

# THE COMPASS



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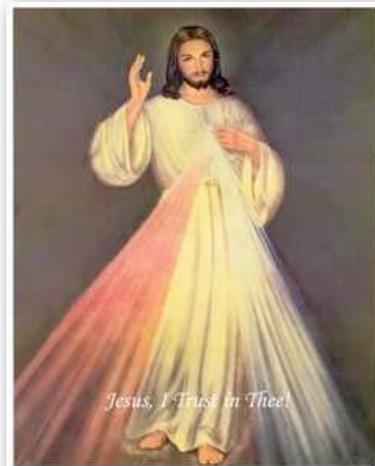
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**CHAPLAIN'S LOG- Divine Mercy**

Fr. Tony Gargotta

Flowers are budding, trees are blooming, New life is in the air, Easter is here! We celebrate Easter as an octave, which means we celebrate Easter for 8 consecutive days. This tradition is a reflection of all things being 'New' in Christ Jesus. The 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week Sunday became known as the 8<sup>th</sup> day to the early Christians. Why? Because God the Father began creation on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week, and Jesus rose on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week, making all things new. In essence, "A New Creation" in Christ. We honor both Easter and Christmas in this way. On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Easter is a beautiful Feast Day called the Divine Mercy. Jesus requested that this Feast be celebrated when He appeared to St. Maria Faustina in the 1930's. In this image Jesus appears in a walking position with his right hand raised in blessing and his left hand pointing to His heart where red and white rays stream from in the image. He explained to St. Faustina: I am in a walking position because I am walking to you, coming to you. My hand is raised as the priest's hand is raised, blessing you. The rays from my heart symbolize two sacraments, the water shed from my side, the white ray, symbolizes Baptism, and the Blood shed from my side, the red ray, symbolizes Eucharist. Jesus also left St. Faustina a beautiful prayer entitled, "The Grace to be Merciful to Others." Through Baptism and strengthened by the Eucharist, the two Sacraments He shows streaming from His Heart, we are to become one with Jesus, and become His living image on Earth. This prayer is a beautiful meditation on how we are to be that sign of Mercy to others. The prayer takes us through all the different aspects of our body, to help us reflect if we are truly living out our Baptismal promises and being His Living Reflection. The prayer helps us reflect to see if we are allowing our eyes, ears, tongue, hands, feet, and heart to be instruments of His Love and Mercy? The prayer concludes with 3 ways that Jesus wants us to live out His Mercy: "The first is an act of mercy, of whatever kind. The second is a word of mercy – if we cannot carry out a work of mercy, we will assist by our words. The third is prayer – if we cannot show mercy by deeds or words, we can always do so by prayer. Our prayer reaches out even there where we cannot reach out physically." On Easter Sunday we all renewed our baptismal promises, but we know as James chapter 5 explains: Without works to show our Faith, our Faith is dead. Without works of Mercy, our baptismal promises are without meaning. Therefore let us reflect and ask our self: Am I using my whole self, my eyes, ears, hands, feet, and heart, to show God's mercy to others? Am I focused and willing to reach out physically in any way for the needs of others by listening, helping, loving, doing? Am I ready and willing to give words of love and mercy and forgiveness to all people, those I love as well as those I find it hard to love? Do I pray for all people in need of love and mercy, those I know and those I do not know? (Continued on Page 2)



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*(Divine Mercy Continued)* Consider this thought: The Bible tells us that Judas was known to help himself to the money held in common belonging to Jesus and the apostles. It was not just during the week of Jesus' passion that he stole this money only one time, as we sometimes tend to think, but since he was 'known' to do this, it had to happen over a long period of time. Jesus knew Judas was also the betrayer, and yet Jesus showed love and Mercy to him by inviting him to the Passover (Last Supper) to become a priest. We know Judas rejected that Love and Mercy, but Jesus showed that Mercy in an incredible way, to a thief stealing from Him and then betraying Him. We must do the same. Below is the prayer for you to use and meditate on.

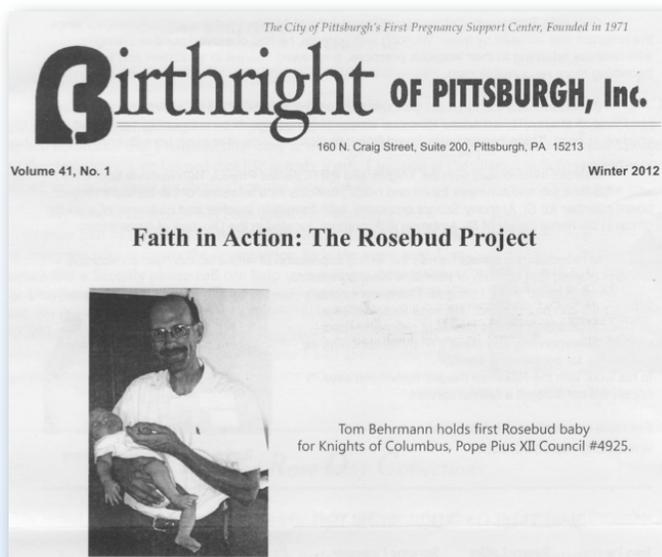
Prayer for the Grace to be merciful to others.

O Most Holy Trinity! As many times as I breathe, as many times as my heart beats, as many times as my blood pulsates through my body, so many thousand times do I want to glorify Your mercy. I want to be completely transformed into Your mercy and to be Your living reflection, O Lord. May the greatest of all divine attributes, that of Your unfathomable mercy, pass through my heart and soul to my neighbor. Help me, O lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbors' souls and come to their rescue. Help me, that my ears may be merciful, so that I may give heed to my neighbors' needs and not be indifferent to their pains and moaning. Help me, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful, so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbor, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all. Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds, so that I may do only good to my neighbors and take upon myself the more difficult and toilsome tasks. Help me, that my feet may be merciful, so that I may hurry to assist my neighbor, overcoming my own fatigue and weariness. My true rest is in the service of my neighbor. Help me, O Lord, that my heart may be merciful so that I myself may feel all the sufferings of my neighbor. I will refuse my heart to no one. I will be sincere even with those who, I know, will abuse my kindness. And I will lock myself up in the most merciful Heart of Jesus. I will bear my own suffering in silence. May Your mercy, O Lord, rest upon me.

You yourself command me to exercise the three degrees of mercy. The first: the act of mercy, of whatever kind. The second: the word of mercy – if I cannot carry out a work of mercy, I will assist by my words. The third: prayer – if I cannot show mercy by deeds or words, I can always do so by prayer. My prayer reaches out even there where I cannot reach out physically.

O my Jesus, transform me into Yourself, for you can do all things.

-Fr. Tony



*The Rosebud Pro-Life Program has been a phenomenal success, thanks to the dedication and boundless energy of PGK Tom Behrmann. The more people who know about this, the more likely that donations and manpower may both increase and more abortions will be averted.*



**Support for Rosebud Grows**

*Grand Knight, Keith Brown accepts a \$1,500 donation from Monroeville Rotary President, James Jobe (left) The donation will be to help fund Rosebud. Thanks to Roger Kennelly for connecting The Rotary with Pius XII.*

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## GRAND KNIGHTS' REPORT - We Have the Truth on Our Side! Keith Brown, GK



Worthy Brothers,

Back in 1962, the typical school day started with prayer. Here is what it sounded like in a New York public school: *"Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our Country."* Because the praying included the teacher, a lawsuit was filed challenging the first amendment regarding the establishment of a state religion... This and The Lord's **Prayer** was removed from **public schools** and replaced with a moment of silence in **1962** under the **ruling** in Engel v. Vitale 370 U.S. 421, 82 Supreme Court

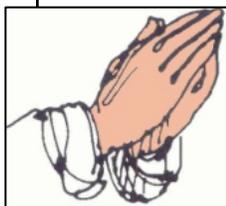
1261 (**1962**). [In just 50 years, much has been accomplished] *"All Christian bibles, books, crosses, symbols, ceremonies and holidays have been ordered out of the public schools. Out went Adam & Eve, in came Heather has two Mommies. Out went Easter, in came earth day. Out went collections for the poor and homeless and in came recycling and the "go green" earth worshipers. Out went Bible teachings about the immorality of homosexuality; in came the homosexuals to teach about the immorality of homophobia. Out went school prayer and in came pornography, obscenities, vulgarity and profanity. Out went boys military haircuts and in came purple, orange and green hair Mohawks with nose, tongue and cheek piercings. Out went our Judeo-Christian heritage and in comes an introduction to Islam & the dogma of Darwinism. Out goes modest dress and in comes the dress code of freaks. Out goes music and the fine arts and in comes Planned Parenthood. Out goes the electives on "etiquette and Manners" and in comes the promotion of the lesbian gay bisexual transgender lifestyle. Out went the teachings about right and wrong and in comes politically correct tolerance and moral relativism. Out went the 10 Commandments and in came condoms and birth control. Out went the parental rights of Mom & Dad and in came medical Marijuana. Out went the notion of "One Nation Under God" and in came the study of witchcraft, vampires and totem poles. Out went any mention of Jesus Christ and in came chaos, shootings and violence..."* (Patrick Buchanan) The following is taken from a retreat I attended last fall. Jesse Rameo reminds us: Do Not Be Afraid.

"For the sake of our children, it's time we fight back! Amen? Our backs are against the wall... We have truth on our side, we have Jesus on our side. Christianity is indestructible, because of its founder, Jesus Christ! Because He is ALIVE! For 2000 years, the enemies of TRUTH have tried to destroy the FAITH. And they won't... Christianity is the mystical body of Christ! The Church continues to outlast and bury Her enemies. With the Bible in one hand and the Rosary in the other we must unite and win for Team Jesus!"

-VIVAT JESUS!

### Pray for our sick and (+) deceased

- Bill Watkins
- Alicia Marney
- Walt Forrest
- Wayne Bobich
- Carl Fix
- Lorraine Schemp
- Debbie Mezivitch
- Andrew Syrek
- Ray Ankenbrandt
- Bob Mull Jr.
- Karen Mull
- Ed Kuntz Sr.
- Ed Kozar
- Jim Amorose
- John Febowicz
- Father Mike Decewicz
- Walt Forrest



- Joyce Burke (+)
- Andrew Becker (+)
- Ruth Curl (+)
- Pauline Taylor (+)

### Bishop's Project

#### Tootsie Roll Drive

Saturday March 10, 2012, at the Big Giant Eagle in Monroeville, under the leadership of Chairman, Greg Blake, brother Knights collected over \$500.00. Well done Brothers!

Liam Brown swaps Tootsie Roll for a donation.



### Don't forget

Gathering of Catholic men is April 14th! A full day retreat of life energizing A.J. Palumbo Center. Suggested donation \$40.00. Students donate less!



# APRIL 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Palm Sunday	<b>2</b> 7PM Officers Meeting 8PM General Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Good Friday	<b>7</b> Passover
<b>8</b> Easter 	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Membership Social RiverTowne Pour House	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Gathering of Catholic Men: Duquesne University
<b>15</b> 3-Rivers Mass St. Mary's of Mercy Feast of St. Bernadette Breakfast Celebrations	<b>16</b> Taxes Due Feast of St. Bernadette  Bishops Project Awards Dinner-Council #3907	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 3rd Degree – Bentleyville	<b>23</b>  *8PM General Meeting *Tentative	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Admin Assist Day	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> PA State Convention- Holiday Inn, Breingsville	<b>28</b> PA State Convention- Holiday Inn, Breingsville
<b>29</b> PA State Convention- Holiday Inn, Breingsville	<b>30</b>					

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**Share the Knights - Invite MEN to Join**

Invite MEN to join the Knights! Always have a form 100 with you (in your car) and talk about the Knights...

Locally: Bishops project. Support community with food for the needy. Support member parishes' needs!

Internationally: We brother Knights are ready to stand side by side to protect Mother Church!



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