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UPCOMING EVENTS:



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



**Pittsburgh Chapter Meeting –
March 7, 2023 at St Thomas
the Apostle Parish/St
Maximilian Kolbe Church**



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

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

Dear Brother Knights,

First, I would like to let all of the councils in the Pittsburgh Chapter and the other councils in the Western Section of Pennsylvania know that our Pennsylvania State Program Director, Mike DeLucia sent out an Email to the State Officers letting us know that Supreme had just posted the numbers of Coats for Kids delivered this year. **Pennsylvania was #1 in the United States part of the Order.** We delivered 100% more coats over last year.

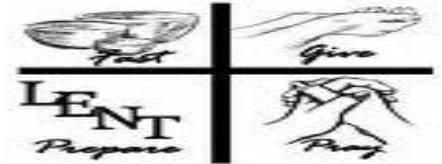


In total, we delivered 12,288 coats which put us the number one jurisdiction. This was the highest total number of Coats delivered by the order. Thank you for all your efforts and a special thank you to John Cocco for challenging all the Knights to achieve the goal of 10,000 Coats for Kids. Great Job Councils and please keep up the good works!

We are now into another Lenten Season, a period of penitential preparation for Easter, which began on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd and will last until Easter weekend. Before Easter, our Lent is an imitation of Jesus Christ fasting in the wilderness before his public ministry ended.

So, as we prepare for Easter, I want to first thank you for all you do for our Order. During this Lenten Season, we must prepare ourselves by continuing to do acts of kindness and selflessness. We must be like the Apostles of Christ in our ministry of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism; and to our Parishes and Church as we continue to build a relationship with our Pastors. We must continue to build our Order with new members and to constantly promote our Fourth Degree. New members are the future of our Order.

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Pittsburgh Chapter Meeting
March 7, 2023
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish
St. Maximilian Kolbe Church
363 W 11th Ave, Homestead, PA 15120

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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I want to thank the Councils for their charitable contributions to their Parishes and Churches and communities by monetary gifts, food drives, blood drives, coat drives and many other events.

We must continue to be present in our Parishes and Churches and Neighborhoods. Do not be afraid to approach that gentleman you see in church or at a school event and ask him if he would like to become a Knight. Never forget that each of us is here because someone approached us and asked us to join.

Continue to be safe as your Councils continue your good works. Remember to increase your presence in your Parishes and churches and at your community events.

Thank you and Vivat Jesus!

Timothy R. Richards – Pittsburgh Chapter President State Secretary, Pennsylvania State Council

POPE FRANCIS' LENTEN MESSAGE



In his message for Lent 2023, Pope Francis encouraged Catholics to listen to what Jesus wants to tell them through the Scriptures and through others.

“The first proposal, then, is very clear: We need to listen to Jesus,” he said. “Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to him as he speaks to us.”

Pope Francis said one of the ways Jesus speaks to us is through the word of God, which we can hear at Mass. But if one cannot attend Mass during the week, it is a good idea to still read the daily readings of the liturgy, the Pope encouraged.

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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

- ♦ **Apr 4th, 2023 TBD**
- ♦ **May 2nd, 2023 St Paul Cathedral/ Wuerl Hall**
- ♦ **Jun 6th, 2023 St Killian Church**



ALL MEETINGS START AT 7:30 pm !!!!

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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THANKS ——— I would like to thank all who have contributed to our efforts to help veterans in need over the last year and a half.

The Knights of Columbus have been a contributor of funds to support a new music therapy program at Heinz VA medical center, but most of our support has been donations of new or gently used clothing for veterans in need and their families.

As you know, many veterans are homeless, and the VA has a major effort underway to assist them. The VA is also reaching out to help the Salvation Army in Pittsburgh to help other homeless people. This increases the Knights of Columbus involvement to help desperate people who are greatly in need of assistance.

Therefore, we want to continue to reach out to ask for donations of new or gently used warm clothing (both men's and women's), sleeping bags, tents, or tarps to help the homeless in our area, including veterans and their families.

If anyone prefers to make a cash donation, the money will be spent to purchase some of these items. Checks should be made payable to "K of C Council 4226" and note on the check that the money is for "VAVS Fund". This fund was created by K of C Council 4226 just for VAVS donations. The checks should be mailed to me, Lee Clark at 3406 N. Hills Rd., Murrysville PA 15668.

Please consider having a drive to gather donations and let me know. I can come pick them up at your location or any convenient location.

Vivat Jesus, Lee Clark, FDD, K of C VAVS Representative, SWPA





SATURDAYS
March 11th & May 6th
9:00AM - 4:00PM

OLMC VOLUNTEER DAYS

OLMC Volunteer Days - March 11th & May 6th

Bring a Scout troop, your Knights of Columbus council, bible study, small group, friend group, youth group, or your family. All hands on deck to get OLMC ready for summer camp. Pack a lunch and get ready to do some indoor and outdoor Spring clean-up, firewood management, trailblazing, and painting.

For more information, go to <https://www.drybonespgh.org/>

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE LENTEN SEASON !!!!

- ◆ Lent is the 40 weekdays from Ash Wednesday to Easter observed by the Roman Catholic, Eastern, and some Protestant churches as a period of penitence and fasting. Sundays aren't included in the 40-day count.
- ◆ Since Sundays aren't included, Lent technically lasts 46 days.
- ◆ When Lent started, it was only 36 days. Later, it was changed to 40 days.
- ◆ Why is Lent 40 days? The number 40 is a significant number for Christians. Jesus spent 40 days in a desert. Noah had to wait 40 days for his ark to float. And Moses, along with his followers, traveled through the wilderness for 40 years before reaching the Promised Land.
- ◆ Lent comes from the Middle English word "lente," which means springtime.
- ◆ In the Catholic tradition, followers should not eat meat from any warm-blooded animal during Lent. This rule has been relaxed to "You can't eat meat on Fridays."
- ◆ Lent doesn't actually end on Easter; it ends on Good Thursday, the day Jesus has The Last Supper.



MARCH 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
**Family of Month Form Due			1	2	3	4
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APRIL 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
**Family of Month Form Due						1
2 	3	4 Pgh Chap. Mtg	5	6 Holy Thursday	7 	8 Holy Saturday
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16	17	18 Tax Day !!!	19	20	21	22
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