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Message
from the
Grand
Knight



Brother
Knights,

May I encourage you to share in **Andy and Anne Botts's** message and witness provided in this newsletter? They are the domestic church, alive in our midst, and in our parish. Thank you Andy and Anne for your contribution to this newsletter!

You and I are called to witness and to be men of faith! February is the month to step out and meditate on our marriages, to our families, and to all who lean on us to be examples of Christ's love. You and I are to be role models, and one way to put this call into action is by attending, or assisting with the **Valentines Dance on February 11.**

Consider for a moment what many hands and feet coming together for this event will witness to our dedication to our loved ones, and to our families. I will be calling on many of you to attend and volunteer for this event.

Please give me your time and talent when I call.

Hope to see you at the Dance!

Ed Price
Grand Knight

**St. Valentine
of Rome
Priest and
Martyr
176-273 AD
February 14**



Father Frank
O'Gara of
Whitefriars

Street Church in Dublin, Ireland, tells the real story of the man behind the holiday -- St. Valentine.

"He was a Roman Priest at a time when there was an emperor called Claudias who persecuted the church at that particular time," Father O'Gara explains. " He also had an edict that prohibited the marriage of young people. This was based on the hypothesis that unmarried soldiers fought better than married soldiers because married soldiers might be afraid of what might happen to them or their wives or families if they died."

"The idea of encouraging them to marry within the Christian church was what Valentine was about. And he secretly married them because of the edict."

Valentine was eventually caught, imprisoned and tortured for performing marriage ceremonies against command of Emperor Claudius the second. There are legends surrounding Valentine's actions while in prison.

"One of the men who was to judge him in line with the Roman law at the time was a man called Asterius, whose daughter was blind. He was supposed to have prayed with and healed the young girl with such astonishing effect

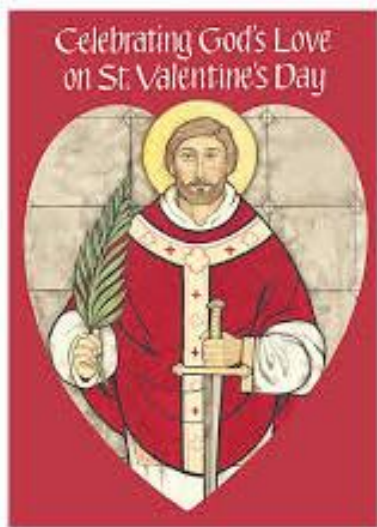
that Asterius himself became Christian as a result."

In the year 269 AD, Valentine was sentenced to a three part execution of a beating, stoning, and finally decapitation all because of his stand for Christian marriage. The story goes that the last words he wrote were in a note to Asterius' daughter. He inspired today's romantic missives by signing it, "from your Valentine."

"What Valentine means to me as a priest," explains Father O'Gara, "is that there comes a time where you have to lay your life upon the line for what you believe. And with the power of the Holy Spirit we can do that -- even to the point of death."

Valentine's martyrdom has not gone unnoticed by the general public. In fact, Whitefriars Street Church is one of three churches that claim to house the remains of Valentine. Today, many people make the pilgrimage to the church to honor the courage and memory of this Christian saint.

"Valentine has come to be known as the patron saint of lovers. Before you enter into a Christian marriage you want some sense of God in your life -- some great need of God in your life. And we know, particularly in the modern world, many people are meeting God through his Son, Jesus Christ."



Valentine Dinner and Dance

**Saturday, February 11, 2017
6:30 to 10:30 PM in the OLP
School Cafeteria**

We can only do this with your help. Many hands will make light work for all!

We need members to sign up to sell tickets after all Masses on Saturday and Sunday. A sign-up genius for the Mass sign-up is a follows:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054eafab2ca1fa7-stvalentines>

Your help will also be needed the afternoon and evening of the event to set-up, take-down and clean-up. Carfagna's will be serving the meal so that we all can enjoy the evening.

Please invite your friends, neighbors and fellow parishioners to join us for a fun evening.

The tickets are **\$25** for a single and **\$45** per couple.

Live music will be provided by OLP's own Richard Celestina and Scott Ewing.

Please volunteer to help in this fund raising effort. Together, we can make it happen!

we ♥ volunteers!

Donut Sunday

The OLP Knights will be hosting the **Donut Sunday** after all Masses on **Sunday, January 29** and **Sunday, February 12.**



If you can help staff the event by attending, please do so. It's a great way to let the Parish know that we appreciate their support and to talk about the good work that we do.

If you can help please use the Sign-Up Genius link below:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054eafab2ca1fa7-donut1>

Said by the Pope

"Remember well, a Christian, especially a Catholic, must be strong. I mean spiritual and moral strength. A follower of Christ should not be afraid. Christians should feel surrounded by an atmosphere of Providence that makes all things work out."

Pope John XXIII

Knights of Columbus Derby Day

Saturday, March 13, 2017 will be KofC Derby Day in the OLP Gym. The Boy Scouts will be holding their annual Pine Wood Derby, with financial support provided by the OLP Knights of Columbus. If you are able to attend please do so. If you need more information, please contact Slade Hankenson at sladehankinson@aol.com

Announcements!

Brothers, Please Join Us!



Please try to attend the monthly meetings. We do need your ideas to help us grow. **Please join us at the monthly meeting and share your ideas.** The General Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at **7:00 PM** now in the **Old Rectory**. **Mark your calendar or log the dates in your smarty phone!** The dates for future OLP Council meetings are:

February 14, 2017
March 14, 2017
April 18, 2017

Eucharistic Adoration



Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Peace will be held on the first Thursday of every month through May 2017. The next one will be held **Thursday, February 2, 2017** from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM. Spend an hour with the Lord!

“Happy is the soul that knows how to find Jesus in the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in all things!” - St. Peter Julian Eymard

From the Editor's Desk



The deadline for submitting information for the newsletter is the **1st of each month**. Let me know if there is something you wish publicized.

You can reach me by email at FCoolavin@aol.com or by phone at **614-268-4166**.

Wanted – New Members

The Grand Knight has asked each member to bring in one new member this year! ASK – **“Why aren't you a member of the OLP Knights?”** Share the experience of a lifetime. A new member needs to complete a **Form 100**. Help us continue to grow our Council. If you need applications or recruiting information, please contact Trustee **Bob Brehm** at bbrehm5859@gmail.com



Catholic History Timeline



1773: Suppression of the Jesuits by Pope Clement XIV, already excluded from many states. Only in the Russian Empire are they able to remain.

1789: John Carroll becomes the Bishop of Baltimore, the first bishop in the United States.

1793: French Revolution institutes anti-clerical measures.

1798: Pope Pius VI taken prisoner by the armies of Napoleon I, dies in captivity in France.

July 16, 1802: French Concordat of 1801. The Catholic Church re-established in France.

December 2, 1804: Napoleon crowns himself Emperor of the French in the Cathedral of Notre Dame, Paris, in the presence of Pope Pius VII

1846: Pope Pius IX begins his reign. During his reign he asks that an anti-Catholic document written by Freemasons known as the Alta Vendita be distributed to alert Catholic officials of possible Masonic infiltration.

1850: The Archdiocese of Westminster and twelve other dioceses are set up, re-establishing a Catholic hierarchy in the United Kingdom against intense political opposition.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline_of_the_Catholic_Church



Continued prayers are requested for Past Grand Knight **Lou Griffith** and his family.

Please pray for the sick and deceased members of our Council and for the members of the OLP Parish community who may be ill.

Please pray for our retired priests and religious. They need our prayers and support.

OLP Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all who volunteered their time to give blood or help with the blood drive **Sunday, January 22**. Thanks to generous parishioners and neighbors, the drive was successful in exceeding the Red Cross' goal in a time of critical need, with **29** units collected.

In honor of St. Valentine's Day, this month we present a feature article on marriage. **Brother OLP Knight Andy Bott and his wife Anne** were interviewed by **Grand Knight Ed Price** regarding their marriage. The following are their responses.

What do you see in the character of Christ that you most wish were in you as well?

Anne: The character of Christ that I most wish for in my own life is grace. I picture Jesus sitting among throngs of people who were getting hungry and listening to him preach. He is at peace. I would be freaking out about how to make everyone happy. I wish for the internal grace I so admire in many older people in our parish. Their smiles show love and compassion and their hugs are unhurried. I hope to be more full of grace like Christ as I continue to mature in my relationship with Him.

Andy: The character that Jesus has that I most wish I had was his ability to forgive. On the cross He asked God to forgive the people who were putting him to death, for they knew not what they were doing. That is amazing to me! I realize he is the Son of God, so this comes much easier for Him. But we are called to be like Him in every way, so it is something that I work at just about every day.

How has God put his finger on some aspect of your marriage? What is it and what do you believe he wants from you?

Andy: When contemplating this question we thought about the strong need for our faith and sometimes blind trust in God. There have been very challenging times with job loss, school change, Anne's return to the workplace sooner than expected, parents passing...what we realize is that God has been with us the whole time cradling us in the palm of his hand. It didn't always feel like a nice cozy place though, sometimes a bit more like a roller coaster where we hung on for dear life. We believe He wants us to continue to put our faith in Him and love each other despite what life throws at us. Keep on keeping on...fight the good fight. Lots of cliches fit this scenario but they are true.

Do you work together spiritually? How?

Andy: Our work together spiritually are through works of humanity and through teaching our children. We try to show them the most important thing is not preaching but living the gospel through loving others, helping others, being kind and respectful of others. We also work to incorporate spiritual lessons throughout our ordinary lives. We often discuss what was said in a homily or what the meaning of the readings or gospel was. We also point out people's amazing faith and goodness when we see it to show real life spiritual heroes that are frequently right in our back yards. We feel that being spiritually successful includes helping each other get to heaven and our children as well. Our hope is that they continue to grow in their faith and can rely on it to guide and comfort them as we have been able to.

How happy are you with your praying as a couple?

Andy: Our prayer life revolves around the family at this point. We pray nightly as a family and for meals...and individually when something more sudden comes up like hearing of a sick friend or when we are looking for guidance or help of some kind. We would like to develop a better individual and couple prayer life.

Do either of you question if you are a believer at all? What causes you the most doubt?

Fortunately, neither of us have this question. We have no doubt that the Catholic Church is the one true church. We believe everything in our Creed. Our doubts come in knowing and understanding some of the doctrine of the church.

Do you focus too much attention or not enough attention on your children?

Andy: We don't know that you can give "too much attention" to children. We think you can give too much praise, too many "things", too much coddling, too much freedom...but attention is what we feel we are called to give them. Saying that, we strive to give honest attention to them daily. Distractions get in the way and a ten minute conversation about how their day was doesn't always happen. We spend a lot of time with them and work to make it quality time. We strive to balance our lives however the time we spend with our children far outweighs the time and effort we put in our marriage and that is something we are aware needs work.

What do you most wish you could do in the future to make an impact on your world for Christ?

Andy: We feel like our biggest impact on our world is the example and love we provide for our family. We work to keep Christ at the forefront of what we do and why we do it. We work to keep lines of communication open, decrease judgment and reiterate what true unconditional love is. We feel our family should be our safe place to fall; that is only the case when true love, God's love, is within the walls. So we will continue to work to fight the good fight, be more graceful, forgive better and be more present in each moment. Our wish would be that for generations this love will shine through.