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COUNCIL #15779

KNIGHTS KNEWS

SEPTEMBER 2026



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

Welcome to all our new Brother Knights who are joining our order. We look forward to meeting all of you at our next Business Meeting on Sept. 14 as well as the Welcome Reception prior and to learn a little about what we do as a Council.

As we move into Fall, we slow down a little this month with only Feeding Pasco Hope and our Social Dinner scheduled. However, there is a presentation on Sept. 24 in the Church put on by the Respect Life Committee and the Catholic Charities entitled "Foundations of Life Pregnancy and Adoption Services" which I would encourage you to attend, as defending life from conception to death is the focus of one of primary programs.

As we look forward into October, we will be hosting the Soccer Challenge for our Edge Youth Group. Our Annual Golf Scramble fundraiser and helping with parking for the Fall Festival are in November and we will need several volunteers for each. Watch for details as they come out.

Vivat Jesus, and God Bless!

JOE JAMES

GRAND KNIGHT
ST. PETER THE APOSTLE COUNCIL #15779



MEETINGS & EVENTS

SEP
8

**COATS FOR KIDS
DELIVERED**

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE



SEP
14



COUNCIL MEETING

ST. ANDREW'S ROOM | 7:00 PM

SEP
23

**START OF 40 DAYS
FOR LIFE**

THROUGH NOV 1, 2026



SEP
26

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

11:00 AM

2654 GRAND BLVD, HOLIDAY, FL



SEP
28



KNIGHTS SOCIAL

6:30 PM

8154 LITTLE ROAD
NEW PORT RICHEY, FL 34654

SEE OUR FULL CALENDAR OF UPDATES AT

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SERVICE & PHILANTHROPY

CHARITY IN ACTION AT PASCO HOPE

OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS RETURNED TO PASCO HOPE FOR ANOTHER COOKOUT ON AUGUST 29TH, WHERE WE HAD THE JOY OF FEEDING ABOUT 65 PEOPLE. IT WAS A SIMPLE BUT MEANINGFUL AFTERNOON OF FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE, AND CHARITY IN ACTION FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED.

REMAINING 2026 SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 31ST | NOVEMBER 21ST
DECEMBER 19TH

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NEXT SERVICE DATE:

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

CONTACT: PGK PHIL BITNER FOR DETAILS



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH AUGUST

DAN DAVIS

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



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

While much of our focus is on the building of our church, this has not prevented us from fulfilling the essential mission of Christ's Church which is to evangelize— to live, share and celebrate the joy of the Gospel, the gift of our salvation in Jesus Christ. We rejoice that our Faith Formation and Youth Ministries, Women's Council, That Man Is You, Caritas, Mom's Group, Bible Study, Ministry to the Sick and Homebound, and many other ministries continue to grow and flourish. God has blessed us all with many gifts and talents, it is up to us to use them to give God glory in service of others. We so often underestimate the good we can do, and the change we can make when we open ourselves to God's possibilities.

Our **Mission Statement** declares— 'We live the transformative love of Christ in service of others'. Our **Parish Motto**— 'We do not serve others because they are Catholic, but because we are!' We exist to serve. The gift of treasure enables us to continue Christ's mission of service in this part of God's Kingdom entrusted to our care. This is indeed a very generous parish witnessed in countless ways throughout the year. We are certainly blessed by the ministry of Caritas—our outreach to the most vulnerable on our own doorstep and beyond. If our destiny is the Kingdom of Heaven, our entry will be through what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters.

THANK YOU for your generosity. Generosity is the glue of faith. We can never out do our God in generosity—our God who so loved the world He gave His only Son, Jesus Christ. And while we cannot possibly outshine God's generosity, we can certainly reflect it—and reflect it you most certainly do. If you have any questions relating to parish finances, please contact the parish office. We are here to serve.

Blessings, prayers and abiding gratitude,



FR. GARY DOWSEY

PASTOR

ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

THE KNIGHTS DELIVER!

SUPPORTING OUR SEMINARIANS

COUNCIL 15779 IS PROUD TO SUPPORT THREE SEMINARIANS CURRENTLY STUDYING AT ST. JOSEPH COLLEGE SEMINARY IN COVINGTON, LOUISIANA: ALEXIS JAIMES, JOSEPH CASTO, AND JAVIE MENDEZ.

BROTHER BERNIE RECENTLY DELIVERED THE COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ST. PETERSBURG, WHERE FR. XAVY CASTRO EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR HELPING THESE YOUNG MEN AS THEY CONTINUE THEIR FORMATION FOR THE PRIESTHOOD.



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

COUNCIL 15779 HELD ITS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 29–30, WELCOMING THE MEN OF OUR PARISH AND INVITING THEM TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

BROTHER KNIGHTS GREETED PARISHIONERS IN THE NARTHEX, SHARED INFORMATION ABOUT THE COUNCIL AND MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, AND ENCOURAGED MEN TO CONSIDER JOINING OUR MISSION OF FAITH, FRATERNITY, AND SERVICE. A SHORT VIDEO WAS ALSO SHOWN BEFORE EACH MASS HIGHLIGHTING THE WORK OF THE KNIGHTS AND THE IMPACT OUR COUNCIL CONTINUES TO MAKE WITHIN THE PARISH AND THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THE WEEKEND POSSIBLE—AND ESPECIALLY TO THE MEN WHO STOPPED BY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING A KNIGHT.

OUR NEXT EXEMPLIFICATION OF CHARITY, UNITY AND FRATERNITY WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 22 AT ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH. BROTHERS, PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND AND SUPPORT THE MEN ENTERING OUR ORDER. A STRONG COUNCIL SHOWS UP FOR ITS BROTHER KNIGHTS, AND HAVING AS MANY MEMBERS PRESENT AS POSSIBLE HELPS MAKE THESE MOMENTS OF FRATERNITY EVEN MORE MEANINGFUL.

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X-GOLF SUMMER SCRAMBLE

OUR X-GOLF SUMMER SCRAMBLE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS, BRINGING BROTHER KNIGHTS, FRIENDS, AND SUPPORTERS TOGETHER FOR AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP, FRIENDLY COMPETITION, AND CHARITY. THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF OUR PARTICIPANTS AND SPONSORS, THE EVENT HELPED RAISE FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF FEED PASCO HOPE, WHICH PROVIDES MEALS AND ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED, DONATED, SPONSORED, AND ATTENDED TO MAKE THE EVENT AS GREAT AS POSSIBLE. IT WAS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN FRATERNITY AND SERVICE COME TOGETHER FOR A WORTHY CAUSE.



\$2,200.00 RAISED

CONGRATS TO OUR WINNERS!



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COMING SOON



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FAITH • FAMILY • COMMUNITY • SERVICE



BUILDING CHAMPIONS FOR A HIGHER PURPOSE

SOCCER CHALLENGE

SHOW YOUR SKILLS. HAVE FUN. *GO FAR!*

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 7TH
DURING EDGE

6:00 – 7:30 PM



AGES 9–14
WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE!



EARN A
CERTIFICATE!



TOP PARTICIPANTS
CAN ADVANCE TO
THE DISTRICT LEVEL!



OTHER ACTIVITIES
WILL BE OFFERED
for kids who have finished
the challenge or are not
participating



BUT WE ENCOURAGE
EVERYONE
TO GIVE IT A TRY!

“ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters. ”

— COLOSSIANS 3:23 —

AROUND OUR PARISH

STARTS SOON: REGISTER TODAY!



\$28 Registration includes Workbook

TWO SESSIONS (SAME COURSE)

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 16/17

BEGINNING JANUARY 20/28

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6:15-7:30PM OR

THURSDAY MORNINGS 9:15-10:30AM

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DIOCESAN NEWS

BIBLE ON THE BEACH



ON AUGUST 5, 2026, MORE THAN 250 PEOPLE FROM ACROSS THE TAMPA BAY AREA GATHERED FOR BIBLE ON THE BEACH AT SAND KEY PARK IN CLEARWATER.

THE EVENT BEGAN WITH PRAISE AND WORSHIP MUSIC LED BY LOCAL YOUNG ADULTS, INVITING ALL TO ENTER INTO A TIME OF PRAYER. THIS CONTINUED INTO THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS CELEBRATED BY FATHER IZZIE HERNANDEZ AND CONCELEBRATED BY FATHER XAVY CASTRO AND FATHER EMMANUEL NWAFOR. HUNDREDS KNELT AS THEY PRAYED AND PARTICIPATED, FOCUSED ON THE LORD IN THE EUCHARIST AND THE SACRIFICE THEY WERE PARTICIPATING IN. THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS A UNIVERSAL CHURCH, AND HUNDREDS COMING TOGETHER IN THE HEAT OF FLORIDA TO PUBLICLY CELEBRATE MASS TOUCHED THE HEARTS OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE.

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

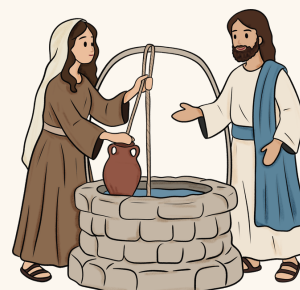


VATICAN UPDATE

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE LEO XIV:

FOR THE CARE OF WATER

LET US PRAY FOR A JUST AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF WATER, A VITAL RESOURCE, SO THAT EVERYONE MAY HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO IT.



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

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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.



Submit your prayer request at KofCTrinity.com

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THAT MAN IS YOU!



Learn More



Starting
September 11!

Fridays at 6AM,
beginning with
coffee.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life
Ministry Weekend

40 DAYS FOR LIFE.



Take part in 40 Days for Life by witnessing at the Bread and Roses Abortion Center on October 6, or through prayer and fasting. Outreach at the center has helped many women choose alternatives to abortion and connect with needed resources. Stop by to learn more and get involved.

CHOOSE LIFE



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