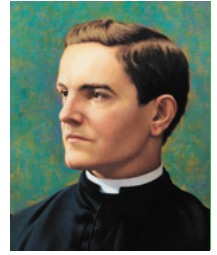




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Fr. McGivney

## California Bill Would Allow Priests to Reveal Abuse Confessions



A state senator in California introduced a bill Wednesday which would seek to force priests to violate the sacramental seal of confession in suspected cases of child abuse or neglect. Clergy are already mandatory reporters in the state of California, but there is a legal exemption for material disclosed in the confessional.

Senator Jerry Hill announced Bill 360 in the California senate on Feb. 20. "Individuals who harm children or are suspected of harming children must be reported so a timely investigation by law enforcement can occur," Hill said in a statement announcing the bill. The Code of Canon Law states that "The sacramental seal is inviolable; therefore it is absolutely forbidden for a

that his penitents have confessed to him," due to the "delicacy and greatness of this ministry and the respect due to persons."

"Getting the government in the confessional has nothing to do with protecting children and has everything to do with eroding the basic rights and liberties we have as Americans," said Steve Pehanich in a statement for the conference reported by local news outlets.

The California bill is not the first attempt to compel priests to violate the sacramental seal. A Royal Commission investigation into child sexual abuse in Australia last year recommended that legal exemptions be removed for clergy who learned about abuse in the confessional.

confessor to betray in any way a penitent in words or in any manner and for any reason." A priest who intentionally violates the seal incurs an automatic excommunication.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that "every priest who hears confessions is bound under severe penalties to keep absolute secrecy regarding the sins



### FROM AROUND THE WORLD

New Film to Explore the Life and Doubt of Mother Teresa

Pope Francis warns against gossip, forgetting one's own sinfulness

Pope Francis to Become First Pope to Address Congress

Pope Francis Says Church Must Welcome Divorced, Remarried Catholics

Ireland's Gay Marriage Referendum a Sign of Roman Catholic Decline

Pope Francis Performs 'Miracle' In Naples; Turns Dry Blood to Liquid

Catholic Church Excommunicates Woman Who Tried to Become a Priest

Pope Francis: 'Evolution...Is Not Inconsistent with the Notion of Creation'

Trump joins pro-life activists to address CPAC



**Sock Hop Saturday, April 13**  
**Spaghetti Dinner the 2nd and 4th Fridays during Lent**  
**Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Easter Sunday**



## FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT



Pete Grasso DGK

Lent is a very busy time of the year in our church. The season of Easter gives us all a time to reflect on what God wants us to do for Him and why Jesus came to earth. It is a great time to focus on what is important in our lives as we turn to God and reflect on the Passion of Jesus. I am happy to report that what I "gave up for Lent" is going along very well. I hope everyone else is enjoying

the same success.

We must keep praying for God's intercession and influence on our state legislators. It is exciting to see how many state governors and legislators are voting for the control of abortions in their respective states. It truly continues to amaze me how some people in this country take a nonsensical approach to life. I think the most heart wrenching legislation

is in New York where they are allowing late-term abortions and then to literally murder the child if the child survives the abortion. I watched a news report about a group of people who actually survived the botched attempt at abortion and formed a network called theabortion survivors.com. A very impressive read. I am surprised by the number of abortions each year: 1.2 million each year in the United States and approximately 42 million world-wide. God will not bless a nation who supports fetal murder.

Lots of good things are happening around the churches and diocese in the next few weeks: fish fries, meatless spaghetti dinner, Easter egg hunt, Stations of the Cross, Penance Services, Eucharistic Exposition, Sock Hop, and much more. Check with your bulletin at church for times and events. Be sure and get to confession!!

Have a wonderful and safe Easter. God bless everyone and your families.

## WORDS *OF* WISDOM

The best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

## BOOSTERS

If you would like to be a part of our Booster club, your first donation (you, for example) would be \$5.00; each additional name (your wife, for example) would cost \$3.00. Also, this would be a wonderful way to remember loved ones by posting their names for all to see. Please fill out the form below to submit names.

Here are our names for the Booster list:

Bob Anderson, Vice Supreme Master PSD

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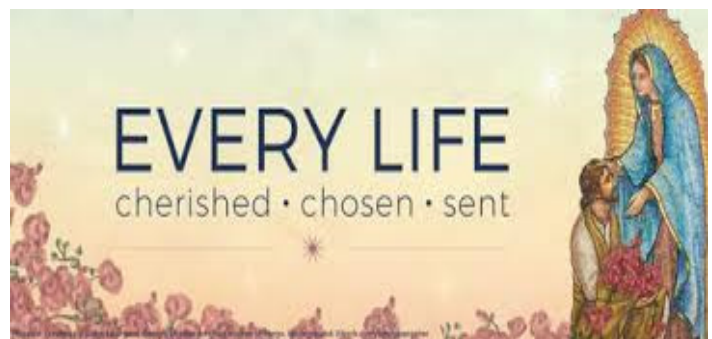
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# UPCOMING EVENTS



This year's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on St. Patrick's church grounds Easter Sunday. The hunt includes children up to 12 years of age.



PGK Henri Bellavance announced that there will be a sock hop Saturday, April 13. The parish hall has been reserved and he hopes to find a band. Tickets are available at \$10.00 each.

**PRIESTS, BROTHERS, NUNS.  
THEY NEED US.  
WE NEED THEM.**

*Vocations Are Everybody's Business*

Pancake  
Breakfast



Dick McCarthy PGK announced that our annual pancake breakfast is up and running. Naturally he needs volunteers to help prepare the pancakes and then to help clean up when the breakfast is over.

If you you able to help, please contact Dick at 644-3638.



Time has arrived to unite in another Tootsie Roll drive. It's always a well-received endeavor by Publix customers. We have completed a couple of days in March; now we need to concentrate on April. To help out, call Dick McCarthy at 727- 644- 3638.



Henry Cajiao, Fred Meyers, and Fred's grandson Evan stand in front of the Publix store on Walsingham Sunday, March 24, as they help collect money for the intellectually disabled. One of the schools our council has helped in the past was Morning Star located in Pinellas Park. It is a K through 12th grade school dealing only with disadvantaged students.



# MEETING MINUTES

From the council meeting of March 14, 2019



Faithful Navigator Henry Cajiao announced that there will be a meatless spaghetti dinner Friday, March 29, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Tickets are \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Tickets will be sold after Masses and at the parish office.



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Three-year trustee Dave Ruppel stated that the audit went well. He also thanked everyone for the help that was given on the recent Valentine's Day dinner. He said the profit was \$1997.00. One hundred sixty-five people attended. Dave stated that the proceeds will go to Council.



The DD stressed that candidates should be made aware of the proper dress when they are being inducted. Short, sandals, etc. are not approved. Nice shoes, dress pants and shirt are in order.



GK Danny McConnell announced that it will be soon be time to nominate officers for the new fiscal year.

Financial Secretary Jim Blackwell said he has *Faith in Actions* booklets that he will pass out to members. He and DD Jose Carrera stated that each member should read it carefully to understand the future goals of the Knights.



FAITH



COMMUNITY



FAMILY



LIFE



FN Henry Cajiao said the profit from the Christmas dinner/dance was \$1,400. Two hundred and fifty dollars was given to Henry Bellavance for him to buy new regalia and thus remain in his present post as captain of the 4th Degree team. The bulk of the proceeds went to St. Pat's church. He then stated that there will be meatless spaghetti dinner Friday, March 29, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Tickets are \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Tickets will be sold after Masses and at the parish office.



Grand Knight Danny McConnell stated that the Tootsie Roll Drive will begin March 23 and 24 at select Publix stores. He then passed a sign up sheet around for members to volunteer to pass out Tootsie Rolls for a two-hour time span.

St. Jerome's parish is having an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 3 days and is asking our Knights to be there as a group April 2 from 6 to 7 p.m.



## NEW COUNCIL

Grand Knight Danny McConnell mentioned that St. Jerome's parish has begun the process of establishing its own council. It will take a few months, he said.





## SPOTLIGHT on Jesus the Christ

Jesus was born circa 6 B.C. in Bethlehem. His mother, Mary, was a virgin who was betrothed to Joseph, a carpenter. Christians believe Jesus was born through Immaculate Conception. According to the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus was born during the reign of Herod the Great, who, upon hearing of his birth, felt threatened and tried to kill Jesus by ordering all of Bethlehem's male children under the age two to be killed. But Joseph was warned by an angel and took Mary and the child to Egypt until Herod's death, where upon he brought the family back and settled in the town of Nazareth, in Galilee.

There is very little written about Jesus's early life. A 12-year-old Jesus had accompanied his parents on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and became separated. He was found several days later in a temple, discussing affairs with some of Jerusalem's elders. Throughout the New Testament, there are trace references of Jesus working as a carpenter while a young adult. It is believed that he began his ministry at age 30 when he was baptized by John the Baptist who declared him the Son of God.

After baptism, Jesus went into the Judean desert to fast and meditate for 40 days and nights. The Devil appeared and tempted Jesus three times, once to turn stone to bread, once to cast himself off a mountain where angels would save him, and once to offer him all the kingdoms of the world. All three times, Jesus rejected the Devil's temptation and sent him off.

As Jesus was beginning his ministry, he and his disciples traveled with his mother, Mary, to a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The wedding host had run out of wine and Jesus's mother came to him for help. At first, Jesus asked a servant to bring him large jars filled with water. He turned the water into a wine of higher quality than any served during the wedding. The event was the first sign of Jesus's glory and his disciples' belief in him.

Jesus traveled through Judea and Galilee, using parables and miracles to explain how the prophecies were being fulfilled and that the kingdom of God was near. As word spread of Jesus's teaching and healing the sick and diseased, more people began to follow him. At one point, Jesus was joined by a great number of people. There, at the Sermon on the Mount, he presented several discourses, known as the Be-

attitudes, which encapsulate many of the spiritual teachings of love, humility and compassion.

Near the city of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus talked with his disciples, asking, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter responded, saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus blessed Peter, accepting the titles of "Christ" and the "Son of God," and declared the proclamation was a divine revelation from God.

Jesus later went to Jerusalem, the week before Passover, riding on a donkey. Great numbers of people took palm branches and greeted him at the city's entry.



They praised him as the Son of David and as the Son of God. The priests and Pharisees, fearful of the growing public adulation, felt he must be stopped. During Jesus' final week in Jerusalem, he raised Lazarus from the dead, confronted moneychangers and merchants in the temple, and debated with the high priests who questioned Jesus's authority. He told his disciples about the coming days and that Jerusalem's temple would be destroyed. Meanwhile, the chief priests and elders met with high priest Caiaphas and set plans in motion to arrest Jesus. One of the disciples, Judas, met with the chief priests and told them how he would deliver Jesus to them. They agreed to pay him 30 pieces of silver.

Jesus and his 12 disciples met for the Passover meal, and he gave them his final words of faith. At the end of the meal, Jesus instituted the Eucharist, which signifies the covenant between God and humans.

After the Last Supper, Jesus and his disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. The time had come. Soldiers and officials appeared, and Judas was with them. He gave Jesus a kiss on the cheek to identify him and the soldiers arrested Jesus.

The next day, Jesus was taken to the high court where he was mocked, beaten and condemned for claiming to be the Son of God. He was brought before Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea. The priests accused Jesus of claiming to be the king of the Jews and asked that he be condemned to death.

Pilate publicly washed his hands of responsibility yet ordered the crucifixion in response to the demands of the crowd. Jesus was crucified with two thieves, one at his left and the other at his right. While Jesus was on the cross, the sky darkened, and immediately upon his death, an earthquake erupted, tearing the temple's curtain.

Three days after his death, Jesus's tomb was found empty. He had risen from the dead. After 40 days, Jesus led his disciples to Mount Olivet, east of Jerusalem. Jesus spoke his final words to them, saying that they would receive the power of the Holy Spirit, before he was taken upward on a cloud and ascended into heaven.





# Parishioners and Friends Enjoy St. Patrick's Day Dinner

On March 16th the Knights of Columbus Largo Council held its annual St. Patrick's Dinner. The event was held at the Parish Hall at St. Patrick's Church.

The dinner was attended by over one-hundred Irish and would-be Irish revelers. The doors opened at 6:00 pm and dinner was served at 6:30pm. Needless to say, the dinner consisted of corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and your choice of rye or Irish Soda bread. There was a cash bar for those who really wanted to get into the spirit of the holiday. Irish music was played thorough out the evening.

We also had a surprise guest singer: our council

troubadour, Bob Anderson. Bob, who will usually sing at the drop of the hat and usually brings his own hat, graced us with a medley of songs from the "old country." Bob sang all the Irish favorites, from "Danny Boy" to "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" and everything in between. His efforts were well received. Bob was also the winner of the 50/50 drawing, which in his benevolence he donated right back to the Knights.

A special note of thanks needs to go to Henri Bellavance and John Scozzafava and all the Knights and their families who donated their time and efforts to make this a successful evening. The event was truly the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.





# Spiritual Renewal

A retreat was held for men at the Cenacle of Our Lady of Divine Providence in Clearwater March 1 - 3. It was led by Retreat Master Fr. Omar Huesca and helped by Fr. Cadrecha. Father Huesca is a priest of the Archdiocese of Miami, who was ordained on May 16, 1981. He concluded his studies in psychology at the University of Miami in 1976 and his biblical, theological and pastoral studies at the St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Florida.

Fourteen men from various parishes gathered to learn about a Journey in Manhood. The retreat began Friday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. and lasted until Sunday, March 3, 1:30 p.m.

The lessons were given in blocks of about an hour with plenty of discussion between presentations. Participants were encouraged to speak openly as they learned how to become a band of brothers. Sharing intimate thoughts, especially involving weaknesses, doesn't come easy, but one could tell that each time it was done, someone benefitted from hearing the various stories.

There were two Masses said in the beautiful chapel, as well as an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. and an opportunity for whoever wanted to sit

in a prayer chair and ask for blessings. This time was especially touching and emotional but greatly helpful, drawing the men even closer. Tears were shed and hugs abounded as the band of brothers continued to form.

Some of the thoughts shared over the weekend were the following:

- There's nothing we can do to stop God from loving us.
- A father is the source of identity and mission.
- From identity flows a mission.
- A son desires to be taught, trained, challenged, and encouraged.
- We need to stop worrying about offending someone when we are doing what we are supposed to be doing.
- Why do I look for joy in things that cannot give me joy?
- To communicate effectively with someone, we must get on his or her level.
- The best thing we can do for our children is love our wives.
- Just like iron sharpens iron, a friend sharpens a friend.
- We are not lone wolves. A lone wolf cannot survive on his own.
- What are you willing to live for, not die for?
- We must come to know the source of what drives our lives.
- The cross is a marriage between eternity and humanity.
- We cling to defensiveness and lack of trust from being hurt.
- Love hurts because you are dying to yourself.
- Love is when you give yourself away; lust is when you try to get what you want.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to yourself the state of your soul.
- All we do in life should be for God's greater glory.

•Eventually we all arrive at a point where we realize we are not God and that we need a band of brothers.

•Men are good at rescuing someone but not at saying, "I'm drowning."



This stained glass is entitled *The City of God*. It is in the chapel where we held Mass and prayed before the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.



Fr. Omar sits before a few of the participants as he discusses Journey into Manhood.

# SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019



## HE IS RISEN

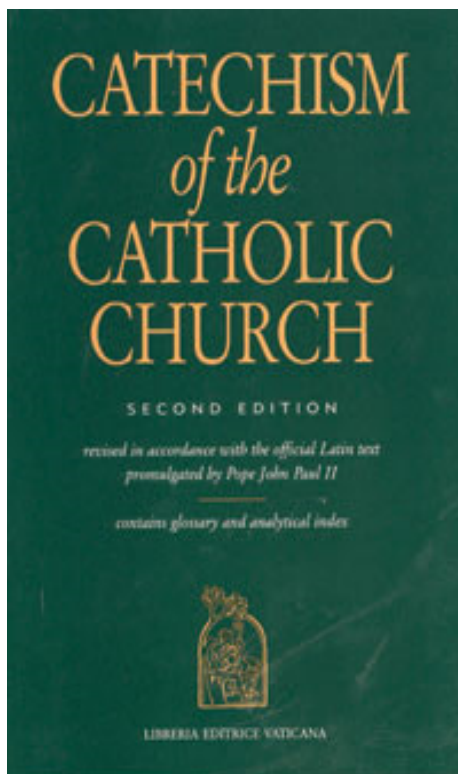
### An Easter Prayer

Good and gracious God,  
Our most glorious Creator,  
As we greet the signs in nature around us:  
Of Spring once again regaling us in bloom,  
In the songs of returning birds and fields soon to be planted,  
We give you praise for an even greater sign of new life: the resurrection of your Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, that we especially celebrate at this time.  
The sadness and despair of his death has given way to the bright promise of immortality.  
For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over treason, Light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death.  
As we celebrate, we also dare to ask for your grace that we may live the promise given to us,  
By imitating the life of Jesus in reaching out to the poor, the marginalized, the least among us,  
As we strive to be neighbor to all those we meet,  
We ask your special blessings each and every day on our President.  
Working with him may we strive to make this great country of ours a beacon of hope and justice in a world hungry for peace and so in need of your love.  
We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.



- Fr. Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA, offered at the fourth annual White House Easter Prayer Breakfast on April 8, 2013





## What does the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* say about respect for the dead?

2299 The dying should be given attention and care to help them live their last moments in dignity and peace. They will be helped by the prayer of their relatives, who must see to it that the sick receive at the proper time the sacraments that prepare them to meet the living God.

2300 The bodies of the dead must be treated with respect and charity, in faith and hope of the Resurrection. The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy; it honors the children of God, who are temples of the Holy Spirit.

2301 Autopsies can be morally permitted for legal inquests or scientific research. The free gift of organs after death is legitimate and can be meritorious. The Church permits cremation, provided that it does not demonstrate a denial of faith in the resurrection of the body.

*A CELEBRATION OF A BLESSED LIFE*



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