

Happy St. Patrick's Day

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Grand Knights Report

By George Mountford

Brothers,

The Lenten season is now upon us. This means we all must do some soul searching and repentance. During the 40 days before Easter, it is customary to fast between meals and abstain from meat on Fridays. This is something we all can accomplish without much difficulty.



During Lent we need to take more time for prayer. Pray for your loved ones, your neighbors and yourself. Find time to reflect on what your faith means to you and do not be afraid to show it.

Our Brotherhood is rooted in our faith. May we always find peace in knowing we are blessed.

God's blessings to all.

HELP NEEDED!

WORKERS NEEDED

MD (Tootsie Roll Drive)

Help is needed on all scheduled dates, call Clark Hill for available times and locations

FISH FRY FRIDAYS OF LENT

WORKERS NEEDED

Mar. 13, 20, 27, Apr. 3

Call GK George Mountford, 847-5945

BYLAW CHANGE ON LAST PAGE

NOMINATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR'S OFFICERS WILL START IN APRIL

**Please think about what office you
Would like to run for
Notify Tom Cleary of your intentions**

Chaplain's Message

By Father Joseph A. Pastick



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What better way to know and love God than by praying His word? Here is a column written by Francis George, OMI, the Archbishop of Chicago, on praying the Scripture. Cardinal George is the head of the Bishops of the U.S.A. and is very close to Pope Benedict XVI. He titles his instruction: "God's Word in Prayer":

"During the three weeks of the Synod of Bishops on the Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church, I thought often on the ways we use Sacred Scripture in personal prayer; and I recalled Pope Benedict's words to the U.S. Bishops last April, when he told us to teach people how to pray in order to prevent the secularization of our lives in society."

"A traditional way in the Church to pray with Holy Scripture is called 'lectio divina' or spiritual reading of biblical texts. Seminarians are introduced to this form of prayer, and many of the synod resolutions spoke to the need to make all Catholics familiar with this spiritual exercise. I will present an outline of it here:"

"First of all, every prayer is through Christ our Lord, ' through Him, with Him and in Him', as the Eucharistic Prayer concludes. The source of every prayer is therefore an encounter with Christ, a union with Him in mind and heart. Since Holy Scripture is the written witness to Christ, praying with Sacred Scripture is a privileged way to come to know him surely and to love him devotedly. At the beginning of our prayer with Scripture, we should ask the Holy Spirit, sent upon the Church by the risen Christ, to guide our prayer."

"Reading: What does the Word of God mean in itself? The first step in praying with Scripture is to read the text slowly and thoughtfully, perhaps aloud. A contemporary biblical commentary that helps us to understand the context of the human author is useful for shedding light on hard passages. Who are the principal personages in the selected passage? Is there a use of images or symbols? What is the controlling message that the human writer meant to convey? A commentary by a spiritual author recognized by the Church can also help uncover meanings that the divine author meant to teach through the inspired text."

Meditation: What does the Word of God mean to you? The second step in praying with Scripture is to ask what God might be telling me personally as I read. What is important to me about this text? Why? Is there a call to me in what I read? With what personage in the text do I identify? How am I being asked to change? If we try to identify personally with the biblical text we are reading, light might be shed and reflections might come to mind that are new to us. These are the graces given to us to see our lives anew in the light of God's word."

"Prayer: What desires does the Word of God place in my heart? In the midst of the prayerful reading of the Holy Scripture, we should find ourselves wanting to ask something of God. We have listened to God's Word and meditated upon it. What does it move us to ask for? What do we say in response to the word of God? Gratitude is one response, but prayer might also move us to simplify our lives and to act in a way consistent with God's word to us. We often do not leave time of prayer with specific plans in mind; but we should always leave with more courage to face the demands of life in the light of God's word.

"Contemplation: How does the Word of God shape us? Sometimes at the end of our reading, meditation and prayer, God takes over our spiritual life and gives us a moment of special unity with Him. These fruits of the spiritual reading of Sacred Scripture come seldom or often, depending upon the person. Always, they are meant to increase our intimacy with God and prepare us for loving him forever. In Holy Scripture, God is the principal author and actor. In contemplative prayer, God 'writes' our lives so that Christ lives in us."

"The steps outlined above are not a rigid scheme. They are helps to organize the time spent praying with Sacred Scripture; but the most important element of prayer is simply taking time. I was grateful for the three weeks during the synod to step back from ordinary business and attend to the great gift that is the Word of God. It is often hard to find time to reflect and pray in the crush of ordinary concerns."

"Jesus taught that His words would remain forever. When many major institutions, banks, corporations, even some countries, disappear overnight, the Word of God remains because it is the center of reality. God spoke and the world began. God spoke to the Blessed Virgin Mary through the Archangel Gabriel, and the Word became flesh. God continues to speak in times of crisis. If we listen prayerfully, we will know where our security and salvation lie. And we live in hope. God bless you all."

Keep this message as a guide to LECTO DIVINA in your Lenten prayer.

God bless you all ways!

Fr. Joe
Chaplain

Knights of the Month

By George Mountford



Pat O'Brien

Pat joined our council in May and has been busy since! He works each breakfast cheerfully. Pat volunteered to be on our first degree team and serves as Deputy Grand Knight of the team. Pat supports our council by participating at each of our functions. Thank you for your hard work on our behalf. Congratulations!

Family of the Month

Tony and Gail Nalli

Tony and Gail are always here supporting our council in all areas. They work hard at our breakfasts, dinners and dances. Tony serves as our Membership Director and does a very good job. He also is responsible for getting our first degree team started again. Gail has served as past president of the Columbiettes. Thank you both for your devotion and hard work for our council. Congratulations!

APRIL DEADLINE

All copy for the April Newsletter must be received by March 24th, any copy received after that date will appear in the next edition unless it is time sensitive.

Send to Tom Cleary at clearytb@yahoo.com

NOTICE

This is the ninth edition of our electronic format. If you have any trouble with it, either opening or reading, please contact Tom Cleary at 727-846-0392 or email me at clearytb@yahoo.com

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Send card or email

He is terminal, staying at his daughter's home

Brother Lou Morganti is back in North Bay Hospital

Dan Poulter is in Community Hospital

Ed Gongola is at home

All members who know of any sick or distressed members notify Bob Fagan at 727-816-8822

IN MEMORIAM

Roland Laliberti

Edward Rossi

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Robert J. Benson

Joseph Beraducci

Wayne Bilby

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Cyril J. Derrick

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March, 2009

MARCH 2ND

3rd Officer's Meeting, parish hall 7:30pm

MARCH 5TH

3rd Degree Business Meeting, parish hall 7:30pm

MARCH 8TH

All American Breakfast, 8:00am till 12 Noon
Blood Drive after all Masses

MARCH 12TH

1st Degree - St Francis Cabrini Council 13209 7:30pm

MARCH 13TH

Fish Fry – 5:00 to 7:00 pm

MARCH 16TH

2nd Degree - Fr. Felix Ullrich Council 5869 7:30pm

MARCH 17TH

St. Patrick's Day Mass 10:30am

MARCH 19TH

3rd Degree social meeting 7:30pm (1st Degree if needed)

MARCH 20TH

Fish Fry – 5pm to 7pm

MARCH 23RD

2nd Degree - Fr. Felix Ullrich Council 5869 7:30 pm (if needed)

MARCH 26TH

4th degree meeting 7:30pm

MARCH 27TH

Fish Fry – 5pm to 7pm

MARCH 28TH

3rd Degree - St. Francis Cabrini Council 13209
(candidates at noon)

MARCH 30TH

3rd Degree officer's meeting 7:30pm

News Around the Council

FISH FRY DINNERS

The dates for our dinners are: February 27th, March 13th, 20th, 27th and April 3rd. Dinner will be served 5pm to 7pm. The cost will be \$6.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 10. Hope to see everyone there!

PARISH FUNDRAISER

We will be sponsoring a fun day at Tropicana Field with all proceeds going to our parish. The Rays will play the Indians at 1:40pm on May 17th. Cost per ticket will be \$8.00. Tickets will be on sale at our breakfasts in March and April. This is a great way to support our parish and to enjoy some fellowship. Go Rays!

On March 17th, the Ancient Order of Hibernians will host their 14th annual St. Patrick's Day Mass at 10:30am. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

Please plan to attend our All American Breakfast on Sunday, March 8th. We have seen an increase in attendance and hope to keep growing!

DEGREES COMING UP

1st degree - Thursday, March 12th - St. Francis Cabrini Council #13209, Spring Hill

1st degree - Thursday, March 19th - Our Lady Queen of Peace Council 11680 (if needed)

2nd degree - Monday, March 16th –
Fr. Felix Ullrich Council #5869

2nd degree - Monday, March 23rd –
Fr. Felix Ullrich Council #5869 (if needed)

3rd degree - Saturday, March 28th – St. Francis Cabrini Council #13209 -- Candidates at noon

Our Lady Queen of Peace
Knights of Columbus Council
#11680

Presents for Everyone...

All You Can Eat

All American

Breakfast

Sunday, February 12, 2009

Stop at the Parish Center after each Mass
and enjoy a hearty breakfast
Served from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Enjoy the company of your
friends and fellow parishioners

Lenten Fish Fries

Friday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 pm
In the Parish Center on following dates

March 13, 20, 27, April 3

Menu Includes

White Fish (baked or fried)
French Fry Potatoes
Cole Slaw, Rolls w/butter
Coffee, Tea or Lemonade
plus Dessert

Adults \$6.50 Children (under 10) \$4.00

Tickets may be purchased at the door

Come One! Come All!

Knights of Columbus Our Lady Queen of Peace Council 11680 Bylaw Proposal

ARTICLE 1, Sec 3 NOW READS

Each member shall pay annual dues, the same to be payable quarterly in advance at the first regular meetings in January, April, July and October. The annual dues of members shall be \$25.00, excepting insured members under 26 years of age shall be one half of that sum, honorary members who shall pay \$10.00, and honorary members who shall pay nothing. Except as above stated, the dues of associate and insurance members shall be the same.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

Whereas Article 1, Section 3 of the Knights of Columbus By-Laws of Our Lady Queen of Peace Council Number 11680 needs to be changed to keep up with the per capita fees,
Now therefore be it resolved by a vote of the Council the following change.

ARTICLE 1, SECTION 3 – EACH MEMBER SHALL PAY ANNUAL DUES, THE SAME TO BE PAID QUARTERLY IN ADVANCE AT THE FIRST REGULAR MEETINGS IN JULY, OCTOBER, JANUARY AND APRIL. THE ANNUAL DUES OF MEMBERS SHALL BE \$30.00, EXCEPTING INSURED MEMBERS UNDER 26 YEARS OF AGE WHOSE DUES SHALL BE ONE HALF OF THAT SUM, HONORARY MEMBERS WHO SHALL PAY \$15.00, AND HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS SHALL PAY NOTHING. EXCEPT AS ABOVE STATED, THE DUES OF ASSOCIATE AND INSURANCE MEMBERS SHALL BE THE SAME.

Resolution introduced by Joseph Menicola, DGK, PFN

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