



Knights of Columbus NEWS



Parkersburg Council 594 ■ John M. Yencha Assembly 1187

March - April 2026

From the Grand Knight's Desk

Brothers of Parkersburg Council 594:

As I put together this month's newsletter Lent is coming to a close and the Easter Season is upon us. Our Council has had a very busy schedule as of late, and the next couple of months promise to be just as busy. The Men's Study Program has a new series starting, line dancing is winding down, golf is about to kick off and in August our Council will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. Please consider sharing our schedule with other men in the parish and asking if they would like to join in with us.

Vivat Jesus,
Joe Stocking, Grand Knight

From the Faithful Navigator's Desk

Sir Knights of John M. Yencha Assembly 1187:

Recently the Assembly agreed to provide \$300 to help a veteran transition into affordable housing. The veteran, a former Marine, was able to secure an apartment in the new Patriot Center high rise in South Parkersburg for himself and his wife, who requires a wheelchair. The apartment has two bedrooms, living room and a washer and dryer. Upon moving in, the only furnishings they had was a box springs and mattress set donated by Big Sandy Furniture and a lamp. John Pellegrin and I used the \$300 at RESTORE in Vienna to purchase a sofa, love seat, 2 kitchen chairs, and a TV stand (and still had \$53.50 left in our budget). We tried to find a kitchen table, but they didn't have any. The only other piece of furniture he desperately needed was a chest of drawers. Other than hangers, they had no way to store their clothes. Later the SAME DAY, I got a call from Steve Baughman's wife stating she had some furniture to donate and Steve thought we might be able to use it. Included in the list was a "kitchen table" and "chest of drawers". You can't make this stuff up. We jumped on it and delivered them that afternoon. Divine intervention. Maybe. If not, it should at least qualify as a God wink. We never met the veteran's wife because she had been admitted to the hospital a few days earlier. The good news is that she was to be released the day we delivered the furniture. She left an empty apartment and will return to a furnished one. I can only imagine the look on her face. As for the veteran, he couldn't thank us enough. He couldn't believe there were people out there that would do something like this. I told him he was the "first", but we hope there will be many more. Although he gave me permission to use his name, out of respect for their privacy, I didn't feel it was necessary.

Vivat Jesus! God Bless America!
Mike Pollock, Faithful Navigator

A Successful Fish Fry Season

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Lenten Fish Frys so successful! Proceeds benefit our Council's scholarship program. Applications are being accepted now and must be post-marked by the end of the month.



Cemetery Clean Up Project

St. Francis Xavier's cemetery as well as Mt. Carmel cemetery received their annual sprucing up on March 21st. We seem to have perfect weather for this each year and – thanks to John and Rebecca Crum – we are also treated to a wonderful hot dog lunch when all the work is done!



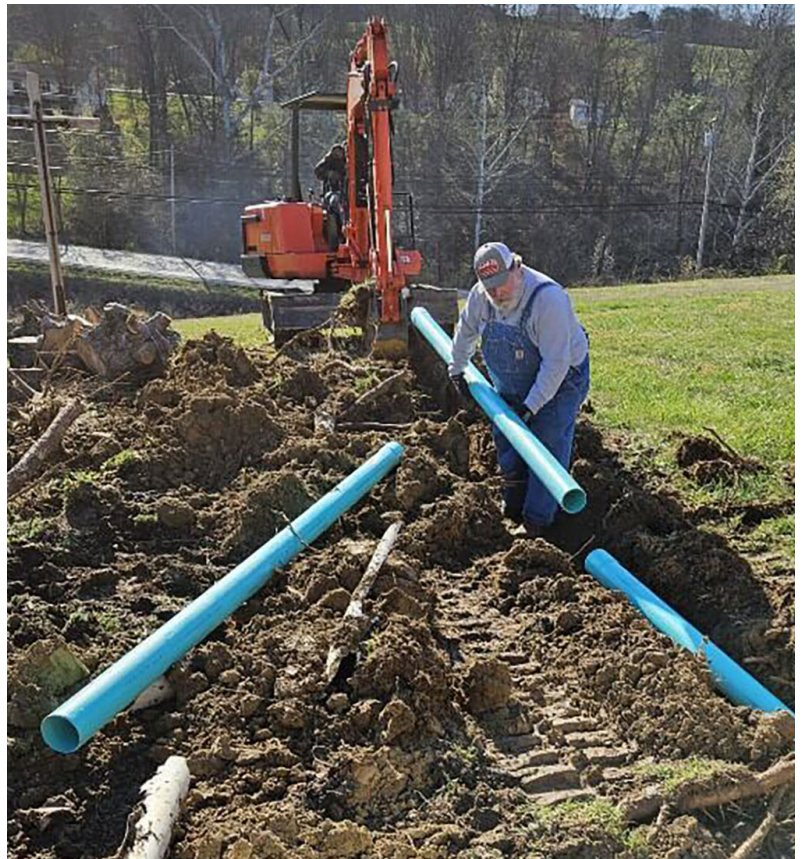
Annual 40 Cans for Lent Drive

Thank you to everyone who helped with and donated to our Annual 40 Cans for Lent drive. As of Good Friday we have collected almost 3,000 pounds!!



Brothers Lend a Hand at St. Monica Parish

Under the close supervision of Lady Jean (the dog), Brothers Petrillo, Walters, Pellegrin and Stocking installed a new drainage pipe at St. Monica on March 28th. The work was completed in record time thanks to the use of Brother JR Carpenter's equipment which he generously provided!



Free Throw Championship

We had a wonderful turnout for this year's Free Throw Championship! Thank you everyone who helped Brothers Jim Udell, Josh Price and Don Durochia with this growing program.

Winners of our local competition went on to compete against winners from other Councils in the state. This year we had 4 contenders at the state level. Please join us at the Baked Steak Dinner April 10th as we recognize these young mens' success!

Congratulations to:

Kyrie Fleming – 1st Place, 10 year old bracket
Rohan Karnam – 1st Place, 11 year old bracket
Evan Enoch – 2nd Place, 12 year old bracket
Colin Frye – 2nd Place, 13 year old bracket



Council 594 Welcomes New Members

The Council welcomed new Brother Knights Shawn McKenna, Owen Slone, Mike DeRose, Daniel Comer and Thomas McCarthy at an Exemplification on February 1st. We will be having another opportunity for men to join the Order this month. The most common reason men don't join is...they aren't asked! Who will you invite?



2026 Feast of Corpus Christi

The Parkersburg Vicariate will be celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi together again this year on June 7th with a Mass at Parkersburg Catholic High School. If you don't yet have a Council or Assembly shirt please consider ordering one now for this event. Contact Michele at The Shirt Factory, or call GK Joe Stocking to make arrangements.

(Pictures are from 2024)




This year our Council is celebrating its 125th anniversary!



Please join us August 22nd for Mass, followed by a banquet at the Council Hall. Invitations and details will be sent out as the date approaches, but please mark your calendar now.

Seminarian Support

Thank you to everyone who has sold their Seminarian Support Raffle Tickets! We need to turn everything in at the end of the month. There is still time to sell a few more!

 Knights of Columbus Annual Seminarian Support Raffle 1st Place - \$1,000 2nd Place - \$500 3rd Place - 3 \$100 Winners Drawing is to be held at Annual Convention Donation \$5.00	Name _____
	Tel# _____
	Seller _____
	Council _____
	<small>Seminarian Support Raffle</small>

- Funds Allocation:
1. Pay for raffle tickets.
 2. \$100 to the seller of 1st and 2nd place tickets.
 3. \$1,800 for prizes.
 4. Balance to the Diocese for seminarian education.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program

Do you know a student eligible for a KofC scholarship? NOW is the time to apply. Council 594 applications **MUST BE POSTMARKED** by May 1st. Applications are available at the Council Hall or via QR code, below. State and Supreme scholarship applications have different deadlines. Parkersburg Council #594 College Scholarships* are offered to:

- members in good standing;
- son, daughter, stepson, or stepdaughter of a member in good standing, living or deceased, of Council #594;
- or a senior in good standing at Parkersburg Catholic High School.



*Subject to rules and eligibility. Application does not guarantee an award.

Pro Life Message

REFLECT

On Good Friday, when we observed our Lord's Passion and Crucifixion, we remember how He bore our sins and the sins of the whole world as He suffered on our behalf. A week after celebrating His Resurrection, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, remembering the message He so ardently instructed St. Faustina to spread: His endless mercy and forgiveness. God longs for us to return to Him and to allow His mercy to wash away our sins. He has a prepared place in His merciful heart for each of us, and no sin is bigger than His power to forgive. He desires all of us to come to Him just as we are and receive healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The words Christ revealed to St. Faustina, He also speaks to us: "Lay your head on my shoulder, rest and regain your strength. I am always with you" (Diary, no. 848).

Be a voice for the voiceless. Stand and Pray in front of planned parenthood, first Monday of each month, 1-3 pm. Catholics for Life and friends will be praying in front of planned parenthood in Vienna at 522 Grand Central Avenue. Please join us from 1-2 or 2-3 pm as we peacefully pray to end the death of unborn babies by abortion. We need at least 2 at all times. We have signs. Everyone is welcome. Thank you for praying for the unborn and their mothers. Everyone is busy, and it's not easy to fit this in, but God hears our prayers and appreciates our sacrifice.

For more information, call or text Katie Walters at 304-481-0578 or Sunny Murray at 304-482-6193.

Jack's Corner

Why meet with an Advisor? 6 Questions for 2026:

1. The OBBBA signed 7/4/25 has significant opportunities for seniors... Are you taking advantage?
2. What is the best age to take your Social Security?
3. Do you want to be rich, or do you want an absolute positive guarantee you will never be poor?
4. Do you think it is fair that when one parent dies and there's not enough money that the children should end up losing both their parents? Should the children grieve with the remaining parent or a care giver?
5. Do you have enough confidence in your current advisor to get a second opinion?
6. If I could show you a way to stay in complete control of your money until you took your last breath, but instead of giving that money to the government, a nursing home or a hospital, you could keep that money in your family for generations to come, at the very least wouldn't you want to know about that?

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Deputy Grand Knight	Don Durochia
Chancellor	Kevin Simonton
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Treasurer	John Pellegrin
Financial Secretary	David Walters
Advocate	Jim Udell
Warden	Lou Taylor
Inside Guard	Mike Pollock
Outside Guard	Kenyon Felder
Trustee (3 Year)	Harry Helmick
Trustee (2 Year)	Butch Joseph
Trustee (1 Year)	Drew Kefeli
Field Agent	Jack Walsh

Council Meeting: Every Thursday at 7:30 p.m.



2025-2026 Assembly Officers

Faithful Friar:	Very Rev. John Rice
Faithful Navigator:	SK Mike Pollock
Faithful Captain:	SK Don Durochia
Faithful Comptroller:	SK Mike Petrillo
Faithful Scribe:	SK Evan Durochia
Faithful Purser:	SK Joe Stocking
Faithful Pilot:	SK Kevin Simonton
Faithful Inner Sentinel:	SK Chandler Davis
Faithful Outer Sentinel:	SK Jay Miller
Faithful Admiral	SK John Pellegrin
Trustee (3 Year)	SK Greg Herrick
Trustee (2 Year)	SK Butch Joseph
Trustee (1 Year)	SK Jim Udell

Assembly Meeting: Every 2nd Thursday following the council meeting.

March Birthdays

1 FRANCIS MCCUSKER
 1 J SIMONTON
 2 BRUCE HAYHURST
 3 MICHAEL VIERHELLER
 5 CATALINO M ENDOZA
 6 FREDERICK L I N DAUER
 6 RICHARD N EWHART
 7 CHRISTOPHER FOUGHT
 7 DANIEL JAMES
 7 DAVID CLINE
 7 GEORGE WEAVER
 7 ROBERT NEWELL
 11 FR. GEORGE NEDEFF
 11 JOSEPH SANTER
 11 SCOTT LAUER
 12 XAVIER COLLIE
 13 JAMES COOTS
 13 KENYON F ELDER
 16 MICHAEL G OLDSBERRY
 19 DOUGLAS W EST
 23 WARREN SOMERVILLE
 24 DAVID MENDOZA
 24 ROBERT LONG
 25 MICHAEL SERENO
 25 SEAN ANDREWS
 26 ANTHONY LAUTAR
 26 EDWARD M C DONOUGH
 26 RYAN SPINDLER
 27 MICHAEL MANRY
 29 RICHARD SCHAFFER
 29 THOMAS HELLER
 30 JOHN WEITZEL
 30 RYAN ROEDERSHEIMER

April Birthdays

1 WILLIAM GAVIN
 1 DAVID MAYBURY
 3 DAVID HABEB
 3 DANIEL COMER
 4 SHAWN GUE
 7 EDWARD FRANKS
 7 LORENTZ HAMILTON
 8 WILLIAM GREER
 8 CHARLES DUGGAN
 11 BILL STUMBO
 11 GEORGE CLOWES
 13 LUKE ZYLA
 14 CHARLES STOUT
 18 TERRENCE HANNIGAN
 19 MICHAEL POLLOCK
 19 JOSEPH ROEDERSHEIMER
 19 JESUS N OVERON
 21 AARON COLLIE
 23 JEFFREY MENNILLO
 23 JEFFREY WILSON
 24 JORDAN BAILEY
 26 FR. JOHN RICE
 26 MICHAEL BALZANO
 28 JOSEPH HAID
 29 PATRICK MILLER
 30 JAY MILLER

Upcoming Events

Bingo every Wed. & Saturday

April 7: Line Dancing

Men's Study Group –
Bishop Barron "The Mass"

April 10: Baked Steak Dinner benefiting
Hearts and Hands for Paws

April 11: Bingo Potluck (Kitchen Closed)

April 14: ARC will be our guests at
Line Dancing

April 17: Pkb Women's Club Bingo

April 19: PHS Bingo

April 21: Line Dancing

Men's Study Group –
Bishop Barron "The Mass"

April 26: Council Chaplain
Fr. John's Birthday

April 28: Last Line Dancing of the season

May 1: Pkb Women's Club Derby Dinner

