

Serra Club of Boulder County

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

June, 2020

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: Bill Fitzgerald

Secretary: Stan Peterson

V.P. Vocations: Nancy Sorenson

V.P. Programs: Lillian Price

V.P. Affirmation: Ed Theiss

Club Trustees: Vern Rogowski, Jerome Higgins

President-Elect: Sue Husler

Treasurer: Ed Husler

V.P. Membership:

V.P. Communications: Nancy Harris

Parish Liaison: Peggy Morrow

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The new Board of Directors is scheduled to be inducted at our June 5th general meeting. It is hard for me to believe that my term serving the Club as President has already come to a close. I cannot thank you enough for the opportunity you afforded me to lead you for the past 12 months. I have enjoyed the job, the relationships with you, and the growth in my spirituality that has resulted. I leave you with this quote by St. John Newman which I think applies to us as Serrans.

St. John Henry Newman, Anglican priest in Oxford, sixteen years before his reception into the Catholic Church, preached the following in 1829:

“To expect great effects from our exertions for religious objects is natural indeed, and innocent, but it arises from inexperience of the kind of work we have to do. . . .It is a far nobler frame of mind, to labor, not with the hope of seeing the fruit of our labor, but for conscience’s sake, as a matter of duty; and again, in faith, trusting good will be done, though we see it not. Look through the Bible, and you will find God’s servants, even though they began with success, end with disappointment; not that God’s purposes or His instruments fail, but that the time for reaping what we have sown is hereafter, not here; that here there is no great visible fruit in any one man’s lifetime.”

God Bless you all,

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Recent Past Events

May 1 and May 15, 2020 meetings were held via ZOOM.

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Upcoming Meetings:

June 5 & June 19, 2020 - Club meetings, unless otherwise notified, will be held via ZOOM.

Due to the need to distance during the pandemic, the new Club officers will be inducted in a ceremony held Tuesday, June 2 at the Parish Center. The new District Governor, Rose Marie Stimpfl, will perform the induction ceremony. Hopefully, the retiring District Governor, John Gebhardt, will also be able to attend.

PRIEST'S CORNER

The lockdown has been a difficult time for us, yet God has been working in the lives of each of us uniquely for our good. Some have commented how much more they appreciate the Eucharist and the community of the Church. Others have been given time to slow down and reflect on what is important in life. Others have been able to spend more time with their immediate family. We have been given more opportunities for prayer. Let us pray especially for the Church that God sends a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and we may experience a second Pentecost as Saint John Paul II prophesied.

God Bless,
Fr. Mark

GENERAL SERRA NEWS by Sue

There are moments when time is at a standstill, especially when one is in a 'shut down' and, yet, all of a sudden we are nearing the longest day of the year!

I would like to thank Bill Fitzgerald for all he has done as President of our Serra Club. These will be hard shoes to fill as I am not that energetic nor as organized as he is. Just warning you all ahead of time. Bill, those have been wonderful general 'Zoom Meetings', since we haven't been able to meet in person, and we enjoyed the informative videos that Fr. Daniel and Fr. Humberto presented for our programs.

Hopefully, there will be more in the near future.

'Thank You' so much Nancy Sorenson for all you did as VP of Vocations.

We have seven new members, not sure when we will be able to have the New Member Orientation and Induction. It would be great support to have the whole club there for the induction. We will try to work something out, hopefully soon.

Hope to see you all soon – in person.

Prayer for Seminarians

Father, thank You for the generosity of our seminarians.

Safeguard them as they prepare for the priesthood.

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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.

Masses for Seminarians

The club will be setting aside monies for masses for our seminarians once a month. If any club member is planning to attend or visit another church and would like to schedule a mass for the seminarians themselves, feel free to go ahead and do so but please notify the other club members.

I have set up four Masses at SHJ for the seminarians in 2020. The dates are: 5/15, 8/7 and 11/6. If you are unable to attend on that date, say a prayer/rosary for them.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Members Birthdays:

June 11 – Jeanette Denfield
June 22 – Philip McMahan

June Members Anniversaries:

June 5 – Stan and Anne Peterson
June 6 – Hank and Jan Barth

June 6 – Doug and Betsy Feauto
June 12 – Mike and Lynn Taylor
June 16 – David and Marie Perkins
June 20 – Bill and Dori Fitzgerald
June 28 – Ramon and Luan Jesch
June 30 – Bob and Susan Gills

June Seminarian Birthdays:

June 2 – Amilcar Galdamez
July 7 – Tenana Tebaoti

June Religious Anniversaries:

June 4 – Dcn David Luksch (2005) SHJ
June 5 – Fr. Dorino DeLazzar (1969) SHM retired
June 9 – Fr. Robert Wedow (2001) Erie
June 9 – Fr. James Crisman (2001) St. Francis of Assisi
S June 10 – Dcn Steve Vallero (2000) Nativity
June 11 – Dcn Antonio Sandoval (1973) retired
June 12 – Dcn Leonard Onesky (1999) Nativity
June 14 – Dcn Mike Berens (2003) St. Johns
June 17 – Dcn David Arling (2017) Nativity
June 21 – Fr. Accursio Ciaccio FSCD (2008) Nativity
June 22 – Dcn Huan Nguyen (2019) Nativity
June 22 – Dcn Pedro Reyes (2019) St. Wm., Ft. Lupton
June 22 – Dcn Tim McCann (2019) Guardian Angels, Mead
June 25 – Fr. Gabriele Azzalin, FSCD (2005) Nativity (Holy Family HS)

Prayer list: Please pray for those in need of healing: Fr. Greg Ames,

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Rosemary Ames, Tiki Theiss, Teresa Christoff, Chase Curfman, Jeanette Denfeld, Luan Jesch, Audrey Kenney, Elaine Middleton, Helga Riedl, George Morzinski, Marcus Poulin-(Annette & Chase), Matthew Hibl, Bob Brockish, Angie McCann, Deacon George Theirjung

And for all men and women and young people discerning a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life

Future Events

July 1 – St. Junipero Serra Feast Day
Sept. 26-27 – Priesthood Appreciation Sunday

Nov. 1-8 – National Vocations Awareness Week

Friends of the Seminary Dinner has been cancelled. Redemptoris Mater hopes to host the dinner in 2021 when the seminary will be celebrating its 25th anniversary.

EWTN TV Channel June 29 – July 3 at 3:30 p.m. will show a DVD on Serra: Ever Forward, Never Back (30 mins. each day). Filmed in Spain, Mexico and the U.S., a docudrama that explores the life of St. Junipero Serra.

THE SIX MOST IMPORTANT WORDS IN VOCATIONS AWARENESS, according to the late Bishop David Choby, Bishop of Nashville:

“HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BEING A PRIEST (OR RELIGIOUS SISTER)?”

MONTH OF JUNE, 2020 – WOMEN SAINTS

St. Kateri Tekawitha:

Born to an Algonquin-Mohawk tribe, St. Kateri was the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church.

Developing smallpox as a child, her face was left pock-marked and disfigured. Choosing to become Catholic at just nineteen, St. Kateri chose not to marry and instead made a vow of perpetual virginity. Though she died young, at the age of 24, it is claimed that once she passed, the pock marks instantly vanished from her face.

St. Bernadette:

Though she was poor and uneducated, St. Bernadette talked of seeing visions of the Holy Virgin. While some in the town believed her, others felt Bernadette was mentally ill and should be put in a mental asylum.

After being interviewed by the French government and Church authorities, it was determined that her visions were true. Bernadette is also well known for the miracle she performed in producing clean water in the town's spring which reportedly cured around 69 people.

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While the water was tested by the Church through “extremely rigorous scientific and medical examinations” no explanation was able to be given about why people were cured. The Lourdes Commission also ran an analysis on the water but were only able to determine it contained a high mineral content.

Bernadette asked the local priest to build a chapel at the site where she received her visions and the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes is now one of the major Catholic pilgrimage sites in the world, with many other chapels and churches built around it since.

St. Angela Merici:

Born in 1474 in Desenzano, Italy and orphaned young, St. Angela went to live in the home of an uncle. Later, she joined the Third Order of St. Francis. At age 20, she returned home and gathered about her a group of girls who taught the catechism to the children of the village.

In 1506, while praying in the fields, Angela had a vision in which she was told that she would found a society of virgins. The citizens came to regard her as a prophet and a saint.

In 1535, Angela and 28 companions consecrated themselves to God by a vow of virginity, and the Company of St. Ursula (Ursalines) was born, which provided for the Christian education of girls in order to restore the family and, through the family, the whole of Christian society. Before her death, she dictated her spiritual testament; it insists on interest in

the individual, gentleness and the efficacy of persuasion over force.

Angela is often celebrated as a woman of foresight and courage who enjoined her successors to make changes according to the needs of the time.