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COUNCIL #15779

KNIGHTS KNEWS

JULY 2026



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

I am honored to be the Council's new Grand Knight for the 2026-27 year. I want to thank Past Grand Knight Phil for all his hard work and dedication for the last two years. Under his leadership, we have had tremendous growth in not just membership, but new programs. I hope to continue that always with the new leadership team we have in place. The energy from some of the new members will keep this Council growing for several more years.

The Council has worked with Supreme to set up our Council's Charitable Fund. Why is this important? First, as we continue to grow and get more sponsorships thanks to Greg Allen's hard work, this gives them the opportunity to donate funds and receive the tax benefit to a 5013(c) account. Secondly, if members who help support our Council need the tax benefit, they can also donate by writing the check to the Charitable Fund, or by utilizing the online donation form. This would be a great option for those who have supported our Coats for Kids program in the past. Now you get a tax benefit. The Council is also switching banks and there will be options we haven't had in the past, such as taking Zelle for payments and donations.

I "recruited" a Marketing Director, Brother Dan Davis to assist in creating this newsletter as well as some new ads and has put together some outstanding ideas to use in the bulletin and on the screens before Masses. Brothers Dan Davis, Mike Lockwood, Martin Anthonisamy and Mathew Thebeau are going to be working together to upgrade our website. We will unveil it once it is completed.

The meetings will also look a little bit different, but I think you will like what I have in store. If not, I am always open to creative criticism.

July is going to be a busy month, so check out the News and Events section of this newsletter.

JOE JAMES

GRAND KNIGHT

ST. PETER THE APOSTLE COUNCIL #15779



MEETINGS & EVENTS

**JULY
4**



**INDEPENDENCE
DAY**

**JULY
11**

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

5324 LITTLE RD, NEW PORT RICHEY, FL 34655

**JULY
13**

COUNCIL MEETING

ST. ANDREW'S ROOM | 7:00 PM

**JULY
16**



**SACRED HEART
HOLY HOUR**

ST PETER THE APOSTLE | 7:00 PM

**JULY
18**

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY
TO BENEFIT COATS FOR KIDS
BRING A TOY!**

3001 US-19, HOLIDAY, FL 34691

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 JUNE 27TH, 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

JULY 25TH | AUGUST 29TH | SEPTEMBER 26TH |
OCTOBER 31ST | NOVEMBER 21ST | DECEMBER 19TH.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

JULY 11, 2026

PUBLIX (NEAR RIVER CROSSING)
5324 LITTLE RD
NEW PORT RICHEY, FL 34655-1294



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

CONGRATS TO BROTHER KNIGHT NICK MANNA FOR HIS DEDICATION TO COUNCIL #15779, ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH, AND OUR COMMUNITY.

KNIGHTS OF THE YEAR

GREGG ALLEN AND JOE JAMES

SPECIAL SERVICE RECOGNITION

BOB POLL, SANTO CACCIOLA, AND NUNZIO SCORCIA



WELCOME OUR NEW FINANCIAL SECRETARY

MARK SMITH



NEW FRATERNAL YEAR BEGINS

COUNCIL 15779 BEGINS A NEW FRATERNAL YEAR WITH RENEWED COMMITMENT TO CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY, AND FAITHFUL SERVICE TO ST. PETER THE APOSTLE PARISH. BROTHERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO STAY ACTIVE, INVITE CATHOLIC MEN TO JOIN US, AND LOOK FOR NEW WAYS TO PUT THEIR FAITH INTO ACTION.

VIVAT JESUS!

"THE WORLD NEEDS KNIGHTS — MEN WHO LEAD WITH COURAGE AND CONVICTION."





A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

This weekend we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, signed on July 4th, 1776. This is the perfect opportunity for us to reflect on the principles this nation was founded upon, its present direction and our hopes for its future. After all, a nation is its people, we are the people of this nation. The Declaration affirms a number of key principles – Human Equality; God-given Human Dignity; Natural Rights; Liberty; Self-Government; Government by Consent; Accountability of Rulers; The Right to Resist Tyranny. For Christians, these principles resonate with biblical themes – we are all created in the image and likeness of God, and therefore possess inherent dignity. No one should be subjected to any form of oppression or arbitrary rule. As Christians, we recognize that freedom and moral responsibility are intertwined, alongside serving the common good, not merely individual freedom. During his recent Apostolic Visit to Spain, Pope Leo addressed the Spanish Parliament, the first Pope to do so. In his address he spoke about the gift of freedom: “To be free does not mean merely to live without constraints or to possess many options from which to choose, but means being able to recognize the good and to adhere to it responsibly.” Pope St. John Paul II often emphasized that freedom and truth belong together: “Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought. Freedom is not the freedom to do anything whatsoever; it is the freedom to do what is good.” The teaching of the Catholic Church on freedom is summarized in the words of Jesus: “You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:32). Yes, for us true freedom is found in a person whose name is Jesus, the one who declares himself to be THE TRUTH. I realize this nation is celebrating its freedom from British rule. King Charles III, while celebrating a State Banquet with the President and First Lady, said: “Two and a half centuries ago, the United States of America was founded through an audacious and visionary act of self-determination. From the beginning, the American character has been defined by courage, tenacity and the spirit of adventure. As the direct descendant of King George III, I know this is a Nation that never gives up. For 250 years, the ingenuity and imagination of the people of the United States have been an inspiration to the world. This land of opportunity has nourished some of humanity’s greatest minds, from the industrial age to the space age. So many miracles of the modern world have been and still are invented in America. Let us raise our glasses and toast the past, the present and the future of this great nation.” God bless the United States of America! Happy Birthday!

an excerpt from Father Gary Writes. Read the column.



FR. GARY DOWSEY
PASTOR
ST. PETER THE APOSTLE



AROUND OUR PARISH

ST. PETER THE APOSTLE'S INAUGURAL FALL FESTIVAL!

NOVEMBER 5-8, 2026

WE WILL BE FILLING OUR CAMPUS WITH LOTS OF RIDES, GAMES, ENTERTAINMENT, MUSIC, LAUGHTER, AND FUN! OUR RIDES WILL CATER TO “KIDS OF ALL AGES,” WITH A SPECIAL SECTION OF “KIDDIE RIDES” FOR THE LITTLE ONES! THERE WILL ALSO BE A VARIETY OF GAME BOOTHS FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES, AND PLENTY OF FOOD AND BEVERAGES TO CHOOSE FROM!

BECOME A SPONSOR!

OUR FOUR-DAY FALL FESTIVAL DEPENDS ON THE GENEROSITY OF SPONSORS AND DONORS, AND WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT. EVERY GIFT DIRECTLY BENEFITS THE PARISH. TO EXPLORE SPONSORSHIPS — INCLUDING THE FRIENDS OF FALL FESTIVAL LEVEL — VISIT OUR SPONSORSHIP PAGE AT SPATRINITY.ORG/FALLFESTIVAL



DIOCESAN NEWS

A STATEMENT ON MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

IN THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, **BISHOP PARKES** REMINDS US THAT THE CHURCH'S MISSION REMAINS DEEPLY HUMAN: TO DEFEND THE DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON AS WILLED, CREATED, AND LOVED BY GOD. TECHNOLOGY CAN SERVE THE HUMAN PERSON, BUT IT CAN NEVER REPLACE THE HUMAN PERSON.

**“OURS IS THE PRESSING DUTY
TO REMAIN PROFOUNDLY
HUMAN.”**

— POPE LEO XIV, QUOTED BY BISHOP
GREGORY L. PARKES

[Click here to read the full letter from Bishop Parkes](#)



VATICAN UPDATE

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE LEO XIV:

FOR THE RESPECT FOR HUMAN
LIFE

“LET US PRAY FOR THE RESPECT AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE IN ALL ITS STAGES, RECOGNIZING IT AS A GIFT FROM GOD.”

*For a full list of Pope Leo's 2026 prayer intentions, visit
<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2026>*

EUCCHARISTIC RENEWAL IN AMERICA

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE IN THE UNITED STATES, POPE LEO XIV ENCOURAGED CATHOLICS TO LET THE EUCHARIST REMAIN A SOURCE OF RENEWAL, UNITY, AND STRENGTH FOR EVANGELIZATION. FOR KNIGHTS, THIS IS A POWERFUL REMINDER THAT OUR SERVICE BEGINS AT THE ALTAR AND FLOWS OUTWARD INTO OUR FAMILIES, PARISH, AND COMMUNITY.

For more, [click HERE](#).





PRAYER INTENTIONS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- 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
- BROTHER BILL PETERS AND HIS WIFE JAN
- OUR SEMINARIANS, PRIESTS, AND RELIGIOUS; THE UNBORN; MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDERS.
- THE WIFE OF BROTHER MIKE ZANGA
- MIKE ROACH, HIS WIFE SHELLY, AND HER SISTER SALLY
- BROTHER 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



Submit your prayer request at KofCTrinity.com

COUNCIL SPONSORED EVENT

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND

SACRED HEART

HOLY HOUR PRAYER SERVICE

"TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU AND LEARN FROM ME, FOR I AM MEEK AND HUMBLE OF HEART; AND YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOURSELVES."
- MATTHEW 11:29



Thursday
July 16



6:30 PM



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"YOU HAVE MADE US FOR YOURSELF, O LORD, AND OUR HEART IS RESTLESS UNTIL IT RESTS IN YOU."

— ST. AUGUSTINE, CONFESSIONS

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](http://ASCENSIONPRESS.COM) AND [WORD ON FIRE](http://WORDONFIRE.COM) 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 AND JOIN HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS AROUND THE WORLD IN PRAYING THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS EACH DAY.