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## Join us for our Christmas Party on Dec 19, 7:30p.

et us know how many will be joining. us at the party by December 5!

BUSINESS MEETING, Dec 5, 7:00PM\* (Light Refreshments Served!) 

OTHER MEETINGS @7:30PM IN PERSON ONLY!

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Business Mtg, Dec 5, Home Mtg (all invited), Dec 12; Christmas Party, Dec 19, Officers' Mtg, Dec 26. MEETINGS IN PERSON! ~ Home Mtgs are General Mtgs in March, June, September, December. BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AN EMAIL FROM MIKE PINKL REGARDING MEETING REMINDERS.

----- From the Desk of the Grand Knight

### DECEMBER 2024

Brothers,

We are honored to have our Chaplin, Fr. Phong Le, celebrate the Memorial Mass for our departed members.

Remember that there will be a magnet and Christmas card sale at St. Cecilia on Saturday 11-30 and Sunday 12-1. Let's see some new members show up and help out so that the same old members won't have to do all the work.

Our annual Christmas Party will be held at the hall on 12-19 at 7:30pm. Please bring your family and enjoy food and drink provided by our Council.

I hope all of our Brothers and their families enjoy a blessed Christmas season.

Vivat Jesus, Mike Pinkl Grand Knight

---- From the Pro-Life Chairman

There will be Men's Night of Reflection on Tuesday, Dec 3, 6:30 pm Mass, 7:00pm dinner, 7:30pm reflection at Immaculate Conception Jenkintown. The reflection will be given by Msgr. Thomas Mullelly. For more information, contact Pat Stanton at 267-718-4851.

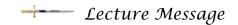




The Sisters of Life host their annual Christmas party at Saint Cecilia's, Dec 6. Can you volunteer to help set up and break down? If you're available Dec 6 between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. or Saturday between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. contact Chuck Kuhar at 215-694-3708. Thanks.

The Sisters of Life are asking for volunteers to participate in their prayer vigil. The next vigil will be Saturday January 11th. We will meet at Holy Redeemer Church 9:15 Vine Street at 7:30 a.m. There will be Mass and light refreshments afterward. Hope to see you there.

Vivat Jesus, Chuck Kuhar Pro-Life Chairman



# Am I Happy?

Chapter 1 of Father Gregory Pine's book "Prudence – Choose Confidently, Live Boldly," (2022, Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division, Our Sunday Visitor), asks you if you are happy. "Would you describe yourself as perfectly happy?"

My problem for the past 78 years has been 'I will be [happy] when I get there.' "There" can be anything..., graduate, new job, more money, Etc.

When I arrive, I'll be happy; perfectly happy, content, satisfied. Happiness is in some distant future. Get through this present problem, get to the end so I can be happy.

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."(John 10:10). "Jesus wants us to be happy



and trains the whole of His attention on securing it." we have everything we need for happiness and in great quantity. Pause and think about that. Jesus is focusing His complete attention on you and your happiness.

Happiness is not some far away goal, it is here and now. "Life is what happens when your busy making other plans." (John Lennon from a 1957 quote by Allen Saunders). The present is a present (gift), discover it, pursue it.

The goal is God. True happiness is sharing in God's life. We are made for God whether or not we realize it. Everything we do should be for the glory of God. How happy we are knowing that everything that happens in life is God's plan for us. We want to run in the opposite direction away from problems, but trusting God's will and plan we know this is leading us closer to Him.

St. Agustine knows to be happy in God: "Our hearts are restless until they rest in Him." Work like it all depends on you, but trust that God will see you through.

If life seems to be throwing so much sorrow and pain at you, keep God in your heart, trust in the Lord, know that God is using this to bring you in closer to Him, He loves you so much and wants you, all of you. Trusting that God is pursuing you is joy. Knowing Jesus is right there with you, walking with you, maybe even carrying you, giving you happiness and confidence...in abundance!

Sacred heart of Jesus, I place my trust in You.

Vivat Jesus! Will Schmitt, PGK, Lecturer

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#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS & LADIES

Also, please pray for an end to war everywhere. Please pray for victims of gun violence. Please call or email Mike Pinkl with the names of all ill Brother Knights and Ladies. PA KofC Newsletter: <u>http://www.pakofc.us/newsletter/keystone\_knight/index.html</u>

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