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UPCOMING EVENTS:



**Family of the Month Form
Due on February 15.**



**Pittsburgh Chapter Meeting –
February 7, 2023 at
Christ the Divine Shepherd/
St. Bernadette Church
245 Azalea Drive
Monroeville PA 15146**



**PENNSYLVANIA
125th STATE
CONVENTION
MAY 5 – 7, 2023
HARRISBURG, PA
(MORE INFO
LATER !)**

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

Dear Brother Knights,

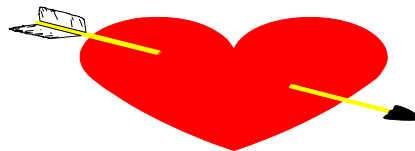
As we started the new year many of us made Resolutions. I hope many of you continue to keep your New Year's Resolutions! I know I still hold true to my habit of eating healthier and working out a little more, although I did have some dessert at our Mid-Year Seminar dinners in State College, so remember the vow of secrecy!

Also, at the beginning of every year, there are new "To Do" lists! Your councils should have sent out the annual assessments to your members. Financial Secretaries: please follow the proper billing procedures as outlined in the Financial Secretary Guide.

Last year, Supreme had re-instituted council billing. Grand Knights and/or Financial Secretaries, must go to Officers online to print out the Supreme Per-Capita Statement as the Supreme Council no longer mails out any statements. If you cannot find it, you can log into Officers Online -> Reports -> Council Billing. This will contain the latest statement. Please remember that a council vote is not required to pay Per-Capita and bills should be paid as soon as possible.

The Fraternal Survey 1728 is due January 31! Please be sure to fill out this important form. Remember that this goes from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. The form is available online at https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/fraternal_survey1728_p.pdf.

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*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

**WATCH YOUR EMAILS
FOR A COLUMN
FROM FATHER WILL !!!**



Father Will Wuenschel
Saint Aidan Parish
St Alphonsus & St. Alexis Churches

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State Council Per Capita billing was sent out in November and is due, January 31, 2023. Much like the Supreme Council billing, this does not require a council vote. To attend the state convention as a delegate, the council must be paid up with both semi-annual billing assessments. Any questions regarding status can be directed to me.

We should be proud of what we have done in the last 6 months. The Western Section of Pennsylvania has made a mark in membership in the order. The challenges remain and we must work harder to help grow the Order in Pennsylvania. I believe with your cooperation and drive; Pennsylvania can have its best recruiting year yet!

Thank you and Vivat Jesus!

Timothy R. Richards – Pittsburgh Chapter President
*State Secretary, Pennsylvania State Council
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**The Roman Catholic Church on December 5, 2023 laid to rest Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in front of a fog-shrouded St. Peter's Basilica with an extraordinary funeral presided over by his own successor, Francis, a final peculiarity to end a strange era in the modern church in which two popes, one resigned and one in power, one conservative and one liberal, coexisted in the tiny confines of the Vatican.
May Pope Benedict's soul now rest in peace.**

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COUNCIL NEWS FROM AROUND THE CHAPTER

Our Lady of Olives Council 3907 Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) Program A Great Success!

Our Lady of Olives Council 3907 (Wexford, PA) recently completed our Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) Program at St. John Neumann Church here in Western PA. We placed our "Giving Baby Bottle" in the Church Narthex accompanied by Pulpit and Bulletin Announcements beginning October 15th concluding with final collections November 13th. Over these weeks 12 Knights were engaged in the Program led by our 7 permanent Committee Members. *Choices Pregnancy Center* in Coraopolis, PA was our selected recipient. The generosity of St. John Neumann parishioners was "overwhelming." Over 560 Baby items were collected ranging from onesies/sleepers to swaddles to backpack diaper bags to car seats to pack n play, etc., etc. In addition over \$1,000 in cash donations and gift cards were received. "Thank You!" St. John Neumann Church and all the Knights who participated. We will be taking this program to the other Churches supported by our Council in the Spring.



Father McGivney Guild

The Father McGivney Guild was established to promote the cause for the canonization of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney. Membership in the Guild is open to anyone (*you do not necessarily need to be a member of the Knights of Columbus*) who wishes to share in this mission of making known the life and work of Father McGivney and of encouraging devotion to his memory.



The goal is to spread the story about his holiness of life and seek his intercession before the throne of God. **THERE IS NO COST TO BE A GUILD MEMBER.** The guild serves as a clearing house for information about Father McGivney, his virtuous life and works, plus the guild is an outward sign of support showing our interest in having this priest canonized. As a member of the **Guild**, you will receive a newsletter and periodic updates on the progress of this cause for canonization. Membership in the Knights of Columbus **DOES NOT** automatically enroll you in the Guild.

Not only because Father McGivney is the founder of the Knights of Columbus, but also because in solidarity with our Bishops and Priests, we want to honor them by bringing about sainthood to the first native born Catholic Parish Priest in the United States. Please visit the Guild website at [http:// www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org) to become a Guild member.

FUTURE PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETINGS

- ♦ **Mar 7th, 2023 St Thomas the Apostle/St Max Church**
- ♦ **Apr 4th, 2023 TBD**
- ♦ **May 2nd, 2023 St Paul Cathedral/ Wuerl Hall**
- ♦ **Jun 6th, 2023 St Killian Church**

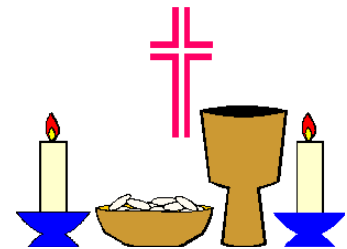


THREE RIVERS MASS – SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023

Long before Pittsburgh became ‘The City of Bridges,’ our city was known as an important hub because Three Rivers merged at one location - the Point. The rivers are an important part of the history of our city, and thus, they are an important part of the history of our Catholic faith in the city of Pittsburgh. That is why every year, we celebrate the arrival of the Catholic faith to Pittsburgh with the Three Rivers Mass. The Three Rivers Mass commemorates the First Mass celebrated in Pittsburgh by Fr. Denys Baron at Fort Duquesne in the Spring of 1754. We are excited to continue this tradition in what can be considered a spiritual hub of our city – St. Anthony’s Chapel on Troy Hill. The Chapel is home to the second largest collection of relics in the world! We are honored that this Year’s Three Rivers Mass will be celebrated at the Chapel by His Excellency Bishop Zubik. Please join us for this special Mass followed by a light brunch on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at 10:00 am. Please spread the word about The Rivers Mass, so that we can fill the beautiful chapel to honor our heritage and our Catholic Legacy. All are welcome, Knights, their families and friends, to attend the Mass. Additional information will be forthcoming about the brunch.

Vivat Jesus,

Timothy Richards
Pittsburgh Chapter President
Pennsylvania State Secretary 2022 - 2024
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CATHOLIC ATHLETES

Athletes and the people who support them have a unique role within the Church. They represent discipline, hard work, and endurance through their sports — and these are all traits that are treasured in the spiritual life. Professional athletes in particular have the privilege and responsibility of being role models. When they take this job seriously, they can have a major impact on the lives of their fans and on the attitude with which we approach sports in general. They hold the power to shift the sports world — and with it, culture — toward a higher moral standard.

Here are 10 Catholic athletes whose faith has shaped what they do both on the field and off it.

- 1) **Simone Biles** — Biles, a gymnast who won four gold medals at the 2016 Summer Olympics, has spoken widely about her Catholic faith. She chose St. Sebastian, the patron saint of athletes, as her patron saint for confirmation.
- 2) **Tom Brady** — This Super Bowl Champion and MVP was raised Catholic, had a Catholic wedding, and baptized his son in the Catholic Church.
- 3) **Babe Ruth** — Though his behavior was often wild, slugger Babe Ruth was a Catholic who constantly sought forgiveness and died with a statue of St. Martin de Porres at his side.
- 4) **Brett Favre** — Favre is known as one of football’s greatest players, and he is also known for a strong Catholic faith that he shares with his wife, Deanna.
- 5) **Tommy Lasorda** — Legendary baseball manager Tommy Lasorda is a lifelong Catholic. When he managed the Dodgers, he would have a priest say Mass for the Catholics every Sunday.
- 6) **Kobe Bryant** — Bryant has had his share of struggles, just like all sinners. But a crucial part of his life is his Catholic faith, which he credits with saving his marriage.
- 7) **Kimmie Meissner** — World Champion figure skater Kimmie Meissner has a strong Catholic faith that has influenced both her athletics and family life.
- 8) **Bonnie Blair** — In addition to being an Olympic gold medalist in speed skating, Blair is a well-known Catholic humanitarian and spokeswoman for Catholic Relief Services.
- 9) **Pelé** — Pelé was considered by many to be the greatest soccer player of all time. He was also a devoted lifelong Catholic, and he had met several popes.
- 10) **Katie Ledecky** — At the 2016 Summer Olympics, Katie Ledecky collected four gold medals in swimming and smashed world records. Since then, she has spoken publicly about her Catholic faith, including her practice of saying the Hail Mary before races.

<from Catholic TV website>

FEBRUARY 2023



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MARCH 2023



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