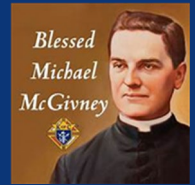




Knights Page



Prince of Peace Council 8791

Ormond Beach, Florida

March 2025



Grand Knight Message – SK Michael Abbott

Hello Brother Knights! We are in challenging times in our world. Our prayers are needed, and we know God hears every prayer. We pray most intensely for our Pope, Pope Francis.

In preparation for Lent, we held our annual retreat to the Carmelite Monastery on Saturday morning February 22. We had the opportunity to attend the Latin Mass, time to socialize over coffee and donuts with other guests, and then enjoyed a powerful faith experience walking through the Stations of the Cross on the Monastery grounds. If you have ever had the opportunity, you know. I encourage all Knights to visit the Monastery any day, as you can drive your car through the Stations and other areas dedicated to the Rosary and Saints. My special thanks to SK Dave Peterson for organizing the retreat. SK Dave Peterson also presented our donation of gratitude and support to Brother Patrick Gemmato OCD for the benefit of the Monastery. Thanks to the Knights, spouses, and friends who made the retreat.



SK Dave Peterson presents our Council's donation to Brother Patrick Gemmato at the Carmelite Monastery on February 22.

On February 28, we came together to pay our respects to our Brother Knight SK Andrew (Andy) York, who passed away at the age of 90. He was a Navy veteran and a member of the Knights of Columbus since 2013. There was a call out to all Knights, and it was great to see so many Knights in attendance showing our fraternity, unity, and support. The Mass included our Knights of Columbus Color Corps and Military Honors. Thank you to all who joined us.



The season of Lent is upon us. On Sunday, March 2, we have our first ever Shrove Sunday Breakfast. It is the last Sunday before Lent, so parishioners are encouraged to partake of the delicious food and calories. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5. I have been reflecting on that it is one of our duties as a Catholic to go to confession once a year. Lent is the perfect season to do so. I am requesting and challenging every Knight to go to confession during Lent if you have not already done so within the last year. Please take advantage of that opportunity individually or through our Parish's Lenten Communal Penance Service.

We have many additional activities in March. Please see our Calendar below. Please particularly mark your calendar to attend our Silver Rose ceremony on Sunday, March 16. The Silver Rose commemorates Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses from the visitation of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please plan to attend this special Faith activity. Remember, UNITY and FRATERNITY! Have a happy and safe St. Patrick's Day! God bless!



District Deputy Message – SK Charles Armstrong

Greetings from the Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, and the State Deputy, Rick Hughes. As many of you know, I have been going through medical treatments. I am making good progress, but it has kept me away from many Council and District events in the last several months. I am in good spirits and look forward to joining you at your Council Meeting in the coming months. Your Grand Knight has kept me updated on the happenings of your Council and the number of service activities provided to the Parish and the community last month. My thanks to all Council Knights for all you do as Knights of Columbus. See you soon. Vivat Jesus!



Spiritual Advisor Message – SK Deacon Bruce Gesinski

Lent – 40 Days of Renewal

We know from the Church's teaching that Lent is a time of fast and abstinence, prayer and alms giving. I'm sure we have also heard that Lent is a time of penance, but it is much more than that. Lent is a time for change. Lent is a season of fasting, self-denial, spiritual growth, conversion and simplicity.



Lent is a time of metanoia. Metanoia is a Greek word that means a change in direction. Metanoia, in this context means a change of heart and mind. Metanoia, and Lent, is an opportunity to take a look at where we are headed and change our direction so we are directed towards Christ and what Christ has taught us. Lent is a time to develop a closer relationship with our Lord and Savior. This is not a change we have to make by ourselves. We have a lot of help. The traditional practices of Lent of giving up something, prayer, fasting, and alms giving, are tools to help us in our Lenten journey.

Lent is called a season of grace because it offers an opportunity to purify the heart, renew the spirit, and regain the grace of God. St. Paul advises us to make the best use of the grace and not to receive it in vain "Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain" (2 Corinthians 6:1). The season of Lent should also be a season of spiritual exercises. In our modern society today, we embark on all kinds of physical exercises to strengthen our muscles, to enhance our physical well-being, to maintain physical and mental fitness – to keep a healthy mind in a healthy body. These spiritual exercises include fast and abstinence, prayer and alms giving.

The philosopher Soren Kierkegaard says, "Prayer does not mean listening to yourself speak; praying means calming down and being still and waiting until you hear God. Therefore, prayer has to do with inner disposition and right attitude." The Collect, or opening prayer for Mass on Ash Wednesday sets the tone for all of Lent. "Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint."

Here is the very least that is required of Catholics during Lent:

- Everyone 14 years of age or older is to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent.
- In addition, those age 18 years of age through 59 years of age are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

- When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.
- If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.

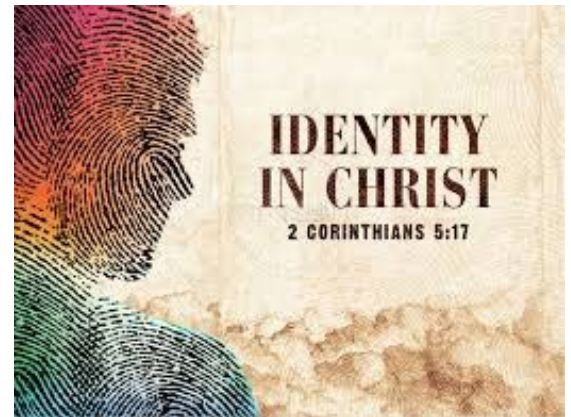
Lent is a season of prayer, fasting and abstinence, and almsgiving. Are we doing all of these? Are we doing any of these? Are we doing the right thing with the right intention?



Lecturer Message – SK Michael Ernst

Knights in Action: Embracing Identity in Christ

In today's world, young people face an identity crisis like never before. They struggle to answer the question, "Who am I?" and, perhaps more profoundly, "Who is God?" Society inundates them with messages that identity is found within themselves, through personal achievements, careers, or social validation. Yet, Scripture reveals a greater truth - our identity is found in Christ. When we understand that we are loved, chosen, redeemed, and forgiven by God, we embrace the fullness of our calling as His children.



The world's approach to identity focuses on self, while faith calls us to look beyond ourselves and toward God. Created in His image, we are set apart from all other creatures. Satan, a fallen angel, seeks to distort that image and lead humanity into confusion and despair. As society moves further from God, many young people drift away from the Church, seeking fulfillment in material success rather than eternal truth.

Lent presents an opportunity to rediscover our identity in Christ. Through the sermons at Mass and the reflection offered in the Stations of the Cross, we come to know the God who created us and sacrificed for our salvation. However, knowledge alone is not enough. Faith must be lived. As St. James reminds us, "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:26). Youth need to see the fruits of their faith in action. When they witness the impact of their service - whether through charitable works, community outreach, or acts of mercy - they recognize the true value of their faith.

In previous generations, faith was reinforced by structured prayers such as the Acts of Faith, Hope, and Love, which emphasized total trust in God. These prayers, once integral to the rosary, concluded with a firm declaration: "In this faith, I intend to live and die." This simple yet profound commitment echoes the essence of Christian discipleship. If faith, hope, and love were buttons on a calculator, pressing "equals" would give us God - our ultimate foundation.

Ephesians 2:8-9 reminds us that salvation is a gift from God, not a result of our own doing. 2 Corinthians 5:7 exhorts us to walk by faith, not by sight. This is why faith in action is essential. The Knights of Columbus, through initiatives such as Knights in Action, provide a model of active discipleship. By engaging young people in service and demonstrating the joy of living a Christ-centered life, we help form the next generation of faithful Catholics.

Let us embrace our identity in Christ and inspire others to do the same. Through faith, hope, and love, we affirm: "With God, I intend to live and die."



Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Update

Broadcasting from the Heart of the Church

Knights of Columbus donates a new mobile broadcasting unit to the Vatican for Jubilee 2025
(courtesy Knights of Columbus Communications Department, February 10, 2025)

The Knights of Columbus recently donated a state-of-the-art mobile broadcasting unit to the Vatican's Dicastery for Communication, unveiling the vehicle in Rome just days before Pope Francis inaugurated the Jubilee Year 2025.

The new broadcasting van was blessed by Cardinal Marcello Semeraro during a December 21 ceremony attended by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, staff of the Dicastery for Communication, including Paolo Ruffini, prefect, and others. In an interview with Vatican News that day, the supreme knight said the new mobile broadcasting unit will not only help bring the voice of Pope Francis to a wider audience but will "deliver the message of Jesus Christ from the Vatican to Catholics and all people of goodwill around the world." "I'm particularly pleased to be here just several days before the great Jubilee of Hope begins," Supreme Knight Kelly added. "I think it's fitting that we are here inaugurating this new van at this time."



Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, is accompanied by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly as he blesses a new mobile broadcasting unit at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on December 21.

The vehicle is the fourth broadcasting unit donated by the Knights of Columbus, which has supported various projects in partnership with the Vatican's communication office for many decades. From the donation of a powerful new transmitter to Vatican Radio in 1965 to supporting the launch of The Pope App — now the Vatican News app — in 2013, the Knights of Columbus has been behind numerous advances in the Vatican's communications technology. Previously, mobile broadcasting units were provided by the Order in 1985, 1995 and 2010.

The partnership has included other long-term broadcast support, including funding broadcasts of the Holy Father's events in Rome and most recently, the broadcast of the opening of the Holy Door on December 24. "It's a tremendous honor for me to be here today ... and to be part of this great partnership that is 60 years old," Supreme Knight Kelly said. "Our second principle is unity, and that unity is what we as Knights are all about as we partner with the Vatican Dicastery for Communication with the mobile van and with so many of their endeavors to get out the message of the Church and the saving message of Christ."

Beyond its support of the Vatican's communication efforts, the Order has a long history of contributing to Vatican initiatives and projects — including the recent restoration of Gian Lorenzo Bernini's iconic baldacchino in St. Peter's Basilica in anticipation of the Jubilee 2025. The Order also sponsored the restoration of Bernini's bronze masterpiece at the Altar of the Chair of St. Peter. During a private audience with Pope Francis on December 20, Supreme Knight Kelly discussed these restoration efforts with the Holy Father and shared updates on the Order's worldwide charitable outreach and initiatives.

"The Knights of Columbus, since our very founding, [has] always been in solidarity with our bishops and

priests and we've always enjoyed a very strong union with the Holy Father," the supreme knight said in an interview with Vatican Radio on December 21. "That is just part of who the Knights of Columbus is, to be in unity with Rome and in unity with the Church — to have co-responsibility for the mission of the Church."

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly (second from right) and his family standing with staff of the Dicastery for Communication, including prefect Paolo Ruffini (third from right), and Enrico Demajo (right), director of the Knights of Columbus office in Rome, outside the dicastery's new mobile broadcasting unit in Rome on December 21.



U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Update

Jubilee 2025 – Jubilee Day dedicated to Police, Military and Security Personnel



Jubilee 2025 invites you to be a pilgrim of hope. For Christians, hope is anchored in the encounter with Jesus whose life, death, and resurrection reveals God's transforming love. Our hope in God is renewed constantly in the gift of the Holy Spirit, the love of the Father and the Son, who is given, even now, to the community of believers. The Holy See has designated a number of Jubilee Days throughout 2025 to recognize and celebrate different groups of people and various ministries in the Church.

The Jubilee dedicated to Police, Military and Security Personnel took place on February 8 and 9 – one of the major events of the Holy Year following the Jubilee of the World of Communication. The event attracted over 40,000 people, of whom 20,000 came from Italy and the rest were delegations from around 100 countries from all round the world, showing the international character of the 2025 Jubilee. The Pope tells the pilgrims: "Be courageous witnesses of God's love."

The event began on Saturday morning with a pilgrimage to the Holy Door of St. Peter's - a significant moment of prayer and reflection. Then the procession moved to Piazza del Popolo for a welcoming event. His Excellency Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization who is in charge of organizing the Jubilee, spoke to underline the importance of the role of security forces in the fight for peace: "The call for peace is more important than ever on this occasion, because it is not only a reminder of your commitment as men and women at the service of the institutions, but above all a reminder of that good which is the global good par excellence: peace."

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, also spoke of peace during the Mass celebrated on February 9 in St. Peter's Square. The Pontiff made a powerful appeal to members of the Armed Forces and Security Forces, inviting them to reflect on the profound purpose of their service: the promotion and defense of life. "Be courageous witnesses of the love of God the Father, who wants us all to be brothers," the Pope urged, asking them to be vigilant against "the temptation to cultivate a spirit of war" and not to give in to the "propaganda of hatred." The Pope's was a clear message of hope, solidarity and brotherhood, with the invitation to work for a more just and humane world.

Pope Francis also recalled the important role of the police and security forces in ensuring social peace, in dealing with natural disasters, in saving lives at sea and defending legality. "You are called to defend our countries, to safeguard justice, to be present in prisons and to fight crime," the Pope said, underlining the fundamental commitment of the armed forces to the safety of citizens.

During his homily, Pope Francis also invited those present to follow the example of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, who performs three symbolic acts: "He saw, he went up, he sat down. 'Seeing' means having a careful eye on threats to security; 'going up' represents the commitment to face difficulties with courage; 'sitting down' symbolizes firmness in defending the values of justice and legality.'" The Pope paid homage also to military chaplains, who accompany the security forces not to justify war, but to offer moral and spiritual support, helping officers to carry out their mission in the light of the Gospel and in the service of the common good.



Faithful gather in St. Peter's Square for the Jubilee Day Mass for Police, Military, and Security Personnel on February 8.

At the end of Mass, Pope Francis expressed his gratitude to all the armed forces and security forces for their commitment and noted the risks they face daily. He invited them to never forget the purpose of their service: "To promote life, to save life, and to defend life always". He added: "Thank you because by climbing onto our boats in dangerous moments, you offer us your protection and encourage us to continue our crossing."

The Jubilee of the Armed Forces was an occasion of great spirituality and reflection, an opportunity to share the values of peace, justice and solidarity, reaffirming the importance of a collective commitment to build a more humane, just and fraternal world.

The Jubilee Year will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. Additional information about Jubilee events and materials, including the Calendar of Events. Please see the main Jubilee 2025 website at <https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025>. St. James Cathedral, Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe, and Basilica of Saint Paul have been designated as a Jubilee pilgrimage sites for the Diocese of Orlando. Information about events in our diocese is available at <https://www.orlandodiocese.org/events/jubilee-year-of-hope/>



Vatican Update

Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2025
(Courtesy National Catholic Register,
February 25, 2025)

In his message for Lent 2025, Pope Francis emphasized the importance of living one's life as a constant journey of conversion, choosing to walk in peace and hope aside one's fellow humans. "May the hope that does not disappoint, the central message of the jubilee, be the focus of our Lenten journey toward the victory of Easter," the Pope said in the message, released on Tuesday. He also quoted St. Paul's exclamation in the first letter to the Corinthians: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"



Though Pope Francis is in Gemelli Hospital to receive treatment for multiple respiratory infections, his Lenten message is dated February 6, well ahead of his hospitalization on Feb. 14. The season of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5. The Vatican said the Pope continues to carry out some work duties with the help of his secretaries while in the hospital.

In his message, the pontiff wrote that this Lent is an opportunity to consider three areas where one may be in greater need of conversion: journeying with others, being synodal, and having hope. “A first call to conversion,” he said, “comes from the realization that all of us are pilgrims in this life; each of us is invited to stop and ask how our lives reflect this fact. Am I really on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilized by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone? Am I seeking ways to leave behind the occasions of sin and situations that degrade my dignity?”

On the virtue of hope, Pope Francis quoted the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which calls hope the “sure and steadfast anchor of the soul.” “Thanks to God’s love in Jesus Christ, we are sustained in the hope that does not disappoint,” the pope said, adding that hope “moves the Church to pray for ‘everyone to be saved’ (1 Tm 2:4) and to look forward to her being united with Christ, her bridegroom, in the glory of heaven.”



Pope Francis presides over Ash Wednesday Mass at the Basilica of Santa Sabina in Rome on February 14, 2024.

He recalled a prayer of St. Teresa of Ávila, to “hope, O my soul, hope. You know neither the day nor the hour. Watch carefully, for everything passes quickly, even though your impatience makes doubtful what is certain, and turns a very short time into a long one.” Francis said a good Lenten exercise and examination of conscience would be to compare one’s life to a migrant or foreigner, “to learn how to sympathize with their experiences and in this way discover what God is asking of us so that we can better advance on our journey to the house of the Father.”

He also encouraged Catholics to be more synodal by journeying with others while avoiding self-absorption, exclusion, oppressing and excluding others, or being envious and hypocritical. “Let us all walk in the same direction, tending toward the same goal, attentive to one another in love and patience,” he urged.

Pope Francis said the call to hope and trust in God and in eternal life is also an important aspect of Lenten conversion. Some questions to ponder include: “Am I convinced that the Lord forgives my sins? Or do I act as if I can save myself? Do I long for salvation and call upon God’s help to attain it? Do I concretely experience the hope that enables me to interpret the events of history and inspires in me a commitment to justice and fraternity, to care for our common home and in such a way that no one feels excluded?”

“This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs,” he said.

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Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month recognizes a Brother Knight who exemplifies the core principles of our Order, and models and lives Christian virtues in service to our Council and our Parish.

At our February Council Meeting, Deputy Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble announced that the Knight of the Month for February is SK Angelo Salvo. SK Angelo Salvo currently serves as the Life Director our Council, responsible for coordinating all related activities for participation by our membership. A Knight since 2012, SK Angelo Salvo also has been a long-serving Officer of the Council, currently in the position of Outside Guard. He is also a regular at Coffee & Donuts after all Sunday Masses, manning the coffee station. All Knights expressed their appreciation and congratulations.



Deputy Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble presents the Knight of the Month Award for February to SK Angelo Salvo.



Family of the Month



Father Justin Vakko, Pastor, presents the Family of the Month award to the Bartolotta family at the 11:00 am Mass on February 9.

Each month, the Knights of Columbus recognizes a family that exemplifies the ideals of a Catholic Christian Family through their participation in our community at Prince of Peace.

This month we are pleased to honor the Bartolotta family, Steve, Kimberly and their daughter Isabelle. The family faithfully attends Mass. Isabelle is in the Children's Choir and is a participant in the Christmas Pageant. Steve is a Fifth Grade Catechist and a teacher for the Vacation Bible School. Steve and Kimberly volunteer for any event, especially ones that involve Religious Education. We thank the Bartolotta family for their support to our Parish.



Recruit and Welcome New Knights



At our February Council Meeting, Chancellor BK Ron Nowviskie reported that we have no new members for February. We did welcome a guest Knight, SK Billy McCracken, who is visiting us from Michigan. Introduced by SK Gene Nelson, he has built a home in Daytona Beach and will join us as a snowbird Knight, spending at least four months with our Council each winter. All welcomed SK Billy McCracken.

We want to invite all Catholic men in our Parish to join our Prince of Peace Council 8791. We need your help. Please look around you at Mass and consider extending an invitation. We have a table filled with Council information available after each Mass on Sundays in the Parish Hall. You may also send their name to our Chancellor, BK Ron Nowviskie, at rnowviskie@cfl.rr.com or they may join the Knights of Columbus online by visiting kofc.org/joinus. Please also encourage them to see our Council Website at kofc8791.org for information about our Council and the Knights of Columbus.



Fourth Degree/Assembly 2901 Update

SK Mike Worley, the Color Corps Commander, reported for the Fourth Degree. The Color Corps has been very busy with call outs, including a Funeral Mass for SK Gerald (Jerry) Wojciechowski from Council 8086 (Our Lady of Hope), a retired marine and long-time Knight and member of the Color Corps. There was an excellent turnout of 12 Knights. We also participated in a Funeral Mass for SK Andrew (Andy) York, a member of our Assembly, on February 28. The Assembly will also be supporting the Silver Rose ceremony on Sunday, March 16. The Assembly is always looking for more Knights. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus is to inculcate a love of country and impress the duties of citizenship. The motto is Patriotism, which is enlightened and informed by Catholicism. The Fourth Degree is the highest and Honorary Degree of our Order. Please contact SK Mike Worley at worley0101@aol.com or Faithful Navigator SK Jay Young at jyoung9508@cfl.rr.com if you are interested in becoming a Fourth Degree Knight and joining Assembly 2901.



Programs and Activities of our

FAITH IN ACTION



Faith

SK Eugene Nelson, Faith Director

Fifth Saturday Rosary.

Our Council leads the Fifth Saturday Rosary following the Saturday Vigil Mass whenever there is a fifth Saturday in a month. The next Fifth Saturday Rosary is March 29 at 5:00 pm.

Please consider joining us.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Our Council supports the First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as a Faith activity. We encourage our Knights to consider spending one hour each month in Adoration. You may use the Adoration Chapel, or participate in the Holy Hour on any Friday of the month, or participate in other Adoration as available. Knights are asked to report their Adoration hours monthly to SK Gene Nelson. It is a wonderful Faith activity. Please participate as able.

Carmelite Monastery Retreat.

We participated in our annual Carmelite Monastery retreat on the morning of Saturday, February 22 at the St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery in Bunnell. The retreat began with Mass in Latin at 9:00 am, followed by Coffee & Donuts, and the Stations of the Cross on the Monastery grounds. Please see the article and photos below. Thank you to the Knights, spouses, friends, and Council of Catholic Women who joined us. It was a wonderful morning retreat. Please see the article and photos below.

Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

We expect to have the opportunity to host the traveling Icon this year. Through the Pilgrim Icon Program, councils will organize a Holy Hour featuring an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. The purpose is to spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and pray for Our Lord to make his heart our own, so that we may see and love in others what he sees and loves in us. More to come soon.

Silver Rose.

Our Council will host the Silver Rose on Sunday, March 16, arriving around 10:45 am for the 11:00 am Mass. There will also be a ceremony following the Mass, led by SK Deacon Bruce Gesinski. More details to come. The Silver Rose commemorates Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses, an important part of the visitation of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please plan to join us for this Faith activity.

Please speak with SK Gene Nelson, Faith Director, for further information on Faith activities.



Family

SK Harold Bennett, Family Director

Family of the Month.

The Family of the Month recognizes a parish family that models Christian family values and lives them every day. For January, we honored the Nguyen Family, with their recognition presented by Father Andre Chien at the Vietnamese Mass on Sunday, January 19. For February, we honored the Bartolotta Family, with their recognition presented by Father Justin Vakko, Pastor, at the

11:00 Mass on Sunday, February 9. We thank and congratulate both families.

Additional Family programs will include Food for Families, and the Good Friday Family Promotion. More information will be coming.

Please speak with SK Harold Bennett, Family Director, for further information on Family activities.



Community

SK Jay Young, Community Director

Blood Drives.

The next Blood Drive will be Sunday, March 23. Please give blood if you can or ask a parishioner, family member or friend to donate if they can. If you have any questions about your eligibility to give blood, please come to the bus and they will discuss this with you. With two drives remaining, we have collected 61 pints so far this Fraternal Year, with a goal of 90 pints.

Habitat for Humanity.

The next workday is Wednesday, March 19 (the third Wednesday of the month is our Council's workday.) We contributed 24.1 hours in February, for a total to date of 204.4 hours from our Wednesday Weekday Warrior Crew, and with the addition of SK Andy Wilbert's 60 donated hours from his surveying company, have a current total of 264.4 hours. So we have already exceeded our goal of 200 hours and will almost certainly set a Council record this year for hours contributed to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Volusia County. If you are interested in joining our Habitat Team and learning a few more home building and maintenance skills, please contact Mark Leary at learymm4@gmail.com.

Social Services, Food Pantry, and Like New Shop.

Demand and activity remain significantly high at both the Food Pantry and Like New Shop again this month. At the Like New Shop, we continue to need more men (to accept donations) and women (for sorting and in-store service) volunteers at this time. At the Food Pantry, more assistance is also welcome. Please contact SK Jay Young at jyoung9508@cfl.rr.com for more information.

Veterans Nursing Home.

Our next visit to the Veterans Nursing Home is Thursday, March 6 at 10:00 am. SK Bob Simcoe said thank you to our Brother Knights for participating in our monthly visit with our veterans on February 6. The veterans appreciated our Council and Assembly members for taking the time to spend with them, visiting with them and playing Bingo. In attendance were SK Jay Young, SK Russell Benett, SK Ron Piasecki, SK Michael Orris, SK Marty Librizzi, SK James McCormick, SK Bob Simcoe, SK Harold Bennett, and SK Jim Nunn. Due to a conflict with the funeral mass for a Sir Knight, our Council was asked to fill in for Council 8086. We had our highest turnout ever from our Council. Please consider joining us.



SK Bob Simcoe, SK Michael Orris, SK Russell Benett, SK Ron Piasecki, SK Harold Bennett, SK Skip Keating, SK Marty Librizzi, SK Jay Young, SK Jim Nunn, and SK Jim McCormick at the Veterans Nursing Home on February 6.

Breakfasts; Coffee & Donuts.

Our next Breakfast is the Quinquagesima (Shrove) Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, March 2. We will need our teams of Knights to set up, and for kitchen and serving duties. An email request will be sent. We encourage all Knights to come by the Breakfast just for your hospitality. We hope to see you there.

Lenten Fish Dinners.

Our Council is sponsoring Lenten Fish Dinners for the first six Fridays of Lent on March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4 and 11. Parishioners may dine in or take out. Dinner will be served from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Dinner will be followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm. Friday Mass is also concurrently held in the Church, beginning at 5:30 pm, as some may want to go to Mass first, and then come to the Dinner. The menu will be cod or haddock, with rice or potato, vegetable, and another side. For children, there will be fish sticks and mac & cheese. Tickets are \$10.00 per Dinner for Adults and Teens. Children 12 and under are free. We again will offer the Dinner package in advance for all six Dinners at \$45.00. Also, there will be a maximum of \$30.00 for each Dinner for families of school-age children regardless of the number of children or their ages. Tickets will be available after all Masses and advance purchase is recommended. BK Ron Nowviskie is the lead Knight for this activity. Please support our Lenten Fish Dinners.



BK Ron Nowviskie selling tickets for the Fish Dinners after the 11:00 am Mass on February 23.

Kentucky Derby Dinner.

Back by popular demand, our Council will again sponsor the Kentucky Derby Dinner on Saturday, May 3. The CCW will also assist. Please mark your calendars. More to follow.

Name Tag Weekend.

The next Name Tag Weekend will be Saturday and Sunday, May 10 and 11. Our Council will be assisting by manning tables to pass out name tags to arriving parishioners before all Masses. More to come.

Parish Picnic.

The annual Parish Picnic will be on Sunday, May 18 this year. We will again host it inside in the Parish Hall as that was well-received last year. We will include a few tables in the breezeway. We will need all hands on deck. More to come.

Council 8791 Raffle.

This is one of our primary fundraisers each year and it has begun. Tickets were distributed through the Parish Bulletin. We are giving away \$125 dinner certificates to ten locally owned restaurants in Ormond Beach. First Prize is the pick of five certificates from the ten. The Second Prize is the pick of three certificates from the remaining five, and the Third Prize is the remaining two certificates. Tickets are \$5 each, three for \$12, five for \$15, and ten for \$20. The drawing will be held at the Kentucky Derby Party on Saturday, May 3. Your support is appreciated.

Garden Club.

Our Knights support the Garden Club. It meets on the third Saturday of each month, from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm. Our next meeting will be on March 15. Please join us if you can so we can ensure that the grounds are in great shape for the holy days ahead.

Please speak with SK Jay Young, Community Director, for further information on Community activities.



Life

SK Angelo Salvo, Life Director

Special Olympics.

We continue to support Special Olympics Florida throughout this Fraternal Year. The next Special Olympics Event Day will be April 5 at Mainland High School in Daytona Beach. Volunteers are needed as assistant coaches, scorekeepers, and to partner with and support the athletes. There is something everyone can do. In the interim period, Knights are needed to assist with weekly practices. They are held at the Recreation Center in Port Orange, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm every Saturday. Practices will be focused on bocce ball, cycling, and tennis. Please consider participating. Please contact SK Angelo Salvo for more information at angelosalvo@hotmail.com.



Citizens with Disabilities Campaign.

Our Citizens with Disabilities Campaign, known as the "Tootsie Roll Drive," begins March 8. This year, we will focus our Campaign at the Church, and look for additional opportunities as available. The dates are the weekend of March 8 and 9, and the following weekend of March 15 and 16. We will be stationed in the breezeway and entry of the Church 30 minutes prior to each Mass and for 15 minutes after each Mass. We will need a minimum of 3 to 5 Knights for each Mass. We will provide you with guidance, so no prior experience is necessary. We need your help. If you are able to volunteer for one or more Masses on one or more dates, please send an email to our Campaign Coordinator, Deputy Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble at ampman142@aol.com.

March for Life.

Council 8791 sponsored this year's Parish Pro-Life March and Sidewalk Rally in union with and support of the annual National March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 24. Thank you again to those who participated.

Pro-Life Activities.

The Pregnancy Crisis Center always welcomes volunteers to pray for or with women who are considering ending a pregnancy.

Please speak with SK Angelo Salvo, Life Director, for further information on Family activities.

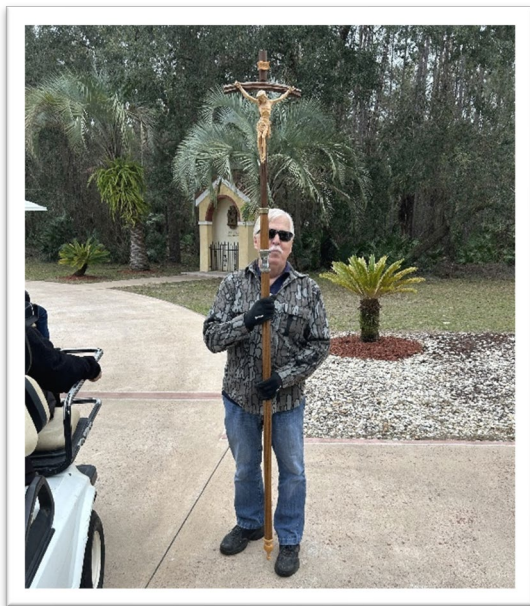


Event Highlight of the Month: Carmelite Monastery



On Saturday, February 22, Knights from Prince of Peace Council 8791, joined with Knights from Epiphany Council 12569, and the Prince of Peace Council of Catholic Women, spent the morning on retreat at the St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery in Bunnell. We began with the Latin Mass at 9:00 am in the Chapel concelebrated by Father Robert John Marciniak OCD, Superior of the Monastery, and Father Gregory Gora OCD. After Mass, we had time to spend together in fellowship over Coffee & Donuts. Then we were joined by

Brother Patrick Gemmato OCD, who led us prayer and procession through the Stations of the Cross on the Monastery grounds. It was a very solemn and holy experience as on the Feast Day of the Chair of St. Peter, the first Pope, we prayed for God's grace for our current Pope, Pope Francis. Please see the photos below. For more information on the Carmelite Monastery, please visit bunnellcarmelites.org.



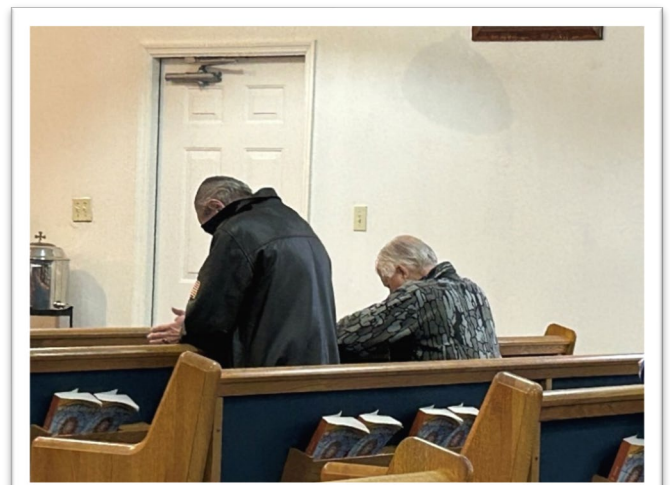
SK Dave Peterson with the processional Cross.



Brother Knights and guests prepare to process through the Stations of the Cross on the Monastery grounds.



Father Robert John Marciniak OCD, Superior, delivers the Homily during the Latin Mass.



Brother Knights in prayerful preparation for Mass.



Brother Knights SK Mo Laffin, SK Jeff Delgado, SK Gene Nelson and guests enjoying fellowship over Coffee & Donuts.



SK Gene and Joan Nelson.



SK Jeff and Judy Delgado with Father Gregory Gora OCD at Calvary.
(Station 12)



Brother Knights and guests join Brother Patrick Gemmato OCD at
the Tomb of the Lord. (Station 14)



Upcoming Events: Breakfast; Fish Dinners; Raffle; Disabilities Campaign; Silver Rose



The Quinquagesima (Shrove) Sunday Breakfast is a new breakfast for our Council, scheduled this year for Sunday, March 2. Quinquagesima Sunday is the Sunday before the beginning of Lent. This will be a perfect opportunity for parishioners to fill up on pancakes and all the fixings. We will need our Knights volunteers to make this a successful event.



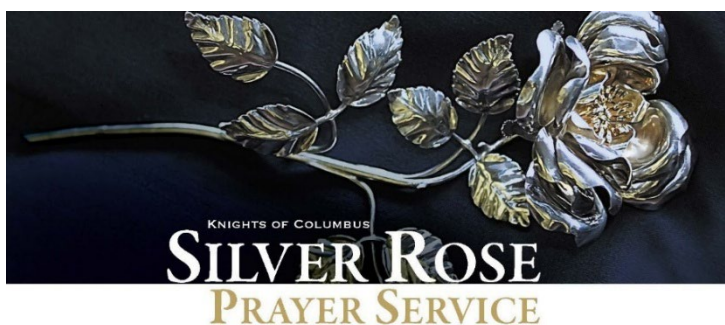
Lenten Fish Dinners begin on Friday, March 7. The dinners will be every Friday evening during Lent, serving fish (alternating between haddock and cod) with sides and drinks, priced at \$10 per dinner or \$45 for all six dinners when purchased in advance. We will also offer two free tickets to the first dinner to new parishioners who joined Prince of Peace beginning last July 1. Please lend your support.



Our 2025 Annual Knights of Columbus Prince of Peace Council 8791 Raffle is underway. Tickets were distributed within Mass Bulletins on Sunday, February 23. This year, we are giving away \$125 dinner certificates to ten locally owned restaurants in Ormond Beach. First Prize is the pick of five certificates from the ten. The Second Prize is the pick of three certificates from the remaining five, and the Third Prize is the remaining two certificates. Tickets are \$5 each, three for \$12, five for \$15, and ten for \$20. The drawing will be held at the Kentucky Derby Party on Saturday, May 3.



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Our Council will host the Silver Rose on Sunday, March 16, arriving around 10:45 am for the 11:00 am Mass. There will also be a ceremony following the Mass, led by SK Deacon Bruce Gesinski. More details to come. The Silver Rose commemorates Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses, an important part of the visitation of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please plan to attend this special Faith activity.



Calendar of Council Activities

March 2025

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- March 2 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- March 2 – Quinquagesima (Shrove) Sunday Breakfast, 8:00 am to 11:00 am (Parish Hall)
- March 5 – Ash Wednesday
- March 6 – Veterans Nursing Home, 10:00 am (1920 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach)
- March 7 – First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration, 5:30 pm (Church)
- March 7 – Lent Fish Dinner, 5:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- March 8 and 9 – Disabilities Campaign/Tootsie Roll Drive, all Masses (Church Breezeway)
- March 9 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- March 11 – Officers Meeting, 6:00 pm (Room adjacent to Father McGivney Room)
- March 11 – Council Meeting, 7:00 pm (Father McGivney Room)
- March 14 – Lent Fish Dinner, 5:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- March 15 – Garden Club, 7:30 am (Church)
- March 15 and 16 – Disabilities Campaign/Tootsie Roll Drive, all Masses (Church Breezeway)
- March 16 – Silver Rose, 10:45 am (Church); Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- March 19 – Habitat for Humanity Council Workday, 7:00 am (Location TBD)
- March 21 – Lent Fish Dinner, 5:30 pm (Parish Hall)

March 23 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
 March 28 – Lent Fish Dinner, 5:30 pm (Parish Hall)
 March 29 – Fifth Saturday Rosary, 5:00 pm (Church Chapel)
 March 30 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
 April 3 – Veterans Nursing Home, 10:00 am (1920 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach)
 April 4 – First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration, 5:30 pm (Church)
 April 6 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
 April 8 – Officers Meeting, 6:00 pm (Room adjacent to Father McGivney Room)
 April 8 – Council Meeting, 7:00 pm (Father McGivney Room)
 April 13 – Palm Sunday; Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
 April 16 – Habitat for Humanity Council Workday, 7:00 am (Location TBD)
 April 20 – Easter Sunday; Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
 April 27 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)



Birthdays for March

Phillip Boucher– March 1
 Eugene Allen – March 3
 Martin Tse – March 4
 Charles Armstrong – March 7
 Thomas Cannariato – March 9
 Michael Capdevilla – March 9
 John Leach – March 13



Gary Mayfield – March 18
 Maurice Laffin – March 19
 Otis Foster – March 20
 Paul Aparo – March 26
 Domenico Delli Carpini – March 29
 Francisco Guillena – March 31
 Thomas Welter – March 31



Anniversaries for March

Congratulations to all Brother Knights celebrating their Annual Anniversary as Knights of Columbus in March:

Edward Teschner (23 years)
 Rick Lucas (14 years)
 James McCormack (13 years)
 Otis Foster (12 years)
 Scott Christopher (8 years)
 Frank Hudak (7 years)
 Roger Lanoue (7 years)

*Thank
you*



Happy Anniversary to all Brother Knights celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in March. We know of and congratulate the following Knights and their spouses:

SK Thomas and Valerie Kruse – married March 7, 1981 (44 Years)
 SK John and Pat McCarthy – married March 12, 1966 (59 Years)
 SK Michael and Kristine Ernst – married March 14, 2017 (8 Years)
 SK Robert and Theresa Kindergan – married March 19, 2016 (9 Years)
 BK John and Josephine Scibilia – married March 21, 1966 (59 Years)
 SK Christopher and Beth Munson – married March 24, 1984 (41 Years)





SK Lanny (L.J.) and Joan Van Lancker.

Congratulations to SK L.J. and Joan Van Lancker as they celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in February. Father Justin Vakko, Pastor, recognized them and, with our parishioners, provided them with a special blessing at the 11:00 am Mass on February 9. We wish them continued blessings in the years ahead.



Prince of Peace Council 8791 – Our History

As we continue to celebrate our 40th year as a Council of the Knights of Columbus, Prince of Peace Council 8791 will highlight a moment in our Council's history each month in our Newsletter. It's just for the fun of looking back. Do you have any old historical photos of our Council? If so, please pick a few and submit them to knightsofcolumbus8791@gmail.com. We look forward to featuring them in the coming months.



In May 2013, Council 8791 Knights gather at Prince of Peace for what was then called the Monthly Business Meeting. Do you recognize any of the faces?





Knights Intentions

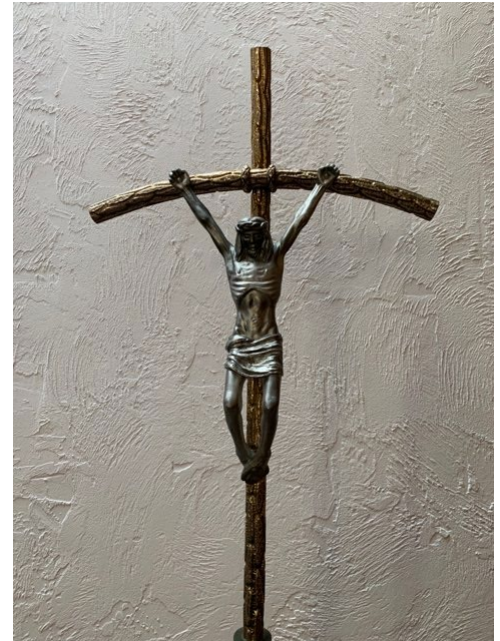
We pray for our Brother Knights and their families and friends:

For those walking in a new life with the Lord:

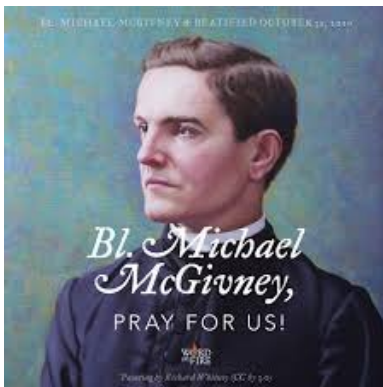
- +Brother SK Andrew York
- +Brother SK Frank DeVito
- +Brother BK Jodee Whitman

For those needing healing or a prayer of special intention:

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| SK James Morris | SK John McCarthy |
| SK Jack Toia | SK Tom Welter |
| SK Jay Young | SK Gene Nelson |
| SK Chuck Armstrong | BK Eugene Allen |
| SK Jack Erthal | SK Marty Librizzi |
| SK Paul Clare | BK Joe Fulweber |
| SK Daniel Eppelheimer | SK Jim McCormick |
| BK Bob Falkenberg | SK Joseph Taibi |
| SK Bob Simcoe | BK James Peabody |
| Nancy Simcoe, daughter of SK Bob Simcoe | |
| Marilyn Fulweber, wife of BK Joe Fulweber | |
| Carol Bennett, wife of SK Harold Bennett | |
| Patricia Ostrowski, wife of SK James Ostrowski | |
| Fred Klippel | Tina Davis |
| Pat Rogerson | Melissa Woods |
| Mason Collins | Margret Mackey |
| Chris Collins | Louis Perry |



If you would like to add someone to Knights Intentions for our prayers, please send an email with their name and prayer request to [**knightsofcolumbus8791@gmail.com**](mailto:knightsofcolumbus8791@gmail.com).



Prayer for Healing

Almighty God, look with mercy and kindness on our Brother Knights and their family members and friends who are sick, especially those listed here. Grant them healing and good health. Send your holy Angels to watch over them. Protect them and keep them safe from lasting illness, injury or harm. May the life-giving grace of Your Divine Son relieve their suffering and bring them to a full recovery. Embrace them with Your constant love, and with the power of Christ's healing presence, may Your bountiful goodness be their source of comfort, strength and joy. Amen.

Prayer for the Faithful Departed

O Loving Father, source of all life, please accompany Your servants, listed here, from this earth to the Kingdom of Heaven for the peace, rest and eternal life that You have prepared for us. Forgive any sins that have been committed, and welcome these souls into the joyful embrace of Your never-ending love. Amen.

Prayer for Those in Need of Prayers

Father, we pray for all those who are in need of prayers and wish to remain anonymous, for those who have no one to pray for them, and for expectant mothers and their unborn children. Strengthen them to face each day with courage, faith and hope, knowing that You are with them. Amen.

Mass of Christian Burial for SK Andrew (Andy) York

On February 28, we came together to pay our respects at a Mass of Christian Burial for our Brother Knight SK Andrew (Andy) York, who passed away at the age of 90. He was a Navy veteran and a member of the Knights of Columbus Council, Assembly, and Color Corps. Mass included more than 25 Knights, with our Knights of Columbus Color Corps and Military Honors. Thanks to all who attended and prayed for our Brother Knight and his family.



Knights of Columbus Regional Color Corps.



Knights of Columbus Assembly 2901 and Council 8791.



SK Jay Young, Faithful Navigator, reads a proclamation from Assembly 2901.



SK Michael Abbott, Grand Knight, reads a proclamation from Council 8791.



The Navy displays and presents the Flag of the United States of America to the family of SK Andrew (Andy) York as a part of Military Funeral Honors following the Mass of Christian Burial on February 28.





Gathering for Mass (L-R) SK Bob Simcoe, SK Jay Young, SK John Malafrente, and SK Skip Keating.



(L-R) SK Mo Laffin, Grand Knight SK Michael Abbott, and SK Jim Burns.



Council Shirts Ordering



Council 8791's blue shirts reflect our fraternity and enhance the visibility of the Knights to those we serve. The Council purchases personalized blue Council shirts for all new members and transfers. New members are asked to complete the shirt ordering form so we have your name as you want it to appear on the shirt and the correct size. There is no cost to you. The Council also facilitates orders for Knights who would like to purchase a new or additional shirt. You need to complete the shirt ordering form and submit it to SK Bob Simcoe with your payment (either \$35 or \$37 depending on size). He will provide you with the form, take payment, order the shirt, and ensure it reaches you when received. If you want to order a Council shirt, please contact SK Bob Simcoe at rssimcoe.dd18@gmail.com.



Council Website: kofc8791.org

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