

# Knights of Columbus

## Newsletter

**Council 7926**

**St. Martha's Church**

**January 2007**

### Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brothers,

I hope you all had a joyous and blessed Christmas and that 2007 brings good tidings and blessings. Every January leaves me thinking that time just seems to go by faster and faster every year.

After nearly a year of planning, our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner was held last month on Dec. 9 and was a wonderful night. The church hall was filled to capacity and everyone had a great time. For those of you that couldn't come, here are some of the highlights of the night: It was nice to see so many people, including some brothers we haven't seen in a long time, including some who no longer live in the area. Also, some who are no longer active but were in the early years, such as the first Deputy Grand Knight, Thomas "Duke" Jordan. We had delicious food thanks to Joe Leone's, good musical entertainment from Joey Slobotka, who also does our St. Patrick's day dinners, and an amazing keynote speech from Father Marchand, who paid tribute to Father Patrick Magee, our pastor for 18 years and our chaplain for 22 years. Father Magee was visibly touched when Father Marchand presented a certificate temporarily renaming the council for that evening the Father Patrick Magee Council. We were once again treated to a song from Father Magee, and we were all pleasantly surprised when Father Marchand beautifully sang "Danny Boy"!

Special thanks to everyone else who was involved in the planning and execution of the evening, including PGK Frank Cicalese, the emcee of the night; Tony Decresci for compiling the ads for the ad journal, and with Frank met with the caterers, and set up virtually everything for the night, DD/PGK John Gazis, who compiled the ad journal, and Dick Andrejack for creating a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary poster.

There are extra ad journals left. If anyone would like a copy, please let Tony or me know. Also remaining are the special edition burgundy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Council polo shirts.

December 16 was the Children's Christmas party, which saw perhaps a record number of children. Thanks to Youth Chairman Ed Callahan for once again running the party and for helping the Brick Walmart to clear their toy shelves! Thanks also to Santa for his appearance.

The morning of Christmas Eve, PGK Rick Mastronardi successfully began a new council tradition of providing takeout Christmas dinners for pickup or delivery. I was unable to be there myself, but I heard only good things and many thanks for this. Over 100 meals were served. Thanks to Rick and everyone who helped out.

Looking ahead, we get a bit of a breather in January and most of February before we get busy with events again in March.

The State Council has received a Divine Mercy icon which will travel around the state over the next several months. District Deputy John Gazis has arranged for a holy hour to display the icon at St. Martha's on Wednesday, January 10 at 7:00 PM and at Epiphany on Saturday, January 13 at 4:00 PM.

January's Breakfast will occur on January 14. Ed Callahan is running the annual freethrow tournament. At press time, it is scheduled for Sunday, January 28, but Ed is awaiting approval from the Pt. Pleasant Recreation Center.

Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly is running a Ladies Appreciation Night dinner/dance at the Circle Landmark Restaurant on Rt. 70 in Lakehurst on Friday, February 9. For details, please contact PGK/SK Mike Tuohy, SK Gary Rhodes at 732-657-1033, or SK Al DelTufo at 609-698-1161.

Once again, I wish everyone a happy and blessed New Year, and God Bless our council as we begin our second quarter century of service!

God Bless you all, and for now I remain,

Yours in Christ,

Bob Morris

### **Deputy Grand Knight's Message**

As our worthy Grand Knight mentioned, our Church and Council are privileged to be hosting a Holy Hour with the Divine Mercy icon. Special thanks to our District Deputy for making that happen.

If you are not familiar with the Divine Mercy devotion, allow me to offer you a brief background. The Divine Mercy devotion is based upon the private revelations of our Lord and Savior to a Polish nun in the 1930s – St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. As the world was precariously perched between world wars, our Most Merciful Father saw fit to bless mankind by reminding us all of His great mercy and deliver us a message of great hope amidst the impending horrors of renewed war. Over the period of several years, Jesus delivered numerous messages to St. Faustina about God's mercy and instructed her in several ways to promote and honor his mercy. This includes the Divine Mercy Chaplet (said on the Rosary), Divine Mercy Sunday (the first Sunday after Easter), the Divine Mercy Novena and the Divine Mercy image.

The Divine Mercy image (which the icon depicts) shows a resurrected Jesus with rays emanating from his Sacred Heart. The best description comes from Jesus himself as recorded in St. Faustina's own diary:

***The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him. (299) By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works. (742)***

I encourage you all to join us on Wednesday 10 January at 7 p.m. to celebrate Divine Mercy.

Vivat Jesus!

Bryan J. Dickerson

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### Please Pray For...

Deacon Jack Haney, Brothers John Comerford, Angelo Lamalfa, Warren Frey, and Tom Tamburo, and Brother Joe Mangogna's son, the DGK's grandmothers Kathryn and Emily and his Aunt Arleen, Brother William Wright's wife and for Brother Joe LoBianco and for the repose of his wife, the repose of Brother Bob Kehoe's grandmother Florence Thorsen and for the deceased brothers and family of Council 7926.

### Need a Prayer?

Do you or someone you know need prayers for health, personal difficulties or a deceased loved one? If yes, please submit your requests to our Grand Knight at [morris@adm.njit.edu](mailto:morris@adm.njit.edu), or call him at 732-295-1103. He will then send an email to everyone on the council email list to request the prayer.

### Eucharistic Ministers Needed

St. Martha's Church needs Eucharistic Ministers. For more information, please call Mary Ann Collett – Parish Pastoral Associate.

### Pro-Life March 22 January

The Annual March for Life in Washington will be held on Monday 22 January 2007. A bus to the event will be leaving from St. Martha's Church that morning. For more information, contact the Parish office at 732-295-3630. Let us all make a special effort to pray for life especially since a new majority and new leadership take power in Congress – neither of whom are expected to be friendly to the cause of Life.

## Schedule of Coming Events

- January 10th Divine Mercy Icon Holy Hour
- January 11<sup>th</sup> Council Business Meeting
- January 14th Council Breakfast
- January 22<sup>nd</sup> March for Life in Washington
- January 25<sup>th</sup> Council Social
- January 28<sup>th</sup> Council Free Throw Contest

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