

THE COMPASS

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“The Pentecost Surprise – The Church must always surprise” – Pope Francis

Is there any doubt that those who were frightened in the upper room were surprised? Probably not. So maybe it should not be surprising when Pope Francis writes... “The Church must always surprise”.

The Pope explained that a fundamental element of Pentecost is surprise, and that the Church must surprise everyone when announcing that Jesus overcame death. If we open ourselves to God’s spirit, there is no doubt we will be surprised.

Openness to the surprises of the Spirit: We should ask ourselves:

Are we open to the surprises the Spirit has in store for us?

Can we today be surprised and become a surprising Church?

Can we overcome our tendency to work alone and learn to collaborate in making a difference?

Pope Francis reminds us to listen, to be humble, to allow grace to work within us, and to trust that the Holy Spirit works powerfully within the Church and her members, even - and, perhaps especially during moments when we least expect it.

“The Spirit transforms the hearts of the timid disciples, to bold men who ‘bear witness to Jesus’ His action frees hearts, impels service, guides people in new directions, and makes the lukewarm thrill to new dreams. The Holy Spirit is “the power of God” and the “giver of life”. “How good it would be for us each day to feel this jolt of life! To say when we wake up each morning: ‘Come, Holy Spirit, come into my heart, come into my day” Pope Francis

Contributed by Jim Brantner - Council 7672 Director of Family Life



**Supreme Chaplain : Archbishop William E. Lori:
Monthly Challenge - June 2019**

The Lord said to her in reply, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.”

(Gospel for July 21, Lk 10:41-42)

Imagine yourself in Martha’s shoes. While your seemingly lazy sister Mary sits at the feet of Jesus, *you* are the one preparing and serving the food, setting the table and making things happen. And then, all of a sudden, Jesus chides *you* and compares you unfavorably to your sister. Jesus’ words can strike us as harsh. Wasn’t Martha doing a good thing by serving our Lord? Yet if we are honest, we recognize that it’s all too easy to get caught up in busyness doing good things and all the while miss the opportunity to encounter Christ. By God’s grace, may we hear these tough words from Jesus, resist this tendency to busyness and strive to choose “the better part.”

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to spend five extra minutes sitting before the Lord before or after Sunday Mass. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Sacramental Gifts program or pray for those receiving the sacraments, that they might choose “the better part.”

FRATERNAL YEAR 2019-2020: Council 7672 Election Results

We are pleased to announce that during our June 10th, 2019 council meeting the membership elected the following officers for our coming fraternal year:



- Grand Knight Chuck De Ninno
- Deputy Grand Knight Phil Jeleniewski
- Chancellor Steve Aynes
- Advocate Hans Picinich
- Warden Jerry Balaszek
- Treasurer Anthony Labay
- Recorder Ron Kacprowicz
- Outside Guard Joe Gallagher
- Inside Guard Patrick Canning
- Trustee (3-Year Term) Don Kasson



New Grand Knight
Chuck De Ninno

Officers holding non-elected positions for the 2018 – 2019 Year

- Financial Secretary Ed Wilson
- Trustee (2-Year Term) Joe Pizzuto
- Trustee (1-Year Term) Chuck Kahler



Knight's Birthdays



- JUNE 2019 -

- JULY 2019 -

William Allen
Harold Breun
Jacob Cooper
Chuck De Ninno
Frank Emery
Carlos Gutierrez
Richard Hughes
Joseph Larker
Frank Leonardo
Frank Lullo
James Matson
Tom McCullough
Thomas Nutter
Carlos Robles
Larry Ross
Tom Shoenecker
Allerd Smith
Robert Swanson
Robert Waltzer



***Never Forget Our
Knight's Mission:***

***Evangelize and
Proclaim our faith,
protect families, and
perform works of
charity.***

***Through our witness
and deeds attract
Catholic men to our
Order.***

***Build the Domestic
Church through
service, support our
parishes, clergy, and
communities.***

***Incorporate
principled fiscal
responsibility
for charitable giving.***

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John Kovach
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Announcement: Grand Knight Appoints New Membership Director



On July 16th our new **Grand Knight, Chuck De Ninno** appointed **Sir Knight James A. Parent** to the council position of Worthy Membership Director. Jim who recently became a 4th Degree Knight has already distinguished himself through his dedicated work for our Council. We are fortunate that Jim will be addressing the vital mission of recruiting men of our parish to become new Knights. We send our Congratulations to Jim as he takes on this challenge.



Jim Parent

The Spiritual Advisor's Corner . . .



"Jesus Identity"

Throughout the Gospels we're confronted by the question of Jesus' identity. "Who do you say that I am?" he asks. Some people thought he was a troublemaker, threatening the ruling elite, whose power would be undermined, if he were allowed to flourish. Others considered him a prophet. Or perhaps this was wishful thinking. The coming of the Prophet Elijah would herald the Messianic Age and release the people from the bondage of Rome.

There's no doubt that people treated him like a shepherd, who guides and feeds his flock. They had learned of his power over the winds and waves and his ability to walk on the waters of the lake which they knew so well. He's the one who heals, who saves the people from their sicknesses, sicknesses of heart, mind and body. He's the one who's come for the humble and the outcast. He goes into deserts and foreign places where the important people don't risk their lives and reputations. He's the one who touches the untouchables. Who confronts, wrestles with and overcomes demons. Not only those which inhabit people's minds, but the demons of fear and sinfulness. He's the one who opens consciences and forgives what he finds there. Who unlocks graves. Who has authority and who's big enough to delegate it.

There's only one name, which describes grace so broad and deep. People generally have to be seduced into evil, but they're drawn to goodness like pins to a magnet. The humble recognize Jesus and hurry to bring their loved ones to his feet. They know him through his actions and trust him without hesitation. They don't need his name, only his love. And that's what he gives them and us, in abundance.

Deacon Bob Godlewsky



July Prayer for the Holy Father



Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Pope Francis, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving kindness, in the way of eternal salvation; that, of Thy gift, he may ever desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.
. . . . *Our Father Hail Mary.*



Knights Notes:



by Brother Joseph Gallagher, Contributing Columnist

Dear Brother Knights,

Every day when we open the local paper or check local news online we are subject to accounts about the need of so many of our neighbors. From the homeless to veterans to the elderly to children and families in need. Sometimes we might think the problems of so many are insurmountable and ask. . . “What can I do to help so many of those in need in our community?”

★ The answer is the Knights of Columbus.

When we read the weekly St. Francis Parish bulletin and see all of the programs available to help us to practice and strengthen our faith, we also learn of programs to support our youth, those studying to join our faith and the effort to promote the sanctity of life. Then there are broader programs such as diocesan programs that need our support. How can I support all of these worthy parish programs?

★ The answer is the Knights of Columbus.

What about our community. Shouldn't we, as good citizens, support community programs that help our neighbors and their families enrich their lives? There are so many programs and organizations. Where do I start?

★ The answer is the Knights of Columbus.

As a Brother Knight you support all of these worthwhile programs.

Let's look at some of our contributions to support these efforts.

The needy:

Special Olympics, veteran's home, FISH, Tidewell Hospice, Coats for Kids and Back Pack school supplies (Englewood and Vineland Elementary Schools), Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Pregnancy Careline Center.

The Parish:

Bible gifts to RCIA candidates who complete their studies, to First Holy Communion candidates, and to Confirmandi, monthly donation to the Catholic Faith Appeal, donations to Rosary Makers and Hooks & Needles, help sponsor a seminarian enrolled at our Florida Seminary, support and participate in the parish Walk for Life.

The Community:

Parish Outreach Ministry and Postal Food Drive collections, donation to the Historical Society for the restoration of historic Green Tree Church, donation to the Lemon Bay Rotary to assist with a project to help with the cost of sending needed supplies to troops, two monthly collections each of needed supplies donated to schools, veterans home, hospice, and baby products for the Pregnancy Careline Center. There is also a collection for Christmas baskets for the needy in December.

As you can see, your participation in the Knights of Columbus programs and fundraisers benefits many of those efforts to help the needy, the parish, and the community efforts. Be proud of being a Knight and what we accomplish together.



Brother Joseph Gallagher



A POEM:

St. Francis of Assisi

by Vachel Lindsay

Would I might wake St. Francis in you all,
Brother of birds and trees, God's Troubadour,
Blinded with weeping for the sad and poor;
Our wealth undone, all strict Franciscan men,
Come, let us chant the canticle again
Of mother earth and the enduring sun.
God make each soul the lonely leper's slave;
God make us saints, and brave.



Compass Volunteer Staff Opportunity

The Compass is YOUR Council 7672 Newsletter. We publish it monthly. We are asking you, our Brother Knights and Ladies Auxiliary members to give us an hour or two of your time each month to assist the Editorial Staff. You could help by writing a story, or a poem to share with our readership. We need someone to interview a fellow Knight or Lady auxiliary member each month. Perhaps you could send us a candid photo of a Council or Auxiliary event and suggest a caption for the photo. . . . Remember- You are our “eyes and ears”.

- We also welcome your thoughts as our readers.
- We need your help to make the Compass possible.
- Contact Tom Costello at (607) 331-4112 to help us.



∞ **THANK YOU** ∞

A Compass Editorial - “ “Finishing Up and Starting Anew”

Eight months ago in the September 2018 issue of the Compass. we began publishing a monthly excerpt from an excellent article by Brian Kranick titled, “The Burning Passion of St. Francis of Assisi”. This article was chosen because he is the Patron Saint of our Parish.

Kranick’s article offered us an insight into the life and spirituality of this amazing man, Francis Bernadone. We read a life story of Francis from his birth to his death and gained insight, understanding and a deeper appreciation of Francis the man and Francis the Saint.

Over these eight months Compass staff received many positive comments about these articles from you, our readers. So starting this Fall 2019 *with your help*, we hope to publish a new series of monthly articles in our Compass, they will appear under the title “**Finding Followers of St. Francis**”. This title may change as we go along with your help and cooperation, the series may continue for a long time.

Each month we will highlight one of the hundreds of men and women who chose in their own lives to follow St Francis and who are now recognized as saints in the Roman Catholic Church. We hope that you find their stories to be personally inspirational.

This is also an opportunity to share your admiration for a specific Franciscan Saint or a specific Franciscan group that you find interesting or with whom you have a personal connection or history.

Let us know at the Compass. Email us at this address nursecostello@gmail.com. As always, we look forward to hearing from you.

Next month’s “**Finding Followers of St. Francis**”. will be the first, and is currently being written. Please watch for it in next month’s edition of the Compass.



The oldest surviving depiction of Saint Francis is a [fresco](#) near the entrance of the [Benedictine abbey of Subiaco](#), painted between March 1228 and March 1229. He is depicted without the [stigmata](#), but the image is a [religious image](#) and not a portrait.

[Brooke, Rosalind B. *The Image of St Francis: Responses to Sainthood in the Thirteenth Century* (Cambridge University Press, 2006), pp. 161–62.]

The Editor

A Special Message from our Faithful Navigator

July 22nd 2019

*Dear Brother Knights & Ladies
I want to thank all of you who have written
Get Well notes and for all your prayers
and good wishes in the days since my surgery.*

*Your thoughts and kind prayers mean a lot
to me. I have begun my rehabilitation and
look forward to seeing you all when they
send me home from the hospital. I look ahead
to being back with all of you at the Assembly
and Council meetings and activities.*

*Your Brother
Joe Pizzuto, Faithful Navigator
Vivat Jesus*

