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# The Knightly News

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**Father Gzregorz Golyzniak**

Dear brother Knights,

We might think that the hope of Lent has to do with our hope that we will get through it, that we will come to the end of it. We see Lent as an obstacle course we need to navigate in order to get to the great feast of Easter. But while the Lenten season is indeed preparation for our Easter celebration, the hope of this season is that we will find our lives transformed by the many ways we encounter God's Word, by the richness of the Scripture readings chosen to encourage, to challenge, to confront, to comfort. Focusing only on the end goal would cause us to miss so much along the way. The greatest hope of Lent is the discovery that it's not only about penance, deprivation, spiritual struggles, and rooting out sin in our lives. Those are often the

things we do during Lent. But the hope of Lent lies in what God does. From the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis has made mercy his hallmark. It's no surprise that he declared a special year dedicated to the contemplation of mercy. Pope Francis wants us to realize that God's mercy and grace surround us not just in special times and places but always and everywhere. Lent is a time to discover the extraordinary in the ordinary, to be surprised by God's mercy when we least expect it. As the season begins, think about the hopes you have for Lent this year. Think about what changes you want to see in your life, in the world. Let the words of Pope Francis guide you on a journey of bringing those hopes to fulfillment. People often remark on the way our churches are filled on Ash Wednesday. It's not a holy day of obligation. No one is required to attend Mass or receive blessed ashes. But there's something about the beginning of this season of Lent that draws us in, calls us to return to sanity, to a bit of austerity, to a change of heart and mind. It's a second chance at our new year's resolutions, long since broken and forgotten. It's a second chance at making changes in our lives. For some people, it's no less than a second chance at life. That something that draws us is God's grace. And it's drawing us back to God's merciful embrace. There's something attractive about Lent beginning in the middle of an ordinary week, catching us in the midst of our daily occupations and asking us to take time out to find God there. Lent doesn't take us away from our ordinary lives, but rather it invites us to bring a new and holy attention to those activities. This should be the way

with all of our spiritual practices. We take time apart in order to return to our daily activities with new inspiration. God will always surprise us with possibilities when we least expect them. Let this Lent be one of those surprises. The prophet Joel calls for a public ritual of repentance. Jesus reminds his followers that our deepest need is between ourselves and the Father. Both are necessary. Which do you need this Lent? How might your Lenten observances contain a healthy balance of public and private prayer? Choose something this Lent that will enhance your day-to-day interactions with the people in your life.

With prayer

Fr. Grzegorz



**St. Joseph, Mariotto di Nardo (© Musei Vaticani)**

### **Saint of the Month**

### **St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church**

#### **The Just Man**

In his Gospel, Matthew describes St Joseph as "just". Mary's future husband, faced with the inexplicable pregnancy of his fiancé, does not consider his wounded pride or dignity. Instead, his first thought is to save her from popular animosity or, worse still, from the stoning to which she risks being condemned. He does not want to repudiate her publicly but intends divorcing her informally and in secret. It's precisely at that moment of understandable anguish and suffering that the love of God comes, in the shape of an Angel, to encourage him. The Angel inspires Joseph to make the right choice, which is always to overcome fear.

These are the words of the Angel: "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name Him Jesus".

#### **The Obedient Man**

An Angel accompanies St Joseph in the most difficult moments of his life, and his response to the words of the heavenly messenger is always that of trusting obedience. Joseph takes Mary as his bride and when, after the birth of Jesus, the Angel returns to warn him that Herod wants to kill the Child, he escapes with his family to Egypt, a foreign country, where he has to get a new job and start all over again. We know that he worked as a craftsman because, when the skeptical inhabitants of Nazareth query Jesus' origins, they ask: "Is this not the carpenter's son?". When the Angel appears to him again to tell him that Herod has died and he should return to the land of Israel, Joseph takes his wife and son and seeks refuge in the town of Nazareth, in Galilee, simply because the Angel tells him to.

#### **The Foster Father**

Joseph certainly loved Jesus with all the tenderness that a father feels for his own son. Moreover, he protected and educated this mysterious and wise child who was entrusted to his care. Educating Jesus must have been an immensely challenging task: imagine telling the Son of God what is right and what is not. Protecting Him must have been equally difficult. After searching for Him anxiously for three days (while Jesus remained behind in the Temple discussing with the Doctors of the Law), Joseph had to hear a twelve-year old boy tell him: "Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?". Perhaps Joseph felt like every other Father who, sooner or later, has to accept the fact that his child really does not belong to him – but to God alone, who holds that child's destiny in His hands.

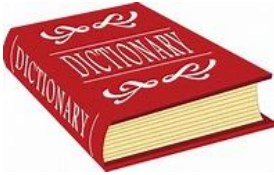
#### **Protector of the Dying**

Joseph does not appear in any of the four Gospels that recount the public life of Jesus, nor at His crucifixion on Calvary, nor at the Resurrection. It is fair to presume, therefore, that he died before Jesus



began his preaching. According to tradition, Joseph died with Mary and Jesus by his side – which is why he is also invoked as the Protector of the Dying. It is the wish of every one of us to leave our earthly home in the company of Jesus and His Mother.

From the Vatican Saint of the Day webpage



## Word of the Month

**Obedience:** Submission to the one in authority. General obligations of obedience fall under the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment. The vow of obedience professed by the religious is one of the evangelical counsels.

From the Catholic Word Book, Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, 2000



## Knights in Action



Knights and their wives at the February social meeting



Grand Knight Bob Lynn presents Bob Leise with the Knight of the Month award.



Grand Knight Bob Lynn and Tootsie Roll Drive chairman Fred Seiter present a check for over \$2000 to the Director of the District 38 Transition program for 18- to 21-year-old special education students.



Knights and our priests playing cornhole at the February social meeting

# UPcoming EVENTS

Please check to ensure the dates and times have not changed.

Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30 Mass, Corporate Communion,

Knights of Columbus Exemplification  
(CUF) following Mass, about 12 noon

Mar 5<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday, 7:00 pm Council Business Meeting

Mar 7<sup>th</sup>, 5 to 7, Fish Fry, Team C, Set-up starts at 2:30, clean up 6:30 to 8

Mar 14<sup>th</sup>, 5 to 7, Fish Fry, Team A, Set-up starts 2:30, clean up 6:30 to 8

Mar 20<sup>th</sup>, Council Officer's Meeting, 6:15 pm,

Assembly Meeting, 7:00 pm

Mar 21<sup>st</sup>, 5 to 7, Fish Fry, Team B, Setup starts 2:30, clean up 6:30 to 8

Mar 28<sup>th</sup>, 5 to 7, Fish Fry, Team C, Setup starts 2:30, clean up 6:30 to 8

Mar 30<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary after the 8:00 am mass

## Birthdays of the Month

03-01 Justin M Weiler

03-02 Sanjeev Nirmalakhandan

03-03 Barry A Vande Zande

03-05 James E Bergeron

03-09 Richard C Rank

03-11 Alan C Feldkamp

03-11 Ryan E Guiberson

03-12 Nolan R Behr

03-12 Michael E Pietsch

03-13 John Gormley Jr

03-18 Eddie P O'Callaghan

03-20 Clifford Breiding

03-21 Robert W Hoette

03-23 Richard Paroutaud

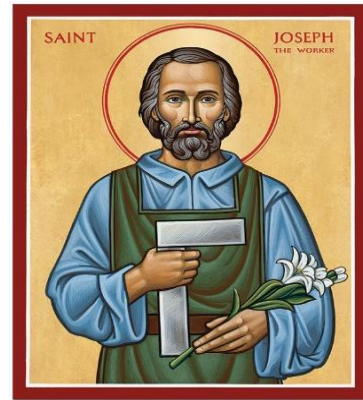
03-23 Charles J Wetterer

03-26 James E Mack

03-27 John S Kowalczyk

03-30 Chris J Otto

## Saint Joseph's Corner



*Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to receive Mary into your home as your wife - Mt1:20*

Husband of Mary

Reflection. The Church places the celebration of each saint in different categories: solemnities, feasts, and memorials. The memorials can be obligatory or optional. For example, St Patrick observed significantly in the United States is only optional for the universal Church. The feast of St. Joseph enjoys the highest rank—a solemnity

Prayer: *St. Joseph, husband of the Mother of God, pray for us.*

Day by Day with Saint Joseph, Catholic Book Publishing Corp, 2010

# Your Insurance Corner

An annuity is a retirement savings product. You make contributions, and, after a specified amount of time, the annuity pays you a regular income stream.

## Who needs it?

There are few financial matters we give more thought and attention to than our retirement. Everyone thinks about it. Everyone needs it.

Retirement annuities help you ensure that you have enough money to live on in retirement.

But retirement income can be a difficult thing to calculate, especially with a changing landscape of federal and employee-provided benefits. With a properly structured retirement annuity from the Knights of Columbus, you can have retirement income that you cannot outlive, guaranteed.

Retirement annuities provide security and peace of mind that people of all ages and financial circumstances can benefit from.

## How does it work?

Knights of Columbus retirement annuities come with many different payment and plan types (see below) which determine the nature of the annuity.

Once established, the money within a Knights of Columbus annuity continues to earn value, before eventually disbursing according to the options that you elect.

Knights of Columbus annuities also come with two important guarantees.

First, with a Knights of Columbus annuity, your principal is guaranteed. Regardless of market condition or company results, your Knights of Columbus annuity will not lose value.

Second, each Knights of Columbus annuity comes with a guaranteed minimum interest rate. No matter the market fluctuations, your annuity is guaranteed to never earn less than the contractually stated amount on an annual basis.

## What options do I have?

### Payment Type

There are three payment types for Knights of Columbus annuities:

**Single Premium Annuity** – You make a single, lump-sum payment that accrues interest until you elect to begin withdrawals.

**Flexible Premium Annuity** – Premium payments can be made on a regular or irregular basis. We encourage Electronic Transfer of Funds (EFT) with the frequency of payments determined by you. In addition, you have the option to choose your payment schedule.

**Single Premium Immediate Annuity** – Purchased with a single payment, it begins to pay out immediately.

### Plan Types

In the United States, the Knights of Columbus annuities have three available plans:

**Non-Qualified Annuity**

**Traditional Individual Retirement Annuity**

**Roth Individual Retirement Annuity**

The Knights of Columbus also offers Tax Sheltered Annuities (TSA) and Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) options.

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## History of the Knights of Columbus

### Part 9

#### 1979-1999 One Christian Family

The Knights of Columbus furthered several initiatives in Catholic education: support of Catholic schools, scholarship funds for Catholic seminaries and universities, and the establishment of a North



American campus of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family.

In addition to celebrating the fifth centenary of the evangelization of the New World, the Order also honored contemporary models of holiness. Supreme Knight Dechant presented Mother Teresa with the inaugural *Gaudium et Spes* Award in 1992, and the Archdiocese of Hartford officially opened the cause for Father McGivney's canonization, with the Knights' support, in 1997.

1979: In cooperation with the U.S. bishops, the Order underwrites the filming of Pope John Paul II's first pastoral visit to the United States.

1979: The Knights establishes a \$1 million Father Michael J. McGivney Fund for New Initiatives in Catholic Education to be administered by the National Catholic Educational Association. Annual proceeds are used to this day to finance programs that advance Catholic schools.

1981: The Order begins a four-year restoration of St. Mary's Church, the birthplace of the Knights. The renovations include work on the organ, floors, pews, ceilings, statues and more. The project is capped by the placement of a 179-foot steeple atop the church.



1982 The Knights of Columbus celebrates its centennial. President Ronald Reagan attends the 100th Supreme Convention, as well as Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, sent by Pope John Paul II as his personal envoy.

1982: The Order establishes several funds to help finance studies for priests and seminarians in Rome at pontifical colleges. These funds have been increased over the years to support seminarians and priests from the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Philippines.



1984: In recognition of the Order's volunteer service, President Ronald Reagan awards the Knights a President's Volunteer Action Award at a White House ceremony.

1985: The Order agrees to underwrite the restoration of the 65,000-square-foot facade of St. Peter's Basilica, the first time it has been cleaned in more than 350 years. Several subsequent projects have taken place at St. Peter's, including the restoration of chapels and of the Holy Year Door.

1988: Mother Teresa visits the Supreme Council office. The Order agrees to print copies of her Constitutions of the Missionaries of Charity, prayer cards and other religious items, a project that continues today.

1988: The Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family opens a North American branch in Washington, D.C., with funding from the Knights. Carl A. Anderson is the institute's first vice president and dean.

1989: The Bicentennial of the U.S. Hierarchy Fund is established in the amount of \$2 million to benefit The Catholic University of America. Earnings from the fund pay for projects at the university each year.

1992: The Knights celebrates the fifth centenary of evangelization in the Americas. Replicas of the Cross of the New World presented to Pope John Paul II on his pastoral visit to Santo Domingo in 1984 are distributed by the Knights for use in dioceses throughout the Order in prayer services highlighting the theme of evangelization.

1992: Mother Teresa is presented with the Order's first *Gaudium et Spes* Award at the 110th Supreme Convention in New York. The "Joy and Hope" award acknowledges her contributions to the Church and the world.



1995: The Order co-sponsors with the Diocese of Brooklyn, N.Y., Pope John Paul II's Mass at Aqueduct Racetrack during the pope's pastoral visit to the United States.

1997: The Archdiocese of Hartford officially opens the cause for canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney with support from the Knights of Columbus. The Father McGivney Guild is established to promote his cause.



***Keep in our Prayers:*** Jim Desautel, Father Golyzniak and his family, Chris Otto, Mary Ann Trifiletti, Butch Christensen, Fred and Melanie Seiter, Laura Gomez, Charlie Bergeron, Dave Nelson, Nick Anderson, Randy Fritz, Rick Pohlman, John and Karen Hartling.

Pray for our priests, deacons, nuns and for vocations to the religious life.

Remember our soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen, especially those in combat roles.

Pray for our departed Knights and their families.

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