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UPCOMING EVENTS:



PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 5

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING – APRIL 7 – CANCELLED !!!!

HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 9

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 10



HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 11

EASTER – APRIL 12



FAMILY OF THE MONTH FORM DUE ON APRIL 15!!



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...



Brother Knights of the Pittsburgh Chapter,

Thank you to Homestead Council 2201 for hosting the March meeting. It was not great turnout, but the food was excellent!

A lot has changed in the world since our last chapter meeting. Our councils need to operate differently and our members have new focus. We, as a fraternal organization, really need to look at taking care of members in our own council. There are many members that can use some help in this trying time. One thing all councils should implement is contact with all members and make sure everyone is ok and if they need help. It may be a food delivery or picking up medicine at the pharmacy store.

We also need to look at technology to help keep things running smoothly in our councils. There are many free conference call lines or internet meeting space available on-line to use for meetings. These can be utilized to keep members engaged and connected.

As of now **the April meeting will be cancelled and the May meeting is questionable at this time.** I do not want to cancel it just yet, but I will keep everyone posted. If we cancel the May meeting, I will probably make it a video meeting on-line. If cancelled, we will look to reschedule the Three Rivers Mass to later in the year.

Please keep safe and keep praying for the health and recovery of everyone!

Vivat Jesu!

Andrew Smith, President, Pittsburgh Chapter of the K of C

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING FOR APRIL HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS RECOMMENDATIONS

K of C News and Updates

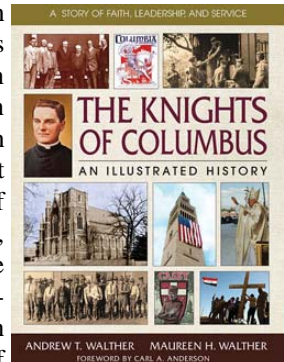
- ◆ In a live-streamed Mass, **Pope Francis** on Tuesday, March 10, urged Catholic priests to summon the courage to visit people sickened by the coronavirus amid Italy's national lockdown due to the deadly illness. "Let us pray to the Lord also for our priests, that they may have the courage to go out and go to the sick people bringing the strength of God's word and the Eucharist and accompany the health workers and volunteers in this work that they are doing," said the pontiff, who was alone at the Casa Santa Marta chapel in Vatican City. Meanwhile, St. Peter's Square was almost empty Tuesday with only a few dozen people strolling around, most of them without masks.



- ◆ In light of increasing updates on and concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19), **Bishop David Zubik has made the decision to cancel all weekday and Sunday Masses in the Diocese of Pittsburgh effective Monday, March 16, 2020, until further notice.** Arrangements are being made to live stream more Masses in the days ahead. Also, Bishop Zubik called for a special day of prayer in the Diocese of Pittsburgh on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, the Feast of the Annunciation, a great feast of the Blessed Mother. More information will be forthcoming. Directives about the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism, Penance, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, as well as appropriate pastoral attention to funerals and weddings will be placed on the diocesan website – diopitt.org .



- ◆ *The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History* — covers a wide array of initiatives undertaken since the charitable and fraternal organization's founding in 1882. But do you know the men behind the mission? You may be surprised. From presidents to writers and actors to athletes, here are some of the members of the Knights of Columbus who have shaped the world we know today. **Babe Ruth** – The Sultan of Swat. The King of Crash. The Colossus of Clout. The Great Bambino. Babe Ruth forever changed baseball unlike any athlete before him. A home run slugger, he paved the way in numerous batting categories, holding records for career home runs and more. **John F. Kennedy** – President Kennedy, the only Catholic ever elected commander in chief, was a longtime Knight. He praised his brother Knights' charity and service, writing in 1961 that their "countless allied activities all unselfishly offered in the name of our common humanity have served to strengthen and solidify their hold on the public heart." Today almost 30 Knights of Columbus councils bear his name - **Fulton Sheen** – Archbishop Sheen was one of the most influential Catholics of the 20th century. He hosted several radio and television shows, including The Fulton Sheen Program which had roughly 30 million weekly viewers. His cause for sainthood is currently open. **Ed Sullivan** – The Ed Sullivan Show is among the most trend-setting variety shows ever that helped introduce Elvis Presley and The Beatles to the American public. **Ferdinand Foch** – A French general, Ferdinand Foch became the Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Armies during World War I. He led the French, British and American troops. When Germany sued for an armistice, it was Foch who accepted those terms. **Vince Lombardi** – Lombardi coached the Green Bay Packers to five NFL championships as well as the first two Super Bowls in 1967 and 1968.



- ◆ The Knights of Columbus is carefully monitoring the coronavirus situation and its impact on the Order. Since the virus is spread by personal contact, containment efforts stress social distancing by restricting travel, meetings and other gatherings. Accordingly, **the Supreme Council most strongly recommends the following actions to protect brother Knights and others: (1) Cancel all personal contact meetings, including business meetings, until further notice. (2) Cancel all planned events, where people would gather, until further notice. (3) Cancel all travel for Knights of Columbus business until further notice.** This is a moment to deepen our commitment to the very principles which define us: charity, unity and fraternity. There will likely be many opportunities in coming weeks to live out these principles in service to our brother Knights, our families and our communities. May this time of difficulty also be a moment when we as Knights step into the breach and show ourselves to be disciples of Jesus Christ and men at the service of others. (from www.kofc.org)





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PRAYER VIGIL FOR MOTHERS AND UNBORN

ROSARY AND PRAYERS

PARTICIPATION CAN BE APPLIED TOWARD THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE K OF C ROSARY PROGRAM: [HTTPS://WWW.KOFC.ORG/EN/PROGRAMS/FAITH/ROSARY-PROGRAM.HTML#/](https://www.kofc.org/en/programs/faith/rosary-program.html#/)

GATHER EARLY ON SUNDAY MORNINGS TO RECITE THE ROSARY AND OFFER PRAYERS FOR THESE FAMILIES AND FOR THE END TO ABORTION

INITIAL VIGIL – SUNDAY MAY 3, 2020 @ 11:00 AM
SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH, 311 SIEBERT ROAD, PITTSBURGH PA 15237

WEEKLY VIGILS - SUNDAYS AT 7:00 AM - RAIN OR SHINE
MAY 10, 17, 24, 31 AND FATHERS DAY JUNE 21
MEET TO PEACEFULLY PRAY OUTSIDE NEAR A FACILITY AT WHICH FAMILIES ARE DAMAGED BY THE SCOURGE OF ABORTION: 933 LIBERTY AVENUE, PITTSBURGH PA 15222

DROP-INS WELCOME. GROUPS ARE ENCOURAGED TO NOTIFY THE ACTIVITY CHAIRMAN IN ADVANCE

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ON-STREET PARKING NEARBY IS FREE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

NON-CONFRONTATIONAL SERVICE HELD WHEN FACILITY IS NOT OPEN FOR 'BUSINESS'



K OF C INSURANCE INFORMATION

TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING !!!!

April brings thoughts of spring. For some, it's being happy for 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 need's 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 is essentially a term for life policy). It may be a fit for your 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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*Discover a World of Good Things
in the Knights of Columbus*

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro M. Faldoni.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

APRIL 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
***Family of Month Form Due			1	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday	6	7 Pgh Chapter Mtg. - cancelled	- 8	9 Holy Thursday	10 	11 Holy Saturday
12 	13	14	15 ***	16	17	18
19 Divine Mercy Sunday	20	21	22 	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

MAY 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
***Family of Month Form Due		# St. Barbara's Church, Bridgeville			1	2
3	4	5 Three Rivers Mass #	6	7	8	9
10 	11	12	13	14	15 ***	16
17	18	19	20	21 Ascension Thursday	22	23
24 	25	26	27	28	29	30
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