

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

DECEMBER 2019

In service to one.



COUNCIL 13977

In service to all.

Next Meeting: Wed. Dec 11, 2019



This month's upcoming meeting will be a social meeting where spouses and family members of our Brother Knights are encouraged to attend. We will hold a brief meeting (no voting on any business), food and drink and a fun game. The event will start at 7 p.m. in Mercy Hall.

Also, everyone 18 and older please bring a wrapped gift for a gift game. Any type of gift is good from candy to diamonds. Gift should be at least \$5.00 or more. Whatever you like to spend.

Special thanks to GK Ernie Ramhoff for ordering pizza and drinks. However, we also encourage anyone to bring a side dish, snack, or desert to share. More food is always better.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Bonnie Zoldak for winning our annual snowblower raffle on December 1st!

Thank you to chairpersons Brother Knights Bob Gugiliotti and Bill Potkanowicz, in addition to Jake, Josh, and Zach Potkanowicz, and Rich DiMarino for all chipping in at one point to sell raffle tickets.



CHILI COOKOFF

The annual parish Chili Cook Off will be held on Saturday, January 25th following the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Once again, our Council will be participating along with other organizations from our parish. Special thanks to Brother Knight Ken Balzic for volunteering to make the chili for the event!



HOAGIE NIGHT

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



11th after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. If you are interested serving food or to help set up and clean up afterwards, please see GK Ernie for more information.

DONUT SUNDAY

Help will be needed for Donut Sunday sponsored by our council on Sunday, January



12th after 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please contact GK Ernie for more 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 surpassed last year's total and has raised up to \$928.50!!!!!! (Special thanks to Brother Knight Bob Gugliotti for retrieving many of the baby bottles after each Mass for the past few weeks.) 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. Once we have every baby bottle returned, our council will write a second check to Catholic Charities to go along with the \$866.50 that was raised after the

original deadline (Special thanks to our Treasurer, Brother Knight Clem Claussen for depositing the first 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 Rich DiMarino.



Rich was born on January 26, 1947 to Gaetano and Minnie DiMarino, in Lowellville, Ohio and is the youngest of 6 children. His father immigrated to the U.S. from Naples, Italy, and was a landscaper while his mother was a homemaker. Growing up, Rich attended Lowellville High School and was an altar server at Masses at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church as a boy, and eventually would become an usher and assisted the priest with whatever needed done.

Rich worked for Youngstown Cartage Trucking Co. from 1968–1982 (the year that they closed) and then he began working in Environmental Services at St. Elizabeth Hospital until his retirement in 2009. It was while working at St. E's that Rich met his wife, Jean Maughan–DiMarino, and they were married in 1995.

Rich became a member of our council here at St. Joseph in 2009, the same year he also became a member of the Men's Club. Over

the years, he has assisted with; Hoagie Nights, Donut Sundays, various raffles, and has worked in the Bingo Kitchen. Rich also has been involved with and enjoys working at the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen and says his involvement "is a very rewarding experience". When asked about why he decided to become a knight, he stated "After getting married, I guess I needed some interaction with the guys". He then decided to become a knight after encouragement from Brother Knight George Zokle, and his brother Mike at the time sponsored him as he took instructions.

Rich loves to eat pizza and pasta and could eat it 7 days a week. At his leisure, he enjoys Ohio State football, Cleveland Indians, and New York Yankees baseball. He also likes to spoil his two dogs: Gidget and Snickers, who keep him busy and active, in which he loves it.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Brother Knights who helped set up, provide food, and clean up for the St. Joseph School All Class Reunion on Saturday, November 30th and again to the Brother Knights (see article on page 1) who helped with the snowblower raffle this year. Special thanks to the 4th degree Knights who were present for honor guard and helped served food at the Rite of Acceptance ceremony on December 7th. And as always, continued thanks to our very

dedicated Bingo Volunteers. Your hard work and service are greatly appreciated!

LOOKING AHEAD

Advent begins–December 1st

Rite of Acceptance–December 7th

Feast of the Immaculate Conception–
December 8th

Christmas–December 25th

Solemnity of Mary–January 1st

Hoagie Night– January 11th

Donut Sunday–January 12th

Chili Cook–Off–January 25th



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- DECEMBER 2019

***ST. FRANCIS XAVIER-DECEMBER
3RD***



ST. BARBARA-DECEMBER 4TH



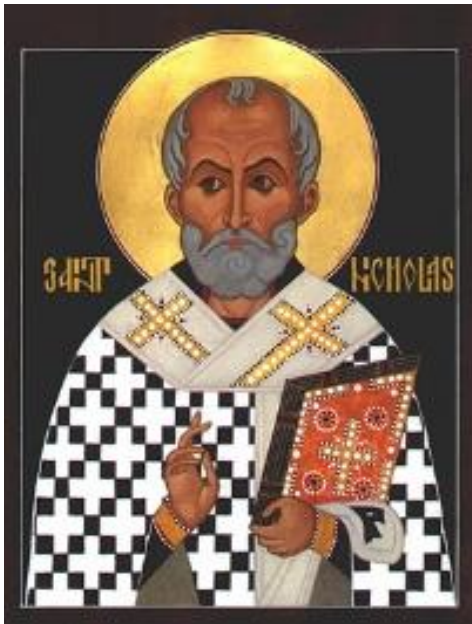
ST. AMBROSE-DECEMBER 7TH



*IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-
DECEMBER 8TH*



ST. NICHOLAS- DECEMBER 6TH



ST. JUAN DIEGO-DECEMBER 9TH



*OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE-
DECEMBER 12TH*



ST. LUCY-DECEMBER 13TH



*ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS-
DECEMBER 14TH*



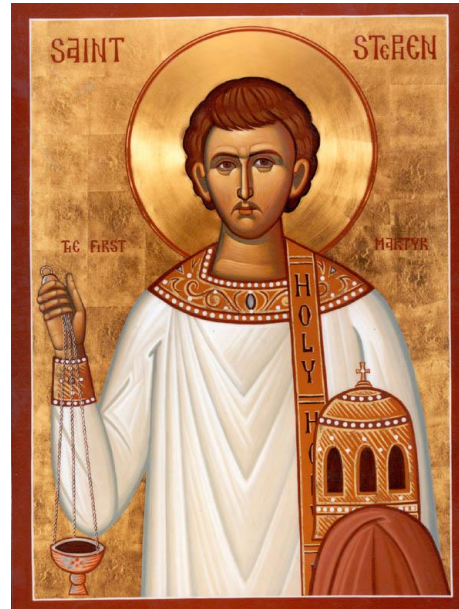
*ST. PETER CANISIUS-DECEMBER
21ST*



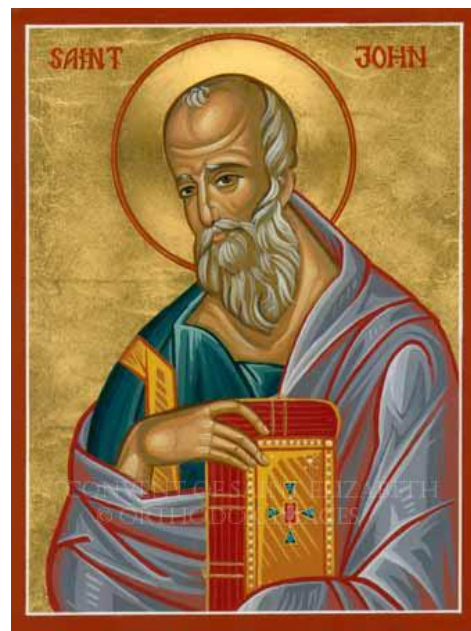
*ST. JOHN OF KANTY-DECEMBER
23RD*



ST. STEPHEN-DECEMBER 26TH



*ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND
EVANGELIST-DECEMBER 27TH*



*ST. THOMAS BECKET-DECEMBER
29TH*



*THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH-DECEMBER
30TH*



ST. SYLVESTER I-DECEMBER 31ST



PRAYER CORNER

A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the **wisdom** and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my **prayer** as part of my service of the **Lord** who enlists me in God's own work for justice.



Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His **will** so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is **right** to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too,

sober reverence for the **God** who acted there, hearty gratitude for the **life** begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of **Jesus** Christ, whose **advent** I hail. Amen.

*PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION-DECEMBER 8TH*



O God, who by the **Immaculate Conception** of the Blessed Virgin Mary, didst prepare a worthy dwelling place for thy Son, we beseech thee that, as by the foreseen death of this, thy Son, thou didst preserve her from all stain, so too thou wouldst permit us, purified through her intercession, to come unto thee. Through the same **Lord Jesus** Christ, thy Son, who livest and reignest with thee in the **unity** of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

Amen.

*PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE-DECEMBER 12TH*



Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mystical Rose, make intercession for the Holy Church, protect the Sovereign Pontiff, help all those who invoke thee in their necessities, and since thou art the ever Virgin Mary, and Mother of the True God, obtain for us from thy most holy Son the grace of keeping our faith, of sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life, of burning charity, and the precious gift of final perseverance.

Amen.

*SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR
CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY-
DECEMBER 24TH AND DECEMBER
25TH*



Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

*PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS
MORNING DECEMBER 25TH*



The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven, and crowns another year with peace and good will. Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world... Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May

the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, And the Christmas evening bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

*PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY-
DECEMBER 30TH*



JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you.

Amen.

*TO ALL OF OUR BROTHER
KNIGHTS AND
THEIR FAMILIES,
MERRY AND
BLESSED
CHRISTMAS
SEASON TO ALL
AND A HAPPY
AND
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR! FOR
CHRIST IS BORN TO SAVE US ALL
FROM SIN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!*



*LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR
BISHOP MURRY AS HE RECOVERS
FROM 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-DECEMBER 2019*



Future of the Very Young-That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the

future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

From “Rejoice and Be Glad” by Pope Francis:

127. With the love of a father, God tells us: “My son treat yourself well...Do not deprive yourself of a happy day” (Sir 14:11.14). He wants us to be positive, grateful and uncomplicated: “In the day of prosperity, be joyful...God created human beings straightforward but they have devised many schemes” (Eccl 7:14.29)

MONTHLY CATECHISM PASSAGE- DECEMBER 2019

2214 The divine fatherhood is the source of human fatherhood;¹⁶ this is the foundation of the honor owed to parents. The respect of children, whether minors or adults, for their father and mother¹⁷ is nourished by the natural affection born of the bond uniting them. It is required by God's commandment.¹⁸

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE- DECEMBER 2019

Jeremiah 1:4-7

Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not

be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.”

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:**

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Christian Persecution convenes in
Budapest](#)

[Hungary & Russia to protect
persecuted Christians in Middle East](#)

[Victims of Christian persecution
remembered at 'Night of Witness'
service](#)

Christian Persecution in Europe 'Much Closer' Than Many Think, Warn Hungarian Premier

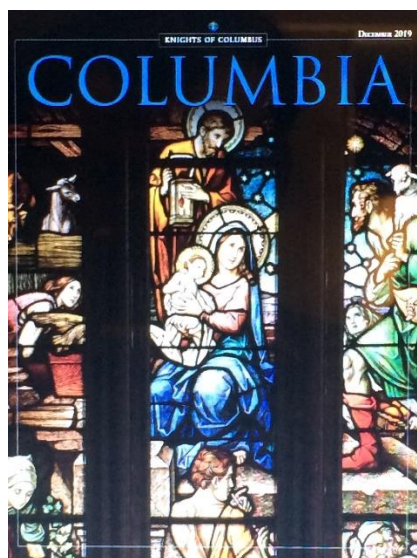
**Articles (Links) on current immigration
crisis in our country. Please continue to
keep the poor children who are
separated from their families in your
prayers.**

[Immigration reform among priorities
for new USCCB president](#)

[U.S. Catholic Bishops Elect Hispanic
Immigrant as Leader](#)

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.

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MONTHLY MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNCIL FIELD AGENT, DAVID ROBERTS

Council meeting message – December 2019

We seem to say it every year, “It’s almost Christmas, where has the year gone?” As we look back, we measure the passing of the seasons, from one holiday to the next, and see how our lives have changed over that time. Christmas and the end of the year mark a milestone for most of us. The season gives us pause to thank God for sending his only-begotten Son to redeem us and it is a time to reflect on all the gifts we’ve received from him. God’s gift to us inspires the gift-giving so many of us enjoy at Christmastime. We certainly enjoy receiving those gifts but reflect for a moment of what the giving of gifts does for the gift-giver.

Some gift-givers aren’t so good with words, so they use gifts: Remember “Say it with flowers,” the slogan of FTD. Some get a sense of satisfaction in seeing the happiness of the recipient, some feel appreciation that they are able to share what God has given them. It seems to fulfill the need to please, encourage or help someone. It makes us feel good to give.

As I look back at 2019, I can’t help but think of all of the selfless members of the Order who gave gifts to help others. As our Supreme Knight highlighted in his address at the Supreme Convention just a few months ago we are “Knights of Charity.” And we prove this every day with the many people who give of themselves; give of their time, their talent or their treasure, to help those less fortunate and those in need.

Supreme Knight Anderson spoke about the disaster relief provided by our Knights of Charity; \$4.2 million supporting hurricane victims alone. The one thousandth ultrasound machine has been placed in service to help save more unborn children. He talked about our mission of charity to the Middle East and the Christian community there that faces extinction. More than \$20 million has provided food, shelter, clothing and a new 140-unit apartment building for Christians and those of other religions who need our help. Knights of Charity helped provide coats for more than 105,000 kids who will now stay warm this winter.

Knights are known for their generosity. We are indeed, Knights of Charity.

All of these important initiatives help many others, but don't forget about your own family... and I'm not talking about gifts that you'll put under the tree. This holiday season as we think of giving and receiving, when we think of all the good gifts we have been given and all we are able to give, make sure you give your family the gift of peace of mind. Secure in the knowledge that whatever challenges they may face, you have protected them.

The Knights of Columbus has the products that will do just that: Provide financially for your family if you aren't here, make sure you have enough for a comfortable retirement, give the care needed if you can't care for yourself and make sure all of this comes to pass if you are sick or hurt and can't work. It's painless to sit down with me to analyze your particular situation.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior! As Isaiah 9:5 says: For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-

Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. (New American Bible, Revised Edition)

Vivat Jesus!



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January 8, 2020

February 12, 2020

March 11, 2020

April 8, 2020

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<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/>

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<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>

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

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