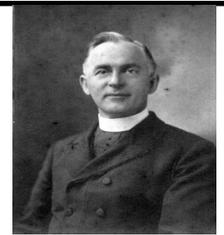




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## Chaplain's Reflection Our Image of God

If you were asked to draw a picture of God, what would your look like? Would your God be happy and smiling or would He instead be outraged and wearing a frown? Too many people have in their minds an image of an unhappy, unsmiling God. They imagine God to be easily offended, in a constant state of animosity, eager to punish and crush the spirit. Sort of like our outraged society and our unforgiving social media.

This was also how God was understood by many people in Jesus' time. The gospel (cf Lk 13:1-9) recounts two tragic events that the people believed were unmistakable signs of the vengeance of a wrathful God. These were: a religious hate crime in which Roman soldiers randomly killed Jewish worshippers in the Jerusalem Temple and a building collapse in Siloam which crushed 18 people to death.

Jesus, however, challenged their assumptions, pointing out that God is not that small. God is not a flawed human being who would ever delight in any misfortune. He explained that these victims weren't being punished for anything. They just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Throughout salvation history, we see how God listens to the cry of his people and acts to save them. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. The truth is that the God revealed in Jesus Christ is more loving, more joyful, more compassionate and more forgiving than we can ever imagine.

If this is how you picture God, if the God you worship is one who smiles, then you are very blessed indeed. However, if you picture a frowning God who is as easily outraged as our culture, ask that God every day help you

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## Grand Knight's Station

*"Preach the gospel and if necessary, use words!"*

FAITH! One cannot see it, touch it or physically possess it. But it is the cornerstone of our church. Faith cannot fix a troubled world, reverse abuse, nor resolve our own local problems. What faith can do, however, is provide us with a calm heart, so that we can best address these issues.

My journey began early. My family belonged to St. Martin's Parish and I attended the school there through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. I was an altar server when we still had the Latin Mass. We were called Knights of the Altar. A recurring theme in my life?

My family and friends have always been supportive of my faith – even those who are not Catholic. And I am fortunate to have had a neighbor who is so strong in her faith. Through difficult times, by both word and action, she has supported and encouraged me.

And now that I am a member of the Knights of Columbus, I feel as though I have "come home." Father Rosensteel Council #2169 is truly a family. With all the love and bickering; laughter and crying of a true family. I feel truly blessed to be embraced by this family and continue the growth and nurturing of my faith.

I would also like to say that I am fortunate and grateful to be following in the steps of our past Grand Knights. In my tenure here, I have had the honor of serving with PGK Frank Cavaliere, PGK Terrence Moore, PGK Bruce Cotting and (brand new) PGK Jim Mannion. Each has truly embraced and lived two of our core principles of Charity and Unity.

I have watched them work tirelessly for the betterment of Father Rosensteel Council. Each following his own path in the best interests of the Council and the Knights of Columbus. By their work and actions, they have truly "preached the gospel." And now, more than ever, we must continue to do so.

So, I invite you to join me on my continued journey of Faith. I look forward to serving you in this new fraternal year! And I commit to doing my best to continue the tradition of "Rosensteel Strong."

*Vivat Jesus!  
Gus Gusman*

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## **St. John the Evangelist Parish Picnic**



*Head chef Geoff Conway gathers with his loyal and well hydrated assistants during last month's St. John the Evangelist Parish Picnic. Pastor Fr. Calis reported a good time was had by all, either in spite or because of the food served.*



**Remember in your prayers:**

**Sick:**

Russ Sutton III, son of Russell Sutton  
Lexi Thomas  
Jamie Donnelly, wife of Dave Donnelly  
William Sullivan  
Wife of Tom Ryan  
Msgr. Eddie Tolentino, pastor of St. Michael's in Silver Spring

**Deceased:**

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Linda Cole, wife of Buddy Cole  
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**Chaplain's Reflection  
Our Image of God**

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come to know and love who he really is. Because how can we be truly loving people, if we don't really think that God is loving? How can we forgive others, or forgive ourselves, if we don't think God is forgiving? How can we really be happy if we think that God is always unhappy with us? If heaven is to spend an eternity with an eternally unhappy God, is that really where we hope to go or is it just better than the other alternative?

Changing our image of God can be hard. If our initial image of God is a negative one, it's going to take hard spiritual and emotional work to change it. If we find ourselves taking delight in the misfortune of others because we feel that God is giving them what they deserve, we will have a hard time believing that God is merciful and forgiving. If we cannot learn to forgive ourselves, we will have a hard time believing that God can forgive us either.

So we need to have a healthy concept of God. We need to ask God to help us see him more clearly and love him more dearly, every day. It's a lot better to go through life walking with a God who smiles on us and picks us up and carries us when we need it, than it is to cower in fear from one who frowns.

*Deacon Alan Jeeves*



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**Joint Installation of  
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**Saturday, July 13, 2019**

**3 p.m. Mass at St. John the Evangelist  
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**4:15 p.m. Maryknight Officers  
Installation Ceremony**

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## Council Calendar

### JULY

- 2 Business Meeting
- 4 Independence Day
- 13 Installation of Officers

### AUGUST

- 6 Business Meeting
- 20 Social Meeting

### SEPTEMBER

- 2 Labor Day
- 3 Business Meeting
- 5 Bowling League Opening Day
- 9 Maryknights Memorial Mass
- 17 Halfway to St. Patrick's Day
- 17 Social Meeting/Formulation Degree

### OCTOBER

- 1 Business Meeting
- 15 Social Meeting
- 27 Children's Halloween Party

### NOVEMBER

- 5 Business Meeting
- 19 Social Meeting
- 23 Needy Food Baskets
- 28 Thanksgiving

### Maryknights

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Special thanks to **the Rosensteel Knights - especially PGK Jim Mannion, GK Gus Gusman, DGK Paul Girolami, PGK Terrence Moore, PGK Bruce Cotting and SO many others who partnered with us this year.** Our combined efforts really make things work and brought us all together!

I am still missing some Year End Reports – they can be e-mailed to me, Sue Wiant and Teresa Hodge. **Please be sure to attend the Installation on July 13.** Our **first Board meeting** of the 2019-2020 year will take place on **August 8.** A reminder will be e-mailed to you. **PLEASE ADD IT TO YOU CALENDER NOW AND PLAN TO ATTEND IF YOU ARE ON THE BOARD OR ARE A COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON.** Help us start the year off right!

I am sure I am forgetting someone, so please know that the donations, support and guidance of all the Maryknights and Knights has been very much appreciated. We had a bang-up year! Thank you!

*Luanne Flanigan*

## Fraternal Insurance

The Catholic Difference. What does that mean? “Discover the Catholic Difference.” Is it just a marketing slogan or is there real meaning behind it?

Let’s look at that on several levels. Our Catholicity as an organization forms all that we do. Our Order was founded on the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity; as a Catholic business we also have core values of Integrity, Professionalism, Excellence and Respect. In all our dealings we try to embody those values in the field and at our Supreme Office.

Our charitable contributions of more than \$185 million last year went to a wide variety of organizations. Many were Catholic, but some were not. We give money to support worthy causes and we do that, not because *they* are Catholic, but because *we* are Catholic. That’s what our faith calls us to do; Sirach 40:17 tells us that acts of kindness and charity last for an eternity.

We are supporting victims of genocide in Syria and other places in the Middle East. We have placed more than 1000 ultrasound machines in all 50 states and saved more than one million lives. We financially and spiritually support seminarians, disaster victims, Special Olympians and many others. All this from the profits of our insurance program and investments and the contributions of members. That’s a Catholic Difference!

And speaking of the insurance program, let’s talk about the “Discover the Catholic Difference” there. Here are a few examples: first, our products are designed with our members’ needs in mind. For example, I’m not aware of any other company that offers a Spousal Waiver of Premium benefit...and there is no additional premium for that! Second, we have never raised our Long-Term Care Insurance premiums, something very few, if any, insurance companies can say. Third, we offer Disability Income Insurance to blue collar workers as well as white and gray collar workers. We recognize that it’s not just the affluent that need that coverage. Now that’s the Catholic Difference!

If you’d like to find out about more Catholic differences that could make a difference in your life, let me know. I’ll be around after the meeting and I’d appreciate the chance to meet with you.

Vivat Jesus!



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## The Best of Rosensteel

**Knight of the Month** - This month's Knight of the Month has been a Knight since 1999. He wears many hats – financial analyst, fundraiser and spiritual adviser. He changed careers 20 years ago. He is the spiritual leader of our Council who works to remind us of the true principles of the Knights of Columbus. He nurtures our faith through spiritual direction and redirects us when we lose our direction.

He just received his Patriotic Degree last month. We are truly blessed to have Father Joseph Calis, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, as our Chaplain and Knight of the Month. When you see him, thank him for being our chaplain and spiritual navigator. And congratulate him for getting his Patriotic Degree and being our July Knight of the Month!

**Family of the Month** - Father Michael J. McGivney saw a need for Catholic families within his New Haven, Connecticut, parish in 1882. He founded the Knights of Columbus to address this need and to be the vehicle that would help parish families. This makes perfect sense, as families are the core of a parish.

Most Councils are linked with a single parish and share parish facilities to carry out its works of charity. Father Rosensteel Council, on the other hand, is an independent Council supporting three parishes. One tool that the Council uses is a parish roundtable, designed to interact with the respective pastors. The July "Families" of the month are the Father Rosensteel Council-supported parishes: St. Bernadette's, St. John the Evangelist and Christ the King. We will continue our support as Father McGivney would have wanted.

### Mary's Widows

Many thanks to our Knights for the delightful lunch on June 3, 2019. It was great and enjoyed by all. 37 widows and their guests, DGK Gus Gusman and his wife, Ruth; Katie Koon and Loretta Priestly dined at the Council. We had three new members join us – Bridget McCann and Emily Paukstis came for lunch and Chris Belschner who was not able to attend this month. Our 50-50 winner was Aline Morin who will be leaving us and moving to Delaware. We will miss her.

The cooks, Mike Koon, John Matosian and Danny Bengero, did a super job and our thanks to all for their work. From appetizers to dessert, everything was super. And Russ Sutton was a great bartender. Again, many thanks to all of our Knights for their thoughtfulness.

Any widow interested in joining, please call Lois Devlin at 301-681-7448.

### Spirit Club Foundation

**Free Event! Spirit Club Foundation**, which works locally and regionally to help everyone have a healthy life, including people with disabilities, will host Celebrate Fitness for Every Ability at its second annual Kensington Fitness Festival, on Sunday, July 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Spirit Club Gym, 10417-B Metropolitan Ave. in Kensington.

This will be a fun-filled day of health & wellness demos, fitness activities, children's activities and a raffle benefiting the Spirit Club Foundation. Free refreshments from local restaurants will also be available. Everyone is invited! Hope to see you there!

## Rosensteel Knight of the Year



*Danny Bengero, at left, is congratulated by Grand Knight Jim Mannion during last month's Council Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Danny was named Rosensteel Knight of the Year. Family of the Year was awarded to Council grounds managers, including PGK Pat Bowles, Phil Atzert, Bill Veith, Joe Knapick and Maryknight Sue Wiant*

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The Dead Sea Scrolls. Haven't we many times heard some reference to these centuries old handwritten papyrus scrolls stored in pottery containers and hidden in caves near the Dead Sea in Israel? Who wrote the messages on them? What is the message? Who were they hidden from?

In 1947 a young Bedouin boy discovered the first of seven scrolls hidden in a cave near his village of Qumran. It was the first of hundreds and the biggest archaeological discovery of the century. Many would date back to the third century, BC. Today, the original scrolls are kept in Israel's National Museum in Jerusalem.

Rev. Fr. Jean-Michel Tarragon, a Dominican priest, leads a French school in Jerusalem that studies old biblical texts, including these scrolls. He is one of the leading experts on the discovery and other biblical texts. It is now believed that a separatist religious sect likely stashed these scrolls in 70 AD as Roman troops closed in on them to crush the First Jewish Revolt. Hundreds of scrolls have been found and are being both preserved and studied for insight into the early years of both Jewish and Christian religions. They are all disintegrating.

These really are the oldest biblical texts ever found. Scholars have found the nearly complete copy of the Book of Isaiah from the Hebrew Bible. Interestingly, it is almost an exact copy of another one dated 1,000 years later. The great fear is that since all texts were hand-copied, errors would appear over time and thus change the original meaning.

Note: They are all copies. One great treasure has escaped all the Israeli and international scholars. They have never found an original, an "Autograph," as they call it. A piece of writing by someone who actually saw or talked with God.

The Peace Cross! Have you heard about it? Have you seen it? Well, if not, it is a 40 foot high cross erected on the Maryland State median strip of Bladensburg Road and Annapolis Road. It was erected in 1925 to commemorate the 49 men from Prince George's County who died in France during World War I. The American Humanist Association and others have tried to tear it down for many years. It claims it violates the constitutional provision for separation of church and state. The Supreme Court recently ruled it may remain in place.

Another great appetizers table with a hot lunch and dessert is planned for July 23. There will be a few surprises for some lucky people. So don't miss it.

*Thomas Leonard*

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Happy July and Independence Day! While we enjoy a couple of months "off," it's a great time to tie the bow on the 2018-2019 year, which was another fabulous success! Our President, Sue Wiant, has a few extra special thank yous that she would like to put forward and they follow.

Special thanks to **Carol Walper** for being such a great treasurer for so many years (4!). And to the Executive Board – **Jeanne Berman, Julie Cuff, Teresa Hodge and Carol** - a dynamite crew! To **Margie Cuff** for always stepping up and doing such an incredible job on the Charity Ball and SO many other things.... Over \$23,000 to Spirit Club!

To **Kathy and Amy Arvedlund** for pulling off the most well organized and biggest money-making special activity in years, producing a donation to the Rosensteel Council of over \$3,500! **Sue Haley and ALL the baking teams** for giving us so many yummy desserts and raising over \$2,400 for charities! **Robin Dambroski** for scheduling interesting and timely speakers - remember not to shelter under a bridge in a bad storm! **Nancy Koski** for keeping the pillow project bustling. **Beth Torp** for a great anniversary party. **Luanne Flanigan** for keeping us all informed and on task - especially those of us, like me, that need all the help we can get.!

**Maeve O'Neill** for keeping our membership straight. **Debbie Deams and Donna Stocker** for the delicious and beautiful hospitality table at each meeting. **Jenny Wilson and Marge Fait** for the Card Party organization, which raised \$675 for charity!

**Helen Vallone** for delivering over 170 lbs. of toiletries and supplies to the needy shelters (and all of you who collected and donated those items!). **Polly Selesky** for knowing and directing our compliance to Roberts Rules of Order and **Peggy and Polly** for donating the fabulous Tea Party every year!

**Kathy A.** for getting us involved in Comfort Cases. An extremely worthy program that we are so pleased to be supporting. **Therese Sammartino** for getting 13 blankets and 23 learning blocks to Christ Child and to all the **knitters and crocheters!** **Brenda Graninger** for sending the solid care packages around the world. **Squisitio's and John Minnick** for food donation and delivery for our Catholic Student Center dinner. **Bakers for all the events** - dinners, bingo, Catholic Student Center, Vet Center Anniversary, funerals, any time a sweet of comfort is needed the MK women step up and make so much good food with heart!

**Deacon Jeeves, Father Calis, and Father Trancone** for supporting us spiritually and always praying with and for us.

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COMING EVENTS...

**AUGUST 2019**

6 Business Meeting  
20 Social Meeting

## JULY 2019

| Sun | Mon                        | Tue   | Wed                                   | Thu  | Fri  | Sat                                    |
|-----|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
|     | 1.                         | 2.<br><b>Business Meeting</b>                       | 3.<br>Bromley, Dollymore,<br>Mullaney | 4.<br><b>Independence Day</b><br>Mannion                       | 5. Marks - Aggies crab<br>imperial<br>Pistol Pete, Hardman   | 6.                                     |
| 7.  | 8.<br>D'Antuono            | 9.<br>Cassagnol                                     | 10.<br>McKinney                       | 11.<br>Carey, Conway   | 12. Girolami - soup and<br>salad special; gazpacho<br>with Asian chicken salad<br>Carey, Conway, DeVol,<br>Wigmore | 13.<br><b>Installation of Officers</b> |
| 14. | 15.<br>D'Antuono, McKinney | 16.<br>Dassing                                      | 17.<br>Sullivan                       | 18.<br><b>Horner Memorial<br/>Rosary</b><br>Colburn, Carrescia | 19. Langley - All American<br>BBQ buffet<br>Lynch and Lyon<br>Sullivan   | 20.<br>Langley                         |
| 21. | 22.<br>D'Antuono, Maddox   | 23.<br><b>Retirees Luncheon</b><br>Culkin and DeVol | 24.<br>Chuck Hozdic                   | 25.<br>Cavaliere   | 26. Moore - baby back<br>ribs, thrasher fries and<br>homemade slaw<br>Beane and Eddie McCaw                        | 27.                                    |
| 28. | 29.<br>D'Antuono           | 30.   | 31.                                   | <b>August 1.</b>   |  |  |
|     |                            |   |                                       |  |  |  |