

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SEPTEMBER 2019

*In service to one.*



COUNCIL 13977

*In service to all.*

**Next Meeting: Wed. Sept. 11, 2019**

## **ANOINTING MASS MEAL**

We are asking any Brother Knight who is available to help setup the hall for the Anointing Mass



Meal on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. We need assistance in prepping the plates and silverware and setting up the kitchen for cooking and serving. Then on Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be serving sandwiches and soup after the Mass at 5:30 p.m. GK Ernie is still looking for a volunteer to begin cooking and food preparation during the day around 1 p.m. If you are interested in helping out, please contact GK Ernie for more information. (Special thanks also to GK Ernie for purchasing the soup, sandwiches, cookies, and drinks for the event.)

## **HOAGIE NIGHT**

Volunteers are needed to help at the Hoagie Night on Saturday,



September 28<sup>th</sup> after the 4:30 Mass. If you are interested serving food or to help set up and clean up afterwards, a planning meeting will take place on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> in the Social Hall at 7:00 p.m. Please contact GK Ernie for more information regarding this event.

## **FIRST AND SECOND DEGREE**

GK Ernie will be coordinating a first and second degree for our new incoming members on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. So far, we have 3 knights who will be making their first and second degrees and possibly a few more knights making their second degrees as well. Everyone should meet at St. Joe's at 12:30 p.m. and from there, we will head to Leetonia, Ohio for the degrees which will take place from 2-4 p.m.

We need to remember that our second-degree virtue is UNITY. We need to show our UNITY to our new members making

their degrees by attending these degrees as a group. If you are interested in helping with both degrees, please let GK Ernie know ASAP.

## FIRST STEPS FOR CHANGE (BABY BOTTLES)

Once again, our Council will be taking part in the annual First Steps for Change Program with all proceeds benefiting Catholic Charities.



Starting the weekend of September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, baby bottles will be distributed before and after both 4:30 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses in the main entry ways of the church. We ask that all baby bottles **NEED** to be returned by the first weekend of November (Weekend of November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> if there are any late bottles that are returned after that, we will have a second collection). For more information, please see Brother Knights, Dominic and Richard Mattiussi concerning this project.

## 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 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 our Advocate, Ernie Ramhoff II.



Ernie was born on April 15, 1940 in Youngstown, Ohio. He has been married to his wife, Anita for 54 years and they have 3 children (GK Ernie III, Brenda Ramhoff, and James Ramhoff) and 8 grandchildren (Tori, Ernie IV, Darby, Trevor, Kyle, Taryn, Devin, and Savannah Ramhoff).

Growing up, Ernie attended Jackson Elementary School, Woodrow Wilson High School where he graduated in 1958, and then would attend Youngstown State University where he received a Bachelor Science Business Administration Degree. Originally raised Methodist, he converted to Catholicism in 1965, and has been a member of St. Patrick's (Youngtown), St. Luke's (Boardman), St. Michael's (Canfield) and currently at St. Joseph.

Ernie now is a retiree, but in the past he has worked as a paper boy, worked part time in a restaurant, joined the United States Air Force for 4 years, then worked as computer operator for Youngstown Sheet & Tube, and finally as a computer operator, programmer, system analyst and manager of the computer department for Youngstown Steel Door until he retired in 2005.

Ernie has been a member of our Council for 13 years, and currently holds the role as advocate in our council. His son GK Ernie III encouraged him to join and he does strongly encourage other men to join and get involved in the K of C. In addition, Ernie

is also involved with the St. Vincent DePaul soup kitchen, and Bingo here at St. Joe's.

Ernie is fan of the Cleveland Indians, Cleveland Browns, Cleveland Cavaliers, and Ohio State Buckeyes. He enjoys car races, golfing, and having fun with all of his grandkids, especially when they all go to see the Indians play! He enjoys all foods which include Mexican, Chinese, American, and his favorite Lebanese since being married to his wife for 54 years!

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the Brother Knights who helped serve doughnuts for Doughnut Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on August 11<sup>th</sup>. And as always, continued thanks to our very dedicated Bingo Volunteers. Your hard work and service are greatly appreciated!

## AWARDS CEREMONY



Congratulations to our awards recipients who were honored after last month's meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup>!!!!!!

From left to right; Brother Knight Bob Gugliotti (Knight of the Year), Rich and Loraine Rosko (Family of the Year), and Brother Knight George Kopcial Jr. (Volunteer of the Year). Not pictured; Molly Burke (Youth of the Year) and Joann Repaskey (Lady of the Year).

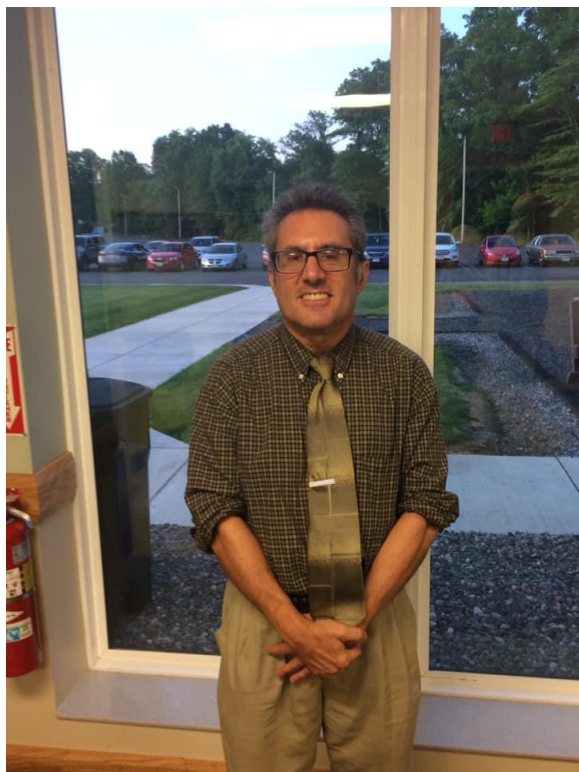


Volunteer of the Year– George Kopcial Jr.– George responded to our Council month's long request to assist our current Knights that operate the St. Joseph Bingo Kitchen. As a Council member, he has shown his continuous dedication to allow our Council to satisfy our main principle, that being Charity.



Family of the Year–Rich and Loraine Rosko– Rich and Loraine have dedicated a large portion of their lives for the betterment of our Parish. They have exhibited a special commitment in carrying out the activities of our Parish. Since day one, they have helped work at the Tuesday St. Joseph Bingo, along with the other dedicated Bingo Workers. Rich has announced Bingo since it started, besides being the weekly Mass adult server, serving at the Stations of the Cross, and assisting the St. Joseph Grounds Crew. Both Rich and Loraine are usually present for the set-up and tear-down of the many Parish activities.





Knight of the Year–Bob Gugliotti–Bob can be described by one word, that word being a “Disciple” of Jesus. It is difficult to comprehend the many services that Bob has undertaken for the K of C Council, let alone the services he provides for the benefit of our Parish. We all know what these services are. There are other crosses that Bob carried throughout his life, but that is secondary to his service to his Parish. His humble example should be truly recognized by all Parishioners.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Anointing of the Sick Mass–September 19<sup>th</sup>

Hoagie Night–September 28<sup>th</sup>

First and Second Degree–September 29<sup>th</sup>

First Steps for Change Baby Bottle Drive–October

Family Memorial Service–November 2<sup>nd</sup>

St. Joseph School All Class Reunion–November 23<sup>rd</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-  
SEPTEMBER 2019*

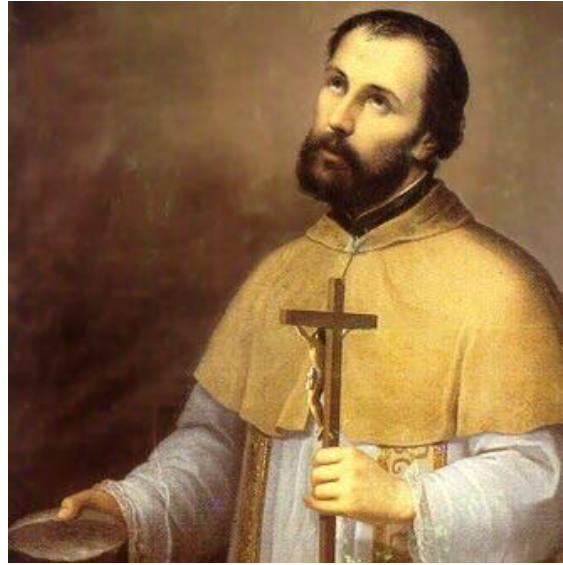
*ST. GREGORY THE GREAT-  
SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>*



*ST. MOTHER THERESA OF  
CALCUTTA-SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>*



*ST. PETER CLAVER-SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>*



*ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM-  
SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>*





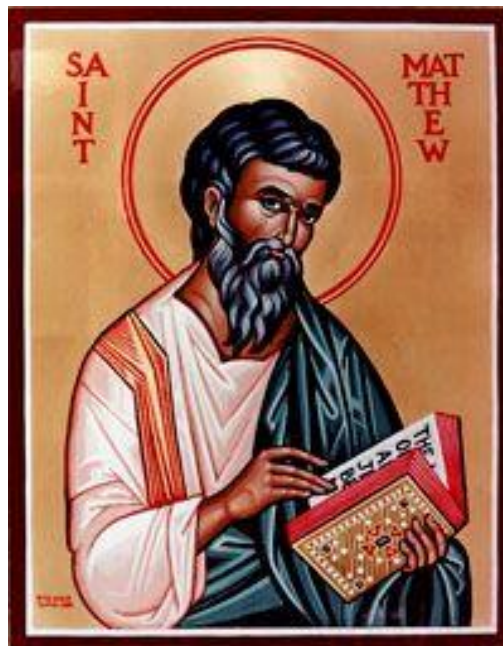
*OUR LADY OF SORROWS-  
SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>*



*SS. CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN-  
SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>*



*ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND  
EVANGELIST-SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>*



*SS. COSMAS AND DAMIAN-  
SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>*



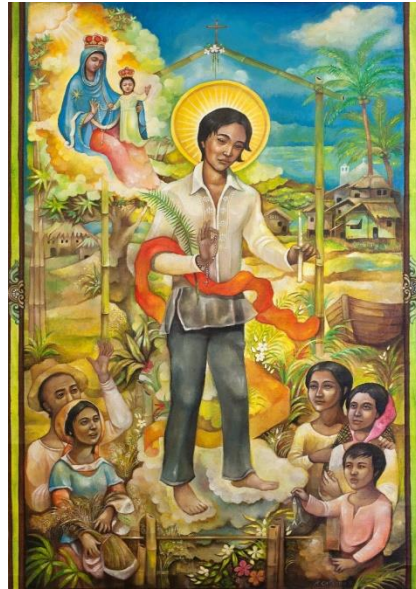
*ST. VINCENT DEPAUL-SEPTEMBER  
27<sup>TH</sup>*



*ST. WENCESLAUS-SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>*



*ST. LAWRENCE RUIZ AND  
COMPANIONS-SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>*

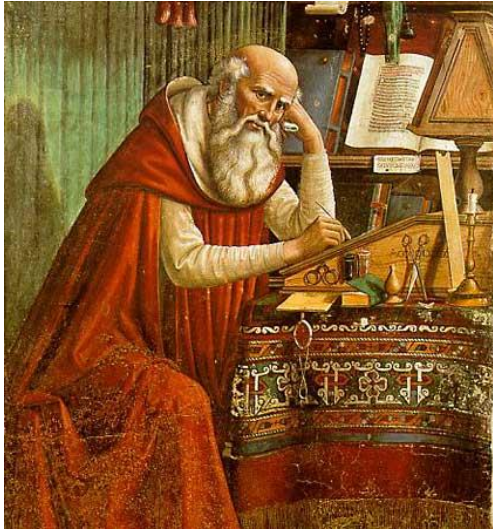


*ST. MICHAEL, ST. GABRIEL, AND  
ST. RAPHEAL, ARCHANGELS-  
SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>*





*ST. JEROME-SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>*



*Let us honor ST. MOTHER TERESA  
OF CALCUTTA-SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>*

**D**EAR JESUS, help  
me to  
spread

Thy fragrance  
everywhere I  
go. Flood my  
soul with Thy spirit and love. Penetrate  
and possess my whole being so utterly  
that all my life may only be a radiance  
of Thine. Shine through me and be so  
in me that every soul I come in contact  
with may feel Thy presence in my soul.  
Let them look up and see no longer me  
but only Jesus. Stay with me and then I  
shall begin to shine as you shine, so to  
shine as to be a light to others.



*PRAYER TO ST. VINCENT DEPAUL-  
SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>*

Noble Saint  
Vincent de Paul,  
beloved servant of  
the poor,  
may we follow your  
example and do  
good works  
among those whom  
society has  
abandoned,  
enslaved, or  
forgotten.



Inspire us to feed the hungry,  
to love a child,  
to provide comfort and medicine to the sick,  
to clothe those whose garments are  
threadbare,  
and to offer hope and our Lord's words  
to all who need respite.  
Pray for us to our beloved God  
that we may commit ourselves selflessly  
to doing the same charitable acts  
that you did all your life,  
and intercede with him  
that we may have the favor of his guidance  
and strength and love upon this important  
and meaningful work.

Amen.

*PLEASE KEEP THE VICTIMS OF  
HURRICANE DORIAN IN YOUR  
THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS*



Prayer for Protection against Storms and Hurricanes

Our Father in Heaven through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this Hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

[Knights Help Dorian Hurricane Victims](#)

[K of C Donates \\$250,000 In Aid To Bahamas](#)

*LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR  
BISHOP MURRY AS HE CONTINUES  
HIS BATTLE WITH LUKEMIA AND  
CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR  
LOVED ONES THAT ARE  
SUFFERING FROM ILLNESS OR  
CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL.*

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



**Protection of the Oceans**-That politicians, scientist and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

**From "Rejoice and Be Glad" by Pope Francis:**

152. I ask that we never regard prayerful silence as a form of escape and rejection of the world around us. The Russian pilgrim, who prayed constantly, says that such prayer did not separate him from what was happening all around him. "Everybody was kind to me; it was as though everyone loved me...Not only did I feel [happiness and consolation] in my own soul, but the whole outside world also seemed to me full of charm and delight."<sup>115</sup>

**MONTHLY CATECHISM PASSAGE-  
SEPTEMBER 2019**

**326** The Scriptural expression "heaven and earth" means all that exists, creation in its entirety. It also indicates the bond, deep within creation, that both unites heaven and earth and distinguishes the one from the other: "the earth" is the world of men, while "heaven" or "the

heavens" can designate both the firmament and God's own "place" - "our Father in heaven" and consequently the "heaven" too which is eschatological glory. Finally, "heaven" refers to the saints and the "place" of the spiritual creatures, the angels, who surround God.<sup>186</sup>

**MONTHLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE-  
SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Isaiah 43:20-21**

"The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise."

**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:

[Watchdogs concerned about religious persecution as UN commemorates victims](#)

[Mosul--from 15,000 Christians to 40](#)

[Sudan's persecuted Christians eye long sought religious freedom](#)

[Christians demand equal rights in Muslim majority Pakistan](#)

[Turkey turns on its own; churches face mounting pressure](#)

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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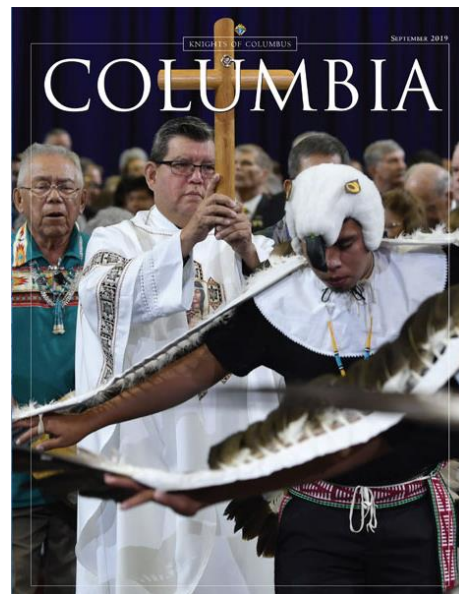
<https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2018/06/13/usccb-head->

[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.

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[September 2019 Issue](#)

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[August Knightline](#)

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<http://www.cnewa.org/home.aspx?ID=26&pagetypeID=12&sitecode=HQ>

**Pro-life Magazine**



<https://clmagazine.org/>



***MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNCIL  
FIELD AGENT, DAVID ROBERTS***

**September 2019 Council Meeting remarks**

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's the one month each year that the life insurance industry coordinates a campaign aimed at educating folks about the importance of life insurance and helping them get the coverage they need. I don't want to bore you with lots of statistics, but a recent survey from LIMRA (Life Insurance Marketing Research Association) found that only 59% of Americans own life insurance and about half of those are underinsured. (Although this report didn't say it, I've got to think these percentages are pretty much the same in Canada.) So that means that 70% of the population either has no life insurance or has too little life insurance.

So what does that have to do with the Knights? The historian, Christopher Kauffman, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book that he wrote on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founding. That book, Faith and Fraternalism, notes on page 13, "...he [Fr. McGivney] was deeply interested in pursuing the topic of a Catholic fraternal insurance society among groups of Catholic laymen of New Haven." Then on page 35 Mr. Kauffman goes on, "...he [Fr. McGivney again] spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature...his emphasis on business was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family."

Fr. McGivney lived both the social and the financial *insecurity* of a desperate family, with

the breadwinner suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings. He didn't want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament. That, and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order. Everyone who joined in those first years was insured; that was part and parcel of being in the organization. Now every member has a choice and every member should know what we do, and how we do it. Here's the process I use when I meet with families:

1. Discover – Identify & prioritize your financial goals
2. Gather Data – Collect facts & figures based on your current situation
3. Analyze – Input data, run calculations, identify shortfalls
4. Recommend – Propose a financial strategy designed to satisfy your goals
5. Implement – Choose a financial strategy and implement
6. Periodic Review – Review regularly, measure success, make adjustments

As you can tell, this is a painless process. But it can help any family, at any age, determine if they have blind spots in their coverage. It can help you avoid the pain of being underinsured. With a variety of life insurance products we offer we can help just about any person within any budget.

I don't know about you, but I don't want to buy life insurance...I want to buy what life insurance provides: no change in lifestyle for the survivors...in the house where they want to be. It'll pay for a daughter's wedding, a child's

college education and much more. What does life insurance provide? Peace of mind, security, freedom from anxiety, a safeguard from the unknown.

That's where I can help. Vivat Jesus,



#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**October 9, 2019**  
**November 13, 2019**  
**December 11, 2019**  
**January 8, 2020**

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<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-pallippambil-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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