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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN...



My friends in the Knights of Columbus:

We read in the Gospel of Luke that "Jesus departed to the mountain to pray and that he spent the night in prayer". I must admit myself that I can't imagine passing a whole night doing anything – except sleeping. I cannot remember more than a few times staying up the whole night, and those were for emergencies with students or when traveling home to Ireland and I couldn't sleep. So just reading that Jesus spent the whole night praying surprises me in a number of ways.

Indeed, the idea that Jesus praying at all makes a very special meditation. I ask myself the question – did Jesus need to pray? That does not seem likely. For me, Jesus prayed because he **wanted to** – because he enjoyed an intimacy with his Father that certainly did not need to be deepened. Remember what John states in his Gospel: Jesus and the Father were one already.

When Luke talks about this night of prayer, he was pointing out that Jesus was far and away more devout than observant Jews who had many set prayers for the morning, afternoon, evening and night.

I suspect that this night of prayer was a silent one – Jesus in the presence of his Father without forming thoughts or words.

God bless you all and a very Merry Christmas to all of you!

God bless you all,

Fr. Naos McCool, C.S.Sp.

UPCOMING EVENTS

State Deputy Testimonial
Gettysburg, PA
March 13, 2010

State Treasurer Testimonial
April 10, 2010

State secretary Testimonial
April 18, 2010

Three River's Mass at the Point
April 18, 2010

Bishop's Project Dinner
April 19, 2010

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...



Brothers;

I hope all of you and your families have a restful and Thanksgiving holiday. It seems like too many times we spend rushing from one place to another without really taking the time and thanking God for the bounty we have right in front of us.

I hope everyone takes a few minutes out of their weekend on December 11, 2009 and attends the Pittsburgh Chapter Memorial Mass and Dinner with our fellow Knights and their ladies. It is still not too late to contact Mark Peduto and make reservations for the dinner. Bellevue Council always does such a wonderful job. We will also conduct a short meeting that night, so it would be beneficial for all councils to be in attendance.

This past week, I spent Saturday morning helping council 3530 distribute coats to the needy children in the area. Although the turn out was not what we anticipated, it did help the families that took advantage of this great program. The Supreme Council

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PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2009
AT BELLEVUE
COUNCIL #1400

**PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETINGS
FIRST TUESDAY OF
EACH MONTH!
7:30 PM**

**DIRECTIONS TO Bellevue Council – 450 Lincoln Avenue, Bellevue, PA:
From North of Pittsburgh via Route 28:**

- ◆ Proceed South on Route 28 toward Pittsburgh
- ◆ Take the **I-279 S/I-579 S/I-376 W/I-376 E** exit onto **I-279 S** toward **I-376 W**
- ◆ Take exit **#7B/OHIO RIVER BLVD** onto **PA-65 N**
- ◆ Continue on **US-19 N**
- ◆ Continue on **PA-65 N**
- ◆ Turn Right on **W RIVERVIEW AVE**
- ◆ Turn Right on **W RIVERVIEW AVE**
- ◆ Turn Left on **SHERIDAN AVE**
- ◆ Turn Right on **LINCOLN AVE**
- ◆ Arrive at **450 LINCOLN AVE, BELLEVUE**, on the Left

From Monroeville area:

- ◆ Take exit **#1A/FORT DUQUESNE BRIDGE/NORTH SHORE** onto **FORT PITT BLVD**
- ◆ Take ramp onto **I-279 N**
- ◆ Take Left exit **#7A 7B/NORTH SHORE/OHIO RIVER BLVD (US-19)** onto **PA-65 N** toward **#7B/OHIO RIVER BLVD (US-19)**
- ◆ Follow directions given above for points north of Pittsburgh.



DECEMBER PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING!
Friday December 11, 2009
Annual Memorial Mass and Dinner
Bellevue Council #1400



Mass 6:30 P.M.
Dinner to follow
Reservations \$12.00

Deadline is December 1, 2009
Mail Reservations to
Mark Peduto, State Advocate
1412 Mount Royal Blvd,
Glenshaw PA 15116

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!



UPCOMING MEETINGS

December 11, 2009
Bellevue Council #1400
Memorial Mass & Meeting

January 5, 2010
St. Joseph's, Verona
Penn-Allegheny Council #4242

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furnished our State Council with 600 children's winter coats. These coats were distributed in the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia areas. State Membership Director, Eric Johnson was the liaison for the Pittsburgh distribution. Council 3530 was in charge of the distribution site and council 4242 was in charge of the transportation. It certainly made me feel good to see the dedication of these Knights and especially the joy on the children's faces when they received their coats.

Please do not forget that all of your Bishop Project Seals must be distributed by this point. It also would be a good idea for all of our councils to remind their members to send in their Member Seals donation. It would also be helpful if all members placed the proper postage on their donation. It would save the project a great deal of money.

Since this is my last column before Christmas, I would like to extend my best wishes to all of my fellow Knights and their families to have a joyous Christmas.

Frank Rozzo
Pittsburgh Chapter President

VATICAN LOOKS AT EXTRATERRESTRIAL LIFE

Four hundred years after it locked up Galileo for challenging the view that the Earth was the center of the universe, the Vatican has called in experts to study the possibility of extraterrestrial alien life and its implication for the Catholic Church. Rev. Jose Gabriel Funes, an astronomer and director of the Vatican Observatory said "Just as there is a multitude of creatures on Earth, there could be other beings, even intelligent ones, created by God. This does not contradict our faith, because we cannot put limits on God's creative freedom."

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