



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MILTON COUNCIL 7027



Coming Events

Dec	Time	Event	Location
5	6:30 PM	CCMI & PLANNING MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
6	4:00 PM	First Friday	Chapel
7		Milton Christmas Parade	
8	8:30 AM	KOC BREAKFAST	PARISH HALL
11	9:30 AM	LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
11	8:00 AM	HOT DOG DAY VA HOSPITAL	PARISH HALL
12	6:00 PM	VESPERS	CHAPEL
12	7:00 PM	KOC BUSINESS MTG	KNIGHT'S HALL
13	5:30 PM	KOC SOCIAL	KNIGHT'S HALL
14	8:00 AM	Men's Retreat	PARISH HALL
19	7:00 PM	KOC ASSEMBLY 2823	KNIGHT'S HALL
21	5:30 PM	KofC Christmas Party	Parish Hall
29	11:00 AM	CORPORATE COMMUNION	CHURCH
22		January Newsletter Articles Due	

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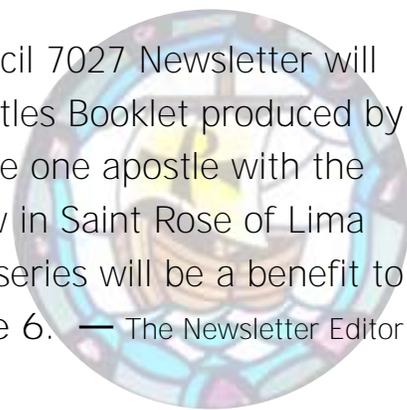
Editor's Note

It's your newsletter. Officers and committee chairmen are encouraged to submit articles. Anyone who would like to contribute an article please send it to 7027newsletter@gmail.com by the 22 of December of the month to be published in the following month's newsletter.

The Newsletter Editor



In the coming months the Council 7027 Newsletter will reprint the excerpts of the Apostles Booklet produced by Dolores Gardner. We will feature one apostle with the associated stained glass window in Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church. We hope this series will be a benefit to your spiritual growth. See page 6. — The Newsletter Editor





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Grand Knight's Report



The Parable of the Classroom

Then Jesus took his disciples up the mountain and, gathering them around him, he taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek, blessed are they that mourn, blessed are the merciful, blessed are they that thirst for justice, blessed are you when persecuted, blessed are you when you suffer. Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is great in heaven.

Then Simon Peter said, "Are we supposed to know this?" And Andrew said, "Do we have to write this down?" And Philip said, "I don't have any paper." And Bartholomew said, "Do we have to turn this in?" And James said, "Will we have a test on this?" And John said, "The other disciples didn't have to learn this." And Matthew said, "May I go to the bathroom?" And Judas said, "What does this have to do with real life?"

Then one of the Pharisees, who was present, asked to see Jesus' lesson plan and inquired of Jesus, "Where is your anticipatory set and your objectives in the cognitive domain?"

And Jesus wept.

Sound familiar anyone? Too often we get ourselves wrapped around the things that are unimportant and fail to see the jewel of wisdom right in front of us. Remember those many, many times when the teacher said, "In order to be a good speaker you have to be a good listener."

That statement has lost none of its potency to date. Listen carefully to what's going on around you and take the time to observe your surroundings. Life's miracles are out there happening every day.

Not everyone is trying to do you in or cheat you or ignore you or take advantage of you. Don't get me wrong, sometimes those terrible things do happen, but probably not as often as a lot of people seem to think they do. Let go of our feelings of self-importance and enjoy life, enjoy the day, enjoy your friends and let's try to stay focused on the truly important matter, ENJOY IN THE LORD!

Yours in Christ,
Rusty Bradberry
Grand Knight



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Field Agent's Report

Plan for this tax day and into the future

Tax Season is here and April 15th (tax day) is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. A secondary approach is to tout the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you?

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee — along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember — absolute safety of principal) — really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you — at your convenience and in your home — to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.

Wishing you and your family have a MERRY CHRISTMAS!



May God Bless You All,
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DEACON'S TEACHING By Deacon Chris Christopher

Why Mary Is Called 'Mother of God'?



When early Christians read biblical passages about the Incarnation, such as Isaiah's words about the Child who would be called God (Isaiah 9:5), they wondered: How exactly was Christ both human and divine? Was he simply God, only appearing to be human? Was he a human to whom God attached himself in a special way, dwelling inside him? Was he partly human and partly divine?

Ultimately, in the light of Scripture and Tradition, the Church concluded that none of the above answers is correct. An ecumenical Church council at Ephesus in 431 resolved the issue when the Church was provoked by a controversy over one particular question: **Can we call Mary the "Mother of God"?**

One prominent archbishop, Nestorius, rejected the title. He claimed that Christ was two persons – one human, one divine – joined together in Christ. Though Mary was the mother of the human person in Christ, she was not the mother of the divine Person God the Son. So she could not rightly be called the Mother of God.

After examining this teaching, however, the Church concluded that Nestorius was mistaken. Christ was not a combination of two persons, one human and one divine. That would be close to saying that he was simply a man to whom God was joined in a uniquely, intimate way – no better than any of the biblical prophets.

Instead, the Church declared, Christ is only one divine Person – the Second Person of the Trinity. This single Person took human nature and joined it to his own divine nature, so that he possesses two natures (John 1:1-3, 14). But these natures do not constitute two different persons. They belong to one and the same Person, the divine Son of God. And these two natures, though not to be confused, cannot be separated.

In this light, the Church concluded that not only is it correct to call Mary the Mother of God, but it is important to do so. Mary is the mother of the one Person, Jesus Christ, who is the Son of God in the flesh. If we deny that she is the Mother of God, then we are denying that Christ himself is God, come down from heaven. Truly, as St. Paul declared, **"God sent his Son, born of a woman" (Galatians 4:4).**

Next month we'll explore Was Mary Taken Up Bodily Into Heaven?

Men's Advent Day of Reflection

The men of the Pensacola/Tallahassee Diocese will gather @ St. Rose of Lima, in Milton, Florida FL on Saturday, Dec. 14th from 8am-12pm for our Advent Day of Reflection. We will have morning mass, breakfast, a speaker and time for the sacrament of reconciliation. This event is FREE; although we would ask that you to please RSVP by Wednesday, Dec. 11th to ensure we get a good head count for our breakfast, by calling Tom Pileggi 450-9695 or Chris Hrbacek 438-8653.

Thank-you



Knight and Family of the Month



DGK Ken Paterna, Tom Thomas, & Msgr. Michael Reed



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Council winners at State Soccer Challenge.



Our council's two second place winners at the Florida State Soccer Challenge held in Melbourne, FL on November 2, 2013. Samantha Tice, 11, (left) and Valentina Elliott, 13, (right), both from St Rose of Lima Parish, each took second place at the state level among girls in their respective age groups. (Courtesy of George Elliott)



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The Apostles

St. Peter

(Jesus) said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter said in reply, *"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."* ~ Mt 16:15-16

Jesus named Simon, the brother of Andrew; Peter. Jesus gave Peter the keys to the church on earth. Peter was the first pope of the Catholic Church. He was crucified upside down. Peter's feast day is June 29th. He is the patron saint of fishermen.



God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

(The Roman Missal. English translation according to the third typical edition. 2011)

In November 1981 ground breaking was held for the present Church of St. Rose of Lima. On December 24, 1982 the then-Bishop, Most Reverend John M. Smith, dedicated the Church. The Church has served the spiritual needs of Catholics of the central and northern parts of Santa Rosa County. Part of the beauty of the Church consists in the stain-glassed windows which adorn and add to the spiritual experience of those worshipping and visiting the Church.

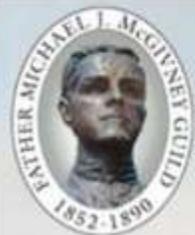
If one looks up towards the heavens, one can see twelve circular stain-glass windows. These represent the twelve apostles. These articles will examine the twelve stain-glass windows, explain the symbolism of the images, and give a short history of the saint, the feast day of the saint, along with the opening prayers from the Roman Missal for the feast day of the saint.

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Pope Benedict XVI, *The Apostles*. Huntington: Our Sunday Visitor Press, 2007.

Michael Walsh, Ed., *Butler's Lives of the Saints*. San Francisco: Harper, 1991.

(This summary was adapted from the forward to the booklet *The Apostles*.)



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The Visual Catechism



The Nativity of Our Lord
On the south wall of St. Rose of Lima.



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Council 7027 & Assembly 2823 In the Community — The 2013 Veterans Day Parade

