

MARIAN COUNCIL #3813 JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH ASSEMBLY



2020 is now behind us, what's in store for us now? Hopefully we can all get the vaccine soon, but even with the vaccine we're still going to have to wear a mask.

Mike Jordon and I have been talking about streaming our meeting and for those that want to get out of the house the meeting will be in the big hall at St. Anne's until further notice.

As for church since Thanksgiving I have been watching mass on the computer, I just feel much safer that way.

As a council we didn't have the annual family Christmas Party but we did ask that if you sent in your children names, they would be given something. We thought of a drive up then we decided on gift card for each of the children that the members let us know about.

On Saturday, the 20th of February the Ohio Charity Tickets will be out, so watch your mailbox for your tickets. If each member can either buy or sell 10 tickets that would help the council reach the goal. Last year not everyone sold tickets however several of us sold far more than the 10 tickets. The money we make on the sale of the Charity Tickets helps the council take part in youth, family, and church programs. As of this writing the council is still planning on having a Right to Life Mass at St. Anne's on the 24th of January with a free will offering breakfast to follow. (Of course this might change, one never knows.)

I had a few ask about the annual March Wine trip, Well, needless to said that's out for March. At this time no winery is taking a bus. Bus company's buses that hold 55 can only hold 27. If everything changes in 2021 we might do an October Wine trip.

I added a large Calendar of events for the next three months. These are important dates for our council. We will meet and see what we can, and cannot do. Stay safe, Joe Mackos



Jan. 1st New Years Day [Time to pay your council & assembly dues see back page for details]

Jan. 3rd Rev. Lubomyr Zhybak and G.K. Raymond S. Zornjak Birthday

Jan. 12th Council meeting 6:30 pm food and refreshments 7:15 PM meeting

Jan. 15th Carl A. Ross Birthday

Jan. 18th Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan. 20th William C. Payne Birthday,

President Charity Foundation Meeting 6:30 pm St. Anne's Social Hall

Jan. 23rd P.G.K. John J. Bielski Birthday)

Jan. 24th Right to Life Mass 8:30 AM St. Anne's Breakfast to follow

Jan. 26th Jesus Mary & Joseph 4th degree meeting 6:30 PM

Jan. 27th P.G.K. Edward J. Gries & FS. & FC. Joe Mackos Birthday

Chapter meeting 7:00 PM St. Anne's, Hosted by Girard Council 2935

Jan. 30th John G. Garavich Birthday

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Council Meetings 2ND Tuesday monthly

Jesus, Mary Joseph 4th Tuesday monthly

St. Anne's Social Hall 4310 Kirk Rd. Yo. 44511 To My Brother-Knights of Columbus of the Marian Council 3813, the Greater Youngstown Area Chapter, and Jesus, Mary, and Joseph 4th Degree Assembly 3055

Christ is Born!

My dear Brother-Knights,

Allow me to thank you wholeheartedly for your kind Christmas greetings and the generous gifts that I recently received from you. I appreciate your thoughtfulness very much. May our immensely good Lord and Savior Jesus Christ reward you manifold for your benevolence in this life and in the life to come and may the joy from the Good News of the Nativity of our Lord remain in your hearts during this Christmas season and unto ages of ages! Have a happy and healthy New Year!

Very gratefully in the newborn Lord, Fr. Lubomir



A part of the Nativity Scene at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Youngstown, OH (2014 A.D.)

For to Us "Is Born This Day in the City of David a Savior, Who Is the Messiah, the Lord":

Celebrating Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's Nativity

Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic

If someone told us at the beginning of this year 2020 that the whole world was soon going to be enveloped in a cloud of fear and anxiety due to some virus, we'd probably laughed at him and dismiss his statements as some doom prophet's insanity, for, after all, wasn't the world going to end in 2000? But that was a theory. The fact is that the world is enveloped right now in a (huge!) cloud of... yes, fear and anxiety due to the virus. The effects? Basically, the virtual shut-down of all public life due to the global pandemic. The news realm is permeated with the death, contagion, and probability stats. When will it end? What in the world happened? How did we get here? In the third millennium? Didn't we know it all? Don't we have the technology? Wasn't there an app to predict the mayhem? No, as it is only obvious, there is no app and there won't be one any time soon either... ever. We are as vulnerable as ever. This is the current reality. A rather scary one, too. Pretty much all the countries in the world are now scrambling to contain the virus and save human lives that death has been claiming irrespective of nationality, race, social status or religion. And then, of course, the worldwide economic plunge. The world is yelling at the top of its lungs: the virus must be contained and contained soon! How do we do that? The Centers for Disease Controls and Prevention (CDC) tells us: "[w]ash your hands often... [a]void close contact... [c]over your mouth and nose with a mask when around others... [c]over coughs and sneezes... [and] [c]lean and disinfect" (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html). Surely, we need to follow the health authorities' directives. No question about it. We certainly have to contain the virus. We ought to keep the social distancing. We have to stay home. If possible, we must self-quarantine, too, for the hospitals are overburdened and I reckon it's an understatement in some areas of the world. And then we are told that the worst is yet to come. As if it helps. Desperation, fear, and anxiety everywhere. How in the world can an invisible to the naked eye virus (the "invisible enemy," as it is sometimes called) wreak so much havoc in the world that seems to be on the verge of collapsing? Apparently, it can. A little virus. So much chaos. Our immune systems need to resist it. A remedy is desperately needed.

Soon we will be celebrating Christmas – the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ – the holy time that we, Catholics, have been so used to celebrating together as parish communities, as the People of God, assembled in our churches to relive the mystery of our Savior's birth in Bethlehem about two thousand years ago. This year things are somewhat different. Although the Catholic churches are open now (at least here in Ohio), some people are still too afraid to come to their parish churches. It is a difficult and surreal actuality to embrace, but there seems to be no other choice outside of the live Internet transmissions of the liturgical services that some churches offer (and perhaps some other options).

Yet, the good news is that we did not cease to be the Church. Despite the current distances between us, we are still brothers and sisters in the Lord. Despite the fact that we are not able as readily to get together for a Liturgy or Vespers in our parish churches, we are still part of this Mystical Body of Christ we call the Church because it transcends time and space, it goes beyond the visible realities of our life. And although, in the right understanding of the expression, our homes might have become the vestibules, the naves, and the sanctuaries of our churches – the "domestic churches," if you will – that is OK. This is a temporary reality that our Lord allows for to happen for a reason, known to Him. I want to believe that soon we'll be able to gather in our parish churches again without any fear or anxiety, just like in the good old pre-pandemic times. To be able to kneel down in a pew, to join in the singing of the divine praises to our Lord, to hear the Word of God proclaimed by a reader and your pastor, to hear your pastor's homily (hopefully a good one), to partake in our Lord Jesus Christ's Most Precious Body and Blood, to go for a cup of coffee and donuts after the church service, just to be with our fellow parishioners. I hope it will come before long. Our Good Lord willing, sooner or later we'll be back together again. Right now, let us immerse ourselves in the mystery of the Christmas season that is approaching. [Continue on page 5]



Feb. 2nd, Groundhog Day

Feb. 9th, Council meeting 6:30 pm food and refreshments 7:15 PM meeting

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Feb. 14th, Valentine's Day



Feb. 15th, President Day



Feb. 17th

Paul M. Zornjak, birthday

President Charity Foundation Meeting 6:30 Place to be announce later

Feb. 20th, Ohio State Charity Tickets watch your mailbox for tickets 10 to 11 AM St. Anne's

Feb. 23rd, Richard M. Larson, birthday

Jesus Mary & Joseph 4th degree meeting 6:30 PM

Feb. 24th, Chapter meeting 7:00 PM St. Anne's, Hosted by St. Dom's Council 13586

Feb. 26th, P.G.K. Albert L. Makara and Gerald Land, birthday's

Feb. 27th, P.F.N. John [Jack] Kochansky, borthday

State Family Director, Mike Jordon

I pray that all had a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- As we start this New Year we see changes coming to our world again in the fact that there is a vaccine for
 the Corona Virus. I hope we all will take advantage of getting the shots so we can get back to a normal life. What do I mean by normal life we can gather as a group with new precautions taken, visit our families and friends. Speaking of family and friends I would like to speak briefly about family.
- This Liturgical Year the Holy Father has named it the Year of St Joseph. As we look at St. Joseph a holy
 man who never ever questioned what was asked of him. He obeyed God took Mary as his wife and they
 raised Jesus as their Son. A family of holiness that taught us what dedication and love truly is.
- Following their example, we too as the men of our families are just like St. Joseph dedicated to our wives and children. It is our duty to lead them to Heaven. How you ask? We do this by showing our love for our families, our work ethic, and our dedication to our friends, and lastly the most important way is by showing our family and friends our love for Our Lord and Savior.

My prayer for us this year is that we will live our lives and follow Jesus just the way Joseph followed as he was called to be the Father of Jesus.



Mar. 1st. P.G.K. John [Richie] Dubaj, birthday

Mar. 3rd. Robert J. Pesa, birthday

Mar. 9th, Council meeting 6:30 pm food and refreshments 7:15 PM meeting

Mar. 13th. Rev. Nicholas D. Kraynak, birthday

Mar. 14th, Daylight Saving Time Begins Spring ahead 1 hour

Mar. 15th. Bernard R. Willoughby, Birthday



Mar. 17th, Mar. 19th, President Charity Foundation Meeting 6:30 PM TBA

St. Joseph's Feast Day, this is the year of St. Joseph



Prayer to Saint Joseph

Oh Saint Joseph whose protection is so great so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh Saint Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ our Lord.

So that having engaged here below your heavenly power I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to thee most loving of fathers. Oh Saint Joseph I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms: I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart press him in my name and kiss his forehead for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. Saint Joseph Patron of departing Souls Pray for me.

Amon.





Mar. 20th, SPRING BEGINS

Mar. 23rd, Jesus Mary & Joseph 4th degree meeting 6:30 PM

Mar. 24th, Chapter meeting 7:00 PM St. Anne's, Hosted by Msgr. Mears Council 3930

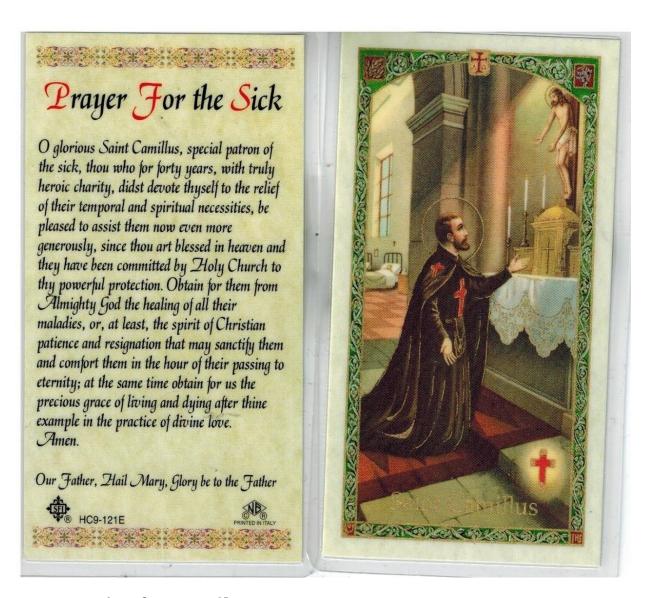
Mar. 27th, Passover begins



Mar. 28th, Mar. 31st,

President Charity Foundation Meeting 6:30 PM TBA

Please let's said the prayer below for those that are sick:
John & Pauline Bielski's: Rev. Nicholas Kraynak,: William Kraynak,
Joanne Mersol, Richie Dubaj



[Chaplain message continue from page 3]

So, what are we celebrating at Christmas? What's so special about the Nativity of our Lord? A lot. Our Lord Jesus was born for our sake, for, as St. Luke writes, to us "is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord" (*Luke 2:11*). Christ's birth is the event that continues our Lord's salvific mission – the redemption of mankind – that will be followed by Christ's baptism in the river Jordan, His entry into Jerusalem, Jesus' passion and death on the cross, and His glorious resurrection. Our Heavenly Father sent His only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit, on a mission that our Lord obediently accepted. A virgin from Nazareth, Mary, accepted it. The Apostles accepted it. The Church accepted it. We accepted it. It was a mission to reveal the face, the heart, and the mind of God that seemed so far away from us and now was so close that

we could touch Him after His birth. Yet, to touch Him not in a fashionable or royal palace full of warmth and surrounded by a multitude of servants, but in a simple manger most likely in the cold surroundings of a cave or a stable, yet not without warmth of His Mother Mary and His earthly father Joseph and, yes, surrounded by the host of angels proclaiming: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom He favors!" (*Luke 2:14*). Our Lord's nativity continued the mission to teach the entire mankind how to love our Lord and our neighbor with our entire beings

Yet, "He came to what was His own, and His own people did not accept Him" (John 1:11). The long-awaited King and Messiah entered the course of His own people's history, yet He was rejected by them, in fulfillment of the Scriptures (see *Isaiah* 53:1, 3). Some still reject Him. We sometimes do, too. Nevertheless, our Lord entered our human existence not as a mighty earthly king, but as a vulnerable baby covered with the swaddling clothes (see Luke 2:7). It was a very special mission – a mission that only God could accomplish, a mission to give every human being a chance to be called an adopted son or daughter of our Lord, a mission to enable us to cross the threshold of His Kingdom, a redemptive mission. And through this salvific mission of love our Lord came to destroy the "invisible enemy," a virus that we call sin. Yes, it is a virus and our Lord destroyed it in its core once and for all. The virus of sin no longer has power over us unless we give in to it freely. Yet do we have to? Can we not to? The virus of sin has been contaminating and infecting the souls of people beginning with our ancestors Adam and Eve and it will continue to do so if we allow it to overpower us, if we let it destroy ourselves from within thinking that we are OK, that there is nothing wrong with us, that our lives go on. Yet, our Lord left us so many remedies against it, the most powerful of which are His Word and the Holy Sacraments. The Sacred Scripture - His Divine Word - gives us life. Through the gift of the Holy Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation (i.e., Confirmation) the scar of the virus of the original sin has been washed with holy water and dressed with holy oil by the power of the Holy Spirit, having strengthened our souls' immune system. Through the gift of the Holy Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Most Holy Eucharist our souls' wounds can be healed over and over again, making our spiritual immune system strong again, and again, and again. It is because of our Lord Jesus Christ's wounds that we "have been healed," for "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness" (1 Peter 2:24). We sinned and our Lord "bore our sins in His body on the cross." We sinned and we have been healed "by His wounds." What more is there to want? What else is there to ask?

Let us not turn our gaze away from Baby Jesus during this Christmas season and ever! The Babe of Bethlehem is being born for us and His birth already prepares Him for the cross. It won't be long before His Body is scarred and wounded with the countless viruses of our and not His sins, for our Lord is holy. Our Lord suffered on the cross for you and me. He endured the excruciating pain for a person, who adamantly refuses to believe in Him, for a so-called Catholic politician that puts the interests of his party (sometimes gravely sinful) above his faith in the Lord, for an unfaithful husband or wife, for a power- and money-hungry executive of a corporation, for a deceitful person, for you and me. It is all of our sins that nailed Him to the cross. It is humanity's indifference, abortions, euthanasia, human trafficking, social injustice, homosexuality, gender politics, fornication, impurity, lies (the list is so long) that scared our Lord's body so much that it no longer looked like a human body. A life of moral relativism, hedonism, and indifference seems to be a new norm now and it does not seem to cause an anxiety or fear among people. Humanity does not seem to be scared of the virus of sin, especially the grave sin. The pandemic of sin does not appear to frighten us. We can live with this virus even our whole lives. We are not terrified. It's the COVID-19 that is really scary. It's only the coronavirus that we want to stop the pandemic of. As for the pandemic of sin, who cares?! Why stop it? How foolish... How sad...

The truth is that we cannot ignore the very sobering words of our Lord Himself, when Jesus tells us who we shall really be afraid of: "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell" (*Matthew 10:28*). Yes, we need to contain the COVID-19 as soon as we can, for we all want to live, but the coronavirus cannot destroy our soul. The sin, especially the grave one, on the other hand, can. Then how come some people live in the denial of the pandemic of sin? How come some people are OK with the way of life that denigrates human dignity and exalts sin? Our human existence ails, yet we are only scared of the COVID-19. Humanity's soul is scarred with sin, yet at times we go about our business as usual. Why was our Lord Jesus born in Bethlehem and died on the cross amidst the piercing pain? He died so that you and I might live and live eternally with Him, for "by His wounds" we have been healed. He died, so that we might know how much we are loved by Him, for "by His wounds" we have been healed. Lord, have mercy on us and on the whole world! The time for repentance is right now! Let us beg our Lord to rid our lives of the virus of sin!

By all means, we need to continue to pray for the elimination of the coronavirus from the face of the earth. By all means, we need to continue to pray for the protection against the virus. By all means, we need to continue to pray for all people in the world that are putting themselves on the front lines in the battle against the virus. By all means, we need to continue to pray for the healing of all people infected with the virus. By all means, we need to continue to pray for the repose of the souls of all people who died from the virus as well as for the families they left behind. And may this prayer of ours to the Lord be done through the intercession of the Most Holy Theotokos and all the Angels and Saints in a complete surrender to His most holy will!

I am sure that we know quite well by now the CDC's guidelines to help stop the deadly coronavirus and I am certain that one day it will be stopped, our Good Lord willing. However, allow me to propose to you now the guidelines that can help you to stop the spread of the even deadlier virus – the virus of sin, especially of the grave sin, for the Healer here is no one else, but our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Himself! First and foremost, let us remember that the Lord loves and knows us by name. Secondly, let us remember that the commandments and the laws that He gave us directly and through the Church are for our

own sake, so that we may not walk in the darkness but in the light. Thirdly, let us acknowledge our sins and ask our Lord to forgive us, especially in the Holy Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fourthly, let us receive the Most Precious Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist frequently and above all worthily. And fifthly, let us never tire of trying not to sin and live our daily lives righteously, for to us "is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord" (*Luke 2:11*). May our Lord always guide you in your life until one day He welcomes you with open arms in His Heavenly Kingdom! A blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year to you and your loved ones!

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JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH ASSEMBLY #3055

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us. St. Joseph, our protector, pray for us

Meets 4th Tuesday Monthly at 6:30 pm

St. Anne's Ukrainian Catholic Church Social Hall 4310 Kirk Road, Yo. OH 44511

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Just a note if you have moved or changed your email please email me: jjm_1303@yahoo.com

Thank you Joe Mackos, FS#3813

MARIAN COUNCIL #3813 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Worthy Brother Knights;

Well, it's that time of the year that I send out a letter asking you for your 2021 dues. We realize several haven't attended a meeting since this Covid-19 started, and we understand. Mike and I have been talking about streaming our meetings live from the church hall. If we can do this it would be great for everyone.

Our dues haven't changed \$35.00, which includes food and drink at all meetings. But just to let you know, of the \$35.00 our council is assessed, \$17.00 per member for state and supreme council dues or better put per captia tax, and the Columbia Magazine and special projects supreme has. The remainder helps offset the cost of materials and postage for our newsletters as well as other expenses that occur.

If you want to participate in the "Gimme Five" program, we're asking each member to give an extra \$5 with your dues payment to help kick off the 2021 Measure-Up campaign.

Our honary life members don't pay any dues, however we would appreciate a donation for the Measurer-up program.

We would like your dues by the January 31st. After that time, a second notice will go out in February with the Ohio Charity tickets. A final notice will then go out in March. After that if dues aren't paid, an intent to suspend notice will go out to any member not paying their dues.

Fraternally

<u>Joe Mackos</u>

Financial Secretary #3813

2021 dues \$____ Make check payable to: MARIAN COUNCIL #3813 c/o Joe Mackos, 3125 Estates Cir. Yo. OH 44511

JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH ASSEMBLY

Worthy Sir Knight;

Time again to pay your 4th degree dues. JMJ dues for 2021 are only \$20.00, and they are due by the February meeting. A 2nd notice will go out to members if their dues aren't paid in February. Then a 3rd notice in March..

Please come to the meeting in January on the 28th and pay your dues, or send us your payment of \$20.00, by the January meeting. Sorry to say if your dues aren't in by the end on March you will then receive a suspension notice in April.

If Tuesday's, are a problem for you to attend would the 4th Monday work better? Please let us know, for when we started 12 years ago everyone voted to hold the meeting on a Tuesday, if you want Mondays we can change.

Our meetings last between 45 minutes to 1 hour, and you no longer have to wonder where the meeting is, for all meeting are at the same place. St. Anne Ukrainian Church Hall at 7 PM with a short social after the meeting at the hall. Join us!

Please make it a point to attend our meeting on the 22nd of January.

Please make your check payable to JMJ Assembly #3055 and either attend the meeting in January or mail your dues to: Joe Mackos,
Faithful Comptroller,
c/o 3125 Estates Cir.
Youngstown, OH 44511

[If you're a member of Marian Council and a member of Jesus Mary & Joseph assembly and want to write just 1 check go ahead but make it out to Marian Council and our treasurer Mike Jordon will make the adjustment.]