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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN...

My friends in the Knights of Columbus: Friends of mine, Paul and Margaret McNamara returned to Pittsburgh from their vacation in Ireland at the end of June. I met them at the airport and their first question – did it rain here at all? “We had none in Ireland”, they informed me. (That surprised me – no rain in Ireland!!!). I told them that there was little or no rain during their absence. This information elicited two very different reactions. Paul let out a sigh of relief – he would not have to mow the lawn right away. Margaret, on the other hand said: *My Vegetables, especially my tomatoes. They will be in such sad shape – dull, wilted, shrunken*”.

I drove them home and on arrival, Margaret went straight out to the garden and watered them then she came in for a cup of coffee! I stayed that evening and before I left, I checked out the garden – the vegetable had returned back to life. Restored!!

During Lent, we can think about what can restore us to life. Perhaps we can check out what is missing from our relationship with Jesus? Maybe we need to listen more to Him in the poor and the needy, giving of our many talents and gifts with almsgiving. Perhaps we need to speak more to Him in prayer to find out. We need to clear away the unnecessary things in our life by fasting and enable us to see the essential. Those are the essentials in Lent – almsgiving, prayer and fasting.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapter Meeting – Friday,  
February 22 at St. Francis of Assisi  
Council #2555, St. Margaret Mary  
Church, Moon Township, PA



PA Free Throw Championship  
Finals  
March 15, 2008



Three Rivers Mass – April 20, 2008



Pittsburgh Chapter’s 100th  
Anniversary Mass/Dinner  
Sunday, October 5, 2008

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

My Brother Knights:



The winter months, in many ways, bring some forms of relaxation as the shorter daylight hours suggest an evening relaxing with a cup of your favorite warm beverage and a good book. However, that may not always be the case for Knights of Columbus members. Knights are always busy tending to Columbian activities that include Pro-Life activities, a council or district free throw, membership efforts, and the February Vocations Awareness month activities to mention a few.

We as Knights proclaim that we are in support of our Bishops and priests. And surely we are. This is why it is so important that we continue to promote, not only during February, but throughout the year vocations awareness and support our seminarians and others in religious life. As the K of C Vocations Support Coordinator, Past State Deputy Joe Cummings works very hard to make the programs a success.

Many Chapter councils proudly participate in the RSVP program which financially assists the 29 diocesan seminarians. Another program, *Adopt a*

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**PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22  
AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
COUNCIL #2555**



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**PITTSBURGH CHAPTER  
MEETINGS  
4TH FRIDAY OF EACH  
MONTH!  
7:30 PM**

***DIRECTIONS TO St.  
Margaret Mary Church, Moon  
Township, PA:  
From the North (Route 28-S):***

- ◆ Once in Pittsburgh area, take ramp toward **EAST OHIO ST (I-279)** - go **0.2** mi
- ◆ Continue on **E OHIO ST** toward **I-279** - go **0.2** mi
- ◆ Turn **LEFT** to take ramp onto **I-279 S** - go **7.0** mi
- ◆ Continue on **US-22 W** toward **AIRPORT/US-30 W** - go **4.4** mi
- ◆ Continue on **PA-60 N** - go **2.0** mi
- ◆ Take exit **#3/MOON** onto **AIRPORT PKY (PA-60-BR)** - go **2.5** mi
- ◆ Take ramp toward **CORAOPOLIS/SEWICKLEY/THORN RUN ROAD** - go **0.1** mi
- ◆ Turn **LEFT** on **THORN RUN RD** - go **0.5** mi
- ◆ Turn **LEFT** on **BEAVER GRADE RD** - go **0.8** mi
- ◆ Turn **RIGHT** on **PARISH DR** - go **< 0.1** mi
- ◆ Arrive at **1 PARISH PL, MOON TOWNSHIP**, on the **LEFT**

From the Monroeville area near the Pennsylvania Turnpike Interchange:

- ◆ Take ramp onto **I-376 W** toward **PITTSBURGH/US-22 W** - go **14.7** mi
- ◆ Bear **LEFT** on **I-279 S** - go **5.6** mi
- ◆ Continue on **US-22 W** toward **AIRPORT/US-30 W** - go **4.4** mi
- ◆ Continue on **PA-60 N** - go **2.0** mi
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*Seminarian*, promotes a prayerful or “spiritual adoption” of a seminarian by a council. All councils, regardless of financial status, can easily participate in this. PSD Joseph Cummings is our chapter’s expert on both programs. Please contact Joe with any questions about participating.

Last month Bishop Zubik requested support for his efforts to send all the diocesan seminarians to the *World Youth Day* in Australia this July. My letter to all Grand Knights explained how the chapter is in the process of coordinating council contributions to support Bishop Zubik’s plans. We, the chapter officers, hope that all councils will donate something no matter what the amount.

Keep in mind that the seminarians of today will be the priests of tomorrow. Let’s show that the Chapter councils continue to support Bishop Zubik and our seminarians.

Finally, I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the February 22 meeting. Check the newsletter or the website [www.pittsburghchapterkofc.org](http://www.pittsburghchapterkofc.org) for site information and directions.

**Fraternally yours,  
Joe Yourish, PSD**

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We often make big plans for ourselves for Lent and then we realize we shouldn’t have. Maybe we should focus on just one thing that is keeping us from growing and flourishing as disciples and let ourselves be restored.

Let us pray that all of us follow Jesus more faithfully this Lenten season. God bless you all as well as your families.

**–Fr. Naos**

***UPCOMING MEETINGS***

March 28, 2008  
Queen of Peace #5367  
Sewickley

April 25, 2008  
Our Lady of Joy #12219  
Plum

**PRO-LIFE**

**(submitted by Clay Bossart)**

Bishop Lawrence Brandt of Greensburg gave a very informative talk at the annual PCUC (*People Concerned for the Unborn Child*) Pro-Life Breakfast on January 12<sup>th</sup> on 2 main subjects: the Marriage Protection Act (MPA) and a new breakthrough in stem cell research iPSC (*Induced pluripotent stem cells*).

As for the former, you are asked to contact your State legislators and urge them to support MPA which would define marriage in Pennsylvania as between man and woman only. Do this before Pennsylvania goes the way of other states where liberal judges have redefined the Constitution and legalized gay marriages.

Secondly, iPSC research is an exciting scientific breakthrough which would negate any perceived need for embryonic stem cell research, potentially saving the lives of countless unborn children to abortion. The iPSC procedure uses a small sample (about 0.1in<sup>2</sup>) of the patient’s own skin in which the cells are reprogrammed to generate stem cells which have all the properties of human embryonic stem cells.



Recent scientific studies have concluded that adult stem-cells have successfully treated over 70 specific diseases. Embryonic stem cells have not demonstrated such success. The score is 70 to zero; what team would you put your money on?

Yet the push to obtain federal funding for destructive research using embryonic stem cells continues. Scientific resolution of any iPSC problems can be pursued ethically without the manufacture, destruction or cloning of embryos. Rapid advances in umbilical cord blood stem-cell research are also being made. For these reasons, funding should go to these latter two research areas.