



## THE COMPASS

Newsletter of the Knights of Columbus  
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St. Francis of Assisi Parish Grove City, Florida

*April - May 2019*

*Resurrection Thoughts from our Spiritual Advisor - Deacon Bob Godlewsky*

The disciples of Jesus were as unprepared for his resurrection as they were for his death. The empty tomb made them fearful and joyful at the same time. "Where did they put the body or did he really rise just as he predicted?" Even though Jesus had spoken to them before of his death and rising, they couldn't believe until they saw the empty tomb and met the risen Lord.

Aren't we the same? We want to see with our own eyes before we believe! What's the basis of our faith in the resurrection? The scriptures tell us that *"faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.* Faith is an entirely free gift that God gives to us. It's *certain* because it's based on the very word of God, who cannot lie. Faith also seeks *understanding.*

That's why God enlightens the "eyes of our hearts" so that we can understand what the hope is to which he has called us. Through this gift, the Lord reveals himself to those who believe in his word and he fills them with "new life in his Holy Spirit".

And so our faith in the Resurrection is firm and solid. It's not based on any wild tale. It's not based on a lie. It's based on solid truth with evidence in the lives of those who witnessed it to back it up. They witnessed all the way to the very end and they were willing to die rather than to deny the truth that they had known of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

*Do you live in the joy and hope of the resurrection? Do you recognize the presence of the Risen Lord in his word, in the "breaking of the bread", and in his church, the body of Christ?*

## Grand Knight's Report:

### Notable KOC Event March 2019

March 20<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday - ★1st Degree Ceremony - was held at St. Maximilian Church in Port Charlotte. Congratulations to our newest Brother Gerry Belaszek,★

### Upcoming Knights Activities in May 2019

May 6<sup>th</sup> - Monday - 6:00pm – 7:15pm      Knights Officers meeting  
7:30pm – 8:15pm      4th degree Assembly meeting

May 11<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - Postal Food Drive. Saturday AM and PM during postal delivery hours till finished at the Parish Hall. Lunch will be provided for workers by the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary. (See Note Below)

May 12<sup>th</sup> - Mother's Day - Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall.

May 13<sup>th</sup> - Monday    5:30pm – 6:00pm      Ladies Auxiliary Officers Meeting  
6:00pm – 7:00 pm      Knights Social / Speaker  
7:00pm – 8:15pm      Knights Business Meeting

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### The Annual Postal Carriers Food Drive to "Stamp Out Hunger"

This year's Drive will be conducted on May 11, 2019. Although this is a church sponsored event, our Knights and Ladies have always provided hundreds of volunteer hours to the event. Planning will begin soon seeking volunteers for truck drivers with runners, sorters and support persons. Lunch & drinks are provided by the Knights of Council 7672. Please circle the date on your calendar, and watch the church bulletin for how to volunteer as this is another wonderful opportunity for our Knight's Family to provide assistance to our church, parish and community.

Vivat Jesus  
Sir Knight Donald Kasson  
Grand Knight



**LEAVE IT  
BEFORE YOU LEAVE.**  
AS YOU PLAN YOUR RETURN HOME FOR  
THE SUMMER PLEASE LEAVE  
YOUR NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS BEHIND  
FOR DISTRIBUTION IN YOUR  
WINTER COMMUNITY.



## Supreme Chaplain : Archbishop Willian E. Lori: Monthly Challenge - MAY 2019

- Jesus said, “My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another” (Gospel for May 19, Jn. 13:34).

“I give you a new commandment: love one another,” we hear in the Gospel reading. We’ve heard this saying of Jesus before, but do we personalize it thus and truly know it to be true? Statistically, we as Catholics in America today are not renowned for loving one another to the point that we risk sharing our faith with others. One recent poll found that only 6% of Catholics characterized sharing their faith as a “high priority.” But Jesus invites us to do more. He does not call the equipped; he equips the called. And each one of us is called to love one another in the most profound way—by caring about others’ eternal well-being.

### Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month I challenge you to invite one person out for coffee, to your home, or an event at your parish. Tell them what you enjoy about the Catholic faith. Secondly, if they have been away from the Catholic Church, invite them back. If they are not Catholic, ask them if they would consider joining. Either way, be welcoming and nonjudgmental when they give their response.

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### *May Birthdays 2019 - Brother Knights, Council 7672/Assembly 2782*



*Alfonso Castagna  
Vittorio Della Sala  
Michael Dipiazza  
John Frank  
Robert Freeman  
Jack Giullano  
Nicholas Gizzi*



*Donald Kasson  
James Mackuliak  
Keith Mc Cabe  
Michael Murphy  
Larry Norton  
Lawrence Ricchetti*

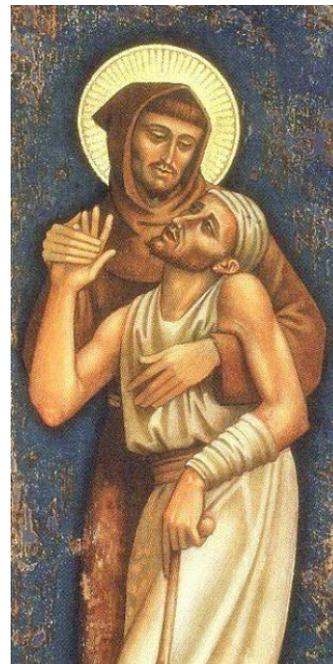


*Ronald Schwietz  
J Bradley Smith  
Patrick Smith  
Edward Surette  
Joseph Vella  
Jaime Veloz  
Sherwood Webber*

*Meditative Writings on our Patron*  
**The Burning Passion of St. Francis of Assisi**

BY BRIAN KRANICK (Final Excerpt - NO.8)

In meditating on the life of St. Francis we are reminded of the stages of martyrdom he went through in his life, from renouncing his wealth and possessions, to serving lepers and the poor, to placing himself in danger by evangelizing Muslims, to suffering through infirmities, to eventually receiving the very wounds of Christ Himself with the stigmata. As much as anyone in the history of the Church, he imaged Christ perfectly.



St. Francis believed in a life of sacrifice, poverty, and humility. It was St. Francis' seraphic love and humility that led him to create the first creche, or manger scene, in its beautiful simplicity and reverence on one Christmas night for midnight mass. He lived his whole life out of this great love for the Lord, in imitation of the life of Christ.

He also believed that vicarious and redemptive suffering, when offered to God, can be meritorious for the salvation of souls. His concern for the salvation of all souls was central to his life. As members of the Mystical Body of Christ, we are all called to complete what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ and share in His redemptive work, for as Jesus said, . . .

***“Where I am, there shall My servant be also.” (Jn. 12:26)***

Let us be there now, with St. Francis, our brother, as we honor him on his feast day each October 4<sup>th</sup>.

This is the final Excerpt of this inspiring article on our patron saint.  
We hope you have found it to be inspiring. . . . Your Compass Staff

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See the entire article in “Catholic Exchange October 4, 2016 go to  
<https://catholicexchange.com/burning-passion-st-francis-assisi>

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## MAY the MONTH OF OUR LADY

In addition to the countless feast days honoring Our Lady under her many titles and virtues, the entire month of May is especially given to her praise. In the words of Pope Paul VI, May is "a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God ... For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne." (The Catholic Company)

In addition to our Blessed Mother let us never forget all the other special ladies who have had an influence on our lives, our mother, step-mother, foster mother, grandmother, great grandmother, special aunts who took over when mother was not there, may God continue to bless them all.

. . . . . Thoughts from Deacon Bob Godlewsky our Spiritual Advisor



## Family Summer Prayer

**O God** of all beginnings and endings, we praise and thank you for the gift of this school year. It has been a time filled with grace and blessings, with challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.

Give our families the rest and refreshment we need this summer. Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit. Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion, and bless us, according to your will,

Fulfill our summer hopes and dreams. Watch over us in the weeks of rest and vacation ahead, and guide each day as you have done this past year. Help us return with a new spirit and a new energy.

May we continue to grow in age, wisdom, knowledge and grace all the days of our lives.

During these summer months, **O God** we hope to praise and thank you at the weekly celebration of the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

God Bless our Families! Amen.



. . . . Compliments of Brother Jim Brantner, Director of Family Life