



Brother Knights,

Father Micah: The people of St. Aloysius Church in Dunbar are blessed to have Father Micah Kozoil for their pastor and priest. At our Knights of Columbus Council 1275, we were blessed to have the same Father Micah as our chaplain for these past years. After personal conversation with him, it is best said as he stated: "As I replaced Father Matthew Brozovic because of his age and health, so now is the time that I should be replaced." As my pastor when he was at St. Mary's Church in Uniontown, I always admired his ability to not only preach the gospel but to teach it as well. God be with you always Father Micah. **Pan Boh Splatí Vás.**

Pray for Vocations: When the death of a priest occurs, there is that possibility of one less Mass being celebrated in the world today. So goes with the untimely passing of our priest friend and brother Knight, Father Joseph L. Sredzinski, on October 10, 2015. What better way can we ask God to replace this devoted priest than while praying before the Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic Adoration. Let us try to form a group of men, brother Knight or not, who will be willing to accept this obligation. If interested in doing this, please call me at 724-366-0933. Eucharistic Adoration at the following churches are : St. Therese, Mondays, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.; St. Joseph, Wednesdays, 2:30 to 6 p.m.; and St. John the Evangelist, Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Summer Picnic: Many thanks to Paul Kachur, brother knight and President of the Home Association, for spearheading and hosting the summer picnic this past August. A lot of work and preparation was made by him and his best friend, Ruth Ann Cummings, and the committee which made it such a festive event. Members of the committee: Tom House, Jerome Filicky, Walt Miller, Fred Giachetti, Michael Lemansky, and Tony Bartock.

Memorial Mass: A Memorial Mass will be celebrated for our brother Knights who have passed away since November of last year. The names and date of death of our six departed brother Knights who will be remembered at mass are: **Anthony J Zurick** (November 18, 2014), **Fiore Piccolomini** (February 12, 2015), **James R Hart** (February 23, 2015), **Paul A Solesky** (March 21, 2015), **Louis A Giachetti** (June 28, 2015), and **Wilbert R Dowling** (September 22, 2015). The mass will be at St. John the Evangelist Church in Uniontown, Thursday evening, November 19, at 7 o'clock with the main celebrant being Father Timothy Kruthaupt. All are invited to remember our faithfully departed that day. An announcement will also be in the church bulletins concerning the Mass.

1st and 2nd Degrees: If you know of anyone interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please inform them that we will be holding a 1st degree for new members on Saturday, November 28, at the Columbian Hall, North Gallatin Avenue, Uniontown, at 2 p.m. Candidates should report at 1 p.m. A 2nd degree ceremony will follow shortly after. For more information contact Tony Bartock at 724-880-6206 or Tom Palya at 724-366-0933.

Keep Christ in Christmas: So you can enhance the beauty of your home during the Christmas season for your neighbors and all others who pass by, our Council is selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" yard signs (18" x 24" double sided) for you to display and show the true meaning of this joyous season. You may purchase the sign at the Columbian Hall starting mid-November or by calling 724-366-0933. Cost of the sign is \$10. All proceeds and donations above the cost of the sign will be put towards our pro-life agenda.

Christmas Party: The Knights of Columbus Uniontown Council 1275 will hold its annual Christmas parties at the Columbian Hall, Sunday, December 13. The children's party will be from 1 to 3 p.m. and the adult party for members and spouses will be held from 5 p.m. to ?? **Please RSVP** by calling the Columbian Hall 724-437-1488 in the evening hours during the week or on Saturday/Sunday between 12 noon and 10 p.m. so a number count of attendees can be obtained and the appropriate amount of necessities can be ordered for both parties.



Dues: You will be receiving in the month of December your annual dues notification for the upcoming year, 2016. It is so important to pay these dues on time, and we especially thank and appreciate those who do so. Unfortunately, there are some members who have neglected to pay their dues in the past years. In order to have a strong and resilient council, certain steps will have to be taken.

Insurance: Our Knights of Columbus field agent is Gregory Glowaski. Please contact him for all your insurance needs; he may be reached at 412-217-8636 or gregory.glowaski@kofc.org.

Newsletters: A new method of informing every one of the council's activities in periodic newsletters has been established. Our current and past newsletters can now be viewed on our website, www.kofc1275.org. The newsletter can also be sent to your email if you register at usmra.rob@gmail.com. For those without computer access, spread the word that copies of the newsletter will be available at the Columbian hall along with a copy posted in the vestibule (hours: weekdays 5 to 10, weekends 12 noon to 10). Members can add their names to a postal mailing list by calling 724-366-0933. The newsletter will be mailed to a random selection of brother Knights to help spread the word. Many thanks to Mike Aesoph for upgrading and maintaining our council's website and Rob McGee (Mr. Mine Rescue) for handling the email accounts for the future newsletters. The next newsletter will be announced through church bulletins sometime in January 2016.

K of C Scholarship: The Pennsylvania State Council, Knights of Columbus, is offering scholarships for members, sons and daughters of members, and qualified members of the Columbian Squires. Each scholarship entitles the awardee to receive up to \$3000 over a 6 year period to defray expenses for tuition, books, or maintenance in any college or school of nursing approved by the committee. If interested call Tony Bartock at 724-880-6206.

March for Life: In recognition of the *March for Life* in Washington DC on Friday, January 22, 2016, a pro-life Mass will be celebrated that day at St. Mary Nativity Church, Uniontown, at 8 a.m. After mass, the Knights will recite the rosary for the protection of the unborn child followed by a one-hour stand at the five corners. Hopefully, we will have a good response as last year and will continue to grow in the years to come.

Center of Hope: In September 2013, Mary Ellen Pellegrino, Catholic Charities of the Greensburg Diocese and the Director of Pro-life and Social Ministry, visited the Center of Hope and approved this facility in accordance to our Catholic and social teachings and encourages our council to support them in their goals. The Center is located at the corner of Oakland Ave and W Main Street, Uniontown. Their mission statement follows: *With Christ-like compassion, the Center of Hope offers counsel, support and resources to women and men in pregnancy crisis situations.* You can visit their website at FayetteCenterofHope.org if you wish to learn more about the Center.

Rosary/Meetings: Prior to our council meetings at the Columbian Hall on the first Wednesday of every month, we will recite the rosary at 6:45 p.m. The meeting will start shortly afterwards, at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Reflection: *"The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin. . . If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors."*
Pope Pius XI

Respectfully,

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