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SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to September, the month dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, whose memorial the Church celebrates on Sept 15. This feast completes an octave following the Nativity of Our Lady on Sept 8 and the Holy Name of Mary (Sept 12).

In the September liturgical feasts, there are many familiar and famous names: St. Gregory the Great (Sept 3), St. Teresa of Calcutta (Sept 5), St. Peter Claver (Sept 9), St. John Chrysostom (Sept 13), Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Sept 14), St. Pio (Sept 23), Sts. Cosmos and Damian (Sept 26), St. Vincent de Paul (Sept 27), Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (Sept 29) and St. Jerome (Sept 30).

All Brothers and family members are invited to join in the Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the Relief of Suffering, recited in the church chapel during Eucharistic Adoration each Monday at 1:30 PM. This novena was recited every day by Padre Pio for all those who asked for prayers.

[THE POPE'S PRAYER MESSAGE for SEPTEMBER 2026:](#)

For the care of water: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it..



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 the Morin Family, Rose McCaul, Josephine Scher, Latane Donelin, Jackie O'Sullivan, Nelson Jambard, Ed Rice, Brittini Tucker, Dani Buckley, Jim McIlhenney, Bill & Sue Coleman, and repose of the soul of Brother Pat Petrick. Names are added to this list as announcements are received.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE BROTHERS BORN IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Being another year older is just a matter of perspective. Speaking of really old, the City of St. Augustine was founded 431 years ago when Pedro Menéndez de Avilés came ashore to found St. Augustine on September 8, 1565. Bill Remy and Brendan O'Connell can still celebrate Founders Days on Sept. 8 and be happy knowing they are nowhere near being that old!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY LIST

BROTHER	BIRTHDAY	AGE
Bob Meier	09-02	58
Kevin Monroe	09-03	68
John S Nolton	09-06	85
Andy Shotwell	09-06	71
Brendan O'Connell	09-08	93
William Remy	09-08	81
John West	09-10	65
David Look	09-12	78
Joseph G Deloretto	09-21	63
John Decknick	09-27	69
John Krall	09-28	75
William Craig III	09-30	81
Paul Summers	09-30	74

Since this newsletter is only being published every other month, the list of birthday Brothers must also be increased to cover next month. You will now have two months to scan the lists and find someone deserving special attention and a shout-out.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OUR BROTHERS!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY LIST

BROTHER	BIRTHDAY	AGE
Brian Foy	10-04	65
Eric Hernandez	10-09	33
Peter Burkhardt	10-12	66
Fred Hernandez Jr	10-14	34
Dennis Tucker	10-19	70
David Cirillo	10-19	68
Jeff Woolford	10-22	64
Bob O'Connell	10-25	78
David Shoar	10-28	65

COUNCIL BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Council 7121 website kofc7121.org allows use of shared file and document storage on our Google Drive. Files can be viewed by anyone who has the file link.

Click here to view the [Final Minutes of the July 16, 2026 meeting](#)

Click here to view the [Draft Minutes of the August 20, 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



**3rd THURSDAY
St. Anthony Hall
(Community Center)
SEPTEMBER 17, 2026**

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

FIVE YEARS IN A ROW!



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2026-2027 FRATERNAL YEAR

The start of the 2026-2027 fraternal year officially began with the formal Installation of Officers, held July 18 in Celebration Hall. Having received their badge of office from our Chaplain Fr. Tim, the newly recognized officers formed the Living Cross (below, left). (Below, right) Newly elected GK Dave Morrison stepped up to the podium and delivered his first remarks as Fr. Tim, District Deputy Robert Billoni and District Warden PGK Brian Foy presided over the ceremony.



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST BROTHER

Brother Greg Loya (at right) is welcomed to his first council event, the Sacred Heart prayer service, by Brother Bob Meier, who encouraged Greg to transfer from Co. 611. Greg has been a Knight for 15 years, a 3rd Degree night for 10 years. Brother Greg also joined the ranks (far right) as a Sir Knight by attending his Fourth Degree Exemplification at Our Lady of Hope in Port Orange on Saturday, August 29. Welcome Brother Greg!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Brothers Paul Summers and Dave Olson are shown below receiving their Honorary Life Membership certificates from GK Dave Morrison, having achieved 25 years of consecutive membership and age 70. Honorary Life members are exempt from further payment of Supreme dues, per capita charges and assessments. Of the 144 Brothers on the current council roll, only 11 have achieved this distinction.

For to the rest of us: "As a reminder, your \$25 dues are due. If you have a balance due, you received an email notice from Knights of Columbus at 10 am on 12 July that contained your personal bill as an attachment. You may drop a check off at the parish office or in the gold box in the narthex, or you may Venmo to @Richard-Cozby or Zelle to [410-322-3248](https://www.venmo.com/Richard-Cozby). Thanks to those who have already paid – your membership cards are on the way!"

2026/2027 Founders' Award Impact: Schedule Your Session with Field Agent James Booritch

As part of the new Star Council requirements, our Field Agent James Booritch is reaching out to all associate (non-insurance) members to schedule a financial overview. There is no commitment. Even if your insurance needs are already covered, **knowledge is power**—take some time to learn what new fraternal benefits are available from the Knights of Columbus.



Knights of Columbus Insurance, ranked #52 by assets of U.S. life insurance groups and is only available to members, is consistently rated by AMBest as A+ (Superior), Standard & Poor's AA+ (Very Strong), and Forbes America's Best Insurance companies for Long Term Care insurance.

9/2	9:00 AM
9/9	9:00 AM
9/9	12:00 PM
9/9	3:00 PM

James will be in our area on 9/2 and 9/9 and is typically available for morning, midday, and afternoon sessions. Please consider reaching out to him for a private meeting on either of these dates while openings remain. Let's work together to schedule at least 10 early meetings so our council can qualify for the awards well before the end-of-year rush begins!

Contact information: James Booritch 412-779-3756 james.booritch@kofc.org

SUNDAY FAMILY BREAKFAST/FR. STEVE HENDERSON RECEPTION

Father Steve Henderson (a Brother Knight) is returning to St. Anastasia on Sunday, Sept. 13 to concelebrate the 10:30 Mass with Fr. Tim and deliver the homily. The parish is invited to a free reception in Celebration Hall after the Mass. A pancake breakfast may also be purchased.



*Join Us for a
Special Celebration!*

Join us at the **10:30 a.m. Mass** as we welcome **Father Steve Henderson**, who will concelebrate the Mass and offer the homily. After Mass, please join us in **St. Jude Celebration Hall** for breakfast and a special celebration honoring **Fr. Steve's ordination!**



WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
IN CELEBRATION HALL
AFTER BOTH MASSES!**

**BLUEBERRY PANCAKE
EGGS-SAUSAGE-HOME FRIES
JUICE-COFFEE!**

\$7/PERSON

BEST DEAL IN TOWN!

CHILDREN 8 & UNDER EAT FREE!

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THE BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Council has formed a **Sunday Family Breakfast Committee** to ensure we can continue this vital service to the parish. Brother Steve Barthelmes has led all our meal-related service projects for many years, but his current situation makes it difficult to carry the full responsibility alone. We are seeking a dedicated team that can share the workload and support one another so we can reliably cover for each other when scheduling conflicts arise, while still benefitting from Steve's leadership.

Our Council officers strongly prefer not to abandon the Sunday Family Breakfast because of the important fellowship and parish unity it creates. From personal experience, many of our Brothers find deep reward in this service — both through working alongside fellow Knights and through the meaningful exposure to parishioners in a spirit of brotherhood.

We are therefore inviting interested Knights to join the committee and share responsibilities across these high-level areas for the 2026/2027 year:

- **Planning and Scheduling**
- **Menu Selection & Recipes**
- **Procurement & Shopping**
- **Pre-Event Preparation**
- **Food Safety & Hygiene**
- **Day-of Execution – Cash Box**
- **Service & Guest Experience**
- **Cleanup & Breakdown**
- **Post-Event Review**
- **Food Manager Certification**

Please let me know if you are interested and which areas you may be willing to assist with. Even if you can only help in one or two areas, your support would be greatly appreciated. For the complete list of task descriptions, see [Sunday Morning Family Pancake Breakfast](#).

Your willingness to serve would be a great blessing to our Council, our parish, and especially to Brother Steve. Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity.

A short session will be held in the kitchen on Wednesday September 2 from 12 noon to 2 PM for those interested in learning the ropes.

Yours in Service,

Bob Meier

Deputy Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus – Council 7121

(630) 675-4324 bob@meier.today

IN MEMORIAM

Our Brother

Patrick J. Petrick †

Age 85, Was Called To His
Eternal Reward In Heaven

August 13, 2026

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

Our Prayers and Heartfelt Sympathy
To His Family



EVENING OF DANCE RETURNS OCTOBER 3

The Knights sommelier crew, led by GK 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 setup from 5-6 PM, the early 6-8 PM or late 8-10 PM shift. Wives are welcome. Couples can take turns, work a while, then sit and listen, dance for a while. Please call Dave Morrison at 815-382-2213 or email him at daveamorrison@outlook.com if you can help for an hour or two anytime between 5 to 10 pm. Future Evening of Dance events are scheduled for Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 5, Mar 6, Apr 3 and May 22



MORE THAN A FOOD DRIVE

"I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER"

BAG HANDOUT:

AFTER EACH MASS SEPT 12-13

FOOD & DONATION COLLECTIONS:

BEFORE EACH MASS SEPT. 19-20

Patriot Day 2026: 4th Degree/Public Invited to 9/11 Ceremony

Wednesday, September 11th, 2024 marks the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The City of St. Augustine organizes this annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony. The event takes place nearby on the grounds of the Saint Francis Barracks (the Florida National Guard Headquarters), Emmett R. Titshaw Field at Patriot Point at 82 Marine St. The ceremony begins at 8:30am with the presentation of colors. There will be a moment of silence at 8:45am, timed to coincide with the time the first plane hit the first tower of the World Trade Center in 2001. Then, the Fire Department will conduct the "Striking the Four 5's" by ringing a fire bell in four intervals of five rings each



Please contact FN Frank Hill <hillf6466@gmail.com> if you plan to attend. This is a really great opportunity to remember that fateful day with joining the Florida National Guard ceremony. Please let me know if you can make it so I can let them know how many to expect.

(Left) Stained glass window commissioned for the National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, New York City, designed and constructed by Sister Diane Couture, SSJ, St. Augustine, FL; simstainedglass.org

SACRED HEART PILGRIM ICON HOLY HOUR

Council 7121 hosted a display of the Sacred Heart Pilgrim Icon on the altar of St. Anastasia during the week of Aug 4-10, concluding with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a Sacred Heart Holy Hour on the evening of Aug 10. The icon, a reproduction of the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, bears the blessing of Pope Francis and is one of more than 300 icons traveling across the world, from council to council, for veneration and use in prayer services.



The Sacred Heart Holy Hour includes readings from Sacred Scripture and reflections from Pope Francis on the Sacred Heart, as well as the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, The Divine Praises, several hymns in Latin, prayers to the Sacred Heart, and time for silent prayer.

Left, GK Dave Morrison presents one of the Reflections, with (below) Brian Foy. Bob Meier, Rick Cozby and Tim Buckley taking turns at the lectern for several of the readings



COLUMBUS DAY DISTRICT 16 GOLF TOURNAMENT AT MARSH CREEK

Knights of Columbus
DISTRICT 16
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at  *Marsh Creek*
COUNTRY CLUB

COLUMBUS DAY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026
LIGHT BREAKFAST
AWARDS LUNCHEON
8:30AM REGISTRATION

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
5TH ANNUAL
GOLF TOURNAMENT

SCAN CODE OR CALL (904) 540-7295

COLOR CORPS IN ST. JAMES DAY PROCESSION

The streets of historic St. Augustine became a modern-day pilgrimage route on the evening of July 24 as hundreds of Catholics from across the Diocese of St. Augustine, joined by visitors from around the country, walked in procession from the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche to the Cathedral Basilica to celebrate the Feast of St. James and the Camino de las Américas. The evening began at the shrine with prayers and a blessing from Bishop Erik Pohlmeier, followed by pilgrim reenactors carrying a statue of St. James, a gift to the Diocese of St. Augustine from Spain in 2022.



The nearly one-mile walk has become an annual tradition connecting the nation's oldest city with the centuries-old Camino de Santiago pilgrimage in Spain, processing through St. Augustine, past the Castillo de San Marcos, and down historic St. George Street, before arriving at the Cathedral Basilica for a pilgrim program, Vigil Mass, and reception. The 4th Degree Color Corps (left) provided the honor guard as the Bishop and dignitaries entered the cathedral.

Photos by

Peter Willot, St Augustine Record

FIRST FRIDAY PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY FOR THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Join the
1st Friday
Public
Rosary Rally
for the
Sacred Heart of Jesus
Prayer Warriors Urgently Needed!

Following the guidance of *America Needs Fatima*, we gather publicly at America's oldest Marian Shrine — the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche — to console Our Lord and Our Lady through the Holy Rosary and prayers of reparation.

WHEN:
First Friday of every month,
after the Noon Mass (~1:00 PM)

WHERE:
National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche
101 San Marco Ave, St. Augustine, FL

"Pray, pray a great deal, and make sacrifices for sinners..."
— Our Lady of Fatima (July 13, 1917)

The national **Public Square Rosary Crusade**, led by [America Needs Fatima](#), was held Aug 7 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre De Dios. This was the opening weekend of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. Rosary Rallies, which will be held at the shrine after the noon Mass every First Friday. Brother Bob Meier (back row,

Praying the Rosary for America. Please join us!
As human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, we turn to God, through His Holy Mother, asking His urgent help.

The American TFP - America Needs Fatima - www.ANF.ORG

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**

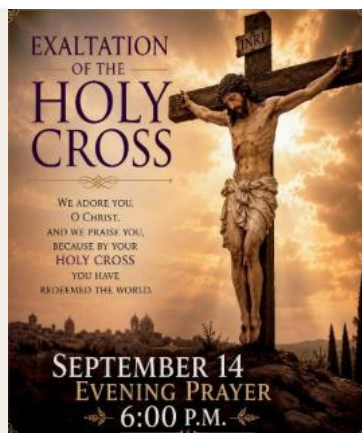
Donations of non-perishable food items, gently used clothing and shoes are gratefully accepted at this time. We ask that you please keep in mind the limited space in the Outreach Room and the shape and weight of the packages you are dropping off. Some of our distribution angels have physical limitations.

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

YOU ARE INVITED TO A
SPECIAL
Holy Hour
FOR THE
Relief of Suffering

Special Holy Hour for the Relief of Suffering

Mondays at 1:30pm in the Adoration Chapel



ITALIAN DINNER DANCE
A Night of Fellowship, Food & Fun!

DATE: **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026**

TIME: **5:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

PLACE: **FORMATION CENTER, CELEBRATION HALL**

MENU

- Charcuterie Board
- Caesar Salad
- Bread Basket
- Chicken Parmigiana
- Stuff Shells
- Sausage & Peppers
- Italian Pastry

Cash Bar with Beer, Wine and Soft Drinks

\$50 per person (ADULT)

SILENT AUCTION 50/50 MUSIC & DANCING

Saint Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

Dine with Nine
St. Anastasia

Dine with Nine is a social ministry here at St. Anastasia Parish. The idea of this ministry is to connect with 8-10 parishioners you've never met. All adults are welcome to join. Every month, October through May, someone from your group is in charge of planning an outing for your group. It can be lunch or dinner out at a local restaurant, or perhaps at your home. You could arrange a movie night, a card/game or arrange to gather the group for a church function. Use your own creativity!

Questions? Please contact Kathleen Meehan at 917-887-4737

Replenish!
St. Anastasia Women's Scripture Study

We are offering TWO different studies that begin Wednesday, September 30 at 9:45am.

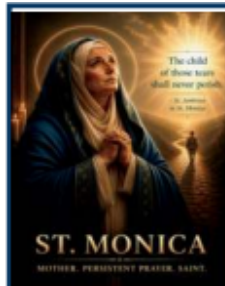
- Opening Your Heart
- Spiritual Motherhood: The Transforming Power of the Feminine Genius

Registration \$10.00

Packets can be found the church or the parish website. Purchase your workbook at shop.walkingwithpurpose.com

Come and REPLENISH!

Questions? Contact Allison at allisonmdubrow@gmail.com



Millions of Monicas

"The child of those tears shall never perish." — St. Ambrose to St. Monica

Millions of Monicas is a growing movement of mothers who gather to entrust their children to the Lord through the power of prayer. Several mothers in our parish are interested in starting a Millions of Monicas prayer group. Before we can begin, we are seeking a few additional mothers to serve as co-leaders and help establish this beautiful ministry. If you feel called to assist in establishing launching this ministry, please contact: Kathy Richards (386) 569-9693 kragbrai@gmail.com