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UPCOMING EVENTS:



FAMILY OF THE MONTH FORM DUE ON DECEMBER 15!!



PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING – DECEMBER 20 (MORE INFO ON PAGE 2 OF THIS NEWSLETTER)

CHRISTMAS DAY – DECEMBER 25

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...



Worthy Brothers,

As this COVID situation continues. I keep praying that everyone stays healthy and the end is near.

I hope that Everyone had a great Thanksgiving with their families. We are going to have our annual Memorial Mass on Sunday, December 20, 2020 at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church in Homestead. [See address on page 2 and set your GPS unit and/or app on your smartphone for directions] We will also be celebrating Council 2201 100th Anniversary! The State Deputy and other distinguished guests will be in attendance. I am looking forward to this event!

I also hope that everyone has a safe and happy Christmas!



Vivat Jesu!

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



Knights of Columbus and guests gathered at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., on Friday, Oct. 30, the eve of Father Michael McGivney's beatification, for a "Prayer Vigil for Priests." Archbishop Leonard Blair of Hartford presided over the vigil, which included reflections about Father McGivney's daily life as a priest and lessons on the example he offers clergy today.
For more info, go to www.kofc.org.

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
(SEE MORE INFO ON PAGE 2)

**Holiday Dinner Celebration
In honor of Homestead Council #2201
100 Year Anniversary
&
Pittsburgh Chapter Annual Memorial Mass**

WHEN: Sunday, December 20, 2020

4:00 PM Mass

**5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Social with cocktails and
Hors d'oeuvres**

**6:00 PM – Dinner and Entertainment to follow
with DJ Timmy.**

**WHERE: St. Maximilian Kolbe Church and Banquet Hall
363 W. Eleventh Avenue Extension
Homestead, PA 15120**

COST: \$25 per person / \$45 per Couple

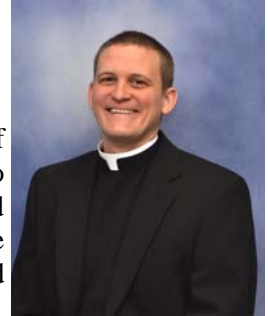
**MENU: Choice of Roast Beef or Chicken Marsala,
with potato, vegetable, salad, rolls w/butter,
and dessert. Cash Bar.**

**RSVP: Please RSVP BY December 7th, by sending in
your reply with your check. Any questions or
concerns, please email kofc.2201@yahoo.com
or call 412-699-9199**

**Checks can be made payable and mailed to:
KofC Council #2201, P. O. Box 278, Homestead, PA 15120.**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

A BLESSED ADVENT AND MERRY CHRISTMAS !



Brother Knights,

As we enter this sacred Season of Advent, we anticipate with great hope the remembrance of the coming of Our Savior Jesus Christ into the world. It is neither too early nor too late to wish someone a Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas! Christmas is the season that should always be alive in our hearts. Giving the greeting of a Blessed Christmas brings hope to the hearts of people who live in doubt and fear. It is a greeting that penetrates the soul and enlivens in others a sense that they have worth, value, and human dignity.

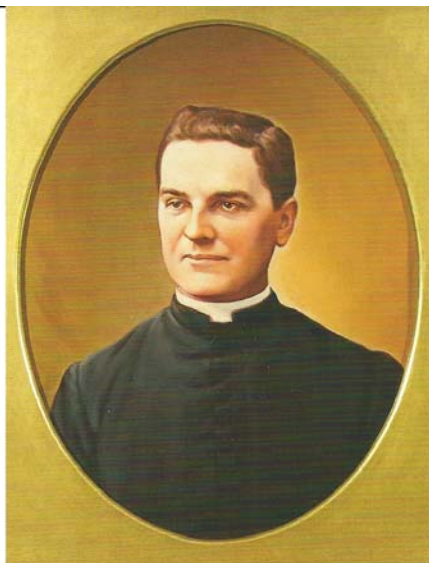
While many people will stop celebrating Christmas on December 26th, we will just be beginning the Christmas Season in the Church. We will celebrate until January 10th, ending with the Solemn Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The wonderful mystery of God becoming man, the Incarnation, cannot be contained in one day. So, as we anticipate this great mystery in four weeks of Advent, and celebrate with joy throughout the Christmas Season as well. Always keeping Christ's birth alive in our hearts.

Our faith tells us "there is one God, the Father, for whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through who are all things and through whom we exist. However, not all possess this knowledge." (1 Cor 8:6-7a) God's love is freely given to us, and is to be freely shared with all that we meet. Therefore, do not be timid in sharing a Christmas greeting of joy, peace, and love that Jesus offers to us, throughout the Christmas Season. May everyone know this Christmas season that you are a Christian, a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ, and beloved child of God the Father. Using the greeting a Blessed and Merry Christmas, is not only a well wish for another, but brings upon them a true blessing from the Christ child through you, who faithfully witness to the power of God's love.

May you, your family, friends, and loved one's have a Blessed and Merry Christmas! May the joy and peace of the Christ Child enter into your hearts and lives this Christmas Season and always.

Grace & Peace,

Fr. Will Wuenschel, Chaplain



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please report all favors received: The Father McGivney Guild 1 Columbus Plaza New Haven, CT 06510-3326 • USA www.fathermcgivney.org

Painting by Chas Fagan © Knights of Columbus

- A1: An old silk hat
A2: Jimmy Stewart
A3: The Polar Express
A4: Ebenezer
A5: White Christmas
A6: Macys
A7: Eight (no Rudolph!)
A8: Coca-Cola
A9: Home Alone 2
A10: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner (not Donner), and Blitzen.

ANSWERS TO TRIVIA QUESTIONS FROM PAGE 3 !!!

TAKING ACTION IS WHAT WE DO

“We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant, Fr. Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will.” How many tens of millions, hundreds of millions of times has our loving God heard this sentence from the prayer for Fr. McGivney’s canonization? Asking only to fulfill God’s holy will; requested humbly. No doubt, you, like I, have been saying this prayer of supplication for years. Now those prayers have been answered as our Venerable Founder becomes our Blessed Founder. The journey began December 18, 1997 when the Cause for Sainthood was opened in Hartford, Connecticut by Archbishop Daniel Cronin. Nearly five years later the official document, the Positio, outlining the case for Fr. McGivney’s cause was sent to Rome. On March 15, 2008 Fr. McGivney was declared “Venerable” indicating he lived a life of heroic virtue. This year on May 27, nearly twenty-three years after his cause was opened, Pope Francis authorized a decree that a miracle attributed to Fr. McGivney’s intercession has been approved.

October 2020 will long be remembered as the month Fr. McGivney’s beatification Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. Spotlighting our founder and his reasons for founding the Order; i.e., to strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the financial needs of families overwhelmed by illness or death of the breadwinner, this spotlight will draw more Catholic men to join with us. Our Order is an immense force for good in this world with the billions of dollars donated to worthy causes over the past decade, strengthening our fraternal bonds with acts of charity. The Knights of Columbus helps us husbands and fathers not only fortify our faith, but also provides an opportunity for us to protect our families. Is it significant that the approved miracle involved the son of one of our general agents from our insurance program?

I consider it a worthy calling to carry on the work of our Blessed Founder. It’s been my great pleasure to work with many of you to help you protect your family and I look forward to continuing to serve you. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks to you for all the good works you carry out in the name of the Order. Your acts of charity are even more critical considering this current pandemic. Thank you for all you do! Have a blessed Merry Christmas and best wishes for a great New Year! I look forward to connecting soon.

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CHRISTMAS TRIVA – HOW GOOD ARE YOU???

How good are you at these Christmas trivia questions....answers are on page 2 – no peeking!!!

- Q1: In the song “**Frosty the Snowman**,” what made Frosty come to life?
- Q2: Who played George Bailey in the Christmas classic “**It’s a Wonderful Life**?”
- Q3: What animated 2004 film is about a **train that carries kids to the North Pole** on Christmas Eve?
- Q4: In Charles Dickens’ “**A Christmas Carol**,” what was Mr. Scrooge’s first name?
- Q5: What **Bing Crosby** song is the best-selling single ever?
- Q6: “**Miracle on 34th Street**” centers on what real-life department store?
- Q7: How many reindeer are featured in the poem “**’Twas the Night Before Christmas**?”
- Q8: What **beverage company** has been using Santa Claus in its advertising since 1931?
- Q9: What holiday movie sequel includes a cameo by **Donald Trump**?
- Q10: Name the **8 reindeer** that pulls Santa’s sleigh – one is usually misspelled (hint).



DECEMBER 2020



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

JANUARY 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
***Family of Month Form Due					1 New Year's Day; Solemnity of Mary	2
3	4	5 Pgh Chapter Mtg.	6 Epiphany	7 Orthodox Christmas	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 ***	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Day	19	20 Inauguration Day	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						