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**Greensburg Diocesan Chapter**  
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**Chapter Newsletter for January, 2023**

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**Worthy Chapter Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights  
And Friends of the Greensburg Chapter:**

**Chapter Meetings**

Meetings on January 16, 2023 and February 20, 2023 will be virtual meetings. Link will be sent to you in advance. Rosary 7pm, followed by the meeting.

March 20, 2023—We will be meeting again in person. We will be meeting at the Greensburg Council Home. The rosary will be recited at 7pm, we will open the meeting after the rosary, have an opening prayer, pledge of allegiance, break to eat and then continue the meeting. We have several important business items to be discussed at this meeting:

- The site of future meetings.
- We are looking at changing the format of our meetings.

It would be nice to have a good representation of Councils at this meeting and we would welcome your input.

**Message from Ger Andrews**

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**Super Bowl Pool**

Please get your money and assigned squares into me as soon as possible! If I do not receive your sheets by our January meeting, your squares will be assigned to your Council.

**Message from Jeff Peterinelli**  
**State Membership-Greensburg Diocese/Chapter President**

Greetings,

I will be sending info to be printed in the newsletter, every month, not only as Chapter President, also as Diocesan Membership Director

First Chapter news

- 1) Thanks to all that donated to Clelian Heights, Santa and his elf Don Granata did a fine job with the residence who were their (4) 2 were sent home that day, and the Sisters were very thankful for the delicious pizza
- 2) It's time to start thinking about the upcoming men's conference The Well which is scheduled for Saturday March 23 at Christ Our Shepard's Center, more info in Don Granata's report
- 3) Received a very nice letter from Bishop Kulick thanking us for the \$20,000 donation to the seminarians of our Diocese, and also thanked us for our continued support not only of the seminarians but our Pro-life efforts

Membership News

- 1) Recruit, Recruit and Recruit on the latest Star tracker the West is in the lead let's keep it up
- 2) When you file you form for the RSVP program please send a copy to Nathan Sudie ([nathan.sudie@gmail.com](mailto:nathan.sudie@gmail.com)) who is the Vocations chairman for the state, he needs this so he can forward information to the state deputy
- 3) The Western Section meeting is on Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> in Bentleyville
- 4) The 2025 State Convention will be here the west more info to come

Vivat Jesus Jeff Peterinelli

Greensburg Diocesan Membership Director  
President

Greensburg Chapter

## **Message from Lee Clark—VAVS Representative**

"Worthy Brothers,

I would like to thank all who have contributed to our efforts to help veterans in need over the last year and a half. We have been a contributor of funds to support a new music therapy program at Heinz VA medical center, but most our support has been donations of new or gently used clothing for veterans and their families. I can't tell you how proud I am being our representative who gets to deliver these donations to the VA. It has been one of the best experiences of my life.

We recently donated large amounts of warm clothing to veterans in need and their families. As you know, many veterans are homeless, and the VA has a major effort underway to assist them. I also learned recently that VA is reaching out to help the Salvation Army in Pittsburgh to help other homeless people. So some of our donations are going to homeless people who are not veterans. This increases our involvement to help desperate people who are greatly in need of assistance.

In addition to clothing, the VA is asking for donations of new or gently used tents, tarps, and sleeping bags for the homeless. We recently donated some of these items, but many more are needed.

So I want to continue to reach out to ask for donations of new or gently used warm clothing (both men's and women's), sleeping bags, tents, or tarps to help the homeless in our area, including veterans and their families. If you can make a cash donation, that money will be spent to purchase some of these items. Checks should be made payable to "KofC Council 4226" and note on the check that the money is for "VAVS Fund". My council has created this fund for VAVS donations.

Checks should be mailed to me at 3406 N. Hills Rd., Murrysville PA 15668.

Councils and assemblies have been having clothing drives to receive donations of new or gently used clothing for donations to the VA. Some individual members have also made donations. Please consider having a drive to gather donations and let me know. I can come pick them up at your location or any convenient location.

Thank you, God Bless, and Rosenda and I wish you and yours all the best for 2023.

Vivat Jesus,

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# Faithful Challenges



## *Challenge Yourself to Be an Intentional Disciple!*

**Commit to offering up a small part of yourself each week to bring your heart closer to Christ.**

**January Challenges focus on ways to become a pro-life example in our community:**

- Reach out to someone who is sick or homebound. Send a card, call or text them. It's an opportunity for you to show them the mercy and compassion of Christ by letting them know that they are not forgotten.
- Say a prayer for the most vulnerable in our community. Ask the Lord to provide them with his abundance as they face their daily struggles.
- Say a prayer for a world where every life is celebrated, valued and protected.
- Reach out to our parish office and learn how you can use your gifts to serve as a minister to the homebound, or donate to a parish ministry that serves a need in your faith community.

### **January Prayer**

God of all life,

Help us to appreciate the great gift that is human life formed in your image, a reflection of your holiness.

Help us to recognize you in all whom you have created: children not yet born, families affected by poverty and war, people of different abilities, people from other lands, and all who are victims of hatred and racism.

Help us to bear witness to the dignity of all whom you have created, regardless of stage of life, or wealth, or ability, or color, or creed, for every person is fully equal in your loving eyes.

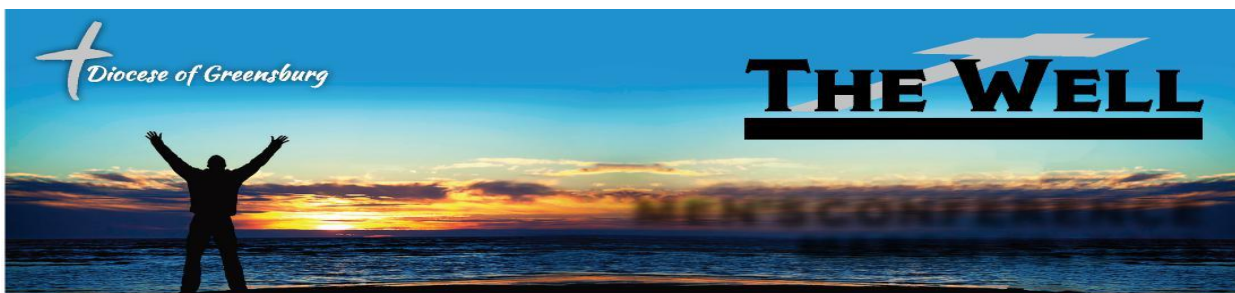
Share with us your holy knowledge that we are all your children, each bestowed with inherent dignity.

May your justice reign forever!  
Amen.

—USCCB



Eucharistic Revival is a three-year process initiated by the USCCB to invite the faithful to reflect upon the mystery and meaning of the sacrament of the Eucharist in our lives. While much of year one involves providing devotional and formational opportunities for parish and Diocesan staff, you, too, can be a part of Eucharistic Revival right now! Visit the Diocese of Greensburg Facebook page every Thursday to participate in a Faithful Challenge, and hopefully you will feel yourself growing in a relationship with Christ. Visit the Eucharistic Revival resource page at [DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival](https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival) for videos, prayers and gathering dates. Consider Bishop Kulick's invitation to become an intentional disciple this year!



Dear Brother's in Christ,

The Diocesan Men's Ministry team is planning the 2023 Men's Conference, the theme is "Be Not Afraid". It will be held on March 25, 2023, at Christ Our Shepherd Center. The conference is limited to four hundred men. Once again, we need your support, not only by attending, but by encouraging the fellow men of your parish to attend. In our previous Conferences we formed a team of ambassadors, from the parishes throughout the Diocese. Once more we are calling for your help to step up and be an Ambassador with other men from your parish. We will provide you with the tools and information needed. Any questions don't hesitate to contact

We have scheduled a meeting at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Greensburg Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup> for 7:00 PM. If you can make it please let us know. If you can't but would like to be part of your Parish Team let us know.

Jesus calls us to "do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:27), and to "follow me" (Matthew 9:9). We are requesting your help and asking you to encourage men to attend the Conference to grow their relationship with Christ as men of faith, fathers, and husbands.

God Bless,

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Ambassador Committee Greensburg Diocesan Men's Ministry Team

## **Fr. McNelis Council 1481 / Fr. McNelis Assembly 0968—Indiana**

On December 5, 2022, the Fr. McNelis Assembly 968, of the Knights of Columbus in Indiana, Pennsylvania conducted a Wreath-laying Ceremony to honor and remember those brave men and women who serve our country both at home and abroad. Also recognized were those men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice to defend our freedom and our nation.

The ceremony began in Memorial Park in Indiana, PA. A wreath was placed at the base of the Doughboy Monument. The ceremony concluded by laying a wreath at the Indiana County War Memorial located on the lawn of the Indiana County Courthouse.

In attendance were Dignitaries from the Pennsylvania State Senate and House of Representatives, Indiana County Commissioners, Law Enforcement Officials, a representative from Veterans Affairs, Sir Knights from the Fr. McNelis Assembly 968, and Knights from the Fr. McNelis Council 1481.



## **Manordale Valley Council 4226—Murrysville**

Manordale Valley Council 4226 Coats For Kids Project gave 78 coats out.



## **Kittanning Council 1011—Kittanning**

Knights from Council 1011, Kittanning, installed “Keep Christ in Christmas” signs for the holiday at 3 parishes: St. Patrick in Brady’s Bend; St. Mary, Mother of God in Yatesboro; and St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe in Kittanning.

Father Ron Maquinana, Chaplain of Council 1011 and Pastor of St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Kittanning, celebrated a special mass for both the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and his 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priesthood. A reception followed the mass in the parish hall.



## **District Deputy Reports**

### **District 218—Don Brown**

- All four councils are meeting.
- Council #1480 will be hosting a Free Throw Challenge on January 14th.
- Two councils had held Christmas Dinners for members.
- 2 of the 4 councils participated in selling Saint Ann Calendar Tickets

### **District 219—Don Granata**

- Slickville Council-15373 reactivating the Council with an open house for members and non-members including wives. The theme of the open house will be based on Blessed Father McGivney video to emphasis our roots and why the Knights of Columbus emphasizing our Principles of Charity, Fraternity & Unity.
- The Councils Programs are very strong in 2022 they received the Bishops Medal of Honor from Bishop Larry Kulick of the Greensburg Diocese
- Council 1381 New Kensington- Hosting District Free Throw February 5th
- Council 6715 Greater Kiski is starting a Degree Team
- Council 4226 Manordale Valley is having a Membership Drive at Mother of Sorrows February 5<sup>th</sup> & sponsoring Donut Sunday

## **Council Reports**

### **Daniel P. Nola Council 940—Latrobe**

- Spaghetti dinner will be held late February or early March. One new member transferred in December.

### **Fr. Gilbert Straub Council 8452--Doughwood**

- At our 9am Mass on Christmas morning, we presented our Pastor, Fr. Rogelio Rodriguez with a new Chalice and Ciborium.
- We will be hosting a coffee and doughnuts after Masses on January 15 and February 12, 2023
- We are holding our Annual Religious/Charity Appreciation Dinner on January 22, 2023. Checks will be presented to our Seminarian and Various Charities at that dinner.