



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER



The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph, who feast day is celebrated on March 19. He is the patron saint of the Universal Church and the patron of the dying because Jesus and Mary were at his deathbed. He is also the patron of fathers, of carpenters and of social justice. Many religious orders and communities are placed under his patronage, most notably (locally anyway) the Sisters of St. Joseph, who arrived in St. Augustine in 1866. They came at the request of Bishop Augustin Verot, then Bishop of the Diocese of Savannah, and later, first bishop of the Diocese of St. Augustine, to educate and evangelize the freed slaves.

Their legacy survives today in the St. Joseph Neighborhood Center, rising from the ashes of the first school building constructed in 1898, originally called St. Cecilia, later St. Benedict. It was the gift of Mother Katharine Drexel (1858-1955), a wealthy Philadelphia heiress who founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People and established more than 60 parochial schools around the country. On October 1, 2000, Pope John Paul II named Mother Drexel a saint. Her feast day is celebrated on March 3.

[THE POPE'S PRAYER MESSAGE for MARCH 2025:](#) FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Watch the www.kofc7121.org/calendar for additions and corrections to events that might not have been announced in time for publication of this newsletter. Please email your news and articles for the next newsletter to kofc7121@gmail.com

See the **GOOD OF THE ORDER** web page for the list of Brothers, family members and friends in need of prayers, especially Pope Francis and Ken and Josephine Scher, and for the repose of the soul of Krystal Murphy, wife of Brother Tommy Murphy, Brother Tom Forde and Father William Mooney. Prayers are also requested for those sick or in distress, especially Pope Francis. Names are added to this list as announcements are received.

MARCH BIRTHDAY LIST

We have 9 Brothers who need help celebrating a March birthday, along with celebrating National Drill Sergeants Day (March 4th), Daylight Savings Time on 3/9, "Pi Day" on 3/14, the "Ides" on Mar 15, the ethnic holyday of St. Patrick 3/17, the Vernal Equinox at 5:01 PM EDT on 3/20 and March Madness the entire month.

A special treat this year is the total lunar eclipse on the Worm Moon, with darkness centered on Friday, March 14, at 2:55 AM, visible throughout North and South America. You also get a partial solar eclipse on March 29, but it is visible only in Quebec, Newfoundland, and Labrador. Probably not worth the trip.

We wish all our Birthday Brothers a great big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



BROTHER	BIRTHDAY	AGE
Wayne Reyes	03-09	83
David Kennedy	03-10	86
Brian Kaman	03-16	57
F Whitman Haggerson	03-17	84
Allen Cole	03-22	72
Ed Rice	03-23	73
Jim Clarkin	03-25	82
Kyle Snodgrass	03-25	48
Kevin Dooner	03-28	74

COUNCIL BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The kofc7121.org council website allows use of shared file and document storage on the Google Drive. Files can be viewed by anyone who has the file link.

Click here to view the **Final Minutes of the January 23, 2025 meeting**

Click here to view the **Draft Minutes of the February 27, 2025 meeting**

Please review the draft minutes of the previous meeting for expedited corrections / approval at the next business meeting. By using these electronic media files, we are able to simplify business meetings and more efficiently conduct informed discussions.

BUSINESS MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER

COUNCIL 7121 BUSINESS MEETING



**4th THURSDAY
St. Anthony Hall
(Community Center)
FEBRUARY 27**

Recitation of the Rosary at 6:30 PM - Business Meeting starts at 7:00 PM

SURE AND BEGORRAH! THE ST. PATRICK'S DINNER/DANCE IS COMING!



That's no blarney! Grand Leprechaun Bill Remy has announced that our annual corned beef and cabbage dinner will be held in Celebration Hall on Saturday March 22, with Irish music and dancing provided by Tim Rippey before and after dinner. Cash bar, 50/50 & door prizes.

ATTENDANCE WILL BE STRICTLY LIMITED TO 200 TICKETS. Tickets are \$30/person and will go on sale at all Masses Mar 1-2, 8-9 and 15-16 or until sold out. Anyone -Irish or not- wishing to help make this a great event is asked to contact the Worthy GK at 303-886-8065 / whremy@hotmail.com



St. Patrick's Dinner Dance
SATURDAY MARCH 22 - CELEBRATION HALL
DOORS OPEN 5:00 PM - DINNER 6:00 PM
CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

Live Entertainment by Tim Rippey
Dancing from 7-9pm!

TICKETS: Adult \$30 No tickets will be sold at the door

Tickets on sale at all weekend Masses
starting March 1 & 2 | 8 & 9 | 15 & 16!

You may also order/pay for tickets
by contacting Bill Remy at 303-886-3035 or email
whremy@hotmail.com

GROUP TABLE RESERVATIONS:
After all the people in your group have purchased
tickets, go to kofc7121.org/tabletoreervations
or scan the QR code --->

WITHOUT A TABLE RESERVATION: OPEN SEATING
Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus
St. Thomas More Council 7121



IN MEMORIAM

Our Brother

Thomas W. Forde †

Age 91, Was Called To His

Eternal Reward In Heaven

January 6, 2025

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him, Oh Lord
And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him

Our Prayers and Heartfelt Sympathy
To His Family

Thomas W. Forde

aka: Tommy, Tom, Papa Smurf, Mr. Forde, Da,
Pop-Pops

Born: July 7, 1933- Limerick, Ireland

Tom and Frances "retired" back to Little Neck NY
in 2019 to be closer to family. Frances passed
away in Dec 2020. Tom was also a member of St.
Anastasia Council 5911 in Little Neck NY





Join us every Friday during Lent for the annual Fish Fry!

Located in Celebration Hall of the St. Enda of Aran Formation Center served immediately after the Stations of the Cross

5:30pm-7:00pm

March 7, 14, 21 & 28 April 4 & 11

(due to the Artisan Market, March 7th will be take out only)

Dine In or Take Out

Your choice of Fried Fish, Baked Fish or Fried Shrimp served with baked potato, cole slaw, dessert and beverage \$15.00 per person

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 7121 & the Faith, Family, Fellowship Ministry

The Groundhog saw his shadow, predicting **6 WEEKS OF FISH FRYS in LENT**. Do your Lenten penances every Friday in Lent! Join us!!



The Lenten Fish Fry team is looking to build their crew!

If you'd like to lend a hand this Lent for the Fish Fry, please call or text Steve at 904-704-7560

No experience necessary!

The more hands the lighter the work! Join us!

EVENING OF DANCE GIVES DRINK TO THE THIRSTY

The Knights crew, led by Dave Morrison, provides refreshments for the Evening of Dance, an outside public event featuring music and singing by Tim Rippey in Celebration Hall. Two or three Brother Knights are needed for either the early 6-8 PM or late 8-10 PM shift. This is our most lucrative fundraising venture, and the most fun to attend. Wives are welcome. Couples can take turns, work a while, then sit and listen, dance for a while.

Celebration Hall (below, left) was filled with music and dancing for Tim Rippey's Valentine Party on Friday, Feb 21, while Kevin Dooner and Tim Buckley (right) handled the liquid refreshment duties. Next Evening of Dance (not counting the St. Pat's dinner/dance on March 22) will be Saturday, March 29. Boogie on down and join the party!!



PANCAKE BREAKFASTS PROVIDE GREAT FOOD & CAMARADERIE

Blueberry pancakes, eggs, home fries, sausage, juice and coffee for **only \$7!** Children 8 & under EAT FREE.

BEST MEAL DEAL IN TOWN!!

Join the Knights Kulinary Kitchen and Kleanup Krew on March 9, April 13, May 18 and June 8 as we serve the starving multitudes.



FATHER SEAMUS O'FLYNN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



Fr. Seamus Scholarship Director Tom Alexander announces that 2025 scholarship applications are now being accepted for all students whose families are supporting members of St. Anastasia parish and who will be attending either Cathedral Parish School or St. Joseph Academy High School next fall.

Please go to kofc7121.org/frseamusscholarshipapplication to either download the paper application or use the online application form to enter the required information and upload the student essay and letters of reference. Application deadline is March 31, 2025.

Those desiring to support Catholic education by **making a donation in memory of Fr. Seamus** are asked to send a check payable to KofC Council 7121 / For: Fr. Seamus Scholarship to our mailbox in the parish office, 5205 A1A S, St. Augustine FL 32080-8006.

EMMAUS MEN'S RETREAT MARCH 14-16



Emmaus is a retreat weekend designed for those men who feel they would like to explore a deeper relationship with God, whose hearts are ready to “burn” again or need to be reignited.

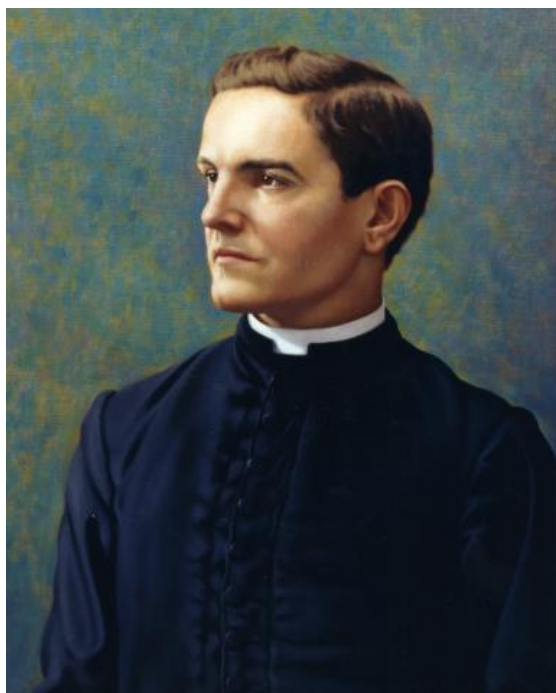
The weekend starts Friday, March 14th at 5:00 PM and will conclude no later than 5:30 PM on Sunday, March 16th.

The retreat is being held at the ENRICHMENT CENTER located on the grounds of SAN SEBASTIAN Church in St. Augustine.

You will be staying at the Days Inn (a Wyndham hotel) located at 1300 N Ponce de Leon.

Please arrive by 5 PM at the HOTEL to register and get your hotel room key. For details, see the registration form at [CANDIDATE APPLICATION MEN'S EMMAUS NEFL#4 .pdf](#)

FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATED ON MARCH 29



On Oct. 2, 1881, a group of men met in the basement of St. Mary's Church on Hillhouse Avenue in New Haven CN. Called together by their 29-year-old parish priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, these men formed a fraternal society that would one day become the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization. They sought strength in solidarity, and security through unity of purpose and devotion to a holy cause: they vowed to be defenders of their country, their families and their faith.

These men were bound together by the ideal of Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of the Americas, the one whose hand brought Christianity to the New World. The name “Knights” appealed to the Civil War veterans in the group who saw noble principles of knighthood in the Order's protection of the faith, family finances and the civil and religious rights of Catholics.

On March 29 – a day celebrated annually as Founder's Day – the Connecticut legislature granted a charter establishing the Knights of Columbus as a legal corporation.

ST. GERARD CAMPUS TO HOST CARIBBEAN GALA 2025

March 27, 2025 6:00 pm

Tringali Barn

7310 US 1, Saint Augustine, FL 32086

To benefit the St. Gerard Campus

High School and Maternity Home

Casual Caribbean Attire

Live Music - Delicious Food

\$100/PERSON, \$700 / TABLE FOR 8

stgerardcampus.org/gala-2025



2025 GALA FOR LIFE



Legacy of Life

Paving the Way Forward



Thursday, May 22, 2025

WORLD GOLF VILLAGE RENAISSANCE RESORT



www.whcjax.com

Join us by sponsoring Women's Help Center's 35th Anniversary Gala for Life. Since 1990, Women's Help Center has been a steadfast advocate for preborn babies and their mothers, empowering them to embrace the gift of life through compassionate care and practical support. We provide a safe space where they can make life-affirming choices. Your sponsorship will save lives and offer hope to those who need it most.

DOWNLOAD THE REGISTRATION FORM: [2025GalaForLife](https://2025GalaForLife.com)

Featuring Keynote Speaker
Pam Stenzel



Pam Stenzel is a fierce pro-life warrior who has dedicated her life to walking alongside women facing unplanned pregnancies and fighting for the right to life for the preborn. She started her career working with pregnancy centers in Minneapolis, eventually becoming the director of Alpha Women's Center. Pam made it her mission to bring sexual integrity to teens, and often speaks to over 300,000 young people a year! Pam has produced training workshops on Sexual Health and Relationship Education (SHARE) for staff and volunteers working in life-affirming pregnancy help centers. She currently serves as the Client Services Director for Community Pregnancy Clinics, is on the board of Save Haven Baby Boxes and directs their National Crisis hotline.

THE PARISH CORNER

And let There Be Music!

The 2025 Concert Series
Presents!

The Powell Trio

Curtis Powell

Helen Morin

Randy Tinnin



Saturday, March 29th 7:00 p.m.

5205 AIA South | St. Augustine, FL 32080

Free Admission | Free Parking | Open to the public

Donations gratefully accepted



The St. Anastasia
Fall Artisan Market

March 8, 2025
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

5205 AIA South,
St. Augustine, FL

Local Artisans!
Jewelry Makers,
Potters,
Painters and all!

If you're a vendor,
we'd love
to have you!

For more
information
contact Heather at:
artisans@saccfl.org



St. Martin De Porres Community Outreach Room

Located off the church narthex- open Mon-Fri 8:30am –
10:30am and 30 min after all weekend Masses

Donations of non-perishable food items, gently used clothing and shoes are gratefully accepted at this time.

We ask that you please keep in mind the limited space in the Outreach Room and the shape and weight of the packages you are dropping off. Some of our distribution angels have physical limitations.

To help this ministry, please contact Deacon Steve at stephenkassenbaum@comcast.net



Marriage Ministry Lenten Seasonal Groups

March 3rd – April 19th, 2025

You are invited to sign up for the St. Anastasia Marriage Ministry Lenten Seasonal Groups.

In preparation for the Easter celebration, married couples will focus during these weekly meetings on scripture reading, prayer, and faith sharing in a home setting.

For more information or to register, please stop by the Marriage Ministry Table in the Narthex this weekend! For any questions about the Marriage Ministry, please email mm@saccfl.org.

ST ANASTASIA 2025 SPRING GOLF OUTING

Monday April 7, 2025

St John's County Golf Course

Registration and Putting Contest 11:00am

Shotgun Start 1:00pm

\$150/PLAYER - \$600/TEAM

Post Outing Awards Banquet

REGISTER at: saccfl.org/2025-spring-golf-outing/

HOLE SPONSORSHIP: Contact Rick Cozby at
410-332-3248 or email rcozby@vizon.net

Wine &
Cheese



March 8th
in St. Anthony Hall
after the
4 pm Mass