FR. MARUSKIN COUNCIL #10936

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Calendar

November

16: 7 pm, Rosary before 7:30 General Meeting, HF LCH1.
19: 7pm, Cor, HF LCH2.
23: Christmas Party Signup Deadline.
26: Happy Thanksgiving!
27: Council Volunteers' Decoration of HF parish grounds.

December

2: 7 pm, Officers Meeting, HF LCH-1.
4: 6:15 pm: Council Christmas Party, Holy Family LCH.
5: 7:30 am, Cor*, HF LCH1.*
5-6: Knights lead HF pre-Mass Rosaries.
11: 5-7:30 pm: Evening with Santa, HF LCH.
12: 9 am, Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service.
17: 7 pm, Degree Ceremony, HF LCH1.
21: 7 pm, Rosary before 7:30 General Meeting, HF LCH1.
25: Merry Christmas!
27: Consecration to the Holy Family, at all Holy Family weekend Masses.

Monthly Meetings:

Third Monday of the month, 7:30 p. m.
Holy Family Parish
LCH - Room 1
(Rosary at 7 p. m.)
Council Website:
holyfamilystow.org/kofcStow

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT *by Jerry Chiurazzi*



I am of Italian heritage and one of my fondest memories of "The Good Old Days" is Sunday dinner at Grandma's house. Everybody was required to attend and moving to Akron was no excuse for not being in Western PA on Sunday. Most of the Italians I talked with have the same kind of memory. But, it's not just Italian – Grandma's pierogies, Grandma's Keiser Wilhelms! The dinner was a meal, but it was a family event. Grandma kept us together.

December is a month in which we celebrate several Feast Days dedicated to our Holy Mother Mary. December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception; December 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe; of course, there is Christmas and at the end of the month we celebrate The Consecration of The Holy Family. We celebrate Our Holy Mother protecting us and calling us together – like our spiritual Grandma.

Advent is a season of preparation for Christmas. We are asked to make sacrifices to strengthen our faith. As a part of our Exemplification Ceremony, we give each candidate a Rosary. We then encourage them to "carry it with you always; say it often." I have slipped some in this practice and I suggest that as "a thing to do" for Advent as a way to renew our devotion to Grandma Mary we make an effort to carry our Rosaries and pray them often. Vivat Jesus! **Jerry Chiurazzi, Grand Knight**



Ho! Ho! Ho!

Evening with Santa Set for Dec. 11

Santa Claus is coming to town Friday, Dec. 11, to visit with children of all ages, as this popular free family event returns to Holy Family's Lower Church Hall. Santa will be visiting between 5 and 7:30 p.m. Santa looks forward to meeting with children, grandchildren and other family members, providing photographic opportunities for all who come to see him.

The event also will feature such other traditional favorite activities as decorating Christmas cookies and singing carols.

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Christmas Party Signup Deadline Is Nov. 23

Dear Brother Knights: Plan on joining us on Friday, December 4, for a great night of fellowship and celebration. The event will be held in Holy Family's Lower Church Hall again this year. The event is BYOB, where you can bring your own beer / wine to the dinner, but no liquor, please. Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. With a dinner buffet to begin at 7 p.m. Cost is being finalized but is expected to be around $30 per person. An update with the final menu and cost will be sent once confirmed.

The Council will provide water, coffee and hot tea, along with an assortment of soft drinks and desserts. Due to popular demand, we will be conducting our gift exchange again this year. If you wish to participate, we ask for **ONE GIFT per couple or individual participating**. Gift value should be approximately $15.

Our goal is to have reservations completed by Monday, November 23, to allow time for the caterer to plan for the count of meals. Please RSVP to Don White either by phone call / text at (234) 419-0303 or email (donwhite424@gmail.com). Please specify the number attending and let me know if you have any dietary restrictions.
Final information about cost and payment options will be sent once the catering cost is finalized.

If you are able to help setup and decorate for the event, please let me know. We will also need some cleanup assistance at the end of the night. We are excited to gather for a great evening of good food, conversation and fellowship. Please attend if you can. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Trustee Don White, Program Chair

Council Volunteers Ready for Nov. 27 HF Christmas Decorating Session



Testing, 1,2, 3: ***Chris Schrickel braves snow and freezing temperatures to test Christmas lights during last year's decoration session on the Holy Family parish grounds. The Council is slated to return Friday, Nov. 27, to install lights and other decorations. We hope you can join us.***

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Council Memorial Mass Honors Deceased Knights

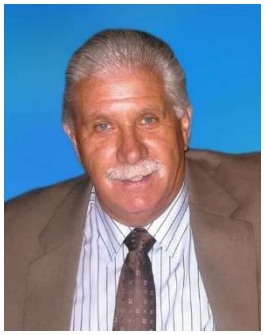
Fr. Maruskin Council #10936 honored its faithfully departed Brother Knights Nov. 15 during our annual Memorial Mass at Holy Family Parish. **Fr. Michael McCandless**, Holy Family Pastor and Council Chaplain, celebrated the liturgy. Please pray for the eternal heavenly rest of all our deceased brothers, including these three who have died between October 2025 and October 2026:

Mark Eckley, March 16, 2026



Mark joined the Knights of Columbus, Father Maruskin Council #10936 in August 2008 and was a 3rd Degree member. Mark was also a Sir Knight (4th degree member) of the Victor J. Paul Assembly #1768. He was a member of Holy Family Parish, serving as an Usher and Eucharistic Minister for a good number of years, usually serving at the 11:30 Sunday Mass. Mark was a big sports fan, who closely followed the Cleveland Indians, Browns Cavs and Ohio State. During the various sports seasons he would proudly wear clothing for one of these teams. Friends enjoyed conversing with Mark about sports. Mark is survived by his widow, Cheryl, daughter, Amanda, son, Nicholas, and seven grandchildren. He was a graphic designer for many years.

Joseph Maji, June 29, 2026



Joe originally joined the Knights of Columbus in 1976. He transferred into the Fr. Maruskin Council in 2005. He was a 3rd Degree Knight. Joe was a retired school driver for Orange Village. After high school he was drafted into the minor leagues as a pitcher for the Cleveland Indians and Detroit Tigers. He was a life-long fan of all different sports and levels of sports. In recent years, despite health problems, Joe volunteered to work a number of our Council Fish Fries. Joe gave great effort and would only reluctantly take a seat for a moment or two while working his assignment which involved helping to fill food orders, a busy and demanding job. But, Joe always had a smile on his face and enjoyed the interaction with his fellow Knights. Joe is survived by his widow, Mary Ellen Predmore-Maji, and his step-son, James Predmore.

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Council Honors Deceased Brother Knights

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Robert Schumacher, October 15, 2025



Bob originally joined the Knights of Columbus in 1999. He transferred into our Council in 2010. Bob was a very gentle, warm and giving person. At one time he worked for Hope Home in Stow and later worked for a similar facility in Cuyahoga Falls. Bob was a person who loved others and made friends very easily. Bob frequently attended Council meetings, even when he was battling with the cancer that finally took his life. He was a devout Catholic. This photo demonstrates one of Bob's strongest points – he deeply loved and was extremely proud of his brothers, Andrew and Michael, and sister, Diane. He was a wonderful uncle to his many nephews and nieces and also his great nephews and nieces. Bob will be remembered for his ready smile and outstanding character.

Memorial Prayer for Our Departed Knights and Family Members

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the wonderful gift you have given us in the lives and faithful witnesses of our departed fellow Knights of Columbus and family members. We thank you for the joys, sorrows, triumphs and tragedies, which we have shared with them over the years. These holy souls have been the brightest reflections of the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in our lives and we will always remember them. We pray for the heavenly rest of their eternal souls, taking comfort in the knowledge that, in death, life is not ended, but is merely changed, and that any separation, no matter how painful, is only temporary for those who have placed their trust in Jesus Christ.

On their behalf, we pray: ***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.***

Prayer of St. Gertrude for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus Christ, in union with all the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

According to church tradition, Our Lord Jesus told St. Gertrude (1256-1302), a German Benedictine nun, mystic and theologian, that each time she piously recited this prayer, it would release *1,000 souls from Purgatory.*



Honoring Our Military

Name	Branch	Assigned	Member Knight	Relation
LTC David Behling	US Army	The Pentagon, VA	Art Barbetta	Brother-in-Law
PVT Dominic Belvedere	US Army	Ft. Leonard Wood, MO	Bob Belvedere	Nephew
MSGT Aaron Chatigny	US Air Force	Tucson, AZ	Peter Chatigny	Son
SN Patrick J. Hughey	US Navy	Gulfport, MS	Jim Hughey	Son
AWF2 (AW) Matt Schilling	US Navy	Jacksonville, FL	Regis Schilling	Son
MAJ David Villarroel	US Army	The Pentagon, VA		Himself

November Birthdays: 2: Tony Penk; 5: Mike Incorvati, Barry Rohm; 6: Joe Wasielewski; 10: Tom Braidy, Mark Iati, Richard Solarz; 11: Terry Bedell; 16: Norm Siroki; 17: Robert T. Hughey; 20: William Wendell; 21: Michael Decamp; 25: Philip Bradley; 29: Walter O'Connor; 30: Ronald Maghes.



Prayer Requests: **Pope Leo XIV** for recovery from lung surgery and for effective cancer treatment, healing and full recovery; **Fr. Andrew Gonzales**; **Fr. Jon Hawkins**; **Fr. Lawrence Jurcak**; **Fr. Joe Mamich**; **Fr. Michael McCandless**; **Fr. Felix Silagan**; **Fr. Scott Swinerton**; **Fr. Paul Rosing**; **Fr. John Terzano**; **Fr. Joshua Trefney**; **Gary Baluha** (brother-in-law of **Terry Bedell**) for healing of long COVID-19, along with Multiple Sclerosis and other related conditions; **Frank Bajorek** (relative of **Vaughn Kushner**) who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; **Stephanie Barber** (wife of nephew of **Tom Stenger**) for favorable pathology test results for brain tumor treatment; **Art Barbetta**, for successful and complete rehabilitation and recovery from total knee replacement surgery; **Mike Bedell** (brother of **Terry Bedell**), who is enduring a chronic medical condition; **Ed Bose** (brother-in-law of **Chris Schrickel**) for heart attack rehab and recovery; **Phil Bradley** for heart issues; **Malissa Burke** (sister of **Don White**) for successful treatment of an aggressive tumor; **Bo Bye** (infant grandson of **Don White**) for treatment of SVT, a heart arrythmia condition; **Connor Carmedy** (great nephew of **Mike Incorvati**) for healing of leg issues; **Sister Carole**, Sisters of Charity of Nazareth (sister of **Mark Kaucic**) for healing of heart, hip and kidney problems; **Cathy Catrufo** (friend of **Terry Bedell**) hospitalized for recovery from complications of lung surgery; **Terry Chitty** (friend of **Art Barbetta**), whose cancer has returned; **Susan Cianciola** (aunt of **Vaughn Kushner**) for treatment of blood clots in her brain; **Jon Clark** (cousin of **Mike Woods**) for healing and recovery from stage 4 brain cancer; **Nick Codispoti** now in Mulberry Gardens Senior Living Center in Munroe Falls; **Jessica Cortez** age 42, (niece of **Tom Zgonc**), who is undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; **Russ Cox** (friend of Knight **Allen Klingelhoets**) for full recovery from colon cancer; for a **Council Knight** (who wishes to remain anonymous) for recovery from a back injury and for ongoing spiritual protection; **Nicole Craig** (daughter of **Mike Woods**) for full recovery from cancer surgery; **Nick D'Antonio** (friend of **Jerry Chiruazzi**) for treatment of congestive heart failure; **Katie Dennis** (daughter of family friend of **Terry Bedell**) for successful breast cancer treatment; **Bill Derrer** (brother of **John Derrer**) who is currently experiencing a multitude of health issues and a declining quality of life; **Emmy Detty** (relative of **Joshua Riegle**) for healing of Stage 4 cancer; **Jerry Driscoll** (friend of Recorder **Dr. Rob Kubick**); **Erin Dunmire** (cousin of **Jim Balint**) who has been suffering from glioblastoma (brain tumor) for 15 years, but her courageous battle is nearing an end; **Dr. Michael Durbin** (brother of **Neil Durbin**) for ongoing treatment of multiple sclerosis; **Darrin Ellis** (friend of **Art Barbetta**) for recovery from hernia surgery; ***(Continued on Next Page)***

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Sandra Farrell (wife of **Len Farrell**) for recovery from multiple myelomas now in remission; **Brandon Fisher** (nephew of **Art Barbetta**); T**om Fogle**, for lifelong epilepsy and currently receiving outpatient psychotherapy following evaluation and inpatient treatment for suicide and also is dealing with severe, frequent seizures; **Brian Fowkes** (brother-in-law of **Chris Schrickel**) is having nerve issues in his lower body; **Ron Good** (friend of **Art Barbetta**) for cancer treatment; **Ken Gray** (brother-in-law of **Pat Rynd**) for recovery from intestinal cancer; the **Graziano** family, including **Landon,** 15, who is fighting Ewings Sarcoma, an aggressive cancer; **Meghan**, his mother, has Parkinson's disease which has advanced to the point that she can no longer drive or perform a number of daily activities; and **John**, her husband, who is the caregiver for both, along with three other children in the family; **Mary Ellen Gresser** (wife of Mark Gresser and mother of Joe Gresser) for treatment of pancreatic cancer; **Robert Hamburger** (father-in-law of **Ed Franjesevic**) who is in rehab with COVID; **Jessie Heffernan** (niece of Chancellor **Chris Schrickel)** and her husband would appreciate prayers as they have had difficulty conceiving a child; **Sparky Holmes** (mother-in-law of **Keith Limbacher**) for full recovery from cochlear implant surgery; J**ames Hudak Sr.**; **James Hudak Jr.** (son of **James Hudak)**; **Tressa Hudak** (daughter of **James Hudak**); **Karen Kamlowsky** (widow of Knight **Deacon Phil Kamlowsky**) for healing of breathing issue; **Steve Kandra** (father-in-law of **E.J. Vale**), for ongoing recovery from heart surgery to repair damage from an infection; **Lisa Kaucic** (wife of **Mark Kaucic**) for full recovery from "reverse shoulder replacement" surgery; **Kenny King** (very close friend of **Mark Kaucic**) is at the final stage of Parkinson's Disease and has very little time left. (He is struggling with this and his faith so please pray that he finds spiritual peace and faith in our Savior, Jesus Christ!); **Bill Knecht** (friend of **Vaughn Kushner**) for successful hip replacement surgery for his fractured hip. ***(At the same time he has developed blood clots in leg and lungs and is being treated for this serious condition);*** **Allen Klingelhoets** (friend of **Bob Eikenburg**), whose diabetic complications and a serious bone infection required the amputation of his right foot and ankle); **Patricia Klingelhoets** (sister-in-law of **Allen Klingelhoets**), who is diabetic, for successful quadruple bypass heart surgery); **Chris Kubick** (brother of **Rob Kubick**), who has a variety of serious medical conditions; **Heather Kushner**, (wife of **Vaughn Kushner**) for a successful surgical removal of a recently discovered melanoma in her scalp; **Paul Ladas** (friend of **Vaughn Kushner**) for treatment and full recovery from pancreas and other ailments; **Chris Lamal** (husband of a co-worker of **Don White**) for treatment of a serious heart issue; **Jim Lanzalotta** for full recovery from arm injury suffered in a fall; **Sandy Leonhard**, (mother-in-law of **Tom Bellanco**), who has COPD and pulmonary hypertension; **Barbara Lesak** (mother of **Andrew Lesak**) for effective treatment for Alzheimer's disease and dementia and for full recovery and healing from surgery to repair a broken femur suffered in a fall and also recovery from an infection; **Jennifer Lesak** (niece of **Andrew Lesak**) for successful treatment and full recovery from breast cancer; **Joseph Lesak** (father of **Andrew Lesak**) for recovery from prostate surgery and for prayers of support as he cares for his wife, **Barbara Lesak**; **Chuck Lessick**; **Lilith** (9-year-old granddaughter of **David Smith**), who is suffering from a bone disorder; **Christine Litwiler (**mother-in-law of **Andrew Lesak**), who had fluid drained from around her heart and who may need additional surgery and therapy; **Bill Louden** (brother of **Kay Eikenburg**) for ongoing treatment of COPD and rehab and recovery from recent back surgery; **Tim Magdar** (friend of **Dr. Mark Iati**) for recovery from rare Stage IV cancer; **Fr. Thomas McCann**, Brother Knight and retired pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Cuyahoga Falls) for successful treatment and full recovery from pneumonia and pulmonary blood clots; **Christine McLean** (mother of Knight **Cody McLean**) for ongoing treatment for diabetes and other health issues; **Cody McLean** for ongoing treatment and recovery from back issues**; Judith McNulty** (mother of **Michael McNulty**) for treatment and recovery from blood clots; **Mike McNulty** for rapid and full recovery from surgery; **Jean Nash**, (wife of Knight **Lewis Wells**), who is in a nursing home receiving rehabilitation for a broken arm and broken leg; **Rick Nobbe (**friend of **Joel Porquez**) for full recovery from a recent heart procedure; **Corey Paige** (brother-in-law of **Bill Hauck**) wo is experiencing serious heart issues; **Alex Palmer** (neighbor of **Mark Iati**) for successful treatment and recovery from Ewing's Sarcoma, a rare and aggressive pediatric cancer; **Patti Parsons** (coworker of Trustee **Don White**) for full recovery from a recent stroke; **Dick Pelley** (father-in-law of **Mike Burke**) who was diagnosed with an aggressive form of non-Hodgkins Lymphoma; **Theresa Plappert** (friend of **Terry Bedell**) for successful brain tumor treatment; **Kathryn** (mother-in-law of **Joel Porquez**) is in need of healing prayer; prayers of thanksgiving for **Linda Reichert** (wife of **Ron Reichert**) who has returned home after an in-hospital medication adjustment helped her regain control of a heart condition without surgery; **Don Rhoades** (brother-in-law of **Grand Knight Jerry Chiurazzi**), who is having cardiac issues; **Chick Riegler** for healing of prostate cancer and general health issues; **Elaine Rinehart** (mother-in-law of **John McGuinness**) for recovery from sepsis; **Michelle Rudman** (sister of a Holy Family parishioner) for successful treatment and a full recovery from cancer; **Madeline Rusinoff** (daughter of **Ted Rusinoff**) for accurate diagnosis and treatment for intestinal issues; **Brenda Ryan** (friend of **Vaughn Kushner**) for healing and recovery from recent surgery; **Pat Rynd** for full recovery and rehabilitation following multiple surgeries to reattach a torn quadriceps muscle; **Lori Schlueter** (niece of **Kay Eikenburg**) who is scheduled to undergo testing for cancer; **Fred Seay** (brother-in-law of **Mark Kaucic**) for ongoing treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; ***(Continued on Next Page)***

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Theresa Sestokas (wife of **Richard Sestokas**) for recovery and healing after having three cancerous polyps removed; **Norm Siroki**; **Donna Sorvillo** (mother-in-law of **Don White**) for successful treatment and full recovery from a recurring cancer; Knight **Greg Taylor** for healing of has had persistent bronchitis and successful surgery and full recovery from surgeries to correct shoulder and arm injuries; **Suzan Torres** (sister of **Kay Eikenburg**) for ongoing recovery from emergency surgery for a complicated hernia; she has been dealing with a number of serious medical issues for many years including a multiple kinds of cancer*;* **Kelli Tortorete** (wife of Deputy Grand Knight **Dave Tortorete**) for full recovery from surgery and treatment for breast cancer; **Faith Vale** (daughter of **E.J. Vale**), who is dealing with various health issues; **Joann Vale** (mother of **E.J. Vale**) for recovery from aortic valve replacement surgery; **Amy Vallee** (sister-in-law of **Don White**) who is undergoing testing to diagnose an unknown condition; **Allison Waldinger** (relative of **Bill Hauck**) for full recovery from cancer surgery; **Lydia Warrens** (daughter of **Don White's** friend) for successful cancer treatment; **Joe Wasielewski** for treatment and full recovery of back and neck issues; **Paul Weinert** (friend of **Kevin Rollick**) for treatment and recovery from stroke and complete renal failure; **Bonnie Winterich** (wife of **Deacon Carl Winterich**) for ongoing treatment and full recovery for shoulder injuries received in a fall; and **Deacon Carl Winterich** for rapid recovery from foot surgery;

Please continue praying for the seminarians and other young people from our constituent parishes discerning vocations to religious life, whom we support: **Ben Baratian**, **Jeff Crock**, **Jonathan Green**, **Audra Hoffmeister**, **Ben Jackson**, **Daniel Jordan** and **Christopher Yankay**, along with adult missionary **Amanda Incorvati**. We also pray for all military, safety personnel and first responders, and their families. If you know any other Knight or family members in need of prayers, please contact **Grand Knight Jerry Chiurazzi** at chiurazzi1@outlook.com or 330-472-5464.



Digging Into the Gospel

Fr. Michael McCandless, Council Chaplain and Holy Family Pastor, uses a spade as a prop to dig into the Gospel parable of the servants and the talents during the Nov. 15 Memorial Mass. Fr. McCandless drew upon his experience as a landscaper during his high school and college years to explain that sharing our own abilities, experiences, time and treasure, can generate an immeasurable impact in building God's Kingdom on Earth. For more Memorial Mass coverage, please refer to Page 3 for obituaries of departed Knights Mark Eckley, Joseph Maji and Robert Schumacher.