



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

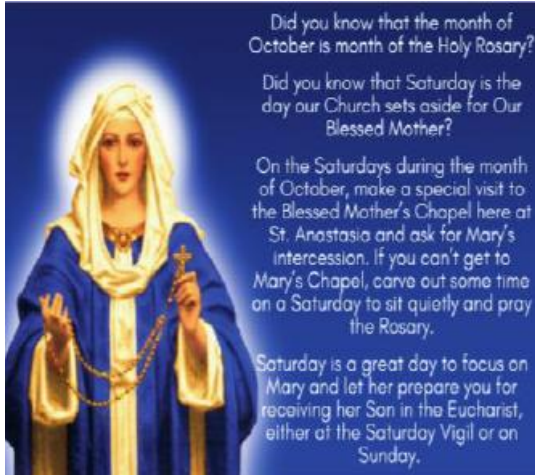
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## OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The main liturgical feasts in October are: St. Thérèse (1), Guardian Angels (2), St. Francis of Assisi (4), St. Bruno (6), Our Lady of the Rosary (7), St. Denis, St. John Leonardi and St. John Henry Newman (9), St. John XXIII (11), St. Callistus I (14), St. Teresa of Jesus (15), Sts. Hedwig and Margaret Mary Alcoque (16), St. Ignatius of Antioch (17), St. Luke (18), St. Paul of the Cross (20), St. John Paul II (22), St. John Capistrano (23), St. Anthony Mary Claret (24), and Sts. Simon and Jude (28).

The last day of October, "All-Hallows' Eve", more commonly known as Halloween, is on the Catholic calendar as the Vigil of All Saints' Day.

This is part of the three-day observance known as the Allhallowtide triduum. While modern Halloween has become secularized, it has deep roots in Catholic liturgical tradition, and it serves as a time for the living to remember and pray for the saints in heaven and the souls in purgatory on All Saints' Day (November 1) and All Souls' Day (November 2).

**THE POPE'S PRAYER MESSAGE for OCTOBER 2025:** For collaboration between different religious traditions: Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

Watch the [www.kofc7121.org/calendar](http://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](mailto:kofc7121@gmail.com)

See the **GOOD OF THE ORDER** web page as we pray for the repose of the soul of our departed Brother Dan Donelin. We also pray for Brothers, family members and friends in need of prayers, especially Pat Petrick (who would appreciate a phone call at 904-687-9439), Josephine Scher, Sherri Behrends, Jim McIlhenney, the Buckley family, Ed Rice and Maureen Leahy-Rice, Brian Kaman, Nelson Jambard and Brittnei Tucker. Prayers are also requested for family members and friends sick or in distress. Names are added to this list as announcements are received.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE BROTHERS BORN IN OCTOBER



Happy Birthday to the short list of Brothers born in October, the month of pumpkin spice and the official start of the holiday shopping season. We celebrate the Hunter's Moon (Oct 6), Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples'

Day / US Navy Birthday / International Skeptics Day (Oct 13), International Sloth Day (Oct 20), United Nations Day and National Bologna Day (Oct 24) and finally Halloween (Oct 31). Pick your favorite celebration, find one of the Brothers on this list, and wish them a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

BROTHER	BIRTHDAY	AGE
Brian Foy	10-04	64
Eric Hernandez	10-09	32
Fred Hernandez Jr	10-14	33
David Cirillo	10-19	67
Dennis Tucker	10-19	69
Jeff Woolford	10-22	63
Bob O'Connell	10-25	77
David Shoar	10-28	64

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The [kofc7121.org](http://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 August 28, 2025 meeting](#)

Click here to view the agenda and the [Draft Minutes of the September 25, 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**



**4<sup>th</sup> THURSDAY**  
**St. Anthony Hall**  
**(Community Center)**  
**OCTOBER 23**

**Recitation of the Rosary 6:30 PM; Business Meeting 7:00 PM**

### **FOUR BROTHERS ADVANCE TO 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE SIR KNIGHTS**



(Left): Congratulations to our newest Sir Knights! Accompanied by PGK Tom Kelly (left) and GK Brian Foy (right), are (2<sup>nd</sup>-from-left-to-right) Will Hall, Jack Jones, Jim Hesson and Bob Covell receiving the honors of the Patriot Degree, hosted by Bishop Verot Assembly 0166 on Saturday, Sept 13. The Fourth Degree Exemplification saw the advancement of 87 Brothers from throughout Florida.



(Right): Three of our four new Sir Knights attended the Sept 25 council meeting and were presented with certificates of their advancement to the Patriot Degree by GK Brian Foy.

### **NEW NAMES AND FACES IN THE COUNCIL HALL**

The September 25 business meeting was highlighted by the attendance of two “new” brothers.

Attending their first council meeting were (left) Fr. Praveen Pasala, MSFS, and (right) our newest Brother, Bob Meier, who had just moments before completed his 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification via video session in the antechamber with Financial Secretary Rick Cozby (center).

**BROTHERS - WELCOME TO COUNCIL 7121!**





## KNIGHTS PAY FINAL TRIBUTE TO BROTHER DAN DONELIN



## SUNDAY BREAKFASTS SERVE THE HUNGRY MASSES AFTER THE MASSES

The Knights will host a Sunday Family Pancake Breakfast on Oct 5 after each Mass. If you can help in the kitchen cooking and serving, out in the hall with coffee and juice, and especially with cleanup after 12 noon, please let Steve Barthelmes ([sbradsteve@att.net](mailto:sbradsteve@att.net), 904-704-7560) know you will be there. The St. Therese Rosary Guild also holds a bake sale at each breakfast.



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DIRECTOR SPEAKS AT COUNCIL MEETING

Addressing the 25 Brothers assembled at the Sept 25 business meeting was Tom Torretta, Fundraising Director of Habitat for Humanity St. Johns. Tom announced the acquisition of a 32 acre parcel in West St. Augustine and plans to start building 74 affordable homes starting in 2027. He described the process of building new homes for qualified families using a combination of federal and state funding, state tax credits, St. Johns County financing subsidies, corporate donations and private donations (that's us!).



The parish sponsors a **build team** that goes to various Habitat sites on the second Friday of each month. **Interested volunteers** can register with Habitat at <https://habitatstjohns.org/volunteer/>. See [kofc7121.org/HabitatForHumanity](https://kofc7121.org/HabitatForHumanity) for further details and upcoming build events.



## MORE THAN A FOOD DRIVE GENERATES A GRAND RESPONSE

After taking the summer off, MORE THAN A FOOD DRIVE kicked off to a very good start in GRAND style. We collected the usual 2000 lb of food, but even better, received an **extra one grand** in donations, hitting an exceptionally high total for the fall season with **\$5865** in monetary donations to St. Francis House, Catholic Charities, St. Johns Ecumenical Ministries Food Pantry, and the Homeless Ministry.

The biggest pot at the end of a rainbow had **\$2345 going to Sr. Anne Halpin's Outreach Ministry**, with (right) Caroline Volk from the Wildflower Clinic shown holding the proceeds. That's the **good news**. The **bad news** is that, nationwide, food pantry donations are down, government food assistance from the Big Beautiful Bill has been slashed, and more people are going hungry and homeless. This proves you cannot trust politicians to feed the hungry, cloth the naked, shelter the homeless. Generous people, like those at St. Anastasia, are stepping up to help the neighbor.



Left: The O'Connell family - Anne (in front), (back-left) Hunter, Grandpa Bob, Abigail, and Andrew - showed up and loaded bags into vans before two of the three Masses. The Schoonover family handled the other Mass.

Right: occupying the St. Cecilia Room until Monday was the collection for St. Johns Ecumenical Ministries Food Pantry and for the homeless ministry.



Thanks to Bob O'Connell for returning to the scene of the

crime on Monday morning and helping to load and deliver all of this. The big **pre-holiday food drive** is coming up on **November 15-16**. Start stocking up now to help those less fortunate.

## EMMAUS MEN'S RETREAT HELD AT ST. ANASTASIA SEPT. 26-28



Twenty-two men made their Emmaus Retreat, Sept 26-28. Council 7121 had four Knights make their Emmaus: Terry Knoke (front row, 2<sup>nd</sup> from left), Jim Percival (back row at the center of the arch), Tom Kelly and Tom Alexander (back row, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> from right).

Emmaus retreats are designed for those men who feel they need to explore a deeper relationship with God. Men whose hearts are ready to "burn" again or need to be reignited. The weekend is designed to be low-key, user-friendly and not "preachy". You listen to other men talk about their journey to know more about God.



**OFFICER DAVID JEWELL**  
**Edgewater Police Department**  
**END OF WATCH**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**

**He leaves behind his wife & 17-year old son**  
**[Donate to his GoFundMe account](#)**



*St. Anastasia Catholic Church*  
**CELEBRATION HALL**  
Cash Bar provided by  
Knights of Columbus  
(Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks)



**DOORS: 5:30     DANCING BEGINS: 7:00**

**\$15 AT THE DOOR     CASH OR CHECK ONLY**

**Reservations include 8-10 tops else open seating**

**TEXT RSVP: 386-931-0074**

**EMAIL RSVP: [BKELLEY1024@AOL.COM](mailto:BKELLEY1024@AOL.COM)**

**Next Dance: SATURDAY OCTOBER 4**

Please call Dave Morrison at 815-382-2213 or email him at [daveamorrison@outlook.com](mailto:daveamorrison@outlook.com) if you can help for an hour or two anytime between 5 to 10 pm, then take a break and listen and dance to some really good music.

**COLUMBUS DAY KNIGHTS GOLF TOURNAMENT IN FULL SWING**

**[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD REGISTRATION FORM/FLYER](#)**

or use the QR code below to register online. For more information: contact Brian Foy, 304-871-0888 - [bfoy11@yahoo.com](mailto:bfoy11@yahoo.com)

**If you can't golf but want to help on the day of the tournament,  
just [CLICK HERE TO FIND THE LIST OF OPEN JOBS](#)**

at  
**PALENCIA**

**COLUMBUS DAY**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025**

**LIGHT BREAKFAST**  
**AWARDS LUNCHEON**  
**8:30AM REGISTRATION**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**SCAN CODE OR CALL (904) 540-7295**



## THE PARISH CORNER

### PARISH-WIDE Spiritual Adoption BABY SHOWER

OCTOBER 4, 5 & 11, 12

THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY INVITES ALL PARISH FAMILIES TO TAKE PART IN OUR PARISH-WIDE SPIRITUAL ADOPTION BABY SHOWER BENEFITING ST. GERARD CAMPUS AND ALPHA-Omega MIRACLE HOME - TWO LOCAL PREGNANCY CENTERS OFFERING LIFE-AFFIRMING CARE TO MOTHERS AND BABIES.

THIS IS A WONDERFUL WAY FOR FAMILIES TO LIVE OUT OUR CALL TO RESPECT AND CHERISH LIFE TOGETHER. PARENTS CAN INVOLVE CHILDREN BY HELPING CHOOSE BABY ITEMS, PRAYING FOR THE BABIES, AND BRINGING DONATIONS AS A FAMILY ACT OF LOVE.

#### WHEN & WHERE:

OCTOBER 4/5 AND OCTOBER 11/12 (OVER TWO WEEKENDS)

IN THE NARTHEX

#### HOW TO HELP:

- ★ DIAPERS (SIZES 4, 5, 6, 7)
- ★ BABY WIPES
- ★ BABY POWDER
- ★ OTHER BABY CARE ESSENTIALS

LET'S COME TOGETHER AS A PARISH FAMILY TO SUPPORT THESE MOTHERS AND THEIR BABIES, SHOWING THEM OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS IN A TANGIBLE WAY.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: SACCF.L.RESPECTLIFE@GMAIL.COM



CONTACT  
MUSIC@SACCF.ORG  
FOR MORE INFO

...AND LET THERE BE MUSIC  
CONCERT SERIES 2025-2026

**19 OCT**  
**EVAN ANDERSON**  
02:00PM JAZZ PIANIST-COMPOSER  
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

**3 JAN**  
**EPIPHANY EXTRAORDINAIRE**  
07:00PM CHRISTMAS ENCORE  
CELEBRATION CONCERT, FEAT.  
THE MUSICIANS OF ST. AUGUSTINE

**St. Martin de Porres Outreach Room**  
Located in the church is open **Mon—Fri 8:30—10:00am** or 30 min. after weekend Masses. Donations of non-perishable food items, gently used clothing and shoes are gratefully accepted at that time. We ask that you please keep in mind the limited space inside the outreach room and the weight of the bag you're leaving. Some of our "distribution angels" have physical limitations. To be a part of this wonderful ministry, contact Deacon Steve at: [stephenkassebaum@comcast.net](mailto:stephenkassebaum@comcast.net)

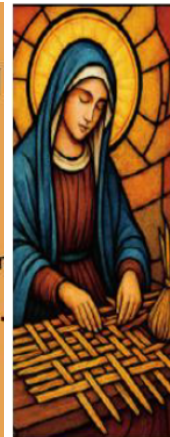
**Annual Farm Workers Food Drive**  
**Oct. 18 & 19**

The Farmworkers Ministry will conduct their annual Fall Food Drive to support the local farm workers in our area. Food will be collected before weekend Masses in the church Narthex.

Items needed are: Maseca (Masa) Corn Flour, Rice, Black Beans (canned or small bags), Vegetable Oil, Sugar and Coffee

Disposable diapers are also very much appreciated! Sizes 3, 4 & 5 only.

Helpers are appreciated with organizing and collecting! Contact Suzy at [smgrimes@bellsouth.net](mailto:smgrimes@bellsouth.net)



### MARY'S MATS made by the Rosary Guild

The Rosary Guild is turning plastic shopping bags into sleeping mats for the homeless - offering waterproof comfort and dignity to those in need. But that's not all. After cutting the bags, the remaining scraps are recycled into Trex® boards used for eco-friendly decking and outdoor spaces.

This is a WIN - WIN - WIN:

- ☺ Supporting the homeless
- ☺ Reducing plastic waste
- ☺ Helping recycle sustainable materials

We need your help! We are in need of clean, dry plastic shopping grocery bags. Bring you bags to the collection bin in the St. Martin de Porres Room at the church! Questions? Want to help? Contact Regina at [rdmajor01@yahoo.com](mailto:rdmajor01@yahoo.com)



### 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 [stephenkassebaum@comcast.net](mailto:stephenkassebaum@comcast.net)

**Save The Date!!**  
**The Annual Thanksgiving Dinner**  
**November 16th**

Craft. Create. Connect.  
Become a vendor at our ...

## Artisan Market

October 25th



Contact Us



Applications in church office  
email: [artisans@sacccfl.org](mailto:artisans@sacccfl.org)

Mission Tradition Raffle

A Raffle for St. Anastasia's Tomorrow

Support our parish and join in the excitement! St. Anastasia is hosting a Raffle Fundraiser to help fund the future needs of our parish. \$10,000 in prizes!!!

Tickets: \$100 each  
Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$7000 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$2000 | 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$1000

Drawing Date: March 27, 2026, 6:00p.m.  
Where: St. Jude Celebration Hall at the Lenten Fish Fry

Tickets are available after all weekend Masses starting October 11 & 12 and in the parish office during the week. Proceeds directly benefit St. Anastasia Catholic Church.

Thank you for your generosity and support—together we're building a stronger parish community!

We're collecting items to create Blessing Bags for those in need.

Help us spread love and comfort by donating:

- ☒ Toothbrushes
- ☒ Toothpaste
- ☒ Full Sized Bar Soap
- ☒ Washcloths

Collection Dates:  
October 4-November 10

Drop-off Location:  
The St. Martin de Porres Community Room

By your donation, you'll be blessing others this upcoming Christmas season.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."  
— Matthew 25.40

For questions or to volunteer, contact Linda at (904) 501-4669