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Easter Egg Hunt



Our annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt event was held from 9:30-12:00 on March 18, 2023. The event was held in our Parish Center where we hosted over 150 Parrish families and guests. All guests checked in at the registration table in the lobby where the children were given coloring books and crayons and everyone enjoyed a delicious

pancake and sausage breakfast. The children were entertained by the festive sounds played by our live DJ John Finnegan and the Arts & Crafts table was a big hit as the children all got involved making decorative Easter Crafts.

All the Children came prepared with their Easter Baskets in hand and participated in the traditional egg hunt guided by parents and grandparents...those of whom could keep up with the eager egg hunters. Just in case we were not having enough fun already, our DJ John Finnegan (Fogg Sound) kicked off a special dance contest and 2 lucky children won dance awards.

The crescendo of the morning came when the Easter Binny himself made a special guest appearance and joined the children on the dance floor for an Easter Rave. Mr. Bunny then sat down to take pictures with all the families and had special gifts for each child 9 and under. Everyone left with full bellies and smiles on their faces.

This years' event could not have been the huge success it was without a lot of assistance from the Easter Bunnies helpers. There was a total of 232 total volunteer hours related to the planning and execution of the EEH event. Special recognition to Mike Mahan for running the kitchen, Kathy Cestaro for running the Arts & Crafts table and of course our Easter Bunny and event Chairman Noah Henry. A special thank you to Family Director Bob Cestaro and his Chairmen Noah Henry, Frank Dressman plus all the Team Captains and volunteers.



Easter Egg Hunt



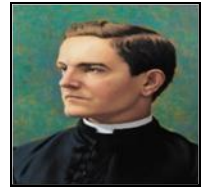




Catechism Corner

The Greatest Commandments of God

And one of them, a doctor of the Law, putting him to the test, asked him, "Master, which is the great commandment in the Law?" Jesus said to him, "'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind.' This is the greatest and the first commandment. And the second is like it, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 22:35-40)



And thus, Jesus declared the totality of God's laws.

- The *greatest and the first* commandment epitomizes the first three of the Ten Commandments.

The *second* epitomizes the last seven of the Ten Commandments.

To love God, our neighbor and ourselves we must keep the Commandments of God and of His Church, and to perform the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

There are seven Spiritual Works of Mercy (they are self-explanatory):

*To admonish the sinner.
To instruct the ignorant.
To counsel the doubtful.
To comfort the sorrowful.
To bear wrongs patiently.
To forgive all injuries.
To pray for the living and the dead.*

The Corporal Works of Mercy

There are seven Corporal Works of Mercy (they are self-explanatory):

*To feed the hungry.
To give drink to the thirsty.
To cloth the naked.
To visit the imprisoned.
To shelter the homeless.
To visit the sick.
To bury the dead.*

Every Practical Catholic Christian is obligated to perform the works of mercy, according to his own ability and the needs of his neighbor.

Gene Dolecki,

Council Letturer

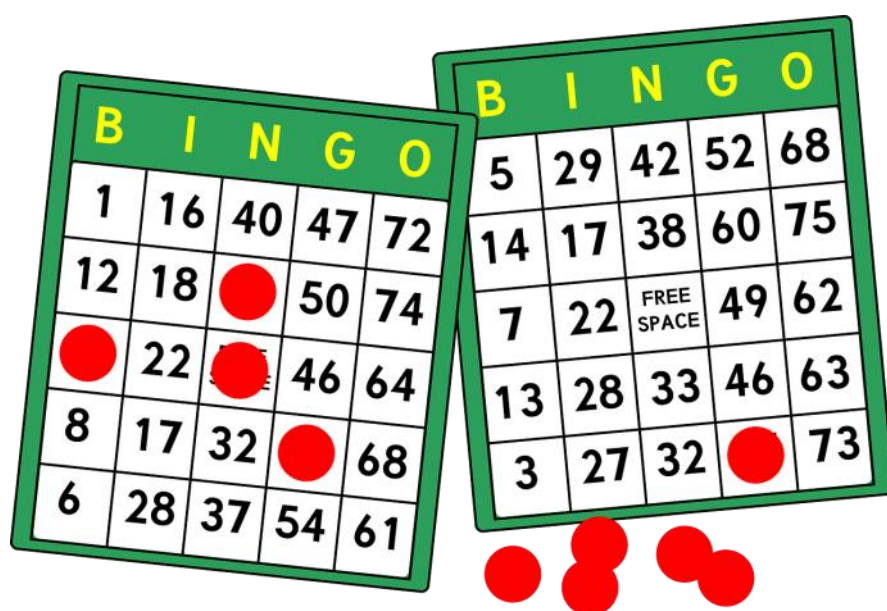




On Thursday, March 2nd, San Damiano Assembly Sir Knights and one wife participated along with nursing home staff in a VAVS event at the Douglas Jacobson Veterans Nursing Home in Port Charlotte. There were 33 Veteran residents from the Memory Care Unit in attendance. The Assembly provided cookies and soft drinks for the Veterans.

Our Sir Knights and one wife assisted the staff with 3 sessions of bingo helping the Veterans with their 3 bingo cards to find their numbers being called out and knowing when they had a win. We conversed with them throughout the afternoon about their military branch, where they served, etc. After the sessions were completed, we thanked them for their service and returned each of them in their wheelchairs from the lunch/activity room to their next activity or their rooms.

The staff was very thankful for giving our time and bringing the refreshments for the Veterans. We will continue to volunteer at this location which houses approximately 200 Veterans and do so probably on a quarterly basis.





Cheryl Finamore



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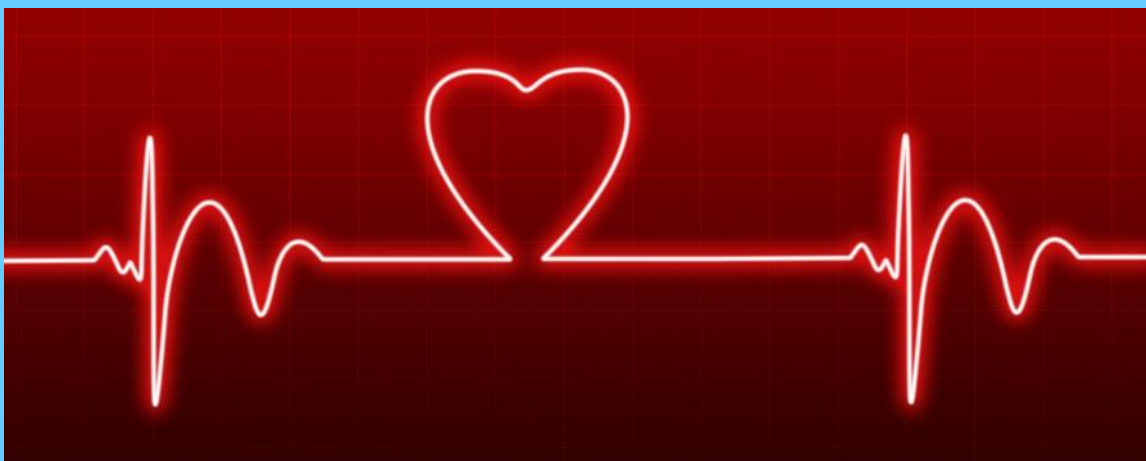
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Brother Knights,

As we enter the last quarter of our Fraternal year, we are busy as ever. Baseball Spring Training and the weekly Fish-Frys have been well supported by many volunteers. Both will generate the necessary revenue for the various charities and organizations the Council supports.

We are blessed to have a very dynamic and active council and the recruitment of new Knights will carry on our strong tradition.

I want to thank each of you for your support. You are the lifeblood of this Council and should be very proud of all our accomplishments. May we ask for God's blessings in all our endeavors.
Br. Jerry