

# **Minutes of February 7th, 2019** **Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting**

The February 7th Assembly Meeting was held at Mary Our Queen Kiernan Hall. It had been moved forward a week because Feb. 14th was Valentine Day. Here is the schedule of future Assembly meetings:

St. Andrew.....Mar. 14th  
All Saints.....Apr. 11th  
Mary Our Queen.....May 9th

The rosary was recited before the meeting as usual. Dinner was provided by our Faithful Navigator and consisted of fried chicken, salad, bread, cookies, and beverages. There were 24 total Sir Knights attending.

The meeting commenced slightly on time about 7:35 PM. There were no first time attendees or members of another Assembly.

Cited as having February birthdays were Sir Knights Lou Hlad, Gray Plunkett, Andy Diaz, Msgr. Marren, Jim Masak, Wiley Maloof, and Alfred Alberghini.

February wedding anniversaries cited were Bill Campbell (58), Chuck Langgood (43), Harvey Moskowitz (55), Dean Trantow (45), John Knight (29), and Pat Fahey (5).

Deacon Ken Melvin offered the opening prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as transcribed.

Here was the officer roll call. Outer Sentinel Euse Durah has moved from the area and must be replaced.

Faithful Navigator	-	Nick Mattera	
Faithful Captain	-	Bob Mitchell	
Faithful Pilot	-	Jon Bird	
Faithful Admiral	-	Ernie Spencer	
Faithful Scribe	-	Lou Hlad	
Faithful Comptroller	-	Dave Lemcoe	
Faithful Purser	-	Ted Tada	
Inner Sentinel	-	Ray Grupinski	(excused)
Outer Sentinel	-	open	(Euse Durah has moved)

Trustee—one year	-	Chuck Langgood	
Trustee—two year	-	Dave Mason	(excused)
Trustee—three year	-	Wulf Lindenau	

Faithful Friar—		Msgr. James Fennessy	(excused)
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# Faithful Navigator Report— Nick Mattera

**I am happy to report that we have added 5 new Sir Knights to Fr. Charles J. Waters Assembly:**

**Left To Right:**

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| <b>1. Diego Cervantes</b> | <b>2. Pablo Cervantes</b> | <b>3. AJ Cervantes,</b> |
| <b>4. Tom Burns</b>       | <b>5. Joe Tuttle.</b>     |                         |



**Please extend a warm welcome to our new 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sir Knights.**

**While on the topic of Exemplification the next scheduled 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification will be April 27 located at St. Joseph Catholic Church located at 830 Poplar St., Macon, GA 31201**

**Our Worthy Color Corp Commander has published the upcoming schedule for call-outs for Honor Guards. Next Upcoming event is the long awaited new church dedication of Mary Our Queen this Sunday March 17. Report time is 10:00 am, Arrive early !!!**

**It may be a little early but I want to bring this item to your attention. Please start thinking about the election of Officers for the 2019-2020 Columbian year. The entire slate of officer positions will be ‘Up for grabs’ Yes, sadly even the Faithful Navigator position.....**

**Please contact one of our Trustees and indicate what office you would like to run for...**

**Elections will be in May 2019.**

**Please consider running for office and help further define our Assembly.**

**I hope by this time, all have received their new membership cards. If you do not have your membership card check with our Faithful Comptroller SK Dave Lemcoe or ask at the upcoming meeting.**

**I hope to see you at our next meeting... This Thursday (3/14/2019) at St. Andrew’s usual time:**

**6:15 Rosary**

**6:30 Dinner**

**7:15 Meeting**



# Faithful Comptroller Report—Dave Lemcoe

**Checking account balance:** \$14,926.57

**Membership:** Currently, we have 199 members. Mark E Balmes is now an Honorary Life Member. He reached 25 years in the Fourth Degree as of last November. I mailed him his card.

**Exemplification February 23.** It will be at St Monica in Duluth. We expect at least 6 to attend and become 2688 members. I need to know the number of observers.


**Councils:** I have the current Form 4s. Remember to fill them out completely! Nary a one of the recent submissions have been complete. Member number for candidate/proposer, applicable degree dates, signature of FS, Parish information, signature of FN, Council/Assembly information, and all other complete applicant information need to be provided.

**Dues:** Dues notices sent out a second time last month. Through today, 96 have paid by mail or in person. Please do not staple checks to anything! Or fold the check as small as you can. The check will **not** escape from the envelope!

**Cards:** I have cards awaiting signature by the Faithful Navigator.

**Reports:** I submitted the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity last month shortly before the due date.

## Faithful Purser Report—Ted Tada

		FATHER CHARLES J. WATTERS ASSEMBLY 2688			
		PURSER REPORT			
		2/1/2019			
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 01/01/2019		\$ 13,141.15			
RECEIPTS					
50/50				\$35.00	
Exemplification				\$ 80.00	
SOCIAL EVENT					
DUES				#####	
MEETING DINNER				\$ 120.00	
SUB TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$1,735.00			
		\$ 14,876.15			
EXPENSES					
SOCIAL EVENT					
CHARITY/WREATHS ACRO: Scholar/Lourdes					
ENGRAVING OF A CHALICE				\$ (117.60)	
DINNER				\$ (71.98)	
REGALIA					
STIPEND					
CCC/ COMPTROLLER					
KofC CHARITY of GA					
SUPPLIES					
BATTLE CROSS					
VETERANS DAY					
SUB TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ (189.58)			
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 02/01/2019		\$ 14,686.57			
TOTAL OUTSTANDING CHECKS/DEPOSITS		\$ -			
CHECK BOOK ACCOUNT BALANCE 02/01/20		\$ 14,686.57			



## **Faithful Scribe Report—Lou Hlad**

**Hlad sent out the monthly minutes and the instructions for registering on the web site as always.**

**Hlad read a beautiful letter of thanks from Mary Peek, the mother of Father Joe Peek. She is the mother of two priests and one nun. She has 43 grandchildren. Her letter is reproduced on page 16 of this document. Please read it.**

**FN Nick wrote a heartfelt message to Father Kevin Peek with the presentation of the chalice and he reminded Father Kevin that we expect him to remember our love for Father Joe every time he uses the chalice presented. The chalice will be stationed at a military base and used by him and others during ceremonies.**

## **Ad Hoc Widows Committee—Lou Hlad**

- Widows received our newsletter.**
- Two widows played Bingo gratis.**
- Hlad is declaring Mary Peek, mother of deceased Sir Knight Father Joe Peek, as one of our widows, since he obviously had none. She will come to our Deceased Knight Mass in October and probably bring her entire Peek clan.**

## **Patriotic Report—Jon Bird**

**Jon did not attend. There was no Patriotic Report.**

## **Fundraising Committee—Bob Santos**

**Bob was not present and there was no fundraising report.**



# Chalice Committee Report - (Ed Pierson)

Fr. Kevin Peek was presented his brother's chalice at the 10:30 Mass on 1-27-2019 at All Saints. It has his brother's name, Fr. Joseph Peek, on it. We agreed to present him with his brother's chalice for his use at a permanent location of his choice. Fine presentation and noted the great photos taken by Sir Knight Pat Fahey. He also thanked Dave Lemcoe for his chalice help. See photos attached in these minutes.

We have identified a backlog of four more chalices for our Assembly as detailed below.

Mark White, a deacon who will be ordained a priest on 6/1/2019 has been added as a later target recipient.

A vote was held, and Fr. Dan McCormick will be honored with a chalice although he was not a Fourth Degree. Richard Sisko also was approved and we will start another chalice (#4).

- **Presented** to Fr. Ceballos, a **travel chalice** on July 21st, 2016  
Anthony Allan Kosek passed 12.25.2014 (All Saints)  
Charles J. Robinson passed 12.30.2014 (St. Andrew)
- **Presented** to Father Roberto Suarez, a **chalice** on Nov. 3rd, 2016  
James Edward Lamb passed 3.5.2015 (St. Andrew)  
Richard (Doc) Malone passed 6.12.2015 (All Saints)  
Michael A. Nassr passed 10.31.2015 (St. Andrew)
- **Presented** to Fr. Bryan Kuhr, a **travel chalice** on July 16th, 2017  
Dennis M. Crean passed 11.1.2015 (All Saints)  
Thomas Templeton passed 5.1.2016 (All Saints)
- **Presented** to Fr. John Klein, a **chalice** on April 22nd, 2018  
Guy E. Stryker passed 9.26.2016 (All Saints)  
William O'Shaughnessy passed 1.11.2017 (St. Brendan)  
Robert Heald passed 3.12.2017 (All Saints)
- **Presented** to Fr. Michael Bremer, a **chalice** on August 11th, 2018  
Patrick J. Callahan passed 5.18.2017 (All Saints)  
PFN George P. Novac passed 5.31.2017 (All Saints)  
Michael J. Schultz passed 11.26.2017 (All Saints)
- **Presented** to Fr. Kevin Peek, a **chalice** on January-27-2019.  
Fr. Joseph M. Peek passed 3.14.2016 (All Saints) (solitary chalice for a priest)
- **Awaiting Future Chalices**  
Msgr. R. Donald Kiernan passed 1/09/2018 (All Saints) (solitary chalice for a priest) #1  
Edward J. Trainor passed 12/23/2017 (All Saints) chalice #2  
Don L. Myers passed 2/17/2018 (All Saints)  
Richard T. Szyperski passed 4/27/2018 (All Saints)  

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Fr. Daniel J. McCormick 4/19/2018 (All Saints) Approved . Solitary priest chalice #3  
Richard G. Sisko passed 9/24/2018 (All Saints) Approved chalice #4  
and others



**Note: The Assembly voted to allow Rick Sisko to get a chalice although he was not currently a Member of the Watters Assembly.**



## **Membership Committee—Wulf Lindenau**

FN Nick presented an official membership certificate to new Sir Knight Chris Lekan of All Saints (applause). Chris is from Nigeria and is a very welcome new member. A photo of the presentation is in this document.

Wulf thinks we may have two new members in line. Mike Martell of all Saints is interested, but he is becoming a Deacon and his training begins on the same day as the next Fourth Degree Exemplification. We have his paperwork for the next time.

Al Bolet of All Saints is also interested. He is a veteran who was a prisoner of war at the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba. He would also make an interesting speaker for our group.

Please give all leads to Wulf and he will follow up with them.

Hlad added that Father Kevin Peek wants to transfer to our All Saints Council and the Watters Assembly, so we should have at least one new member soon. He is a fourth degree brother.

## **Social Committee—Bob Santos**

He has been contacting new restaurants in the new Peachtree Corners area to see if we can plan a social dinner there. He recently checked out a new Firebirds Restaurant as a possibility (too small for us). He also hears that these two restaurants are possible: **Grace 1720** (two function rooms), **Noble Fin** (2 function rooms). He will report next month on possibilities. He will bring menus and then we decide on a date at next meeting. Noble Fin is primarily seafood (some steak), Grace 1720 is American fair. Noble Fin is willing to put together a 3-course dinner for \$30-\$40/person. Grace is pretty much the same, but everything will depend upon how many people sign up.

Maybe a picnic at St. Andrew is a possibility in the Spring.

He has a minor league baseball game scheduled for May 18th at CoolRay Field against the Pawtucket Red Sox. More info to follow. He will need to know in April how many people will attend, so that he can make reservations at the Home Plate Club there. There is an all-you-can-eat buffet and separate rest room facilities. Last time we went, there was a spectacular fireworks display after the game. Those that went thoroughly enjoyed the outing. We sat right behind home plate. The cost was \$40/person.



## **Trustee Report - Wulf Lindenau**

No report.

## **Patriotic Report—Jon Bird**

In honor of Valentine Day, Jon informed us about the patron saints of various military services. Our Lady of Loretto is the patroness of aviators and astronauts. St. Martin of Tours is patron of soldiers, infantry, and cavalry. St. George is also a patron of soldiers. Joan of Arc is the patroness of soldiers. Saint Barbara is patroness of artillery. St. Michael is the patron of sailors and marines. Elizabeth Ann Seton is patron of sea services. St. Brenden the Navigator is the patron of sailors. St. John of Capistrano is the patron of military chaplains.

## **Honor Guard Report—Bob Mitchell**

Bob Mitchell thanked all those who turned out for the first Mass of permanent deacon Hedy Sevilla. He also talked about his amazement of the turnout for the funeral and wakes of Ernie Spencer's daughter Catherine. There are six honor guards between now and early May.

- Feb. 23rd, 4th degree exemplification at St. Monica in Duluth.
- Saturday afternoon is Confirmation at St. Andrew 5 PM Mass. (2 Events)
- We will have an honor guard at the dedication of the new MOQ church. The date is still fluid depending upon construction progress. March 17th is the last maybe date.
- Thursday 14th is St. Patrick Day Mass and a gala event with refreshments/dancing.
- April 27 is First Communion at All Saints.
- May 4/5 has two First Communions at St. Andrew.

## **Unfinished Business—Nick Mattera**

None

## **New Business—Nick Mattera**

Joe Tuttle and Tom Burns were identified by Dick Marklein and voted in as potential new members at the Feb. 23rd 4th degree.

Wulf spoke about Al Bolet as a great new candidate. All three were approved.

Dave Lemcoe opined that three Cervantes family members will be coming in Feb. 23rd as well. They were supposed to become members in November but are moved up.

FN announced that All Saints will have a Marti Gras Concert by a group called Corporate Therapy on March 2nd. Flyer available.

A general discussion was earlier held upon the proper amount to pay for our Assembly dinners. Some put \$5 and some put \$10 into the pot. We often come up short because some do not pay at all. While no exact amount was agreed upon, it was asked that all contribute an amount at least \$5 for food and one or two dollars for a beverage. This should help us to break even. More discussion on this will take place in the future.



# **Third Degree Reports**

## **Mary Our Queen— Bob Santos**

**Bob has been unofficially filling in as a representative for this council, since he is a past grand knight and a charity committee member.**

- They are doing events on public prayer. They also have a series on God's love and marriage. Bob is planning himself to do on on Fatherhood. These are fellowship events planned for the parish.**
- Also in conjunction with the Fellowship committee, the Knights are doing pancake breakfasts.**
- The 5th Sunday rosary is also being done.**
- The date of the new church completion and dedication by the Archbishop has slipped several times and is now planned for St. Parick Day March 17th. The church is largely complete. Landscaping is still needed. Pews, statues, doors, and a confessional are being moved from St. Gerard Church in Buffalo. The relics are not moved in yet. The ambo is still in the current Buffalo church. Landscaping is not done. Capacity will be 500, but they have a choir loft. Honor guard needed.**
- They are pushing the Domestic Church Initiative with a church fellowship group that Bob belongs to. Booklets are ordered and the initiative will be co-sponsored for their Columbian Award.**
- They still lack a District Deputy and a Field Agent. Gary Grabner is filling in as Field Agent.**

## **St. Andrew—Abe Kassis**

- Dynamic speaker coming Feb. 12th. Will surely speak on New York abortion law.**
- Feb. 23 will feature a first degree.**
- Feb. 25 they will combine with St. Ann Council for a second degree.**
- They will hold a 3rd degree and then send three candidates to the 4th degree.**
- Feb. 17th, the members will get together for a council Mass.**
- Gary Rominick resigned as Grand Knight for personal issues and Ralph Trujillo is now the Grand Knight of St. Andrew. He is a past high executive with UPS.**
- Council is turning its attention to the upcoming Fish Fry events.**



## **All Saints—Lou Hlad**

- **At January 5th Council Meeting, gave out Knight-of-Month Award to Sir Knight Charles Lynch.**
- **Sir Knight Ray Grupinski and wife Violetta received a 60 year wedding certificate.**
- **Sir Knight Jack Vander Wiele and wife Doris received a 50 year marriage certificate.**
- **One brother became a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree at St. Michael the Archangel exemplification.**
- **On January 12<sup>th</sup>, we sponsored and staffed a homeless shelter night at the downtown Shrine.**
- **Our brother, Hedy Sevilla, was ordained a Deacon on January 26<sup>th</sup> and assigned to All Saints Parish. He had an honor guard of seven at his first Mass as deacon.**
- **Council held a KofC Basketball Free Throw contest in the Saints gym Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>. The district contest will be held at All Saints on February 24<sup>th</sup> and the state contest at All Saints on March 9<sup>th</sup>.**
- **On January 20<sup>th</sup>, the Annual Pro-Life Mass was held with honor guard.**
- **Our January 24th Bingo featured 125 players including two knight widows who played gratis.**
- **Sir Knights Nick Matters and Ed Pierson awarded Fr. Kevin Peek the chalice in honor of his deceased brother Fr. Joseph Peek at All Saints Mass on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>. Their mother, Mary Peek, and a large Peek family clan were in attendance in front of the parishioner congregation.**
- **Sir Knight John Gannon continues to manage the All Saints Parish monthly Adoration in Our Lady Queen of the Knights Chapel, featuring one-hour prayer shifts throughout the entire night to end abortion on 21<sup>st</sup> of each month.**
- **Our 5 Knight acolyte teams participated in all funerals this month.**  
**We sent out a 28 page newsletter to all brothers, widows, and select outsiders this month.**
- **Upcoming:**
  - Council brother are deeply involved in sponsoring parish Men's CRHP on February 9/10.**
  - Council will sponsor a Mardi Gras Music Madness Benefit Concert on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> in All Saints Gym. Music by the band *Corporate Therapy*. Individual seats and complete table accommodations are being sold.**
  - We are deeply involved in Fish Fry planning with 13 team leaders.**  
**March 1<sup>st</sup> is our Practice Fish Fry for Knights, their families, and guests only.**
  - First degree scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup>.**



# Good of the Order

This running list has been carried from previous meetings. Please send any spelling corrections, additions, or deletions to [louhlad@comcast.net](mailto:louhlad@comcast.net) for update.

Dennis Caniglia, Andy Diaz, Linda Sperick, Wiley Maloof, Bill Campbell's wife Linda, Mike Smith's daughter Courtney Hertel, Jan Gahalni, Steve Smith, Janet Belinsky, Jessie Blair, George Petrukovich, John Petrukovich, Tom Stump, Ron Collins and wife Jackie, Margaret Plunkett, Mike D'Errico, Tom D'Errico, Lauren Echols, Jim Snoddy, John Barranco, Mary Jo Westbrook, Frank Farrell's wife Jean, Joy Fahey, Peter Leibowitz, Deborah Blair, Mary Cross, Gordon Stintz, Marty Dough, Danny Medina, Dennis Klein, Judy Klein, Don Heiser, Adrian Toolan, Randy Hines, Ted Throne, Olga Waltering, Kathy Harvey, Mary McCallen, Harvey Moskowitz, James Abrose, Orfeo Trombetta Sr., Stephen Powell, Carolyn Lively, Bill Camden, Abe Kassis, Julie Kassis, Larry Aston, Loren Echols, Bill Driscoll, Tom Hoover, Ernie Spencer's daughter Robin, Lou Hlad's brother Frank and sister Therese., Maria Martin.

Please pray for our country's new leaders that they will lead us in the direction that our Lord asks of us. Please pray for the men and women in the military that are fighting for our freedom and for religious rights for all Christian refugees in the Mid-East.

Please pray for our clergy. Prayers for victims of the recent mass shootings.

Special new prayer additions are:

- Gray Plunkett asked prayers for a priest in Togo who has passed.
- Bob Santos requested recovery prayers for Walt Gauthier's successful hip surgery.
- Bob Mitchell asked prayers for Sister Nancy Dill's brain surgery.
- Joanne Worrell, Erica Hyatt
- Sir Knight Joe Mitchell lost his granddaughter.
- Benny Mastrogiovanni not doing well
- Jerry Cross lost his brother-in-law.
- Ron Collins' surgery
- Kevin Mason surgery
- Joe Cavallaro surgery
- Mike Walker and his wife Kathy
- SK John Shaffer is having open heart surgery.
- Dennis Klein's daughter has had a turndown.
- Stan Wasowski lost his 100-year-old father.
- Ernie Spencer's daughter, Catherine, Passed.
- Liam Flynn, 7-year-old with cancer

Pray for those brothers recently passed:

- Monsignor Donald Kiernan
- Mark Nucera
- James W. "Bill" O'Brien
- Rich Szyperski
- Fr. Dan McCormick
- James McGill.
- James Stockelman of MOQ—stage four cancer passed.

## Split the Pot

Ernie Spencer won \$45 split the pot.

## Meeting End

Deacon Ken Melvin offered a closing prayer. The meeting ended at 8:45 PM.



# Newest Assembly Members at Last Exemplification



**Sir Knights Bob Mitchell (left) and Dave Lemcoe (right) flank five new Watters members. In the center are Joe Tuttle and Tom Burns of All Saints and Diego Cervantes, Pablo Cervantes, and AJ Cervantes of Saint Andrew. Welcome all.**



**Chris Lekan of All Saints gets his official certificate of membership in the Assembly from FN Nick Mattera at the February meeting.**



# Wulf Lindenau is Top Recruiter



**District Deputy John Knight (left) presents All Saints Chancellor Wulf Lindenau the “Contest of Champions Award” for fraternal year 2017-2018 for his extraordinary recruiting successes. Our council has been blessed by a succession of chancellors who have been very active in the search for new brothers. Wulf follows in this long line of leaders.**



# Knight of Month Steve Berrigan



## Knight of the Month

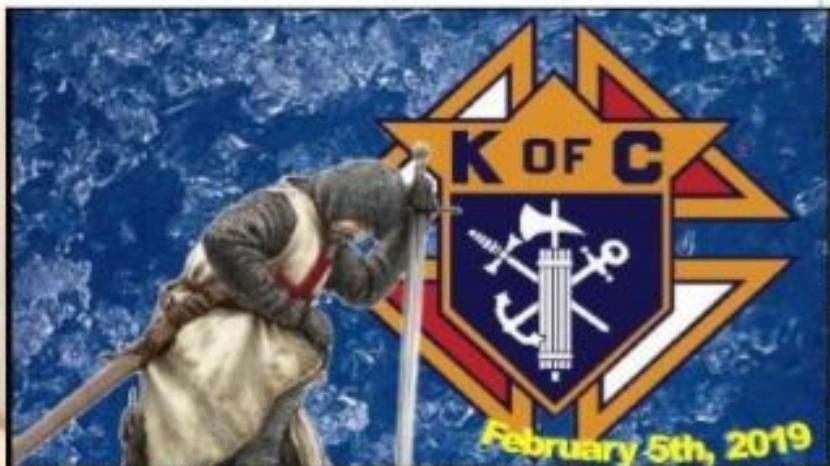
This certificate is awarded to  
**STEVE BERRIGAN**

Sir Knight, Steve Berrigan, is a quiet, unassuming brother who actively participates in all our events. His support includes Tootsie Roll Drives, Pumpkin Sales, Onion Sales, Monastery Fudge Sales, bartending, set-up and tear-down for various events. He is on the Kitchen Fish Fry Team. Steve represented our council in the recent Monsignor Kiernan Golf Tournament of Mary Our Queen Council. He joined the Order in 1970 when his father was a Grand Knight. He was the Financial Secretary of a new Virginia council. His lifelong support is a mainstay of the KofC everywhere. All Saints Council 11402 proudly and unanimously honors him as our Knight of the Month.

Grand Knight - Woody Jones

Deputy Grand Knight - Steve Strong

Joe Kane - Family Life





# Fr. Peek & Fr. Peek Get a Chalice

On January 27th at All Saints, Sir Knight Nick Mattera and Ed Pierson of the Watters Assembly presented a chalice with the names of Father Joseph Peek and Father Kevin Peek engraved upon it to Father Kevin and Mama Mary Peek.



**Mama Mary Peek —  
mother of two priests and  
a nun.**







**The entire Peek clan was on hand for the event.**



**Faithful Navigator Nick Mattera and Chalice Committee Chairman Ed Pierson did the honors for the Watters Assembly.**



Jan 28, 2017

Dear Knights,

Thank you so much for remembering and honoring Fr. Joseph. Despite his afflictions, he wanted to stay close to the people and minister to them esp. ~~at~~ in their own sorrows and sufferings.

He would tell people "Give them heaven" and when I looked in the Chalice Sunday I thought of that - as Jesus is the closest one can come to heaven. You are helping Fr. Joseph and Fr. Kevin give heaven to those who are so burdened today by the world.

Thank you so very much.  
Pray for our priests as so many souls are afflicted in this world, that they can lighten their souls and "Give them heaven"

Sincerely  
Mary Peck