



# THE BANNER

*Unfurled for God and Country*



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**Ash Wednesday  
is March 5**  
**Can you help?  
See Grand Knight Article**

**BUSINESS MEETING, March 13, 7:30PM ♦ ALL MEETINGS @7:30PM IN PERSON ONLY!**

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 *From the Desk of the Grand Knight*

March 2025

We'll start our month off with Ash Wednesday on 3-5-25. Spring can't be too far away!

Next, please note that our Business Meeting will NOT be held on Thursday 3-6-25. It will move to Thurs, 3-13-25, 7:30PM at the Hall. This is a one-time adjustment in our schedule.

Instead, on 3-6-25, our Brothers have been asked to help out with traffic control at St. Cecilia, beginning at 6:30PM, due to a conversation about the Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Perez.

On Saturday 3-8-25, the Man Up Philly conference will be held at St. John Vianney Hall at Cardinal O'Hara High School in Springfield, PA. It runs from 7:30AM to 4:45PM.

A recruitment drive will be held on Saturday 3-8 and Sunday 3-9-25 at Resurrection.

On Friday 3-21-25, our Brothers are asked to help at St. Cecilia with the Stations of the Cross. Duties will include carrying the crucifix and candles. The start time is 7:30PM. Please wear your Knights shirts.

Please pray for the victims of the recent plane crash on Cottman Avenue, as well as the homeowners and businesses who were affected. Say a special prayer for the police and firefighters who responded to this tragic event. Their occupations are not merely "jobs" but are a calling. Please pray for their mental health and well-being.

Please also remember the victims of the California wildfires in your prayers.

I think that's more than enough for one month. Until next time...

Vivat Jesus!  
Mike Pinkl  
Grand Knight



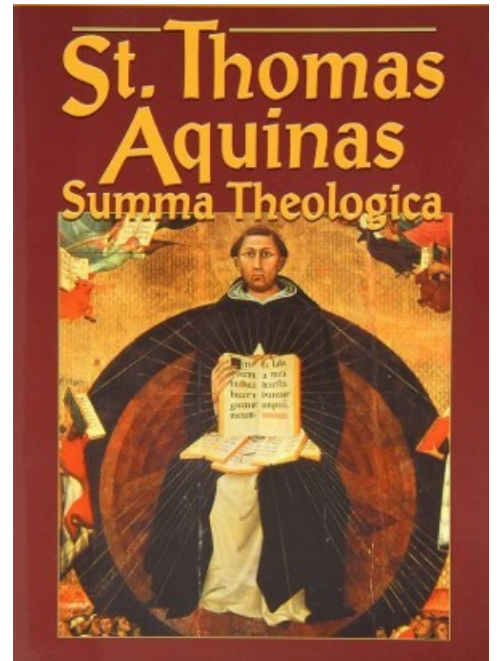
SATURDAY MARCH 8, 2025  
<https://manunnhillv.com/registration/>

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## *Summa Theologica:* (Theology for Beginners)

A while back I started *The Summa*, but then quickly succumbed to what I thought at the time an arduous task. I would restart it, but not understanding anything, I would put it away. Finally deciding that I'm not smart enough to tackle this, I put it away "forever."

A few weeks ago, George Warren mentioned he was reading "A Shorter Summa" by Peter Kreeft. I thought this might be easier with the added benefit of friendly discussion. So, I purchased it and started reading. Then the same cycle occurred. I would begin, put it down, try again ... and, well you know what happens; Complete surrender, and the book gathers dust on the shelf. However last weekend, I tackled it again with Thesaurus and Dictionary, and it is finally sinking in. I say that to encourage you to try also, because it has become most illuminating, exciting and interesting.



I read somewhere that the primary message of St. Thomas' Summa is God's love for us. I want to better understand and appreciate more God's love for me. I want a deeper personal relationship with God so I can love and know Him better. I want God to be the center of my life. I'm expecting 'The Summa' to help.

I'm studying the 'Tenth Article' of 'Question One' under the Treatise on Sacred Doctrine, "The Nature and Extent of Sacred Doctrine." The Article asks a question that can only be answered yes or no. "Whether in Holy Scripture a Word May Have Several Senses?" Can a word in Sacred Scripture have more than one meaning?

Immediately following the Article, St. Thomas poses a "No" answer. The 'Objection' states that a word in Sacred Scripture cannot have more than one meaning. It can only have its literal meaning. The reason stated is a word with many different meanings would confuse, deceive, and destroy all force of argument. Thus, there would be no argument, but only fallacies could be deduced. Sacred Scripture needs to be able to state the truth without any fallacy. Therefore, there cannot be several meanings to a word.

St. Thomas then proves the opposite with a 'Yes' answer. A word in Sacred Scripture can have more than one meaning. There is the literal (or historical) sense or meaning of the word. it can also have a spiritual or symbolic meaning. The word can have figurative, philosophical, allegorical, moral, anagogical, Etc. meanings.

Indeed, spiritual meaning based on literal meaning enhances and increases the text for our benefit without destroying the literal meaning.

Here is an example, Moses (literal meaning) symbolic of Christ (allegorical meaning), leading the Hebrews (literal) symbolic of the Church, Christ's Body (allegorical) through the Exodus  
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(literal) symbolic of salvation (allegorical), from slavery (literal) symbolic of sin (allegorical), to Pharaoh (literal) symbolic of Satan allegorical), ruler of Egypt (literal) symbolic of this fallen world (allegorical), across the Red Sea (literal) symbolic of death (allegorical), through the wilderness (literal) symbolic of Purgatory (allegorical), to the promised land (literal) symbolic of Heaven (allegorical).

An example of the anagogical or eschatological meaning would be Christ’s miracles of healing the blind men symbolizing His complete healing of our spiritual blindness in Heaven’s Beatific Vision.

I study and enjoy Sacred Scripture by reading God’s literal word and teaching. Then I get the extra delightful bonus of the text’s full richness of symbolic, spiritual, and metaphorical meaning. For me that is most wonderful. Each time I read a passage from Scripture I gain different gifts or insights based on the literal meaning. In addition, Spiritually, Figuratively, I gain the full richness of a personal dialogue with God meant just for me and my situation at that time. Thank you, Lord.

Vivat Jesus!  
Will Schmitt, PGK, Lecturer



**Happy Birthday to all Knights born in March!**

John J Boylan III  
John J Boylan IV  
Deacon Patrick J Diamond  
James C Durkin  
James M Durkin

Stephen Jesiolowski  
Richard J Kampf  
Michael Litka  
William McKeown, II  
Daniel Mellon

David T Montvydas  
William M Monteleone  
James A Silvano  
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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 and the wildfires. Please pray for government officials, for a commitment to peace.*

Please call or email Mike Pinkl with the names of all ill Brother Knights and Ladies.

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