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UPCOMING EVENTS:



I M M A C U L A T E
CONCEPTION OF MARY –
DECEMBER 9 (see more info in
this newsletter).

DECEMBER 13 –
MEMORIAL
MASS AND
DINNER AT
BELLEVUE
COUNCIL #1400.



FAMILY OF
THE MONTH
FORM DUE ON
DECEMBER 15!!



JANUARY MEETING –
PENN-ALLEGHENY
COUNCIL #4242 – JANUARY
7, 2020



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...



Brother Knights of the Pittsburgh Chapter,

Thank you to Council #12043 for hosting the November Chapter Meeting!

Typically, we hold only an officers meeting due to Election Day, but it was suggested to try to hold a regular meeting to see what the turnout would be. We had a great turnout so we will have a November meeting next year.

The Pittsburgh Chapter Memorial Mass and Dinner will be held on Friday, December 13th. Information about the dinner is in this newsletter. Please RSVP by December 7th to help Council #1400 with the planning. It will be a fun evening and I hope for a large attendance from our member councils.

I wish each and everyone of you and your families a reflective Advent and a blessed Christmas season!

Vivat Jesu!

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



PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEMORIAL
MASS AND DINNER
BELLVUE COUNCIL #1400
(SEE MORE INFO ON PAGE 3)

DIRECTIONS TO CHAPTER MEETING – Bellevue Council.

For those of you with a GPS, enter the address of: Bellevue Council is located at **450 Lincoln Avenue, Bellevue, PA.** For others....follow these directions!

From North of Pittsburgh via Route 28:

- ◆ Proceed South on Route 28 toward Pittsburgh
- ◆ Take the **I-279 S/I-579 S/I-376 W/I-376 E** exit onto **I-279 S** toward **I-376 W**
- ◆ Take exit **#7B/OHIO RIVER BLVD** onto **PA-65 N**
- ◆ Continue on **US-19 N**
- ◆ Continue on **PA-65 N**
- ◆ Turn Right on **W RIVERVIEW AVE**
- ◆ Turn Right on **W RIVERVIEW AVE**
- ◆ Turn Left on **SHERIDAN AVE**
- ◆ Turn Right on **LINCOLN AVE**
- ◆ Arrive at **450 LINCOLN AVE, BELLEVUE**, on the Left

From Monroeville area:

- ◆ Take exit **#1A/FORT DUQUESNE BRIDGE/NORTH SHORE** onto **FORT PITT BLVD**
- ◆ Take ramp onto **I-279 N**
- ◆ Take Left exit **#7A 7B/NORTH SHORE/OHIO RIVER BLVD (US-19)** onto **PA-65 N** toward **#7B/OHIO RIVER BLVD (US-19)**

Then, follow directions given above for points north of Pittsburgh.



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Immaculate Conception, according to the teaching of the Catholic Church, was the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. Mary was conceived naturally but God kept her soul immaculate, i.e. free from original sin. The official confirmation of the dogma was defined in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, although the belief that Mary was sinless and conceived free from sin is very old.



Is the Feast of Immaculate Conception Obligatory in 2019? No, at least in the United States, the obligation to attend Mass is dispensed because December 8 falls on Sunday and the celebration is transferred to Monday, December 9. The transfer is made as the Second Sunday of Advent takes precedence.

CHRISTMAS FACTS AND FALLACIES

- ◆ **What's up with mistletoe?** Mistletoe, the only plant to rival roses for inspiring kisses, was originally used by Druid priests 200 years before the birth of Christ in their winter celebrations. They revered the plant since it had no roots yet remained green during the cold months of winter. The ancient Celts believed mistletoe to have magical healing powers and used it as an antidote for poison, infertility, and to ward off evil spirits. The plant was also seen as a symbol of peace, and it is said that among Romans, enemies who met under mistletoe would lay down their weapons and embrace. Scandinavians associated the plant with Frigga, their goddess of love, and it may be from this that we derive the custom of kissing under the mistletoe. Those who kissed under the mistletoe had the promise of happiness and good luck in the following year.
- ◆ **The stable truth.** The biblical story about the birth of Christ does not actually mention a stable. It does mention a manger which often leads people to think the baby Jesus was born in a barn. In reality, Jesus was probably born in a cave or, according to archaeology experts, Jesus was probably born in the house of relatives, but outside of the normal living and guest quarters.
- ◆ **Who were The Three Kings?** Sorry to totally mess up your nativity scene (mine, too!) but there is no actual mention of "kings" in the biblical account of Christ's birth. The Bible does say that wise men, also called "magi", (but not Kings) visited Jesus. And it never says there were three of them. The word used for "magi" is plural, there were more than one, but people assume there were three because of the three gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
- ◆ **Is Christmas really Jesus' birthday?** Although it is possible, it is very unlikely that Jesus was born on December 25th. No one knows for sure the exact date of Christ's birth. The date chosen to celebrate it may be related to the Roman Saturnalia festival that lasted from the 17th -23rd of December. December 25th was chosen somewhere during the 4th century AD by the heads of the church.
- ◆ **Who is Santa Claus?** Yes, Virginia, there really was a Santa Claus! The origin of Santa Claus began in the 4th century with the real Saint Nicholas, a Bishop in present day Turkey. By all accounts St. Nicholas was a generous and devoted Christ follower. He was particularly devoted to children.

By Randy Moraitis, Neighbor News

**PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MASS AND
DINNER INFORMATION!**

WHAT: The Pittsburgh Chapter Memorial Mass and Dinner

WHEN: Friday, December 13th, 5:30 pm. Social, 6:30 pm.
Mass, immediately followed by Dinner

WHERE: Bellevue Council #1400, 450 Lincoln Ave. ,Bellevue, PA 15202

COST: \$15.00 per person, \$25.00 for husband and wife,
Any ticket sold at door will be an additional \$2.00

HOW: Please RSVP BY DECEMBER 7th, by calling 412-761-6663 ,
or Email the council at KofC1400@yahoo.com

Make out and mail checks to KofC Council #1400,
450 Lincoln Ave. Bellevue, PA 15202

*Discover a World of Good Things
in the Knights of Columbus*

ONLY HAVING LIFE INSURANCE “THROUGH WORK” DOESN’T WORK!

As we progress through the holidays and into the new year, now is a good time to assess your financial and insurance situation as we never know when things could change. Do you know anyone whose life or career has drastically changed during the past few years? It’s very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty. Maybe there’s a possibility that you (or your spouse) could change employers, or even lose your job.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

But only having “through work” insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family’s actual needs. In fact, a detailed needs analysis that evaluates your specific situation, will likely show that any employer-provided coverage falls short.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, or even terminated when you retire or leave that job. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection. At the very least, it will definitely be more expensive.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I’ll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you’ll know exactly where you stand.
Have a blessed Christmas and best wishes for a great new year!

Vivat Jesus!

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NEW SEMINARIANS IN PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

- ◆ **Christopher Klobuchir**, 19, of Holy Sepulcher Parish in Butler.
- ◆ **James Massengill**, 18, of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Green Tree.
- ◆ **Brian Myler**, 34, of St. John the Baptist Parish in Plum.
- ◆ **Erik Pintar**, 26, of St. Paul Cathedral Parish in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh.
- ◆ **Matthew Selzer**, 22, of St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Perrysville.
- ◆ **Nicholas Wytiaz**, 31. Of St. Maria Goretti Parish In Pittsburgh’s Bloomfield neighborhood.



DECEMBER 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1st Sunday of Advent	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Immaculate Conception	10	11	12	13 Pgh Chapter Mtg. At Bellevue #1400	14
15 ***	16	17	18	19	20	21 First Day of Winter
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				***Family of Month Form Due

JANUARY 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
***Family of Month Form Due		SOLEMNITY OF MARY – JANUARY 1ST – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	1	2	3	4
5	6 Epiphany	7 Orthodox Christmas	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 ***	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	