

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FEBRUARY 2020

In service to one.



COUNCIL 13977

In service to all.

Next Meeting: Wed. Feb 12, 2020

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to GK Ernie Ramhoff and family for winning 1st prize in this year's chili cookoff and to Trevor Ramhoff for winning 1st place with his winning chocolate Rolo pie.



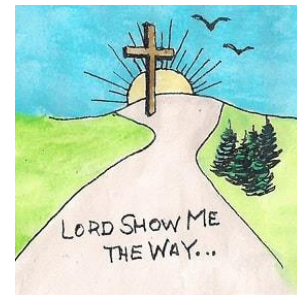
ANNUAL CLEANING PRODUCT DRIVE

Our council in cooperation with the Catholic Charities Regional Agency, is sponsoring a drive to collect paper products, cleaning supplies, and health and beauty products for disadvantaged persons in our local area. These items can be dropped off in the container located near the side office of the church. **The last collection day will be February 23, 2020.** For more information, please contact GK Ernie. Thank you in advance for your support.



MEN'S MILE MARKER 2020 RETREAT

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be hosting a Men's Mile Marker Retreat on Saturday,



February 22, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Msgr. Prokop Parish Center. The day will include fellowship, food, fun, and faith. If you feel that you would like to attend this upcoming event, please contact Chad Rachic ((330) 507-8045), Tom McGahagan ((330) 507-7530), or Bob Wirtz ((330) 610-5114). You can also fill out a registration form at <http://www.ihm-parish.com/contact-form---mens-renewal.html>.

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELOWSHIP CONFERENCE

"Rise Up, O Men of God"

Men, is your spiritual life on Saturday evening or Sunday morning a mechanical



chore or a real spiritual activity? Is there room for spiritual growth in your life? If so, come together with men from the Diocese of Youngstown for a day of fellowship, spiritual awakening, and new direction on Saturday, March 21st; 8:00 a.m., (closing with Mass at 4:00 p.m. which wives and children are welcomed to attend) at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Louisville, Ohio. Keynote speakers will include Dr. Ray Guarendi from the Catholic Radio show, "The Doctor is In" and Bishop George V. Murry. Go to www.CMFDOY.org for more information, to download a registration form, or register online.

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 Frank Mineo.



Frank was born on June 26, 1960 in Youngstown. Growing up, he attended Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in

Austintown and graduated from Fitch High School in 1978. Frank is married to his wife, Diane, and they have two children, Frank Jr. and Kelly.

Frank works for Nationwide Industrial Supply, which is a nut and bolt (along with just about anything else) supply warehouse. Frank has currently been a member of our council for six months and in addition to the K of C, he also cantors at Masses and is involved with the RCIA program here at St. Joe's. He was encouraged to join the knights because he always has respected the men that he has known that are or have been knights in the past. He also wanted to look for a way to become more active in the church and in his Catholic faith. Personally, Frank also felt that he could contribute more to the Knights than to any other organization.

Frank is a fan of the Cleveland Indians, the Pittsburgh Steelers, and Ohio State and enjoys eating any kind of pasta. He loves to sing anywhere, anytime, and loves to play golf. In the past, Frank was an avid bowler before having to get hip surgery. Most recently, he made a Cursillo weekend and would like to encourage anyone in our council who would be interested in making a future retreat to contact him personally after both 4:30 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses or email him at fmimeo248@zoominternet.net for more details.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Brother Knights who helped with the Hoagie Night on January 11th, Donut Sunday on January 12th, and the Chili Cookoff on January 25th. Special thanks to the Brother Knights who attended the Mass for Life at St. Columba Cathedral on January 26th. Also, continued thanks to our very dedicated Bingo Volunteers. Your hard work and service are greatly appreciated!

LOOKING AHEAD

Polka Mass and SS. Cyril and Methodius
Dinner-February 15th

Men's Mile Marker Retreat at IHM-February
22nd

Ash Wednesday-February 26th



Celebrate Weekend-March 13th-15th

Catholic Men's Fellowship-March 21st

Palm Sunday-April 5th

Holy Thursday-April 9th

Good Friday-April 10th

Easter-April 12th

John R. Rozzo Memorial Scholarship Benefit
Dinner-May 16th



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- FEBRUARY 2020

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD-FEBRUARY 2ND



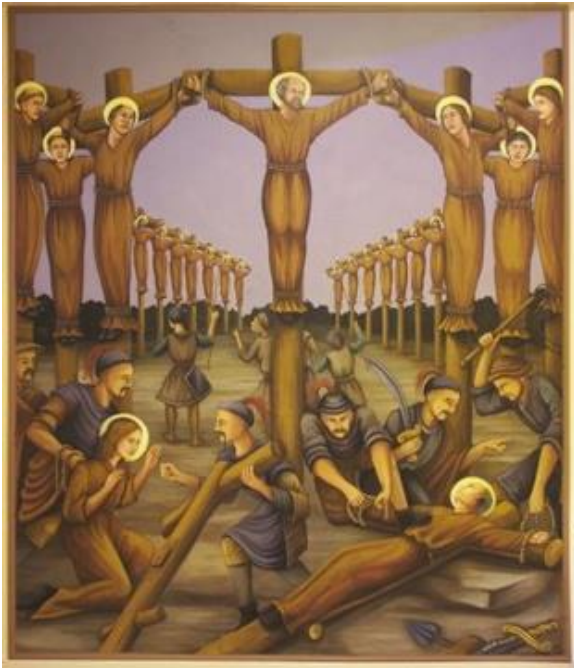
ST. BLAISE-FEBRUARY 3RD



ST. AGATHA-FEBRUARY 5TH



*ST. PAUL MIKI AND HIS
COMPANIONS-FEBRUARY 6TH*



*ST. GERELAMO (JEROME)
EMILIANI-FEBRUARY 8TH*



*ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA-
FEBRUARY 8TH*



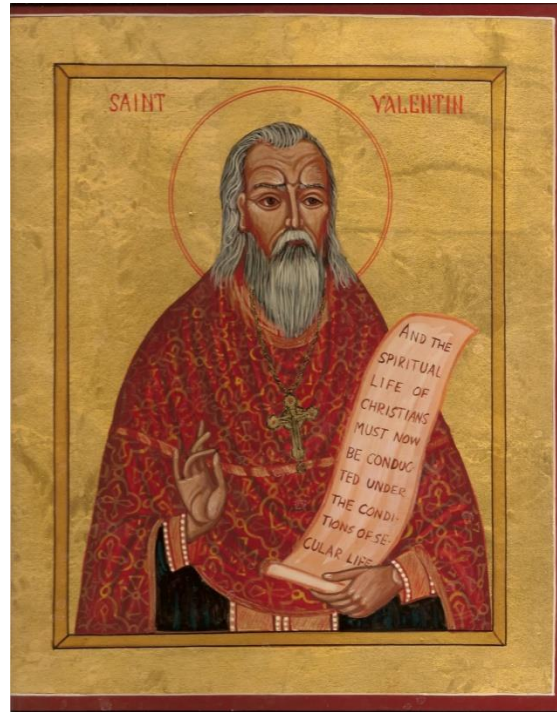
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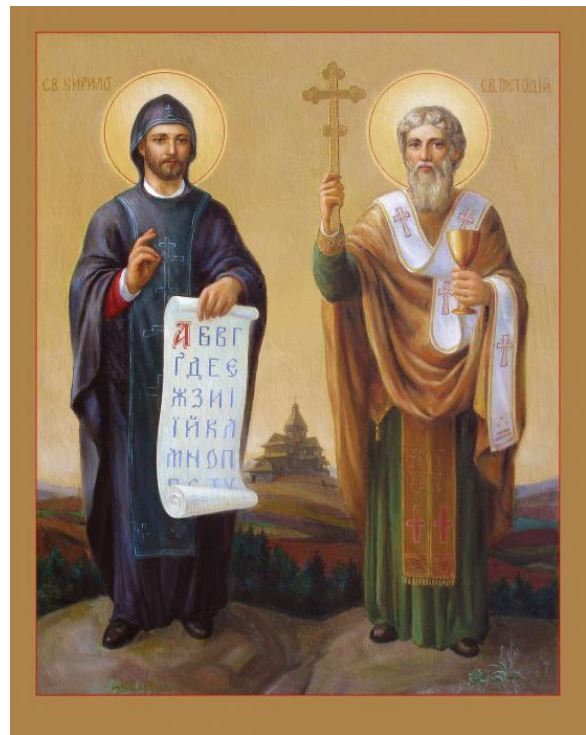
*OUR LADY OF LOURDES-
FEBRUARY 11TH*



ST. VALENTINE-FEBRUARY 14TH



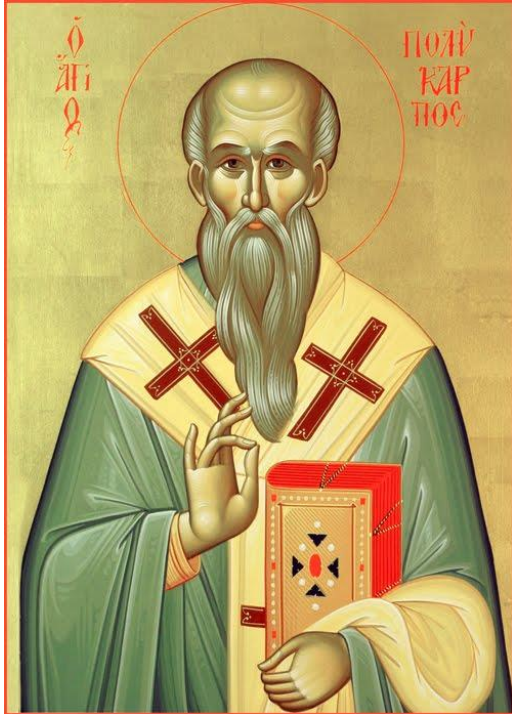
*SS CYRIL AND METHODIUS-
FEBRUARY 14TH*



*ST. PETER DAMIAN-FEBRUARY
21ST*



ST. POLYCARP-FEBRUARY 23RD



PRAYER CORNER

***PRAYER FOR CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS WEEK: INSPIRED BY
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS-
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
JANUARY 26th-FEBRUARY 1st 2020***



***Thank you, Lord, for the gift of time
for growing and learning, and for the
gift of Catholic education. Inspired by
St. Thomas Aquinas, we thank you for
our school and community.***

Amen.

***A PRAYER FOR
ASH
WEDNESDAY-
FEBRUARY 26,
2020***



I already feel that I have entered into
the spirit of Lent. It is a painful
season, especially as I remember the
death of those I knew. Here is
another prayer to begin the season.
Ashes to ashes, dust to dust
All that is not of God must die

All that is crushed will be restored
All that is lost will be made new
God may we repent of ways that do
not serve you
And admit to the tensions that tell us
where we need to change
Christ is coming walking towards the
cross
God may we see him clearly
Pouring out love
Pouring out mercy
Pouring out peace
May we kneel before him in humble
adoration
May we take up our cross and follow
And walk with Christ into the ways of
life

A LENTEN PRAYER

Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus **Christ** our Savior as a model
of humility.
He fulfilled Your **Will** by
becoming **Man**
And giving His **life** on the Cross.
Help us to bear **witness** to You
By following His example of suffering
And make us worthy to share in His
Resurrection.
We ask this through
our **Lord Jesus** Christ, Your Son.

Amen.

Our Father...

MARY, Mother of Jesus,
you were Jesus' gift for us from the
Cross.

He gave you to us as our mother.
Intercede for all our needs.

Hail Mary...
Glory Be...

*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.*

POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION-FEBRUARY 2020



Listen to the Migrants' Cries-We pray
that the cries of our migrant brothers
and sisters, victims of criminal
trafficking, may be heard and
considered.

From “Rejoice and Be Glad” by Pope Francis:

71. These are strong words in a world that from the beginning has been a place of conflict, disputes and enmity on all sides, where we constantly pigeonhole others on the basis of their ideas, their customs and even their way of speaking or dressing. Ultimately, it is the reign of pride and vanity, where each person thinks he or she has the right to dominate others. Nonetheless, impossible as it may seem, Jesus proposes a different way of doing things: the way of meekness. This is what we see him doing with his disciples. It is what we contemplate on his entrance to Jerusalem: “Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey” (Mt 21:5, Zec 9:9).

MONTHLY CATECHISM PASSAGE— FEBRUARY 2020

Commitment to end slavery in all its forms is rooted in the Catechism of the Church, which forbids any act leading to the enslavement of humans—a sin against a person's dignity and fundamental human rights (2414). This commitment was reaffirmed during the Second Vatican Council, when the **Church stated** that “slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children, [and] disgraceful working conditions where [people] are treated as mere tools for profit” are “infamies” and a “supreme dishonor to the creator.”

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE— FEBRUARY 2020

Proverbs 31:8–9; Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge

righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.

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:**

[New Report on Worldwide Christian
Persecution Sounds Alarm in West](#)

[A New Ranking of Nations Where
Christians Are Persecuted Most](#)

[Catholic Seminarian Executed in
Nigeria by Presumed Islamists](#)

[Nigerian case shows that in fighting
religious hatred, little things count](#)

[Soleimani air strike could mean new
danger for Iraqi Christians](#)

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.

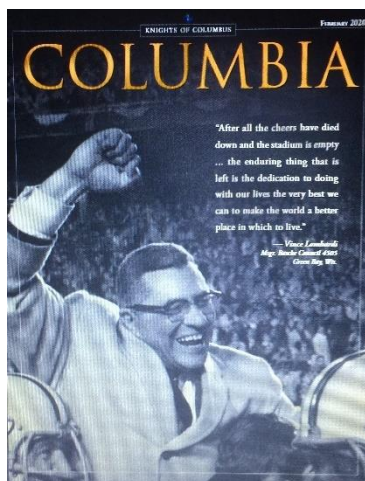
[Great Minds Dialogue: The American Identity, Crisis at the Border](#)

[As Philadelphia's archbishops, Charles Caput and Nelson Perez may differ less in substance than style](#)

[One year later, how has Trump's 'Remain in Mexico' policy affected asylum seekers?](#)

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



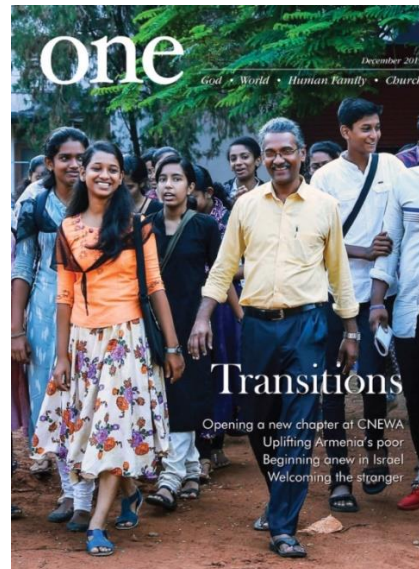
[February 2020 Columbia](#)



[February 2020 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/>

MONTHLY MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNCIL FIELD AGENT, DAVID ROBERTS



Council Meeting Message February

Love is in the air! We spend a lot of time thinking about our loved ones during the month of February and especially around Valentine's Day. Technically, it's St. Valentine's Day, originally the feast day of a Roman saint from the third century. There is much speculation about the origins of the feast and even some discussion about the identity of the saint. We do know that this St. Valentine was martyred on February 14, 269 and the feast day was instituted by Pope Gelasius I in 496. But how did St. Valentine, a martyr, come to be associated with love and romance? Again, there is much speculation and one popular story is that he cured the blind daughter of his jailer. Before he was led off to his death, he wrote her a note and signed it "Your Valentine."

Unlike St. Valentine, most of us are not called to martyrdom, but we do think about our loved ones...and we write love notes and

greeting cards. Gifts are commonly given to the ones we love. But have you ever considered some special gifts for the ones you love?

That's really what insurance is all about. People buy insurance because they love someone. I bought life insurance because I love my wife and children. If I'm not here to provide for them I want to make sure they can stay in the same home we love; I want to make sure that my children will have the college education they will need; I want my family to continue to live the lifestyle I've been so fortunate to be able to provide. My policy even has living benefits that I can enjoy!

I want to make sure that if I am sick or hurt and can't work, my family still has money coming in to pay the bills. Disability Income Insurance helps provide for that.

I've been able to provide a lifestyle for my family, but sometime down the road, I'll take the assets I've accumulated and retire. Long Term Care Insurance helps me protect those assets in case I have an extended care event. I won't have to spend down all that I've saved to pay for care...I've shifted that risk to the Knights. My retirement annuities will help my wife and me enjoy our golden years. With a lifetime minimum interest rate guarantee I know I'll always be in the black with my account.

All the products we have available are centered around protection; protection for me, for my family and for what I've been able to save. Is your protection where you want it to be for your loved ones?

At this Valentine's Day, let's sit down; you, me and your wife and see where you stand. Make sure you have insured your love. Go ahead and buy that greeting card, write her a love note...maybe even get a beautiful arrangement of flowers or a dozen roses. But remember, the gift of protection will be there

when it's needed most.

Vivat Jesus!



UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 11, 2020

April 8, 2020

May 13, 2020

June 10, 2020

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

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

**THE CATHOLIC
Exponent**

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



<https://www.facebook.com/kofccouncil13977-stjosephaustintown>

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

<http://www.kofc.org>

<https://www.kofcohoio.org>

<http://www.doy.org>

<http://www.stjosephaustintown.org>

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IMPORTANT CATHOLIC WEBSITES

A Catholic Ministry to Persons with Same Sex Attraction: The Courage Apostolate

<https://courageerc.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-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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