



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL 7121**  
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**APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER**



Welcome to April, the month crowded with religious celebrations, starting with the Pascal Triduum, the Christian period of three days that begins with the liturgy on the evening of Maundy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit in conjunction with the Easter season, the Pascal Mystery and the Resurrection. The month of April is also dedicated to the Holy Eucharist, which is the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. These dedications are combined in the celebration of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 12.

The concept of the Holy Spirit and the Holy Eucharist fulfilling the great promise of total forgiveness is depicted in the Divine Mercy image, with the red and pale rays flowing from Jesus' heart. This symbolizes the blood (life of souls) and water (water of baptism/reconciliation) that poured out, with the Eucharist often described as the "fountain of mercy". The Divine Mercy is poured out through the Sacraments, with the Blessed Sacrament being the primary source of that mercy in the liturgical life of the Church. (ref: catholicculture.org)

[THE POPE'S PRAYER MESSAGE for APRIL 2026:](#) **For priests in crisis:** Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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 for the list of Brothers, family members and friends in need of prayers, especially those hospitalized or facing surgery. Recent additions to this list include Ed Rice, Bill Coleman, Dani Buckley, State Deputy Mike Gizewski and the passing of Past State Deputy James Schonefeld. Prayers are also requested for Brother Knights and family members sick or in distress. Names are added to this list as announcements are received.

**APRIL BIRTHDAY LIST**



Welcome to April, the month that celebrates practically nothing, except Easter April 5, the end of March Madness on Apr 6, Passover April 1-9, Tax Day April 15 and Earth Day Apr 22. We have 16 Brothers wishing the rest of us a Happy April Fools' Day, which is more appropriately called All Fools' Day since there seems to be an inexhaustible supply of them, and not just in April.

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	78
Pat Petrick	04-02	85
Jeff King	04-03	61
Terry Knoke	04-03	51
Anthony F Orsini	04-08	82
Donald Foy	04-11	94
Steve DeMeo	04-12	64
Rick Cozby	04-13	65
Derek DuBrow	04-14	50
Odie G Skeen	04-14	88
Scott Pearson	04-15	63
Edward F Farrell	04-22	80
David Olson	04-22	73
Michael Lurski	04-25	64
Art Runk Jr	04-27	76
Kenneth D Scher	04-27	83

# **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 February 26, 2026 meeting](#)

Click here to view the [Draft Minutes of the March 26, 2026 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**



**4th THURSDAY**  
**(Moving to 3rd Thursday July 2026)**  
**St. Anthony Hall**  
**(Community Center)**  
**APRIL 23**

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

## **KNIGHTS PAY FINAL RESPECTS TO BROTHER DON McAllister**

Funeral Mass and columbarium inurnment was held on March 13 for Brother/Sir Knight Donald A. McAllister, who passed away February 6 at age 86. Left-to-right below: the Color Corps stands at attention prior to the start of the service; Color Corps Commander Carl Jacquet and DGK Dave Morrison read the Resolution of Condolences, and final inurnment in the columbarium with his wife Rita, who passed away in 2019.



**SAVE THE DATE!**



**NO – NOT THAT ONE.**  
**THIS ONE:**

**SATURDAY MAY 9, 2026**

**ANNUAL SPIRITUAL MEN'S RETREAT**  
**RETREAT LEADER: DR. ALEX GROPE**

**CELEBRATION HALL**

**10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**ALL MEN OF THE PARISH INVITED**

**REGISTRATION DETAILS AVAILABLE SOON**

**FROM DEACON STEVE KASSEBAUM**

## ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE BRINGS OUT THE LEPRECHAUNS

Sure n' begorrah! It was a wonderful evening of Irish food, Irish music, Irish singing and dancing, especially for those who were not Irish! The annual St. Patrick's Dinner on March 15 started with an Irish blessing by Fr. Tim (below left) and the greeting by GK Brian Foy (center ). Festivities included an exceptional corned beef dinner prepared by Steve Barthelmes and a small army of helpers. Music and dancing were provided by Tim Rippey. Sláinte!



**Council #: 11046 Parish Social - San Sebastian Catholic Church**

**1112 FL-16, St. Augustine, FL 32084**

**Speaker: Kendell Hardwick**

**When: Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> -Time: 6 PM**

We are proud to have Mrs. Kendell Hardwick speak at our Parish Social on Tuesday, April 28th about the **Diamond of Dreams** project. Diamond of Dreams is an all-inclusive specially designed baseball / multipurpose field and playground for children and young adults with special needs. Diamond of Dreams is in Southern St. Johns County off Allen Nease Road, where the current Police Athletic League (PAL) facility is being built. The property is on county owned land leased to the Historic St. Johns County Police Athletic League. This location targets the majority of our population at or below the poverty line.

The baseball field will be an ADA-compliant, carpeted wheelchair-accessible field that will allow for children with special needs (intellectual or physical disabilities) to play on a field specially designed for their needs. The land space will also include a separate area with a specifically designed, inclusive playground that will be wheelchair accessible. A place to inspire children and families to be active and play together. A playground that fosters the diverse needs of the community.

Her husband, Brother Knight and St. Johns County Sheriff Rob Hardwick, will be in attendance as well. We would love to have you and members of the other Councils attend.

## MORE THAN A FOOD DRIVE HELPS MANY MORE



The March 21-22 food drive did not break any records, but it came very close! And it is in the “More Than...” department that the impact on helping feed the hungry is really effective, with more donors, better food, and increased donations!



An extra two van loads of food were dropped off, totaling **2800 lb**. Even better, cash and gift card donations jumped to **\$7835**, the second-highest total in over two years. The Homeless Ministry (Sr. Anne Halpin and Caroline Volk, left) received \$2625, which will be put to use immediately helping the neighbor in need.

Big THANKS go to the record number of Brothers (15) stepped up to hand out bags, collect the donations and deliver the food.

The food crisis is NOT OVER! Donations are always accepted in the St. Martin de Porres, where the Marriage Ministry (right) is running an ongoing food donation during the month of April.



## THE FIRST PRINCIPLE OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - CHARITY



# Florida K of C Charities, Inc

*Supporting the charitable mission of the Knights of Columbus  
Florida State Council*

[Florida KofC Charities](#) funds many worthwhile programs in the State of Florida. Council 7121 makes annual contributions to many of them (below). One of the primary sources of donations is through the annual Florida State Council K of C Charity Raffle program. First prize is \$25,000 cash. Ticket books are \$10 each, the council keeps \$4 and sends \$6 to Florida K of C Charities. It's a WIN-WIN!

Each council receives an allotment of ticket books. We have a small stack left. If you want to make a donation to charity, contact Tim Buckley, 904-295-8833 / [buckeyball@hotmail.com](mailto:buckeyball@hotmail.com). Tickets will be available through the April 23 council business meeting.



### Special Olympics of Florida

The Knights of Columbus believe that the Special Olympics are nearly unparalleled in their ability to show the intrinsic worth and dignity...



### Vocations

Founded by a parish priest, the Knights of Columbus has always worked hard to encourage young men and women to consider God's call...

### Helping Life

One of the most effective ways in which the Knights of Columbus has helped thousands of women save their children is through its Ultrasound Initiative.



### Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, Christian organization founded in 1976 that seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness...



### Coats for Kids

Did you know many children throughout the United States and Canada go without a coat each winter?

## SUNDAY FAMILY PANCAKE BREAKFAST



**CELEBRATION HALL  
BLUEBERRY PANCAKES – EGGS  
SAUSAGE - HOME FRIES  
JUICE - COFFEE  
\$7/PERSON  
BEST DEAL IN TOWN!  
Children 8 & under EAT FREE!**

**AFTER EACH MASS  
SUNDAY APRIL 12**



## FAITH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP FINALLY FINISHES FANTASTIC FISH FRY SEASON

We had a record-breaking year in the Lenten Fish Fry department, after being “SOLD OUT” the first five weeks and each dinner setting new records for the highest number of fish dinners ever served. The season came to a close on March 27 with “only” 245 dinners served. We intentionally fried and baked more than needed just to clean everything out of the freezer. We donated 35 dinners to the Veterans Village and around 40 dinners to St. Francis House. The parishioner response to the call for help was outstanding every week, with approximately 15 new people showing up for prep, setup, working in the kitchen, serving, and cleaning up. With the new talent and some adjustments to the serving line, we are now able to serve over 250 freshly cooked fish and shrimp dinners in 90 minutes.



## STATE COUNCIL MOURNS PASSING OF PAST STATE DEPUTY



Brother Knights of the Florida State Council,  
On behalf of the Florida State Council and our State Deputy, Michael Gizewski, we regret to inform you that Past State Deputy and Former Master James Schonefeld completed his journey on earth and is now in the arms of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May Eternal Light shine upon him and all the faithful departed.

Let us come together in faith, united in prayer, entrusting our brother to the care of our Heavenly Father.

Blessed Michael MicGivney pray for us.

## THE PARISH CORNER



## 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](mailto:stephenkassenbaum@comcast.net)

## 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](mailto:stephenkassenbaum@comcast.net)



Dr. David Mach 904-471-5364 X110 [music@saccfl.org](mailto:music@saccfl.org)

### CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

## Prepare for Consecration to St. Joseph!



What is Consecration to St. Joseph? Honored as Terror of Demons and Protector of the Church, St. Joseph offers strong spiritual protection for individuals, families, and the Church.

During this 33-day preparation, you will learn about St. Joseph's person, privileges, titles, and virtues. Through his powerful intercession, St. Joseph will increase the presence of God in your life and help you grow in holiness.

Day & Time: Wednesdays 10:00a.m.  
(coffee starts @ 9:45 am)

Dates: April 8, 15, 29 | May 6, 13

Place: St. Enda of Aran Formation Ctr

Scan the QR Code or visit [ww.saccfl.org/stjoseph](http://ww.saccfl.org/stjoseph) to download your registration form and return your completed form to the parish office.

Book: Consecration to St. Joseph by Fr. Donald H. Calloway Available at The Blue Mantle located at 81 San Marco Ave or on Amazon.

Questions? Contact Diane at [buckleydiane@gmail.com](mailto:buckleydiane@gmail.com)



And Let There Be Music

Concert Series presents....

## The Powell Trio



Curtis Powell, Randy Timmin & Helen Morin

April 11, 2026 7:00p.m.

At St. Anastasia Catholic Church

## Wine & Cheese



APRIL 11  
in St. Anthony Hall  
after the  
4 pm Mass

### Bread for the World in the Narthex on April 11 & 12 Offering of Letters

Please stop by the table in the Narthex as you leave Mass on April 11th & 12th to sign letters to your congressional representatives asking them to reinstate funding that has been cut for food programs that help families and single Moms with children in our country and in other poorer countries around the world. These cuts in funding have affected Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services by limiting their ability to help the increased number of families in need of food here and abroad.