLNESS OR
CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL.*

*POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY PRAYER
INTENTION–AUGUST 2019*



Families, Schools of Human Growth-

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become even more clearly “schools of true human growth.”

From “Rejoice and Be Glad” by Pope Francis:

7. I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God’s people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile. In their daily perseverance I see the holiness of the Church militant. Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbors, those who, living in our midst, reflect God’s presence. We might call them “the middle class of holiness.”

*MONTHLY CATECHISM PASSAGE–
AUGUST 2019*

The Fourth Commandment tells us, “Honor your father and your mother.” “The fourth commandment

opens the second table of the Decalogue. It shows us the order of charity. God has willed that, after him, we should honor our parents to whom we owe life and who have handed on to us the knowledge of God. We are obliged to honor and respect all those whom God, for our good, has vested with his authority” (2197).

*MONTHLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE–
AUGUST 2019*

1 Corinthians 13:4–7

Love is not patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

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:

[Malliotakis Decries Persecution
Against Christians in Holy Land](#)

[Persecuted Christians Urge More
Action, Fewer Empty Words](#)

[Religious freedom getting worse
around the world; Christians remain
most persecuted group: Pew](#)

[Do Persecuted Christians Receive
Too Much Attention At The Expense
of Others? Inside the International
Effort to Protect Religious Freedom](#)

[Amid Global Christian Persecution,
This Coptic Archbishop Urges Unity](#)

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>

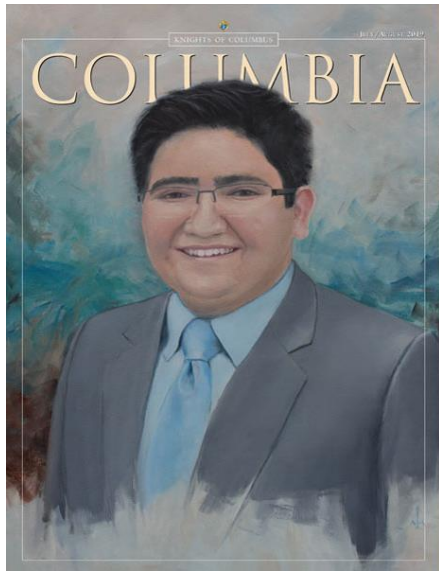
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/index.cfm>

<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 SUGESTIONS 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:



July/August 2019 Columbia Link



July Knightline

You may also read Columbia Magazine and Knightline 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





MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNCIL FIELD AGENT, DAVID ROBERTS

August 2019

August 2019 Council Meeting remarks:

Each August we look forward to the Supreme Convention and all the news about the prior Fraternal Year. This year is no different. Although this message has been prepared prior to the convention, here are some predictions:

- The Order will set a new record in the amount of money we donated to charities.
- The Order will set a new record in the number of hours volunteered.
- We already know that our insurance program had another record year ending in December 2018; 18 consecutive years of growth! (And congratulations to the many of you who protected your families last year and helped set that record!)
- We will have given a substantial amount of money to Pope Francis from the Vicarius Christi fund.
- Our Asset Advisors will have more dollars under management; managed, of course using the investment guidelines from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.
- We will add to our surplus, which means our strength to pay claims and weather poor economic times will improve.
- I predict that the Supreme Knight will report that the Order will have provided more money to rebuild homes for persecuted Christians in the Middle East. Donated more money to disaster relief in the wake of hurricanes, flooding and typhoons. Placed more ultrasound

machines in service to save lives. Given more support for religious freedom.

This organization, started by a simple, humble parish priest with men at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut in 1882, has grown to spectacular heights. All of these efforts and worthwhile projects are a source of pride for us members!

But here's the reality: For the Catholic folks in this council and in these parishes here—you, my brother knights...you, are the Knights of Columbus. When locals think about the Knights, they may have some general notion about all these good works we do and the Order's amazing impact around the world. But to the local parish and the community, you represent all that is good in this Order. When you are volunteering at a Special Olympics event, when you are visiting the sick, helping your pastor, handing out coats for kids, selling Tootsie Rolls, raising money for a charitable cause right here in your own backyard—this is what people see, they see you; to them you are what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. When you lead with faith, protect your family, serve others and defend your values, you are a witness inspired by our founding principles.

Congratulations on another record-breaking fraternal year! I look forward to helping protect your families and reaching Star Council this next fraternal year!

Vivat Jesus!



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 11, 2019

October 9, 2019

November 13, 2019

December 11, 2019

OFFICERS

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

Check out our local Catholic Radio Channel:



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

**THE CATHOLIC
Exponent**



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

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

<http://www.kofc.org>

<https://www.kofcoho.org>

<http://www.doy.org>

<http://www.stjosephaustintown.org>

IMPORTANT CATHOLIC WEBSITES

A Catholic Ministry to Persons with Same Sex Attraction: The Courage Apostolate

<https://couragec.org/>

If you have Qs about the Catholic Faith:

Catholic Answers

<https://www.catholic.com/>

A Prolife Heroine: Rev. Dr. Alveda King!

<https://www.priestsforlife.org/staff/alvedaking.htm>

The Story of a Roman Catholic Diocese in Northeast India

<https://siena.org/the-story-of-bishop-george-pallippambal-and-the-diocese-of-miao>

Please watch video of the K of C donating
1,000 ultrasound machines to pregnancy
health centers

<https://www.liveaction.org/news/knights-columbus-ultrasound-machines/>

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