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guest speaker

This month only!
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✠ *From the Desk of the Grand Knight*

OCTOBER 2024

Brothers,

Our Ladies Auxiliary hosted a very well-attended barbecue picnic on Sunday, Sept 8. The weather was glorious; a perfect day to be outside with family and friends. We're already making plans for next year's barbecue. See picture on Page 2.

St. Cecilia's Humanitas Ministry, made up of several of our Brother Knights and members of our Ladies Auxiliary prepared a dinner at the Cenacle (Padre Pio Center in Frankford) a few weeks ago. These dinners are hosted by many different church groups, with a commitment of a dinner every 6 months. We prepared a meal based on the (40) people we were told to expect. By the time we were finished, we had fed (100) men, women and children. The ladies responded to my panic by instituting portion control, and we fed everyone.

I think that I witnessed a modern-day loaves and fishes story. It's troubling that so many are in need of help with something as simple (for us) as a meal. It also reinforces the value of prayer.

Next time, we'll be better prepared.

Last Chance!

*2024 Football Sweeps Fundraiser
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**See Page 2 for Details.
Win Cash Prizes!**



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As we head into the Halloween season, let's be aware of the little goblins running around and not paying attention to traffic. We have to pay attention for them. The price of being responsible adults.

Until next month.

Vivat Jesus,
Mike Pinkl
Grand Knight
Knights of Columbus
Fr. Ryan Council 5036



✠ *Message from Adam Ungaro*

The 2024 Football Sweeps Fundraiser Tickets are now available. The tickets will be out on the bar until October 11. Please take some and try to sell or purchase them. The cost is \$10.00 per ticket and gives you a chance to win 25 weekly cash prizes ranging from \$30 to \$400 that total \$3,000. Your ticket covers the last 10 weeks of the football season, so it actually comes down to \$1 per week to play for the ten weeks. You don't need to know anything about football as the ticket has computer-picked four teams for each of your ten weeks. It's not about your teams winning or losing their games, but is about their total scores summed up for the week. There are 8 prizes for the lowest totals and 17 prizes for the highest. Each \$10 ticket purchased/sold yields \$2 for our Council. Then when the season is over there is an additional check that comes into the Council for our participation.



If you are not a regular attendee to our Council meetings (no access to the bar) then you can contact Adam Ungaro at 215-284-1997 or adamungaro57@gmail.com for tickets. The cutoff for purchasing the tickets is October 11, 2024 as they must be returned to the State Council by October 18, 2024.

✠ *Lecture Message*

God's Mercy and Love

It is Monday, September 23, 2024, today as I write this. And just like every other year at this time I am writing this from our rental at Sea Isle City. Looking out over the ocean I remember St. Faustina's diary about God's Oceans of mercy.

I'm sitting here on the deck overlooking the ocean which is very calm compared to its thunderous stormy rage of the past week. The ocean currents slowly drift along



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flowing where they do, following the path of least resistance, as if against its wishes, with no effort to change its course. It reminds me of our lives when it comes to choosing God.

We allow ourselves to drift almost mindlessly along our journey through life passively accepting “circumstances” either unconscious, unaware, or indifferent that we can make a different choice. It may even never occur to some that we do have a choice. We bury our heads in the sand so to speak. Everyone wants to be happy, but few make the conscious choice or effort to do so.

We allow the concerns of life, work, family, or presumed responsibilities to drive our thoughts and actions. Emotions mostly us rather than willful choice. It goes like this: “I just do not feel like praying right now, I’m too stressed, upset, or tired.” You may not agree, but that is a choice. We are choosing the world, our emotions over God. We are saying, “God I know what you want, but I want what I want!” Use your gift of will and talk with God.

Sometimes we justify our disobedience; we say, “God understands, I can’t go to Mass today because of this, that or some other believed excuse, but what we are really saying is “I want what I want not what you want, Lord.” The sad part of this is we really don’t understand that what God wants is our happiness. God is so good He allows our disobedience and betrayal yet still loves us.


What I’m trying to get at here is to understand that we are the masters of our minds, our thoughts, and our actions. We are not robots with programmed coding. We have the power to decide, the power to choose; The power of what thoughts to think or what action to take. We have the power to choose what we are going to do right at any given moment. Stop and be conscious of the moment. Stop to consider or think about what is happening and realize you are about to make a choice. Make it mindful or willful. Make it a conscious choice. Choose God.

God always gives us what we want. God always allows what we choose. Choose Him. Choose to come home into the loving waiting arms of your forgiving Father. No matter what you think is so evil, so underserving, so unforgiving, or so disappointing to deny His loving you, talk to Him about it. Tell him exactly what you are feeling, He loves to hear from you. If you wonder how God can love us sinners who betray Him, and think your sins are unforgivable, Read Isaiah 55:8-9, Luke 15:11-32, 2 Samuel 11, and 12:1-7 He says your sins are totally forgotten by him in Psalm 103. Talk to Him. God loves you and wants you just as you are, right here, right now at this very moment, and much, much more than you can possibly know.

Talk to God, Go to Him, Run to Him, His mercy [for you] endures forever.

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.

Also... pray through “Prayers Unite the World” www.prayersunitetheworld.org,

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