



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to April, the month crowded with religious celebrations: Mahavir Jayanti (April 10, Jain), the Memorial of Jesus' Death (April 12, Jehovah's Witnesses), Passover (April 13-20, Jewish), Vaisakhi (April 14, Sikh and Hindu), then the Christian Holy Week of Palm Sunday (April 13), Good Friday (April 18) and Easter (April 20). Notable canonical feast days in April include St. George - the patron saint of England, April 23rd, St. Mark the Evangelist - the author of the Gospel of Mark, April 25th, the Feast of Divine Mercy (the "Gift of Easter") on April 27 and St. Catherine of Siena - mystic, theologian, and doctor of the Church, April 29th.

As we complete our sacrifices for Lent in anticipation of Easter, we focus on the signs of springtime and new life - Easter lilies, bunnies, baby chicks, eggs, etc. This is God's message, expressed as an inherent part of many religions. God is forever "doing something new!". With sacrifice and prayer, we are now able to more fully reap the fruits of Lent. As new life breaks forth, we recognize each day as a gift from God and choose to respond with joy and gratitude. "This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it". (Ps 118:24)

[THE POPE'S PRAYER MESSAGE for APRIL 2025:](#) For the use of the new technologies: Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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 souls of Krystal Murphy, wife of Brother Tommy Murphy, and Joe MacDonald, our oldest member who passed away at the age of 100. Prayers are also requested for those sick or in distress. Names are added to this list as announcements are received.

APRIL BIRTHDAY LIST



Welcome to April, when the hours of daylight get longer. There's a smorgasbord of holidays to celebrate: April 1: April Fool's Day; April 2: Autism Awareness Day; April 6: Nation Tartan Day (for all the Hibernians); April 9: National Unicorn Day; April 22: Earth Day; April 25: Arbor Day, and April 30: National Honesty Day (not celebrated in Washington DC, unfortunately). **The peak Full Moon (Pink Moon)** occurs on April 12, 2025, at 8:22 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). You can get an early evening view of this full moon (unless your view is blocked by a three-story condo) because moonrise in St. Augustine occurs at 7:47 pm at 107 deg from north (east-southeast).

May your birthday be filled with good fortune, good health and good friends as you celebrate your oldest-you-have-ever-been and youngest-you-will-ever-be-again day! A big spiritual bouquet to all of our Birthday Brothers as we wish them all a great big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

BROTHER	BIRTHDAY	AGE
George Murati	04-02	77
Pat Petrick	04-02	84
Jeff King	04-03	60
Terry Knoke	04-03	50
Andrew Kelly	04-07	50
Anthony F Orsini	04-08	81
Donald Foy	04-11	93
Rick Cozby	04-13	64
Derek DuBrow	04-14	49
Odie G Skeen	04-14	87
Scott Pearson	04-15	62
Ed Farrell	04-22	79
Michael Lurski	04-25	63
Art Runk Jr	04-27	75
Kenneth D Scher	04-27	82

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 February 27, 2025 meeting**

Click here to view the **Draft Minutes of the March 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)
APRIL 24

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

NAMES AND FACES IN VARIOUS PLACES



Knight of the Month for November 2024 was Nelson Jambard, (left) who finally stopped moving in the kitchen long enough for GK Bill Remy to present him with his official certificate. PGK Brian Foy (right) received his December 2024 Knight of the Month certificate for December 2024. We are now all caught up for last year.



Center: Brother Kevin Kernan receives his 3rd Degree certificate from GK Bill Remy and FS Rick Cozby. Far right: our newest member Bill Keohane (center) receives his certificate after attending his 1st-2nd-3rd Degree video exemplification on Feb. 27



JOIN THE KNIGHTS FREE BY USING A QR CODE

Invite a Catholic gentleman to join with a cell phone using this QR code. After he fills out the online Form 100 and confirms his email address, he will be sent a member number and will become an e-member of the Florida State Council with \$0 first year's dues. Use Agent Referral Code: **JBOORITCH**

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Knights of Columbus

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IN MEMORIAM

Our Brother

Joseph Bernard MacDonald, Sr.†

Age 100, Was Called To His

Eternal Reward In Heaven

March 17, 2025

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

Our Prayers and Heartfelt Sympathy
To His Wife Bev and Family

In Loving Memory

Krystal J. Murphy

March 26, 1952 ~ February 11, 2025



Philippians 1: 21-23 NOV

For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, This will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose. I do not know! I am torn between the two. I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is Better by far.

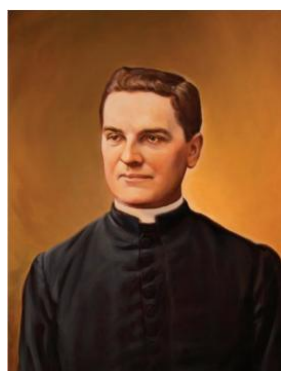
ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE BRINGS OUT THE LEPRECHAUNS



Sure n' begorrah - it was a wonderful evening of Irish food, Irish music, Irish singing, especially for those who were not Irish! The annual St. Patrick's Dinner featured almost 200 servings of excellent corned beef and cabbage by chef Steve Barthelmes, bagpipe music (left) by Dennis McCarthy, a kilt contest between Will Hall, Bill Remy and Tom Kelly (right), music by Tim Rippey, a lot of dancing after dinner, and Ulla Remy going home with \$380 from the 50/50. Sláinte!



PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF BLESSED FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY



God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of His life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling His commandment of charity and building up His Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue His work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Blessed Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through His intercession, grant the favor I now present.

ROSARY GUILD FEATURED AT PANCAKE BREAKFASTS



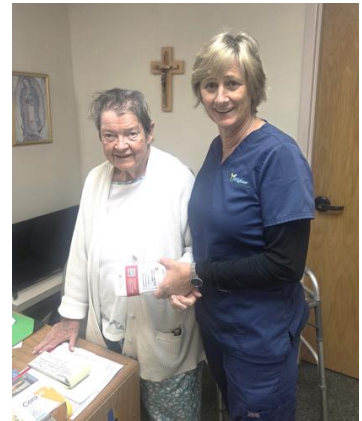
The [St. Therese Rosary Makers Guild](#) makes good use of the vacant space in Celebration Hall during our Sunday Family Breakfasts by hosting a bake sale (left) along with religious items and some fine art. At right, Regina Major stands with SJA Fine Arts Teacher Brianna Hart with a canvas of SJA campus images painted by her students.



The family pancake breakfast menu includes blueberry pancakes, eggs, home fries, sausage, juice and coffee for **only \$7!** Children 8 and under EAT FREE. The next breakfast is **April 13**.

MORE THAN A FOOD DRIVE HELPS MANY MORE

The March 15-16 food drive did not break any records, but it came very close! And it is in the "More Than..." department that the impact is really effective. The pictures below show lessons being taught at an early age by using child labor helping others, filling some of the 4 carloads of food (**2200 lbs**) and homeless ministry items. More effective than all the food was the **\$7505** in cash and gift cards contributed by many generous parishioners and visitors. At right, Sr. Anne and Caroline Volk, Wildflower Clinic, are shown in the Martin De Porres Room holding an envelope with the **\$2455** donated to the Homeless Ministry.



EVENING OF DANCE TIP JAR RAISES \$2000 FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS



From: Florida K of C Charities, Inc
Subject: Payment Confirmation
Your payment of \$2000.00 for Special Olympics of Florida has been submitted.



Thank you for your support with Special Olympics. Please let your council know their efforts are appreciated. Congratulations on successful events throughout the year.

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Berens, FSC Special Olympics Chairman

FISH FRIES REALLY REEL 'EM IN



With the help of an expanded kitchen crew and some live music from Brother Kevin Dooner (right), the first 3 fish fries saw the highest number of fish dinners ever served in Celebration Hall. Come on down and help or just come on down and enjoy a great meal – baked fish, fried fish or fried shrimp, baked potato, coleslaw, desert & drink for \$15.



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.

COLOR CORPS PAYS TRIBUTE TO FR. WILLIAM MOONEY



Thirteen members of the Color Corps attended the funeral of Fr. William Mooney at Corpus Christi on February 26. Council 7121 was represented by SK's Tim Buckley and Rick Cozby, 3rd and 4th on the right in the front row. Fr. Mooney was Pastor Emeritus of Corpus Christi and a former Faithful Friar of Assembly 0166. In addition to serving as Faithful Friar, Father Mooney was the founding pastor of Corpus Christi parish, a charter member of Council 13337, and a former pastor of St. Ambrose.

THE PARISH CORNER

2025

ST. ANASTASIA GOLF TOURNAMENT

at St. Johns County Golf Club
4900 Cypress Links Blvd.
Elkton, FL 32033

MONDAY, APRIL 7

- Scramble, 4 Person Team
- 11:00 a.m. Registration & Putting Contest
- 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
- Complimentary lunch, beer & water on the course
- Post Tournament Banquet

Banquet included in player registration. Addl. guest: \$25.00

- \$150 per player, \$600 per team

Online Player or Sponsor Registration Visit: www.saccfl.org

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Thank You

We want to thank the many volunteers, sponsors, ministries, and donors who supported the St. Anastasia Parish 2025 Gala. We were able to raise over \$14,000 that will go toward paying down the principal on the St. Enda of Aran Formation Center. We could have not done this without you!

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Deprey Chiropractic
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Good Nails Salon
Beach Nail Bar
Blue Dolphin Family Hair Center



With much appreciation,
Wanda Nitsch & Frank Merenda
St. Anastasia Parish Council

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 be part of this wonderful ministry, please contact Deacon Steve at stephenkassenbaum@comcast.net

2025

And let There Be Music Concert Series SCHEDULE

Friends of Peter Morin **APRIL 5 7:00 PM**

Featuring Gregory Shepard along with friends/performers

*Adult
Formation*

Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:45am in the St. Joseph Room!

The Bible Timeline divides the Bible into twelve color-coded time periods that make the narrative thread easier to follow and will introduce you to the wonderful narrative of Scripture in a way that will transform your life.

Contact: Deacon Steve at stephenkassenbaum@comcast.net

Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 20th 11AM



Grab your Easter Basket!
All children in 5th grade or younger are invited to hunt Easter Eggs **after the 11am Mass** on Easter Sunday.

We could use some helping hands to hide the eggs! Contact Denise at dre@saccfl.org