

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SEPTEMBER 2019

In service to one.



COUNCIL 13977

In service to all.

Next Meeting: Wed. Oct 9, 2019

Columbus Day

Holiday



Columbus Day is a national holiday in many countries in the Americas and elsewhere which officially celebrates the anniversary of Christopher Columbus' discovery of the American Continent on October 12, 1492.

**PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW
BROTHER KNIGHTS TO OUR
COUNCIL!**

welcome

Welcome and congratulations to our new brother knights Vince Gutierrez, David Garrett, and Frank Mineo for making their first and second degrees! Brother Knight Frank made his first and second degree (along with Brother Knight Ron Turek who also made his second degree) at St. Charles Church in Boardman, Ohio on September

26th while Brother Knights Kevin and David made their first and second degrees at St. Patrick Church in Leetonia, Ohio on September 29th

FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Saturday, November 2nd, our council will be sponsoring our annual Family Memorial Service for thirteen of our Brother Knights

who have passed away. The Memorial Service will start with the Rosary at 8:30 A.M. The council is inviting all Brother Knights and their families to attend. Following the Memorial Prayer Service, there will be coffee and donuts served. It is anticipated that the Prayer Service and social will be over by 10:00 A.M.



FOOTBALL FUNCRAZER

Our Council's Annual Football Funcrazer will be running for 10 weeks starting with the weekend of October 27th. Although we will submit what



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we have at our next meeting, the final ticket turn in date will be October 30th. For more information, Brother Knight Bob Gugliotti will be selling tickets at both Masses by the vestibule doors as well as at Tuesday Bingo for the next four weeks through October 26–27th.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL ALL CLASS REUNION

Help will be needed to set up, provide food, and clean up for the St. Joseph



School All Class Reunion on Saturday November 23rd at All St. Joseph School alumni are encouraged to attend this exciting event! If you are interested in helping out or for more information, contact GK Ernie for details.

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 28th and 29th, 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 2nd and 3rd 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) 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 or Brother Knight Rich Mattiussi at mattiussi52001@yahoo.com (Bios are optional). This month's Knight of the Month is Brother Knight Ron Turek.



Ron was born on February 25, 1982. He is married to his wife, Gabby, and they have two daughters Gianna and Daphne. Ron received an associate's degree in Electronics Engineering and a BS degree in Computer Information Systems and works as a system technician for Armstrong Cable.

Ron has been a lifelong member of St. Joseph Parish and has only been a member of our council for several months as a 2nd degree knight. He wanted to join our council because he felt that he wanted to further his involvement within the church community. In addition to the K of C, Ron is also involved with the Parish Life Committee at St. Joe's.

A fun fact about Ron is that he has an amazing wife and kids.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Brother Knights who helped serve soup and sandwiches after the Anointing of the Sick Mass on September 19th and to the brother knights who helped serve hoagies and sausages and helped clean up afterwards for the hoagie night on September 28th. We also thank all of our knights for attending the degrees for our new members on. And as always, continued thanks to our very dedicated Bingo Volunteers. Your hard work and service are greatly appreciated!

LOOKING AHEAD

First Steps for Change Baby Bottle Drive–
October

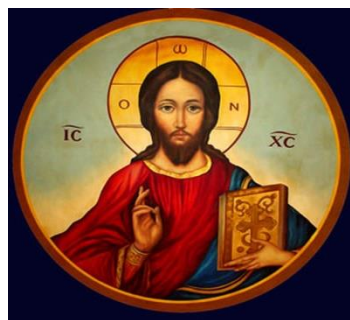
Family Memorial Service–November 2nd

St. Joseph School All Class Reunion–
November 23rd

November 28th–Thanksgiving

December 1st–Advent begins

December 25th–Christmas



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- OCTOBER 2019

***ST. THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD
JESUS-OCTOBER 1ST***



THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS- OCTOBER 2ND



***ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI-OCTOBER
4TH***



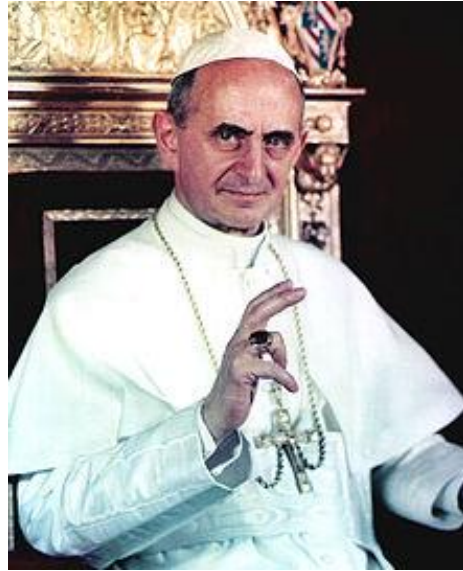
ST. BRUNO-OCTOBER 6TH



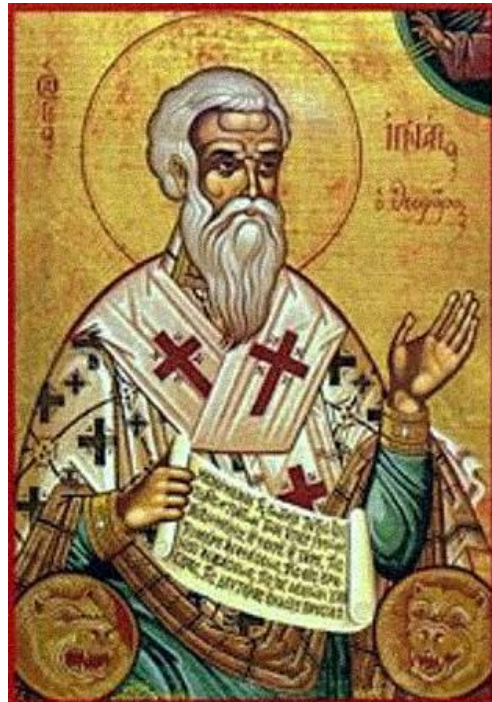
ST. JOHN XXIII-OCTOBER 11TH



ST. PAUL VI-OCTOBER 14TH



ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH-OCTOBER 17TH



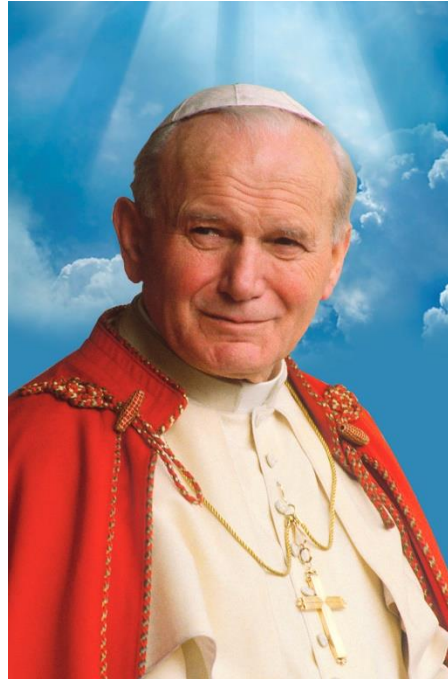
*ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST- OCTOBER
18TH*



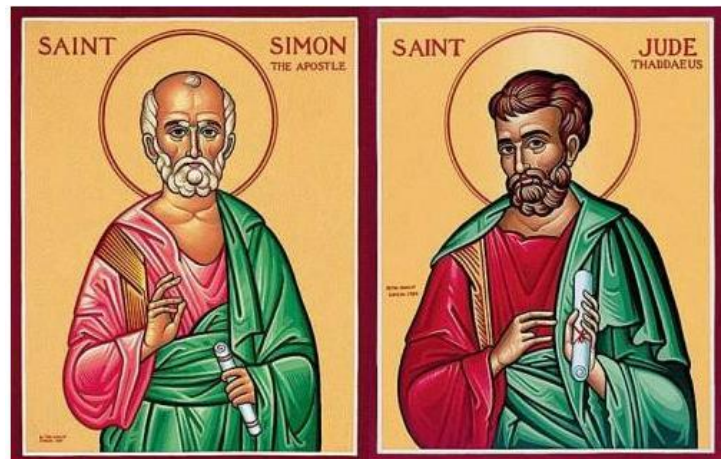
*ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS-OCTOBER
20TH*



ST. JOHN PAUL II-OCTOBER 22ND



*SS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES-
OCTOBER 28TH*



PRAYER CORNER

FEAST DAY NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS – OCTOBER 1ST

Feast Day Novena Prayer

(This prayer is used
by the Carmelites
during the Feast Day
Novena)



St. Therese, Flower of
fervor and love,
please intercede for
us.

Fill our hearts with
your pure love of

God.

As we approach and celebrate your feast
day,

make us more aware of the goodness of
God and how well He tends His garden.

Instill in us your little way of doing
ordinary things with extra-ordinary love.

Give us the heart of a child who wonders
at life and embraces everything with loving
enthusiasm.

Teach us your delight in God's ways
so that divine charity may blossom in our
hearts.

Little Flower of Jesus, bring our petitions
(*mention in silence here*)
before God, our Father.

With your confidence, we come before
Jesus

as God's children,

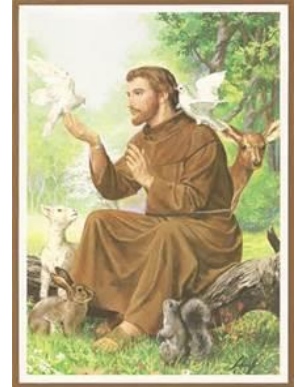
because you are our heavenly friend.

As we celebrate the Feast Day of your
homecoming in heaven, continue to
shower roses and grace upon us.

Amen

A PRAYER TO ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: FEAST DAY: OCTOBER 4TH

Lord, make me an instrument of Your
peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow
love; where there is
injury, pardon; where
there is doubt, faith;
where there is
despair, hope; where
there is darkness,
light; where there is
sadness, joy.



O, Divine Master,
grant that I may not
so much seek to be
consoled as to console; to be understood as
to understand; to be loved as to love; For it
is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning
that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we
are born again to eternal life.

A PRAYER TO ST. JOHN PAUL II:

FEAST DAY: OCTOBER 22ND

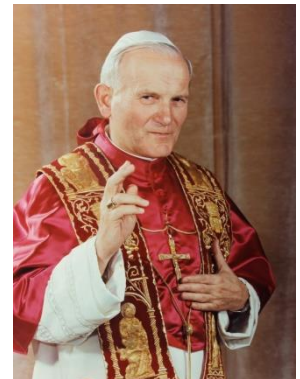
Oh, St. John Paul, from the window of heaven,
grant us your blessing!

Bless the church that
you loved and served
and guided,

courageously leading it
along the paths of the
world in order to bring
Jesus to everyone and
everyone to Jesus.

Bless the young, who
were your great
passion. Help them

dream again, help them look up high again to
find the light that illuminates the paths of life
here on earth.



May you bless families, bless each family! You
warned of Satan's assault against this precious
and indispensable divine spark that God lit on
earth. St. John Paul, with your prayer, may you
protect the family and every life that blossoms

from the family.

Pray for the whole world, which is still marked by tensions, wars and injustice. You tackled war by invoking dialogue and planting the seeds of love: pray for us so that we may be tireless sowers of peace.

Oh St. John Paul, from heaven's window, where we see you next to Mary, send God's blessing down upon us all. Amen.

PRAYER RECITED BY CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS AFTER SETTING FOOT IN AMERICA-COLUMBUS DAY-OCTOBER 12TH



"O Lord, eternal and omnipotent God, Thou hast, by Thy holy word, created the heavens, the earth, and the sea; blessed and glorified be Thy name; praised be Thy majesty, who hast deigned that, by means of Thy unworthy servant, Thy sacred name should be acknowledged and made known in this new quarter of the world."

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-OCTOBER 2019



A Missionary "Spring" in the Church-That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

From "Rejoice and Be Glad" by Pope Francis:

172. Nonetheless, it is possible that, even in prayer itself, we could refuse to let ourselves be confronted by the freedom of the Spirit, who acts as he wills. We must remember that prayerful discernment must be born of a readiness to listen: to the Lord and to others, and to reality itself, which always challenges us in new ways. Only if we are prepared to listen, do we have the freedom to set aside our own partial or insufficient ideas, our usual habits and ways of seeing things. In this way, we become truly open to accepting a call that can shatter our security, but lead us to a better life. It is not enough that everything be calm and peaceful. God may be offering us something more, but in our comfortable inadvertence, we do not recognize it.

**MONTHLY CATECHISM PASSAGE-
OCTOBER 2019**

851 *Missionary motivation.* It is from God's love for all men that the Church in every age receives both the obligation and the vigor of her missionary dynamism, "for the love of Christ urges us on."³⁴³ Indeed, God "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth";³⁴⁴ that is, God wills the salvation of everyone through the knowledge of the truth. Salvation is found in the truth. Those who obey the prompting of the Spirit of truth are already on the way of salvation. But the Church, to whom this truth has been entrusted, must go out to meet their desire, so as to bring them the truth. Because she believes in God's universal plan of salvation, the Church must be missionary.

**MONTHLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE-
OCTOBER 2019**

Revelation 14:6

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people.

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:**

**[Persecution of Christians is being
ignored, say Hungarian official](#)**

**[Brownback: Christianity's future in
the Middle East has reached defining
moment](#)**

**[At UN, Holy See requests increased
aid for Middle Eastern Christians](#)**

**[Pope Francis calls contemporary
martyrs 'seed of new Christians'](#)**

**[President calls to end persecution of
'people of 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-
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dignity/immigration/catholic-
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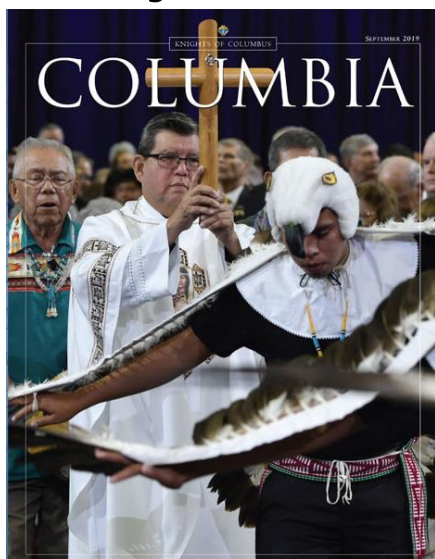
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/index.cfm>

<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



September 2019 Columbia



September 2019 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



<https://clmagazine.org/>



MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNCIL FIELD AGENT, DAVID ROBERTS

2019 October Council Meeting Message

The theme for October is “Real Life Stories.”

A field agent like me who is lucky enough to be doing this great work for even a few years, undoubtedly has a personal story of the chaos and disorder that a devastated family stares at when there is a sudden loss. If our goal is to protect Catholic families from the near devastation that our Venerable founder faced, then I have to tell the story of how I can help my brother knights. The process of making sure one has adequate protection for the family is not painful; in fact since we are brother knights serving brother knights, it is often a time of not only helping to protect all that is important to a family, but also a shared experience that leads to an abiding friendship.

There are two stories I’d like to relate.

The first is about a young boy named Julius. When Julius was 7 years old his mother, Irene, who was 37, died of cancer. His father, Norman, had two teenage girls along with 7-year-old Julius to support and raise. The family was forced to rely on the help and generosity of friends and relatives because Irene died without life insurance. Norman had a three hour commute to his job, but always supported his children’s activities. Julius excelled at sports, especially football and his dad spent what little free time he had fostering Julius and his talent. Julius later admitted that he “was handed a life lesson early, growing up with one parent. It wasn’t the easiest life—my dad sacrificed a lot.”

Fast forward to Julius some 30 years later and he is married, has a wife and two children. He’s done quite well for himself both professionally and financially. He has had a distinguished career and he has a considerable amount of life insurance to protect his family. Julius understands protection quite well after the early life he experienced. He understands the hardships of a family that loses a parent and what the children must go through. In his professional life he enjoyed considerable success because of those that protected him. For 13 years he was protected in his career. You see that protection for Julius came in the form of 300-pound offensive linemen...nobody called him Julius. His nickname was “Boomer” ...Boomer Esiason—a four-time Pro Bowler, an NFL Most Valuable Player and a Walter Peyton NFL Man of the Year. Most importantly, a husband to Cheryl and a father to Sydney and Gunnar.

“Life happens at the most unexpected of times, and life insurance is about protecting the future

and the people you love,” Boomer says.
 “Remember, if something happens and you haven’t done the planning, the people you leave behind will feel the brunt of your mistakes.” That story comes from LifeHappens.org.

The other story is not similar at all. It’s about a member of the Knights of Columbus. He passed away recently and like in Boomer’s family, left behind a spouse and several young children. There were no whispered worries at the funeral home. There was no GoFundMe page to raise money. There is no concern that the children will not go to college or that the wedding he promised his daughter will not take place. No, their home and future are secure. Who was that knight? I don’t know; you don’t hear about those men. Because the council didn’t have to have a spaghetti dinner or pass the hat. But I assure you he was out there. But you’ll never know it...because he planned.

Let’s sit down and do some planning and put your mind at ease. Vivat Jesus!



UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 13, 2019
December 11, 2019
January 8, 2020
February 12, 2020

OFFICERS

Grand Knight	Ernie Ramhoff III
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Bakos
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Chancellor	Joe Dravecky
Recorder	William Potkanowicz
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Advocate	Ernie Ramhoff II
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Inside Guard	Ken Balzic
Outside Guard	Bob Gugliotti
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Trustee for Two Years	Doug Styka
Trustee for Three Years	Joe Iwasky
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



<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 Pro-life 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-palliparambil-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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