

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

NOVEMBER 2019

*In service to one.*



COUNCIL 13977

*In service to all.*

**Next Meeting: Wed. Nov 13, 2019**

## NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS



Our new Brother Knights after our last meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>. (From left to right; Frank Mineo, David Garrett, and Kevin Gutierrez).

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. 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)

Thank you to all of the Brother Knights, their families, and the many parishioners



who have donated money to Catholic Charities this year. So far as of this writing, our council has raised up to \$866.50!!!!!! (Special thanks to Brother Knight Bob Gugliotti for retrieving many of the baby bottles after each Mass for the past few weeks.) Although the drive finished up on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we ask that all late baby bottles, whether full of loose change or empty, be returned ASAP in the boxes placed near the school office or in the vestibule. We will turn in a second collection within the next few weeks from the late returns. For more information, please see Brother Knights, Dominic and Richard Mattiussi concerning this project.

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## SNOWBLOWER RAFFLE

Tickets for our annual snowblower raffle are currently being sold before and after both 4:30 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses. The drawing will take place on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Each ticket is \$5.00 for a Toro with electric start --- a \$599.00 retail value. For more information please contact either Brother Knight Bob Gugliotti or Brother Knight Bill Potkanowicz.



## REMEMBERING BROTHER KNIGHTS JOE IWASKEY AND JOE REDA



On Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, our council sadly lost a very loyal and dedicated Brother Knight in Joe Iwaskey, who passed away from an apparent heart attack while on duty with the Army Reserves in Farrell, Pennsylvania.

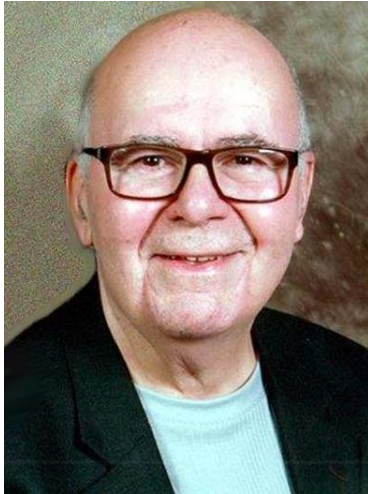
Joe was born on January 6, 1970 in Austintown, Ohio and lived in the area his entire life. He was a 1988 graduate of

Austintown Fitch High School and attended Youngstown State University. Joe had served in the Army Reserves for the past 20 years and currently worked for Delphi-Packard Electric in Warren, Ohio.

Joe was a longtime member at St. Joseph Parish and was a Fourth Degree Knight in our council currently serving as a trustee. He also was an avid runner who last ran the Panerathon 10k race in Youngstown this past summer and also enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Joe is survived by his mother, Kathy Iwaskey, with whom he made his home; eight siblings, Edward M. Iwaskey of Youngstown, Steve P. Iwaskey of Columbus, Mary H. Iwaskey of Columbus, Bill A. Iwaskey of Butler, Pennsylvania, Robert C. Iwaskey of Austintown, Thomas J. Iwaskey of Austintown, Patty and Dennis Walker of Columbus, Paul D. Iwaskey of Austintown, one niece, Mariah Snowden, and one nephew, Jonathan Walker.

Joe was preceded in death by his father David and grandparents, Steve and Maria Tkaczuk and Phillip and Helen Iwaskey.



On Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> our council lost a longtime dedicated Brother Knight and parishioner of St. Joseph, Joe Reda, who passed away after suffering from a courageous, half decade long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Joe was born on December 5, 1940 in Youngstown, Ohio and was a lifelong resident of the Mahoning Valley. He was a 1958 graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School and earned three degrees from Youngstown University; a Bachelors Degree in Business and a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Education.

Joe was longtime educator and administrator in the Youngstown City School System and began his career as a teacher in 1964 and retired in 1995 as the principal of West (now William Holmes McGuffey) Elementary School. After his retirement, Joe continued to work for the city schools until 2014 as a utility administrator and substitute principal.

Joe was one of the founding members of St. Joseph Church where he served as a lector and a parish council member and where he was an active leader of the Christ Renewals His Parish Program. He was also active in the Mens' Club and was a recipient of the Pope Pius XII Award for his many years teaching religious education at the church.

In addition, he was a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus; first as a member of Father Joseph Gallagher Council 3144 in Youngstown with his father, the late Joe Reda Sr. and then joined our Council 13977 more recently as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight.

Joe enjoyed playing racquetball and bowling in his younger days and was lifelong avid fan of Cleveland pro sports, especially the Cleveland Indians who were close to his heart. He was always remembered as a loving, gentle man with a wonderful sense of humor.

Joe is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years Marilyn J. (Debrosky) Reda, whom he married April 4, 1964; three children, Lisa (Brother Knight Richard) Mattiussi of Austintown, Nancy Reda of Austintown, and Brother Knight Steve (Breanne) Reda of Austintown; three grandchildren, Brother Knight Dominic Mattiussi of Austintown, Monica Mattiussi of Cincinnati, and Brother Knight Nicholas Mattiussi of Austintown; a sister Lois DiFrancesco of Warren; a first cousin, Ellen Bosco of Austintown; several

nieces and nephews and his furry feline companion Jerry.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Reda Sr. and Adeline "Lena" Nudo Reda and an infant son, Timothy Joseph Reda.

## 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 one of our new Brother Knights, Kevin Gutierrez.



## THANK YOU

Thank you to the Brother Knights and their families who attended and helped out with our Council's annual Memorial Service on November 9<sup>th</sup>. We also thank our Brother Knights who helped out with the Oktoberfest on October 19<sup>th</sup> and with the Cub Scout Trunk or Treat on October 20<sup>th</sup> and the CCD All Saints Day Parade on October 27<sup>th</sup>. And as always, continued thanks to our very dedicated Bingo Volunteers. Your hard work and service are greatly appreciated!

## LOOKING AHEAD

November 28<sup>th</sup>–Thanksgiving

St. Joseph School All Class Reunion–  
November 30<sup>th</sup>

Advent begins–December 1<sup>st</sup>

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Feast of the Immaculate Conception–  
December 8<sup>th</sup>

December 25<sup>th</sup>–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-  
NOVEMBER 2019***

***ALL SAINTS-NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>***



***ST. MARTIN DE PORES-NOVEMBER  
3<sup>RD</sup>***



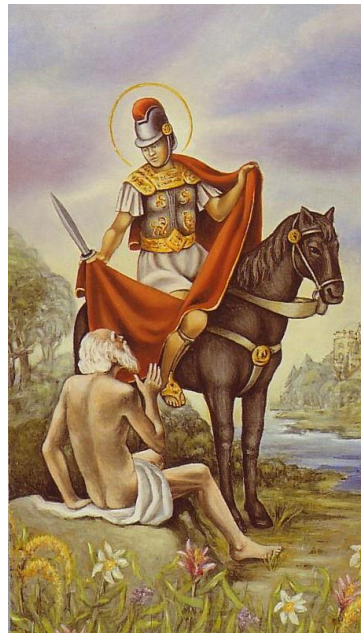
*ST. CHARLES BORROMEO-  
NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>*



*ST. LEO THE GREAT-NOVEMBER  
10<sup>TH</sup>*



*ST. MARTIN OF TOURS-NOVEMBER  
11<sup>TH</sup>*



*ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI-  
NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>*





*ST. ALBERT THE GREAT-  
NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>*



*ST. GERTRUDE-NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>*



*ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY-  
NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>*



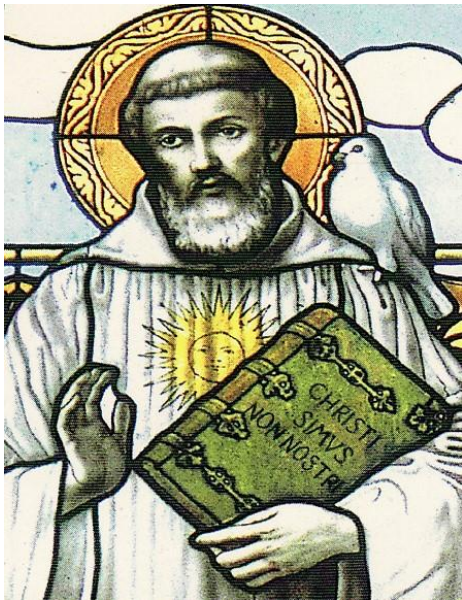
*ST. CECILIA-NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>*



*ST. CLEMENT I-NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>*



*ST. COLUMBAN, ABBOT-  
NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>*



*ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA-  
NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>*



*ST ANDREW, APOSTLE-NOVEMBER  
30<sup>TH</sup>*





## ***PRAYER CORNER***

### ***PRAYER TO ALL SAINTS- NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>***



Dear holy saints of God, we join our prayers of praise to yours this day. With you, we sing of God's goodness, rejoice in God's mercy and celebrate God's incredible love. Teach us to live as you lived, always think of others, always recognizing our weaknesses, always rejoicing in God's gifts, always closely following Jesus. Blessed are you, happy are you, all your holy saints of God. Pray for us that we, too, may someday be among God's Holy Ones.

***AMEN***

### ***PRAYER TO ALL SOULS-NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>***



Jesus, dear Savior, on this day we prayerfully remember all our loved ones who have died. Please give them comfort

and hope and may they be at peace, knowing that they will rest in God's arms eternally. Thank You for our memories of them and for the good times we shared. We ask You, please, through their intercession, to deepen our faith, strengthen our hope and increase our love that we, too, may someday stand before You, ready to enter Your Holy Kingdom.

***AMEN***

### ***A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION'S ELECTION-NOVEMBER 5, 2019***



O God, we acknowledge You today as Lord,  
not only of individuals, but of nations and governments.

We thank You for the privilege of being able to organize ourselves politically and of knowing that political loyalty does not have to mean disloyalty to You.

We thank You for Your law, which our Founding Fathers acknowledged and recognized as higher than any human law.

We thank You for the opportunity that this election year puts before us,  
To exercise our solemn duty not only to vote, but to influence countless others to vote, and to vote correctly.

Lord, we pray that Your people may be awakened.

Let them realize that while politics is not their salvation, their response to You

requires that they be politically active.

Awaken Your people to know that they are not called to be a sect fleeing the world, but rather a community of faith renewing the world.

Awaken them that the same hands lifted up to You in prayer are the hands that pull the lever in the voting booth; that the same eyes that read Your Word are the eyes that read the names on the ballot, and that they do not cease to be Christians when they enter the voting booth.

Awaken Your people to a commitment to justice, to the sanctity of marriage and the family, to the dignity of each individual human life, and to the truth that human rights begin when Human Life Begins at conception, and not one moment later.

Lord, we rejoice today that we are citizens of Your kingdom.

May that make us all the more committed to being faithful citizens on earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

## *A PRAYER FOR VETERANS DAY- NOVEMBER 11, 2019*



We ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces. We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe. We pray especially for the young men and women, in the thousands, who are coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord; may we pray for them when they cannot pray. We ask for, echoing St. John Paul II, an end to wars and the dawning of a new era of peace, As a way to honor all the veterans of past wars.

Have mercy on all our veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in. Bless all the soldiers who served in non-combatative posts; May their calling to service continue in their lives in many positive ways.

Give us all the creative vision to see a world which, grown weary with fighting, Moves to affirming the life of every human being and so moves beyond war. Hear our prayer, O Prince of Peace, hear our prayer. Amen.

*THANKSGIVING PRAYER–NOVEMBER  
28<sup>th</sup>.*



Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this **time** of giving *thanks*.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have betowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our **faith** and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our **family** and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and **blessing** throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother.

Amen.

*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–NOVEMBER 2019*



**Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East**–That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

**From “Rejoice and Be Glad” by Pope Francis:**

88. Peacemakers truly “make” peace; they build peace and friendship in society. To those who sow peace Jesus makes this magnificent promise: “They will be called children of God” (Mt 5:9). He told his disciples that, wherever they went, they were to say: “Peace to this house!” (Lk 10:5). The word of God exhorts every believer to work for peace, “along with all who call upon the Lord with a pure heart” (cf. 2 Tm 2:22), for “the harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace” (Jas 3:18). And if there are times in our community when we question what ought to be done, “let us pursue what makes for peace” (Rom 14:19), for unity is preferable to conflict.<sup>74</sup>



## **MONTHLY CATECHISM PASSAGE— NOVEMBER 2019**

**813** *The Church is one because of her source:* "the highest exemplar and source of this mystery is the unity, in the Trinity of Persons, of one God, the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit."<sup>259</sup> The Church is one *because of her founder:* for "the Word made flesh, the prince of peace, reconciled all men to God by the cross, . . . restoring the unity of all in one people and one body."<sup>260</sup> The Church is one *because of her "soul":* "It is the Holy Spirit, dwelling in those who believe and pervading and ruling over the entire Church, who brings about that wonderful communion of the faithful and joins them together so intimately in Christ that he is the principle of the Church's unity."<sup>261</sup> Unity is of the essence of the Church:

What an astonishing mystery! There is one Father of the universe, one Logos of the universe, and also one Holy Spirit, everywhere one and the same; there is also one virgin become mother, and I should like to call her "Church."

## **MONTHLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE— NOVEMBER 2019**

### **John 17:23**

<sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

## **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:**

**[Russia and Hungary to discuss  
persecuted Christians](#)**

**[Report: Christianity may disappear  
from Syria and Iraq—a call for  
international intervention](#)**

**[Pope Francis to visit Asia as it faces  
'unholy trinity' of Christian  
persecution](#)**

**[Syrian Christians Fear Persecution  
During Turkey Offensive](#)**

**[Analysis: Trump's reversal in Syria  
was a play to keep his base intact](#)**

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>

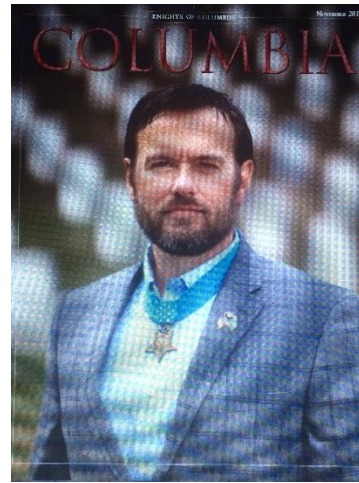
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/index.cfm>

<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](mailto:drmrocks@yahoo.com). I would be happy to receive and post any special prayer requests.

### Don't forget to Read



### November 2019 Columbia



### October 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*

#### **Council meeting message – November 2019**

As Thanksgiving approaches at the end of the month, I like to take stock of all the things I'm thankful for.

It's easy to say family and friends, those are blessings; and we sometimes take them for granted...but how about the little things in life. It might be that smile you get from person who hands you your cup of coffee in the morning, it may be relishing the crisp air on an autumn day. It may be a simple stroll in the park marveling at God's nature abounding. Maybe the joy of helping an older neighbor with a chore. All little things to be thankful for.

When I think about helping older neighbors, I often wonder just how many members have

taken advantage of help that they might need as they age. Some won't be able to do the simple activities of daily living. They'll need assistance, and with our mobile society may not have a relative nearby to help. That's where our Knights of Columbus Long Term Care Insurance plan might help.

Many people don't know how a long-term care insurance policy helps cover the costs of care when the policy holder has a chronic medical condition, a disability or a disorder such as Alzheimer's disease. You can receive care in your home, a nursing home, an assisted living facility, or an adult day care center.

LTC insurance helps protect all those assets you've worked so hard for over the years: your house, IRAs, savings, investments. They could all be wiped out with even a short stay in a nursing home. The website:

<https://longtermcare.acl.gov/costs-how-to-pay/costs-of-care.html> says that Home Health Care costs about \$22/hour, Assisted Living Facilities about \$4,245 per month and Nursing Home \$85,000 per year. More expensive areas of the country are more than that. Without LTC insurance many families would face a serious financial crisis.

Most people aren't eager to talk about long term care; but it's important to have a plan. Many people want to wait until they are in their 60s or 70s before they start to consider long term care. But at younger ages it's more likely you can qualify...and the price is less expensive when you're younger.

I can help design a plan to fit your needs...and your budget. With that you can have peace of mind that you will get the care you need, when you need and where you want it.



Let's talk and see how you can protect your assets.

Vivat Jesus!



#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**December 11, 2019**

**January 8, 2020**

**February 12, 2020**

**March 11, 2020**

#### OFFICERS

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Trustee for Three Years	
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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 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-pallipparambil-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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