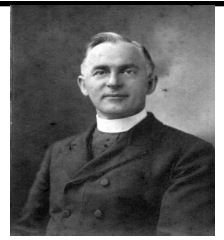




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Chaplain's Reflection Striving for Spiritual Perfection

In the Gospel of Luke that was read on the 21st Sunday Ordinary Time (13:22-30), two passages are presented that would seem to be possibly related to each other but are not. In the first passage, someone asks Jesus, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" Jesus does not answer this question one way or the other. But instead, He exhorts his disciples to do their best by striving to enter through the narrow gate.

In the passage that immediately follows, Jesus speaks of the "master" locking the door on people who ate and drank with Him, and heard His teachings, but did not follow His commandments. But, this was not in reference to striving to enter the narrow gate, but rather was a specific warning to the children of Israel who believed that being in God's grace was simply a matter of birthright.

Since these two passages appear consecutively in the Gospel of Luke, some preachers have linked them to assert that the path to salvation is narrow indeed. Their argument is that since the master of the house has locked the door on many of those who "ate and drank" with Jesus, therefore many will not be saved.

However, the gospel narratives were written some 35 to 50 years after the death of Christ. Except for the infancy narratives, the baptism by John, and the accounts of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ, they are basically collections of sayings that are not in any type of chronological order. Thus, the proximity of passages in the gospel narratives do not necessarily imply any connection between them.

Indeed, the path to spiritual perfection, just like perfection in anything else, is narrow. Jesus acknowledges that many of us will strive for spiritual perfection, but even with God's grace, most of us, including some of our greatest saints, will not be strong enough to achieve spiritual perfection.

But striving to enter the narrow gate is actually something that we do in our own lives. Whatever

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Grand Knight's Station

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

November commences with All Saints' Day, also known as the Solemnity of All Saints, on Friday, November 1. It is a holy day of obligation dedicated to all the saints of the church and to those who have attained heaven.

All Souls' Day on November 2 is dedicated to those who have died and not yet made it to heaven. November is dedicated to the holy souls in Purgatory and we are encouraged to remember friends and family who have passed away and to pray for all of the souls of the departed. Those who are in Purgatory cannot help themselves, so it is our obligation as Catholics to assist them on their journey toward heaven.

There are a number of ways that we can do this:

- Offer Masses for them
- Pray for them: the Novena for Holy Souls, the Holy Souls Rosary and the Eternal Rest Prayer as just a few examples
- Visit a cemetery: pray for a loved one or a complete stranger
- Offer up our Communion, make sacrifices dedicated to the souls or apply indulgences for them

And there are of course many more ways in which we can pray for the souls. At our Officers Installation Mass two of our General Intercessions were for the souls: for those who have died and for those who do not have anyone to pray for them. Let us all keep our loved ones who have passed away and those who have no one to pray for them in our prayers and intentions for the month of November.

This October we had our Candlelight Rosary and Benediction for the Unborn in the St. John's Cemetery and the Historic Church. Our Council Chaplain Father Calis presided. And, sadly, our Retirees' Club had its final luncheon.

November looks to be busy with the NCPD event honoring our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson on November 8; the Memorial Mass on November 19 and the Grand Knight's Appreciation on November 24.

Vivat Jesus!

Gus

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Car Raffle – No Winner at Rosensteel

Thank you to everyone who donated to the car raffle benefiting Fr. Rosensteel Council and the charity funds of the Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus.

Unfortunately, no one from Fr. Rosensteel Council won any of the three prizes. We did, however, raise a bit more than \$1,300.

Winners are:

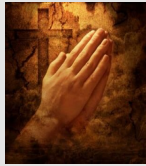
1st Prize – 2020 Mustang, F. Cisneroe, ticket sold by John Jakob Raskob Council, Centreville, MD

2nd Prize -- \$200, T. Jasoboni, ticket sold by St. Vincent Pol-lotti Council, Baltimore

3rd Prize – iPad, K. Stanfill, ticket sold by St. Francis of Assisi Council, Fulton, MD

I'm confident we'll do better next year!

Paul Girolami



Remember in your prayers:

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Jamie Donnelly, wife of Dave Donnelly
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Chaplain's Reflection

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our passion may be, the path to being really good at it is very narrow and most of us will not be the best in the world at anything. However, we should always should be at peace if we know that we did our best.

The spiritual life is no different. To grow in the spiritual life is hard work. It requires prayer, effort and above all the grace of God. Just as very few baseball players will become major leaguers and very few musicians will be admitted to a major symphony orchestra, very few of us will become spiritual all-stars. Jesus understands this.

Jesus never said that only the spiritual all stars will enter the kingdom of heaven. Recall when you were in high school or college. Only one student graduated as valedictorian in the class, yet every student who completed at least the minimum requirements graduated. And, even those who failed to graduate may have been given a "second chance" to make up the work and graduate later. All those who graduated are "graduates" with equal standing in the world. So, it will be in heaven.

But, as the second passage reminds us, heaven is not a birthright. You cannot graduate from school by eating or drinking with the faculty and sleeping through class. You have to do the work.

God loves all of us. He does not want any of us to fail. He will give us the benefit of every doubt. While we should always strive for the narrow gate, above all else, God simply wants us to do our best. Doing our best is all that God asks of us and it is all that we can ask of ourselves.

Deacon Alan Jeeves

Father Rosensteel Council Update

Brothers and Sisters All,

Let me start by providing you with an update to our recent Council improvement program. To date we have received \$7,350.00 in donations. To date we have used these funds to purchase the following:

Seven roll-top chafing dishes, 144 wine glasses, 144 multi-purpose glasses, 12 water bottles (for tabletop use) , 192 steak knives, 70 white linen 120" round tablecloths, 144 disposable picnic-style tablecloths, nine black trash can covers, 36 new custom green embroidered aprons, three new double chafing trays and one new immersion cooker.

Volunteers have donated time and money to paint Emerald Room double doors and trim, retile the suspended ceiling in the Maryknights Room, Emerald Room and hallways, clean out bingo closet, purge Archives Room, purge Grand Knight's office, trim trees around Council grounds, complete fire pit and clean area around it, supply and install new accessible-compliant ladies room entrance door, reverse swing of ladies room stall door, contract to professionally clean and repair carpeting, haul away some trash and debris from Council grounds and repair damaged ceiling in Knights' Room entrance.

We would like to thank the following donors: Al and Pat Wigmore, Barones, Sean Phillips, Tom Keepers, Amy Arvedlund, Kathy Arvedlund, the D'Antuono's, Koski's, K of C insurance Brian Graham, Maryknights, Joe and Carol Walper, Wayne and Elesa Miller, Joe Brannan, Mrs. Ellen O'Neil, Paul Girolami, John Dollymore bar team, Betty and Guy Beltz, Robert and Susan Marchone, the Friday night card players Frank and Helen Capachione, Sal and Helen Campo, Frank and Diane Cottone, Lois Devlin, Lewis and Mary Hudson, Mary and John Fitzgerald, Ann Pertlik and June McWilliams. Also Pierre Cassagnol, Cheryl and Terrence Moore, Frank Zarrelli, Tim Twomey, John Kennedy, Margie Cuff, Sue Wiant, Jeannie Cuff, Luanne Flanigan and bestie John, Dave Donnelly, Jamie Stapleton, Bruce Cotting, GK Gus Gusman and Lady Ruth. And we know there are many more and we apologize for those we've missed.

A spreadsheet showing our immediate needs and several long-term needs has been sent to membership by e-mail and posted in the Knights' Room. Please review it and let us know if you can help. Monetary donations would also be very welcome. Please understand that not one dime of these funds goes to the Clubhouse or Building. Checks can be made to F.G.B.A. - please write in the memo line the specific project(s) you wish to support.

A second Council cleanup day is scheduled for Sunday, November 3, from noon to about 4 p.m.

For more information, please contact Terrence Moore at 240-642-8054 or tpmooore927@gmail.com.

The Best of Rosensteel

Knight of the Month - Our November Knight of the Month has been a member of Father Rosensteel Council for 52 years. He is an Honorary Life Member and a Third Degree Knight. His father was the Grand Knight for the 1967-1968 Fraternal Year, and he has a brother and an uncle who are also Knights.

Currently, he is the Council treasurer and has been working diligently to keep our books in order. When he isn't at Rosensteel, a minimum hour-long commute, he can be found traveling the countryside to support and cheer on three grandchildren in their sports – volleyball, baseball and basketball.

When you see Brother Ed Jordan, congratulate him and give him a big thanks for being our treasurer.

Family of the Month - This couple can be found at Father Rosensteel Council supporting most all events when in town. He is an Honorary Life Member and joined the Council in 1979. He is a Third Degree Knight and has performed at many events over the years, St. Patty's Day and the Council picnic to name just a couple.

This couple are true stalwarts of Father Rosensteel Council. When you see John and Mary Lyon, congratulate them on being the Family of the Month and thank them for their contributions over the years.

Retirees Club Retired

The Retired Men's Club was formed many years ago and at its peak averaged over 200 members at its monthly luncheons. Over a period of several years its membership declined due to deaths and illnesses. New members were few and far between. It reached a point where there were more women than men at the luncheons. So in 2011 membership was opened to include the wives and widows of members of Rosensteel Council and the name was changed to Rosensteel Retirees Club.

I was elected its first female president in 2015 and no one else has volunteered for that office since. Attendance has continued to decrease. For the last three months we have averaged only 21 people. After 4½ years I resigned as well as our vice president and the secretary/treasurer. Our final luncheon was on October 22. Many thanks to all who supported our club over many, many years.

Nancy Koski

Council Calendar

NOVEMBER

- 5 Business Meeting
- 8 NCPD Event
- 19 Memorial Mass
- 23 Needy Food Baskets
- 24 Grand Knight's Appreciation
- 27 Thanksgiving Smoker
- 28 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 3 Business Meeting
- 8 Sunday Breakfast
- 15 Children's Christmas Party
- 17 Social Meeting
- 21 Needy Food Baskets
- 25 Christmas Day

Fraternal Insurance

Many people don't know how a long-term care insurance policy helps cover the costs of care when the policy holder has a chronic medical condition, a disability or a disorder such as Alzheimer's disease. You can receive care in your home, a nursing home, an assisted living facility or an adult day care center.

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Most people aren't eager to talk about long-term care, but it's important to have a plan. Many people want to wait until they are in their 60s or 70s before they start to consider long-term care. But at younger ages it's more likely you can qualify...and the price is less expensive when you're younger.

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Father Rosensteel Council Candlelight Rosary for the Unborn



Council Chaplain Father Joseph Calis, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, leads Council members in prayer at the annual Candlelight Rosary and Benediction for the Unborn held last month at St. John's Cemetery and the Historic Church.

Forest Glen Building Association, Inc.

	2018-2019 Budget	2018-2019 Actual
Revenue		
Clubhouse Hall Event Rent	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
Clubhouse Utilities Fees	\$ 28,000.00	\$ -
Holy Cross Parking Lot Rent	\$ 33,540.00	\$ 36,040.00
Capital Improvement donations	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Council - Director & Officer Insurance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Clubhouse - Insurances	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Interest Earned on Savings	\$ -	\$ 2.68
	<u>\$ 87,540.00</u>	<u>\$ 36,292.68</u>
Expenditures		
Comprehensive Insurance - Council, Clubhouse, and Building	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 7,768.00
Building Repairs & Capital Improvement	\$ 12,140.00	\$ 32,028.74
Solar and HVAC Debt/Lease payments	\$ 28,000.00	\$ -
Capital Reserve for Replacement Repairs	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
Other Costs	\$ -	\$ 196.00
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,418.20
Professional Fees	\$ 400.00	\$ 337.50
	<u>\$ 68,540.00</u>	<u>\$ 44,748.44</u>
Net Surplus	<u>\$ 19,000.00</u>	<u>\$ (8,455.76)</u>

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Did you ever wonder what happened to the Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus, after His crucifixion and death on the cross? It seems that the only mention of her later in life was her Assumption into Heaven which we celebrate on August 15. Jesus died in his early thirties. She would have been in her late 40's with many years of natural life left.

The apostles scattered to many different lands spreading the words of Jesus. Does it seem likely she would have been left behind in Jerusalem? I think not! There was internal friction between two groups of Jewish people, the Pharisees and the Essenes. And conflict with the Roman authorities would lead to open revolt in a few years.

In fact, there is a widespread belief she went to the large Roman city of Ephesus located today in the country of Turkey along the Eastern Shore of the Aegean Sea. It was a well established Roman city from the 4th century B.C. with both commercial markets and a fishing industry. It is known that both St. John and St. Paul called it their home. St. John is known to be buried there. St. Luke, who wrote the Acts of the Apostles, is also believed to be buried there.

On higher ground above the ruins of the old city is a small old Roman home made entirely of stones in the Roman style. It is called The House of Mary. Pope Paul VI visited this place in the 1960's. In the 1980's, Pope John Paul II also visited the site and declared the Shrine of the Virgin Mary a place of pilgrimage for all Christians. It is also visited by Muslims who recognize Mary as the mother of Jesus who they regard as a great prophet.

There is a stone wall outside this house about 30 yards long. It is covered with handwritten notes with messages for the Virgin Mary left behind by pilgrims. People often obtain fresh water from a nearby well which is called Mary's Well.

This ancient metropolitan Roman city still has a large amphitheater for 100,000 people. The third largest library in the ancient world was there. Many temples and plazas remain for tourists to view. Roman aqueducts still deliver fresh water. Sidewalks with mosaic designs, public baths, gymnasiums, bakeries, a fish market, shops and private homes are excavated and open for public viewing. The modern Turkish city of Kusadasi is just a few miles distant. Guides with transportation are available if desired.

Our Retirees Bowling League started off to a great season from the opening day. Now, the competition between teams is keen. The competition every Thursday remains high. You're welcome to come and support your favorite team.

Thomas Leonard

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The Maryknights have been busy! Our last meeting included an interesting talk by Deacon Jeeves about saints and sinners. It prompted a good deal of great discussions and we thank him for his time.

Kudos to Nancy Koski for a great job with our new directory. This is a great communication tool for all of us.

As long as we are talking information, if you would like to be included in the e-mail list going out from the Council, let Luanne know and she will pass on your request.

Huge thanks to those of you who are volunteering your time to help with the NCPD event on Friday, November 8, and have attended committee meetings to offer input. It's great when we can work collaboratively with our Knights. Final assignments should be out by the time this is printed. Keep some time open on Thursday, November 7. We'll begin in the afternoon about 1 and work as needed through the day and evening to complete as much set up as possible. If you can't do Thursday, we will finish anything that remains on Friday morning. For those working at the event, it begins at 6 p.m. Friday. Dee and I will send out "duty rosters." Because of this event, Friday night dinner is canceled. Please make a note of this!

Thanks to Sue, Carol, Betty, Jeanne, Margie and Frank Z. who showed up Saturday morning October 19 at the Council to trim up bushes and trees, improve the lighting and spruce up the garden around our Blessed Mother. And Luanne (who donated the new flags) and John (over three days) really tweaked what we started by more trimming, serious edging and mulching the beds.

These "time, talent and treasure" donations are not just helping this specific event. We are putting our Council in good repair so that it will be around another "few" years. Fixing and repairing the building and purchasing needed supplies for events are adding value to what the Clubhouse can offer a client who wants to rent our facility.

Also, sincere thanks to those of you men and women who cannot physically help but are helping out financially. Special thanks to the Friday night card players for their very generous donations toward the HVAC systems!

Our Friday night bakers are to be commended for the super job they are doing each week. We are tantalizing taste buds with our delicious pies, cakes and cookies! We've taken in over \$500 since July 1 for our Charity Fund!

Please continue your generosity for those less fortunate by bringing in toiletries, new socks, underwear and bras, blankets and hats and gloves as the colder weather sets in. Don't forget items for our soldiers as well.

There is so much need in our community. Blessings to all!

Margie Cuff

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NOVEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1. All Saints Day Team 7, Moore - fried chicken will all the fixins' Pistol Pete, Hardman	2. All Souls Day
3. Dollymore, Bromley & Mullaney	4. D'Antuono Happy Hour	5. Election Day Business Meeting	6.	7. Mannion	8. *Special Event, no Friday night dinner Carey, Conway, DeVol, Wigmore	9. Cassagnol
10. McKinney	11. D'Antuono Happy Hour Carey, Conway	12.	13. Hozdic	14. Colburn, Carrescia	15. TBA Lynch and Lyon	16. Dassing
17. Sullivan	18. Horner Memorial Rosary D'Antuono Happy Hour	19. Memorial Mass	20. Langley	21. Cavaliere	22. Team 3, Neff - fried shrimp Beane, Eddie McCaw, Maddox	23. Needy Food Baskets
24.	25. D'Antuono Happy Hour	26. Culkin and DeVol	27. Thanksgiving Smoker	28. Thanksgiving	29. Team 4, Marks - bacon cheeseburgers and pizza Ladies Night	30.