



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Martin B. Power Council 14573



July 2026

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From the Incoming Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers and Sisters,

Our council is still celebrating the results from a record year under the leadership of Past Grand Knight Rich Passarella. We achieved "Council of the year" Division 3 for the State of Florida. Well done Msgr Martin B Power council 14573. As our new, Grand Knight, leading our council to have a successful year will be my goal with your help. The strength of our council is the product of our active members and the support we receive from the ladies auxiliary. God bless our ladies sharing their talents and the sacrifices they endure helping us reach our goals.

Our council is blessed to have the support we receive from the Ascension Catholic clergy, school, and office staff.

I am looking forward with meeting and collaborating with our new Pastor Fr. Kenneth Gill. Fr Gill comes to us from the Basilica of St. Paul in Daytona Fl. which supports a council of the Knights of Columbus.

Our Parochial Vicar Fr. John Triolo has found a home at Ascension and his enthusiasm for the polar plunge has been both refreshing and remarkable.

I would like to thank my favorite, Rev John Bosco Maison. Our Chaplin, Pastor, and most ardent supporter. We could not have had the successful programs our council sponsored without him. Father, you will be missed, especially your contagious laughter. I wish you success at your new parish. I thank our Deacons and ministry lay leaders. Ascension is blessed to have such an abundance of ministries in our parish family. Welcome newly ordained Deacon Robert Light. Past GK and Faithful Navigator.

It was especially rewarding to be invited by Dr Claudia Stoke to participate in many school activities. Ascension students learned more about the Knights of Columbus and what we do. Some of the school activities we participate in are helping to Judge the science fair, Keep Christ in Christmas poster judging contest, essay judging, soccer challenge, free throw competition, Patriotic Rosary, flag retirement ceremonies, and other school functions we participate in. I look forward to working with Principal Donna Potomski and her staff continuing our interaction with Ascension Catholic School. "GO EAGLES"



GK John Pechar (continued)

The Ascension Catholic campus staff further enhances our ability to reach our goals by providing enthusiastic coordination and support for our programs.

Having received the support of Fr. John Bosco and Maureen Jarrell we now advertise our monthly council activities in the church bulletin. This helps those who do not have online access.

Officers meeting is on July 9th at 6:30 pm

Our first council meeting of the new fraternal year will take place on July 16th at 7 pm. in the Knights room. We will pray the Holy Rosary prior to the council meeting in room 313 at 6:15 pm.

Exemplification of three candidates to become 3rd degree Knights of Columbus will take place on July 23rd at 7 pm. Council members and candidates families are invited to attend the ceremony.

We are in our third year of our "Flags for Heroes" fundraiser honoring heroes held dearly in the sponsors hearts and minds. Opening ceremony is on June 27 following the Saturday 4:30 Vigil mass. In case of inclement weather, we will move the ceremony to the Buescher center room 411.

I look forward to working with everyone to attain the goals we set for our new fraternal year.
"Many hands make for light work."

May God Bless our church our families asking for our Lord and Savior's guidance.

Vivat Jesus,

SK John Pechar
Grand Knight
Council 14573

The next monthly Council meeting will be held on July 16 at 7PM in the Knights Room. Power Rosary at 6:15 in the Ministry Building, Room 313.





From the Outgoing Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers and Sisters,

Our Council kicked off its June activities with daily prayers following the morning masses with the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which concluded on June 11th. During this special time, we, along with the US Bishops, prayed for the consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, coinciding with the nation's 250th Anniversary of the formation of the Committee of Five to draft the Declaration of Independence. We sincerely thank Deacon Chris, Brian Ellerhorst, Jose Montes, John Pechar, Frank Conley, and Paul Klein for their dedicated leadership in guiding the novena's daily prayers. A special shout-out also goes to Jose Montes for sharing the prayers on the Council's website, helping us all stay connected and uplifted during this meaningful celebration.

The Council and Ladies Auxiliary warmly hosted the officer installation and dinner on Saturday, June 20th, and it was a wonderful event. We appreciate District 30 Deputy Eddy Merlet, Acting Warden Bill Quinn, and Deacon Chris for officiating the installation. We're truly grateful to ladies and knights who helped set up the Buescher Center and contributed delicious potluck treats, and to Jose Rodrigues, John Pechar, and Kathy Pechar for their thoughtful planning and cooking. Congratulations to our new Grand Knight, John Pechar; Ladies Auxiliary President Martha Heaton; and all the officers. Here's to a successful and fulfilling 2026-2027 fraternal year!

As we approach the Independence Day celebration marking the 250th anniversary of America's birth, our Council's Flags for Heroes program opening ceremony was held following the Saturday vigil Mass on June 27th. The grass area on the church's south campus is sparkling with red, white, and blue – 170 beautiful American flags honoring 216 heroes. We are thankful to the committee for all the planning and execution that make this activity so special and successful: John Pechar, Dave AmRhein, Phil Mathey, and Bob Holby for their intense efforts in securing sponsors, including business sponsors. Also, kudos to the many Knights who came out to prepare the grounds for the flags, assemble them, and set them up, and to the team behind the beautiful opening ceremony. And thank God for the beautiful weather.

That same Saturday, we were excited to have our Council brother, Nick Leone, attend the Fourth Degree Patriotic Exemplification at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Davie, Florida. The event was graced by Archbishop Thomas Winski of Miami, Archbishop Patrick Pinder of the Bahamas, and Supreme Master Michael McCusker. My wife, Beth, and I, together with Assembly Comptroller Lacy Beamblossum and his wife, Mari, felt truly honored to share in this inspiring patriotic event and to witness brother Nick's proud moment of being knighted as Sir Knight.

As my term of office as your Grand Knight comes to a close, I would like to express my gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to everyone who helped make the 2025-26 fraternal year so successful on so many levels. As Knights and Ladies, each of you has brought your unique talents and passion to the volunteer table, whether picking up trash along the highway, washing dishes, collecting tickets at the fish fry or cleaning up; flipping burgers and dogs, shopping for food, leading a prayer group or simply praying; collecting food before Mass or donations afterward, or leading a committee or simply signing up to join one.



PGK Rich Passarella (continued)

Every volunteer hour counts, no matter how big or small the task or the time – “it adds up and contributes to the overall success we strive for in serving our Ascension community.

There are many people I want to thank today. I'm truly grateful to our Chaplain, Father John Bosco, for keeping everything ‘short and spicy’; to Father John Triolo; and to all our Deacons—especially Deacon Chris Meehan for his outstanding presentations as Chaplain and Lecturer. I also want to thank Madam President Becky Richard, Vice-President Lyn Becker, and all the Ladies Auxiliary members for their wonderful support of our activities. A heartfelt thank you to our Financial Secretary, Richard Becker, and Treasurer, Randy Lascody, for their accurate record-keeping and experience with Council budgeting and finances, and to Worthy Recorder, Bob Richmond, for outstanding record-keeping, minutes, and an amazing monthly newsletter.

To all my officers who remained dedicated and faithful to their duties of their office, as well as to those who chaired or helped with our programs and events, our recognition and honor as the Division 3 Council of the Year are due to your participation and are built on the foundations and achievements of our Past Grand Knights—the Trustees, Bill Quinn, Dave AmRhein, and Jose Montes; Advocate, PGK Mike Marzec; and my loyal Deputy Grand Knight John Pechar. I truly appreciate everyone—Thank you very much, Muchas Gracias, Merci beaucoup, Grazie mille, and Danke schon.

God Bless You.

SK Rich Passarella
Past Grand Knight
Council I4573

Charity Donations. At the June officers meeting: We discussed and approved \$11,500 for donations to worthy charitable causes and organizations.

	Start	Budgeted	New Prop	Total
Brevard Aging	\$500		\$750	\$750
BABA	\$1,000		\$1,000	\$1,000
Providence Connects	\$1,000		\$1,000	\$1,000
Freefund - Sofia Fernandez	\$250		\$500	\$500
ST Stephen's Way	\$1,000		\$1,000	\$1,000
Children's Hunger Project	\$200		\$300	\$300
Roundup ASAp baby Bottle to 11K	\$800		\$500	\$500
Coats for Kids	\$700		\$700	\$700
Gavin Foreman	\$250		\$0	\$0
Brevard Laps for Life	\$1,000		\$1,000	\$1,000
Family promise	\$750		\$750	\$750
Providence Place	\$1,000		\$1,000	\$1,000
Divine Mercy Radio	\$500		\$500	\$500
Youth Programs	\$1,000		\$1,000	\$1,000
FR John Bosco Ghana School support	0		\$1,000	\$1,000
Guest House (Clergy Recovery Center)	\$500		\$500	\$500
Total	\$10,450			\$11,500



Council Faith in Action Programs

During the 2025-26 fraternal year, our wonderful Knights and Ladies Auxiliary members kindly dedicated their time and talents, contributing a total of 7,826 volunteer hours to the Council's Faith In Action programs listed below. Thanks to the generosity of Ascension parishioners' donations, our charitable fund was able to give \$51,152. Your passion and support truly make a meaningful difference!

COMMUNITY:

- Coats For Kids
- Parish Picnic
- Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
- Soccer Challenge - Council, District, Regional, State levels
- School Science Fair Judging
- Global Wheelchair Mission
- Free Throw Championship
- Lenten Fish Dinners
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- Highway Cleanup
- Ascension Grad Scholarships
- BSA -Ascension Manor Senior Christmas Gifts

FAITH:

- Blessed Michael McGivney Novena & Feast Day Mass
- Pilgrim Icon: Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Spiritual Reflection
- Support of Seminarians - RSVP
- Rosary Program, Monthly Power Rosary

FAMILY:

- Ascension Back to School BBQ
- Trunk or Treat



Council Notes

Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 20. We always have full support from the Knights and Ladies to carry out this important Parish function. But sometimes getting a Knight to step up as project manager can be a challenge. This year, Jose Rodriguez has stepped up to take on this responsibility. Thank you Jose!

National and State Elections will be held this year. And as in past years, we will be manning one of the polling places. Mike Marzec is Project Officer for this and he is looking for volunteers — especially someone who is either a registered Democrat or someone registered with No Party Affiliation (NPA). The local election office would like to have mixed political affiliation at each polling place.

Council Website. We continue to add new features to our Council and Assembly website — the place to find the latest information and activities — [HERE](#)

Prayer Requests – Prayer requests can be sent via email to ascension14573@gmail.com, and can now also be submitted from the [council's website](#). Just [click here for Prayer Requests](#) on the home page and you will be directed to a form where you can enter your request. An email will be sent to the Council and The Ladies Auxiliary to ask them to unite in prayer with you and your request will be also included in the monthly Power Rosary.

• **Council and Assembly Shirts.** We now have a new project officer who is our single point of contact for all things shirts and hats for the The Council and Assembly — SK Bill Quinn. We also have a new patriotic hat for \$20 that is available for both the Council or Assembly. Contact Bill for all of your Council and Assembly attire needs.

- SK Bill now has both Council and Assembly hats for sale — \$20. Contact Bill if you want a hat.

- **Bartman.** We will continue to use Bartman as a source for Council and Assembly attire. This company is owned and operated by a brother Knight and has proven to be very reliable in the past. Any Knight shirt, hat, or other item or clothing can be ordered from Bartman and can also be embroidered to your specifications. You can order the shirt to your specifications yourself by visiting their website, calling, or visiting their shop — or just see Bill.



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[Visit Bartman here](#)



Council Notes

- **Renew Your Dues Now.** July 1st marks the start of a new Fraternal Year. Our membership dues for the K of C Council 14573 are due at the beginning of the Fraternal Year. Regular dues are \$40 per year. If you have any questions about your dues, email Richard Becker at rit3722@gmail.com. Below are two options to pay our dues:

1. Pay by check payable to "K of C Council 14573" and hand the check to Richard Becker (Financial Secretary) or Randy Lascody (Treasurer) at the next council meeting or mail it to: "K of C Council 14573, Attention: Richard Becker, 4825 Tiverton Court, Melbourne, FL 32934"



2. Pay electronically using a Credit Card, Debit Card, PayPal, or Venmo. This can be done from the Council's website Dues page by [clicking on this link](#). If that URL link does not take you to the dues page, visit the main page here — [Council Website](#).
3. Please remember that your membership dues support Council sponsored charitable contributions, operations, and per-capita assessments from Supreme and the Florida State Council. The combined annual Supreme and Florida State Council assessments must be paid by the Council for all members on the roster, even if the member did not pay his dues. Paying your dues avoids the Council from having to use someone else's dues or funds targeted towards charitable contributions to cover members who do not pay, therefore we ask that you please stay current with your membership dues.

- **Assembly Dues** were due on January 1. Please pay your annual dues of \$25 at your earliest convenience. Followup notices will sent to all members who have not paid their dues — you can pay in person at the next meeting or bring your check to the Parish office. Dues are the main funding for the Assembly so please pay promptly.

- **Ascension Thrift Store.** The store continues to fall short in having enough volunteers to support all the hours necessary to bring in the revenue needed to support the Social Concerns Ministry and the Ascension Catholic School. The store is a key source of revenue for these ministries. If you can spare a few hours, please consider volunteering. You can contact the Thrift Store to [volunteer here](#).

**ASCENSION THRIFT STORE
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Below are QR code links to sign up to volunteer. Please consider joining this amazing group of people, for it is in giving that we receive. Feel free to pass this along to anyone who may be interested in helping out. Thank you for your time and consideration. May the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.


WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEER


SATURDAY WAREHOUSE

**Ascension Thrift Shop is in need of
TENTS AND SLEEPING BAGS**

Please bring donations to the Thrift Shop during hours of operation.
Thank you for your generosity.

For more information on volunteering, please call: 321-610-8742 or email: info@AscensionThriftShop.com



Monthly Calendar

[Click here](#) to view to the Council and Assembly Calendar.

3	JUL, FRI	● 9 – 10:30am	Highway Cleanup Knights House
4	JUL, SAT	● 9:30 – 10:30am	4th of July Parade Liberty Bell Memorial Museum, 1601 Oak St, Melbourne, FL 32901, USA
		● 4:30pm	Food for the Poor Collection (Day 1/2) Church
5	JUL, SUN	● Until 6:30pm	Food for the Poor Collection (Day 2/2) Church
9	JUL, THU	● 1 – 2pm	Rey Velazquez-Sierra Funeral Mass Ascension Catholic Church, 2970 N Harbor City Blvd, Melbourne, FL 32935, ...
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Council Officer's Meeting Knights Room
13	JUL, MON	● 8 – 11am	Flags for Heroes - Flag Takedown and Storage
16	JUL, THU	● 6:15 – 7:15pm	Power Rosary Ministry Building Room 313, Ascension Catholic Church, 2950 N Harbor City Blvd, Melbourne, FL 3...
		● 7 – 8pm	KofC Council Meeting Knights Room
19	JUL, SUN	● 11:30am – 12:30pm	Brother Bob Caldo - Mass Intention Ascension Catholic Church, 2950 N Harbor City Blvd, Melbourne, FL 32935,...
23	JUL, THU	● 7 – 8pm	Charity, Unity, Fraternity Exemplification
25	JUL, SAT	● 11am – 12:30pm	Assembly Officers Installation St Joseph's Knights of Columbus, 6725 Babcock St SE, Malabar, FL 32950, USA
1	AUG, SAT	● 4:30pm	Food for the Poor Collection (Day 1/2) Church
2	AUG, SUN	● Until 6:30pm	Food for the Poor Collection (Day 2/2) Church
6	AUG, THU	● 6:30 – 7pm	Chaplet of the Divine Mercy LA Room (313) - Ascension Catholic Church, 2950 N Harbor City Blvd, Melbourne, ...
		● 7 – 8pm	KofC Assembly Meeting Knights Room
7	AUG, FRI	● 9 – 10:30am	Highway Cleanup Knights House
		● 4 – 7pm	Knights Grilling for Back to School Luau Ascension Catholic School, 2950 N Harbor City Blvd, Melbourne, FL 32...
13	AUG, THU	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Council Officer's Meeting Knights Room
20	AUG, THU	● 6:15 – 7:15pm	Power Rosary Ministry Building Room 313, Ascension Catholic Church, 2950 N Harbor City Blvd, Melbourne, FL 3...

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THE 4TH DEGREE



PATRIOTISM

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From the Incoming Faithful Navigator SK Ralph Carestia

Worthy Sir Knights

Our newly elected Worthy Faithful Navigator SK Ralph Carestia chaired his first Assembly meeting of the new Fraternal Year on Thursday, July 2. He spoke about how he was honored and privileged to take on the role of Faithful Navigator. And thanked all who supported him as Faithful Captain and looks forward to a fruitful and challenging term as Faithful Navigator. He emphasized how the roll of Faithful Navigator is dependent on the support of all of the Assembly and he looks forward to working with the Assembly Officers and members. As far as thanking all those who supported him during the last Fraternal Year, he mentioned that there are three things he dislikes — mean people, liver and onions and incomplete lists — so he decided to forgo trying to make up that list of thanks as in reality it includes everyone in the Assembly. And unlike the previous Faithful Navigator, Deacon SK Rob Light, FN Ralph has decided not to pursue s future role as deacon — but God Bless Rob in his new role — he will serve the Parish well!

Ralph has been married for 65 years and has two grown children. He grew up in a small town in Pennsylvania — a town with only 3 streets and 1500 people. He chose a military career in the Air Force and attends Mass at St George chapel on Patrick Space Force Base.

He did want to express how wonderful the opening ceremony of Flags for Heroes was — the beautiful display of 172 flags and the wonderful tribute by the Harbor City Harmonizers and the blessing of the flags by Father John T.

One note of future events — The 2026-2027 Assembly Officers Installation ceremony is scheduled to take place on Saturday July 25th at 11:00 AM at the St Joseph's Knights of Columbus Hall located at 6725 Babcock St SE, Malabar, FL 32950. There will be 3 other Assemblies sharing this event with us. Please SAVE THE DATE.



From the Outgoing Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights,

We extend a warm welcome to Sir Knight Sean Kelly who recently transferred into our beloved Council and Assembly and also a big welcome to Sir Knight Nick Leone who exemplified into the 4th Degree on Saturday, 27 July! Our warmest wishes as you two Sir Knights continue your journey with the Ascension Knights.

The Knights and Ladies showered loving support on our favorite, Father SK John Bosco Maison, during his marathon of final Masses 27-28 June. Deacon Sir Knights Chris Meehan, Rob Light, and Sergio Colon served at three of the Masses with Father Sir Knight John Triolo concelebrating/communing. We will dearly miss our beloved pastor as he journeys on to the Basilica of Saint Paul in Daytona, FL.

A major thank you to those who participated in this year's Flags for Heroes Opening Ceremony! The ceremony was led by Sir Knights John Pechar (Grand Knight/Past Faithful Navigator) and Dave AmRhein (Past Grand Knight). Sir Knight Paul Kline (in U.S. Navy uniform) and Sir Knight Elmer Rivera (in KofC regalia) posted the colors with Father SK John Triolo and Deacon SK Chris Meehan providing the blessing of the flags. A truly successful event that also truly honored those heroes represented in the field of flags by the Knights' House.

As a reminder, the next Assembly meeting will be held on Thursday, **2 July**, at **7:00pm** in Rm 312 of the Ministry Center with the Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayer gathering at **6:30pm**. Some other upcoming activities include:

- Brother Knight Rey Valasquez Sierra's Funeral, Ascension Parish, 9 July, at 1300 (with Color Corps)
- Flags for Heroes, 27 June – 12 July, Ascension Church
- SK Jack Duggan's Funeral, Ascension Parish, TBD (with Color Corps)
- America's 250th Anniversary Independence Day Parade: Saturday, 4 July, at 1000. Liberty Bell Museum, Oak St, Melbourne. It will head south on Hickory St and turn east on New Haven. The show time is 0900 with a 1000 step off. St. Joseph's will provide their float again this year. It should be a fun ... family parade as usual. We have two Sir Knights (SK Joe Ameigh and SK Edward Barry) to carry the flags wearing the 4th Degree shirt and we will need two Sir Knights or Brother Knights to carry the Council banner

If you are not already a member of the Assembly or Color Corps and interested in learning more, please contact Membership Director, SK John Miller, Color Corps Commander, SK Eddy Merlet, or Faithful Navigator Ralph Carestia about joining (contact info listed on the KofC newsletter front page and Assembly page). Please keep an eye out for upcoming events in the monthly activity sheet, thank you for a wonderful fraternal year, and God Bless!

Vivat Jesus

Deacon SK Rob Light

**Past Faithful Navigator
Assembly 3482**

Our next Assembly meeting is scheduled for August 6, 7 PM in the Knights Room. Chaplet of the Divine Mercy immediately preceding the meeting at 6:30 in Room 313 (Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Room).



Assembly Meeting

At the June Assembly meeting, **The Disabled American Veterans (DAV)** J.L. Golightly Chapter 32 in Melbourne had two representatives visit prior to the official meeting to receive a \$400 check. We also received a wonderful letter of appreciation from them expressing thanks and gratitude for support their programs. We are also giving the Honor Flight \$1000 to help with their outstanding program.

Jim Voltaire also gave a short talk on the DAV and recommended we all check out what they do for our veterans. You can contact them here:



Presentation by FN Rob Light to DAV Chapter 32



Presentation by FN Rob Light to PFN Bill Quinn of Star Award plaque for the term he served as Faithful Navigator. Bill then thanked all of the Assembly members for their efforts to achieve this award.



Who are Fourth Degree "Sir Knights" of the Knights of Columbus?

Catholic Citizens who have demonstrated outstanding service and dedication to the virtues of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Members of the Knights of Columbus who have pledged to dedicate their lives to promoting patriotism enlightened by their Catholic faith. These Knights, distinguished by exemplary deeds for God, for country, and for the Order, are united by the bonds of the Fourth Degree to support religious, civic, and charitable causes.

Fourth Degree members are called "Sir Knights" and in addition to their local councils they belong to a local unit called an assembly. Each assembly is comprised of Sir Knights from area local councils. The assembly is involved in a wide range of patriotic public activities. Assemblies also maintain a Fourth Degree Color Corp – made up of uniformed members who drill together for ceremonial purposes and provide a visible honor guard for many events including: Corporate Communions, special Masses, funerals, parades, and other religious ceremonies.

ELIGIBILITY:

To qualify for the Fourth Degree, one must:

1. Be a man over the age of 18-years at the time of his last birthday.
2. Be a 3rd Degree member of the Knights of Columbus in good standing.
3. Be a Practical Catholic, that is a Catholic that is in communion with the Holy See

CLERGY:

The Honoree for this Exemplification is Most Reverend Thomas Wenski, Archbishop of Miami. The archbishop will be the Principal Celebrant of the Mass, which will immediately follow the Exemplification Ceremony. Joining Archbishop Wenski as Concelebrants will be Most Reverend Patrick Pinder, Archbishop of Nassau, Bahamas; Very Reverend Thomas Skindeleski, State Chaplain Emeritus (Florida); Reverend Martin Dunn, Diocesan Chaplain Diocese of Palm Beach; Reverend Christopher Hoffmann, Florida District Friar; Reverend Wilfredo Contreras, Diocesan Chaplain Archdiocese of Miami and more...

SPECIAL GUESTS:

- The Miami/Dade Sheriff's Department will be providing the Color Guard to present and retire the Colors
- The Supreme Master of the Fourth Degree of the Order, Sir Knight Michael McCusker along with other Supreme Representatives and many other distinguished guests who will be available for meet and greet, following the Mass.
- Joseph McGivney, a Blessed Michael McGivney relative will be on site to sign copies of his book "You're a miracle".
- Scott A. O'Connor, Past State Deputy (Florida) Supreme Director will be signing his book "One Knight's Journey" – proceeds to go to the Marybeth O'Connor Holy Angels Fund for Vocations support.
- Christopher Lewis, President of the American Wheelchair Mission and son of the late entertainer Jerry Lewis will be offering his book "Jerry Lewis on Being a Person".
- Other special guests will be announced at the Exemplification.

EVERYONE IS INVITED:

The Exemplification Ceremonial, Mass and Banquet are open to all families, friends and prospective candidates. We encourage local councils and assemblies to consider taking out an advertisement in the Exemplification commemorative Program Guide. The cost of a full-page advertisement is only \$250.00 and will include your Assembly or Council name, number, current officers, and your message. Pre-designed templates are available no design skills are needed. Half-page ads cost \$150.00 each. The deadline for advertisement submission is April 17, 2026.

FRIDAY NIGHT ICE-BREAKER RECEPTION:

To commemorate this special event, St. Mark Council No. 13045 will be hosting a reception on Friday, June 26, 2026, from 5:00PM-7:00PM at the Parish Center – St. Mark Catholic Church, 5601 S. Flamingo Road, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330. All are welcome to come and meet fellow Sir Knights and their families as well as many of our "Special" guests. Light-Refreshments will be served.



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July Birthdays

Heavenly Father, We praise You for all Your gifts to us. In a special way,, we thank You for our brothers as they celebrate their birthday. Bless them always in Your love. Bless us too, Holy Father, Help us all to praise You and give You glory Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adan Caraballo	July, 2
Nicholas Desimone	July, 3
Ronald Mac Donald	July, 4
Nicholas Cavano	July, 7
David Reeve	July, 8
Jeffrey Mullins	July, 9
Jeffrey Fleis	July, 10
Christopher Meehan	July, 11
Richard Wilson	July, 12
Ronald Sturm	July, 13
Timothy Drury	July, 15
Steven Thomas	July, 16
Francis Reid	July, 17
John Maison	July, 18
David AmRhein	July, 20
Jereme Wyrick	July, 23
Brian Groppe	July, 24
George Kralicek	July, 25
Matthew Maurer	July, 25
Oscar Garcia	July, 26
Isaac Dominguez	July, 29
Lacy Beanblossom	July, 30

****Be sure to [let us know](#) if we miss any monthly birthdays****



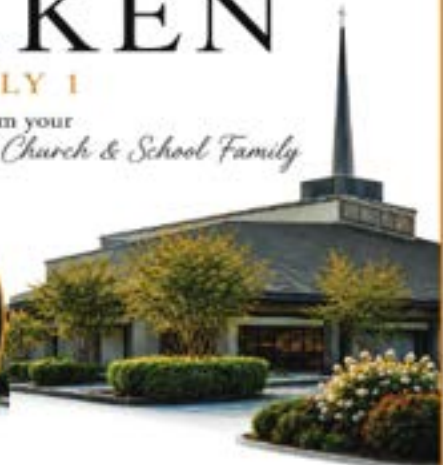
Council 14573 and Ladies Auxiliary Welcome Father Ken Gill



ASCENSION
CATHOLIC CHURCH

WELCOME FR. KEN

JULY 1
From your
Ascension Catholic Church & School Family



A PRAYER OF WELCOME

Heavenly Father,
We thank You for the gift of our new pastor.
Bless Fr. Ken as he begins this new chapter of his ministry
among us. Give him wisdom, strength, and a loving heart.
Help us to support him with prayer, kindness, and generosity
as we grow together in faith.
May Your Holy Spirit guide us in building a community
rooted in love and centered in Christ.
Amen.

FROM OUR PASTOR, FATHER KEN

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Hola, Bonjour, Salve, Guten Tag, Hello! Every language has its own word for warmly greeting another. But I think the word that best expresses what is in my heart for you is that most ancient of words, Shalom! This ancient Hebrew word encompasses so much more than saying hello or goodbye. In part it means — may my greeting find you in a state of blessed harmony and peace — in mind, body, and spirit — with God, and with each other.

We all know that transitions can sometimes be a time of uncertainty and anxiety. And I've been through some. As a kid, moving three times in three years to three different schools. As a professional, switching careers several times before entering seminary. And now as a priest, five assignments in twelve years — first in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., and now here in the Diocese of Orlando. But I firmly believe all these experiences have been part of God's providential plan for me. And so, I find myself here, with you at Ascension Parish, with great peace in my heart and tremendous anticipation — to meet all of you, to listen to you, to serve you, to pray with you, to love you, and to join with you on this great adventure of walking with Jesus.

I should also tell you — I am not entirely a stranger to this corner of Florida. I grew up not far from here, near F.I.T., I went to Palm Bay High School, and Our Lady of Lourdes was my boyhood parish. So, coming to Melbourne feels less like arriving somewhere new and more like coming home. And I am deeply grateful to God for this gift.

In the weeks ahead I look forward to introducing myself more fully — through the homily, through personal encounters, through the life of this amazing parish. For now, I ask only one thing: pray for me, as I have been praying for you. A pastor and his people are bound together by something stronger than geography or assignment. We are bound by baptism, by the Eucharist, and by the love of the One who has called us here.

Shalom — may the peace of the Risen Christ be with you and your families.

Faithfully yours in Christ, Father Ken



A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

With a heart full of gratitude, I thank you for the love, faith, and support you have given me as your pastor here at Ascension for the past five years. As my time here concludes, I find myself reflecting deeply on the many blessings we have shared together as a school and parish family.

These past five years have been among the most meaningful of my priesthood. I arrived at a time when our school and parish community was carrying deep sorrow, grieving the loss of a beloved school principal and a pastor who faithfully shepherded Ascension Community for twenty years. Together, we walked through grief, healing, rebuilding, and renewal. Through it all, I witnessed the incredible faith, resilience, goodness, generosity, patience, mercy and love that make Ascension such a special place.

I hope that during my time here, I was able to help nurture a community that is vibrant, joyful, welcoming, and deeply rooted in Christ's mercy and love. I believe the true strength of Ascension has always been you, the people of God who continue to love one another, lift one another up, sacrifice your time, talent and treasure and serve with joyful hearts. Please continue this beautiful legacy of compassion, kindness, hospitality, faith, hope, mercy and love. Remind one another of how blessed we are as a community capable of ascending and reaching out to all peoples to make them disciples of Christ.

And before I go, let me put it one more time on record "You're my favorites." Ascension Community has been a blessing and a treasure to my priesthood since 2003. It has been an honor to be part of your story as a pastor.

As you welcome your new pastor, Fr Ken Gill, I ask that you receive him with the same kindness, patience, and generosity you so graciously gave me. Pray for him, support him, and walk alongside him as together you continue the mission of Christ.

Please keep me in your prayers as I begin this new chapter of my priesthood. Be assured that you will remain in my prayers always. Though I may no longer serve here as your pastor, Ascension and all of you will forever hold a special place in my heart.

May God continue to bless Ascension abundantly.

With love, gratitude, peace and prayers,

Fr. John Bosco



Plaque Presented by GK Rich Passarella to Father John



Check for \$1000 for Ghana Education Mission





Chaplain's Corner

Deacon SK Tom Stauffacher

What do we face as Christian Knights? There are always hostile powers against us in the world. They are seeking to destroy our way of the life — the Christian ethic. We cannot always distinguish those who are good and those who are not. How many of us remember Lamont Cranston — The Shadow — “what evil lurks in the hearts of men?”

Powers and Slogans. Use of formidable powers to become an invisible vigilante, famously warning criminals that “the weeds of crime bears bitter fruit” and asking “What evil lurks in the hearts of men?”

What do we face as Christian Knights? There are always hostile powers against us in

As Knights, we never know what evil lurks in the hearts of those we encounter. Talk is cheap and someone may act good and seem good — but are their actions sincere? Or do they have some other intent or ulterior motive?

We often judge other people without facts, specifics or substance. We all sometimes tend to judge all too quickly. And act not on the facts but on our opinions. A person may make a mistake in judgement and or action but also may reconcile and be redeemed. God's judgement is not hasty. It is based on mercy, mitigation — and the situation. The extenuation — the amount of penance, contrition and conversion. These principles apply to all of us as Knights in the pastoral environment — these are things we should know as we exemplify and live by the four principles of our order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Historian Talk

Deacon SK Chris Meehan

Deacon Chris gave a very interesting and fascinating talk on what many would consider the most famous highway in the country — past, present and future — Route 66.

You can review Deacon Chris's talk:

[Road Trip Season!](#)

[Notes from Deacon Chris](#)

Something very dear to Deacon Chris — and all Deacons. Do you ever wonder why the priest or bishop blesses the deacon before he proclaims the Gospel? Find out — [Catholics Online Class](#).

Sofia's Story

God placed a vision in my life for the future when I was a young girl. Through much prayer and preparation, He has now given me the opportunity to express my religious vocation with the disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, a Priesthood of the Holy Spirit.

This summer marks an important, first stage of my journey. It is a call to respond to the voice of the Lord and continue following God's will.

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I'll need it when I'm in the year of discernment.
- My travel/relocation**
to Phoenix, AZ, from Seattle, WA (one-way).
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to Assisi, Italy. I'll need it when I'm on the road with the companions of St. Francis.

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Thank you for considering supporting me in this way of faith. Please direct all my prayers for you and your intentions.

— Sofia

The Council Donated \$500 To Help With Sofia's Journey



Flags for Heroes

As we approach the Independence Day celebration marking the 250th anniversary of America's birth, our Council's Flags for Heroes program opening ceremony was held following the Saturday vigil Mass on June 27th. The grass area on the church's south campus is sparkling with red, white, and blue – 170 beautiful American flags honoring 216 heroes. We are thankful to the committee for all the planning and execution that make this activity so special and successful: John Pechar, Dave AmRhein, Phil Mathey, and Bob Holby for their intense efforts in securing sponsors, including business sponsors. Also, kudos to the many Knights who came out to prepare the grounds for the flags, assemble them, and set them up, and to the team behind the beautiful opening ceremony. And thank God for the beautiful weather.





Council and Ladies Auxiliary Officer Installation

June 20

You can see all photos of the ceremony — [HERE](#)





Monthly Council Meeting



A very special presentation from SK Joe "Giuseppe" Toco — his highly coveted "Time" Person of the Year award to GK Rich Passarella and FN Deacon SK Rob Light. It was so good to see Joe back in action — he also led the Power Rosary before the Council Meeting. Welcome back Joe!



GK Rich Passarella presents Deacon Rob Light with a very special Knights of Columbus Deacon Dalmatic and Stole.



2025-2026 Council of the Year in the State of Florida

Council Awards at the Florida State Convention. Awards on the Table. We received Second Place in Family Activities, Third Place in Publicity Activities, and Third Place in Life Activities. Additionally, our council received Third Place for the State Service Programs Award for Life. Special acknowledgment goes to our Worthy Recorder, SK Bob Richmond, our newsletter publisher, whose fantastic monthly newsletter was a major factor, along with our webmaster, PGK Jose Montes, for the council's website, for us receiving the Publicity Award.

- None of these awards could have been possible without each brother's hard work and your trust that we truly care about supporting our Ascension parish community through our activities and programs. Every hour volunteered and every small donation helped us, and together, our Council was honored as the 2025-2026 Council of the Year in the State of Florida. I sincerely thank my officers, the program chairman, all the members of the Council, and the Ladies Auxiliary members for their heartfelt generosity in volunteering their time, talents, and resources. I also deeply appreciate our Ascension Pastor and Chaplain, Fr. John Bosco Maison, as well as the clergy and parishioners, for their ongoing support of our council programs.

We are on the path for the STAR COUNCIL AWARD. We fulfilled the requirements for:

- The Fr. McGivney Award for reaching our membership goal,
- The Founder's Award for you all attending two Fraternal Benefit Nights and GK and DGK for fraternal benefit review with the insurance agent,
- For submitting the Service Program Personnel Report (#365) and Form #185, Report of Officers Chosen for the Term on time. In addition, we submitted the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728), we paid the per capita assessment to the State and Supreme, and completed the Safe Environment Training for Required Service Personnel
- And lastly, for submitting the Columbian Award application, which I submitted last week, identifying 4 Council programs in each of the 4 Faith in Action categories



FN Rich Passarella With SK Bob Richmond and SK Jose Montes



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Council Of The Year

By Rich Passarella, Grand Knight, Council 14573

Receiving the Division 3 Council of the Year for my Council at the 2025-2026 Florida State Convention was so fulfilling and so unexpected.

I heard my Council number announced; I looked up at the big screen, saw our Council name, and said to the couple next to me, "That's my Council!" I was surprised, yet so honored as Grand Knight to receive it on behalf of my brother Knights and Ladies Auxiliary members, is an acknowledgment that the results of our Council's Faith In Action programs merit the highest recognition in the State of Florida.

Our commitment has always been to thoughtfully plan and implement Knights of Columbus Faith in Action activities and programs that truly benefit our beloved Ascension Catholic Community and our Council. While reaching the Council of the Year wasn't part of our plan, I want to share some areas that I believe have truly helped us lay a strong foundation for our Faith in Action initiatives in our parish, resulting in wonderful outcomes. These areas include dedicated parochial leadership and involvement, an active Ladies Auxiliary, effective council communications with the help of technology, careful monthly activity and budget planning, and friendly collaboration with the school to support our youth programs.

Our Council is truly grateful to have such dedicated members who enthusiastically participate in activities that enrich our Ascension community. Drawing from the wisdom and experience of our Past Grand Knights, I cherish the collaboration with our Trustees, Advocate, and Deputy Grand Knight in planning and implementing our Faith in Action programs. It all starts with strong support from a passionate pastor who understands and values the positive impact of Knights of Columbus Faith in Action programs on our parish family.

We are especially fortunate that our Pastor and



Chaplain, Father John Bosco Maison, is a proud 4th Degree Knight. Every quarter, we have a "short and spicy round table" meeting with the pastor to review upcoming church and school activities, use a helpful three-month look-ahead calendar, and discuss activities that require his assistance or approval.

We feel blessed to have six out of our seven deacons as Knights—five of whom are 4th Degree Knights—who actively serve as Chaplain, Lecturer, guest speakers, and participants in our Faith programs such as Novenas, Holy Hour, Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service, and Silver Rose. Their involvement not only aids our officers and committees in planning meaningful Faith activities but also fosters a vibrant connection with the parish liturgy and music teams, inspiring confidence and unity within our parish community. We are also greatly appreciative of the unwavering support provided by our Parish office staff, who assist us significantly with resource scheduling and the preparation of articles for the weekly bulletin and the monthly Ascension Magazine, both of which serve the parish community.

At the start of the new fraternal year, we earnestly came together for activity and budget planning meetings with our dedicated officers

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and trustees. We reviewed last year's plans and thoughtfully envisioned the upcoming year's activities to craft a fresh annual activity plan and budget. We also updated the plan to include the KofC Council Monthly Planner, which includes precise KofC activity dates, making our planning even more organized. During our first Council meeting of the year, we enthusiastically presented the plan and budget, inviting feedback and approval from everyone.

Our family and community youth activities thrive through close collaboration with the parish

school. We've built a warm relationship with the principal and dedicated school staff. At the start of the school year, we share a list of school-involved Council activities—such as soccer and basketball challenges during PE and poster and essay contests—with suggested dates, and we happily update the schedule based on the school's input. These heartfelt programs with the school give children and families a chance to see Knights in action and, hopefully, inspire young people to dream of becoming a Knight—and encourage dads to join in as well.

Ascension Knights of Columbus wins council of the year

Lucas Blackwell, [Florida Catholic Media](#) staff Jun 17, 2026



Father Robert Kantor, left, Florida Knights of Columbus state chaplain, and Michael Gizewski, right, state deputy, present Grand Knight Rich Passarella of Council 14573 the Division 3 Florida Council of the Year Award.

MELBOURNE | Msgr. Martin B. Power Council 14573 from Ascension Parish in Melbourne won the Division 3 Council of the Year Award at the 2025-2026 Knights of Columbus Florida State Convention last month. It was “so fulfilling and so unexpected,” said SK Rich Passarella, Grand Knight of Council 14573. “I heard my Council number announced, I looked up at the big screen, saw our Council name, and said to the couple next to me, ‘That’s my Council.’”

It is “an acknowledgment that the results of our Council’s Faith in Action programs merit the highest recognition in the State of Florida,” Passarella said, adding their success is due in part to dedicated parochial leadership, an active Ladies Auxiliary, and friendly collaboration with Ascension Catholic school.

Father John Bosco Maison, pastor of Ascension, is a Fourth Degree Knight, and six of the seven deacons who serve the parish are Knights.

“I believe that one of the most wonderful benefits our Council enjoys in carrying out our activities and programs is the presence of a lively and involved Ladies Auxiliary,” Passarella said. “(There is a) sense of togetherness (which) nurtures a feeling of belonging, unity, and shared purpose, inspiring us all to work toward our common goals.” Passarella added “our family and community youth activities thrive through close collaboration with (our) parish school. We’ve built a warm relationship with the principal and dedicated school staff.”

Through activities like soccer and basketball challenges and poster and essay contests, their programs “give children and families a chance to see Knights in action and, hopefully, inspire young people to dream of becoming a Knight, and encourage dads to join in as well,” Passarella said.

Ascension’s Knights of Columbus Council 14573 also took home four additional awards in Division 3, second place for family activities and third place for life activities, publicity activities, and community programs.



Traveling Vietnam Wall Ceremony at Wickham Park

You can see all photos of the ceremony — [HERE](#)





Providence Connects

Prior to the start of the June Council meeting, we welcomed Jeff Njus, Executive Director of [Providence Connects](#). Jeff was the director of Daily Bread and the services provided by that organization plus many more are now incorporated into Providence Connects. This new organization also includes [Providence Place](#). Jeff also wanted to thank the Knights for all our support to Daily Bread — and now Providence Connects.

Jeff first discussed the transition from Daily Bread to the new organization and how services are provided to those in need. Providence Connects was formed through the December 2025 merger of two trusted community pillars: Daily Bread (est. 1988) and South Brevard Sharing Center (est. 1971). For decades, both organizations have served as lifelines for our neighbors, united by a shared commitment to providing food, housing, and essential supports—including access to healthcare and employment resources.

Rooted in compassion and guided by the voices of the community, each organization evolved over time—listening, adapting, and expanding services to meet the changing and growing needs of those experiencing hardship. That legacy of responsiveness and care has led to a pivotal moment in their story.

Today, they move forward together as Providence Connects—one organization, strengthened by our shared history and united by a single mission: to deepen our impact and better serve those most in need, now and for generations to come.

The story of Providence Connects is built on three pillars of service: Food Distribution, Housing and Outreach. Providence Connects walks with our neighbors from surviving to thriving by providing food, housing, and trusted support.

To learn more — [Visit Providence Connects](#).

Grand Knight Rich Passarella and newly elected Grand Knight John Pechar then presented Jeff with two checks — both for \$1000 — to Providence Connects and Providence Place.





Ascension Catholic School Scholarships

Each year we ask Vice Principal Donna Violi to select three deserving students from the eight grade graduating class at Ascension Catholic School for scholarships to attend Melbourne Central Catholic High School. Each scholarship is for \$500.



Emma Tecson in memory of Father Tobin



Isaac Diaz in memory of Anita Brady



Sarah Chirivi in memory of Father Dan



Coats for Kids Program

Coats for Kids for the upcoming fraternal year will be coming up soon. SK Bobby Sullivan gave an overview of his recommendation for the school we will support for the next Coats for Kids —S.V. Marshall Elementary School in Tchula, Mississippi.

KOC Coats For Kids - 2026
S.V. Marshall Elementary School
12572 Highway 12 Lexington, MS 39169
Principal Melody Keith 662-235-5226

For 2026 Kids for Coats Program I recommend we consider S.V. Marshall Elementary School. This public school is located in the town of Tchula Mississippi. It serves children from Pre K to Fifth Grade. There are approximately 208 students. 52% are girls and 48% are boys. Student diversity is 99% African American. The school enrolls 100 percent economically disadvantaged students. SV Marshall Elementary School faces significant challenges in providing quality education to its students. The school has consistently high economic absenteeism rates and academically the schools performance is consistently lower than the state and district average. Despite these challenges, the school's district's core value is: Connecting for Success Every Child, Every Classroom , Every Day. Their Mission is to provide students with educational experiences to produce successful scholars prepared to compete in a global society. Their Vision is dedicated to excellence driven by purpose and destine for success.

The town of Tchula has has several challenges, suffering from severe flooding, economic stagnation and a crime rate which is 584% higher than the national average. The median household income is approximately \$18,000 to \$35,000 dollars per year. Although Tchula Mississippi is recognized as one of the poorest towns in the state, it is home to a resilient community where residents, advocates and local leaders are actively working to improve the quality of life despite significant economic challenges.

I therefore make a motion that our Council select SV Marshall Elementary School to be the recipients of of our Coats for Kids Program for fraternal year 2026.



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God Bless America – Retire With Confidence!!!

This month, Americans celebrate and give thanks to God for the 250th anniversary of the United States. The American story is one of 250 years of great sacrifices, freedoms and the responsibility to bear those freedoms well.

This month I want to talk to you about a special kind of freedom - freedom in retirement.

What do you want your retirement to look like? Maybe you'd like to spend more time with family, travel, volunteer or pursue hobbies.

If you're already retired, you likely know how important it is to prepare financially for this period of life.

Retired or not, have you considered just how long your retirement could be? It could, in fact, last multiple decades. Will you have enough money to cover the lifestyle you want for years to come?

Now, you might doubt that your retirement will span decades. But what about your family? Will their needs be taken care of when you're no longer here? What legacy do you want to leave your children and grandchildren?

Don't miss the opportunity to prepare for the freedom of long-term financial stability in retirement. While it's easy to get lost in the expenses in front of us right now, planning ahead with insurance and fixed annuities can pay off enormously for you and your loved ones.

The hardest step may be making the initial decision to start. From there, it doesn't need to be intimidating.

I'm here to partner with you in finding insurance solutions. Whether you want to review the retirement plan you already have in place or are just beginning your journey, we can work together to make sure you have what you need.

Please come see me after the meeting and we can schedule a time to meet. Thank you for your time! Let's continue to thank God for our nation and for all his blessings.

Thank you!

Best Regards,

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Recently Deceased

Brother Rey Velazquez Sierra
Lutheran Bishop Edelmiro Cortes, brother of SK Tony Cortes

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All those in need of prayers for health issues

ARA SK Gerry Grillo
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Brother Tim Drury and his son, Nathan
Lady Jan O'Bryan-Wilson
Lady Cyndi Martin
Jim Richmond, Brother of SK Bob Richmond
Special Intentions for the Marzec Family
Iris, wife of deceased Brother Robert 'Bob' Sweeney
Genevieve Harris, granddaughter of Lady Kathy Harris and SK Jack Duggan

All Those Men and Women in Formation — Priest and Sister

Michael Anctil
Jonathan Amgott
Gavin Foreman
Sofia Fernandez

Prayer for Blessed Michael McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael 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 Blessed Michael 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.



RETREAT AT SEA



Deacon Rick Broderick and the Knights of Columbus invite all Brevard County Parishioners to an Advent Reflection on the beautiful ship

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Thursday to Sunday
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Information Night
6:30 PM, Thursday, May 7
Holy Name of Jesus
Community Room



1. Prayer for our Nation

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Source: BostonCatholic.org

2. **"All the nations you have** made shall come to bow before you, Lord, and give honor to your name. For you are great and do wondrous deeds; and you alone are God" (Psalm 86:9-10).

[Go here to pray three more prayers for Independence Day](#)



Bishop Robert Barron





Videos of the Month



POPE LEO XIV Wins Liberty Medal and Gives a Message for the 250th Anniversary of the USA





Power Rosary



My Brothers and Sisters,

Monthly Power Rosary — Power Rosary every 3rd Thursday with SK Bobby Sullivan and SK Ralph Carestia — immediately before the membership meeting in the Ministry Building, Room 313 — 6:15 PM.

They sought strength in solidarity, and security through unity of purpose and devotion to a holy cause: they vowed to be defenders of their country, their families and their faith.

These men were bound together by the ideal of Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of the Americas, the one whose hand brought Christianity to the New World. Their efforts came to fruition with the incorporation of the Knights of Columbus on March 29, 1882

We are the Knights of Columbus

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! (Psalm 133:1)



Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. (2Corinthians 3:17)



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