

Serra Club of Boulder County

July 2021

District 6 Club #723 Region 13
Chartered September 29, 1990 **Chaplain: Fr. Mark Kovacik**



Club Meeting Times: 1st Friday and 3rd Friday of each month following the 7:00 a.m. Mass at SHJ. Selected member chefs bring breakfast for those present. Bring a friend and encourage them to join our club.

President: Peggy Morrow
Secretary: Dori Fitzgerald
V.P. Vocations: Jim and Judy Heinze
V.P. Programs: Sharon Stetson
V.P. Affirmation: Ed Theiss
Club Trustees: Sue Husler, Bill Fitzgerald

President-Elect: Jerome Higgins
Treasurer: Ed Husler
V.P. Membership: Stan Peterson, Mary Ellen Thorne
V.P. Communications: Amy Michaelis
Parish Liaison: vacant

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Serrans – As I pray the Saint Junipero novena each day in anticipation of his feast on July 1st, I am amazed at how God called him to his mission and how he responded. Clearly he had a choice, and could have plugged his ears and continued on in a life of comfort in Spain. But because of his response, he departed this world with the only thing that he could actually take with him on his final journey, all the souls who received the sacraments through his priesthood.

What an honor and a blessing to be asked to be a part of this same work of ensuring that priests are available to administer the sacraments! Like Saint Junipero, our club has carried out several successful missions since its first meeting on December 7th, 1989 at the Broker Inn (from the club history). As we continue in this work, please pray that our club can continue to support its many successful efforts and new efforts such as The Doors to Vocations Project.

Thanks to Lillian for responding to God and sharing her vision to launch this project. Two episodes are now available on the club website: <https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org/doorstovocations>

In Christ, Peggy Morrow

PRIEST'S CORNER

In 1992, Pope John Paul II wrote [Pastores Dabo Vobis](#) which begins with a quote from Jeremiah: "I will give you shepherds after my own heart." John Paul II goes on to explain that God has made a promise that He will not leave his people without shepherds. We can be confident that He will fulfill His word. Let us continue to ask God with confidence that He sends not only shepherds but especially shepherds after His own heart. God has the heart of the Good Shepherd: humbly serving for the good of the flock.

God bless, Fr. Mark

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June Meetings

On June 4th Sharon Stetson introduced at our meeting Deacon John Pontillo from Immaculate Conception parish in Lafayette. Deacon John was ordained by then Archbishop Stafford in 1987. He has served as deacon at St. Mark's in Westminster, and Sts. Peter & Paul in Wheat Ridge. Deacon John also served in the diaconate formation program as director of academic formation; associate director for deacons; and as an instructor in homiletics, the Catechism and sacramental practice.



Deacon John Pontillo, Sharon Stetson

His story of how he became a deacon is one of a "third time is the charm". He was reared in Cheyenne, Wyoming and educated at St. Mary's Catholic School & High School. From his youth he had wanted to serve Mass, but kept being thwarted in his pursuit. During his college years he was influenced by Msgr. Charles F. Taylor of Wyoming and the Jesuit Theatre Master Fr. John Walsh. Fr. Walsh was fond of quoting Archbishop Sheen "a priest does not belong to himself". John entered the seminary and began his studies during a summer institute at the Benedictine Abbey of Conception in northwest Missouri. Illness forced him to leave and he was thwarted again.

Following his love of the Theatre, Deacon John became a university professor and retired from Metropolitan State University in 2001. The deacon also holds graduate degrees in Scripture and Theology.

One day he saw an article in the Catholic Register about an information session on the permanent diaconate and went. Fortunately he encountered no obstacles at this third effort to assist at Mass. As a deacon he enjoys preaching, teaching RCIA, doing baptisms and witnessing weddings. Deacon John likes to say that the seed for ordained ministry was planted deep in his heart when he was young but the Lord had other plans until that day he read the Register. Indeed, the third time was the charm.

June 18 - We viewed the Doors to Vocations video of Father Shaun Galvin, which is now linked on our club web site.

July Meetings:

July 2 - no meeting Independence Day

July 16 - Club Meeting

August Meetings:

August 6 - Club Meeting followed by Board Meeting

August 20 - Club Meeting

Serra Meets

The next Serra Meets webinar is at 10AM Mountain Time on July 10

<https://serraus.org/serra-meets>

Mrs. Rosemary Sullivan, Executive Director for the [National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors](#).

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District 6 Convention

The District 6 Annual Convention will be held Friday evening, **October 22, and Saturday, October 23** at new Newman Center in Colorado Springs. The theme is "A Call to Holiness, Transcends Generations." The keynote speaker will be our US Council President, Richard Arians. More details will be coming in the following months.

Calendar

July 1 – [St. Junipero Serra Feast Day](#)

July 10 - [Serra Meets](#)
10 AM Mountain Time

Sept. 26 – [Priesthood Appreciation Sunday](#)

Oct 1 - St. Therese dinner - FOCUS

Oct 7-10 - [Serra International Convention Chicago, IL](#)

Oct. 22-23 - District 6 Convention
Colorado Springs

Nov. 7-13 – [National Vocations Awareness Week](#)

Dec. 4 - Christmas Party, SHJ Parish Center

Jan 13-16, 2022 - Serra Rally Dallas/Ft. Worth

Feb 2, 2022 (5-6) - World Day for Consecrated Life

May 8, 2022 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

July 2022 - Serra International 79th Convention Toronto Canada

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July Members Birthdays:

July 9 – Doug Feauto
July 14 – Bob Brockish
July 25 – Nohemi Scott

July Members Anniversaries:

July 13 – Jeannine & Ronald Myers (1963)
July 23 – Pauline & Jerome Higgins (1960)
July 23 - Dona & Dick Padrnos

July Seminarian Birthdays:

July 7 – Tenanai Tebaoti
July 12 – Dcn Luis Guilherme Da Silva
July 17 – Sile (Wilfred) Kone

July Religious Anniversaries:

none

Newly Assigned

Rev. Matthew Magee – Parochial Vicar at St. Thomas Aquinas - Boulder

Rev. Ron Cattany – Guardian Angels – Mead

Rev. Hernan Florez, pastor of St. Theresa, will also be at St. William in Fort Lupton and Our Lady of Grace Mission in Wattenburg, while Rev. Grzegorz Wojcik is on sabbatical for 6 months.

See this article in the Denver Catholic:
[Father and Son, Deacon and Priest](#)

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Prayer List

Please pray for those in need of healing: Fr. Greg Ames, Rosemary Ames, Tiki Theiss, Teresa Christoff, Lorna Christoff, Chase Curfman, Jeanette Denfeld, Audrey Kenney, Helga Riedl, George Morzinski, Marcus Poulin (Annette & Chase), Matthew Hibl, Angie McCann, Ron Myers, Mary Safranek

Prayer for Seminarians

Father, thank You for the generosity of our seminarians.

Safeguard them as they prepare for the priesthood.

Keep all evil far from them, so they may become strong Christian men who are faithful to prayer, diligent in their studies, open to spiritual direction, and docile to all aspects of seminary formation. Above all, enflame their hearts with love so they will be ardent and gentle shepherds for your Church.

We make this prayer through the great High Priest, Jesus Christ our Lord.
-Amen-

Remember to pray for vocations, especially an increase to the priesthood; by dedicating a Mass, a rosary or an hour of adoration.

July Saints

July 1 — [St. Junipero Serra](#) 1713-1784
Patron of all Serrans.

July 11 — [Pope St. Pius I](#) (140-155)
He was a friend of St. Polycarp of Smyrna and St. Justin the Apologist, who fought against the Gnostic heresy that was contaminating the Church. St. Pius I demanded the highest respect for the consecrated species of Bread and Wine in the Eucharist. He suffered martyrdom under Marcus Aurelius.

July 25 — [St. James the Greater, Apostle](#)
Patron Saint of Spain, he was the son of Zebedee and Salome, and brother of St. John the Evangelist. He was the first Apostle to receive the crown of martyrdom.

July 26 — [St. Anne](#)
Mother of Our Lady. Grandmother of Jesus Christ. Wife of Saint Joachim. Tradition says that Anne was quite elderly when Mary was born, and that she was their only child.
