



# THE PATRIOT



Fourth Degree

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*Very Reverend Jeremiah J. Murphy Assembly 211*  
**NEWSLETTER**

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## **Deacon's Message**

For sixty years St John Bosco received remarkable dreams which were almost visions. Probably his best-known dream vision was that of the Church like a ship taking refuge between two pillars in the sea. In May 1862 he shared his experience of this dream. He could see a very big ship in the sea, which he understood, as the Church. There were many smaller ships drawn up to do battle against the big ship, they were the enemies of the Church and persecutions.

Two pillars or columns were protruding from the sea a little distant from each other. On the top of one was a statue of Our Lady with 'Help of Christians' written beneath. On top of the other pillar was a host beneath which was written 'Salvation of the Faithful.'

The commander of the ship was the Pope. He was directing all his energies to steering the ship between those two columns or pillars. All the enemy ships moved to attack. Sometimes the large ship, the Church, got large, deep holes in its sides but no sooner was the harm done than a gentle breeze blew from the two columns and the cracks closed up and the gaps were stopped immediately. In a battle the Pope fell gravely wounded. Immediately those who were with him helped him up. A second time the Pope was struck, this time he fell and died.

The new Pope was so promptly elected that the enemies begin to lose courage. The new Pope overcame all obstacles and enemies and guided the ship right between the two columns. He fastened a chain from the bow of the ship to the column on which stands the host, and fastened a chain from the ship's stern to the column on which stands a statue of Our Lady. All the ships, which had fought against the Pope's ship, were scattered and broken to pieces and other smaller ships, which had fought for the Pope's ship, now bound themselves to the same two columns.

We can identify with so many elements of that dream vision. We remember Pope John Paul II falling wounded and rising again. The Church is undergoing trials at this time in the western world. Elsewhere the Church is also suffering. In this remarkable dream vision experienced by St John Bosco the Church has two means to save itself in the midst of her persecutions, devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist and devotion to Our Lady. This is just as true today as it was back in the mid 1800's when St. John had his dream.

Remember, [Why Catholic](#) is starting up this month. Make sure you sign up to join a small group!

**Deacon Greg Sullivan**

## **World Day Of PRAYER:**

World Day of Prayer for Peace

The Knights of Columbus calls on all people of good will to join in praying for peace on the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks against the United States.

"The World Day of Prayer for Peace will bring the world to the Church's message of peace and reconciliation, so that religion will always be a cause for mutual respect and harmony, and never for violence or hatred," remarked Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. "In a special way, we remember the brave men and women of the military who work tirelessly, even to the point of sacrificing their own lives, to bring about true peace rooted in justice."

The 4th Degree will join with MTZ Council 11582 in sponsoring this Hour of Prayer on September 11th 7:00 PM at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Church.

All are welcome to come.

*Steven Bowman*  
*Faithful Navigator*

## **Assembly #211**

September 17, 2008 meeting night to be held at  
**Lady of Holy Spirit –Mt Zion Parish Hall**  
Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.  
Fourth degree meeting 7:00 PM.


## Upcoming Events

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> degree picnic KC Farm 1:00 PM.  
2008



Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> Officer's meeting 6:00 PM  
2008 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 7:00 PM  
Lady of Holy Spirit –Mt Zion  
Parish Hall

Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> degree Wiener Roast at Farm, at  
2008 6:00 PM. A meeting will be held at the farm

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> Memorial Mass 6:30 PM.  
2008 Full  Regalia

Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Parade 10:30 AM  
2008 Full  Regalia

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.  
2008 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 7:00 PM.  
St. Patrick's lower level

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 6:00 PM.  
2008 Christmas (potluck) dinner to follow at  
7:00 PM. **Location TBA**

Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> Officer's meeting 6:00 PM  
2009 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 7:00 PM.  
St. Patrick's lower level

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.  
2009 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 7:00 PM.

Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.  
2009 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 7:00 PM.  
Appoint slating committee.

Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.  
2009 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 7:00 PM.  
Slating committee report.

May 21<sup>h</sup> Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.  
2009 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 7:00 PM.  
Election of Officers

## Family Mass Schedule



Sept. 20, 2008- St. Columille –Sullivan  
Mass @ 5:00 PM  
Dinner **Bennigan's** Mt. Zion.

Oct. 19, 2008. Holy Spirit-Mt. Zion.  
Mass @ 9:30 AM (**Sunday**)  
Brunch-Main Hanger-Airport

Nov. 23, 2008 - St. Mary's-Assumption  
Mass @ 8:00 A.M. (**Sunday**)  
Breakfast- Sophie's

Jan. 24, 2009 - St. Patrick's - Decatur  
Mass @ 5:30 PM.  
**Dinner -TBA**

Feb. 21, 2009 - St. Thomas- Decatur  
Mass @ 4:30 PM.  
Dinner – Rusty's

Mar. 21, 2009 - St. James- Decatur  
Mass @ 4:00 PM.  
Dinner – Pastabilities

April 18, 2009 -Immaculate Conception Shelbyville, IL,  
Mass @ 4:00 PM  
Dinner – Bennigan's at Mt. Zion

May 23, 2009 Our Lady of Lourdes - Decatur  
Mass @ 4:30 PM.  
Dinner –Diamond's

June 20, 2009 Holy Spirit –Mt. Zion  
Mass @ 9:30 AM (**Sunday**)  
Breakfast- Tuscany

# Information Corner:

## Our God of Second Chances

The bad news is that at some point in our lives—probably way more than we would like to admit—we are going to make choices that hurt our relationship with God.

The good news is that our God is a God of forgiveness and second chances. Here are some suggestions for using God’s second chances in your own life.

**Come to your senses.** The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-52) left the embrace of his father and ruined himself with bad choices. He finally “came to his senses” and returned home. Realize and admit your own mistakes and come back to your Father’s embrace.

**Avoid bad company.** “Walk with wise men and you will become wise, but the companion of fools will fare badly” (Proverbs 13:20). Surround yourself with people who will support your Gospel values.

**Stay close.** Closeness to God comes through prayer, Scripture study, regular Mass participation and living a Gospel-centered life.

**Don’t give up.** Jesus spent three years teaching twelve people how to live as his followers. They didn’t always get it right (and they lived with him!), but they kept trying. When you mess up, remember what Jesus said to the woman caught in the act of adultery. “Neither do I condemn you...from now on do not sin anymore” (John 8:11). Pick yourself up and start again.

## Family Mass News



The following were in attendance for family mass at Holy Family August 23, 2008 at 4:30 PM.

- Commander. Leon and Mary Vemmer
- F.N. Steve and Ellen Bowman
- P.F.N. Charles and Wilma Bell
- P.F.N. Larry and Mary Clark
- P.F.N. Eugene and Mary Ann Meyers
- P.F.N. Jack and Sylvia Dougherty
- P.F.N. Steve and Shirlene Richardson
- P.F.N. Dave and Carol Rayhill
- P.F.N. Jim and Helen Zindel
- S.K.. Tim and Carol Gore
- S.K. Gerald and Connie Gilbert
- S.K. Eugene and Dee Mennel
- S.K. John and Pat Merli
- S.K. Julius and Dorothy Sebok
- S.K. James Dougherty
- F.S.. Dan Ashenfelter
- Mildred and Sheri Ashenfelter
- Julia Gentry

Dinner was at Felicia’s- Decatur. Illinois

## Please Pray for the Sick:



Joe Meyers  
 Joe Sepich  
 Hiram Petersen  
 Harold Kramer  
 Timothy Dowd

John Troia  
 Lloyd Hanstedt  
 Bob Bracelin  
 Graham Bradley

## Celebrating Birthdays

### September 2008:

- 6 David Rayhill
- 7 James Hendren
- 8 James Ghigione
- 10 Keith Dice
- 10 Eugene Mennel
- 11 Lloyd Hanstedt
- 11 Eugene Meyer
- 13 Matt Beck
- 14 Paul Hedenberg
- 15 Lyle Tappendorf
- 16 Terrence Nelson
- 24 John Merli
- 28 Bob Lundin
- 28 Morris Lockard

Many, many birthday wishes to all Sir Knights celebrating this month.

## Congratulations:



PFN Eugene Meyer was presented a watch by PFN Larry Clark for faithful service as Faithful Navigator 2007-2008.

# Decatur Celebration Parade

**August 2, 2008:**



Commander	Leon Vemmer
F.A.	Eugene Meyer
P.F.N.	Jack Dougherty
P.F.N.	Bill Hight
P.F.N.	Larry Clark
F.P.	Lee Cook
F.S.	Dan Ashenfelter
S/K.	Tim Gore
S.K.	John Eckert
S.K.	James Dougherty
S.K.	Gerald Gilbert
S.K.	Kenneth Burns
S.K.	Michael Bretti



## *Special Color Bearer*

**Cpl. Teddy Born US Army**



**THANKS FOR A GREAT TURN OUT:**

## **Chapeaux Off :**



Sir Knight Tim Gore for providing transportation water and cool towels for those that marched in the Parade August 2, 2008.

# Fourth Degree Picnic:

**K of C Farm 1:00 PM  
September 7, 2008**



**\$6.00 per person**

**Please sign the sign-up sheet:**

**Family Mass  
September 20, 2008**

**5:00 PM  
St. Columcille-Sullivan, II.  
Bennigan's-Mt. Zion. II.**



**Fourth Degree Wiener Roast:  
October 22, 2008-K of C Farm**



**Meeting to be held at 6:00 PM**