

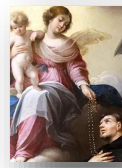
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Faithful Navigator Report

Worthy Sir Knights,

**Steve Michael
Faithful Navigator**

This month is one of our most important meetings, we have the elections of new officers. A slate of officers has been announced and published. I encourage all of you to attend the meeting and vote. For dinner, we are planning to have smoked Tri -Tip, cooked by SK Bruce Burton.

On May 26, we are planning another BBQ for veterans Village

In June, for the end of the year, we will have our cook your own steak.

The devotion of the month of May is Mary, the Mother of our Lord Jesus. Please read article on Mary.

Please read the message from our Faithful Friar.

Let me know if you need any additional information

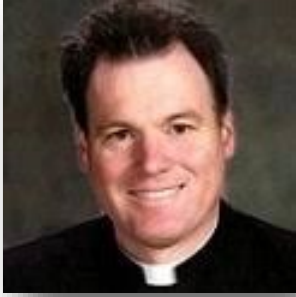
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Faithful Friar's Report

Msgr. Stephen Doktorczyk

Dear Brother Knights,

I don't think I'm unique among priests and other church people in stating that May is my favorite month. Traditionally confirmations and first Holy Communions are celebrated in May, with not a few couples wanting to tie the knot during this pleasant month. We cannot forget Mother's Day either nor the long weekend at the end of the month thanks to Memorial Day. When I lived in Rome I enjoyed May for other reasons. It never got too hot and the days were getting longer. We would have end of the school year banquets as the school year would come to an end.

As always, the month kicks off by us honoring Saint Joseph the Worker and on May 13 we remember Our Lady of Fatima. May 31 brings us the feast of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. Indeed the months of May and October are dedicated to our Blessed Mother and we are invited to increase our devotion to her during these two months. May I encourage all of us to regularly pray to Mary. As you know, as Catholics we do not worship Mary as worship is left to God alone (in the persons of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit). We do venerate and honor her, to be sure, but, again, our worship is reserved only to God.

When we pray to Mary we do with the hope and even faith that she will bring us closer to her son. When I bless a Rosary, I will state: "may those who mediate upon the mysteries of the most Holy Rosary be brought closer to Jesus through devotion to his Mother." Mary will bring us closer to her son.

Let us close by recalling the saying: "Know Mary, know Jesus. No Mary, no Jesus."

Thank you all for your witness as Catholic men, and may we continue to keep each other in prayer.

God Bless you,

Msgr. Stephen Doktorczyk ✚





St. Jude Assembly 2023-2024 Proposed Officers Slate



Vote will be held 5/15/2023 @ our General Assembly Meeting

Faithful Navigator – Joe Martinazzi

Faithful Friar – Msgr. Stephen Doktorczyk

Faithful Admiral - Stephen Michael

Faithful Captain – Jack Haney

Faithful Pilot – Aaron Garcia

Faithful Comptroller – Frank Baca

Faithful Purser – George Alfaro

Faithful Scribe – Bob Jones

Faithful Inner sentinel – Rick Giddens

Faithful Outer sentinel – Andrew Demonte

1 Year Trustee – PFN Chris Curry

2 Year Trustee – PFN Scott Mosher

3 Year Trustee – PFN Lenny Castillo

**Color Corps Commander – TBD by Current CCC,
Marshals, and or Master**



Month of Mary



The month of May (Overview - Calendar) is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1).

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.

The practice was granted a partial indulgence by Pius VII in 1815 and a plenary indulgence by Pius IX in 1859. With the complete revision of indulgences in 1966 and the decreased emphasis on specific indulgences, it no longer carries an indulgence; however it certainly falls within the category of the First General Grant of Indulgences. (A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who, in the performance of their duties and in bearing the trials of life, raise their mind with humble confidence to God, adding — even if only mentally — some pious invocation.

Excerpted from Enchiridion of Indulgences.

Devotion to Mary

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit, as Pope Leo XIII reminded us, is the soul of the Church: All the activity and service of the members of the Church, beginning with the supreme participation of the Blessed Mother in the work of the Church, is vivified by the Holy Spirit as the body, in all its activities, is vivified by its soul. The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete, Advocate, and Comforter which Christ Himself sent to be our consolation in the sorrowful mysteries of life, our source of moderation in the joyful mysteries of life, our added principle of exaltation in the glorious mysteries of life.

So He was for the Blessed Mother; so also He is for the least of us; so also He is for the rest of the Church, even for those who are its unconscious but conscientious members.

Wherever there is faith there is the example of Mary, because she lived by faith as the Scriptures remind us....

If, then, piety is the virtue which binds us to the sources of all life, to God, to our parents, to the Church, to Christ, certainly Christian piety binds us, in grateful love, to Mary — or our acceptance of Christ and of the mystery of our kinship with Him is imperfect, partial, and unfulfilled.

— Cardinal John Wright

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https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/05_1.cfm

Mary and Our Spiritual Life

In our observance of the Marian month we should take into account the season of the Liturgical Year which largely corresponds with the fifty days of Easter. Our pious exercises could emphasize Our Lady's participation in the Paschal mystery and in Pentecost with which the Church begins. The pious exercises connected with the month of May can easily highlight the earthly role played by the glorified Queen of Heaven, here and now, in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

The following practices which are recommended by the Magisterium are offered as suggestions for honoring Our Lady during Her month.

The Regina Coeli

The ecclesial community addresses this antiphon to Mary for the Resurrection of her Son. It adverts to, and depends on, the invitation to joy addressed by Gabriel to the Lord's humble servant who was called to become the Mother of the saving Messiah.

The Rosary

Also called the Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Rosary is one of the most excellent prayers to the Mother of God. Thus, "the Roman Pontiffs have repeatedly exhorted the faithful to the frequent recitation of this biblically inspired prayer which is centered on contemplation of the salvific events of Christ's life, and their close association with the Virgin Mother."

Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary

These consist of a long series of invocations to Our Lady, which follow in a uniform rhythm, thereby creating a stream of prayer characterized by insistent praise and supplication.

Consecration and Entrustment to Mary

The Roman Pontiffs have frequently expressed appreciation for the pious practice of "consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary" and the formulas publicly used by them are well known.

Louis Grignon de Montfort is one of the great masters of the spirituality underlying the act of "consecration to Mary". He "proposed to the faithful consecration to Jesus through Mary, as an effective way of living out their baptismal commitment."

The Brown Scapular and other Scapulars

The scapular is an external sign of the filial relationship established between the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Mount Carmel, and the faithful who entrust themselves totally to her protection, who have recourse to her maternal intercession, who are mindful of the primacy of the spiritual life and the need for prayer.

Medals

These are witnesses of faith and a sign of veneration of the Holy Mother of God, as well as of trust in her maternal protection.

The Church blesses such objects of Marian devotion in the belief that "they help to remind the faithful of the love of God, and to increase trust in the Blessed Virgin Mary."

The "Akathistos" Hymn

In the Byzantine tradition, one of the oldest and most revered expressions of Marian devotion is the hymn of the "Akathistos" — meaning the hymn sung while standing. It is a literary and theological masterpiece, encapsulating in the form of a prayer, the universally held Marian belief of the primitive Church.

Excepted from the Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy



ST. JOHN PAUL II POLISH CENTER CELEBRATES 40 YEARS



REGINA KOBZI AND MARIA ROMANSKI HELP SHOW OFF A SIGN ON THE GROUNDBREAKING OF THE ST. JOHN PAUL II POLISH CENTER.

OUR COLOR GUARD WAS THERE TO SERVE AT THE CELEBRATION SEE BELOW



2023 BLUE MASS



Honoring First Responders! Mass & Blessing, Saturday, May 27 at 8 am Reception to follow in the Gathering Plaza

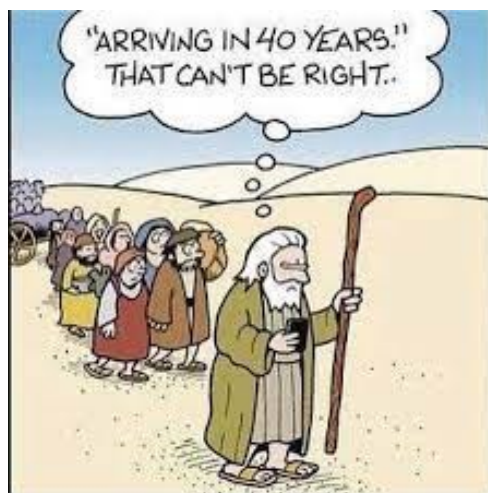
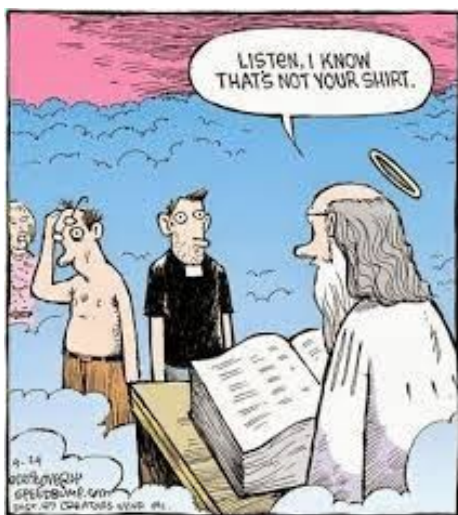
A Blue Mass is celebrated annually in the Catholic Church for those employed in the "public safety field" (*i.e. police officers, firefighters, correctional officers, 911 operators and EMS personnel*). The color blue relates to the blue-colored uniforms predominantly used by these services.

The service honors those who have died in the line of duty and those currently serving as first responders. The Mass is an opportunity for the community to show gratitude to first responders and their families.

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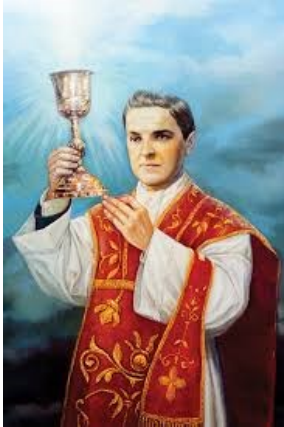
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PFN Jeff Runtz	2004 - 2005	PFN Lenny Castillo	2017 - 2018
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PFN Tom Arias	2006 - 2007	PFN Bob Lanphar	2019 - 2020
		PFN Scott Mosher	2020 - 2021
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† Rest in peace

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- ◆ Past Faithful Comptroller SK Gary Clark
- ◆ Susan Brunasso RIP
- ◆ Laverne McCaughin RIP
- ◆ Lady Knight Jo Baca RIP
(Wife of SK Frank Baca)
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- ◆ Mary Archer-Burton
- ◆ Pauline Sanchez
- ◆ Matthew Garcia
- ◆ Kent Anderson
- ◆ Jim Crews
- ◆ Jim Paola

Upcoming important dates below:

5/1- Officers Meeting– 6pm at St. John Paul II Polish Center

5/15 - General Meeting - 6:00pm (Rosary) 6:30pm (Dinner) 7:15pm (Assembly meeting)

5/26 - BBQ at Veterans Village

5/27 - St. Martin de Porres Blue Mass @ 8am - See Flyer