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The month of June is about God and Country!

When our country had to fight oppression, it was our soldiers, sailors and marines who gave their all to successfully achieve that goal. Let's remember that during the month of June that others in our Brotherhood, our Knights of Columbus Brothers, are fighting their war in different areas. Please think about the Ukrainians and their fight for justice, survival and help them through your prayers and thoughtful giving of aid.

Donate Credit Card: www.kofc.org/Ukraine Check: "Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc." - write "Ukraine Solidarity Fund" in the memo line. Mail to: Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. P.O. Box 1966 New Haven, CT, 06510-1966

(Note, in the photo below is Fr. Jonathan Kalisch, who is the Knights of Columbus Supreme Director of Chaplains and Spiritual Development, blessing the truck which is being used to ship goods into Poland to aid Ukrainians who have immigrated there.)

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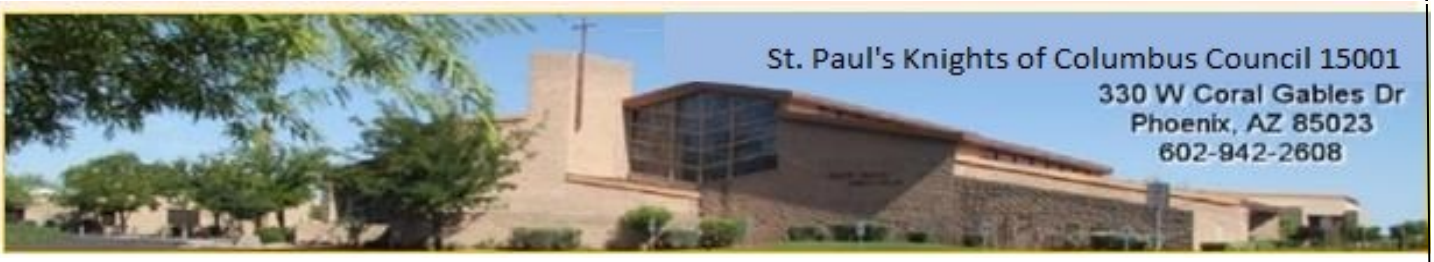

May 1, 2022

Council 15001

Your Officers for 2021-2022

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Lecturer……Gary DeGregorio

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Remember—One new member, per Council, per month.

This is the desire of the Supreme Knight. Can you help us make it happen?

Ever hear of the "Ministry of Presence"? It is thought provocative and has a wonderful meaning to it. It is basically about being there for someone without inserting yourself or your comment unbidden or not asked. Think about how someone is really hurting after a loss and you say something like "I know I have been there myself"! WOW! That is definitely not in the ministry of presence. That is nearly into being unkind. Now you may ask how saying something like that is unkind.

Ministry of presence is all about not saying something until someone asks you to make a comment. If someone loses something, just walk up and stand or sit with them. Don't make any comments or try to do something until the other person asks for you to say or do something. Your presence is comfort enough for them.

When else do we have this ministry? Well, think about supporting the Nun Run! Yes, by our Council being there and being supportive and helping out with the parking and giving out water to participants, we are not inserting ourselves into their lives but on the periphery—we are there for them to ask questions of us or to go about their own lives without bother.

Again, our presence is noted at social events, funerals, maybe weddings and at some graduations as well as sporting events. Whenever we wear our Council shirt or the KofC logo, we are letting others know that the Knights of Columbus is present. Just being seen at an event becomes a presence and make many people feel proud to be a Catholic and a member of the congregation that helps support the Knights. Our blood drives are a prime example of ministry of presence. Several of our members donate their blood to help others. That is where Charity prevails and put us a notch above other groups. We are a caring, sharing and charitable group of men who are proud of the work that we do for others—caring and sharing!

For Fraternal Year 2021-2022

The State Theme is:

Defender of the Faith

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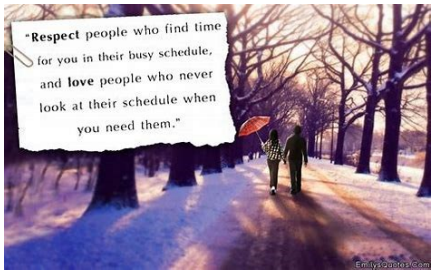
Grand Knight
Kirk LaPlante

Grand Knight's Column

Brother Knights and families of Council 15001,

Earlier this month I attended Brother Andy Petti's Funeral Mass at St. Paul's.



One of the readings has stuck with me - Ecclesiastes 3: 1 – 8.

For everything there is a season, and

A time for every matter under heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what we plant
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to break down, and a time to build up.
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn, and a time to dance.
A time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing.
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
A time to keep, and a time to throw away.
A time to tear, and a time to sew;
A time to keep silence, and a time to speak.
A time to love, and a time to hate;
A time for war, and a time for peace.

It reminded me we have but a short time in this life God has given us. And during that time (and only God knows when our time in this world will come to an end) there are seasons for us to enjoy, to get through, to rest and to labor. As Knights of Columbus, we see ourselves in a number of these "times"!!!

Notice the comma in verse 2…"A time to be born, and a time to die" There is a similar comma in the Hail Mary. The last line of that prayer goes "Pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death". Both commas represent the God given time we have here on earth, from our birth to our death and from this instant to our death. Only God knows the length of our comma. It could be a day, a year, or decades. What are we going to do with that comma?

As Brother Knights you are demonstrating your committing to use the time the comma represents in a positive and constructive manner. In part, your comma is being used for the good of others – for the good of our parishioners in numerous activities around the parish, for the poor in our community through our financial support of Saint Vincent de Paul, for the most vulnerable among us by supporting Life Choice Women's Clinic and praying the Rosary at Planned Parenthood. Your comma supports those with intellectual disabilities through our support of Sunshine Soccer League. It supports the Seminarians of our Diocese and thus future generations of Catholics! Your comma supports our young Catholics through our support of the Newman Center at Grand Canyon University along with the boys, soon to be men, in Boy Scout Troop 916. Your comma also supports the Poor Clare's of Perpetual Adoration of Our Lady of Solitude Monastery aka The Desert Nuns!! Hey, I suspect supporting the Nuns get you at least a double, if not a triple credit!!!

Brothers, feel good about how you're using your comma….but don't ever take it for granted.

My pray for all of us is that at the end of our comma we will receive a loving smile and embrace from Our Lady, and hear the words from her Son, "Well done good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Master."

Vivat Jesus!

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CHARTER MEMBER ANDY PATTI'S FUNERAL AT ST. PAUL'S

A charter member of Council 15001, Andrew "Andy" S. Patti, passed away on May 5, 2022, ten days short of his 82nd birthday. His funeral was held at St. Paul's Church on May 11, and the following 9 Council members were present: Francis Abijaoude, Steve Alonge, Jim Cairo, Wayne Granger, Kirk LaPlante, Jim MacDonald, Tom Nash, Fr. Ishaya Samalia, and Jack Swartz. Fr. Ishaya was the presiding priest.

Andy left Phoenix several years ago and moved to California, later moving to Las Vegas. He was a native of New Jersey, and at one time lived in the deep south in Georgia. He has told the story a number of times crediting the saving of his life by the Knights of Columbus in Georgia, as he was going to be done away with by the Ku Klux Klan, and the Knights of Columbus saved him. God rest his soul!

Supporting Our Brother Knights and People of Ukraine

Brothers,

As discussed at the Officers' meeting on April 20th, the Knights of Columbus have jumped into action in providing some very much needed humanitarian support to those affected by the war in Ukraine.

I was surprised to learn in a recent Webinar I attended, presented by Supreme, just how many Councils and Brother Knights are in Ukraine and Poland.

Most of you have already seen the PDF presentation provided in that Webinar, along with a Word document I put together that provides hyperlinks to a number of videos filmed by Supreme. Some of these videos are also referenced in the PDF presentation.

The PDF version is too long for this newsletter, but here are the Word document links:
EWTN News of KOC's activities – features Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly (the interview was on Ash Wednesday – as you can tell) 4:18 minute length.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EuX8VpJDNZE
Supreme Knight Visits Poland and Ukraine – April 20th 3:14 length
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-Prps1_89A
Knights Deliver Aid to Ukraine March 7th 2:47 length
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LsPX5GcHwWg
Knights Welcoming Ukrainian Refugees March 22nd 3:13 length
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LBduxuQGghE
Father McGivney's Legacy in Poland, Ukraine April 20th 3:1 length
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yTC8nH2AUGY

Below is from Supreme's website (kofc.org) where one can donate to the Ukraine Solidarity Fund…Please prayerfully consider giving a donation if you're able.

To date, our members and friends have donated $14,847,881.

As the situation in Ukraine continues to change, the need to support refugees continues to grow. The Knights of Columbus will be working with our councils in Poland as well as the Latin and Greek Catholic Churches in Ukraine to provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, and communications.

100% of your donation goes directly to support humanitarian aid in Ukraine.

Vivat Jesus!

Kirk LaPlante, GK Council 15001

Ladies High Tea Scheduled for May 7th Back After a 3 Year Hiatus!

The annual Ladies High Tea (missing since 2019 due to the pandemic) was back on our schedule.

LADIES HIGH TEA HUGE SUCCESS; 115 TICKETS SOLD

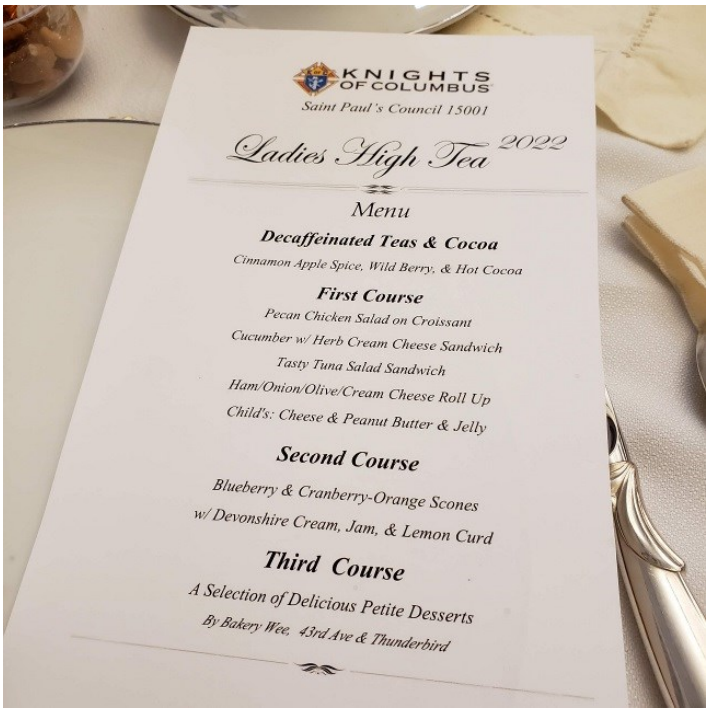
115 ladies of St. Paul's parish bought tickets to the Council 15001 Ladies High Tea held in O'Carroll Hall on Saturday, May 7. Additionally, 35 Knights participated in making the event a resounding success. The overall Chairman of the event was **Scott Ziebarth**, and sub-committee chairmen were **Jack Swartz, Francis Abijaoude, Richard Diefendorf**, Fred Cosme, and Steve Pettit. Other Knights involved were**: Mike Aguilar**, Charley Billingsley, John Blome, **Jim Cairo**, Andre Cerna, Ted Cherekos, **Butch Cook**, Frank Dzielak, David Earl, Jim Gentner, Al Gillis, Artie Hauer, Greg Huelskamp, **Don Kolb, Kirk LaPlante,** Nelson Mayo, Dan McGinn, **Tom Nash**, Ray Rossetti, **Tom Russell**, Fr. Ishaya, **Luis Samudio, Joe Schumacher**, Don Sciarrotta, Jim Soderlund, Tom Van Buren, **John Van Cuyk, and Roel Zamora. Eric Moreno** and a number of his fellow Boy Scouts helped immensely in the work that took place.

(Knights shown in **bold** were tuxedoed waiters.)

Thirteen tables were occupied by the attendees, with the following ladies acting as hostesses: Janell Adams/Ziebarth, Nadine Swartz, Donna Gillis, Jeanne Cosme, Cindy Abijaoude, Mary C Schumacher, Prudence Lee, Angie McGinn, Mac Diefendorf, Magdalin Leonardo, Linda Haas, Geri Cook, and Terra Billingsley (unfortunately Terra had a health challenge causing her to go to the hospital; a special prayer was said for her by all present).

In addition to a variety of teas, the ladies enjoyed scones, dainty sandwiches, delicious desserts, and each received a red rose at the end of the day.

Ladies Tea


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Saint Paul's Council 15001
Ladies High Tea 2022
Menu
Decaffeinated Teas & Cocoa
Cinnamon Apple Spice, Wild Berry, & Hot Cocoa
First Course
Pecan Chicken Salad on Croissant
Cucumber w/ Herb Cream Cheese Sandwich
Tasty Tuna Salad Sandwich
Ham/Onion/Olive/Cream Cheese Roll Up
Child's: Cheese & Peanut Butter & Jelly
Second Course
Blueberry & Cranberry-Orange Scones
w/ Devonshire Cream, Jam, & Lemon Curd
Third Course
A Selection of Delicious Petite Desserts
By Bakery Wee, 43rd Ave & Thunderbird

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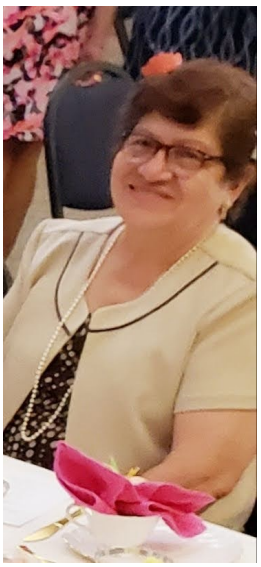

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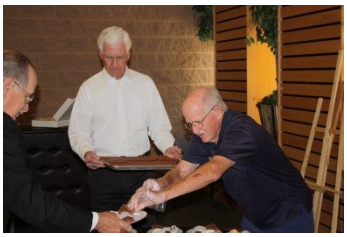

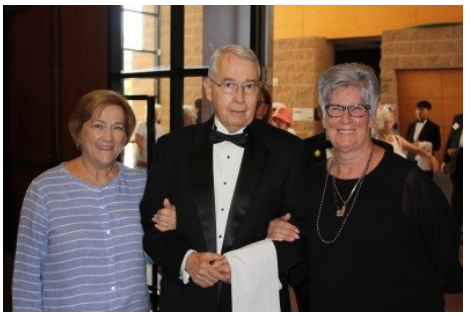

VISIT TO DESERT NUNS AT TONOPAH ON FOR JUNE 4

After a 3 year hiatus due to the pandemic, Council 15001 is back ON for its annual visit to the Poor Clare Nuns at their location near Tonopah, AZ.

Saturday, June 4, a 54-passenger air-conditioned bus will be leaving St. Paul's at 6:00 a.m. Continental breakfast will be served on the bus. Attendees will participate in the 8:00 a.m. Mass at the monastery, followed by a presentation by Sister John Mark and a tour of the monastery. Lunch will then be served on the premises. Cost per person is $25.

Past trips have been well attended and very much appreciated by those attending and the Nuns. Our Council will also be presenting a major financial contribution to the Sisters as a result of the success of our recent raffle. All members of the Council, and their wives, are encouraged to attend, as well as other members of St. Paul's parish, as we go to press, the bus is sold out! .

Photos from previous visits

ELECTION OF OFFICERS SET FOR JUNE 1

PGK Tom Russell, chairman of the Council Nominating Committee, provided the names of candidates for all the Offices in Council 15001, to be voted on at the June 1 General Membership Meeting.

In addition to the nominees who will be announced at the meeting this coming week, any 3rd degree Knight who is a member in good standing of Council 15001 can be nominated for one of the elective Offices. Offices to be filled are: Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Treasurer, Advocate, Recorder, Warden, Inside Guard, Outside Guard #1 and Outside Guard #2, as well as (3 yr. Trustee). (2 yr. and 1 yr. Trustees have already been elected for their terms).

NOMINEES FOR 2022-2023 FRATERNAL YEAR ANNOUNCED

Council 15001 Nominating Committee Chairman Tom Russell PGK, announced the nominees for fraternal year 2022-2023 at the May general membership meeting, and noted that any 3rd degree member who would still like to be nominated could do so at the June 1 meeting, the night of elections. The following members have been named on the ballot to date:

Grand Knight – Francis Abijaoude
Deputy Grand Knight – Dan McGinn
Chancellor – Charley Billingsley
Treasurer – Jim Cairo
Advocate – Gary Schulte PGK
Recorder – Ed Fischer
Warden – Artie Hauer
Inside Guard – Don Kolb
Outside Guard #1 – Fred Cosme
Outside Guard #2 – Nate Duncan
T**rustee** (3 yr. term) – Kirk LaPlante PGK
Trustee (2 yr. term) – Al Gillis PGK
Trustee (1 yr. term) – Richard Diefendorf PGK
The following Officers are appointed: **Financial Secretary** Jack Swartz PGK (by Supreme); **Chaplain** Fr. Bruno Cuario and **Asst. Chaplain** Fr. Ishaya Samalia (by GK, DGK and Trustees); **Lecturer** Gary DeGregorio and **I. Tech. Officer** Nelson Mayo (by GK). The election will take place at the **June 1 meeting**; any office with only one candidate will be declared elected by unanimous decision. Any contested office will have a secret ballot vote.

A FLORIDA COURT SETS ATHEIST HOLY DAY

In Florida, an atheist created a case against Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days. The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!"

The lawyer immediately stood and objecting to the ruling saying, "Your honor, How can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays..." The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counselor, is woefully ignorant." The lawyer said," Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists."

The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fool's Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned.."

You gotta love a Judge that knows his scripture!

RAFFLE GOALS MADE & EXCEEDED; CHARITIES BENEFIT

Several months ago when our State Raffle Chairman Mike Aguilar announced he had set a goal of $12,000 in ticket sales for Council 15001, many thought that goal would be unattainable, but anyone who knows Mike Aguilar well knows that when he takes on a goal he will see that everything possible will be done to achieve it! And—OH HOW HE DID!!

Mike Aguilar

On May 19, deadline date for the end of the raffle before the State Convention, Mike turned in his last receipts and the grand total that had been achieved was **$12,162**. That is almost 11% above our previous high. This means our chosen charities will all receive generous contributions again this year.

Of the $12,162, 50% or $6,081, goes to charities selected by the State Knights, while the other $6,08l goes to charities selected by Council 15001. Our Council voted to distribute our funding as follows:

- Women's Life Clinic—$1,000;

WOMAN'S NEW LIFE CLINIC

- Sunshine Soccer League—$1,500;

- Poor Clare Nuns—$1,000;

- Phoenix Diocese Seminary—$1,500 (of which $500 comes from St. Paul's Women's Guild's shredding project);

PHOENIX SEMINARY

- Newman Center at Grand Canyon University—$500;

GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY ARIZONA 1949

- Boy Scout Troop #916—$500;

- and the remaining money to the St. Paul's Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul Society—$581.

SOCIETY of ST. VINCENT de PAUL PHOENIX

Because we exceeded our goal by more than 10%, we get to direct an additional $600+, which the officers voted to be distributed as follows: Northern Ariz. Univ. Newman Center $300+, and Ariz. State Univ. Newman Center $300+.

In the contest to see which Council member sold the most tickets, Andre Cerna was declared the winner with over $1,000 in sales, followed closely by last year's winner PGK Dief Diefendorf, with nearly the same amount. Andre will have his name engraved on the Joe Gray Award plaque.

A total of 57 of our members participated in the raffle.

Our funds, along with our list of charities, were taken to the State Convention in Tucson by Chairman Mike Aguilar, Grand Knight Kirk LaPlante and Deputy Grand Knight Francis Abijaoude.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS—YOUR SHIELD FOR INSURANCE FOR LIFE

Estate Planning May be More Critical Than Ever

$68 trillion dollars - that's how much wealth one study estimates that 45 million U.S. households will transfer over the next 25 years.[1]

You may feel that the money you plan to leave your heirs won't amount to a large portion of that - but if you plan to leave a legacy behind, professional guidance may be essential as you seek to navigate through the many challenges that can hinder a successful transfer of wealth.

Recently, the adult children of an older couple lamented that their parents chose a "DIY" method of financial planning versus obtaining professional guidance. With a blended family of children, stepchildren and grandchildren, including one with special needs, the situation could become murky after the parents pass. The parents had piecemealed a financial plan together - one that was done by different people at different times - and did not do an effective job at protecting the family from tax burdens or shouldering any long-term care expenses.

Planning to transfer wealth to the next generation is not a task that can be left to the heirs. Without some proper strategic implementation before death, most planning strategies are unavailable to surviving loved ones. Ask for our information on estate taxes, including financial strategies others use to minimize loss. It may be the most significant gift you can give to your family.

[1] "U.S.High-Net-Worth and Ultra-High-Net-Worth Markets 2018: Shifting Demographics of Private Wealth." *The Great Wealth Transfer,* Cerulli Associates, 29 November 2018. https://info.cerulli.com/HNW-Transfer-of-Wealth-Cerulli.html. Accessed 23 September 2021.

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Birthdays—June 2022

June 01	Daniel McGinn		June 25	Debbie O'Brien
June 06	John Blome		June 28	Diane Russell
June 10	Shawn Swartz			
June 11	Rev. Mark Aune			
June 20	Phillip Tabbita			
June 20	Michael Abbott			
June 26	Gary Schulte			
June 28	Michael Wagner			
June 30	James Abraham			

NOTE: **Wives' birthday list was taken from the Council Membership Survey which was turned in by members of the Council.**
We would really like every member to complete this survey
so that we can have the most complete and accurate birthday listing available

Our Knights In Action

During the past Fraternal Year, PGK Richard Diefendorf sent a full year listing of the types of volunteer service hours, in a form format, to each member. We will try to continue that by providing a two-month list for you to fill out and give to the Financial Secretary. **You may also include any ministries that your wife and family participate in.** This means that you may include time for any and all parish ministries: EM, Adorer, Usher, Lector, Altar Server, Dusting Angels, RCIA, teaching or assisting at Catechesis, prayer shawls, decorating the Church at Christmas and Easter, attending Degree ceremonies, and of course the picnic and Campus cleanup. These are only a few of the things we and our Families do.

Monthly Record of Volunteer Service Hours for Council 15001

May

Ladies High Tea _____

2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary _____

Raffle Ticket Sales _____

State Convention _____

Servers _____

EM _____

Lector _____

Adoration _____

Donut Sunday _____

Other _____

June

2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary _____

Servers _____

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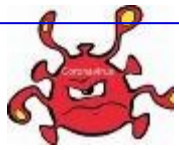
Other _____



June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 General Meeting Conference Room 7:00 p.m.	2	3	4 Bus trip to Tonopah to visit nuns
5 Donut Sunday	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Rosary at Planned Parenthood	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Officers' Meeting 7:00 p.m. Conference Room	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Upcoming Events For June/July 2022

June 01—General Membership Meeting/Election of Officers
June 04—Bus Pilgrimage to visit Desert Nuns at Tonopah
June 05—Donut Sunday
June 12—Rosary at Planned Parenthood
June 20—Officers' Meeting
June 24 & 25 State Organizational Meeting, Sts. Simon & Jude, Phoenix

When the chance arises

July 06 – General Membership Meeting (installation of officers)
July 10 Rosary at Planned Parenthood
July 18 – Officers Meeting
July 24 Blood Drive at St. Paul's
July 27 – Semiannual Audit

Remember: Hot water and soap will shorten the life of a virus. Also, wearing a mask may also make a difference.

Attention All Event Chairmen*: After your event, please ensure that photos are sent to your Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the next newsletter.*

Prayer to End Abortion

We often discuss in the newsletters and during General Meetings the need to have Rosary Saturday which is the second Saturday of each month. While many of you are able to take some time out of your valuable day, it would be a great example to yourselves, your family and your parish to make an appearance as often as possible. Every prayer is valuable to you and to our Blessed Mother Mary. It is through Her that we ask for God's intercession to stop the needless killing of convenience that is occurring. So once again, we ask you to try to come to as many of the Rosary Saturdays as possible during each year.

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life,
And for the lives of all my Brothers and sisters.
I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion,
Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death
by the Resurrection of Your Son.
I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.
Today I commit myself
Never to be silent,
Never to be passive,
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.
I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement,
And never to stop defending life
Until all my Brothers and sisters are protected,
And our nation once again becomes
A nation with liberty and justice
Not just for some, but for all.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

For Those Who Are Sick & Distressed

Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness.
Hear the prayers we offer for our sick of distressed Brothers or their relatives:

Terra Billingsley, Father Bitrus Maigamo, Mike & Chris Murphy, Rick Razzano, Bill Hintze, Colin Russell, Cecile Calderon, Ave Marie Leonard, Diane Russell, Rebecca Cairo, Grae Fischer (young daughter of Brother Knight Ed Fischer) Lila Van Cuyk, Teresa Waugh and Jonathan Hauer

May all who suffer pain, illness or disease realize that
they are chosen to be saints and know that
they are joined to Christ in his suffering
for the salvation of the world,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, Amen.
Always keep in mind the unborn who were never given a chance of life.

Catholic Prayer for those who have passed

"Loving God our Father, Your power brings us to life.
Your care guides our lives,
and by Your command we return to the dust from which we came.

Father, those who pass on still live in Your presence,
their lives are changed but do not end.
I plead in hope for my family, relatives and friends,
and for all the dead known only to You.

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