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COUNCIL #15779

KNIGHTS KNEWS

AUGUST 2026



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

Like the weather, we are off to a blistering start this year. In July, we had the Tootsie Roll drive, Sacred Heart Icon service, Christmas in July for Coats for Kids, business and social meetings, and our Exemplification Team traveled to St. Michael the Archangel in Hudson to perform a ceremony for their new members. We debuted our new Facebook page and Newsletter and will be working to update our website.

The Dog Days of August continue, We have the Threshers game and our Summer Scramble at X-Golf, Feed Pasco Hope, as well as the Membership Drive after Masses at the end of the month. I will be traveling to the Supreme Convention the first week of August, and we have a team meeting with Emmah to discuss some new Spiritual and Youth programs. I am excited we have so many programs and events to participate in and keep our members active. If you haven't had the opportunity to help out, you are always welcomed, even if it is only for an hour or so. Plan on attending our August meeting on the 10th to learn more. **Vivat Jesus, and God Bless!**



JOE JAMES

GRAND KNIGHT
ST. PETER THE APOSTLE COUNCIL #15779



MEETINGS & EVENTS

**AUG
10**



COUNCIL MEETING

ST. ANDREW'S ROOM | 7:00 PM

**AUG
21**

**CLEARWATER
THRESHERS KNIGHT**



FIRST PITCH 6:30 PM

**AUG
24**



KNIGHTS SOCIAL

FIRST POUR 6:30 PM

11495 TRINITY BLVD, TRINITY, FL 34655

**AUG
26**

GOLF KNIGHT SUMMER SCRAMBLE



TEE OFF AT 6:30 PM

9050 TRYON BLVD, TRINITY, FL 34655

**AUG
29**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

11:30 AM

2654 GRAND BLVD, HOLIDAY, FL



SEE OUR FULL CALENDAR OF UPDATES AT

KOFCTRINITY.COM



SERVICE & PHILANTHROPY

CHARITY IN ACTION AT PASCO HOPE

OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS RETURNED TO PASCO HOPE FOR ANOTHER COOKOUT ON JULY 25TH, WHERE WE HAD THE JOY OF FEEDING ABOUT 50 PEOPLE. IT WAS A SIMPLE BUT MEANINGFUL AFTERNOON OF FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE, AND CHARITY IN ACTION FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED.

REMAINING 2026 SCHEDULE

AUGUST 29TH SEPTEMBER 26TH | OCTOBER 31ST
NOVEMBER 21ST | DECEMBER 19TH

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NEXT SERVICE DATE:

AUGUST 29, 2026

CONTACT: PGK PHIL BITNER FOR DETAILS



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

TOM FARRELL

For his dedication to council #15779, St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, and our community.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

One of our most successful Bible studies was on the Mass, the Eucharist. In September our new Bible series will focus on the Gospel of Luke. If you truly want to know Jesus, read a gospel. The Gospel of Luke not only gives us a beautiful insight into the person of Jesus, but also Mother Mary. You can register online at our parish website, listed under Faith Formation. In Matthew Kelly's book 'Rediscover Catholicism' he unpacks the various parts of the Mass, and over the next couple of weeks I am going to share some of his, and my reflections in the Fr. Gary Writes column.

Introductory Rites – this consists of the entrance procession, song, greeting, the Sign of the Cross, the penitential act, the Gloria, and an opening prayer. The entrance song is designed to bind us together as a community. We should always make an effort to sing. Even if you believe you can't sing, God has given you the voice you have, just share it back to God!

Penitential Rite – This is the moment when we acknowledge that not all of our thoughts, words and deeds are in accord with the gospel way of life, and have created a barrier between us and God's infinite love.

The Gloria invites us to praise God, to give thanks for all the graces and blessings we receive through our faith in Jesus Christ. The Gloria puts us in the right frame of mind to celebrate the Eucharist, centering our attention on our Heavenly Father, through the gift of His Son, bound by the love of the Holy Spirit. Use the Gloria as an opportunity to give praise and thanks to God even if you are having a challenging week. Allow God to put your life and relationships into perspective.

Opening Prayer – is designed to place us in the presence of God, to focus our hearts and minds on our loving God through His Son, Jesus Christ. After the opening prayer we move into the

Liturgy of the Word – this consists of the Scripture readings, homily, profession of faith, and the general intercessions. Scripture Readings – the readings include an Old Testament reading (during the Easter season the first reading is always from the Acts of the Apostles), a responsorial Psalm, a New Testament reading, and a Gospel reading. The readings are related to each other (especially the first reading and the Gospel). I would encourage you to read the Sunday readings before you come to Mass.

The Homily – This is an opportunity for the priest to speak to the community he serves, and encourage everyone in their journey of faith. Jesus has the answers to our daily challenges and struggles, inviting and challenging us to live life to the full, as God intends.

Profession of Faith (Creed) – while it has some challenging words (e.g. Consubstantial) our faith is the gift which holds us together as a community. For over seventeen hundred years this is the proclaimed faith of the Church. If you have doubts or questions, the Catechism unpacks the meaning behind the words.

The Prayers of Intercession give us an opportunity to pray for our world, Church, parish and one another. Whatever is going on in our world or life at a given time, we present it all to God whose love is beyond reason.

an excerpt from Father Gary Writes. Read the column.



FR. GARY DOWSEY

PASTOR

ST. PETER THE APOSTLE



AROUND OUR PARISH

FAITH FORMATION STARTS SOON: REGISTER TODAY!

THERE IS NO FEE AGAIN FOR FAITH FORMATION THIS YEAR! THIS IS THE PARISH'S GIFT TO US! ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS REGISTERED TODAY AND VISIT THE REQUIRED FORMS PAGE – DOWNLOAD AND COMPLETE THE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: [HERE](#).

FAITH FORMATION PARENT MEETINGS:

- QUEST KIDS, AUG 30TH AT 10:30AM
- EDGE, SEPT 30TH DURING EDGE (6-7:30PM)
- LIFE TEEN, OCT 18TH DURING LIFE TEEN (6-7:30PM)

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DIOCESAN NEWS

THE JOURNEY OF JASMINE PUJOL



"JASMINE WITNESSES TO US WHAT SHOULD BE AN ORDINARY THING: SAYING 'YES' TO THE LORD, AND TRUSTING WHEN IT LEADS TO AN EXTRAORDINARY CALL."

OUR COUNCIL IS HONORED TO SUPPORT JASMINE PUJOL AS SHE PREPARES TO CONTINUE HER DISCERNMENT AS AN ASPIRANT WITH THE SOCIETY OF OUR LADY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY. FUNDS PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED FOR A YOUNG MAN WHO HAS SINCE DISCERNED OUT OF SEMINARY WILL NOW BE REDIRECTED TO JASMINE— ALLOWING THAT GIFT TO CONTINUE SERVING ITS ORIGINAL PURPOSE: HELPING A LOCAL VOCATION SAY "YES" TO GOD'S CALL.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR JASMINE AS SHE TAKES THIS COURAGEOUS NEXT STEP ON AUGUST 19.

[Click here to read the full article](#)



VATICAN UPDATE

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE LEO XIV:

FOR EVANGELIZATION IN THE CITIES

LET US PRAY THAT IN LARGE CITIES OFTEN MARKED BY ANONYMITY AND LONELINESS WE FIND NEW WAYS TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL, DISCOVERING CREATIVE PATHS TO BUILD COMMUNITY.



[For a full list of Pope Leo's 2026 prayer intentions, visit USCCB](#)

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BIG NEWS!!!

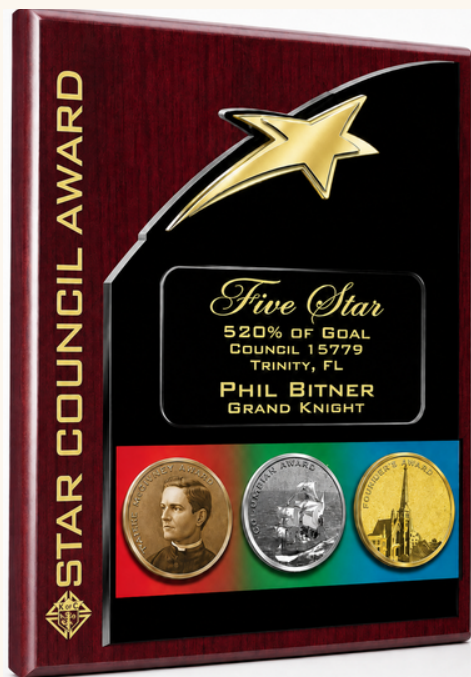
5 STAR COUNCIL

520% OF GOAL

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE BROTHER KNIGHTS OF COUNCIL 15779 AND TO OUR **PGK PHIL BITNER!**

THROUGH YOUR FAITH, PERSEVERANCE, AND GENEROSITY, WE HAVE ACHIEVED **520%** OF OUR GOAL – EARNING US THE **STAR COUNCIL AWARD**.

THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO LIVE OUT OUR VALUES OF **CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY, AND PATRIOTISM** IN OUR PARISH AND IN OUR COMMUNITIES.



LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY INSTITUTE

SO OFTEN PEOPLE ASK HOW THEY CAN GROW THEIR FAITH. THE LPMI (LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY INSTITUTE) WAS CREATED TO ENHANCE PERSONAL FAITH. THE LPMI OFFERS CONTEMPORARY ADULT EDUCATION AND ONGOING FAITH FORMATION. COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU TO BE A LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTER IN HIS CHURCH? CHECK THEIR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

THE MISSION OF THE LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY INSTITUTE IS TO PROVIDE AN INTEGRATED LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM THAT WILL PREPARE THE LAITY TO OFFER THEIR UNIQUE GIFTS IN SERVICE TO THE LOCAL CHURCH. RESPONDING TO THE IMPLICATIONS OF THEIR BAPTISMAL COMMITMENT THEY WILL BE BETTER EQUIPPED TO SERVE AS COMPETENT LEADERS IN THE PARISHES OF THIS CULTURALLY DIVERSE DIOCESE, EVER MINDFUL OF THEIR PRIMARY COMMITMENT TO FAMILY LIFE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEACHINGS AND TENETS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, THEY SERVE AS AGENTS OF EVANGELIZATION AND TRANSFORMATION IN THE SOCIETY IN WHICH THEY LIVE, AS MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST, HERE IN THE DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG.

CONTACT THE DIOCESE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS: 2ND EDITION

THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS, ALSO CALLED **THE DIVINE OFFICE**, IS THE DAILY PRAYER OF THE CHURCH. THROUGH PSALMS, SCRIPTURE, CANTICLES, AND INTERCESSIONS, CATHOLICS SANCTIFY THE HOURS OF THE DAY AND JOIN THEIR VOICES TO THE PRAYER OF CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH. THE USCCB DESCRIBES IT AS "THE DAILY PRAYER OF THE CHURCH," MARKING EACH DAY AND SANCTIFYING IT WITH PRAYER.

FOR A KNIGHT, THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS IS A POWERFUL WAY TO LIVE OUR PRINCIPLES OF CHARITY, UNITY, AND FRATERNITY. IT FORMS US AS CATHOLIC MEN BY TEACHING US TO PRAY WITH THE CHURCH, ORDER OUR DAY AROUND GOD, AND CARRY THE NEEDS OF OUR FAMILIES, PARISH, AND WORLD BEFORE THE LORD. EVEN PRAYING MORNING PRAYER OR EVENING PRAYER IS A SIMPLE WAY TO STRENGTHEN OUR VOCATION AS HUSBANDS, FATHERS, BROTHERS, AND SERVANTS OF CHRIST.

NEW EDITION NOTE

THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS, SECOND EDITION IS BEING PREPARED FOR USE IN THE UNITED STATES. THE USCCB HAS SELECTED ASCENSION PRESS AND WORD ON FIRE PUBLISHING AS PUBLISHERS OF THE NEW FOUR-VOLUME BREVIARY. FOR UPDATES FROM THE USCCB, VISIT: [HTTPS://WWW.USCCB.ORG/PRAYER-AND-WORSHIP/LITURGY-OF-THE-HOURS/LITURGY-OF-THE-HOURS-SECOND-EDITION](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgy-of-the-hours/liturgy-of-the-hours-second-edition)

WANT TO START PRAYING WITHOUT THE COST OF A BREVIARY? VISIT [DIVINEOFFICE.ORG](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgy-of-the-hours/liturgy-of-the-hours-second-edition) AND JOIN HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS AROUND THE WORLD IN PRAYING THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS EACH DAY.

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PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF ED SLEYZAK - FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL SECRETARY

- JIM TIANO AS HE RECOVERS FROM BLOOD CLOTS IN HIS LEGS AND LUNG.
- CORA & DEY EVORA
- ROGER MCPHELEMY
- MARGRET MULCAHY
- WILLIAM WOLF
- JOE PAPILLON AND HIS WIFE
- BOB MARSHARKA
- MIKE HAPP
- BILL PETERS AND HIS WIFE JAN
- JASMINE PUJOL
- THE WIFE OF BROTHER MIKE ZANGA
- MIKE ROACH, HIS WIFE SHELLY, AND HER SISTER SALLY
- JIM BOYER AND HIS WIFE DEBORAH
- BOB ROSS AND HIS WIFE MARY
- JOSHUA LANCASTER
- BOB RINGLEMAN
- GREG ALLEN
- MIKE LOCKWOOD AND REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF HIS SISTER
- OUR SEMINARIANS, PRIESTS, AND RELIGIOUS; THE UNBORN; MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDERS.



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