

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MARCH 2020

In service to one.



COUNCIL 13977

In service to all.

Next Meeting: Wed. March 11, 2020

Important: note time change of this month's meeting to 8:00 p.m. We are moving the meeting time to 8 p.m. so that anyone who wants to can attend the 7:00 p.m. Penance Service at IHM. Cash Bonanza tickets will also be sold at the meeting as well.

LENT 2020

Feel free to attend the following events here at St. Joseph Church throughout the Lenten Season:



- On Tuesdays beginning February 25th until March 24th starting at 6:30 p.m., Father Fedor will have Scripture study sessions reflecting on the Sunday readings for Lent.
- On Fridays at 7 p.m. we will have Stations of the Cross beginning on February 28th.

RITE OF PENANCE

The Rite of Penance at our Parish is available on Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. Please feel free to attend the following



Communal Penance Services which will take place at 7:00 p.m. at these parishes:

- Immaculate Heart of Mary (Austintown)–March 11th 7 p.m.
- St. Michael (Canfield)–March 22nd 3 p.m.
- There will also be an Anointing Mass on March 22nd at IHM at 4:30 p.m.

CELEBRATE WEEKEND

The annual Celebrate Weekend will take place on the weekend of



March 13–15th. Help is needed to serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner throughout the weekend. Please volunteer to help serve food if you can. Once again, special thanks to Brother Knight Steve Reda for donating

the chips for the weekend courtesy of his employer, Shearer's. Let us keep the high school seniors and adult advisors putting on the retreat as well as the high school juniors who will be making it in our prayers.

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE

"Rise Up, O Men of God"

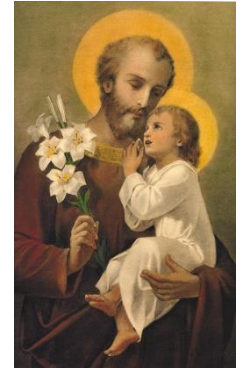
Men, is your spiritual life on Saturday evening or Sunday morning a mechanical



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.CMFDYOY.org for more information, to download a registration form, or register online.

ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY DINNER

On Saturday, March 21st, our annual St. Joseph Feast Day Dinner sponsored by the Parish Life Committee will begin at 12:00 noon. Help is needed to set and clean up before and after the event. For



more information, please contact Addie Bakos at afbakos@gmail.com

FIFTH ANNUAL JOHN ROZZO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT DINNER



The 5th Annual John R. Rozzo Memorial Scholarship Dinner will be held on Saturday May 16th at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Center with catering provided by Rachel's. Tickets are currently on sale and the proceeds will benefit students attending local Catholic Elementary Schools. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the buffet dinner starts at 7 p.m. Once again, our council has graciously donated a flat screen television in honor of Brother John's memory for this year's event.

John was a longtime parishioner of St. Joseph Parish and a local educator that was active in both Mahoning and Trumbull

Counties for almost 50 years. In addition, he was a Fourth Degree Knight who was very active in our council until his passing in June of 2015. Please contact Brother Knight John A. Rozzo (John's son) at (330) 531-2325 or email jrozz11@aol.com for tickets, to make a donation, or for more information.

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 David Garrett.



David was born on September 29, 1979 in Jackson, Michigan. His parents still live in Michigan along with a half brother and half sister in addition to a few nieces and nephews with whom he loves spending time with. Since he became a Christian when he was 10 years old, Dave had attended services of different Christian denominations (most of them as a variation of the Baptist faith), and since last Easter, he became a Catholic through our parish's RCIA program. In the past, he studied game design for a couple semesters before dropping out due to personal reasons and currently works as a Door Dash (food delivery service) driver which he really enjoys.

Dave is currently a 2nd degree knight and has been a member of our council for only a

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few months. He credits Brother Knight Tom Williams for recommending him to join the knights. He states, "During RCIA, I grew to respect Tom Williams, and his family, and they all helped a great deal through the whole process. His recommendation was the main reason I joined the Knights. I have always wanted to find an organization I could be proud to volunteer for, but had always been intimidated by the prospect of it, especially since I wouldn't know any one at first." In addition to the K of C, Dave is a teacher assistant with CCD here at our parish, and when there are no CCD classes he is also a member of the choir. He also occasionally sits in on RCIA sessions to share his experiences of being new to the Catholic faith.

Being born 30 miles from Detroit, Dave is a huge fan of the Michigan Wolverines (or as we Ohio State fans call them "The Team Up North" or TTUN LOL!!!) and also roots for all Detroit pro sports teams (Tigers, Lions, Pistons, and Red Wings). He enjoys eating spaghetti and meatballs and loves playing board games and video games.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Brother Knights and fellow parishioners who helped with and donated toiletries and other cleaning products for our annual cleaning product drive throughout February. Thanks to the brother knights who attended the Men's Mile Marker 2020 Retreat at Immaculate Heart of

Mary Parish on February 22nd. Also, continued thanks to our very dedicated Bingo Volunteers. Your hard work and service are greatly appreciated!

LOOKING AHEAD

Celebrate Weekend–March 13th–15th

Catholic Men's Fellowship–March 21st

St. Joseph Feast Day Dinner–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.

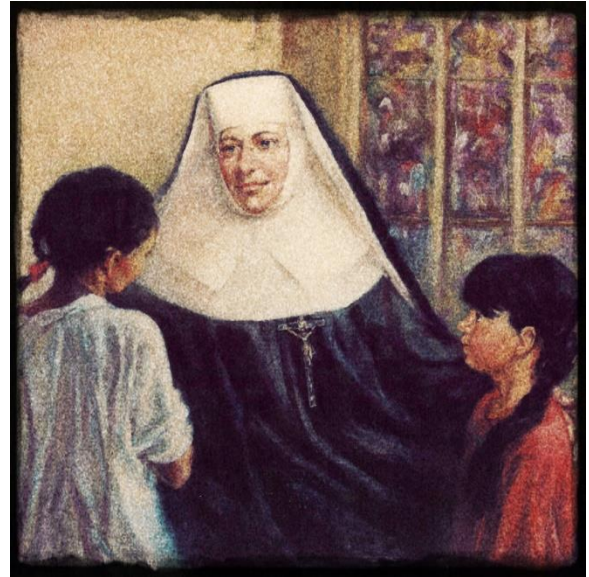
FAITH CORNER

Let us continue to pray for the canonization of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney



IMPORTANT FEAST DAYS-MARCH 2020

ST. KATHERINE DREXEL-MARCH 3RD



ST. CASMIR-MARCH 4TH



*SS PERPETUA AND FELICITY-
MARCH 7TH*



ST. JOHN OF GOD-MARCH 8TH



ST. PATRICK-MARCH 17TH



*ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY-MARCH
19TH*



PRAYER CORNER

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...

A PRAYER FOR ST. PATRICK/ST. PATRICK'S DAY PRAYER-MARCH 17th

God our Father,
you sent Saint Patrick to preach
your **glory** to the people of Ireland.

By the help of his prayers,
may all Christians proclaim your love
to all men.

Grant this through
our **Lord Jesus** Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.



A PRAYER FOR ST. JOSEPH, PATRON SAINT OF OUR PARISH- MARCH 19th

Oh, **St. Joseph**, whose protection is so
great, so strong, so prompt before the
throne of **God**. I place in you all my interests
and desires. Oh, **St. Joseph**, do assist me
by your powerful intercession, and obtain for
me from your divine Son all spiritual
blessings, through **Jesus Christ**, our Lord.
So that, having engaged here below your
heavenly power, I may offer my

thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh, **St. Joseph**, I never weary of contemplating you, and **Jesus** asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press **Him** in my name and kiss **His** fine head for me and ask him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. **St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls** - Pray for me.



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-MARCH 2020**



Catholics in China-We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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 the 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.⁷⁴

*MONTHLY CATECHISM PASSAGE–
MARCH 2020*

830 The word "catholic" means "universal," in the sense of "according to the totality" or "in keeping with the whole." The Church is catholic in a double sense:

First, the Church is catholic because Christ is present in her. "Where there is Christ Jesus, there is the Catholic Church."³⁰⁷ In her subsists the fullness of Christ's body united with its head; this implies that she receives from him "the fullness of the means of salvation"³⁰⁸ which he has willed: correct and complete confession of faith, full sacramental life, and ordained ministry in apostolic succession. The Church was, in this fundamental sense, catholic on the day of Pentecost³⁰⁹ and will always be so until the day of the Parousia.

*MONTHLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE–
MARCH 2020*

Romans 12:4-5

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

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:**

[Heightened U.S.–Iran tensions a threat to Middle Eastern Christianity, aid group says](#)

[Explaining Pope's soft touch on survival of Middle Eastern Christianity](#)

[Hungary leading the way in helping persecuted Christians](#)

[Museum of the Bible Exhibit Tells the Stories of Persecuted Middle East Christians](#)

[Pope Francis thanks Knights of Columbus for aiding persecuted Christians in Middle East](#)

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.

[Friars of Manchester Church Known for Serving City's Immigrant Population Reflect on Their Work](#)

[Eastern Catholic bishops in US have particular pastoral concern for immigrants](#)

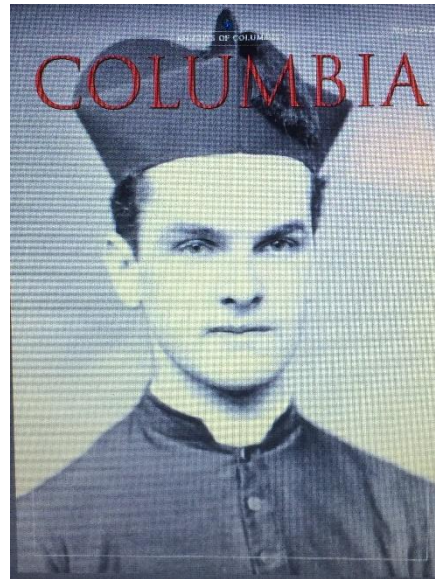
[In a village of tents, refugees make a life as they wait on US asylum](#)

[Protecting the most vulnerable: What it takes to make a case under the US asylum system](#)

[A Catholic case for open borders](#)

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



[March 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



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



Council Meeting Message March

March brings thoughts of spring. For some, it's time to begin Daylight Savings Time; a little more sunlight into the evenings as the days become longer. For those in the north, it means looking forward to the thaw after winter. For some it is welcome relief after months of frigid temperatures, howling winds and heavy snow. Some in the south, who enjoy the milder winters, now realize again that after spring, a hot summer ensues.

Spring also brings thoughts of spring cleaning. After being cooped up all winter, it's traditional in many households to do that deep cleaning all throughout the house. That means washing down walls and moving furniture to clean behind pieces that haven't seen the light of day since last year's cleaning. It means taking down and washing drapes and curtains; windows are washed inside and out. (Thank goodness for modern tilt windows that mean no time outside in the chillier weather.) This is a time when the whole family is expected to pitch in and my "Honey Do" list gets longer and longer. (Personally, I'm the window washing guy.) In days gone by when most everyone had a coal fired furnace, a winter of closed windows meant the walls needed a good washing. With gas, electric and hot water boilers there's less of a need to wash walls, but for some, it's still a tradition. Spring is a time of renewal and revival.

While you're getting rid of all the old cobwebs of winter and freshening the house, now is a great time to do some sprucing up with a fresh look at your family's financial security.

As your Knights of Columbus Field Agent, I've been trained to help you through that important exercise. Sit down with me for a free financial needs' analysis using our Profiles+ Forecaster platform. I'll take the time to gather information from you, ask about your wants, needs and desires, and put together any recommendations to help you meet those needs.

With a wide range of products; life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities, I can help you plan for your family's financial security now and for many years to come. All with the safety and security of dealing with a company that shares your faith and beliefs and invests in accordance with Church teaching. Be sure to ask about the new life insurance product, the Protector NLG Universal Life. It may be a fit for your particular needs.

Get ready for spring, get your home freshened up and make sure your financial house is spruced up. It's an easy and friendly visit from me, a brother Knight.

Vivat Jesus!



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 8, 2020

May 13, 2020

June 10, 2020

July 8, 2020

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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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