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April-May 2025 Blessed Sacrament Council #17162



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Next General Council Meeting

Fr. James Gordon Family Center
MAY 19, 2025 @ 7:00PM
Meetings Every **THIRD MONDAY** of the Month



DONUTS FOR DONATIONS

Support for Fisher House is Sunday May 18th
Supports BSCC church Repairs is June 15th

Quarterly Officers Meeting
6:30pm Monday May 5th

*Knights in Council Polo Shirts to pass out
Flowers to Mothers at ALL Masses
On the weekend May 10th & May 11th*

**IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT ANY OF OUR KNIGHTS IN COUNCIL #17162 BLESSED SACRAMENT PLEASE SEND An EMAIL or CALL our WORTHY GRAND SIR KNIGHT TOM J. MARRAH Jr.
e-mail: tmarrahrjr@gmail.com or **Phone: (727) 945-4278****



OFFICERS PLANNING MEETING

EVERY THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH—6:00pm

GEN. KNIGHTS COUNCIL MEETING

EVERY THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00pm



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OUR WORTHY CHAPLAIN MESSAGE

FR. RICK PILGER
Pastor
Sir Knight Worthy Chaplain

BROTHER KNIGHTS;



Love Your Neighbor !
Fr. Rick Pilger, IC
(727) 391-4661
www.bscchurch.com

Change of Pastor – Announcement

My Dear Friends,

One of the greatest blessings in my life has been serving you, the people of Blessed Sacrament Church and School, for the past thirty years. In His Divine Providence, God blessed me to be your pastor for the last years, which I have enjoyed and would love to continue.

After much discernment with Fr. Jimmy Browne, our Provincial Superior of the Irish-American Province, and Bishop Parkes, God is making His will known that the time has come for me to step down as pastor due to health and age factors. However, I will continue to serve this parish in a different capacity as a parochial vicar, supporting the new pastor and the community in various ways.

Fr. Bibin, who has been ministering to your needs for some time, has graciously agreed to take on the office and responsibilities of Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church. He and I have been working closely together, and I know he will serve and love you with all his energy and soul, ensuring the continuity of our mission.

I am further delighted that Fr. Browne has announced the addition of another pastoral vicar, a third priest, Fr. Joseph O'Reilly. Fr. O'Reilly served as the provincial superior for the past number of years. Now retired as provincial, he will bring his wealth of experience and love for the Church to Blessed Sacrament. He will officially join us in September.

These appointments begin **July 1**, in a couple of months.

Fr. Provincial's letter about these announcements will be in next week's bulletin.

By the way, our Fr. General, Marco Tanghetti, asked me to join him and his council for meetings in Rome to plan the next three years for our religious order. I will be away from May 2 to May 23.

Please keep us all in your prayers as you are in mine every day.

Thank you.

Please keep our priests in your prayers,

Fr. Rick



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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

My Brothers in Christ,

May is bringing much change in our parish and the Papacy. Father Rick will be changing positions within our parish. Father Bibin will become our pastor at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. With the passing of the Supreme Pontiff Pope Francis, the College of Cardinals will be electing a new Pope.

Father Rick will still be our council Chaplin. Our council will assist Father Bibin with any activities that he asks of us, in support of the parish mission. At this time, I ask that we pray daily for our Brothers Father Rick and Father Bibin to have an orderly and stress free transition into their new roles.

Also let us pray for the soul of Pope Francis. Also ask Our Lord to guide the College of Cardinals in the selection of our new Pope. Finally pray for the new Supreme Pontiff to have an orderly and stress free transition as the new leader of the Catholic Church.

I commend all my Brother Knights for their dedicated service, sharing your Time & Talents with all our Charity Events to support your Community & Parish. Through our visibility during these functions or events, the Clergy and myself have received many compliments from the Congregation, by the wearing of your "Sea of Green" Council #17162 polo shirts.

Vivat Jesus!!

*Your Grand Knight
Tom Marrah Jr*

Reminder: PLEASE complete the Diocese Safe Environment Course at <http://stpetersburg.cmgconnect.org>



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Last month, we discussed making sure your financial house is in order to minimize any tax liabilities that may arise from a larger estate. There are numerous financial options that can reduce taxes and provide more assets to your family or charity. This month, we'll address the need to review beneficiaries on life insurance, bank accounts, mutual funds, etc. Absolutely an item to review with your financial planner, lawyer, etc.

Beneficiary designations at death take precedence over the provisions of a will or trust. Regardless of the planning that has been done for distribution of the estate, if there is a designated beneficiary or beneficiaries, that person or persons will receive the asset at death. These beneficiary provisions have from time to time been challenged in court, but if the beneficiary and the contract were legal, turnovers are rare. Also, Florida is not a community property state, rather follows Equitable Distribution rules. What that means is that assets are not necessarily divided equally, especially in cases with an ex-spouse and current spouse. If you're divorced, and get remarried, who gets your inheritance? What if you've not been remarried?

Who do YOU want to get your inheritance? Example, maybe your ex-spouse has majority custody of your children and pays most of their expenses. Maybe it's your desire for them to have 100% of insurance money instead of "Equitable Distribution." If wills and beneficiaries do not have updated designations, you could be leaving your heirs lots of financial, legal, and family headaches when it's your turn to go home.

Updating beneficiaries on all financial documents is vitally important. This is especially true with Life Insurance contracts. It is also true for stocks, mutual funds, and other equity you may hold at time of death. And if you move to a Community Property state like California, Texas, Tennessee, and others, the rules of distribution can be altogether different.

Bottom line as always, consult with your financial planner, CPA or legal advisor, or Contact our Council's Ins. Agent. Make sure your documents are updated with just a little bit of time and paperwork. Hope that helps.

Are you interested to Advance your Journey to full Knighthood ?? If you presently have your 1st Degree, 2nd Degree & 3rd Degree Exemplifications are available to you at ZERO cost. A Knight's continued Journey to full Knighthood, is viewing a brief Virtual Exemplification video.

In addition, our Order's final Degree is the Patriotic 4th Degree. For the 4th Degree, there is a nominal fee. In most cases your Council would Sponsor one of their dedicated Knights. There is 4th Degree Assembly Regalia, which is purchased, again at a nominal cost, paid for by the advancing Knight.

Discuss with WGSK Tom Marrah Jr. Council's about partial compensation to defray cost.

Please Contact our Council's Membership Director;
Sir Knight Gregg P. Appel Pgc. Cell # (727) 244-2832 and email address of karokegal@gmail.com



Soon our Worthy District Deputy, Sir Knight Bill McClelland Pgc Pfn, should be informing all Area Councils of the New formation of a District Degree Exemplification Team, who will present "Live" Exemplification Ceremonials. This is how past Knights began and continued their journey to Full Knighthood.



IN MEMORIUM for Our Shepherd
El Papa; Papacy Feb. 28, 2013, to April 21, 2025
His Holiness Pope Francis 1936-2025



CARDINAL FATHER JORGE MARIO BERGOLIA (December 17, 1936 – April 21, 2025)

Associated Press April 21, 2025

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis, history’s first Latin American pontiff who charmed the world with his humble style and concern for the poor but alienated conservatives with critiques of capitalism and climate change, died Monday. He was 88.

Bells tolled in church towers across Rome after the announcement, which was read out by Cardinal Kevin Ferrell, the Vatican camerlengo, from the chapel of the Domus Santa Marta, where Francis lived. “At 7:35 this morning, the Bishop of Rome, Francis, returned to the home of the Father. His entire life was dedicated to the service of the Lord and of his Church,” Ferrell said. Pope Francis, who suffered from chronic lung disease and had part of one lung removed as a young man, was admitted to Gemelli hospital on Feb. 14, 2025, for a respiratory crisis that developed into double pneumonia. He spent 38 days there, the longest hospitalization of his 12-year papacy.

He emerged on Easter Sunday — his last public appearance, a day before his death — to bless thousands of people in St. Peter’s Square and treat them to a surprise popemobile romp through the piazza, drawing wild cheers and applause.

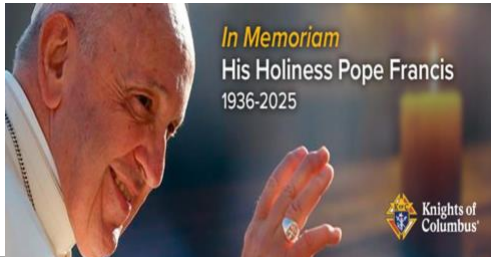
On his first greeting becoming Pope, he greeted the people with “Buonasera” (“Good evening”) and he always asked for the people to Pray for him — to his embrace of refugees and the downtrodden, Francis signaled a very different tone for the papacy, stressing humility over hubris for a Catholic Church beset by scandal and accusations of indifference. The Argentine-born Jorge Mario Bergoglio brought a breath of fresh air into a 2,000-year-old institution that had seen its influence wane during the troubled tenure of Pope Benedict XVI, whose surprise resignation led to Francis’ election.

Pope Francis was a crowd-loving, globe-trotting pope of the peripheries, navigated the unprecedented reality of leading a universal religion through the coronavirus pandemic from a locked-down Vatican



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from our Supreme Knight
Patrick E. Kelly;

Brother Knights,

Today, we join all Catholics and people of faith around the world as we mourn the death of our Holy Father Pope Francis.

Pope Francis was a powerful witness to charity and fraternity, challenging us to reach out to the margins of society and serve those who are too often forgotten.

He was also a friend to the Knights of Columbus and a champion of our mission. On many occasions, the Holy Father expressed his gratitude for all that the Knights do. He continually encouraged our charitable work and our efforts to promote the dignity of human life in the face of what he often called a “throwaway culture.” He expressed his support, too, for our efforts to challenge each other to become better husbands and better fathers, and to embrace our responsibility to be active participants in the Church’s mission of evangelization.

I have been blessed to meet with the Holy Father on several occasions, most recently in December, when I updated him on our charitable work, our support for vocations, the growth of our faith formation initiative for Catholic men, *Cor*, and our devotion to the Sacred Heart. In all our meetings, I was always moved by his faith and encouragement and counted it as a great blessing to be able to represent you and our Order to the Vicar of Christ.

Pope Francis was also the Pontiff who approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of our Founder, opening the door to Father McGivney’s beatification on October 31, 2020.

Both Pope Francis and Blessed Michael McGivney shared a passion for those on the margins and challenged those around them to stand up and to serve. As we mourn the loss of Pope Francis and continue our prayers for him and the Church, we renew our commitment to follow his example to serve those most in need.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Vivat Jesus!



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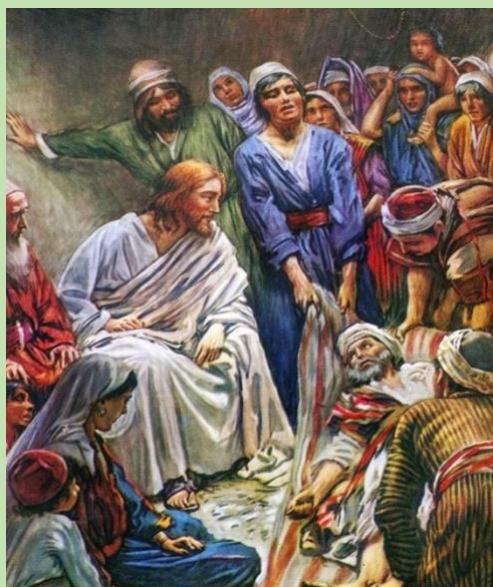


PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS IN NEED

If you or a family member is need of prayer, the Lord hears your request through the prayers of your brothers and/or their families.

Please email me with prayer requests to tromano318@yahoo.com

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the Sick, I turn to You in this time of illness or distress. Dearest Comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with Your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. We place our worries in Your hands.



Heavenly Father, we humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will and know that whatsoever You do, You do for the love of us.

In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

What is Prayer?

Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God, or the petition of good things in accord with his will.

It is always the gift of God who comes to encounter man.

Christian prayer is the personal and living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is infinitely good, with his Son Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit who dwells in their hearts.

True prayer includes purity of heart that seeks the Kingdom and forgives one's enemies, bold faith that goes beyond what we understand, and watchfulness that protects us from temptation.

ALWAYS ENDING ON A SMILE

Everybody loves a good laugh. As Proverbs 17:22 declares, "a joyful heart is good medicine." There's something about laughter that can restore the soul and provide some much-needed relief from some of the stress and pains of everyday life.

TILL DEATH DO US PART ; An officer pulls over a man and a woman for driving their late-model Mercedes coupe 20 miles per hour over the posted speed limit. The officer approaches the car, and says, **"I stopped you because you were going 75 in a 55 zone"** .

The driver replies, **"No sir, I was going just a little over 55."** The woman says, **"Oh Stuart! You were going at least 80 and hit the brakes when you saw the cop car on the side of the road!"**

The man gives his wife a dirty look. The officer says, **"I'm also going to give you a ticket for your broken taillight."** "Broken taillight?" the man replies. "I didn't know about a broken taillight. "The woman exclaims, **"Stuart! You've known about that taillight for weeks!"** The man gives his wife another dirty look.

The officer then says, **"I'm also going to give you a citation for not wearing your seat belt."**

"The driver replies, "Oh, I just took it off when you were walking up to the car. **"Stuart,"** the woman says, **"you know you never wear your seat belt!"** The husband finally bursts out, **"Can't you just keep your mouth quiet, woman!"**

The officer, taken back by the driver's tone of voice takes a moment, and then says,

"Ma'am, does your husband always talk to you this way?"

"No, not really" she says, "Only when he's drunk."





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IMAGES OF OUR SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL CAR SHOW _ THANKS TO ALL KNIGHTS & VOLUNTEERS





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KofC Council #17162_Blessed Sacrament Seminole, Holidays in United States

May 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17 4pm - Membership
18 8am - 8-12:30	19 6pm - Council Officers 7pm - Gen. Knights	20	21	22	23	24 3:45pm - KC State Convention @ Hyatt Regency
25 KC State Convention	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31