



# The C o m p a s s



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## CHAPLAIN'S LOG

Long time ago in Bethlehem,  
So the Holy Bible say,  
Mary's Boy Child, Jesus Christ  
Was born on Christmas Day,  
Hark, now hear the angels sing,  
"New King's born today  
And man will live forevermore,  
Because of Christmas Day."



While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
They saw a bright new shining star  
And heard a choir from heaven sing,  
The music came from afar,  
Hark, now hear the angels sing, "New King's born today,  
And man will live forevermore, Because of Christmas Day."

Now Joseph and his wife Mary,  
Came to Bethlehem that night,  
They found no place to bear her Child,  
Not a single room was in sight,  
By and by they found a little nook,  
In a stable all forlorn,  
And in a manger cold and dark,  
Mary's little Boy Child was born.  
Trumpets sound and angels sing, Listen to what they say,  
That man will live forevermore, Because of Christmas Day.

The song, "Mary's Boy Child" by Harry Belafonte is well known. As the song tells The Christmas story that we know so well, it repeats a line at the end of each verse. "Man can live forevermore because of Christmas Day."

Christmas is a wonderful season. We enjoy the lights with that warm feeling, the lights that represent lighting the way for Christ and Christ Himself as the light. We love the gatherings as we enjoy each other's company. We love the Christmas Carols and songs. One of the most exciting things is the gift giving. We encounter great joy as we give a gift and we are joyful and excited in receiving a gift. When we receive a gift from someone, we feel good because it means we are special to that person. This is the longing in all of our hearts, to be special to someone to or others. On the other side of the coin, we get a great amount of joy when we give a gift. Most often we want to be there when another person opens the gift we give them so we can see the expression and the reaction of joy. The

joy they get from knowing that they are important to us. When we buy a gift for someone we love, we spend time searching for 'just the right gift.' Maybe a gift of something they need or a gift of something they want. At Christmas, that important and special gift is given to us from God. The very gift of the most important thing we need and want: everlasting life in Heaven. We are given the gift of Jesus, the Son of God and the gift of Himself. In giving us the gift of Jesus, God unites Himself with us. He takes on humanity. Our God becomes one of us. What an amazing statement God makes, by saying He loves us so much that He is giving Himself to us and in a way that He becomes one with us. God could give us gifts and graces without being one with us but He chose to be one of us. Yet, Jesus, the Son of God as human, never sinned, and since death is the punishment of sin in the world, what happens when the one who never sins dies? Death cannot hold Him. He rises and defeats death. Not only is death defeated, we can live forever with Him in Heaven. The ability to live forever could not have been realized unless we have Christmas Day. Rejoice all the more this year because "Man can live forevermore because of Christmas Day." Blessed Christmas to all,

- Fr. Tony

## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Worthy Brothers,

As Catholics we have the opportunity to receive the Eucharist daily. What a blessing to be surrounded by such wonderful churches with great pastors at the helm. Our parish priests provide in-depth, reflective homilies every day! And an added bonus is worshiping with many brother Knights who also participate in the daily mass.



While traveling, I access [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) to attend mass on the road. The plan is to spend eternity, in Heaven, with Jesus... A great way to get to know Jesus is to experience the Gospels daily. Make time to do this during your prayer time OR commit to attend daily Mass. We are at the beginning of a new church year and will soon celebrate the birth of our Savior. As we look ahead, what

goals do we want to accomplish as individuals and as a fraternity?

May you your families enjoy a Blessed Christmas!

In Christ,

Keith C. Brown

### **PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND +DECEASED**

Harold Becker, Walt Forrest,  
Bill Watkins, Alicia Mezivitch,  
Russ Maze, Lorraine Schemp,  
Andrew Syrek, John Federowicz,  
Kathy Gajdos, Bill Yant, Bill Whitney, Pat Boccardi,  
Della Boccardi, Tom Delaney, Ryan Debler



Michael Fescemyer (+), Frank Hines (+), Dolores Fucich (+), Lois Dorsey (+), Rita Bossart (+), Mary Janczewski (+), Joyce Burke (+)

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Dec 5 8:00 PM Regular Meeting, GC VFD#6  
Dec 12 8:00 PM Officer's Meeting  
Dec 19 8:00 PM Regular Meeting, GC VFD#6  
Jan 2 8:00 PM Regular Meeting, GC VFD#6  
Jan 9 8:00 PM Officer's Meeting  
Jan 16 8:00 PM Regular Meeting, GC VFD#6

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BROTHERS – DECEMBER**

1 Robert Gartz, 2 Michael Kiss,  
4 Clay Bossart, 8 Scott Friedsam  
9 Matthew Valentine 12 Ernest Adams,  
14 Charles Chase,  
16 Christopher Brancato,  
16 Kenneth Barth, 19 Nicholas Flasco,  
20 Thomas Janczewski, 21 John Osman,  
22 Leo Hajdukiewicz, 29 William White Sr.  
30 Patsy Boccardi, Jr.



### **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**

Get your "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets  
Please contact Clay Bossart for more magnets!  
These are a great fundraiser for our council.

### **COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

This year's adult Christmas Party will be held at Pugliano's on Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>  
Cash bar, cocktails 5:00, dinner is at 6:00  
\$30 a couple. Please RSVP by Dec 14<sup>th</sup> to DGK  
Pete Bobich at 724-733-0515

### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

This year's children's Christmas Party will be on December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Lourdes Center at St. Bernadette's.  
A Magician will be there, and of course, Santa!  
Contact Ken Barth for more information: 412-372-2202

### **BISHOPS PROJECT**

Please remember to mail your Christmas seals donation to the Bishop's Project as soon as possible!

### **ROSEBUD UPDATE**

Respect Life Committee members and Tom visited moms #10 and #11. Mom #11 has since moved closer to Monroeville. Moms #12 and #13 were interviewed and accepted into the program, then mom #12 delivered a healthy 7 pound baby boy on Sunday, November 13 (3 weeks early). The program has surpassed 1,000 donations. Some "odd" donations were sold and raised cash for the program. We have been promised more large material donations by a continual donor. Numerous donations will be provided to mom #12 on December 3 - help is desired. For more information, contact Tom Behrmann at Behrmannw@juno.com or cell: 724-422-7136 (6AM - 8:30PM)

### **UNITED WAY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Please note that if any member contributes to the United Way, personally or at their place of business, the donations can be directed to the McGuire Home, and/or the St. Anthony School Program. Use the following agency code numbers:

McGuire Home: 160

St. Anthony School Program: 194

### **CHRISTMAS BASKETS**

Joe Weber has asked for help with the following events related to the Christmas baskets this year:

Wed. 12/14, afternoon: At St. Michaels taping boxes.

Thurs. 12/15, 7:30 PM: Putting groceries in baskets.

Fri: 12/16, 7:30 PM: Putting produce in baskets.

Sat: 12/17, morning: Distributing the baskets.

Please let Joe Weber know if you can help, or if you know someone that needs a basket. 412-372-1911

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**HELP! I'VE FALLEN AND I CAN'T GET DOWN**

**Luke 1:38:**

**"And Mary said, 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.'..."**