



# Our Lady of Lourdes



## Assembly 2143

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### FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

Deacon Vincent Ricciardi

As children, our parents had dreams for us. They wanted us to do well in school, and to do whatever was necessary to reach our highest potential. Later in life, friends may try to set us up with their idea of the perfect partner or the perfect job. Spouses may have agendas for us, too. People close to us may have ideas about how we should live our lives, ideas that usually come from love and the desire for us to be happy. Other times, they come from a place of need within them—whether it is the parent who wants us to live out his or her dreams or the friend or spouse who wants us to play an already-defined role. Whatever the case, we can appreciate and consider those people's input, but ultimately we must follow our own inner guidance.

There may come a time when all the suggestions can become overbearing. We may feel that the people we love don't approve of our judgment, which can hurt our feelings. It can interfere with the choices we make for our lives by making us doubt ourselves, or filling a void with their wishes before we've had a chance to decide what we want. It can affect us energetically as well. We may have to deal with feelings of resistance or the need to shut ourselves off from them. But we can take some time to rid ourselves of any unnecessary doubts and go within to become clear on what we desire for ourselves.

We can tell our loved ones how much we appreciate their thoughts and ideas, but that we need to live our own lives and make our own decisions.

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### **Assembly Schedule:**

**Meetings 7:30 p.m.**  
**Monday, February 5, 2007**  
**Monday, March 5, 2007**  
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**FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS MESSAGE (cont)**

We can explain that they need to let us learn from our own experiences rather than rob us of wonderful life lessons and the opportunity to fine-tune our own judgment. When they see that we are happy with our lives and the path we are taking to reach our goals, they can rest assured that all we need them to do is to share in our joy.

It is with great hope that members of Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly will support our efforts in bringing you our Lady's Appreciation Dinner Dance on February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Circle Landmark on Route 70 circle Lakehurst. Please call the committee and reserve you seats. Also please keep open the First Monday in June 4<sup>th</sup> for our Annual River Dinner Dance, more information to follow.

As we begin to ready ourselves for Lent, let us call to mind that Jesus suffered and died for us. The question is what have we done for Jesus? May you and your families have blessed Lent in Health, Wealth and Spirit of Christ our Lord.

Deacon Vincent P. Ricciardi, Sr.  
Faithful Navigator

**Please continue to Prayer for our Military and their families.**

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**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

**Council 8415 - Simon's Kitchen serves meals on Tuesday and Friday evenings between 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.**

**Council 7926 - Next Family Communion Breakfast will be Sunday Feb. 11**

**Trenton Diocese – Free Throw Tournament to be held at Holy Family School on County Line Road in Lakewood.  
District 31 Round to be held on Saturday Feb. 3 at 12:30 p.m.  
Regional Round to be held on Saturday Feb. 24 at 12:30 p.m.**

The Trenton Diocese "Pride in Our Priest" Dinner will be held at Doolans on April 19.

**Ocean County Chapter – Meets at 8 p.m. Monday Feb. 12 at Council 4969, Toms River**

*Faithful Captains Message*

**Bernard J. Ernst  
Faithful Captain**

**Next time, say it like you mean it!**

What has happened to praying like we mean it, not just racing to the end? A few years ago, our Holy Name Society at St. Bonaventure's in Lavallette invited Sister Shubert to talk at one of our meetings. Incidentally, she was the daughter of one of our Past Grand Knights, a Fourth Degree Color Corp member. Unfortunately, with moving and unpacking I have not yet come across the copious notes I took that evening. But the heart of discussion Sr. Shubert brought to us that evening was the true meaning of The Lord's Prayer. I would like to just break it down, sort of like we were taught: Pause when we came to a comma; stop for a period (or as the British call a period: "full stop"). This includes the Hail Mary and Glory Be prayers. Say these Prayers to yourself as you read them, and THINK about each line. If you do as I suggest, the prayers will take on a deeper meaning:

**Our Father, Who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

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**Hail Mary,  
Full of Grace,  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit  
of thy womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary,  
Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now,  
and at the hour of death.**

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**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now,  
and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

## ***From the Desk of Father Gerald Marchand***

The happiest Catholics have a broad concept of "church," whether they're conscious of it or not. For them, "the church" is a vast universe of individuals, movements, parishes, schools, journals, international networks, and all manner of other slices of life, engaged in a dizzying variety of activities, from contemplative prayer to feeding the hungry, to striving to translate the gospel into art, politics, finance, medicine, and other realms of secular culture. For every aspect of "the church" that they find frustrating or disappointing, such Catholics can usually reel off dozens of other things they find encouraging.

As then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger himself observed in 1984, in the long run of history, the best argument for Christianity is its artists and its saints. The story of France's famed "Abbot Pierre," a priest and tireless advocate for the homeless who launched the worldwide Emmaus movement, and who died this week at 94, offers a vivid example of the point.

A hero of the French resistance who adopted the pseudonym "Abbot Pierre" during the war, the fifth of eight children, he launched what became the Emmaus Movement in 1949. In Emmaus communities, poor and homeless residents refurbish donated furniture and household goods and then sell them in a common shop, sharing the profits. Today, the movement numbers 327 such communities in 39 countries.

Etched in the French national consciousness, in 1954, when Paris was struggling with a particularly bitter winter, he went on national radio to appeal for help for the homeless, eloquently insisting, "Empty your attics, Parisians! There may be venerable things in them, but they're less venerable than the lives of babies."

"It's not enough to prevent miserable people from dying in the streets," he once said. "They have to be helped so they can live like human beings."

"Abbot Pierre" regularly topped polls as France's most respected person, and was routinely compared to Mother Teresa of Calcutta. In 1992 he was nominated to the French Legion of Honor, but refused it on the grounds that government policies for the homeless were inadequate. He finally accepted the honor in 2001, and was also repeatedly nominated for the Noble Peace Prize.

President Jacques Chirac said this week, "We have lost a great figure, a conscience, an incarnation of goodness." Chirac set aside Jan. 26 as a national day of mourning, including a funeral Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. Pope Benedict XVI sent a telegram of condolence in which he expressed thanks for Abbot Pierre's "action in favor of the poorest, which gave a witness of the charity which comes to us through Christ."

Though the Emmaus movement is not well known in the United States, the H.O.M.E. center in Orland, Maine -- "Homeworkers Organized for More Employment" -- was inspired by Abbot Pierre's vision.

Abbot Pierre represents one of the towering examples in the 20th century of faith in action, an icon of what Pope Paul VI meant when he said that in this age, the church will be an effective teacher only to the extent that it is first a witness to the love of Christ.

The fact that Catholicism is still capable of generating such witnesses, despite all its struggles and internal fractures, is a heartening bit of context, one which ought to be factored more routinely into reflections about what's happening in "the church."

*copied and edited from Jan.26 07 NCR article by John Allen*

# *Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly #2143*

*First Annual*

## *Ladies Appreciation Dinner*

*At the Circle Landmark Restaurant*

*Lakehurst, N.J.*

*Friday, February 9, 2007*

*7p.m. - 11pm.*

*\$40 per person*

*Dinner includes:*

*Soup, Salad, Bread*

*Entrée: Choice of: Chicken Sorrentino*

*Tilapia*

*Stuffed Roast Pork*

*Potato, Vegetable*

*Dessert*

*Coffee, Tea,*

*Beer, Wine ,*

*Soda*

*Music and Dancing*

*Contact: S.K. Michael Tuohy 732-920-7339*

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## **Faithful Comptrollers Message**

**Brothers,**

**Dues notices have been sent out and I would like to thank those that have sent their dues in already. Second notices have gone out. Included in the envelope was a form asking you for your address, phone numbers and e-mail address information. This is only for our Assembly use, and will not be shared with any Councils, Assemblies, the Second New Jersey District or Supreme. The form also asked for your Wedding Date and your Lady's Date of Birth. We do not wish to know the year your Lady was born, just the month and date. Please fill out the forms so we can include the Ladies on the birthday list.**

**On February 9, we will be holding our First Annual Ladies Appreciation dinner, at the Circle Landmark Restaurant in Lakehurst. This is to thank the Ladies for supporting the Knights of Columbus in the programs we do. Without the Ladies, our events could not be as successful as they are. This is open to 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members, their friends and families. Please help make this event a success, the Ladies deserve this night.**

**On March 25, our Assembly will host the Annual Past Faithful Navigator Dinner, honoring P.F.N. Robert Murray. The Dinner will be at the Lobster Shanty in Pt. Pleasant Beach. See the ads in this edition for menu and other information.**

**I hope to see you all at the meetings and our events.**

**John A. Gazis, P.F.N.  
Faithful Comptroller**

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## **COLOR CORPS COMMANDERS REPORT**

**Brothers,**

**Spring is approaching and the Color Corps will be getting busy again. We have had a few callouts recently, assisting other Assemblies, as well as callouts of our own.**

**We sent some men to the viewing and Funeral of F.D.D. Bernie Kerrigan. P.F.N. John Gazis joined P.F.N Wilson Cruz of Msgr. Baldwin Assembly in escorting the body of our Brother Bernie to the cemetery, where they were joined by a Marine Color Guard.**

**Our Color Corps also joined with Msgr. Baldwin's Color Corps in escorting the Icon of the Divine Mercy at local Council's prayer services.**

**Upcoming events will be the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Seaside Park, Confirmations, and the State Convention in May. Anyone wishing to join the Color Corps can call me at (609) 597-1197.**

**Edward F. Kelly, K.H.S., P.F.N.  
Color Corps Commander**

***Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly #2143  
Past Faithful Navigator Dinner  
Honoring Robert Murray, P.F.N.  
At the Lobster Shanty  
Pt. Pleasant, N.J.***

***Sunday, March 25, 2007      6p.m. - 10pm.  
\$40 per person***

***Dinner includes:***

***Soup du Jour,  
Caesar Salad,  
Bread***

***Entrée: Choice of: Chicken Francaise,  
Stuffed Flounder,  
Roast Prime Rib***

***Chocolate Sundae  
Coffee, Tea, Soda  
Cash Bar***

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              S.K. Warren Frey            732-920-3739  
              S.K. John A. Gazis, P.F.N 732-477-6304***

## **UPCOMING MILESTONES**

### **BIRTHDAYS** **FEBRUARY**

- Feb. 4-** Lady Micki Tuohy  
**Feb. 7 -** S.K. Thomas R. Bishop  
**Feb. 13 -** S.K. Reynold F. Castellano  
**Feb. 19 -** S.K. Sal Sarno

### **MARCH**

- March 17 -** Deacon S.K. Vincent P. Ricciardi

### **APRIL**

- Apr. 1 -** S.K. Neal DeBenedetto  
**Apr. 6 -** Lady Annette Lotartaro  
**Apr. 16 -** Lady Lisa Dickerson  
**Apr. 16 -** S.K. Peter J. Malara  
**Apr. 23 -** Lady Velda Castellano  
**Apr. 26 -** S.K. Joseph C. O'Brien, Jr.
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## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY'S**

### **FEBRUARY**

- Feb. 1 -** Lady Daisy and Sir Knight Vincent Ricciardi  
**Feb. 18 -** Lady Lisa and Sir Knight Bryan Dickerson

### **MARCH**

- March 22 -** Lady Margaret and Sir Knight Bernard Ernst

### **APRIL**

- Apr. 4 -** Lady Julia and Sir Knight Mario Pontecorvo  
**Apr. 12 -** Lady Roberta and Sir Knight Thomas Niesz  
**Apr. 16 -** Lady Audrey and Sir Knight Lionel Coty  
**Apr. 20 -** Lady Micki and Sir Knight Michael Tuohy

## **WARRENS WORLD**

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### **INTERESTING GEOGRAPHY**

More than half of the coastline of the entire United States is in Alaska .

The Amazon rainforest produces more than 20% the world's oxygen supply. The Amazon River pushes so much water into the Atlantic Ocean that, more than one hundred miles at sea off the mouth of the river, one can dip fresh water out of the ocean. The volume of water in the Amazon river is greater than the next eight largest rivers in the world combined and three times the flow of all rivers in the United States .

Antarctica is the only land on our planet that is not owned by any country. Ninety percent of the world's ice covers Antarctica . This ice also represents seventy percent of all the fresh water in the world. As strange as it sounds, however, Antarctica is essentially a desert. The average yearly total precipitation is about two inches Although covered with ice (all but 0.4% of it, i.e.), Antarctica is the driest place on the planet, with an absolute humidity lower than the Gobi desert.

Brazil got its name from the nut, not the other way around.

Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined. Canada is an Indian word meaning " Big Village ."

Next to Warsaw , Chicago has the largest Polish population in the world.

Woodward Avenue in Detroit , Michigan , carries the designation M-1, so named because it was the first paved road anywhere.

Damascus, Syria, was flourishing a couple of thousand years before Rome was founded in 753 BC, making it the oldest continuously inhabited city in existence.

Istanbul , Turkey , is the only city in the world located on two continents.

Los Angeles's full name is El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula --and can be breviated to 3.63% of its size: L.A.

The term "The Big Apple" was coined by touring jazz musicians of the 1930's who used the slang expression "apple" for any town or city. Therefore, to play New York City is to play the big time - The Big Apple. There are more Irish in New York City than in Dublin , Ireland ; more Italians in New York City than in Rome , Italy ; and more Jews in New York City than in Tel Aviv, Israel .

The smallest island with country status is Pitcairn in Polynesia , at just 1.75 sq. miles/4,53 sq. km.

The first city to reach a population of 1 million people was Rome , Italy in 133 B.C. There is a city called Rome on every continent.

The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one-mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.

The actual smallest sovereign entity in the world is the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (S.M.O.M.). It is located in the city of Rome, Italy, has an area of two tennis courts, and as of 2001 has a population of 80, 20 less people than the Vatican. It is a sovereign entity under international law, just as the Vatican is.

In the Sahara Desert, there is a town named Tidikelt, which did not receive a drop of rain for ten years. Technically though, the driest place on Earth is in the valleys of the Antarctic near Ross Island . There has been no rainfall there for two million years.

St. Paul, Minnesota, was originally called Pig's Eye after a man named Pierre "Pig's Eye" Parrant who set up the first business there.

I have always said you should learn something new every day. Unfortunately, many of us are at that age where what we learn today, we forget tomorrow. But, give it a shot anyway