



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Mother Seton Palm Coast
Council # 17480



Join us: Third Thursday at 6 PM

4600 Belle Terre Parkway, Palm Coast 32137

June 2026



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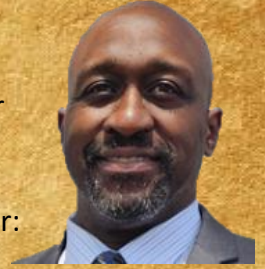
FATHER'S

DAY!

Brother Knights,

As we conclude another incredible fraternal year, we look back with immense gratitude for everything our Council has accomplished in service to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and our local community. Through your unwavering dedication to our core principles, Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, we have left a lasting impact.

Here is a summary of some of the milestones and achievements we celebrated this past year:



Faith & Spiritual Strength

Our Council stood shoulder-to-shoulder with our priests and parish community to deepen our spiritual life:

Eucharistic & Marian Devotion: We supported Fr. Rob during the **Eucharistic Procession** and the **Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Procession and Mass**. We also welcomed the **Pilgrim Icon Program** to our parish and joined the **Knights on Bikes** for a pilgrimage to St. Augustine to accompany the **Silver Rose**.

Parish Solidarity: During the parish's **40 Hours of Adoration**, our Brother Knights stood guard through the late-night and early-morning hours, ensuring a prayerful and safe environment. We also joined together for a **Healing Mass** and showed strong family presence at **Good Friday Stations of the Cross**.

Sacramental Gratitude: In honor of Fr. Jose's **50th Jubilee**, the Council proudly presented him with a dedicated chalice linen set as a token of our appreciation for his decades of service.

The Cor Program: We launched monthly **Cor** meetings, fostering deep spiritual growth and fraternity among the men of our parish by exploring critical topics like temptation and life in the Resurrection.

Community & Charity in Action

When our neighbors and youth needed us, our Council stepped up with enthusiasm and generosity:

Shattering Goals: Our **40 Cans for Lent** program was an overwhelming success. While our original goal was 40 bags of food, the incredible generosity of our community helped us collect **over 100 bags** for the local food pantry.

Youth & Education: Led by Community Director Jeff Hadley, we hosted a successful **Free Throw Championship** that brought together 21 children across three councils. We also hosted the local **Soccer Challenge** at Wadsworth Park and sponsored the **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest** for SEAS 8th graders.

Warmth for the Winter: We distributed **240 coats** to children in need through the District **Coats for Kids** initiative.

Family & Culture of Life

Stars for Christmas: Throughout November and December, Knights built and sold custom, lighted Christmas Stars. This beautiful initiative helps families display a visible witness of faith on their homes during the Advent season.

Defending Life: We maintained our commitment to the vulnerable by participating in the local **Stand for Life** event at SEAS and hosting a **Holy Hour for the Unborn** on the Feast of the Annunciation.

Seasonal Fellowship: Our **Thanksgiving and Christmas Pie and Cookie Sales** raised vital funds for local charities, while our **Frankie Valli Dinner Dance & Show** and **BBQ Knights** brought our community together for fantastic evenings of fellowship.

Fraternal Growth & Benefits

We continued to look out for the well-being of our members and families by hosting multiple **Fraternal Benefits Events** with Field Agent Larry Kennedy, and we shared our mission with prospective members at the **SEAS Ministry Fair**.

Final Message from the Grand Knight: *"Thank you to every officer, director, and brother Knight who gave their time, sweat, and prayers to make this year such a profound success. You have truly shown what it means to be the right hand of the Church. As we transition to a new fraternal year, let us keep this incredible momentum going!"*

District Deputy Message Greg Gully

June 2026

Worthy Brothers

It is truly a privilege to be your District Deputy, and even more so on an occasion of celebration and accomplishment.

We recognize something that does not happen by accident. Something that requires commitment, leadership, sacrifice, and brotherhood. We celebrate your council's achievement of double Star Council.

Star Council is not just an award. It is a statement. It says that this council is alive. It says that this council is faithful to its mission. It says that the men in this room are not content to sit on the sidelines—but instead choose to lead, to serve, and to act.

You have excelled in the pillars that define who we are as Knights: Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. You have grown your membership, strengthening the Order for the future. You have supported your parish, your clergy, and your community. And you have stood as witnesses to our Catholic faith in a world that desperately needs that witness.

None of this happens without effort. It takes a dedicated Grand Knight. It takes committed officers. It takes active members willing to step forward and say, "I will help." And it takes families who support the mission behind the scenes.

So I want to thank you.

- Thank you for your charity—because you made a difference in people's lives.
- Thank you for your unity—because you worked together as brothers.
- And thank you for your fraternity—because you strengthened one another in faith.

But as we celebrate, we must also remember something important: Star Council is not the finish line. It is a milestone. It is a sign that you are on the right path—but the mission continues.

The same energy, the same dedication, the same faith that brought you here must carry you forward. There are still people to serve. There are still men to invite into our brotherhood. There is still work to be done for the Church.

Brothers, you have proven what this council is capable of. Now the challenge is simple: don't slow down—build on it.

On behalf of the Order, I congratulate you. I am proud of you. And I thank you for being a shining example of what the Knights of Columbus are meant to be.

In Christ Vivat Jesus SK Greg Gully District Deputy 17 Knights of Columbus 212-879-2013



Supreme Chaplin's Monthly Challenge

June 2026

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."

(Gospel for June 28, Mt 10:38)

Our fallen human condition involves a measure of suffering and trials. Our commitment as disciples of Jesus, Scripture tells us, necessarily means taking up our own crosses willingly. God will grant us the strength to endure all trials if we remain faithful, and our suffering can prove redemptive if we accept it and unite it to the passion of Christ. This doesn't mean we can't take steps to alleviate our suffering, but we are called to courageously bear our crosses, even when faced with persecution, and to thereby participate in the saving work of Christ.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet each day with the intention of uniting your daily sufferings with Christ's passion and in solidarity with all persecuted Christians around the world.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you carry your cross willingly, or do you feel it is forced upon you? Where do you turn when you need help with the weight of your cross? To prayer and the sacraments? To your family, friends and brother Knights?



In an age of loneliness and isolation, authentic friendship and fraternity help men discover and live their God-given mission

By Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly

One of the biggest problems of Blessed Michael McGivney's time was young men leaving the Catholic Church. He built our brotherhood, in part, to address that crisis, seeing that when Catholic men come together in fraternity, they can become who God made them to be.

This was one of Father McGivney's great insights — not only that men desire fellowship, but that they need it to find and fulfill their mission. This remains true today, yet we live in a time of isolation.

One man in particular puts a face on this crisis: Luigi Mangione. In December 2024, he allegedly killed UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson — taking another's life and ruining his own. Mangione is just 27 years old, and by all accounts had much going for him: academic success, opportunity, a Catholic upbringing. Yet something fundamental was missing.

Father McGivney built this brotherhood so that we could be guides for one another. We were never meant to go it alone. God created us for communion — with one another and with him. In the aftermath of the murder, it became clear that Mangione was deeply isolated. He had cut off contact with friends and family. Alone with his thoughts, he turned toward a destructive end.

There are, of course, complex factors behind such a tragedy. But there is no question that a lack of real friendship made things worse. Mangione had no one to guide him.

Most disturbing of all, his story is not unique. It reflects a broader pattern among young people today — especially men.

A 2021 Harvard study found that 61% of 18- to 25-year-olds feel lonely most or all of the time. About one in four people under 30 report having no close friends. And over the last 35 years, the share of men who say they have no good friends has increased fivefold.

Catholics are not immune. In many of our parishes and schools, young men are searching — often in the wrong places — for purpose, identity and belonging.

But there is another young man who shows what is needed today: Pier Giorgio Frassati. Living in early 20th-century Italy, he took the opposite path from Mangione — a contrast that goes to the heart of what Father McGivney calls us to do.

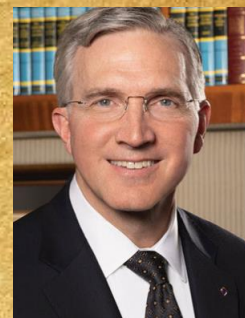
Like Mangione, Frassati had much going for him — a good family, a strong education and an awareness of the challenges of his time. He refused to be indifferent to injustice and suffering, and he sought to take action. But while Mangione directed that drive toward evil, Frassati devoted himself to doing good. Frassati's mission was to serve the poor. He gave them everything he had, including friendship, meeting them not as a volunteer but as a friend. He died at just 24, after contracting polio from those he served and loved.

What Mangione lacked, Frassati had: a strong Christian community. He surrounded himself with friends he called "precious guides," who helped him discover the mission God had chosen for him. Canonized last year by Pope Leo XIV, he remains a powerful witness today.

Frassati famously wrote on a photograph of himself climbing a mountain, "*Verso l'alto*" — "To the heights." And that is where he went. With the help of his friends, he continually sought God's will and, by his grace, climbed to the heights of heaven.

Father McGivney founded our Order to help us follow that same path. He built this brotherhood so that we could be guides for one another. This is what Blessed Michael McGivney calls us to in this time of isolation: to provide the friendship Catholic men need to find their mission.

We were never meant to go it alone. God created us for communion — with one another and with him. And his plan is that we follow that path together, so that we may climb "to the heights" in this life and the next.



May the SPIRIT be with you!

Hey Everyone. How are you? Today is May 4th... so you already know... “May the Force be with you!” Now, let me ask you... what is a Jedi? A Jedi is someone who is trained, disciplined, and attentive... someone who seeks the light, who fights for what is good, who protects others, and who resists the dark side. Sounds familiar? Because in our spiritual life... we are called to be like that.

Every day, there is a battle inside of us. The “dark side” tries to pull us—toward sin, selfishness, anger, pride... toward what St. Paul would call the old self.

But the “Force”... oh, we have something much greater than that. We have the grace of God. We have the Holy Spirit living within us. And the Holy Spirit is always leading us to the light—to love, to mercy, to forgiveness, to truth.

The question is: Which voice are we listening to?

Because just like in the movies...the dark side is tempting, it’s loud, it promises quick power...but it never leads to peace.

The light... requires discipline, prayer, sacrifice...but it leads to life. Real life. So today, on this fun “Star Wars day,” remember: You are not called to be a Jedi... You are called to be a saint. And that’s even greater.

So stay close to God. Stay in prayer. Stay in grace. And yes... today of all days...

May the Force... I mean... May the Holy Spirit be with you!



Brothers,

A consistent income brings financial stability and well-being to your family. If it were to vanish unexpectedly — whether because of death or disability — consider what might happen next:

Would your loved ones need to sell or downsize their home? Would your children need to change schools? Would it impact retirement savings?

Insurance from the Knights of Columbus can help replace that crucial income, protect savings and prevent major lifestyle disruptions.

Depending on your stage of life, there are products designed to fit your needs.

If you're a young man, you may be working hard to pay rent or cover basic living expenses. As you age into your prime working years, there may be mouths to feed, a mortgage and a car payment. Then finally as you approach or enter retirement, you might be looking for supplemental income or to protect what you've built.

If you're supporting a family, term or permanent life insurance can help give you peace of mind that they will be financially protected if you or your wife should pass away. Even amid tragedy, it helps give the people you love stability and time to adjust without the added weight of financial hardship.

Term life insurance, which gives you coverage for a specified time period, can be a great option if you have a young family with temporary needs. It's an affordable choice that typically provides coverage for 10, 15 or 20 years.

Later, you could choose to convert your policy to whole life, which can provide coverage for your entire lifespan and accrue cash value. This can be helpful if you want a potential way to supplement retirement income or if you're interested in using insurance as part of your estate plan.

Not sure what coverage is right for you?

Please come see me after the meeting, and I would be glad to schedule a time to sit down and talk about your needs. I'm here to help you protect your family and the life you've built.

Vivat Jesus,

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June Birthday's

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Anniversary's

Barrett Briley	06-01	Jacob Feeney	06-16
James P Lamson	06-01	Anthony Demarco	06-18
Joseph E Vallely	06-01	David Trice	06-19
Ethelbert M Lara	06-05	Tom J Beatty	06-21
Robert Barnikel	06-06	Phillip M Gabriel	06-22
Christopher L Daley	06-07	Raymond J Thomann	06-22
Welmon B Pippin Sr	06-07	Rev Robert Trujillo	06-22
Joseph D Baxter	06-09	John M Clarke	06-24
Stephen J Johnson III	06-10	Joseph F Schippiani	06-24
James V Byrne	06-11	Wilfredo Lleras	06-25
Eugene A Bubnis	06-13	Frank J Zadnik	06-28
Gregory D Luther	06-14	Paul R Bergeron	06-29
Kevin G Oster	06-15	Kevin P Clymer	06-29

John/Mary Franz
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Blur Mass May 10th

**USA
250TH
ANNIVERSARY**

**Novena to the
Sacred Heart
of Jesus**



Brother Knight,

Join us in prayer as the United States turns 250!

Leading up to America's 250th anniversary this summer, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and all-American Knights and their families are encouraged to participate.

You're invited to join us in a novena — nine days of prayer — from June 3-11, concluding with the consecration of the country on the eve of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart.



Tootsie Roll Drive

Saturday June 6th:

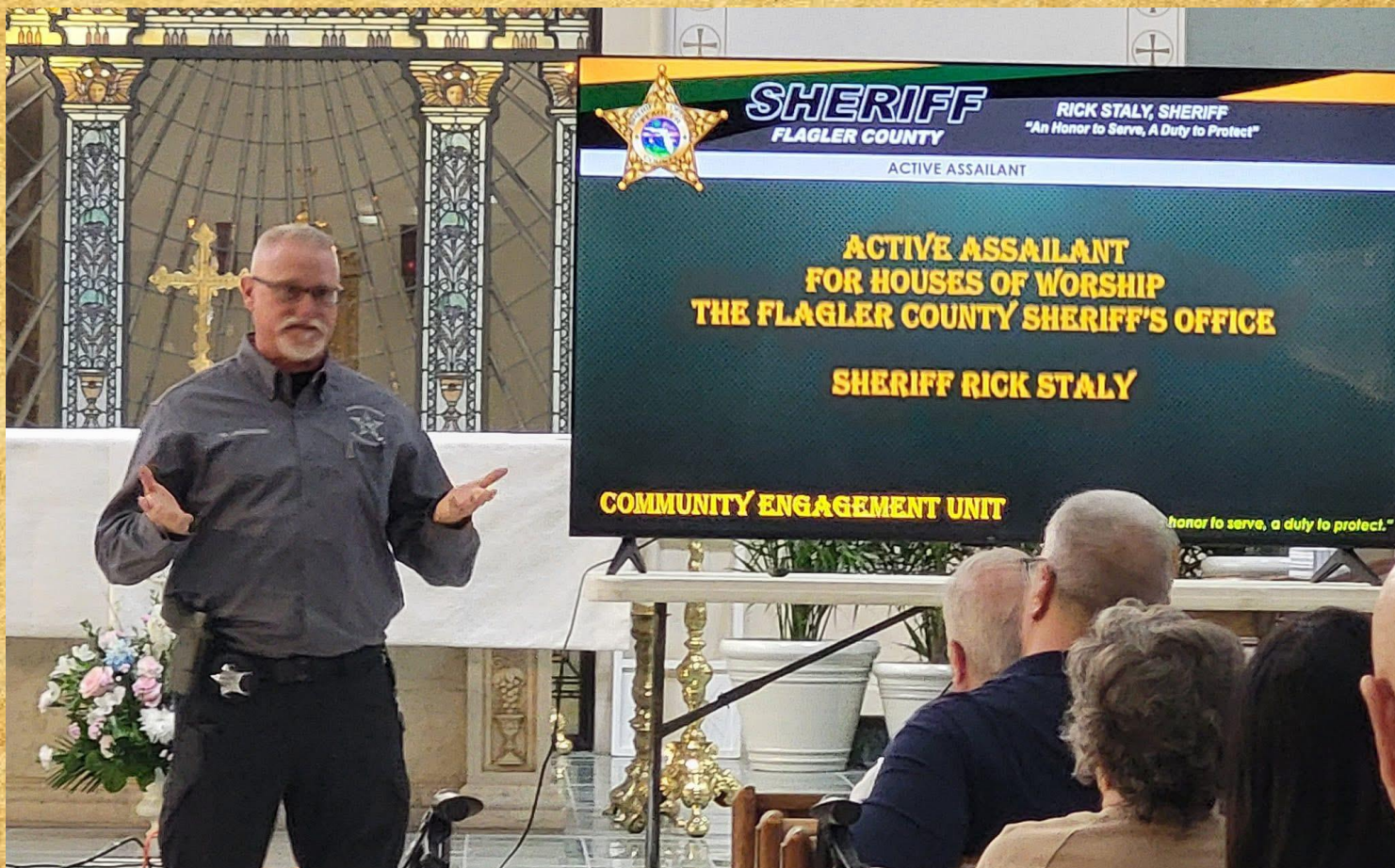
Tootsie Roll Drive will be held at Publix Belle Terre Crossing from 9am-5pm. This is located 4950 Bell Teree (just north of the Church on Bell Terre).



Active Shooter – Church Safety Meetings



Fr Jose and Sherrif Rick Staly



State Convention – Parade of Banners



St. Mary's Cemetery – Memorial Day



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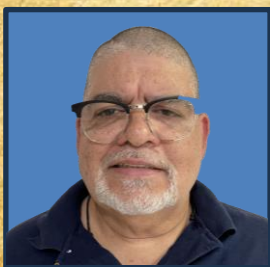
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