

St. James Cathedral Council 12402

Jun 2025 Bimonthly Newsletter Serving the Chancery & St. James Cathedral

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



ear Brothers,

As I sit down to write this final article as your Grand Knight, I find myself reflecting with deep gratitude on these past two years. Our Council has lived out its mission in countless ways, from organizing parish breakfasts to lending a helping hand in quiet, unseen acts of service. I've been privileged to witness your faith, your fraternity, and your unwavering commitment

to our parish and community.

Our last monthly meeting was held on a day of great significance for the universal Church. The College of Cardinals elected an American pope for the first time in history. Formerly Cardinal Robert Prevost of Chicago, our new Holy Father has taken the name Pope Leo XIV. In his first appearance from the balcony of St. Peter's, he greeted the world not with a policy or program, but with the words:

"Peace be with you all."

In a time often filled with noise and division, those words ring with extraordinary clarity. They echo the Risen Christ and resonate with the mission of the Church and of our Order. They remind me of the beautiful words of Pope St. Leo the Great:

"PEACE is the first thing the angels sang.

PEACE is the mark of the children of God.

PEACE is the nurse of love.

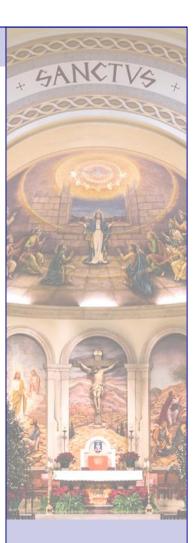
PEACE is the mother of unity.

PEACE is the rest of the blessed souls.

PEACE is the dwelling place of eternity."

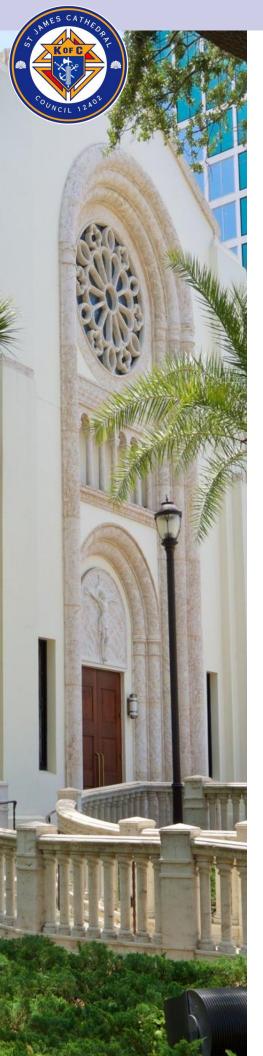
As Knights, may we be instruments of that peace in our homes, our parish, and our world.

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OUR PARISH AND FAITH



Our Chaplain: Very Reverend Miguel González

Mass Schedule

Vigil (Saturday) 4:00PM Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM & 5:00PM

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday 7:00AM & 12:10PM Saturday 8:00AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday-Friday 11:30AM Saturday:9:00AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Friday 7:30AM-12:00PM

Holy Days of Obligation, 2025

Wednesday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

> Thursday, May 29 Ascension of the Lord

Friday, August 15 Assumption of Mary

Saturday, November 1 Solemnity of All Saints

Monday, December 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, December 25 Nativity of the Lord—Christmas



PGK SK John Rice Faith Director

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GK REPORT (CONT)

Special congratulations to all families whose children recently received First Holy Communion. May they grow in joy and grace through the Eucharist.

During our meeting, we also held formal officer elections for the upcoming Columbian year. The installation ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12. We are planning a dinner at 6:00 PM, followed by the ceremony at 7:00 PM, and we've requested the social hall for the evening. Please RSVP so we can plan dinner accordingly.

Gary Eelman has generously volunteered to serve as our new Financial Secretary, following Ken's request to step down. We are very grateful for Gary's commitment. Additionally, due to an unavoidable relocation, Ralph Briscoe was replaced on the ballot by Mike Laughlin as Deputy Grand Knight. This is exciting news for Mike, and we will continue to pray for Ralph and his family. George Olson will step in as Treasurer, and Jay Lemmen will fill the role of Second-Year Trustee. Matt Steiger will fill Inside Guard and PGK George del Campo will be our new Advocate. Ian Hamilton is taking on Community Director! It's been a bit of a reshuffle, but I am so thankful for the flexibility, generosity, and servant hearts of these men.

A big thank-you to Chris Marquette and Matt Steiger for cleaning and organizing the kitchen and storage closet. We received a generous \$1,500 donation from a parishioner who attended our first breakfast after the renovation. This allowed us to fully restock our kitchen supplies—an incredible gift. And yes, I've personally donated a brand-new coffee percolator to ensure our events continue running on good coffee. I consider it an investment in my continued service as your newsletter editor, a role I plan to joyfully continue even as I enter into diaconate formation.

As we prepare to welcome Brother Phil Perfito as our new Grand Knight, I do so with complete confidence and hope. He brings leadership, wisdom, and a servant's heart to the role, and I know the council will continue to thrive under his guidance.

Thank you, dear brothers, for the privilege of serving as your Grand Knight. Your support, friendship, and faith have meant more than I can say. May God bless you and your families, and may our Council continue to be a source of light and strength for the parish we love.

God bless.

Chris Ewing Grand Knight, Council 12402

PARTNERSHIP WITH RELEVANT RADIO



Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and other K of C leaders were guests on Relevant Radio's The Drew Mariani Show on Nov. 15, speaking about men's faith, Christ-centered leadership, ethical investing and more. The show celebrated a new partnership between the Knights and Relevant Radio that aims to highlight the Order's charitable work, spiritual programs and financial services to new audiences. Listen to the episode any time at the show's website or on your favorite podcast app.

Iglesia Catedral de Santiago



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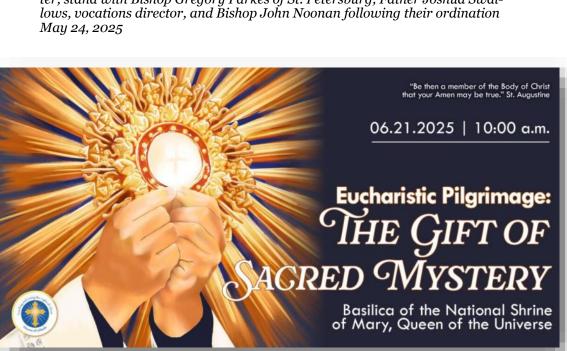
Pope Benedict XVI at his General Audience on June 21, 2006

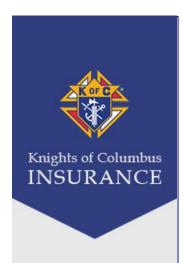
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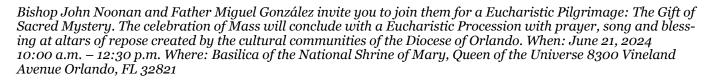


Newly ordained Fathers William Burns, second from left, and John Triolo, center, stand with Bishop Gregory Parkes of St. Petersburg, Father Joshua Swal-





DISCOVER -THE-





EVENTS

June

Mon, Jun 2: Feed the Homeless – Christian Service Center, 11:30 am

Tues, Jun 3: Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Fri, Jun 6: San Pedro - Eucharistic Cenacle 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

95 Grady Ln, Winter Park, FL 32792

Sun, Jun 8: Pentecost

Mon, Jun 9: Assembly Meeting, Monsignor Bishop, 7:00 pm $\,$

Thurs, Jun 12: Officer Induction Ceremony & dinner, 6:00 pm

Sat, Jun 14: Flag Day

Sun, Jun 15: The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Sun, Jun 22: The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Sun, Jun 22: Pancake Breakfast, St. James Social Hall after 9 & 11 AM

Masses

Fri, Jun 27: Solemnity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

July

Thurs, Jul 10: Council Business Meeting 7:00 pm

Mon, Jul 14: Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Tues, Jul 22: Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

Fri, Jul 25: Feast of Saint James, Apostle

Sun, Jul 27: Pancake Breakfast, St. James Social Hall after 9 & 11 AM

Masses

Thurs, Jul 31: Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

*Note: 1st Monday of the even months Feed the Homeless

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Pope Leo XIV

266th Successor to St. Peter



On May 8, 2025, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, OSA, 69, Prefect Emeritus of the Dicastery for Bishops was elected in the conclave to become the first pope from the United States.

Coat of Arms

(Catholic News Service, Vatican City)
"Pope Leo XIV's devotion to St. Augustine, his life and ministry as a member of the Augustinian order and his focus on the unity of the church are reflected in his episcopal motto and coat of arms.

When he appeared on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica shortly after his election May 8, he introduced himself as "an Augustinian, a son of St. Augustine."

And he explained that the cardinals who elected him "have chosen me to be the Successor of Peter and to walk together with you as a Church, united, ever pursuing peace and justice, ever seeking to act as men and women faithful to Jesus Christ, in order to proclaim the Gospel without fear, to be missionaries."

His episcopal motto is, "In Illo uno unum," or literally "In the One, we are one." Vatican News explained that the phrase is taken from St. Augustine's "Exposition on Psalm 127," where he explains that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."

As a cardinal, he told Vatican News in 2023, "As can be seen from my episcopal motto, unity and communion are truly part of the charism of the Order of St. Augustine, and also of my way of acting and thinking."

"I believe it is very important to promote communion in the church, and we know well that communion, participation and mission are the three keywords of the Synod" of Bishops on synodality, he said. "So, as an Augustinian, for me promoting unity and communion is fundamental."

His shield, now topped by a miter instead of the red galero hat on the shield of cardinals, is divided diagonally into two. The upper half features a blue background with a white lily or fleur-de-lis, symbolizing the Virgin Mary, but also his French heritage.

The lower half of the shield has a light background and displays an image common to the religious orders named after and inspired by St. Augustine: a closed book with a heart pierced by an arrow.

Vatican News said, "This is a direct reference to the conversion experience of St. Augustine himself, who described his personal encounter with God's word using the phrase: 'Vulnerasti cor meum verbo tuo' -- 'You have pierced my heart with your Word.'"



FROM THE LIFE DIRECTOR



SK Les Castro

he USCCB printed the following article in May. I could not have reported it any better. Hats off to these centers. Pray for and support them!

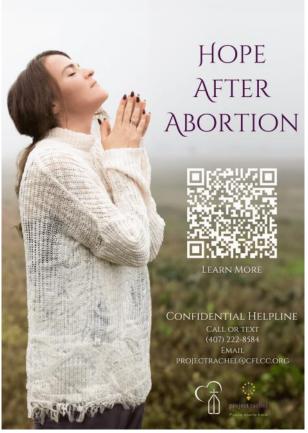
When a woman finds herself unexpectedly pregnant, the news can come as a shock and bring overwhelming feelings of fear, shame, anxiety, and doubt. Without a strong support system, what should be joyful news, can instead be experienced as a crisis. Often, a woman facing an unexpected pregnancy may not know where she can turn for help and assistance.

Pregnancy Help Centers respond to this urgent need every day, embracing expectant mothers with empathy and love. Approximately 2,750 pregnancy help centers across the U.S. offer life-affirming support to pregnant and parenting women in need. These centers "provide a spectrum of care, resources, and material goods to support new mothers—from diapers and layettes, to babysitting and career services, to referrals

for housing and food assistance, and personal mentorship and support. Many also provide certain medical services, including ultrasounds, prenatal and postnatal care."1 The most recent reports show that in 2022 alone, pregnancy centers served over 3 million clients, providing an estimated \$367 million in free goods and services.2

This work is made possible by the selfless service of those who dedicate themselves to working in pregnancy centers. Their efforts are even more notable when we consider that seven out of ten pregnancy center workers are volunteers who offer their time and talent to surround mothers with the compassionate support they need to welcome and care for their children.







HELP RECOGNIZE YOUR FELLOW KNIGHTS

eeking all Council members help in selecting the deserving Knight and Family of the month. Below are the criteria for each Award. The more people we have observing the commendable actions of potential awardees, the more significant the awards become. If you have a nominee, write up your justification for the award and send to Grand Knight, Chris Ewing, profcewing@gmail.com.

Thanks in advance for your involvement.

Knight of the Month	Factors	to	consider	in	their	search	for	a
Knight of the Month	,							

\square Has the member made significant contributions to the
Church, community and/or council?
\square Does the member have a robust prayer-life that goes be-
yond weekly Mass attendance?
☐ Is the member a true Catholic gentleman?
☐ Does the member exemplify the virtues of Knighthood?
☐ Does he serve as a model man to his brothers?
☐ The 'Knight of the Month' nominated doesn't need to be a
"super Knight".

The nominated member should be a Knight that lives traditional Christian values according to his state in life (single or married) and deserves recognition for doing so.

Nomination Sources

- Nominations can be made from any council member for 'Knight of the Month'.
- Sources of member nominations can come from parish priests, council members, ministry leaders with active Knights serving their ministry, etc. These sources can also be used to get additional background information on their church, community, or ministry activities.
- Provide justification for your nomination when submitting.

Family of the Month Factors to consider in their search for a 'Family of the Month':

☐ Has the family made significant contributions to the Church, community and/or council?
☐ Is the family tight knit?
☐ Does the family spend quality time together?
☐ Does the family attend weekly Mass together?
☐ Does the family pray together outside of Mass?
☐ Does the family serve as a model of Catholic family values?
☐ The "Family of the Month" nominated family doesn't need to be a "super family". The nominated family
should be a family that lives traditional Christian family values and deserves recognition for doing so.

☐ It is not required that the catholic gentlemen be a Knight to be eligible for the Family of the Month.

Nomination Sources

- Nominations can be made from any council member who knows of council member families or parish families that support family life.
- Sources of nominations can come from parish priests, neighbors, council members, ministry leaders, etc. They can be used to get recommendations, references and evaluations concerning council families. They can also speak directly to the families being considered.
- Provide justification for your nomination when submitting.

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SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE &

BISHOP NOONAN'S LETTER



Archbishop William Lori Supreme Chaplain

June 2025

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always." (Gospel for June 8, Jn 14:15-16)

Last month, we reflected on how Jesus probed Peter three times with the question "Do you love me?" Here we have an answer to what it means to truly love Jesus — by keeping his commandments, as expressed in Scripture and in the teachings of the Church. The monthly challenge for March underscored how our faith bears fruit in what we do. Let us remember that to keep the commandments for love of Christ is to allow the Holy Spirit to bear good fruits in our lives.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to use the Catholic Information Service® resource *A Guide to Confession*, which is organized around the Ten Commandments, to examine your conscience and then go to confession.

Questions for Reflection:

What is your response to Jesus' question, "Do you love me?" Do you show your love for Christ in how you live? In what ways do you need to become more attentive to the commandments and the teachings of the Church?



y Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
As Jesus appears to the disciples after His
Resurrection, He offers Peace to each one.
This Peace is not an earthly peace, one in
which two people "shake hands upon an agreement" or resolve a difference. The Peace which Jesus offers is salvific.
It is the offering of the eternal Covenant, the bounty of messianic blessing. This Peace is the effect of His Resurrection,
for He is gathering the people to take comfort in eternal life.
This Peace is not a Peace of measurement, for God's love
has no limits, no bounds. This Peace is the bond of heaven

to earth. Jesus tells us to accept this gift of splendor and not be afraid.

Faith-filled in God is Jesus' call as He has said, "Come follow me." Through our participation in the Sacraments, we do follow Jesus, even though it may be an imperfect following, for our gaze may not be transfixed on God or our path straight to God - 24/7/365. Yet, Jesus knows we will open our heart to God and return to God when we stumble or fall. We are created by God for God and Jesus is with us as we make our dwelling with Him.

The summer months are soon upon us. For many, it is a period to break from the busyness of life; visiting family, taking trips to other areas, or basking in the love of those with whom you live and are close to you. It may also be a time of spiritual refreshment, as you pray a retreat or make pilgrimages to other churches or shrines. Traditionally, I visit family in Ireland.



YEARS OF SERVICE

Date	Member	Years	Date	Member	Years
6-Jun	Dan Witucki	46	17-Jun	Ralph Briscoe	9
8-Jun	Hector Cordova Sr	5	17-Jun	David Viera	9
8-Jun	John McIntosh	13	18-Jun	Angel Sanchez	13
8-Jun	Michael Cordova	5	18-Jun	Dannie Costantine	5
8-Jun	Troy Collins	1	19-Jun	PGK Bob Wilson	23
9-Jun	Timothy Phan	9	20-Jun	Maximo Perez- Suero	5
9-Jun	Weir Alexander	2	22-Jun	Patrick Hayes	18
9-Jun	Dr. Brian Schanen	2	24-Jun	John Meehan	12
10-Jun	Jonathan Brown	11	25-Jun	Dan Almaguer	15
10-Jun	Michael Pascuzzi	9	27-Jun	Tim Galvin	66
14-Jun	Michael Makowski	7	27-Jun	Timothy Phan	9
14-Jun	Frank Terrizzi	7	27-Jun	Miguel Kaled	6
14-Jun	Alex Trauger	7	29-Jun	Thomas Dukes	2
14-Jun	Alex Sithong	16			
11-Jul	GK Chris Ewing	18	19-Jul	VR Miguel Gonzalez	30
13-Jul	Thomas Jensen	8	23-Jul	Ty McCormack Jr	4
14-Jul	Michael Barillas	8	24-Jul	James Bayly	27

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Pope Benedict XVI at his General Audience on June 21, 2006



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INFORMATION ON THE 4TH DEGREE

Upcoming exemplifications are announced here: https://www.floridakofc.org/ Events-and-Exemplifications-Calendar

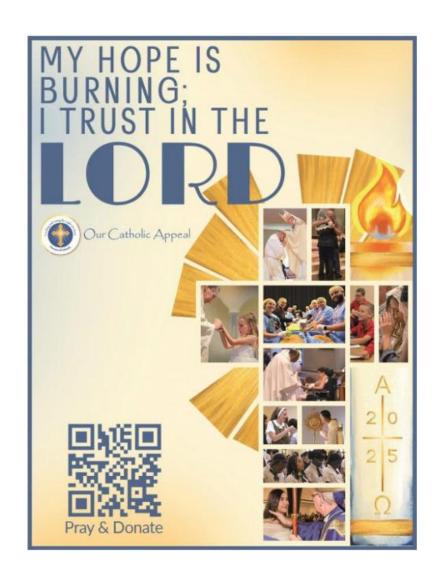
Our 4th degree representative is SK George del Campo.

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FAITH OPPORTUNITY



Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary



Great Wigil of the Two Hearts

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2025

MASS FOR SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART | 7:30 PM

NIGHT OF ADORATION, PRAYER, & INTERCESSION UNTIL MIDNIGHT

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OPPORTUNITIES



Vacation Bible School Needs Volunteers to Make It a success!

Location: St. James Cathedral Social Hall Date and Time: June 23-27 from 9am-12pm and June 16-20 (Setup and decoration)

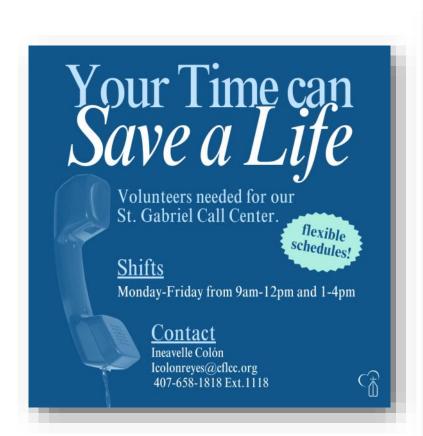
We need volunteers to make VBS a success! There are many tasks to do before, during, and after VBS.

Prayerfully consider how you can support our children as they explore our call to love our neighbors. This year's director is Eddiel Rivera and can be reached by email at erivera@stjamesorlando.org.

Roles include: Small Group Leader, Drama Leader, Drama participant, Bible Beach Leader (Bible study), Creator's Canyon Leader (art/science), Move-It Mountain (games), and more!

If you would like your child to participate, please register using the QR code below:









MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Prison Ministry Volunteers Needed

"For I was imprisoned and you visited me... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:36, 40).

St Peter Claver Prison Ministry is an Orlando Council St. Vincent DePaul Special Works mentorship program that encourages prisoners and newly released citizens on becoming self-sufficient. For more information contact: Carlos Benitez, Program Manager at (407) 614-2355 and see their website www.spcpmorlando.org.

Volunteers Needed at the JMJ Pregnancy Center

Do you have a passion for helping women and babies in need? JMJ Pregnancy Centers are looking for volunteer ultrasound technicians. Bilingual is a plus! Must be a Certified Ultrasound Technician proficient in abdominal ultrasound imaging and measurements. Visit jmipc.org or email info@jmjpc.org.

St. Vincent de Paul Orlando Needs You – Great service hours!

Volunteer opportunities are available in our stores and food pantries – great for young people needing community service hours! Continues through the end of July. Check us out at sydporlando.org

Catholic Charities Needs Food Distribution Volunteers

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help distribute food at its Agape Mission Markets in Orlando on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Visit <u>cflcc.org/volunteer</u> for more information and to sign up.

Our Catholic Appeal 2025

Each year the Diocese of Orlando appeals to parishes to share in assisting grow the Kingdom of God and be good stewards of all that God has given us. For all Our Catholic Appeal related flyers, postings, banners, guides, in English and Spanish, please click <u>here</u>. For more information, go to OurCatholicAppeal.org.

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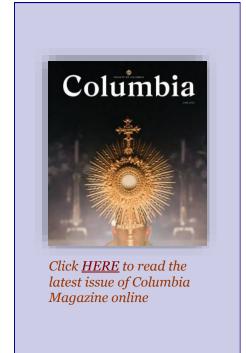


UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS—MEMBERS

Date	Name	Date	Name
3-Jun	Rob Fagan	19-Jun	Dr. Anis Khalaf
10-Jun	James Bogusz	23-Jun	Ed Gold Jr.
11-Jun	Dan Wallace	24-Jun	Ivan Campos
14-Jun	JB Coward	28-Jun	Michael Makowski
16-Jun	Steve Kerestes	28-Jun	Joseph LoFaso
1-Jul	Joseph Cimijotti	17-Jul	Thomas Matthews
4-Jul	Neri Olea	22-Jul	Deacon Pat McAvoy
6-Jul	Gerrit Lemmen	24-Jul	Tim Norton
8-Jul	Kraig Johnson	25-Jul	Chuck McNulty
	Ron Jozwiak	29-Jul	Nicholas Pinto
11-Jul	Phil Perfito	31-Jul	Dr. Javier Martinez
12-Jul	PGK George del Campo		

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Date	Couple	Years
9 Jun	Patrick & Maggie Hayes	38
13 Jun	Joshua & Katherine del Campo	7
15 Jun	Bill & Mary Pinto	37
22 Jun	Jim & Maureen Hutcherson	10
22 Jun	Steven & Sheron Leo	4
25 Jun	Dr. Javier & Laura Martinez	26
29 Jun	JT & Jean Griffin	26
6 Jul	Eligio & Teresita Colon	9
10 Jul	Jay & Janet Lemmen	46
12 Jul	Chris & Alvida Groom	19
19 Jul	Al & Pat Stinson	59
24 Jul	Andy & Lisa Sojourner	12



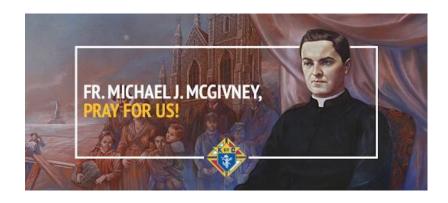
UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS—SPOUSES

Date	Spouse Name	Date	Spouse Name
1-Jun	Dorothy Butler	7-Jul	Teresita Colon
1-Jun	Winnie Pinhal	10-Jul	Peg Bonacci
1-Jun	Liz Zeitler	12-Jul	Tammy Helenthal
3-Jun	Aileen Trauger	17-Jul	Ruth Rice
4-Jun	Karen Forester	17-Jul	Lisa Mahoney
7-Jun	Wendy Tilley	17-Jul	Gabriela Khalaf
12-Jun	Maura Livingston	19-Jul	Joanne Olson
14-Jun	Pei-Ling Roerig	20-Jul	Noralee Kraynak
21-Jun	Priscilla Walker	22-Jul	Karina Schmidt
22-Jun	Rossana Fields	23-Jul	Alyse DiGaetano-Byrne
28-Jun	Evelyn Hinson	28-Jul	Pat Stinson
29-Jun	Jean Griffin	30-Jul	Mariko Caberto
		6-Jul	Tanya Paolo

Knights of Columbus: A Legacy of Charity and Faith

The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney with a mission of charity. The Order quickly expanded beyond the United States, and during World War I, they established welcoming huts offering free services to all. In the 1920s, the Knights advocated for anti-defamation and religious freedom. They renewed their commitment to volunteer service during the Great Depression and later focused on combating communism and fascism post-World War II. In the 1950s, they played a key role in adding "under God" to the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance. The Knights continued to support ecclesial reform and strengthen ties with the Vatican, especially during John Paul II's pontificate.

Into the new millennium, they maintained their charitable work, aiding displaced Christians in the 2010s. The beatification of Father McGivney in 2020 marked a new chapter, with the Order launching initiatives to deepen faith and fraternity. The Knights' history is a testament to their enduring dedication to charity and service.



FATHER MCGIVNEY CANONIZATION PRAYER

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.

Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray: Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be



Every Knight of Columbus should be a member of the Fr McGivney Guild. There is no cost and it will keep you up to date on efforts to canonize our founder. www.fathermcgivney.org

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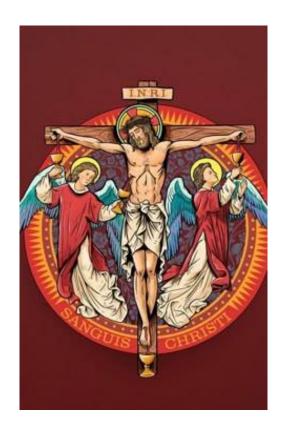
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