

JESUS IS LORD!

PEOPLE OF HOPE

A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES ON MISSION



BLESSED ARE THE
POOR IN SPIRIT,
FOR THEIRS IS THE
KINGDOM OF
HEAVEN.

MATTHEW 5:3

NOVEMBER 30, 2021

So whoever is in Christ, is a new creation. The old things have passed away, behold, new things have come.

2 N D C O R I N T H I A N S 5 : 1 7

HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU

It's my love for you, not your love for me, my love for you. The Father loves you, the Son has loved you and the Holy Spirit. I pour my love on you my People of Hope. I pour it on you. I chose you. I chose you before you were even born. I chose you to be holy; I chose you to be holy. Despite what the world may throw at you, despite the difficulties, despite the problems, I love you, I love you, I love you. Take this truth into your prayer; take it into your relationships with each other, take it into your souls, take it in. How much I love you.

YOU ARE A NEW CREATION

"So whoever is in Christ, is a new creation. The old things have passed away, behold, new things have come." 2nd Corinthians 5:17

For any that experience a blockage ... who feel like the old has stuck around and that the new has not yet come to be, be encouraged to believe the word of God. Whoever is in Christ is a new creation. The old things have passed away and the new things have come. There is nothing that can block us or keep us from the love of Christ. Step out in faith, believe it and the Lord will make you a new creation.

RECALL MOMENTS OF GRACE

Think about a prayer time where you were so lost in prayer and worship of me, you didn't know the time, you didn't know who was around you, or what was going on around you, but you just knew you were in my presence and had a taste of Heaven. Think about that moment(s) when you were carrying a very difficult cross, but you knew my mercy and my grace was carrying you; you knew that you could not go through the moment without that grace. There was a sweetness and love and yearning for me in the midst of the cross because of that grace. So I say to you, when the prayer times seem dry, when you don't feel like you have the grace for that cross, remember back to those moments where you truly felt you had a taste of Heaven, and beg me for those moments again. These were moments where you didn't even know I was pruning you because you were just so truly in my presence and it was all good. And if you have called upon me when it was dry, when it was hard, when it was unbearable, then cry out to me again. Cry out, 'Lord your will be done in my life'. And this will bring you closer to me and one day bring you to heaven.

**Prophecies from Community Prayer Meeting
October 17, 2021**

Sharing from our October Prayer Meeting

Kathie and I went for a walk this morning to fundraise money for Alzheimer's research. There were a couple hundred people and we were kind of lost. And in the midst of it, there is this young lady 15 or 20 feet away who starts waving. And I said, "is she waving at me?" And then I realized it was Kate (Nordstrom). She was there too. But that was a bright moment, in the midst of what was a gray surrounding. In fact I got butterflies.... Kate was there to shine the light of Christ for us and that's how I experienced God, in your flesh and blood. I have the blessing of working with Paul (Quense) and his folks. He has an immense empire. But whenever I'm with them, whether it's Anna in the back calling with a question for a proposal or any of the other brothers and sisters there, it's God's presence to me. And that's how I experience love. So when I'm in trouble, when I am in that gray time, I experience God's presence in you. And I just encourage you, if you're in those times, if you are in that gray bubble, pick up the phone, or walk next door or call someone and say hi, and experience the love of God through the flesh and blood that's next to you.

- John Dalessio



Excerpts

Moments of reflection from our Anchor and Compass
Fall Retreats

Abide in Me

Be reminded & encouraged by
how the Lord has spoken to us
through these retreats.



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"God wants us not only to be with him in prayer, but permanently habitually. What does Saint Paul mean when he says "pray always"? To be connected to him, to be in an intimate union with him, always. That's possible. And why is that possible? Very simple, it's possible because of our Baptism. How often we overlook the power of pouring the water over a baby in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. But it is the defining moment of a Christian's life. So we get baptized and what happens? Well, original sin is washed away, sanctifying grace is given to us and we're adopted. But what also happens is now the divine nature dwells in us. Jesus, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit dwell in us."

Br Jude Lasota, Anchor Men's Retreat

So I entered the Catholic Church in 2018 and I remember Good Friday leading up to me entering the church. Someone's cell phone rang during the service. Have you guys ever had that happen? I was so convicted because I knew the people around me and myself thought that the most scandalous moment that day, was the cell phone ring. And I totally missed that that act of love, self-emptying love, that is scandalous. God, the eternal God who's always existed, who's perfect and righteous and just that he would empty himself for me? That is scandalous."

Jimmy Spilker, Compass Retreat

Excerpts

Anchor and Compass Fall Retreats 2021



"Saint Paul wants us to understand here that the origin and the nature of these blessings (Ref Ephesians 1: 3) come right from the very heart of God through Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Their very essence is trinitarian. And the blessings are God himself.

And as I was praying on that, the Lord revealed something to my heart and I hope I can say this in a right way but when God pours himself out upon us and we open ourselves up to receive him, our response can't help but be a return of love. We receive his love and our hearts are moved to return that love. But the truth is God is the fullness of Love. He already contains the fullness of love, he doesn't really need our love to become anything more, he already is the fullness.

And so what does he do? He accepts our love and he pours it right back out onto us, as spiritual blessings. And those spiritual blessings flow right back into us and then out through us to others. It's so encompassing."

Donna Guido. Compass Women's Retreat

Above
Eucharistic Adoration during
the Fall 2021 Women's Retreat
"Abide in Me".

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THE PEOPLE OF HOPE

Give thanks to the
LORD for he is
good; his mercy
endures forever

PSALM 136:1



"GOD TAUGHT ME ABOUT THE
EXTRAORDINARY POWER OF HIS LOVE
AND THE POWER OF FRIENDSHIP"

COMPASS FALL RETREAT 2021

OVERVIEW: *The Compass Retreat took place the last weekend in October at Camp Shiloh in Hewitt, NJ. About 60 Compass members & guests were in attendance and experienced the Lord work in power. The theme of the retreat was "Deeper Life in the Holy Spirit". Throughout the weekend, the group heard four talks centered around this theme & a call to surrender our lives more fully to the Lord and an opportunity to activate and use the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. The weekend was full of rich content as well as times of worship, small group discussion and a lot of time for fellowship and building relationships with everyone on retreat. It was a gift to be together and grow in deeper relationships with all in Compass!*

RETREAT SHARING: Fall 2021 Compass retreat was extraordinary. I would fall short in telling you everything the Lord did for me that weekend and I will fall short in depicting the love I received but I hope to be able to offer up a snapshot of my weekend experiencing the Lord's love and the power of friendship.

On the Saturday of the retreat, the retreat attendees were able to choose between going on a hike, to a winery, or visiting nearby gardens for our free time. Typical me, who wants the best of as many options as I can get, chose the modified option of both going on a short hike and also getting in some time at the winery--

—two for the price of one! I love getting more for the same price. After the hike the question arose, who would drive to the winery? I counted up the women in my head and realizing I could fit everyone into my dad's car that recently became mine, I offered to drive. On the ride back to camp from the winery, as us women were belting at the top of our lungs "Since You Been Gone" by Kelly Clarkson, I noticed the pressure of the top right tire beginning to decrease, first by two, then two more. Soon, it became significantly lower than the other tires. I said to the ladies in the car, "I think something is wrong." We pulled to the side of the road and as the air leaked out, the tire pressure number read less than 10. Something wasn't right.

Trying to figure out what was going on, we found our way to a gas station where a stranger carefully looked at the car saying this was not something that could be easily repaired. After multiple phone calls to my dad, a quick stop at the pizzeria for a snack, the women who were with me in the car took initiative and stepped up to help in this challenging situation. Before I knew it, one friend was on the phone with her insurance asking to see if they could assist us, another taking care of the logistical questions, and another reminding us of the blessings throughout this. In the midst of the craziness of somehow losing all of the air in my dad's expensive car tire, I stood amongst these women and the limp tire feeling blessed.

A friend came to pick us up and another friend sent me money through Venmo to help pay for the tire repair. I found out the tire was a run flat and I could just make it home (I needed to go 45 miles and the run-flat rode for 50 miles). The car was shaking, and I felt scared and reluctant to ride on a tire that couldn't hold any air at all. I told the friend who drove home with me that it would probably be best for her to go with another friend to be safe. She sternly replied, "I came with you and I am returning with you." Another friend drove behind me all the way home to ensure I made it home safely.

So, as I started writing this, I initially began writing about the things I felt God say to me. But then I decided this story encompassed it much better. God taught me about the extraordinary power of his love and the power of friendship.

AMANDA, COMPASS MEMBER



NOVEMBER 2021

What is Ignite grateful for?

As we approached Thanksgiving, we asked some Ignite teens to reflect on this season of gratitude and share what they are grateful for this year.

What is something you've learned to be more grateful for this year?

"I've learned to be more grateful for my health and a good relationship with my parents this year"

"Time spent with family & friends, and my job"

"I have definitely learned to be more grateful for my family and friends."

How so?

"Seeing the state of the world and knowing people who don't have the greatest relationship with their parents have made me more grateful for the blessings in my life"

"Not sure what next year will hold with possibly going away for college, so time with the people I love at home and around here can't be wasted. I am also grateful to have a job that I love so much"

"I was so fortunate to be able to have my family especially and friends during the time of Covid to support me and us all"

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Check out our webpage!

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YOUTH MINISTRY

IMMEDIATE NEED

- Jackie Donnelley
- Lou Cirrotti
- Edwarda Harmon
- Paul Temple

SERIOUS & ONGOING

- Rita (Buganski) Arena
- Eleanor Benson
- Margaret Fierro
- Laura Greey
- Shannon Hardy
- Danielle Neri
- Lee Scarfone
- Rose Molnar
- Dan O'Mullan

AROUND THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

- Steve Clark - Servants of the Word, Chelsea, MI
- Peter Smith - Triumph of the Cross, MD
- Mike Shaughnessy - Servants of the Word, Chelsea, MI

Please visit our website peopleofhope.net/prayerintentions to see our complete list of our prayer intentions and to add to our list.

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY PRAYER MEETING

December 12th
Koinonia Academy
2:30-4:00pm

MARY MOTHER OF GOD MASS

Friday, December 31
Location & Time TBD

IGNITE

IGNITE MIDDLE EVENT

Thursday, December 9
Koinonia Academy
7:30-9pm

IGNITE NIGHT

Thursday, December 16
Koinonia Academy
8-9:30pm

COMPASS

OUTREACH NIGHT

December 3rd
7:30-9:30pm
Location TBD

TEACHING NIGHT

December 7th
7:30-9:30pm
Our Lady of the Mount Church

LORD'S DAY

Saturday, December 11th
6pm
Location TBD

SMALL GROUP NIGHT

Tuesday, December 21st
7:30-9:30pm
Location TBA

IN LOVING MEMORY
PAUL M. GIEGERICH

Born: April 25, 1941

Named after St. Paul of the Cross

Baptised: May 18, 1941

Born into Eternal Life: Oct. 16, 2021

Buried: Oct. 20, 2021

Feast of St. Paul of the Cross



Paul started his conscientious and enthusiastic walk with the Lord as an altar boy while a student at Blessed Sacrament school in Elizabeth, N.J. He continued his Catholic education and training at St. Benedict's Prep in Newark, N.J. His next step was with the monks at St. Mary's Abby in Morristown, spending the next four years learning and discerning his life's calling. Marriage, family life, the People of Hope, it all came together. As a disciple of the Lord, a husband, a father, a student, a teacher, and a leader, his life flourished. District life, Koinonia, Dean, teacher, a loving and caring mentor, Paul was a brother to all. His love for the Lord Jesus, the Catholic Church, the saints and the sacraments fed his life of service. He poured out his love on his family, friends, and students. A life well lived. Thank you Paul for your example of love and care for all of us.

Brothers and sisters, we would like to thank all of you for your prayers, masses, notes, cards, calls, service and general caring for us during these days and months. May our Lord bless you abundantly for your generosity.

- Mary Alice & Family



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