



THE COMPASS

Kissimmee, Florida **November 2025**

Upcoming Key Dates

November

- ♦ 2- Remember to turn Clock Back
- ♦5- Columbia Club Meeting 1700
- ♦5-Officers Meeting 1800
- ♦5- Council 6624 Meeting 1900
- ♦12- Assembly 1951 Meeting 1900
- ♦13- Turkey Sign Up day Church Pantry- 0900-1200
- ♦15 Columbiettes Meeting—0930
- ♦18– Turkey Sign Up day Church Pantry– 0900-1200
- ♦19- Thanksgiving Social 1800
- ♦22- Turkey Handout Day 0800-1100
- ♦27– Thanksgiving Day
- ♦ 28- NO BINGO

State of Florida Council of the year



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November Calendar



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
REMEMBER CLOCKS BACK						1
2 End of Daylight Savings Time	3	4 BINGO	5 PM Columbia Club Meeting 6pm Officers Meeting 7 PM Council Meeting	6 7pm Scout meeting pm	81860	8
9	10	11 80000	12 7pm Assembly Meeting	9pmTurkey sign up Pantry 7pm Scout meeting	14 8000	15 0930 Columbiettes Meeting
16	17	18 BUNGO 9pm Turkey sign up Pantry	19 6:00pm Thanksgiving Social	20 7pm Scout meeting	21 BUNGO	22 8am-11am Turkey Handout
23	24	25 BUNGO	26	27 Thanksgiving	28 No BINGO	29
30 First Sunday of Advent						

Birthdays

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- 5 John Alemany
- 8 Tony Lorie
- 10 Nathan Robbins
- 11 Tommy Tate
- 13 Dennis Wolfe

 Julian Hernandez
- 15 John Carroll

Victor Placides

- 17 James Hallos
- 18 Dean Droz

- 20 George Leonard
 - Larry Rabb
- 21 Michael Adamus
- 25 Richard Anderson
 - Roger Edgcomb
- 26 Rev. Joseph Gomolski
 - Jamison Hedges
- 27 George Boucher
 - Roy Sharp Jr.
- 28 Rev. Pierre Joseph
- 29 William Waggener

Prayer List

Jim Varney

Frank & Anna

Ruscheinsky

Alice & Tony Costantini

Billy Leonard

Jim Schonefeld

Larry & Roberta McGrath

Don Fischer

and the Family

Ron Munsch

Stephen E. Williams

Frank Giambona

Carl Carangelo

Jamie Hedges

Kitty Choma

Dennis & Marlene Kent family

Dick & Linda Quesnell

Doris Fortuno

Luigi Rosa Family Member

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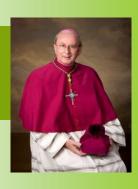
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John McMahan Family

Francis Barney

Denis Roy

A Light Brightly Visible by Bishop Noonan



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Like St. Paul and his co-workers, I always pray for you with thanksgiving. I pray that by all our efforts in God's name that our ministry will bring forth the grace of God, glorified in you and you in Him. My prayer begins around the table of the Lord as we consecrate the offering of ourselves through, with and in Christ, brought before Him in the form of bread and wine to become His Body and Blood. As we receive this wondrous Gift of the Eucharist, we share His salvation through all ages. In this reception of Christ, we take Him into our world and share His generous mercy — His matchless love — as we meet each other in our homes, workplaces, chores, recreation and rest. The Gift of Christ is not something which we can return, like something purchased in the marketplace. The Eucharist we accept and receive is boundless as we live in Christ. We belong to God as we receive Him, and we agree to serve Him evermore. His mercy shines forth through us and we turn any negativity and discord into God's powerful goodness. The transfiguration of our world then, depends upon our response to Jesus. We are ready to respond wholeheartedly to His love when we begin to live according to the Gospel. When we let go of 'things,' we find our heart liberated to follow Jesus without doubt or encumbrance. As we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, we agree to journey toward heaven; to extend His love to all people; even those about whom we have spoken against or treated poorly. Think about the last time you scorned a person or spread gossip or fought with someone. Jesus asks us to return to that person and ask for forgiveness. We are called to spread peace, the forgiveness of Christ to each other. Think about the time you were impatient because someone did not serve you as quickly as you wanted, and you let him/ her know about your dissatisfaction. Pray for that person and his/her needs. Perhaps he/she needed a smile at that moment, and you were unable to provide that in Christ's name. There are many ways in which we can bring Jesus to each other. How are you called to be His light? Let us begin each day praising God and asking Him to sanctify our every work. As we gather with family and friends on Thanksgiving Day, we remember and honor the faith-filled journey of our loved one(s) whose deliverance of God's goodness on earth showers God's ubiquitous love upon us from heaven.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend John Noonan Bishop of Orlando





Anthony Costantini District Deputy– District 28



Worthy Brothers and Families.

The ghosts, goblins and witches are now behind us. As we venture into November with All Saints Day a Holy Day of Obligation

We quickly move into the dreaded end of Daylight Savings Time on November 2nd. Quickly followed by Election Day on November 4. Get out and vote, it is your civic duty. If you don't vote don't compline.

One of the most important days in the month of November is the 11th. That marks Veterans Day on this day we honor all Veterans of all wars. In addition, it also marked the end of WWI and was known as Armistice Day for many years. WWI ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. So please take some time on that day to pray for our veterans and their families.

November 27 is Thanksgiving Day. We celebrate with family and friends with a wonderful meal and good fellowship and sharing with those less fortunate.

Last but not least on the 30th of November is the First Day of Advent. The first Sunday of Advent is the fourth Sunday before Christmas. Advent begins on this day and continues for the next three Sundays, leading up to Christmas Eve on December 24th.

Have a wonderful and Joyful beginning of the Christmas Season as we await the birth of Jesus Christ on December 25.

Vivat Jesus

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Robert Consolo Grand Knight, Council 6624



Brother Knights All,

Greetings all, hope all my Brothers and Sisters are doing well, and hope all are doing well health wise. This is what we have going on in the month of November.

Our Council Meeting is on Wednesday November 5 at 7pm. Please make sure to wear your Council Shirt and pants. Doors open at 5pm as we will have food to eat.

There will be our Thanksgiving Social for the month of November, hope we get a nice turn out for this Social. The last few Socials have had a poor show by all and a waste of Council money for food that was cooked. Come out and celebrate Thanksgiving with friends and family at the Hall.

This Month is our Turkey Giveaway and it is on Saturday November 22, 2025, at 9am. We will have sign ups at the Pantry in the Holy Redeemer parking lot in front of the Pantry. We will need volunteers to help sign up people looking to get Turkeys. The date for this signup is Thursday November 13 and Tuesday November 18. We are looking to sign up 250 people. Those interested please let me know.

We were able to Donate a total of \$700 to the Sons and Daughters of Italy for the Night at the Race. We got a car for \$170 and won the owners Race which we won the owners share from the Auction of \$550 and we donated our winnings back to the cause. Thank You to all the Brothers and Sisters of our Organization that came out and thank our Color Guards from the 4th Degree that presented the Colors.

Please keep All our Brothers and Sisters who need our prayers because we have quite a few who need them currently. Let us keep special prayers going for Brother Tony Constantini, Brother Larry McGrath, Brother Jim Schoenfeld, Brother Bill Waggener, Brother Richard Quiznell, Brother William Leonard, Brother Thomas Rosa, Brother Frank Giambona and Brother Francis Barney as they battle through their health issues. Pray for all those other Brothers and Sisters who need our prayers that I have not mentioned but are in need. Also keep all the people in War torn Countries, First Responders, Military and Clergy.

Viva Jesus Fraternally

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A notary public is a public officer appointed by state government to serve the public in non-contentious matters, usually related to the signing of important documents. A notary public attests or certifies writings, such as deeds, to make them authentic and takes affidavits, depositions, and protests of negotiable paper. A notary public also administers oaths and affirmations, authenticates the execution of certain documents, and performs other official acts depending on the jurisdiction. A notary public acts as an impartial witness and a fraud-deterrent in transactions and documents. If you need documents notarized, we have at least 2 Notary Publics in our Council:

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Council 6624 Supporting The Sons and Daughters of Italy

Council 6624 Was out supporting the Sons and Daughters of Italy on there Annual Car Race event. We donated 700.00 dollars total for the night, this is the entry price and all of our winnings. The Event raised \$300.00 dollars. The money will be going to the Kids of Osceola County.

Congratulations!











Harry Rother, Faithful Navigator, Fr. Holmes Assembly 1951



Worthy Sir Knights,

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2025 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Wildwood, Florida. We have a number of Knights, who will be participating in the ceremony for the Patriotic Degree. I will be attending not only as the Faithful Navigator from the Father Holmes Assembly 1951, but all as State Photographer. Please keep us in your prayers.

I would encourage all members of our Assembly to attend the new 4th Degree Exemplification, especially if you haven't experienced the new exemplification in person. To all of our Third Degree members - why haven't you joined the 4th Degree yet? You are all patriots and today we need more Sir Knights to defend our Faith more than ever.

Tommy Morris, our Faithful Captain, is working to set up our next Captain's Ball -- tentatively scheduled for March 21, 2026. Please mark it on your calendars and watch for more updates.

Our Veterans group of Andy Choma, Larry McGrath, and Luigi Rosa are looking at ways to serve our Veterans. We again will purchase Wreaths to put on our Veterans' graves, much like we did last year. We are also reaching out to the Veterans' Hospital at Lake Nona to see what steps we need to take to offer toiletries, socks, and gifts at Christmas to our veterans living there. Stay tuned as we may have boxes in the hall for donations.

Please consider buying at least one 300 Club ticket to support our veterans. By raising the number of tickets to 300, we will raise a \$1000 more to support our veterans. Remember that for one \$10.00 ticket, you get 36 chances to win during the 2026 calendar year -- every month a drawing for \$10, \$20, and \$50. You don't have to be a member of the 4th Degree or even a Knight of Columbus to participate. You have to play to win.

Finally, Gerry Yeung, our Color Corps Commander, Tommy Morris, Michael Adamus, John Bontya, and I presented the Colors with both the USA and Italian flags to kick off the Sons and Daughters of Italy "Night at the Races".

During the evening event, we commemorated Christopher Columbus, the namesake of our Order. Thank you to all who attended this fun event.

Vivat Jesus!

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Who is Father Holmes?

Father William J. Holmes was born on **April 20, 1902, in Milford, County Cork, Ireland**, one of six children of Denis and Mrs. Holmes. From an early age, he was drawn to faith and education, studying in both Irish and American seminaries. His academic journey took him through **St. Coleman's College (Fermoy)**, **All Hallows (Dublin)**, **St. Patrick's College (Carlow)**, and finally **Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri**.

In May 1929, Father Holmes joined the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart, committing himself to a missionary life. On April 3, 1932, he was ordained at Sacred Heart Monastery in Hales Corners, Wisconsin, by Archbishop Samuel Stritch. His first assignment was in Sault Ste. Marie, Illinois, before embarking on mission work among the Sioux Indians of the Cheyenne Reservation in South Dakota, where he served from 1934 to 1939. Later, he taught at the Divine Heart College in Donaldson, Indiana, until 1942.

That same year, Father Holmes came to Florida and began his long ministry within the **Diocese of St. Augustine**, which later became part of the Orlando Diocese. On **March 24, 1952**, he was incardinated as a diocesan priest. Over the years, he served at many parishes across Florida, including **St. Patrick's in Miami Beach**, **St. James in Orlando**, **St. Francis Xavier in Fort Myers**, **Sts. Peter and Paul in Miami**, **St. Margaret in Clewiston**, **Epiphany in South Miami**, and the **Cathedral in St. Augustine**.

Father Holmes' leadership as pastor was especially remembered at Holy Redeemer Church in Kissimmee (1957–1962), St. Michael's in Fernandina Beach (1962–1964), and St. Thomas Aquinas in St. Cloud (1964–1968), where he also served as the first chaplain of St. Cloud Hospital when it opened. His ministry was marked by dedication, humility, and a pioneering spirit that helped lay the foundations of the Catholic Church in central Florida.

After retiring on **October 1, 1968**, Father Holmes remained active in Orlando, remembered by his fellow priests as loyal, hardworking, and always ready to serve. In **November 1968**, he was honored on "Father Holmes' Day," a diocesan tribute celebrating his life of mission and service.

Father William J. Holmes passed away on **January 13, 1982, in Orlando** at the age of 79. His funeral was held at **St. Thomas Aquinas Church in St. Cloud** on **January 16, 1982**, and he was laid to rest in **Osceola Memorial Gardens, Kissimmee**.

Father Holmes' life was one of faith, service, and steadfast devotion to God's people. Through his missionary zeal and parish ministry, he became a cornerstone of the Catholic presence in Florida, remembered with deep gratitude by those he served.

Sir Knight Thomas Evan Morris, Jr.





President Jackie Choma
Columbiette Auxiliary #6624



My Sister Columbiettes and all:

Thank you for all that showed up for the October 11th meeting, we covered a lot of ground on our itinerary for this coming year. There will be a Chapter meeting at St Joseph's in Lakeland any auxiliary member who wishes to go can let myself or any of our officers know so we can carpool. The Knights are having a turkey sign-up for those who are in need at Holy Redeemer near the food pantry on the 13th and 18th from 9am to noon, any auxiliary member who would like to help please let me know. Our annual bake sale that we hold every year at this time at Holy Redeemer will be held on the 16th after the 9am mass till noon. So please bring your bake goods to Rita or to the Church before the masses, we need as many cakes, cookies, pies, or breads that you can make. All proceeds from this sale will go to benefit the Holy Redeemer children's scholarship fund so put on your aprons and bake.

We were going to have an event in February, but no one would step up and chair it, so it has been cancelled for the time being. Our next auxiliary meeting will be held on the 15th at 10am please show up at least 20 to 15 minutes before we get started. The Knights are still in need of help with bingo on Tuesdays and Friday's nights on the floor and in the kitchen. Doors open for sales at 3pm and bingo starts at 5:30 with Q ups, early birds at 6:30, regular bingo at 7:00 till closing around 9 or 9:30.

Regional meeting went well with 6 of us officers showing up, our Vice President would have made it 7 of us but with sad news that her father had passed away and she had to travel up to New York to be with her mother and family, please keep her and her family in you daily prayers. In closing, please keep your prayers coming for our sister Columbiettes, Knights, and families of those who are sick and in need of help. May the Lord our God bless and strengthen our Solders, Police, Medical and Fire Responders.

Blessed Virgin Mary Columbiettes 6624 President Mary Choma jackiechoma@gmail.com cell # 407-319-7143



Blessed Virgin

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Blessed Virgin





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