

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

JANUARY 2020

*In service to one.*



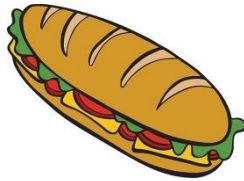
COUNCIL 13977

*In service to all.*

**Next Meeting: Wed. Jan. 8, 2020**

## HOAGIE NIGHT

Volunteers are needed to help at the Hoagie Night on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. If you are interested in serving food or helping set up and cleaning 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 12<sup>th</sup> after 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please contact GK Ernie for more details.



## CHILI COOKOFF

The annual parish Chili Cook Off will be held on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 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!

## MASS FOR LIFE

Please plan to attend the Mass for Life which will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Columba Cathedral and will be followed by a reception including an Expo of

Respect Life information. A blessing of mothers and their unborn children will take place during Mass.



Donations are accepted. The Knights of Columbus are firmly committed to honoring life from the moment of conception until death. For more information contact the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life at (330) 744-8451 ext. 272

## 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 Brother Knight Shawn Murphy.



Shawn grew up in Youngstown and prior to attending St. Joseph Church, he attended Mass at St. Dominic Church and St. Patrick Church on the city's southside. He graduated from Cardinal Mooney High School in 1984 and then attended YSU where he received his BA in Geography in 1998. He is married to his wife, Shannon, and they have two children, Nicole, 20, and Conor, 18, who he would like to get involved in our K of C council. He currently works as a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service.

Shawn has been a member of our council for 4 years and credits Brother Knight Rich Mattiussi for helping him get involved. He feels that the K of C is great fellowship and a great way to help your parish community. Shawn also states about the council, "A few people do many things, but if each of us

find one thing to do to help, we will be successful in making this group work”.

Shawn is a big fan of all Cleveland sports teams and loves all foods that he shouldn't eat (ex. pizza). In the past, he had been active with the Austintown Fitch High School Marching Band Parents when his son Conor played baritone in the band and also coached baseball for 8 years.

## THANK YOU

Continued thanks to our very dedicated Bingo Volunteers. Your hard work and service are greatly appreciated!

## LOOKING AHEAD

Hoagie Night– January 11<sup>th</sup>

Donut Sunday–January 12<sup>th</sup>

Chili Cook–Off–January 25<sup>th</sup>

Mass for Life–January 26<sup>th</sup>

Ash Wednesday–March 6<sup>th</sup>



Celebrate Weekend–March 13<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup>

Palm Sunday–April 5<sup>th</sup>

Holy Thursday–April 9<sup>th</sup>

Good Friday–April 10<sup>th</sup>

Easter–April 12<sup>th</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-JANUARY  
2020*

*ST. BASIL THE GREAT-JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>*



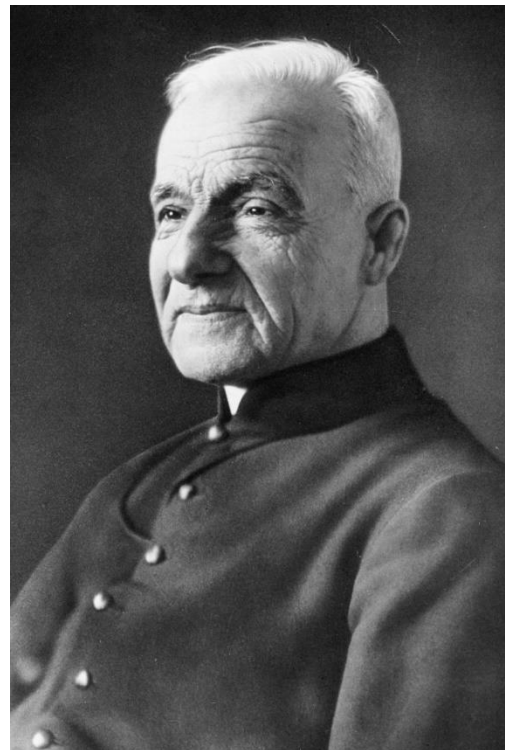
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JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>.*



*ST. JOHN NEUMANN-JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>*



*ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE-JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>*

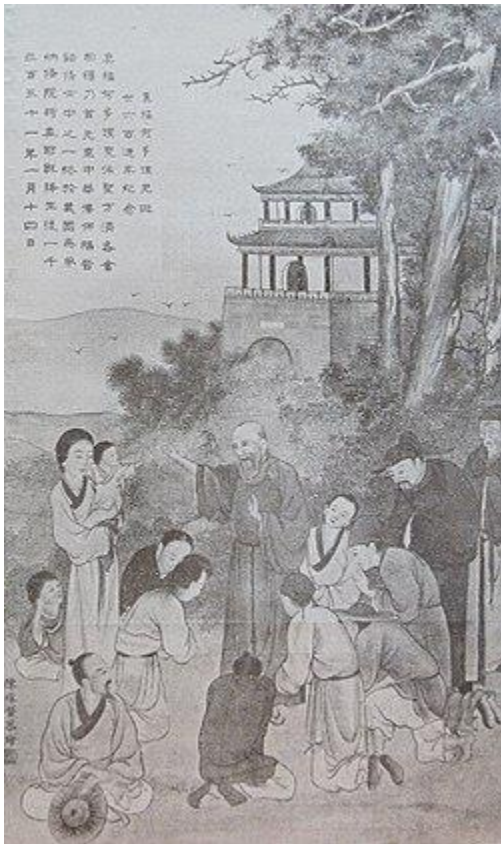




*ST. HILARY OF POITIERS-JANUARY  
13<sup>TH</sup>*



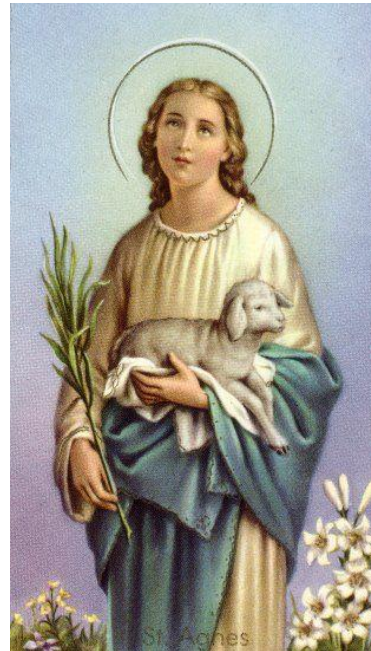
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JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>*



*SS. FABIAN AND SEBASTIAN-  
JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>*



*ST. AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARTYR-  
JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>*



*ST. FRANCIS DESALES-JANUARY  
24<sup>TH</sup>*



*SS. TIMOTHY AND TITUS-JANUARY  
26<sup>TH</sup>*



*ST. ANGELA MERICI-JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>*

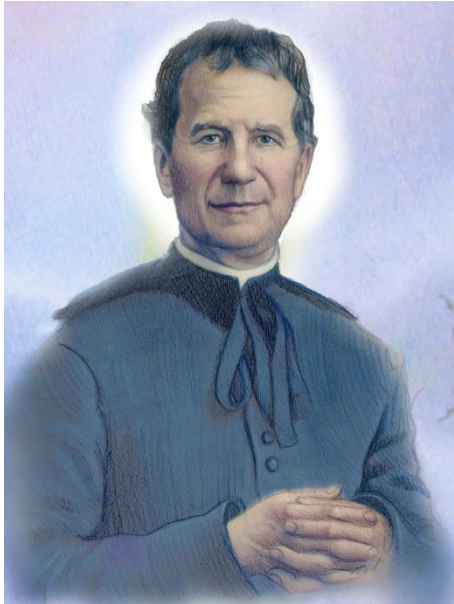


*ST. THOMAS AQUINAS-JANUARY  
28<sup>TH</sup>*





*ST. JOHN BOSCO-JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>*



### ***PRAYER CORNER***

*PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR-  
JANUARY 1, 2020*



O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our **prayers** on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole **Catholic** Church; convert **heretics** and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy

blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year **will** be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our **prayers** and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee.

**Amen.**

### *A PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN*



Heavenly Father, in Your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those helpless little ones to whom You have given the gift of life.

Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood.

Help them to see that the child they carry is made in Your image, as well as theirs, made for eternal life.

Dispel their fear of selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother can give.

We ask this through **Jesus** Christ, Your Son, Our **Lord** Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

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*RESPECT LIFE! ALL HUMANS ARE  
CREATED IN GOD'S SACRED  
IMAGE.*



*LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR  
BISHOP MURRY AS HE HAS  
RECOVERED FROM HIS CANCER  
TREATMENT AND RETURNS TO  
WORK. AND ALSO FOR OUR  
LOVED ONES THAT ARE  
SUFFERING FROM ILLNESS OR  
CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL.*

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*POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY PRAYER  
INTENTION-JANUARY 2020*



**Promotion of World Peace**-We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

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

101. Our defense of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection.

*MONTHLY CATECHISM PASSAGE-  
JANUARY 2020*

2270 [Human life](#) must be [respected](#) and [protected absolutely](#)



from the [moment](#) of [conception](#).

From the first [moment](#) of his [existence](#), a [human](#) being must be [recognized](#) as [having](#) the [rights](#) of a [person](#) - among which is the [inviolable right](#) of every [innocent](#) being to [life](#).<sup>71</sup>

Before I [formed](#) you in the [womb](#) I [knew](#) you, and before you were [born](#) I [consecrated](#) you.<sup>72</sup> My frame was not [hidden](#) from you, when I was being made in [secret](#), intricately [wrought](#) in the [depths](#) of the [earth](#).<sup>73</sup>

#### *MONTHLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE- JANUARY 2020*

**Proverbs 24:11-12** Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter. If you say, "Behold, we did not know this, does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it, and will he not repay man according to his work?"

#### **Christian Persecution**



#### ***FAITH IN A TIME OF PERSECUTION***

**PLEASE DONATE TO HELP OUR  
PERSECUTED BROTHERS AND**

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**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:**

**[Hungary isn't afraid to call 'Christian persecution' what it is](#)**

**[Christian survivors of religious persecution around the world share 'heartbreaking testimonies' at UN](#)**

**[Hope for persecuted Christians this Christmas](#)**

**[UN, UK Treating Persecuted Christians as "Enemies"](#)**

**[Eastern Christians are going extinct, but the Vatican is obsessed with global warming](#)**

**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.**

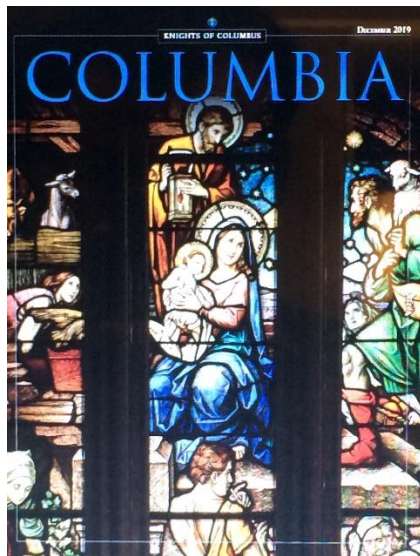
**[The nun working to bring justice to immigrants at the border](#)**

**[Catholic Charities works to help immigrants understand legal options](#)**

**[How the Christmas story calls Catholics to action](#)**

**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.

### **Don't forget to Read**



### **December 2019 Columbia**



### **November/December 2019 Knightline**

January 2020 issues of Columbia and Knightline were not released on the official K of C website by the time of this newsletter's publication. Go to [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) to look for the new issues within the coming weeks.

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/>

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



Council Meeting Message – January 2020

Happy New Year! As we begin the new year it's common to review the past year and look at what we'd like to accomplish in the new one. Already there's been much advertising and talk about 2020 and the relation to our eyesight...how we'll be able to see more clearly, look at the year with new vision, not be shortsighted.

Of course, all this talk about the future brings us to the usual thinking about the new year...making resolutions. That is a good thing! All of us want to resolve to do those things that will lead to happier, healthier lives.

Some of the most common resolutions are to lose weight, get in shape and exercise more. Others resolve to stop smoking.

If you think about the spiritual, many new year's resolutions concern having a more centered prayer life or receiving the sacraments more often.

Many of my friends think more about quality time...quality time spent with their family and friends; those that are most important in their lives.

As you think about family, one resolution I can help you keep is to update your Family Service Record and take stock of your financial goals. Are you where you want to be? Do you have a plan? With our professional approach using the Profiles+ Forecaster financial needs analysis you can see if there are any gaps in your coverage and how close you are to achieving your goals and aspirations.

Some members are not aware of all the products we have to offer: Life insurance, long term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities. These products can help protect your family in all the financial situations where you might find yourself. Life insurance protects your loved ones financially if you are not here to help provide. The need for life insurance changes at different stages of a person's life: Young and unmarried members and the man retiring next month each have life insurance needs, but the type and amount may vary widely. I can give you some advice on that. Disability income insurance provides a paycheck if you are sick or hurt and can't work. If your company offers some, do you know how much, for how long and is it taxable? I can help sort that out. Long term care insurance protects those assets you've worked so hard all your life to accumulate. Don't deplete all the family's savings for a care event when the Knights can take on that risk. With all the concern about market volatility and the health of Social Security, our fixed rate annuities guarantee a minimum interest rate for life, the safety of conservative investment strategy and an income stream you cannot outlive.

What's most important to you and your family? There is no cookie cutter answer. That's why I meet with members and their spouses and first determine what issues are of most concern to you. From there I can help analyze where you are in relation to your goals and construct a plan to get you where you want to go. All done in the comfort of your home and at your convenience.

As a brother Knight and your field agent I have so much more responsibility than a simple financial advisor or stock broker. We'll take a look at your dreams, goals and aspirations for 2020 and beyond. Resolve today to meet with me and ensure that at the end of this new year, your financial picture will be seen with 2020 vision.  
Vivat Jesus!





### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**February 12, 2020**

**March 11, 2020**

**April 8, 2020**

**May 13, 2020**

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Outside Guard	Bob Gugliotti
Trustee for One Year	Dominic Mattiussi
Trustee for Two Years	Doug Styka
Trustee for Three Years	Open
Lecturer	Rich Mattiussi
Financial Secretary	Bob Pesa



**47<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life**

**January 24, 2020**

**Washington D.C.**

Check out our local Catholic Radio  
Channel:



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

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



<http://doyorg.ipage.com/files/>



<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-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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