



# THE PITTSBURGH KNIGHT

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN...



Our transformative journey of Lent continues. We can begin to see and feel the joy of Easter is upon us. The Spring weather is upon us. It is both here and not yet. There is a

tension of Lent and Easter, penance and joy, discipline and freedom, along with a number of other tensions that we experience in this time, but also throughout our lives. These tensions are a way in which God speaks to us. Prayer helps us to discern these tensions and know what God is saying to us, and gives us strength to act according to his holy will. We have an immense need in our life for silence in prayer. A time for listening to God rather than always speaking.

God not only speaks to us in the silence, but in the most profound, real, and substantial way God speaks to us through his Word, that is Sacred Scripture. The Bible is the Word of God, and the Gospel of John tells us that Jesus Christ is the Word of God. (see John 1:1-18) I would like to briefly describe the ancient prayer of Lectio Divina (Divine Reading). Pope Benedict said that "*lectio divina*, ... is truly "capable of opening up to the faithful the treasures of God's word, but also of bringing about an encounter with Christ, the living word of God". (Verbum Domini, #87) As our prayer life grows so also our thirst for the living God grows. Just as Jesus offered the Samaritan Women at the well Living Water (see John 4:10) This living water quenches our deepest thirsts for God. **Lectio Divina** is a method of prayer that fills us with the

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

Brother Knights of the Pittsburgh Chapter,

April is upon us.... we celebrate Easter this month and the glory and promise of the Risen Lord. I extend best wishes to all Brother Knights in the Pittsburgh Chapter for a Blessed Easter Season. He is Risen!



As has been recently discussed at recent Pittsburgh Chapter Meetings, we are considering alternative days and times for our traditional **Three Rivers Mass** this year – stay tuned as we contemplate alternatives that will hopefully spurn greater attendance and support for this honored tradition.

Now more than ever we must pray and be steadfast in promoting Vocations – consider expanding efforts in your Councils to promote support for Seminarians and increasing awareness and consideration for youth in our Parishes to contemplate Priesthood. The future of our Faith requires our continued focus in this area.

And stay focused as well in growing membership in our beloved Order.....our goal always remains the same....One New Member per Council per Month!

Fraternally,

**Jim Maochi, President, Pittsburgh Chapter Knights of Columbus**

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CHAPTER MEETING

APRIL 4, 2017

7:30 PM

CHARTIERS COUNCIL #875

***DIRECTIONS TO CHAPTER MEETING : Set your GPS unit to 10 West Crafton Ave, Pittsburgh PA:***



**FROM NORTHEAST OF PITTSBURGH (ALLEGHENY VALLEY AREA):**

Merge onto PA-28 S toward Pittsburgh.

Take the I-279 S exit toward I-376 W/Ft Pitt Br/Airport.

Merge onto US-19 Trk S.

Take I-376 W/US-30 W/US-22 W/Parkway West/Penn Lincoln Pkwy W toward Carnegie/Airport.

Take the PA-121 N exit, EXIT 67, toward Crafton.

Keep left to take the MANSFIELD AVE ramp toward Crafton/QUALITY SUITES DR/HAMPTON INN DR/EZ MINI STOR DR/TRUMBULL DR/HOLIDAY DR.

Turn left onto Mansfield Ave/PA-121.

Take the 1st right onto PA-121/Poplar St.

Take the 3rd left onto Noblestown Rd/PA-50.

Take the 1st right onto Baldwick Rd.

Turn sharp right onto Crafton Blvd.

Take the 2nd left onto Bradford Ave/PA-60. Continue to follow Bradford Ave.

Turn right onto Stotz Ave.

Enter next roundabout and take the 4th exit onto Crennell Ave.

Turn right onto W Crafton Ave.

Arrive at 10 W Crafton Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15205-2825, 10 W CRAFTON AVE is on the left.

**FROM WEXFORD AREA:**

Travel on I-79 S toward Pittsburgh.

Keep right to take I-79 S toward Washington, PA.

Merge onto PA-60 S via EXIT 60A toward Crafton.

Turn right onto W Crafton Ave.

Take the 1st left to stay on W Crafton Ave.

Arrive at 10 W Crafton Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15205-2825, 10 W CRAFTON AVE is on the left.



**FROM ALL OTHER AREAS, PLEASE USE THE ADDRESS ABOVE TO SET YOUR GPS UNIT!!!!**

**IN MEMORIAM...**

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF FORMER STATE SECRETARY **LEONARD WAITKUS** WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 20. LEONARD WAS ALSO THE LIAISON TO LITHUANIA FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE.



**“LIKE” THIS PAGE ON FACEBOOK!**

Seals Chairman **Tom Behrmann** announces that the **Bishop’s Project Facebook page** is up and running at: <https://www.facebook.com/KoCBishopsProject>. If you use a user of Facebook, please go to the above page and “like” the page.

**FIRST MASS IN PITTSBURGH**

At our February chapter meeting, **James Wudarczyk** gave an update on his research into the date of the first mass held in Pittsburgh. As Mr. Wudarczyk mentions in his report, the date of April 17, 1754 cannot be substantiated.

The Pittsburgh Chapter thanks James for his time and efforts in this endeavor.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:



**APRIL CHAPTER MEETING – April 4th – Chartiers Council #875**

**PALM SUNDAY – April 9, 2017.**

**EASTER SUNDAY – April 16, 2017.**

**MAY CHAPTER MEETING – Holy Child Council #12043 – May 2, 2017**

**JUNE CHAPTER MEETING – Our Lady of Olives Council #3907 – Wexford – June 6, 2017**

**JULY CHAPTER MEETING – <site to be determined>**

**119th PENNSYLVANIA STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CONVENTION – Kalahari Resort, Mt. Pocono May 19-21, 2017**

**PENNSYLVANIA K OF C 38th ANNUAL STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT – Sponsored by St. Marys Council #567 at Bavarian Hills Golf Course in St. Marys, PA – August 18-19, 2017**



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living water, Jesus Christ, the Word of God.

Pope Benedict describes five parts of lectio divina: **lectio, meditatio, oratio, contemplatio, and actio**. I would like to expand on each of these to help you incorporate this ancient prayer into your own prayer life. This prayer can be done individually or in a small group setting. I recommend that you use a journal if you are doing this individually.

The first step of Lectio Divina is **lectio** meaning reading. This is a prayerful and slow reading of a given scriptural text. One could use the upcoming Sunday's Gospel passage or other Sunday readings for their prayer. You could also select the Psalm for this process as well. Determine a scripture text and slowly read through it. This should not be a lengthy text, usually less than a single chapter in the bible. Read over it a couple of times.

Next is **meditatio** (meditation) in which we ask ourselves or the group, what is the biblical text say to us? This is a moment of allowing the Word of God to challenge us. Then comes **oratio** (prayer) or rather how are we going to respond to the Word and challenge of God's Word. This oratio or prayer can come in various forms, intercession, thanksgiving, praise, etc. The final formal part of Lectio Divina is **contemplatio** (contemplation). In reference to contemplatio, Pope Benedict says, "we take up, as a gift from God, his own way of seeing and judging reality, and ask ourselves *what conversion of mind, heart and life is the Lord asking of us?*"... Contemplation aims at creating within us a truly wise and discerning vision of reality, as God sees it, and at forming within us "the mind of Christ" (1 Cor 2:16)." (Verbum Domini, #87)

Finally, this prayer of lectio, meditatio, oratio, and contemplatio must be turned into **actio** (action). Our prayer is to be a transformative encounter with the Risen Christ, and send us out to do Acts of Charity and Acts of Mercy in the name of the Lord. We cannot say that "our work is our prayer". Catholicism is a both/and religion. We must both deeply pray, and act in charity in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. May God fill your prayer with life and may your work bear fruit for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Grace & Peace, Fr. Will.

### DO YOU KNOW THE ANSWERS TO THESE EASTER QUESTIONS?

1. What was the Jewish feast which was being celebrated the week Christ was crucified?
2. Which disciple cut off the ear of the high priest's servant in an attempt to protect Jesus from being taken as a prisoner?
3. How many times did Peter deny Christ after the abandoned the Lord?
4. How many pieces of silver did Judas trade the life of Jesus for?
5. How did Judas identify Jesus to the soldiers?
6. The priests took the money that Judas had returned to them and did what with it?
7. Who was released before Pontius Pilate sentenced Jesus to death?
8. What did Pilate's wife counsel him to do concerning Jesus?
9. What was the inscription above the cross?
10. Who was the first person to see the risen Christ?

ANSWERS TO EASTER QUESTIONS: 1) PASSOVER; 2) Peter; 3) Three times; 4) Thirty; 5) By giving Jesus a kiss; 6) Bought the potter's field with the money which is where strangers were buried; 7) Barabbas; 8) To leave Jesus alone because He was a just man. She had a bad dream concerning the Lord and she probably felt it would bring bad luck on the household of Pilate; 9) "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews" (Luke 19:19). It was written in three different languages according to John 19:20; Hebrew, Greek and Latin; 10) Mary Magdalene

Read more at <http://www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com/easter-bible-quiz-20-trivia-questions/>

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The Pittsburgh Riverhounds invite you to...

# FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT



The Pittsburgh Riverhounds are pleased to host "Faith & Family Night" at Highmark Stadium. The Riverhounds will face the Tampa Bay Rowdies in a professional soccer game. After the game all those interested are welcome to stay for a time of encouragement. A few Riverhounds players will be sharing their stories, as well as guest speakers.

We hope you can make it!

**Date // Time // Location**

**June 22 7 p.m.  
Highmark Stadium**

510 W. Station Square Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15219

## SAVE THE DATE

for tickets visit [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).  
for group discount tickets, please contact Jason Dawbin  
at [jldawbin@highmarkstadium.com](mailto:jldawbin@highmarkstadium.com)

# APRIL 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*** Family of the Month Report for March Due						<b>1</b> April Fool's Day
<b>2</b>	3	4 Pgh. Chapter Meeting 7:30 PM	5	6	7	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Palm Sunday	10	11	12	13 Holy Thursday	14 Good Friday	<b>15</b> *** Holy Saturday
<b>16</b> Easter	17	18 Income Tax Filing Deadline	19	20	21	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Divine Mercy Sunday	24	25	26	27	28	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>						

# MAY 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*** Family of the Month Report for April Due	1	2 Pgh. Chapter Meeting 7:30 PM	3	4 National Day of Prayer	5 	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	8	9	10	11	12	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	15 ***	16	17	18	19	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	22	23	24	<b>25</b> Ascension Thursday	26	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	30	31			