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Dedicated To The Immaculate Conception



Worthy Brothers All,

On December 6th, we celebrate the feast day of St. Nicholas.

St. Nicholas, one of Christianity's most beloved and widely venerated saints, has inspired countless legends, traditions, and charitable acts throughout the centuries. Known as the patron saint of children, sailors, merchants, and even bankers, his legacy has been cemented in cultures worldwide, particularly in the figure of Santa Claus. But the real St. Nicholas was a man of deep faith, kindness, and generosity, whose life continues to be an inspiration to millions.

St. Nicholas was born in the 3rd century, around 270 AD, in the town of Patara, located in modern-day Turkey. He was born to wealthy and devout Christian parents, who died when he was still young. Orphaned early, Nicholas inherited a substantial fortune, but rather than keeping it for himself, he chose to live a life of piety and generosity. According to tradition, he used his wealth to help those in need, particularly the poor, children, and the sick. Nicholas later became the bishop of Myra, a city in the Lycian region of ancient Greece (now part of Turkey). His leadership in the church was marked by his deep commitment to the Christian faith, but also by his humility and care for the less fortunate.

While the historical facts of St. Nicholas's life are sparse, many legends have arisen over the centuries that depict his charitable acts. One of the most famous stories is of his secret gift-giving to a poor family with three daughters. The family was so poor that the daughters could not afford dowries and were at risk of being sold into slavery. Moved by their plight, Nicholas secretly tossed bags of gold coins through their window, ensuring that each daughter could marry with dignity. This act of kindness is often cited as the origin of the tradition of gift-giving during Christmas. St. Nicholas's actions were always aimed at upholding the love and truth of Christianity. His commitment to helping the poor and those in need became a central part of his Christian message, and he is still celebrated as a symbol of charity and kindness.

St. Nicholas's feast day is celebrated on December 6th, which marks the anniversary of his death in the year 343 AD. On this day, many Christian communities honor his memory with church services, charitable acts, and the giving of gifts. In some parts of the world, especially in Europe, children place

their shoes or stockings out on the night of December 5th to receive small gifts or treats, a tradition that is directly tied to St. Nicholas's reputation as a giver of gifts.

Today, St. Nicholas is revered by Christians around the world, especially in the Eastern Orthodox Church, where he is considered one of the greatest saints. His example of generosity, compassion, and faith continues to inspire acts of charity and kindness.

May we imitate his spirit of generosity and compassion that transcends time and continues to inspire acts of kindness today.

Merry Christmas to you and your families!

VIVAT JESUS! Ed Udell, Grand Knight

Council Christmas Party

- 🔔 All Knights and their family members are invited to celebrate the Christmas season at the **Annual Christmas Party** on Saturday, December 14th at 6:00pm in the Parish Center.
- 🔔 Council 9792 will provide the main course with officers providing appetizers and all brother Knights bringing delicious sides and deserts.
- 🔔 Attendees should bring a wrapped unisex gift (up to a \$20 value) for our white elephant Christmas game.
- 🔔 Knights will be needed to setup 25 tables with chairs on Friday December 13th for the SVdP Christmas party for our Neighbors in Need on Saturday, December 14th @ 12:00 noon.

Breakfast with Santa

- 🔔 Council 9792 will host our annual **Breakfast with Santa** on Sunday, December 15th from 9:00am until 12:00 noon in the Parish Center.
- 🔔 Knights will be needed to set-up, cook, serve, work the picture station, and clean-up.

VIVAT JESUS! Joseph Farrell, Deputy Grand Knight

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

- 🔴 **Dec 2nd MONDAY • Rosary @ 7:10pm, & Council Meeting @ 7:30pm in Columbus Hall.**

- 🔴 **Dec 10th TUESDAY • Knights needed to Remove the Cross** in front of the church for repairs.
- 🔴 **Dec 11th WEDNESDAY • 4th Degree** (Assembly 2161) at St. Thomas the Apostle. Meal @ 7 pm followed by meeting
- 🔴 **Dec 14th SATURAY • Council 9792 Christmas Party @ 6:00pm** in Parish Center.
- 🔴 **Dec 15th SUNDAY • Breakfast with Santa @ 9:00am to noon** in Parish Center
- 🔴 **Dec 15th MONDAY • Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest • entries due in box in Hospitality/Cry Room.**

VIVAT JESUS! Joseph Farrell, Deputy Grand Knight



Brother Knights, Relatives, & Friends



- ❖ Brother Moises Zuniga
- ❖ Brother Peter Badolato's son, David Badolato
- ❖ Brother Rick Cavallo's wife, Jackie Cavallo
- ❖ Brother Rick Cavallo's brother-in-law, Clay McCommon
- ❖ Brother David Bartnicki's neighbor, Lisa Kaht
- ❖ Brother Carl Swanson's wife, Joy
- ❖ Repose of the soul of David Whitton
- ❖ Repose of the soul of Deacon Fred Jones
- ❖ Repose of the soul of Margaret Skinner, mother of Brother David Bartnicki's neighbor
- ❖ Repose of the soul of Brother Tony Guy
- ❖ Brother Keith Gaupp
- ❖ Brother Bruce Roeder's aunt. Martha Ackerman
- ❖ Jack Gero
- ❖ Joan Kennel
- ❖ Ken Holcombe
- ❖ Brother John Heeran
- ❖ Brother Mike Rapp's eldest son, Brian.
- ❖ Everyone suffering from the hurricanes Helene and Milton.
- ❖ All the victims of the Israel / Middle East conflict
- ❖ Brother Rod Moore
- ❖ For peace and the people in Middle East & Ukraine.
- ❖ For the victims of ALL natural disasters.
- ❖ For our country, that we may return to civil discourse and unite to support our democracy.
- ❖ For our leaders and politicians that they

responsibly govern with wisdom, integrity, decency, respect, and compassion.

- ❖ For vocations and the clergy, religious, and laypersons serving the Church.
- ❖ For Law enforcement • Cobb Precinct #4
- ❖ For the safe return of service personnel deployed throughout the world.

VIVAT JESUS! *George Thomas, Recorder*

PRAYER REQUEST will be listed for three (3) months unless extended or removed by request.



They're coming for you next

Everyone has a right to die the way they want. Is this true? There are several states that have already enshrined that idea in their constitutions. They call it by various names: "Right to die" or "assisted suicide" or "Physician-assisted suicide" or "aid in dying." Whatever they call it, it comes down to the same idea that has inspired abortion, mercy killing, and disrespect for life. The devil loves it and is laughing at us!

We have spent millions of dollars over the years on "suicide hot-lines" and mental health regimens and now seem to want to make it just another "choice" that some of us must have available to be really free.

The 20th century of recent memory has witnessed to the result of such disrespect for human life in wars, extermination camps, abortion and rampant murders for the sake of greed, power and pure madness.

We are called to affirm the dignity of human life in all stages and circumstances. Those who are suffering need to be assured of the goodness and value of their lives and provided with authentic care and support.

Keep praying!

VIVAT JESUS! *Peter Badolato, Pro Life Director*



40 Days for Life Current Statistics:

- ✓ 25,250 Lives saved since 2007
- ✓ 157 Abortion centers closed
- ✓ 266 Abortion workers quit
- ✓ Marietta 40 Days for Life / 365 has 2 lives saved so far this year.

The fall campaign was the most successful campaign since the campaigns started in 2007. There were more than 700 campaigns in over 60 countries. A total of 397 lives saved. These were the ones that we know about. There are others that change their minds and don't follow thru with the abortion that we never hear about. There was one abortion clinic that closed. And, there were three abortion workers that converted to pro-life, and again those are only the ones that we know of that left the abortion industry and now claim to be pro-life. At one of the campaigns there was a grandmother that showed up to thank the prayer warriors for convincing her daughter not to have the abortion, which saved her grandbaby. She was so grateful.

The reason I want to share this short story with you is because it is not an isolated incident. It is more common than not, we hear stories like this all the time. And that is only from the ones that will talk about. There are many, many more that don't ever want to talk about their experience.

A woman shared her abortion pill story to help other women reject the lies about the abortion pill being "safe" and "easy." Her story is gut-wrenching to read, but that's why it's important. A couple of months ago, the Supreme Court failed to protect women and children from the abortion pill in all 50 states.

Sadly, this means even babies in **pro-life states** are still at risk of being killed and **millions** of women continue to experience what she describes here:

"I'd hardly feel a thing, they promised. In fact, I felt blinding pain, bled profusely, and wound up standing over my bathroom toilet, holding the amniotic sack, looking at the fingers and into the eyes of my unborn child. Then I flushed it down the toilet, and an entirely different kind of pain filled my heart—and my memory. The pain and the bleeding continued for more than a month, but no doctor from the clinic ever called to check on me or to arrange for a follow-up visit. **Nor did anyone warn**

me about the lifelong effects of post-traumatic stress disorder.” This woman’s tragic story is becoming more and more common. Women are silently suffering from PTSD (Post-traumatic Stress Disorder), lifelong health issues, and deep abortion regret, among many other issues in the aftermath of the abortion pill.

VIVAT JESUS! Dave Snyder



On September 7th, C4H volunteers began building the 50th house sponsored by the coalition of six parishes. By November 9th, the volunteers had worked for nine weekends and completed the build.



Many of our volunteers return every year to participate in the C4H build. Although we are grateful for these experienced volunteers, we are always looking for new volunteers.

We are thankful for the continued support of Council 9792. The Council has provided financial support and lunch for the volunteers on October 12th.

VIVAT JESUS, Jim Nee HFCC Habitat Coordinator



Brother Knights, my December talk will be about our Beloved Saint Joseph. He has always fascinated me. If any of the brothers has a source where I might find a lot of information on Saint Joseph, please email me at 19casjas70@gmail.com. I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.

VIVAT JESUS, Brother Carl Swanson, Lecturer

CLIMBING CRUSADERS CARRY THE CROSS CHALLENGE



David Bartnicki, Martin and Diane Peters, David Snyder, Frank Maresca, Bill Carr, Rick and Ricky Raschke, Gary Kucera, Joe Farrell, & Bob and Bobbie Stroub



9792 HISTORY

In 1989 Fr.(now Msgr) Dan Stack was a priest at Holy Family and a charter member of our council. Later In 1989, he became the Pastor of St. Bernadette Parish in Cedartown. At that time, St. Bernadette had about 100 English speaking

families. Around the Thanksgiving / Christmas period, Fr. Dan contacted Fr. Paul Fogarty, our Pastor at Holy Family, and requested help with food for his parishioners and the community. Our council and our parish went to work getting food together to take up to Cedartown. Once collected, members of our council helped box and basket the food, load into several pick-up trucks and drive same to St. Bernadette's in Cedartown. Most of the trucks were our brother knights. While not planned, this was the first charitable event outside our parish for our council.

VIVAT JESUS, John Brenner, Council Historian

CHRISTMAS CARDS



Dave & Christy Bartnicki and Ariel & Patty Medrano put Christmas card packages together.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER 2024

Matthew Maloney	1 st	Andrew Altizer	13 th
Patrick Siloway	1 st	Albert Meyer	13 th
Jeremy Smith	3 rd	Maximano Angelo Cardoso	13 th
Daniel Ketter	4 th	Jim Nee	16 th
Joseph O'Laughlin	5 th	Joseph Sturniolo	19 th
Michael Jamison	6 th	Adam Ozimek	21 st
Allen Tools	10 th	Vincent Mokry	27 th
Tom Johnson	11 th	James Sanderrs	27 th
Lawrence Cassel	11 th	Carlos Chang	31 st
Robert Levesque	13 th		

Men's Morning Mass



THURSDAY
December 12th
7:00am



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"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." • St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

