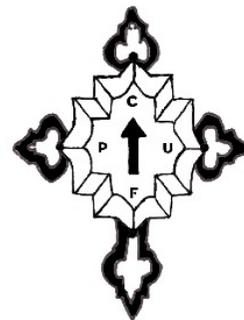




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The key to understanding the meaning of Lent is simple: **Baptism**. Preparation for Baptism and for renewing baptismal commitment lies at the heart of the season. Since the Second Vatican Council, the Church has reemphasized the baptismal character of Lent, especially through the restoration of the Catechumenate and its Lenten rituals. Our challenge today is to renew our understanding of this important season of the Church year and to see how we can integrate our personal practices into this renewed perspective.

Why is Baptism so important in our Lenten understanding? Lent as a 40-day season developed in the fourth century from three merging sources. The first was the ancient paschal fast that began as a two-day observance before Easter but was gradually lengthened to 40 days. The second was the catechumenate as a process of preparation for Baptism, including an intense period of preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation to be celebrated at Easter. The third was the Order of Penitents, which was modeled on the catechumenate and sought a second conversion for those who had fallen back into serious sin after Baptism. As the catechumens (candidates for Baptism) entered their final period of preparation for Baptism, the penitents and the rest of the community accompanied them on their journey and prepared to renew their baptismal vows at Easter.

Easter, where we celebrate the resurrection of Christ, is preceded by Lent, a season of self-examination, fasting and penance in preparation for our Easter Day observance. So Lent is a 40 period prior to Easter Day. Also, beginning the Sunday before Easter we have Holy Week, with Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Easter Day actually begins on Saturday evening with the Easter Vigil. The celebration of the Vigil is in keeping with the Jewish tradition of celebrating the day from sundown to sundown. Thus, the Saturday evening Vigil Mass is a Sunday Mass.

Easter is also a season that lasts 50 days and ends on Pentecost Sunday, which is an observance based on the second chapter of the Book of Acts where the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles. This day is considered the birthday of the Church.

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Grand Knight's Thoughts

As I write this column, I first want to wish everyone the greatest joy and happiest of our just past Christmas and New Year! Remember that there are twelve days of Christmas, one day is just not enough.

I would like to thank all of our brother knights who chaired and assisted with all our events of Msg. Henry O'Carroll Council 444, K of C this past year. Our small number of active Knights organized and assisted at all of our activities. From our very successful Columbus Day Ball, chaired and MC'd by Vincent Calosso, assisted by our Columbus Treasure Chest Raffle Chairman Bill Kuntz and music provided by Brother Knight Domingo Ampil.

Co-Chairs PGK Ken Ryan and DGK/Program Director Charles Smith did another very good job with our Annual Car Show at the Walmart parking lot.

Our Family Christmas Party on December 11, 2016, co-chaired by PGK John DeLessio and Advocate Jude Martini was a success again with thirty adults and ten children attending with Saint Nicholas. A good time was had by all. The Christmas music by DJ Ming was very festive.

I thank our Lecturer Curtis Moran for providing all of the good guest speakers that we had the pleasure of hearing. Also, a very good thank you to our Recorder/Editor Paul Desroches for putting our Council Compass, Newsletter and minutes together all this past year.

On Saturday, January 28, 2017, will be our local K of C Council's Free Throw Basketball competition at Sacred Heart Catholic Regional School gym, Newburgh, from 11 am to 3 pm. This is open for boys and girls ages 9 – 14. This competition is chaired by our Inside Guard Bill Kuntz and of course we need Brother Knights to assist at this event. What about you? Bill's cell phone number is 201-697-9920.

We now have 202 Brother Knights on our council roster. We need you inactive Knights who are physically able to at least volunteer for two, one day events for this New Year of 2017. Our council has two open meetings per month that are open to all of our members. The meetings are the first and third Tuesdays of each month, beginning at 8 pm. For those who want to, we start the Rosary at 7:30 pm. Can you spare one of these Tuesday evenings to see what is happening with your Knights of Columbus council sometime? Your input is important to us.

Our next Fifth Sunday Rosary is on Sunday, January 29, right after the Mass at 10 am at Sacred Heart Church. I hope to see our Brother Knights who volunteer at this Mass as a Lecturer, Extraordinary Lay Minister of the Eucharist, Ushers or a Choir member and or as

parishioners to pray this rosary with us together. Have you taught your children how to pray the Rosary?

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 5, our council is hosting the second annual Super Bowl party at St. Francis of Assisi church's O'Conner Hall (church basement) beginning at 4 pm. Admission is \$5.00 per person or bring a food donation for sharing with others. Please RSVP Chairman Bill Kuntz at 201-697-9920 to attend or volunteer. There will be games for kids, football pools, 50/50 raffle and BYOB will be allowed.

Our Saint Valentine's Day Dinner Dance, sponsored by our council and St. Francis of Assisi Church is on Friday, February 10, 2017, from 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM. It will be held at the Temple Hill Tavern and Catering at 171 Temple Hill Road, New Windsor. The cost is \$30.00 per person. RSVP to Bill Kuntz or St. Francis Church rectory, 845-561-1317, by February 3. The price at the door is \$35.00 per person.

Our Knight of the Year, Greg Gaetano PGK, has organized our council's Clergy Brunch, to be on Presidents' Day, Monday, February 20, from 10 am to 11 am, at Ikaros diner, 909 Union Avenue, Route 300, New Windsor. Please join us for brunch and to thank our Priest Chaplain and Priest Associate Chaplains.

On Sunday, April 2, is our council's Mass and Communion breakfast. Mass is at 10 am at Sacred Heart Church, followed by a late breakfast at 11:30 am at the Powelton Club. Our Guest Speaker is well known author George Marlin. He will talk about Catholic and other Christian genocide in the Middle East by ISIS. Breakfast is \$25.00 per adult and \$10 per child ages 6 – 10. Children 5 and younger are free. No jeans allowed per this club's dress code. Pre-paid reservations are required to be sent to committee chairman Joe Dennis by March 24. His cell phone is 845-565-7646.

And last but not least, our re-scheduled bus trip to the K of C museum and St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Ct., on April 22, 2017. This day trip is to visit the birthplace of our order. The bus price is \$20.00 per person. More information will follow about this day trip. Bill Kuntz is the chair for this event. He can be reached at 201-697-9920.

I would like to remind everyone that our council collects all religious articles you may receive in the mail. There is a collection basket on the table in the council front room. We take these and distribute them at the St. Mary's Outreach. They are greatly appreciated.

Vivat Jesus & God Bless!

Grand Knight, Joe Coyle

(Editor's note: I am including a primer on praying the rosary in this edition of the "Compass" mainly because Lent will be upon us shortly and what better time to pray the rosary than during this time. The rosary can be prayed individually or in a group. Praying it with my family is most rewarding for me.)

How to Pray the Rosary

1. With your Rosary beads in hand, and holding the crucifix, make a sign of the cross and say "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen"

(At this time it is customary to name an intention for which the Rosary is offered.)

2. Still holding the crucifix, say the Apostle's Creed.

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen."

3. On the first large bead, say the Our Father.

"Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen."

4. On the first three small beads, say three Hail Marys, which are often offered for an increase in the virtues of faith, hope and charity.

"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen."

5. On the large bead before the centerpiece, say the Glory Be:

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

6. Still holding the same large bead, or the centerpiece, announce the first mystery and say one Our Father. Next say ten Hail Marys, while moving along the then smaller beads. Meditate on the mystery while doing so. Conclude this "decade or mystery" with a Glory Be and then an O My Jesus.

"O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy."

7. Similarly, on the next large bead and ten small beads, announce the second mystery, followed by an Our Father, then ten Hail Marys, a Glory Be and an O My Jesus. Continue this pattern for the remaining mysteries.

8. Having come full circle, back to the centerpiece and after the last O My Jesus, say one Hail Holy Queen and a concluding "Let Us Pray".

"Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee we do cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed Fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary."

V: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let Us Pray: O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries in the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

9. Conclude by making a sign of the cross and kissing the crucifix. Some choose at this time to offer additional closing prayers for the Pope (an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be), a prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel or other favorite prayers.

Saint Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

The Joyful Mysteries

The Joyful Mysteries are traditionally prayed on Mondays and Saturdays. During Advent it is also prayed on Sundays.

1. **The Annunciation:** Mary learns that she has been chosen to be the mother of Jesus.

2. **The Visitation:** Mary visits Elizabeth, who tells her that she will always be remembered.

3. **The Birth of Jesus:** Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem.

4. **The Presentation:** Mary and Joseph take the infant Jesus to the temple to present him to God.

5. **The Finding of Jesus in the Temple:** Jesus is found in the Temple discussing his faith with the teachers.

The Mysteries of Light

The Mysteries of Light (Luminous Mysteries) are traditionally prayed on Thursdays.

1. **The Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan:** God proclaims that Jesus is his beloved Son.

2. **The Wedding Feast at Cana:** At Mary's request, Jesus performs his first miracle.

3. **The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God:** Jesus calls all to conversion and service to the Kingdom.

4. **The Transfiguration of Jesus:** Jesus is revealed in glory to Peter, James and John.

5. **The Institution of the Eucharist:** Jesus offers his Body and Blood at the Last Supper.

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Distribution of 48 coats at St. Mary's Outreach on 11/18.



Mass by Father Hernandez at the Council's tree lighting ceremony on December 6.



PGK Scott Watkins, Father Hernandez, Deacon Neppi and GK Joe Coyle singing carols at the tree lighting.

The above photos were all provided through the generosity of Jim Peloso.

November 10, 2016

by Ed Mechmann

A few points that I think are worth noting about the election results. On the whole, it was a good night for the pro-life, pro-religious freedom agenda. The way the political parties are currently aligned, it is generally better for our issues when Republicans and conservatives hold key positions, because they are more likely to be pro-life and favorable to religious liberty. This is not universally true, nor may it be true in the future, but it is a generalization that I rely on in my comments below. More about this further down.

Clearly it is very good news that the most ardently pro-abortion presidential candidate in history has been defeated. The wailing and gnashing of teeth (and desperate apocalyptic fund-raising efforts) by Planned Parenthood et al. gives us an idea of what this means to pro-abortion advocates. Bad news for them is always good news for us. Many of the Executive Branch officials in the Administration who have pushed an anti-life and anti-religious liberty agenda will also be turned out of office and replaced with more conservative policy-makers. This gives us great hope that hostile regulatory measures (like the HHS Mandate, ACA abortion mandates and the transgender mandates) will be reversed or moderated.

However, since the President-elect is not widely celebrated for consistency of positions and promise-keeping, it is vital that pro-lifers are vigilant and assertive in holding him to his campaign pledges and watching his appointments to key positions.

The US Senate and House of Representatives have both retained a Republican majority. This makes it more likely that important budget amendments will be retained, particularly the Hyde Amendment (restricting Medicaid funding for elective abortions) and the Weldon Amendment (offering conscience protection for health professionals), and that further conscience protections (like the First Amendment Defense Act and the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act) will move forward. It also makes it more likely that Planned Parenthood and the rest of the abortion industry will be at least partially defunded.

We have to have realistic expectations about Congress, however, because the Senate still requires 60 votes in most cases before legislation can be acted on, which encourages delay, obstruction, and compromise. We have to be ready to accept incremental improvements, while still pressing for more.

It is more likely that conservative judges will be appointed to the Supreme Court and lower federal courts. But we must again temper our expectations -- the Senate requires 60 votes for a nominee to be voted on, so it is likely that any Supreme Court nominee will be more moderate than Justice Scalia. The ability to appoint more conservative lower court judges is a major opportunity, since most of the key litigation on our issues takes place at the District Court and Circuit Court of Appeals levels.

Here in New York, it appears that the Republican Party has retained control of the State Senate, by virtue of its coalition with some Democrats. It is not clear whether there is a pro-life majority in the Senate, but this still gives us some reason to hope that the assisted suicide bill may be held off.

However, the fact that Colorado approved the legalization of assisted suicide by a wide majority in a referendum, and the District of Columbia is about to pass legalizing legislation, it is clear that we must continue to work hard on this issue.

Elsewhere in the nation, Republicans retained their control of the majority of state legislatures and governorships. This means that the dynamic efforts of pro-lifers at the local and state level will have the chance to continue. Their successes give us solace that our movement is making progress, even if we seem stuck in New York.

The startling results of the presidential election may represent a watershed moment of political re-alignment. If the Democratic Party moves further to the left, as many are now suggesting, it is likely that moderate Democrats who are also pro-life and pro-religious liberty will be looking for a new political home. Voters of all types who are uneasy with the populism and nationalism of the President-elect may also find themselves in search of new political partners. There may be a chance for these centrist voters to come together to present a new vision for politics, perhaps even in a new party, a vision that is more in keeping with Catholic social teaching and with the innate pragmatism and moderation of the great majority of Americans.

In the meantime, we can watch, hope, and pray for our political leaders and for peace and harmony in our nation. God bless America.

(Ed Mechmann is a writer for the Archdiocese of New York and a Fourth Degree Knight)

Lenten FAQ's

Why do we put ash on our forehead?

Ashes are applied to our forehead in the sign of the cross as the words, "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return" are spoken to us. The other formula which is used, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" emphasizes our call to continual conversion and holiness of life. This act symbolizes our mortality as well as our need for ongoing repentance. It is a reminder that this life is short and merely a foreshadowing of what we shall become through the redemption of Jesus Christ on the cross. The work of our redemption will not be complete until we are raised from the dead, in resurrected bodies like His own and called to the eternal communion of heaven.

Where do the ashes come from?

The ashes for Ash Wednesday normally are made from blessed palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. The ashes are sprinkled with Holy Water and incensed before distribution.

When do I wash the Ashes off my face?

There is no specific instruction on how long ashes are to be worn. You can, in fact, wash them off immediately after the service if you want. Many people choose to wear their ashes for the remainder of the day both as a reminder of their own mortality and as a witness before those around that they are a follower of Christ and are entering into a season of examination and abstinence

What is the significances of the 40 weekdays before Easter?

The 40 days of Lent, which precedes Easter is based on two Biblical accounts: the 40 years of wilderness wandering by the Israelites and our Lord's 40 days in the wilderness at which point He was tempted by Satan.

Each year the Church observes Lent where we, like Israel and our Lord, are tested. We participate in abstinence, times of fasting, confession and acts of mercy to strengthen our faith and devotional disciplines. The goal of every Christian is to leave Lent a stronger and more vital person of faith than when we entered.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "The seasons and days of penance in the course of the liturgical year (Lent, and each Friday in memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice. These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies and pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works)."

When does Lent end?

Lent officially ends on Holy Thursday. That is when the "Triduum", great three Days of holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday occur leading to Easter. Easter is not only a day but an Octave (eight day) celebration leading to a Season of the Church, Easter Season, which ends on Pentecost.

Giving something up

For most older Catholics, the first thought that Lent brings to mind is giving something up. In my childhood, the standard was to give up candy, a discipline that found suitable reward in the baskets of sugary treats we received on Easter. Some of us even added to the Easter surplus by saving candy all through Lent, stockpiling what we would have eaten had we not promised to give it up.

Some years ago a friend of mine told me that he had urged his children to move beyond giving up candy to giving up some habit of sin that marked their lives. About halfway through Lent he asked the children how they were doing with their Lenten promise. One of his young sons had promised to give up fighting with his brothers and sisters during Lent. When his father asked him how it was going, the boy replied, "I'm doing pretty good, Dad—but boy, I can't wait until Easter!"

That response indicates that this boy had only partly understood the purpose of Lenten "giving up." Lent is about conversion, turning our lives more completely over to Christ and his way of life. That always involves giving up sin in some form. The goal is not just to abstain from sin for the duration of Lent but to root sin out of our lives forever. Conversion means leaving behind an old way of living and acting in order to embrace new life in Christ. For catechumens, Lent is a period intended to bring their initial conversion to completion.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving

The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The key to renewed appropriation of these practices is to see their link to baptismal renewal.

Prayer: More time given to prayer during Lent should draw us closer to the Lord. We might pray especially for the grace to live out our baptismal promises more fully. We might pray for the elect who will be baptized at Easter and support their conversion journey by our prayer. We might pray for all those who will celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation with us during Lent that they will be truly renewed in their baptismal commitment.

Fasting is one of the most ancient practices linked to Lent. In fact, the paschal fast predates Lent as we know it. The early Church fasted intensely for two days before the celebration of the Easter Vigil. This fast was later extended and became a 40-day period of fasting leading up to Easter. Vatican II called us to renew the observance of the ancient paschal fast: "...let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind".

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Fasting is more than a means of developing self-control. It is often an aid to prayer, as the pangs of hunger remind us of our hunger for God. The first reading on the Friday after Ash Wednesday points out another important dimension of fasting. The prophet Isaiah insists that fasting without changing our behavior is not pleasing to God. "This, rather, is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke; sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own".

Fasting should be linked to our concern for those who are forced to fast by their poverty, those who suffer from the injustices of our economic and political structures, those who are in need for any reason. Thus fasting, too, is linked to living out our baptismal promises. By our Baptism, we are charged with the responsibility of showing Christ's love to the world, especially to those in need. Fasting can help us realize the suffering that so many people in our world experience every day, and it should lead us to greater efforts to alleviate that suffering.

Abstaining from meat traditionally also linked us to the poor, who could seldom afford meat for their meals. It can do the same today if we remember the purpose of abstinence and embrace it as a spiritual link to those whose diets are sparse and simple. That should be the goal we set for ourselves—a sparse and simple meal. Avoiding meat while eating lobster misses the whole point!

Almsgiving: It should be obvious at this point that almsgiving, the third traditional pillar, is linked to our baptismal commitment in the same way. It is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us. Works of charity and the promotion of justice are integral elements of the Christian way of life we began when we were baptized.

When must we fast and abstain

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Blessed palms

As we near the end of Lent, we celebrate Passion (Palm) Sunday. At the beginning of the liturgy, we receive palms in memory of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. As a symbol of triumph, the palms point us toward Christ's resurrection and might remind us of the saints in heaven "wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands". The white robes remind us of baptismal garments, and the palms suggest their triumph over sin and death through the waters of Baptism.



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The Sorrowful Mysteries

The sorrowful mysteries are traditionally prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays and during Lent on Sundays.

- 1. The Agony in the Garden:** Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before he dies.
- 2. The Scouring at the Pillar:** Jesus is lashed with whips.
- 3. The Crowning with Thorns:** Jesus is mocked and crowned with thorns.
- 4. The Carrying of the Cross:** Jesus carries the cross that will be used to crucify him.
- 5. The Crucifixion:** Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies.

The Glorious Mysteries

The Glorious Mysteries are traditionally prayed on Wednesdays and outside of Lent and Advent on Sundays.

- 1. The Resurrection:** God the Father raises Jesus from the dead.
- 2. The Ascension:** Jesus returns to His Father in heaven.
- 3. The Coming of the Holy Spirit:** The Holy Spirit comes to bring new life to the disciples.
- 4. The Assumption of Mary:** At the end of her life on earth, Mary is taken body and soul into heaven.
- 5. The coronation of Mary:** Mary is crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Fifth Sunday Rosary Program

The fifth Sunday Rosary program is sponsored for all the local town and city of Newburgh parishes by the Msgr. Henry O'Carroll Council #444, Knights of Columbus. The service take place anytime there is a fifth Sunday in a month. It normally will take place immediately following the last Mass for the particular parish at which it is scheduled. All are welcomed to participate. The power of the Rosary is increased tremendously when prayed in a group. So, please join us! You may contact Ted Coughlin at 845-913-5631 with any questions.

The Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. With the Rosary in fact we meditate the mysteries of joy, of sorrow and the glory of Jesus and Mary. It's a simple prayer, humble so much like Mary. It's a prayer we can all say together with Her, the Mother of God. With the Hail Mary we invite Her to pray for us. Our Lady always grants our request. She joins Her prayer to ours. Therefore it becomes ever more useful, because what Mary asks She always receives, Jesus can never say no to whatever His Mother asks for. In every apparition, the heavenly Mother has invited us to say the Rosary as a powerful weapon against evil, to bring us to true peace. With your prayer made together with Your heavenly Mother, you can obtain the great gift of bringing about a change of hearts and conversion. Each day, through prayer you can drive away from yourselves and from your homeland many dangers and many evils.

A Blessed and very happy birthday to the following council members who will be celebrating their birthdays in the months of February, March and April:

2/1	John Matikiewicz
2/5	William J. Larkin Jr.
2/6	Michael Sayegh
2/8	Robert Spreer
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3/25	Rev. Patrick J. Bonner
3/25	Deacon Peter RC Haight
3/26	Domingo Ampil
3/26	Brian M. Doyle
3/26	Angelo B. LaRosa
3/27	John J. Baiamonte
3/27	Peter A. Vondras
3/29	Thomas H. Curtis
4/2	An N Pham
4/4	Darren M. Gamma (PGK) (PDD)
4/4	Deacon Dennis A. White
4/6	Alberto Laudato
4/9	Leonard J. McCue
4/13	Mark A. DeCastro
4/17	Richard J. Irons (PGK)
4/18	Samuel N. Colavito
4/18	Kennan L. Ryan (PGK)
4/18	Charlie W. Smith
4/19	Robert J. Markel
4/20	Kevin M. Butler
4/23	Kelvin Cruz
4/23	Gregory P. Raciti
4/25	Dominick J. Galage

(Our thanks to Tony Cracolici for providing this information)

Lift High the Cross

Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 5 at 4 P.M.
St. Francis of Assisi Church - O'Conner Hall
Admission is \$5.00 or bring a dish to share.
There will be games for kids, football pools
And 50/50 raffles. BYOB.
Please RSVP Bill Kuntz at 201-697-9920

Valentine's Day Dinner Dance

February 10, 2017 from 6:30 to 10:30.
Temple Hill Tavern and Catering
171 Temple Hill Road, New Windsor
\$30.00 per person
Contact Bill Kuntz at 201-697-9920 or call the
rectory at St. Francis Church 845-561-1317.
Price at the door is \$35.00

Clergy Brunch

February 20, 10 to 11 A.M.
Ikaros diner, 909 Union Avenue, Route 300
Please join us in thanking our priests
Contact Greg Gaetano: 845-629-2722

Calendar of Council Meetings and Events

- 07 Feb: Regular Council meeting at 8 P.M.
- 14 Feb: Fourth Degree meeting at 8 P.M.
- 21 Feb: Social Meeting at 8 P.M.
- 28 Feb: Officers' meeting at 8 P.M.
- 07 Mar: Regular Council meeting at 8 P.M.
- 14 Mar: Fourth Degree meeting at 8 P.M.
- 21 Mar: Social meeting at 8 P.M.
- 28 Mar: Officer's meeting at 8 P.M.
- 04 Apr: Regular Council meeting at 8 P.M.
- 11 Apr: Fourth Degree meeting at 8 P.M.
- 18 Apr: Social meeting at 8 P.M.
- 25 Apr: Officer's meeting at 8 P.M.
- 02 May: Regular Council meeting at 8 P.M.
- 09 May: Fourth Degree meeting at 8 P.M.
- 16 May: Social meeting at 8 P.M.
- 23 May: Officers' meeting at 8 P.M.
- 30 May: Corporation meeting at 8 P.M.

Note: The Rosary will be said before every regular
and social meeting at 7:30 PM

Mass and Communion Breakfast

April 2. 10 A.M. Mass at Sacred Heart Church
Breakfast at 11:30 at the Powelton Club
\$25.00 per person. \$10 per child aged 6 - 10.
Children 5 and under are free.
Pre-paid reservations only.
Guest speaker is George Marlin.
His topic is Catholic and Christian Genocide in
the Middle East by ISIS.
Contact chairman Joe Dennis by March 24. At
845-565-7646
(Club dress code prohibits jeans)

Bus Trip to New Haven, Ct.

Visit the birthplace of our order.
K of C museum and St. Mary's Church
April 22. \$20.00 per person bus fare.
\$20 per person for dinner.
Contact Bill Kuntz - 201-697-9920

St. Mary's Outreach

Volunteers are needed the third Thursday and
Friday of every month from 8 A.M. To 1 P.M.
Thursdays are set up days and Fridays are the
"giving" days. Report to Mannix Hall (The old St.
Mary's School next to St. Mary's parking lot.)

St. Francis of Assisi Church Outreach

Need volunteers on Friday and Saturday
mornings from 9 A.M. to Noon. Report to 145
Benkard Ave, Newburgh.

If you can help or have questions, please call
Linda or Paul at 845-234-8564..

Help Collect Box Tops for Education

We are asking all fellow Knights to help collect
"box tops for education". Just look for the symbol
below on almost any dry good that you get from the
store, clip it, and bring it in to
the Council. We are supporting
the Nora Cronin Academy with
these donations. For additional
information contact PGK
Scott at 564-0339.

