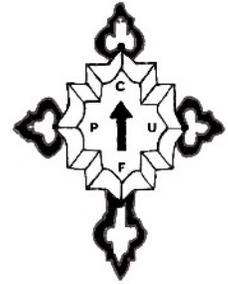




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Car Show

The third annual Council 444 Car Show was held on July 21 at the St. Joseph's School. It was a combined effort of Council 444, the Saturday Nite Cruisers of Orange County, and St. Joseph Church in New Windsor. It was dedicated to the memory of Rev. Robert Hilfiker, the late pastor of St. Joseph Church.



Some of the over 35 cars at the show

Bruce Lubkemon, Greg Raciti, and Rich Ronsini from Council 444 helped to organize the car show and the paperwork of registration of the cars included in the show.

Food for those attending the show was provided by volunteers from St. Joseph Church, including chef Kevin Jones, assisted by Regina Lieby, Kathy Kissel, Pat Hovey, Deacon Tony Ferraiuolo and his wife Shirley.



Chef Kevin Jones and assistant Pat Hovey

Enough cheeseburgers were sold, that an emergency trip to the supermarket was needed to replenish the supply of sliced cheese. Hot dogs and bags of chips were available for those whose hunger brought them into the kitchen.

Outside thirty-seven cars were displayed for car fans, ranging from antique to classic.

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Calendar of Council Events

- 16 Aug: Newburgh Day- Algonquin Park. 12:30 AM to 10:30 PM.
- 24 Aug: Installation of Officers after the 4 PM mass at St. Mary's Church.
- 1 Sept: Founders Day Picnic at Council house. 12 PM- 4 PM.
- 8 Sept: Blue Mass at St. Patrick's Church at 10 AM mass.
- 29 Sept: Altar Server Appreciation Day, St. Francis of Assisi's O'Connor Hall, 2 PM.
- 13 Oct: Columbus Day Ball, Mountainville Manor, 6 PM - 10 PM.
- 27 Oct: Rededication of the Monument to the Unborn at Calvary Cemetery, 3 PM.
- 17 Nov: Memorial Mass for deceased members (time and parish TBA.)
- 3 Dec: Tree lighting and Mass, 7 PM. (No meeting that evening. It is rescheduled for Thursday, 5 Dec at 8 PM.)
- Ongoing: We need help on the 3rd and 4th Thursdays of each month for cleaning St. Patrick's Church (sweeping and mopping.)
- Don't forget our regular meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, and our Social meeting on the third Tuesday of each month. Fourth Degree meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday.

Add these events to your calendar.

and thoughts. Bob and his wife said they always remember the great times they had at the K of C dances.

Fr. John Vondras has retired from St. Francis of Assisi Church. Fr. John is a great friend and has done so much for the parish. He is certainly entrenched in the hearts of everyone and will be missed in the day to day activities of the parish. We wish him every imaginable blessing in his retirement. Fr. Dennis Dinan will be the new administrator and is very loved by the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi. I am looking forward to working with him, Fr. Peter, Deacon Tony, Deacon Joe, and Deacon Len. They have all been a huge help to me and we ask for God's Blessing in whatever His will may be.

Proverbs tells us that as iron sharpens iron so man sharpens his fellow man. That's the idea behind our fraternity. Helping each other remain strong in our faith, making us better husbands, fathers, parishioners, and members of our community. Let us pray that we may always be the men we were created to be. Let us dedicate ourselves to Our Mother Mary. Let us pray the rosary daily. Pray for religious freedom. Pray for those who persecute the church. Pray for those who can not pray for themselves. May God bless all of my brothers and their families.

Vivat Jesus! Richard Irons, GK

My dear brothers,

I am filled with a very warm feeling after attending our third annual Rev. Robert Hilfiker memorial car show. The fraternalism both from my brother knights and with the car club, the Saturday Night Cruisers, was very uplifting. Bruce Lubkemon was very instrumental in getting everything organized. Charlie Smith brought in about a hundred door prizes. Joe Coyle went out the day before the show and brought in three gift certificates alone. Ming was phenomenal as D.J. as usual. Greg Raciti and Rich Ronsini, with their knowledge of cars, were excellent with the paper work and judging the Saturday Night Cruisers' cars. Ray Lopez and Marc Velez did a marvelous job at selling raffle tickets. My thanks to St. Joseph Church, Deacon Tony, Kevin Jones and all the kitchen staff. Kevin Jones not only cooked but donated three baskets of cheer for the raffle. Throughout the entire day there were always at least ten to twelve brother knights in attendance. I am very grateful to all who came out. Even Webb was there after his surgery. He said, he just couldn't miss it. I am very happy to be partnered with the Saturday Night Cruisers this year. They are a very family and community oriented club with the same values that we as knights have.

We have a lot of events coming up and you can check the calendar of events for the details. I want to thank Greg Gaetano for chairing the Blue Mass, Deacon Tony for helping me with the Altar Server Appreciation Day, Andy Civale and Jude Martini for chairing the Columbus Day Ball, and Dan Keenan for the family picnic.

I know that we have a lot of raffles going on, i.e. C&B, car raffle, treasure chest and that we are all getting tired of putting out money. I apologize for that. Unfortunately until we get a fund raising event that actually makes money, this is the only means of supporting our council. With that in mind I ask that you be as supportive and as generous as your means allow when they come in the mail.

This will be the last compass for awhile. Our editor, Deacon Joe, is unable to continue any longer. My sincere thanks for all that he has done and continues to do. If anyone is interested, please call me at 565-5045. Deacon Joe has said he would put everything into Word format to make it easier for someone to take over.

As many of you already know, Mark Rosoloski is getting married Aug. 10 to a wonderful lady. I would like to extend all of our blessings to Mark and Jeannette in all that they may undertake in the future. We are all very happy for Mark.

Bob Monnell has moved to Florida after recovering from a stroke. He asks that we keep him and his wife in our prayers

Liturgical Calendar

August

- 1 Thu: Saint Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor of the Church, (Mem.)
2 Fri: Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop;
Saint Peter Julian Eymard, priest, (Opt. Mem.)
4 Sun: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5 Mon: The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, (Opt. Mem.)
6 Tue: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD, (F)
7 Wed: Saint Sixtus II, pope and companions, martyrs; Saint Cajetan, priest,
(Opt. Mem.)
8 Thu: Saint Dominic, priest, (Mem.)
9 Fri: Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin, martyr, (Opt. Mem.)
10 Sat: Saint Lawrence, deacon, martyr, (F)
11 Sun: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
12 Mon: Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, religious, (Opt. Mem.)
13 Tue: Saints Pontian, pope and Hippolytus, priest, martyrs, (Opt. Mem.)
14 Wed: Saint Maximilian Kolbe, priest, martyr, (Mem.)
15 Thu: ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (holy day of obligation
in the USA)
16 Fri: Saint Stephen of Hungary, holy man, (Opt. Mem.)
18 Sun: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
19 Mon: Saint John Eudes, priest, (Opt. Mem.)
20 Tue: Saint Bernard, abbot, doctor of the Church, (Mem.)
21 Wed: Saint Pius X, pope, (Mem.)
22 Thu: Queenship of Mary, (Mem.)
23 Fri: Saint Rose of Lima, virgin, (Opt. Mem.)
24 Sat: SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, apostle, (F)
25 Sun: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
27 Tue: Saint Monica, (Mem.)
28 Wed: Saint Augustine, bishop, doctor of the Church, (Mem.)
29 Thu: Passion of Saint John the Baptist, (Mem.)

September

- 1 Sun: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
3 Tue: Saint Gregory the Great, pope, doctor of the Church, (Mem.)
8 Sun: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9 Mon: Saint Peter Claver, priest, (Mem.)
12 Thu: Most Holy Name of Mary, (Opt. Mem.)
13 Fri: Saint John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor of the Church, (Mem.)
14 Sat: EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, (F)
15 Sun: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
16 Mon: Saints Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian, bishop, martyrs, (Mem.)
17 Tue: Saint Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor of the Church, (Opt. Mem.)
19 Thu: Saint Januarius, bishop, martyr, (Opt. Mem.)
20 Fri: Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and
companions, martyrs, (Mem.)
21 Sat: SAINT MATTHEW, apostle, evangelist, (F)
22 Sun: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
23 Mon: Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, priest, (Mem.)
26 Thu: Saints Cosmas and Damian, martyrs, (Opt. Mem.)
27 Fri: Saint Vincent de Paul, priest, (Mem.)
28 Sat: Saint Wenceslaus, martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and companions,
martyrs, (Opt. Mem.)
29 Sun: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
30 Mon: Saint Jerome, priest, doctor of the Church, (Mem.)



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At some point you may have had all of these needs on your mind. Over time, these thoughts make way for others as your needs evolve, your finances change and you get older. What is important to you at age 20 or 30, may not be the same at 45 or 65. What is the best way to be prepared for these changes before they happen?

One of the easiest ways to be financially ready for changes that come with different life stages is to meet annually with your professional Knights of Columbus agent, and address the needs that his analysis uncovers. This can help you be ready to face the financial challenges and issues on the road ahead.

During that annual visit, I'll take the time to review your needs, goals and budget. I'll update all beneficiaries on your policies and be sure your coverage meets your needs. I'll recommend a program of life insurance, long-term care insurance and guaranteed income annuities that will help you rest easy at night.

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God Bless,

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October

- 1 Tue: Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor, (Mem.)
2 Wed: Holy Guardian Angels, (Mem.)
4 Fri: Saint Francis of Assisi, religious, (Mem.)
6 Sun: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7 Mon: Our Lady of the Rosary, (Mem.)
9 Wed: Saints Denis, bishop and companions, martyrs; Saint John Leonardi,
priest, (Opt. Mem.)
13 Sun: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
14 Mon: Saint Callistus I, pope, martyr, (Opt. Mem.)
15 Tue: Saint Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor of the Church, (Mem.)
16 Wed: Saint Hedwig, religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin,
(Opt. Mem.)
17 Thu: Saint Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr, (Mem.)
18 Fri: SAINT LUKE, evangelist, (F)
19 Sat: Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, priests, and companions,
martyrs, (Mem.)
20 Sun: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
23 Wed: Saint John of Capistrano, priest, (Opt. Mem.)
24 Thu: Saint Anthony Mary Claret, bishop, (Opt. Mem.)
27 Sun: THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
28 Mon: SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, apostles, (F)

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Our own Domingo Ampil was working as DJ, announcing door prize winners, making announcements and playing music.



Our own Ming at work behind the microphone

Ming was working hard to give away all the door prizes. Charlie Smith brought in more than a hundred, and Joe Coyle added more. The table of trophies added to the excitement of the day.

There were a good representation of the brothers of Council 444 present during the car show, including Webb who although still recovering from surgery, decided that he couldn't miss the Council 444 Car Show.

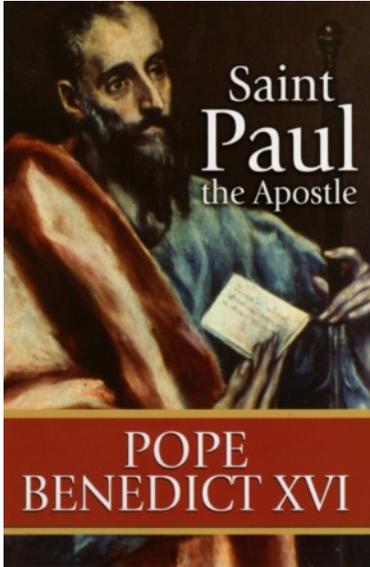
Of course, the cars were the stars of the show. The owners sat off in the shade of umbrellas or trees, ready to answer questions about their cars.



Trophies, with Charlie Smith in front and Joe Candella in the background.

Book of the Month

This issue, the heading for this column should be changed to “Books of the Month”, since there are two books that should be noted. Both were released during the Year of St. Paul, which began in June 2008 and ended in June 2009.



The first book is entitled *Saint Paul the Apostle*, and is taken from the weekly audiences given by Pope Benedict XVI from 2 July, 2008 through 4 February 2009, (Our Sunday Visitor Inc.)

Each of the twenty chapters of the book helps to give us a better understanding of the great Apostle Paul. Pope Benedict begins with a discussion of the religious and cultural

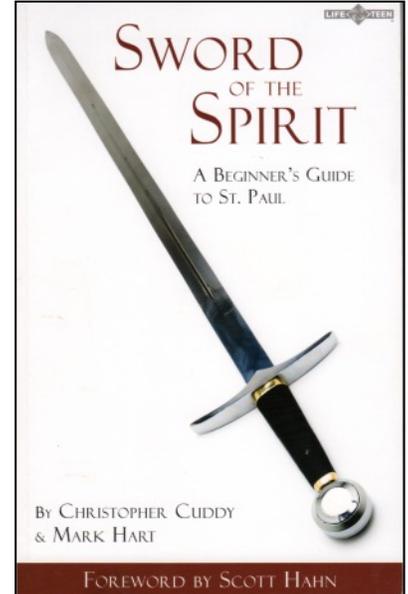
environment in Paul’s days and discusses each of the major topics of Paul’s theology, including his theology of the cross, his doctrine of justification, his teaching on the second coming and his theology of the sacraments.

This book is not the lightest of reading, but it is not for theologians only. Remember that each address was given before an assembled audience in St. Peter’s Square. Pick up a copy and read. You will gain a fuller understanding of the Saint Paul whose writings have such a prominent place in our Sunday readings.

The second book is entitled, *Sword of the Spirit: A Beginner’s Guide to*

St. Paul. It was written by Christopher Cuddy and Mark Hart, with a forward by Scott Hahn. (Mesa, AZ: Life Teen, 2008.)

This is a much easier book to read. As Scott Hahn says in the Forward, “When you read St. Paul, it can be daunting, and for that reason, we can be thankful for books like this one, and guides like its authors.”



Both authors have experience writing for a teen and college audience. Don’t let that turn you away from this book. It not only provides the reader with an understanding of Paul’s writings, but also help to apply what Paul writes to the reader’s spiritual life.

The book focuses particularly on The Letter of Paul to the Romans, but brings into consideration others writings of Paul. It makes reference to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* as it explores Paul’s writings.

There are no lengthy discussions of the Greek text or obscure references to the works of Biblical scholars. Throughout, there are clear explanations of what Paul is saying. For example when commenting on Romans 1:20 where Paul says:

“Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made”

The authors comment that “the only way for you not to recognize God’s existence is if you don’t want to recognize his existence...If someone denies the existence of God, the problem is found in the person, not in God.”

This is easy reading and well worth the effort.

We Need Your Support

Don’t forget, when our Council has a garage sale, three things are needed for its success: items donated to be sold, people to come and buy what we have and workers.

If you have saleable items that could be donated for the garage sale on 4 July, please bring them ahead of time so they can be prepared for the arrival of buyers.

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A Pastor's Corner

Father Dennis M. Dinan

Recently, I was hit with a quote from Thomas Merton. It came from a book of his I read, and read, and read, and reflected on, and reflected on back in the 70's. The experience of reading *No Man Is an Island*, has never left me, but some of the specifics have. Much of this came back to me after coming across this quote in Chapter 7, "Being and Doing." After reading the following, I think you will understand why. This is something that pertains to all of us:

Why do we have to spend our lives striving to be something we would never want to be, if we only knew what we wanted? Why do we waste our time doing things which, if we only stopped to think about them, are just the opposite of what we were made for?

The Authentic Life

This was quoted by Father James Martin, SJ in a book I am currently reading, called *Becoming Who You Are*. He writes about living an authentic life by getting to know your true self vs. your false self. This takes time, I know, I will be 65 in September and still working at it. There's a lot of water under that bridge. But, the truth is that we will never be completely authentic until we either become a living saint in this world or stand before God and see ourselves as he sees us. Still, this is part of our journey. I remember several years ago being drawn to Father Thomas Dubay's *Authenticity: A Biblical Theology of Discernment*, a real challenge, but something he wrote to help us discern, or have the capacity to determine, whether we are being led by the Holy Spirit or by our own unredeemed inclinations and desires – sort of like what Merton said.

I do not know about you, but I try to be real. I want people to know me –the"me" that I know– and for sure, not completely. In fact, sometimes I learn that people know something about me that I do not know. And, that's good! It's all part of the process. I know that there is no sense in trying to be someone else, or put on a façade or a false front. Things, however, get in the way, or creep in; and we do not even know how.

On Retreat

When I was on retreat a month ago, I listened to a talk by Peter Kreeft on the *Good, True and Beautiful*. He quoted from the great mind of C. S. Lewis from his book, *The Problem of Pain*, again something I read

years ago, but never was gripped by the words as I was when I heard them spoken to me:

The proper good of a creature is to surrender itself to its Creator – to enact intellectually, volitionally, and emotionally that relationship which is given in the mere fact of its being a creature. When it does so, it is good and happy. Lest we should think this a hardship, this kind of good begins on a level far above the creatures, for God Himself, as Son, from all eternity renders back to God as Father by filial obedience the being which the Father by paternal love eternally generates in the Son.

Were not this enough, Kreeft coupled this with a contrasting idea of the above.

I think it was truly said "God loveth not himself as himself but as Goodness; and if there were aught better than God, he would love that and not himself." From the highest to the lowest, self exists to be abdicated and, by that abdication, becomes the more truly self, to be thereupon yet the more abdicated, and so forever. This is not a heavenly law which we can escape by remaining earthly, nor an earthly law which we can escape by being saved. What is outside the system of self-giving is not earth, nor nature, nor "ordinary life", but simply and solely Hell.

What to do? Unless we do that, there's no hope of changing. Acceptance is a springboard from which we can learn to take the plunge that we all have to take. In the same talk, Peter Kreeft again quoted C. S. Lewis, this time from his book, *Mere Christianity*, where Lewis says the New Testament:

... is always talking about putting on Christ, about Christ being formed in us, about our coming to have the mind of Christ. Please put out of your mind the idea that these are only fancy ways of saying the Christians are to read what Christ said and try to carry it out... They mean something much more than that. They mean that a real person, Christ, here and now, in that very room where you are saying your prayers, is doing things to you.... He is really coming and interfering with your very self; killing the old self in you, and replacing it with the kind of self he has.

You might agree with Peter Kreeft here. He says, "Lewis is wonderfully scary!" I don't know about you, but I think this is also very comforting. It means that we do not have to do all of this. But, we do have to let

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Jesus Christ do it! We have to allow Christ to work in our lives. C. S. Lewis says that we must be in search of Truth, not simply what pleases us.

So, doesn't Thomas Merton make a lot of sense? Don't we need to answer these questions, "Why do we have to spend our lives striving to be something we would never want to be, if we only knew what we wanted? Why do we waste our time doing things which, if we only stopped to think about them, are just the opposite of what we were made for?"

But how to begin? It begins in prayer. Real prayer! We can talk all day about this to others, but God, who is always present keeps whispering, "I'm right here. Speak to me!" Jesus tells us in the gospel, "Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find." He is saying, "Prayer works." The proof he offers is that if we know how to give good things to our own children, how much more can the Father give, especially since he can give us his Holy Spirit, the source of all that gets changed for the good and is transformed.

God created us. He truly knows who we are. He knows who and what he created us to be! We have been told by Saint Paul, "At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face." There will be a difference about us far beyond the current scope that our imagination could conjure up right now. The Abbot Vonier says that this will be more than just the make-up of our resurrected bodies with our souls although we will be "a race of distinct human personalities ... as here on Earth," Nonetheless, "the difference will be in our qualifications: body and soul will possess qualities almost infinitely more perfect than are the charms and attractions of the best endowed and highest born."

My interpretation of this is that we will gaze on those we have known, almost in unbelief, as if they were now the most noble of persons that could exist. And, what we will see in others is what we will also somehow experience ourselves, while never surrendering our own distinctness. Until that time, to be "real" is to live an authentic life, is to strive to live to the ideal God has for us, to respond to his call to give ourselves to him in love and to our brothers and sisters as if they were him.

The bottom line is that we can really find our true "selves". But it means that first, we must abandon the selves that we are hanging onto – losing our false selves. In giving themselves completely to God, saints hang on to nothing. God then gives them a life and a unique personality that they could never have found by themselves.

Officers for Columbian Year 2013-14

At the June meeting, the Nominating Committee, consisting of Darren Gamma, PGK and chairman, Daniel Keenan, PGK, Anthony Cracolici, PGK, John Delessio, PGK, Andy Civale, PGK, Mark Rosolowski, PGK and Bruce Lubkemon proposed a slate of officers which was unanimously elected by those present. The officers for 2013-14 are as follows.

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