

# The Navigator

*Knights of Columbus - Fourth Degree*

Junipero Serra Assembly 0044

November 2016

*Siempre Adalento (Always Forward) Fr Serra's Motto*

## CALENDAR

November's Dinner Meeting 21 Nov  
December's Officer's Mtg. 5 Dec

## NOVEMBER'S DINNER MEETING

On MONDAY NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, we will have our November's Dinner Meeting. All Council 5300 members are invited to the Dinner meeting for a special presentation to Fr. Steve Downes. The meeting begins with a **social hour at 6:00 PM** and **dinner** of hamburgers with all the trimmings, beans and a salad, which will served a little after **7:00 PM**.

## BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

The following Sir Knights will celebrate birthday during the month of November.

Bruce M Velasco	06 Nov
William F. Keenan	15 Nov
Edmund Page	19 Nov
Tim Hogan	22 Nov
Dcn Michael Betliskey	26 Nov
Michael J. Donovan	27 Nov
Earl W Pugh	29 Nov

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## PASSING OF HELEN OWEN, WIFE OF SK DR. CHARLES OWEN & ADELINE BUNKE, WIDOW OF SK HUGO BUNKE, PGK

May Helen Owen and Adeline Bunke rest in Peace. Our prayers go out to their families during this time of loss.

## A THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

But Lord, I'd like to take a few minute more to really give thanks to what I'm thankful for my family, my health, a nice soft bed, my friends, my freedom, a roof over my head. I am thankful right now to be surrounded by those whose lives touch me more than they will ever possibly know. Thankful Lord, You have blessed me beyond measure. Thankful that in my heart lives life's greatest treasure that You, dear Jesus, reside in that place. And I am ever so grateful for Your unending grace. So please, heavenly Father, bless this food You have provided and bless each and every person invited. Amen! Scott Wesemann



## KEEP in YOUR PRAYERS

Bradley Stephens, son-in-law of Jack Turney who has with a Stage IV melanoma cancer, Mell Hueston, Pauline Brokaski, wife of SK Fred Brokaski, Bro. Don Sweet, SK Robert J. Gauthier, Bro. Teo Nungaray, SK Ray Centeno's father, SK Garvan Kuskey, SK James Delarvin, Lee Alfano widow of SK Sam Alfano, SK Brian Klinge, Terry Pugh, wife of SK Earl Pugh; SK Larry Torres, SK Bill McNamara, SK Felix Sanchez, Bro. Fritz Cahill and his son Tom Cahill, SK Joseph Connolly (Council 1684 & Color Guard), SK Al Meckelborg, Camille Moynihan, widow of SK John Moynihan, Carol McLafferty, widow of SK Bill McLafferty, Denise Swiacki wife of SK Walter Swiacki, Donna Abels wife of SK Jim Abels, Anita Pullens sisters-in-law to SK Felix Sanchez, Sr. Teresa Meza, Sister of SK José Meza, Joe Vampola, brother of SK Mark Vampola, Nancy Herrera, widow of SK Pablo Herrera, SK Roy Schrader, and David, son of SK Roy Schrader, SK Joe & Ruth Duwel, Daughter of PFN Jim Garland, Christian Franzen, nephew of SK Dn Wayne, Bro Dan Engler (Council 1684), Eileen Pando, widow of SK Joe Pando, Frances Diani, wife of Bro. Frank Diani, Father Lucio Juarez's mother, Rosa, Randy Ganske, Fr. Dennis, Collins, Fr. Bruce, who is having some medical issues, Fr. James, who is having some medical issues, Fr. David Velasquez of St Joseph who is dealing with many medical issues, Fr. Frank Colburn, and Fr. Tomas Elis, SK Dn Mike Betliskey.

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

### Pope Francis' November Reflection on Mercy

*"Then Peter approaching asked him, 'Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.'* **Matthew 18:21-35**

Jesus emphasizes this point of forgiveness with the parable of the forgiving master and the unforgiving servant. At the end of the parable, the master summons the servant and says, *"You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?"* **(Mt 18:21-22, 32-33)**

Seventy-seven times is a lot of forgiveness. What (or whom!) was Jesus thinking about when he told Peter this? Would we remain friends with someone whom we had to forgive seventy-seven times? Is this person our enemy, and if so, why would we forgive them? At the heart of this parable and Jesus' response to Peter is the truth of God's love and mercy that we have been exploring for the past year. When Jesus said this to Peter, he was providing an image of the superabundant mercy of God, whose forgiveness knows no bounds.

Throughout the day, our family, friends, and coworkers may do things that bother or offend us. In spite of all our faults and all their faults, we choose to keep on loving them and forgiving their offenses. With those we love, this act is easy, but with our enemies, it is more challenging. However, we must act with mercy toward them as well. Jesus tells us to forgive our enemies (cf. Mt 5:43-48; Lk 6:27-36); in doing so, we are witnesses to the love and mercy of God as we strive to be *"merciful like the Father"* (Lk 6:36).

Even though we are called to be like God in his merciful compassion, we are limited in our human capacity to forgive. Pope Francis acknowledges this, writing, *"At times how hard it seems to forgive! And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart. To let go of anger, wrath, violence, and revenge are necessary conditions to living joyfully"*

*("Misericordiae Vultus" ("The Face of Mercy"), no. 9)*. Even though it is challenging to let go, we are given the tools in our formation as baptized Christians to pardon those who offend us. These tools include our participation in the sacraments, our daily prayer, the Word of God, and the support of our parish and home communities. Only in letting go and forgiving others are we able to experience more fully the joy of the merciful love of God acting in our own lives. Sometimes this letting go involves giving up our problems to God and fully resting in his love. When we do this, we place our trust in God's compassion and strive to live out that compassion, as we are able to in our own way.

Pray for Pope Francis, our bishops, priests and deacons who are our spiritual leaders in our spiritual community.



***INTERCESSION TO APOSTLE OF CALIFORNIA  
PADRE JUNIPERO SERRA***

*O Lord Jesus Christ, reward the apostolic zeal of Your servant, Padre Junipero Serra, who departing his native Spain, labored for the salvation of souls in Mexico and California. Graciously deign by evident signs and prodigies to glorify him, so that for the exaltation of Your Most Holy Name, he may be elevated to the honors of the altar. Through Padre's intercession kindly grant the special favor, I request.*

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father**

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