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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN...



The Grace of God

It is a great joy to be named the chaplain of The Knights of C o l u m b u s P i t t s b u r g h Chapter. I thank

Bishop Zubik for his great trust in me to care for this special ministry within the Church of God. I am Fr. William Wuenschel (Fr. Will). As you may know I was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Pittsburgh on June 27, 2015. I grew up in a strong Catholic family. I am the 8th of 9 children. But in my years of college and for some time thereafter I drifted away from the practice of my faith. In the midst of 'finding myself', by the grace of God, I had several encounters that I knew were the working of God in my life.

After a time of falling away from the faith I returned to the sacrament of Confession after a period of ten years. After this experience, I recognized the mercy and grace of God working in my life. I then, through the sacramental grace of the sacrament, with a clear conscience and deep sense of God's mercy was able to hear him profoundly speaking to my heart, and calling me to be a priest. I discerned this call on my own for over a year, but then it began to manifest itself. What I call the 'pillars of the church', that is those women of my parish, began to ask me if I was considering become a priest. After a time I became open to the grace, to accept God's call, to enter into seminary and formally discern the priesthood. I entered St. Paul's Seminary in the fall of 2009, at 29 <continued on page 2>

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

Brother Knights of the Pittsburgh Chapter,

Hard to believe we are already one month into 2017! As Brother Knights of our beloved Order, let's ask within:

- What can I do to advance our First Degree Principle of Charity?
- What can I do to help those in my Parish and Community?
- What can I do to support our Seminarians?
- And of great consideration in month of January.....HOW CAN WE COLLECTIVELY ADVANCE RESPECT FOR LIFE!

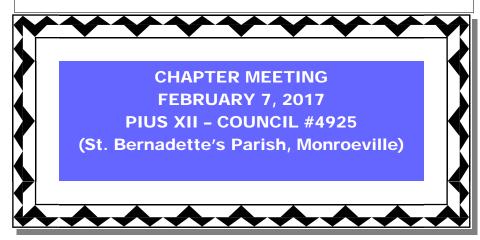
Request you and your Councils pay special attention at this time to your Pro-Life activities:

- Participate in 2017 March for Life
- Conduct drives for financial support for our Chapter Ultrasound and Pro-Life support activities
- Support Genesis, Forty Days for Life, People Concerned for the Unborn, and other Pro-Life organizations in Pittsburgh area

A New Year is upon us....let's expend continued focus on Charity and goodwill as influenced by our Founder, the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney

Fraternally,

Jim Maochi, President, Pittsburgh Chapter Knights of Columbus



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DIRECTIONS TO PIUS XII (St. Bernadette's Parish. Monroeville PA) For those of you with a GPS unit, St. Bernadette's Parish is located at 245 **Azalea Drive**, **Monroeville PA** From Route 28 (North or South), go to Harmarville and enter the Pennsylvania Turnpike, then follow the directions below: Take exit Pittsburgh Interchange ٠ (57) onto William Penn Hwy 2017. (US-22-BR) toward Monroeville Turn right onto Center Rd 0.2 mi/ ٠ ٠ Turn left onto Garden City Dr 0.2 mi/ TBA, Bear left onto Azalea Dr 439 ft/ ۲ Your destination on Azalea Dr is ۲ on the left. If you are coming from downtown TBA. Pittsburgh area, take the Penn Lincoln Parkway (I-376 East and follow the directions below: 2017. Take exit #84A/PA-48 S/ ٠ Monroeville onto Mosside Blvd Turn right onto William Penn ۲ 2017. Hwy (US-22-BR) Turn right onto Center Rd 0.2 ٠ mi Turn left onto Garden City Dr ۲ 0.2 miles Bear left onto Azalea Dr 439 ft/ ٠ Your destination on Azalea Dr is on the left. Discover a World of Good Things in the Knights of Columbus

UPCOMING EVENTS: FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING – February 7th – Monroeville Council #4925 ASH WEDNESDAY – FIRST DAY OF LENT – March 1, MARCH CHAPTER MEETING – March 7th – site APRIL CHAPTER MEETING – April 4th – site PALM SUNDAY – April 9, EASTER SUNDAY – April 16, MAY CHAPTER MEETING -May 2nd – site TBA. 119th PENNSYLVANIA STATE KNIGHTS OF **COLUMBUS CONVENTION –** Kalahari Resort, Mt. Pocono May 19-21, 2017 -

<continued from page 1> years old. The next six years I discerned the priesthood and have been prepared to serve you as a priest. I am so very grateful for the spiritual and financial support of the Knights of Columbus throughout my time in the seminary. Discernment of the priesthood in the seminary is an intense and rewarding time. I thank you all for your prayers for seminarians and for the increase of priestly vocations. The support seminarians receive from the Knights of Columbus are invaluable in their life and formation. The financial support also relieves many of the corporeal needs of a seminarian.

I invite you to view my first homily as a priest which gives a more detailed account of my vocation story on YouTube at:

<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=0tKj1ivLU30</u> or search Father William Wuenschel on YouTube.

It is a great joy to be your chaplain. I ask that you pray for me that I seek God's will to continue to become a holy priest and spiritual guide to the Knights of Columbus. Also, pray for all our priests and seminarians, and an increase in priestly vocations. May God bless you, your families, friends, and all your loved ones.

Grace and peace to all of you,

Reverend William D. Wuenschel Chaplain, Pittsburgh Chapter

DID YOU KNOW?

Since the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative launched Jan. 22, 2009 – the 37th anniversary of Roe v. Wade – hundreds of state and local councils have assisted qualified pregnancy care centers (PCCs) to obtain ultrasound machines.

When a council raises half the cost of an ultrasound machine – which starts at roughly \$20,000 – the Supreme Council matches that amount through the Order's *Culture of Life Fund*.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE FINANCIAL FITNESS FOR THE NEW YEAR

When a new year begins, we like to look at our lives and take stock of where we are. Many make resolutions to challenge themselves to be better. Many focus on their health and well-being. These are great practices. No matter how good we're doing, we can always be doing better, and critical self-reflection and setting goals can help. This is true not only for our physical and spiritual health, but also our financial health. So, as we begin 2017, here are a few suggestions to help you look at your financial situation and find opportunities for improvement.

Start With a Comprehensive Review

Take stock of your entire situation. Look at your assets and liabilities, as well as the plans and protection that you already have in place. Try to anticipate the future. Are you hoping to have more children? Do you want to help pay for your children's education? Are you nearing retirement? This is a valuable and revealing process — and one that you don't have to do alone. As a Knight of Columbus, you can work with a dedicated, well-trained professional brother Knight field agent who can help you identify what you need to adequately protect your family. Through their agent, members receive a comprehensive, complimentary financial needs analysis. This analysis, titled "Profiles & Forecaster," is a proven industry tool that helps you determine your needs. It's a fraternal benefit that costs you nothing but could tell you a lot. The Profiles & Forecaster analysis will help you identify surpluses, short-ages, insurance and income replacement needs, final expenses and more. It's a great way to start.

Focus on the Future

Ask yourself a series of questions: What happens when you die? Will your family be adequately protected? Do you have life insurance? Is it privately owned or tied to your employment? Is it temporary or permanent? As a member, you have exclusive access to our extensive portfolio of permanent and temporary life insurance products that can be customized to fit your needs. What happens if you get injured? If you're disabled and can't work, how long can your family survive without your income? Do you have disability income insurance? How much of your income does it cover? Is it privately owned or tied to your employment? The Knights of Columbus has recently introduced a disability income insurance product that can help provide critical protection for your paycheck. What happens if you get sick? If you need extended care in a nursing facility or at home, will you have money set aside for those needs? Have you looked to see what care like that may cost? Members of the Knights of Columbus have the ability to purchase long-term care insurance that can provide the cash needed to pay for long-term care services while shielding the savings they've set aside for retirement and other purposes. What happens when you retire? Do you have enough money tucked away? How do you know if it's enough? How will your retirement age and social security affect your financial situation? By working with your brother Knight field agent, you can establish a Knights of Columbus retirement annuity that takes the guesswork out by guaranteeing your principle, guaranteeing growth and — when properly structured — an income stream for life, no matter how long you live.

Prioritize Protection

Make protecting the most important things a priority. Think of all the things you insure in your life: your car, house, important electronic devices and major appliances. But how much more precious and valuable is your life? Shouldn't this be protected and prioritized as well?

Proper protection is much more affordable than you may think. Just how affordable? Contact your field agent for your free needs analysis, and he can walk you through all your options.



Questions ?- call me ! Ken Scott / General Agent / (724) 719-2324 kenneth.scott@kofc.org



FEBRUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	Croundhog Day	3	4
5 Super Bowl Sunday	6	7 Pgh. Chapter Meeting 7:30 PM	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 ***	16	17	18
19	Presidents Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Mardi Gras Day			*** Family of the Month Report for January Due	

MARCH 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	*** Family of the Month Report for February Due		Ash Wednesday	2	3	4
5	6	7 Pgh. Chapter Meeting 7:30 PM	8	9	10	11
12 Daylights Savings Time begins	13	14	15 ***	16	17 17	18
Feast of St. Joseph	Spring 20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	