# Knights of Columbus



# St. Michael Council #11445 5750 North High Street Worthington, Ohio 43085



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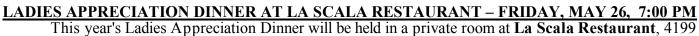
#### **Dates to Remember:**

[All K of C meetings are held at St. Michael Church, Lower Meeting Room (New addition) at 7:30 PM unless otherwise noted.]

- 5/3 Feast of Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
- 5/6 Measure Up Campaign (see page 5)
- 5/7 Knight of Year and Family of the Year Awards Banquet
- 5/8 Business Meeting

Deadline for turning in Super Cash Bonanza checks and stubs (see page 4)

- 5/13 First Communion Masses at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM 4th Degree Honor Guard Honor Flight Columbus (see page 3)
- 5/14 Mother's Day
- 5/15 **First Degree** at St. Michael (by KofC11445 First Degree Team) 7:00 PM (see page 2)
- 5/20 Armed Forces Day
- 5/21 Corporate Communion (10:30 Mass) followed by Coffee and Donuts (see page 10)
- 5/26 Ladies Appreciation Dinner (see page 1)
  DEADLINE FOR JUNE NEWSLETTER
- 5/27 Flag Decorating at Resurrection Cemetery (see page 5)
- 5/28 Ascension Sunday
- 5/29 Memorial Day
- 5/31 Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 6/4 Pentecost Sunday
- 6/10 Honor Flight Columbus (see page 3)
- 6/12 Business Meeting



This year's Ladies Appreciation Dinner will be held in a private room at **La Scala Restaurant**, 4199 West Dublin-Granville Rd in Dublin with Cash Bar at 7:00 pm and Italian family style dinner at 7:45 pm. A map for the location may be found at <a href="http://www.lascalaitalianbistro.com/">http://www.lascalaitalianbistro.com/</a>.

This dinner is designed to thank our wives/fiancées who allow us so much time away from our immediate families and support us in all that we do as Knights. Without their support, we would not be able to do nearly as much as we do, so please treat your wife/fiancée to dinner as a way of saying thank you to her.

The price <u>per couple</u> for the Italian Style Dinner is \$55.00, which includes a rose for all the ladies. Payment for the dinner is at the door by cash or check. NO CREDIT CARDS. (Payment for all alcoholic beverages is totally your responsibility.)

Please **RSVP** no later than Tuesday, May 23, as I need a firm number to order flowers for the Ladies. This will also allow me to finalize arrangements with La Scala Restaurant in a timely manner.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Tony Schera, Council Activities, 614-781-0381, atonyschera@aol.com

**HOME** (Presented by our lecturer at our April Meeting)

Think back to when you were a child, to the first time you wandered off from your yard, to do things that kids do: Explore the woods at the end of your street. Look for treasure. Try to catch a rabbit. To this day, it's probably easy to recall the look on your parents' faces when they found you: faces full of a mix of worry, fear, panic, and relief. But before scolding you about running off on your own without telling them where you were going, the first thing they did was hug you tight. Probably tighter than you had ever been hugged. Except maybe that one aunt who always pinched your cheeks.

For your parents, those minutes that you were gone seemed like an eternity. Every thought they had was about you and your safety. Their stomachs churned as their minds raced. Where were you? Were you okay? They were calling your name, why didn't you answer? Were you hurt? Were you hurt so bad you couldn't reply? Did someone take you? Were you... dead? So when you finally wandered back, the relief that you were okay took precedence over any admonishment that certainly came later. They were just so happy that you were home.

Now imagine for a moment, how Mary and Joseph felt when Jesus decided to wander off at the age of twelve. They were returning home from celebrating Passover in Jerusalem. They travelled a day before they realized Jesus wasn't with them. Picture the scene: They asked around to their friends and relatives, "Hey, have you seen Jesus?" "Last I saw Him, He was with His cousin, John." "John, John, where's Jesus?" "Uh, I dunno. Haven't seen Him since we left Jerusalem." So they travelled a day back to Jerusalem to look for Jesus. Think of the conversation Mary and Joseph must have had on the trip back. "Where do you think He is?" "What if we get there, and He left looking for us?" "Why didn't He leave with us? I told Him when we were leaving!" "I hope He's okay." "I'm sure He's fine." "What if we can't find Him? What if we *never* find Him?" After a day's travel, they got to Jerusalem and spent another day looking for Him. And when they found Jesus, after three days of worry, imagine how tight Mary and Joseph must have hugged Him. After all, while losing track of your own child might be rough in and of itself, losing track of the Christ whom God Himself entrusted to your care is a whole other matter entirely. So imagine Mary and Joseph's emotions when they found Him, safe and sound.

Wandering off became a recurring theme for Jesus. He wandered off from home to be baptized by his cousin John. Then He wandered off into the desert for forty days. There were times where he wandered away from the disciples to pray. But in all these times, Jesus was never truly alone. And He never wandered off aimlessly. Every time Jesus left where He was, He went to follow the Spirit, or to have time with His Father in prayer. Unlike Mary and Joseph, however, Jesus' Heavenly Father always knew where Jesus was, and He always knew that Jesus was safe. But God the Father also knew that His only Son would, at the appointed time, suffer, and suffer greatly. God the Father also knew that when His only Son fulfilled the prophecies, that though He was innocent of any sin, Jesus would bear the punishment for every sin of mankind. God the Father knew that His only Son would be put to an excruciating and humiliating death by the very people he was sent to save.

Throughout His whole life, Jesus did the Father's Divine Will, even to the point of accepting His own suffering and brutal death by crucifixion. His love for the Father was shown by His obedience, and in so doing perfected God's mercy and love for mankind. So how do you suppose God the Son was greeted by God the Father, the Father who knew the suffering His only Son would endure long before Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt? No one knows for sure, but a safe bet is the Son was greeted by the Father with a mighty hug, and the Father telling His only Son how happy He was that He was home.

No matter how far we wander, our Heavenly Father knows exactly where we are. He never loses concern that our souls will be lost eternally. He never gives up hope that we will use His gift of free will to choose to love Him. Our Good Shepherd never stops calling our name. For the Father wants nothing more than for all His sheep to be home with Him. And after we take our last breath, if we have battled sin and strived to be right and righteous, the Father will wrap His arms around us, and tell us, "My child, I'm so happy that you are home."

Mike LaMorte, Lecturer

#### FIRST DEGREE CEREMONY BY KOFC11445 DEGREE-TEAM - MONDAY, MAY 15,7 PM

Brother Knights: Our new KofC11445 St. Michael Council Frst Degree Team will perform a First Degree Ceremony on Monday, May 15 at 7:00 PM in the new KofC meeting room. Please come to support the 1<sup>st</sup> degree candidates and your new First Degree Team.

Richard Wade, Chairman, KofCl1445 First Degree Team, 614-781-1664, richardwade@rocketmail.com

#### ST. MICHAEL COUNCIL #11445 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2016-2017

Chaplain: Rev. Anthony Dinovo Inside Guard: Craig Eckert Newsletter Editor: Anthony Petrarca Grand Knight: Greg Eckert Outside Guard: Peter Schera Program Director: Chris Fricke Deputy Grand Knight: Chris Fricke Trustee (1 Year): Brett Gissel Church Activities: Bob Tatz Chancellor: Mike LaMorte Trustee (2 Years): Pat Rosmarin Community Activities: James Shough Trustee (3 Years): Richard Wade Council Activities: Tony Schera Recorder: Tom Schmitt Membership: John Greve Family Activities: Jeff Pillivant Financial Secretary: Anthony Matlak Treasurer: Tim Dondero Culture of Life: Earl Crosby Youth Activities: Fidel Pitones Lecturer: Mike LaMorte Columbian Squires: Matt Brown District Deputy: Brett Gissel Advocate: Michael Fowler Scholarship: John Greve Insurance Rep: Tony Ferguson

Historian: Anthony Petrarca

#### HONOR FLIGHT COLUMBUS - SATURDAYS, MAY 13 & JUNE 10

St. Michael Council #11445 has committed to continue its support of transporting St. Michael WWII and Korean War Veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit their respective Memorials through the Honor Flight Program. Remaining Honor Flight Columbus trips for the 2017 season are: **May 13; June 10; September 9 & 30; October 21.** Morning ground crew volunteers are expected to arrive at John Glenn International Airport by 4:30 AM. A Volunteer Application Form for those interested in helping out with Honor Flight Columbus (like Ground Crew, or any of the other variety of opportunities listed) is available on the Honor Flight website. To volunteer please complete the Form found at: <a href="http://www.honorflightcolumbus.org/About Us.html">http://www.honorflightcolumbus.org/About Us.html</a>.

Last but not least, our KofC Honor Flight committee seeks everyone's help in talking to our fellow parish WWII and Korean War veterans about possibly making the Honor Flight trip. Veteran application forms can also be found on the website listed above. Thanks to all who help make this program such a memorable one for our veterans.

Jim Shough, Community Activities, 740-549-3321, jshough1@insight.rr.com

## FISH FRY INTERIM REPORT

Thank you to everyone's hard work and dedication to make this years's Lenten Fish Fry a huge success. It would not have been possible without your help. Please stay tuned for the report of the disbursement of funds. I look forward to seeing everyone at next year's Fish Fry.

Chris Fricke, Fish Fry Co-Chair, 614-402-0329, crf1605@aol.com

# TO ALL THIRD DEGREE KNIGHTS

Warden: Kirk Alton

The Spring Exemplification for the Fourth Degree will be held in Columbus on Saturday June 3. To be eligible to obtain the Fourth degree you must be a Third degree Knight in good standing. I strongly encourage all Third Degree Knights to consider joining the Fourth Degree. If you are interested in joining the Fourth Degree please see me or any other Fourth Degree member.

Chris Fricke, Deputy Grand Knight, 614-402-0329, crf1605@aol.com

#### **NOMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2017-2018**

At our business meeting on June 12 we will be voting for Council Officers for the 2017-18 fiscal year. Following is the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee:

Grand Knight	Greg Eckert	Warden	Kirk Alton
Deputy Grand Knight	Chris Fricke	Inside Guard	Craig Eckert
Chancellor	Mike LaMorte	Outside Guard	Peter Schera
Recorder	Tom Schmitt	Trustee, 1 yr.	Brett Gissell
Treasurer	Chris Axene	Trustee, 2 yr.	Richard Wade
Advocate	Mike Fowler	Trustee, 3 yr.	John Greve

All other offices are appointed or not up for election. Additional nominations will be taken from the floor at our May 8 and June 12 meetings prior to the vote. Officers will serve from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Greg Eckert, Grand Knight, 614-799-9777(h), 614-313-1624(c), eckerts@outlook.com

Chris Fricke, Deputy Grand Knight, 614-402-0329, crf1605@aol.com

#### NOTE TO U.S. MAIL RECIPIENTS OF THIS NEWSLETTER

Our KofC Newsletter is currently being sent by U.S. Mail to about 15 members and 5 guests (KofC widows and honorary recipients). Over 200 members and guests receive the newsletter via email, which results in a considerable savings in postage and printing costs for our council.

If you are a U.S. mail recipient and have an email address, please share it with me at <u>petrarca@cse.ohio-state.edu</u> so that we can realize an additional savings in postage and printing costs.

#### OHIO KOFC 2017 SUPER CASH BONANZA CHARITY CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We are now approaching the end of our Super Cash Bonanza Charity Campaign. Thank you to those who have responded thus far, but we now need to have everyone with outstanding tickets return their results before the upcoming deadline for their return.

As you recall, from each \$5.00 ticket sold, we realize a minimum of \$2.40, with opportunities for additional rebates based on numbers of tickets sold. The State Council portion of the proceeds supports various Diocesan programs such as the **TV Mass, Vocational Support, Scholarships**,



and many other Charitable Activities; while our KofC11445 Council's portion of the proceeds go to our St. Michael Council Scholarship Fund, particularly our newly formed CHRIS DAMO SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

You may turn in your ticket stubs and receipts to me at the **May 8 Business Meeting**; or you can mail them by that date to:

Richard Wade, 297 Halligan Avenue, Worthington, Ohio 43085 (Phone: 614-781-1664) You may also put your returns in a clearly marked envelope **Knights of Columbus Raffle**, and place it in the Church collection basket or drop it off in the Church Office by May 8.

Make checks payable to KofC #11445

Final turn in of tickets will be at our business meeting of May 8. REMEMBER – THIS IS THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR OUR COUNCIL'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. Thanks again for your help in supporting the Ohio KofC Charities and our St. Michael KofC Scholarship Fund. Richard Wade, Chairman, 614-781-1664, richardwade@rocketmail.com



New members of KofC11445 (front row)
Inducted at St. Michael First Degree Ceremony on April 17
(see names on Membership page – p. 9)

#### MEASURE UP CAMPAIGN FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED - SATURDAY, MAY 6

Saturday, May 6, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at High Street and 161, is the date, time and location for our council's Measure Up campaign for developmentally disabled programs this year. Thank you to everyone who signed up to help with this important event. We hope everyone has helped to promote this event among your friends and neighbors

For those new to the council, we collect money on the street at the corner of High and 161, and distribute rulers explaining what the Measure Up program is all about. Twenty percent of what we collect goes to the state KofC to distribute to programs for developmentally disabled, and we get 80% back to distribute ourselves. Last year, we gave to the Royalton House (<a href="http://www.necare.org/joomla/images/brochure.pdf">http://www.necare.org/joomla/images/brochure.pdf</a>), the Doyle Memorial Fund for Learning Disabilities (<a href="http://www.doylememorialfund.com/">http://www.doylememorialfund.com/</a>), Lend-a-Hand Industries (<a href="http://www.doylememorialfund.com/">http://www.delawarestmary.org/parish-organizations/spice</a>.

Tom Schmitt, Measure Up Charman, 614-396-8022, attorneyschmitt@gmail.com

# FLAG DECORATING AT RESURRECTION CEMETERY – SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1:30 PM

This annual event is scheduled for 1:30 PM, Saturday, May 27, Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center, US 23 just north of Delaware/Franklin county line. This work involves teams of 6-10 people making sure that their assigned 50-60 veteran gravesites have flags. We will be placing over 1600 flags. Teams are pre-assigned and as much as possible, experienced people are given the same general areas. Since teams are pre-assigned, please help us stay organized and pre-register to work the event.

In previous years, we've had over 150 people. Battelle staff and St. Michael Council Knights of Columbus had ~90 volunteers and other groups provided the rest. Helpers came from other parishes (St. Peter, St. Joan of Arc, St. Mary Delaware), other KofC councils, Honor Flight volunteers, scouts, and submarine veterans. Family and friends are more than welcome, and children are encouraged. Event is rain or shine, but lightning or a tornado watch/warning will cancel the event.

Please sign up online at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/Flags4Vets2017">https://tinyurl.com/Flags4Vets2017</a>. And please sign up as quickly as possible before May 22 so that we can assign the teams ahead of time. As you can guess, getting 150 people started with this effort can be difficult without pre-assigning the teams.

This event was initially organized by Cris Damo who passed away April 25, 2015. We will have a brief ceremony including prayer to start the event.

Bob Tatz, Coordinator, 614-570-9368 (cell), rjtatz@tatz.org







#### HONORING OUR BLESSED MOTHER DURING MAY AT ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

At St. Michael School the Blessed Virgin Mary is greatly loved! During the month of May there are many ways that the students and teachers of the school express their devotion to her in a particular way. For several years there has been an opportunity for students, parents, and staff to participate in a Marian consecration according to St. Louis de Montfort on May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima.

This year there are several reasons why this consecration day is special: (The feast day is on May 13, but that is a Saturday so we are going to anticipate it a bit and celebrate some of these things on a school day - Friday, May 12.) The day of the consecration for the 8th graders is also May Crowning day, the 2nd Grade is making their First Communion on May 13, and it is the 100 Year Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions! And May 13 is also the Feast of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, and two Eucharistic Saints, St. Tarcisius and Bl. Imelda, OP. What a grace filled day.



This year there were many students and a several parents and staff who chose to do the month long preparation and will consecrate their lives to Our Lady (using Fr. Brian McMaster's book *Totus Tuus*). The context for this consecration has been the 8<sup>th</sup> grade clubs for both boys and girls: *The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary* for the girls, assisted by Mrs. Christine Zaremba, and the *Virtus in Christo* for the boys, assisted by Mr. John Wallace. Throughout the year the 8<sup>th</sup> graders help spread devotion to Our Lady and to the Blessed Sacrament, respectively. It seems appropriate that one of the culminating events of the year is a consecration to Our Lady. As part of the preparation for the consecration the students all wrote an essay on Our Lady. The essays were read and the top scoring essays were chosen for publication. Two of the essays are below, one written by <u>Emily Vais</u> and one written by <u>Adam Pavliga</u>.

Sr. Mary Jacinta, O.P., St. Michael School

## Mary in My Life by Emily Vais

Mother. "A person who brings up a child with care and affection" (Merriam-Webster Dictionary). Mary is mother to all of us and she cares for us by bringing us closer to her Son. Motherhood and the Virgin Mary are simply two inseparable concepts, just as Mary and my faith life are inseparable. For me, Mary is the most relatable creation of God. She was perfect, yet she was human. I can understand her in a way I cannot understand The Father, Son, or Holy Spirit. Mary's life is understandable to me, especially her motherhood of Jesus and she comforts me while drawing me near to Jesus now and in Heaven.

Mary is the perfect mother. In the Bible, we are not told much about the Virgin Mary. However, we know that, "The Virgin Mary received faith and joy when the Angel Gabriel announced the good tidings to her that the spirit of the Lord would come upon her." (Hahn, Scott. Hail, Holy Queen. Doubleday, 2001, p. 40). At that very moment, Mary became the mother of Jesus. Soon, Jesus would give her to us as he was dying for our sinfulness on the cross. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, it tells us how Mary stood at the base of the cross, "In keeping with the divine plan, enduring with her only begotten son in the intensity of his suffering... Christ Jesus dying at the cross, as the mother to his disciple[s], with these words: 'Woman, behold your son.'" (964). As Jesus is dying, He gives of Himself one more time. He gives us His own mother. Mary shields and protects us. She wants nothing more than for us to be with her in Heaven. As Scott Hahn explains in his book, Hail, Holy Queen, "As the Mother of God, Mary is the mother par excellence. So, as all mothers are elusive, she will be more so. As all mothers give of themselves, she will give more." (p. 16). Mary will keep perfectly giving of herself to us over and over again. She desperately longs for us to be with her, as any mother would want to be with her children.

I see Mary playing a role in my life through her intercession and comfort. Mary also affects my life my inspiring me to devote everything I do to her. Any mother would want to see her children succeed. So, Mary,

"Continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation." (CCC 969). I constantly see Mary interceding for me especially in moments of temptation. She is the little voice in the back of my head crying out that a bad decision will lead me farther away from her beloved Son. I will be consecrating myself to Mary - confirming that I always want to be with her and her with me. Mary helps me to say yes to everything God asks me to do. However if we truly want to live out our vocation to be her children, we must have a strong devotion to her. As Scott Hahn says, "...All Marian devotion must begin with solid theology, and firm credal faith." (Hahn, p. 17). I do believe I have a strong faith, especially from reading Sacred Scripture. Mary plays a crucial role in my faith life because whenever I read about her in Scripture, I feel that she helps me understand Christ more fully. Mary is the Mediator of my life. When I call to mind my Marian devotion, I find that I think of Mary in a very motherly and comforting way. Mary is my mother and as a child longs to be like its mother, she inspires me to be more like her. Mary will always be there, even if you feel alone and she will understand. She was human just like us. In my life I can always fall back on Mary and can rely on her to catch and hold me.

I see Mary's role in my life growing in the future, specifically through motherhood and in Heaven. Mary is the absolute perfect example of a mother. I have no idea what I am going to do in my future, but I know I would love to be a mother. However, in the meantime, I can mirror Mary when she, "Deflect[ed] attention away from herself." (Hahn, p. 16). Mary was perfect, yet she never once drew attention to herself, she always reflected it to Jesus. I think that is a great way to live because people will call you out if you do something great. You do not need to boost yourself up. Another way that Mary will hopefully affect my future is being reunited with her in Heaven. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church it says that, "She will be in the homeland at the end of her journey." (972). The moment that I (hopefully) walk through the gates of Heaven and from that point on, Mary will be very influential in me since I will always be with her. She can explain things to me I had always wondered, but God had not been ready to reveal to me. Deflecting attention away from myself and towards God is what will make me truly happy and I pray that ultimately will get me to Heaven with Mary.

In conclusion, Mary's life is so influential to me. Characteristics of Mary I admire are her faithfulness and obedience. Mary is my mother and as a child longs to be like its mother, she inspires me to be more like her. I believe Mary is also helping me to be more and more like her every day. Mother. "A person who brings up a child with care or affection" (Merriam-Webster Dictionary). That is who Mary is in my life.

# Lighthouse by Adam Pavliga

The Mother of God is like a lighthouse, directing us to where her Son is. Mary played an important role in salvation history by fully trusting in God and the plan He had for her. At the Annunciation, Mary's, "yes," allowed Jesus Christ to be placed into her womb by the Holy Spirit. Also, Mary is known as the "Star of the Sea," in which she will shine brightly in the sea of the world's problems. Mary, the Mother of God, shines brightly as a direct path towards her Son, Jesus Christ.

Mary, the Mother of God is Queen of heaven and earth. As a teenager, she was asked to be the Mother of the Son of God by the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation. She trusted God with His plan and said, "Let it be done to me according to thy word" (Luke 1:38). Throughout Mary's lifetime, she was always there for Jesus as we can see from Bible passages, such as, when Mary and Joseph spent three days searching for Jesus until they found Him in the Temple. Another example is when she stood underneath the foot of the Cross, there for her Son during His last moments. Once Mary was assumed into heaven, she was crowned Queen of heaven and Earth. She also became the Mother of the Church, of which the Catechism says, "She is 'clearly the mother of the members of Christ'"(CCC 963). This quote shows that anyone who enters into the Church can look up to Mary as a Mother in faith. The Catechism also says, "In a wholly singular way she cooperated by her obedience, faith, hope, and burning charity in the Savior's work of restoring supernatural life to souls. For this reason she is a mother to us in the order of grace'"(CCC 968). This quote is explaining the significant role Mary has played in Jesus' work of getting people to eternal life. By her actions, she received many graces from God, and now she directs us to graces God has for us. As Queen and Mother, Mary has been the perfect example of living out the faith in Jesus Christ.

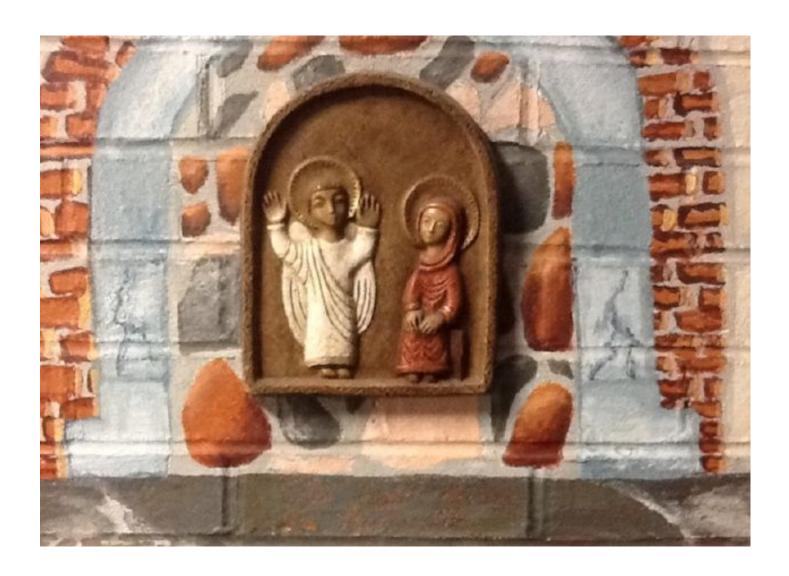
One of the many Marian feast days is the Annunciation which is celebrated on March twenty-fifth. As stated in the paragraph above, this feast day celebrates the day where the angel Gabriel came to Mary, asking her if she would be the Mother of God. Mary's faithful, "yes," allowed for Christ to come into the world and save us from sin. In the Catechism it says, "There she stood, in keeping with the divine plan, enduring with her only begotten Son the intensity of his suffering, joining herself with his sacrifice in her mother's heart," (CCC 964). This quote is explaining the sacrifice and emotional ride the Blessed Virgin Mary had to endure. At the Annunciation, Mary felt confused and worried, but as said in the quote, she stayed trustworthy to the plan God had for her. The Catechism also states that, "In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's grace" (CCC 490). This is saying that because Jesus is without sin, so His mother also has to be without sin which occurred

by the grace of God. One of the most important reasons why the Catholic Church started is because of the

Annunciation. Without Mary saying, "yes," there would be no salvation for the world.

A beautiful title for Our Lady is, "Star of the Sea." This title fits her perfectly, because out of all of the seas (for example, school, work, and sports) she is always there. No matter how far out in the sea a person is, she will shine brightly like a lighthouse for them, directly them toward her Son, Jesus. In a poem by Thomas Moore in the book, The Little Book of Mary, he says, "To pilgrims' hearts recalling, their home beyond the deep; when rest, o'er all descending...then, Mary, Star of the Sea, We pray, we pray, to thee." (Pauly Fongemie, A Little Book of Mary) Thomas Moore is saying through all of the mess in a day, remember to pray to the Star of the Sea, for she will be the light in the mess. Relating to what Thomas Moore wrote, the Catechism says something similar, "Likewise she shines forth on earth, until the day of the Lord shall come, a sign of certain hope and comfort to the pilgrim People of God" (CCC 972). This is similar because they both talk about how the she is a light for all people who they can look to in both the tough moments and in the joyful moments. The Star of the Sea is the perfect person to pray to when one is in the deep waters, and the perfect role model to imitate when one is on the shore by being a light of direction for others.

Mary, the Mother of God is a light that shows a path to the Son of God. From the moment of Mary's conception to her assumption into heaven, she stayed faithful to God. Mary conceived the Savior of the world at the Annunciation by her Faith in God. Lastly, as the Star of the Sea, Mary will be there to comfort us in the mess of today's world. The Mother of God will shine as a lighthouse for her Son Jesus, until He comes again.



Stone Mural of Mary and Joseph at St. Michael School

# **Membership** Activities

Membership Chairman: John Greve

WELCOME to new Brother Knights Aaron Bakhshi, Dan Bartholomew, Bill Guay, Austin Goare, Bryan Petras, and Jeff Strayer, all of whom were inducted in the First Degree at St. Michael on April 17.

#### **UPCOMING FIRST DEGREE CEREMONIES**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Council</u>	Time*	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
5/11/17 (Thur.)	#4603, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City	7:00 PM	Bill Merriman	614-397-5745
5/15/17 (Mon.)	#11445, St. Michael, Worthington	7:00 PM	Richard Wade	614-781-1664
5/30/17 (Tue.)	#5253, St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg	7:00 PM	Scott Marsh	614-306-4244
6/8/17 (Thur.)	#5776, St. Paul, Westerville	7:30 PM	Don Coffey	614-578-9915
6/8/17 (Thur.)	#4603, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City	7:00 PM	Bill Merriman	614-397-5745
6/19/17 (Mon.)	#11208, St. Brendan, Dublin	7:00 PM	Bob Eggerichs	614-771-9624
	#11275, St. Andrew, Upper Arlington	7:30 PM	John Posani	614-323-8907
*Candidates must arrive 30 minutes prior to the degree starting time				

#### NEXT 2ND AND 3RD DEGREE CEREMONIES - BRYCE ECK CENTER, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017

Sunday, October 29, 2017 is the next opportunity to take the 2nd and 3rd degrees in the Knights of Columbus so you can achieve full knighthood in the order. As most of you know, the 4 principles of the Knights of Columbus are *Charity*, *Unity*, *Fraternity*, and *Patriotism*. The four degree ceremonies are each based on one of these principles. The 1st degree, based on *charity*, is the one you have taken. The 2nd and 3rd degrees being offered on the above date at the Bryce Eck Parish Center of St. Andrew Church, 3880 Reed Road, Upper Arlington are based on *unity* and *fraternity*. One does not achieve full knighthood in the Knights of Columbus until you have taken the 3rd degree. The 4th degree is optional. IF YOU ARE A FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT, MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ABOVE DATE.

# NEXT 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONIES

The next 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 3. Contact District Deputy **Brett Gissell** or Deputy Grand Knight **Chris Fricke** for application forms and other information.

#### DISTRICT DEPUTY FOR ST. MICHAEL COUNCIL #11445 (DISTRICT 41)

Brett Gissel 235 Loveman Ave., Worthington, Ohio 43085 Ph. 614-805-1443 email: BrettGissel@gmail.com

#### INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE FOR ST. MICHAEL COUNCIL #11445

New Representative to be assigned shortly

#### PRAYERS FOR BROTHER KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Please pray for **Colleen Hull**, wife of brother knight Joe Hull, who is battling cancer; for **Kelly Nasdeo**, St. Michael Parish secretary and wife of brother knight Steven Nasdeo, who is in need of a kidney transplant; for brother knight **Scott Mergenthaler** who is again undergoing treatment for cancer; for **Cheryl Hatem**, St. Michael School Cafeteria Manager, and for the sister of brother knight Matt Brown, both of whom are dealing with current health problems; for brother knight **Cy Cottrell** who is recovering from treatment for kidney cancer; for the step-father of brother knight <u>Mike LaMorte</u> who has some current health problems; for brother knight **Tony Petrarca** and for his wife **Betty Petrarca** who are both recovering from some recent medical problems; for **Ron Sylvester**, father of brother knight <u>Tony Sylvester</u>, and for Tony Sylvester's father-in-law, both of whom currently have some serious health problems; for the father of brother knight Grag Eckert who is recovering from



serious health problems; for the father of brother knight <u>Greg Eckert</u> who is recovering from a leg accident; for brother knights **Mike Fowler, Ron Stanko, Fr. Carmen Arcuri, Bob Flores, John Blute, Dan Meyers,** and **Jim Ferega**, all of whom are currently experiencing some health problems; for knight widow **Lale Ruth**, who is recuperating from cancer chemotherapy; and for knight widow **Joan Patton**, and brother knight **Bob Foster**, both of whom are dealing with long term health problems; and for all Veterans, living and deceased.

In Memoriam John 'Jack' Heller

June 14, 1928 - Mar. 11, 2016

Requiescat in Pace

In Memoriam

Eugene 'Gene' Gabalski

June 29, 1932 - Apr. 23, 2016

Requiescat in Pace

CORPORATE COMMUNION (May 21)
Our monthly Corporate Communion at 10:30 Mass on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month is followed by coffee and donuts after Mass. Join your brother knights and families in the RESERVED SEATS up front at the 10:30 Mass for CORPORATE COMMUNION, and FELLOWSHIP after Mass in the undercroft. Bob Tatz, Church Committee



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