



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Martin B. Power Council 14573



May 2026

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From the Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers and Sisters,

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered on Tuesday evening, April 7th, in the Knights Room! Thanks to your help, we quickly assembled and packed 130 meals for The Ascension Children's Hunger Project, setting a new record in just 18 minutes. We also prepared 600 baby bottles for the Baby Bottle Campaign, the Council fundraiser, in support of Supreme's Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program. These bottles will be handed out after all the weekend masses on May 2nd and 3rd and collected before the masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 9th and 10th. The donations will go toward the vital work of local pregnancy resource organizations, Genesis House and New Life Mission. Your generosity and teamwork truly make a difference!

Big kudos to everyone involved in our two wonderful Lenten programs, Fish Frys and 40 Cans for Lent! I truly appreciate SK Jose Montes and his dedicated Fish Fry team for making this parish-wide event so special. Over six Fridays, from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM, parishioners enjoyed fellowship and a delicious dinner, whether before or after the Stations of the Cross. Parishioners saw 50 enthusiastic volunteers preparing, cooking, and serving meals and desserts, contributing more than 1200 hours and raising \$8,400 for our benevolent fund. A special shout-out to SK Dwight Collins for his leadership in the 40 Cans for Lent initiative! Thanks to generous pledges from Ascension parishioners, we received 124 pledges totaling 5,563 items for Ascension's Social Concerns Food Pantry. Your kindness and community spirit truly make a difference!

The Trustees, Advocate, DGK, and Grand Knight completed and submitted the State Award forms for four Faith in Action State Activity Reports, four Faith in Action Service Awards, and the Knight of the Year and Family of the Year applications. The Family of the Year is SK Jerry and Olga Kelly, and the Knight of the Year is SK Jose Montes. These were submitted for Council awards consideration during the State Convention weekend of May 23-24. We warmly invite you to join us at the Rosen Shingle Creek Convention Center in Orlando on Saturday, May 24, to celebrate and cheer for our Council at the Awards ceremony from 9 AM to 12 PM.

The next monthly Council meeting will be held on May 21 at 7PM in the Knights Room. Power Rosary at 6:15 in the Ministry Building, Room 313.



GK Rich Passarella (continued)

We're delighted to share that our Council's participation in the Florida State Council Charity Raffle was a wonderful success! All funds and raffle ticket stubs have been received. A heartfelt thank you to SK Brian Ellerhorst for leading this meaningful initiative and to Financial Secretary Richard Becker for handling the submissions. Thanks to everyone's support, our Council raised \$436 to support our charitable causes.

April was a month marked by some heartfelt moments, including the sad passing of Sir Knight Werner Schulz, the loss of Kim, the wife of Brother Dominick 'Nick' Leone, and the solemn interment of Brother Don Toucciarone at Florida Memorial Gardens.

The Council Officers carefully reviewed, updated, and approved the Council Bylaws during the April Officers' meeting. The Grand Knight shared the news with the membership at the April Council meeting. The Bylaws were submitted online to Supreme for approval, which was granted, and 200 copies were ordered for council members to keep everyone well-informed.

It is that time of year when the Council Officer Nominations Committee prepares a slate of officer nominations for the upcoming fraternal year. We encourage all our members to consider serving as a council officer, director, or committee chair. A slate of officers will be emailed to the membership before the May Council meeting and presented to the Council for elections. Nominations will also be requested from the floor for each position during the elections. Please review the list of council positions emailed on April 20th and pray, listening for the Holy Spirit's guidance. Trust that your gifts and talents may be a wonderful help to the Ascension community and our order. If you are interested in a council position, please contact PGK Jose Montes on the Nominations Committee.

We are also seeking members to serve as Council Directors, including: Program Director, Membership Director, and the four Faith in Action Program Directors: Faith Activities, Family Activities, Community Activities, and Life Activities. Please consider using your gifts in these appointed director positions. If you need more information or would like to be considered for one of these positions, please call the Grand Knight or DGK. Supreme offers online training and numerous resources on council operations to support you, as well as guidance from our experienced former officers and directors. Now might be the perfect time to step outside your comfort zone and explore new opportunities in council participation. We will hold the Council Officer Installation ceremony at the Buescher Center after the 4:30 Vigil Mass on Saturday, June 20th.

The Council sponsored the Florida State Bowling Tournament on April 24-25. Bowlers from across the state gathered at Shore Lanes for a fun, competitive weekend of singles, doubles, and team events. Our Council team included Joe Ameigh, Jackie Grantham, and Gerry and Sherry Grillo. Special thanks to SK Jim Grantham, Tournament Director, for all the planning and for handling communications and fees collection; to Financial Secretary Richard Becker and Treasurer Randy Lascody for handling the finances; and to the Knights and Ladies, John Pechar, Rick Robinson, Kathy Ameigh, and Ginny Reeder, who volunteered to support the event by selling 50/50 and raffle tickets. Proceeds will support the Council's benevolent fund.

Council meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7 pm., with the next one happening on May 21st. We'll be taking this opportunity to hold elections. We warmly invite you to join us at 6:15 PM before the meeting to pray the Rosary for all our brother Knights and their families. Following the Council and Ladies' Auxiliary, we'll celebrate with a joyful end-of-year party. We look forward to seeing you there!

God Bless You.

SK Rich Passarella
Grand Knight
Council I4573



Council Notes

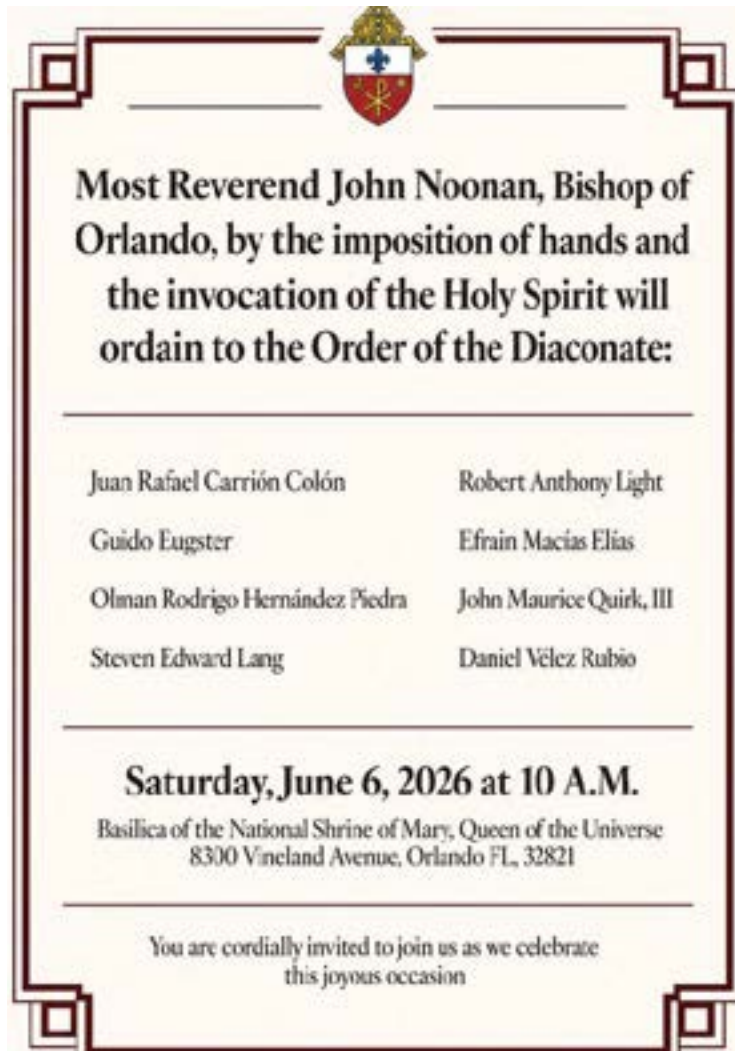
Council Website. We continue to add new features to our Council and Assembly website — the place to find the latest information and activities — [HERE](#)

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.

40 Cans for Lent. The Knights of Columbus Martin B. Power Council 14573 challenged all parishioners to join them in their 40 CANS FOR LENT Annual food drive. The plan was simple: pledge, purchase and donate one can of food per day for the 40 days during the Lenten season starting Ash Wednesday and ending Good Friday. 124 parishioners pledged 5,563 cans.

Flags for Heroes. The 2026 Flag for Heroes Program is coming up in July. This year, there will be a big emphasis on corporate sponsorship and flag sponsorship should be even bigger in 2026 due to the 250 year anniversary of this country. Planning is on schedule. POC: John Pechar

- We have a web address that redirects to our own web page for Flags for Heroes — heroflags.org



Most Reverend John Noonan, Bishop of Orlando, by the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit will ordain to the Order of the Diaconate:

Juan Rafael Carrión Colón	Robert Anthony Light
Guido Eugster	Efrain Macías Elías
Olmán Rodrigo Hernández Piedra	John Maurice Quirk, III
Steven Edward Lang	Daniel Vélez Rubio

Saturday, June 6, 2026 at 10 A.M.
 Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe
 8300 Vineland Avenue, Orlando FL, 32821

You are cordially invited to join us as we celebrate
 this joyous occasion



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



Council Notes

- **Daily Bread.** In the past, the Knights have supported the Daily Bread facility on the fourth Sunday of the month with volunteers who served the noon meal. This is no longer provided at the Melbourne location. The future plans are to build Providence Place — a permanent, affordable multi-family apartment community with on-site resident services and amenities, prioritized for individuals and families facing homelessness in Melbourne. Currently, the staff at Daily Bread are organizing a mobile outreach program which we hope to support in the future. POC: SK Ric Robinson

- For more information on Daily Bread or to volunteer — [click here](#)

- **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.

Bartman Enterprises

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Friday : 8:30am - 3:00pm

[Visit Bartman here](#)



DAILY BREAD ANNOUNCES





Monthly Calendar

Today < > May 2026 - [Calendar Icons] Month -

SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30	FRI May 1	SAT 2
• 11:30am Brother Al Ado		• 11am Dorothy "Dottie" J		• 11am Werner Shultz Fun • 6:30pm 2026 Flags for	• 7:30am SK Jack Dugga • 9am Highway Cleanup	4:30pm Food for the Poor 5:30pm Baby Bottle Campaign
3 Food for the Poor Collec Baby Bottle Campaign - • 1:30pm Life Chain	4 • 6pm Laying of the Wre	5	6	7 • 10am Teacher Appreci • 6:30pm Chaplet of the • 7pm KofC Assembly Me	8	9 4pm Baby Bottle Campa • 7:15am Pray for Life (in • 2pm Stamp Out Hunger
10 Baby Bottle Campaign -	11	12 • 6pm May Crowning of I	13	14 • 6:30pm Council Officer	15	16 • 11am Dinh (Kim) Leone'
17	18	19	20	21 • 6:15pm Power Rosary • 7pm KofC Council Meet	22 1pm State Convention	
24 State Convention Flags for Heroes Sales of	25	26	27	28 • 7pm Charity, Unity, Frat	29	30 4pm Flags for Heroes Sa
31 Flags for Heroes Sales of	Jun 1	2	3	4 • 6:30pm Chaplet of the • 7pm KofC Assembly Ms	5 • 9am Highway Cleanup	6 4:30pm Food for the Poi

Council 14573 / Assembly 3482
Events shown in time zone: (GMT-04:00) Eastern Time - New York

Google Calendar

*** Please provide input for the monthly council events to DGK John Pechar jpechar68@gmail.com

Near Term Important Dates at Ascension Parish:

- Each Wednesday: Holy Hour (1700-1800)

Activity Chairmen Phone Numbers:

- WGK Rich Passarella 321-431-0982
- WFN Rob Light 321-626-9641
- DGK John Pechar 724-263-0273
- CCC Eddy Merlet 954-882-3687
- SK Ralph Carestia 321-432-8439
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- SK Bobby Sullivan 321-223-2473
- SK Mike Marzec 321-543-1404
- SK Paul Kuracz 321-223-5627
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- President Becky Richard 412-779-9970
- Vice President Lyn Becker 561-531-3173

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✦ THE 4TH DEGREE ✦



✦ PATRIOTISM ✦

BISHOP NORBERT M. DORSEY CP ASSEMBLY #3482



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Faithful Captain
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Faithful Pilot
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Faithful Admiral
SK Bill Quinn
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SK Elmer Rivera
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From the Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights

Well Sir Knights, it's that time again when we gather to vote for next fraternal year's officers! The voting will take place on Thursday, 7 May, during the scheduled 7pm Assembly meeting. The slate of officer nominees is as follows:

- Faithful Navigator: SK Ralph Carestia
- Faithful Captain: SK Malachy McGuinness
- Faithful Pilot: Vacant (open for nominations)
- Faithful Admiral: SK Rob Light
- Faithful Purser: SK Elmer Rivera
- Faithful Scribe: SK Bob Richmond
- Faithful Inner Sentinel: SK Bobby Sullivan
- Faithful Outer Sentinel: SK Joe Ameigh
- Trustee 3-Year: SK Bill Quinn
- Trustee 2-Year: SK John Pechar
- Trustee 1-Year: SK Rich Passarella

The appointed (non-elected) positions are as follows:

- Faithful Friar (appointed): Father Father SK John Bosco Maison
 - Delegated to Spiritual Advisor Deacon SK Tom Stauffacher
- Faithful Historian: Deacon SK Chris Meehan
- Faithful Comptroller (appointed/certified): SK Lacy Beanblossom
- Color Corps Commander: SK Eddy Merlet
- Membership Director: SK John Miller

Our next Assembly meeting is scheduled for May 7, 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).



A sincere thank you to the Color Corps for their participation in the funerals of Sir Knight Glenn Albert, HNJ (8 April 2026), Mrs. Nancy Demers (mother of Katie Gander) whose husband and son-in-law are both Sir Knights, Ascension Parish (17 April 2026), Mrs. Rosario “Charo” Garcia whose husband is Deacon Gary Hessen, Saint Joseph Parish (25 April 2026), and Mrs. Dorothy Dottie Ayers, Ascension Parish (28 April 2026) – much honor given! Also, a huge thank you to SK Bob Richmond for coordinating the annual flag retirement with Ascension School – this is always a cherished activity that involves the Knights, Color Corps, students, staff, and others to make for a truly reverent and patriotic event! Last year’s Flags for Heroes event was submitted for the “To Be A Patriot Award” and several other activities will be submitted for the “Civic Award”.

Faithful Captain, SK Ralph Carestia, and I attend the Biennial Florida District of the DeSoto Province Master’s Meeting of the Fourth Degree on 18 April in Port Orange at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church. Recognition and general information were disseminated, and a vote was taken for the next two-year District Master tenure (results pending Supreme’s adjudication). *Of particular note: Bishop Nobert M. Dorsey CP, Assembly 3482 of Ascension Catholic Church, won the 2024-2025 Civic Award and Star Assembly -* Congratulations to all of you Sir Knights for your civic, patriotic, and assembly growth! You are all a testament to the call to service and beautifully exemplify the Knights of Columbus core principle of Patriotism in supporting your Country, Community, and Church with Respect and Honor.

As a reminder, the next Assembly meeting will be held on Thursday, **7 May**, at **7:00pm** in Rm 312 of the Ministry Center. Some other upcoming activities include:

- SK Jack Duggan’s Funeral, Ascension Parish, TBD (with Color Corps)
- Vietnam Travelling Wall & Laying of Wreaths, 4 May 2026, 1800, Wickham Park (show early for parking) – Assembly (with Color Corps), Council, and Ladies Auxiliary representation
- May Crowning with the ACCW, 12 May 2026, 1800, Ascension Church (with Color Corps)
- Memorial Day Ceremony at Shady Oaks Cemetery, 25 May, TBD
- Flags for Heroes, 27 June – 5 July 2026, Ascension Church. Planning is already happening, please see WDGK SK John Pechar and/or PGK SK Dave AmRhein for details

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 myself 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 and God Bless!

Vivat Jesus

SK Rob Light Faithful Navigator

March	Prepare Form 2321 Civic Award Application	PC Ralph Carestia FN Rob Light PC Ralph Carestia
April 27	Ascension School Flag Retirement Ceremony	SK Bob Richmond
Mid-April 1500	Roundtable with Ft. John Bosco	Parish Office, WDK, FN, MP
May 4	Color Corps Marching of the Colors	FP Meloshy McGuinness
May 4	Quarterly Council/Assembly Corporate Communion, Color Corps CCC Eddie Merlet	WDK/FN Rich Passarella FN Rob Light
May	Vietnam Travelling Wall & Laying of Wreaths (Assembly/Council/LA) – Color Corps	CCC Eddie Merlet
May	May Crowning (ACCW)	CCC Eddie Merlet
May	Color Corps	
May 25	Memorial Day Ceremony at Shady Oaks	SK Bobby Sullivan
June 27 1800	Flags for Heroes Flag Display Knights House Lawn Area	WDGK/FN John Pechar PGK Dave AmRhein
July 4 1000	Independence Day Parade Assembly / Council / LA	CCC Eddie Merlet SK Bobby Sullivan



Dear Brother Knights,

This is an invitation to Third Degree Knights in Council 14573 for advancement to the highest level of membership in the Knights of Columbus, the Fourth Degree. KOC Assembly #3482 serves the Ascension Catholic Community and is named in memory of former Orlando bishop Bishop Norbert M. Dorsey, CP.

Additional assembly information is available on our website. Please select the video titled "Fourth Degree Exemplification on US Battleship" at <https://kofc14573.weebly.com/assembly.html> for further details.

Also, attached is a flyer for the next Florida State Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday, June 27th, in Davie, FL. We usually carpool to the exemplification. If you are interested in advancing to the Fourth Degree, please get in touch with me at 321-626-9641 (email: roblight8@gmail.com) or John Miller at 321-794-6620.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sir Knight Rob Light,
Faithful Navigator, Assembly 3482

THE FOURTH DEGREE OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 126 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

SOUTH EAST FLORIDA SPECIAL EXEMPLIFICATION COMMEMORATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

June 27, 2026

St. Bonaventure Catholic Church

1301 SW 136th Avenue, Davie, FL 33325

Registration 9:30-10:30 AM

Exemplification: 11:00 AM

Holy Mass: 1:00 PM

Luncheon: 2:00 PM

Adjournment: 3:45 PM

To register, visit the Florida state council website at: www.floridakofc.org

- From the landing page menu, select Fourth Degree
- Select Fourth Degree Forms
- Select Exemplification Candidate Registration Form (complete and print)
- Select Candidate Appropriate Dress Form (print and sign)
- Select Fillable Form 4 – complete and print out

The completed forms should be brought to your council Financial Secretary along with your payment. The FS will submit the forms and your payment to the appropriate Assembly Comptroller for processing.



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 Knights 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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May 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.

Joseph Mcgovern	May, 4
Paul (Pat) Martin	May, 6
Jose (Joey) Sevilla	May, 6
Steven Soto	May, 7
Mark Dremak	May, 10
Joseph Fingo	May, 13
Philip Mathey	May, 19
Michael Donahue	May, 21
William Walker	May, 21
Peter Oliveri	May, 24
Shawn Dorsey	May, 25
Robert Groppe	May, 28
Brian Shurtleff	May, 31

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

[You can find the Ascension 14573 Monthly Newsletters -- HERE](#)



Chaplains Corner Deacon Deacon SK Tom Stauffacher

Deacon Tom spoke to us about the Easter season — Easter Sunday is in the past but we are now in the Easter Season until Pentecost Sunday. This coming Sunday, April 12, is Divine Mercy Sunday.

We can all look at Jesus as the eternal professor in the classroom of life. The lessons for us as Knights :

- To match or exceed his divine mercy
- To avoid judgment and condemnation of others
- To practice forgiveness and generosity.

Jesus asks us to avoid judgement and self-righteousness. And remember that judgement is not the same as having an opinion. You can have opinions but your action on them is what matters. What we as Knights do is radical generosity and active forgiveness. We strive to show others Christ-like compassion. We see this in action regularly. This is our calling as Knights — to continue to live our lives with forgiveness and compassion. We as Knights continue to display active forgiveness and mercy.

The Historian's Corner Deacon SK Chris Meehan

Deacon Chris gave a very interesting and information talk on “What is History?” You can read his presentation — [HERE](#).

Deacon Chris also has a very thought provoking presentation on the Catholic Church's teaching on war and peace — starting with comments from Bishop James Massa, Chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Doctrine. These comments as well as the Palm Sunday Homily from Pope Leo, a letter from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, an article referencing the teachings of St Thomas Aquinas from the *Catholic Herald* and finally some very interesting comments generated by AI on “Patriotism” vs. “Nationalism”: *What's The Difference?*

US Bishops Chairman on Doctrine Issues Clarification on Just War Theory

WASHINGTON – In light of recent public comments regarding the Catholic Church's teaching on war and peace, Bishop James Massa, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Doctrine, issued the following statement:

“For over a thousand years, the Catholic Church has taught just war theory and it is that long tradition the Holy Father carefully references in his comments on war. A constant tenet of that thousand-year tradition is a nation can only legitimately take up the sword ‘in self-defense, once all peace efforts have failed’ (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2308). That is, to be a just war it must be a defense against another who actively wages war, which is what the Holy Father **actually said**: ‘He does not listen to the prayers of those who wage war.’

“When Pope Leo XIV speaks as supreme pastor of the universal Church, he is not merely offering opinions on theology, he is preaching the Gospel and exercising his ministry as the Vicar of Christ. The consistent teaching of the Church is insistent that all people of good will must pray and work toward lasting peace while avoiding the evils and injustices that accompany all wars.”



**PALM SUNDAY: PASSION OF THE LORD –
COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD’S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM AND HOLY MASS**

PAPAL MASS

HOMILY OF POPE LEO XIV

*St Peter's Square
Sunday, 29 March 2026*

Dear brothers and sisters,

As Jesus walks the Way of the Cross, we place ourselves behind him, following in his footsteps. As we walk with him, we contemplate his passion for the sake of humanity, his broken heart, and his life as a gift of love.

We turn our gaze to Jesus, who reveals himself as *King of Peace*, even as war looms around him. He remains steadfast in meekness, while others are stirring up violence. He offers himself to embrace humanity, even as others raise swords and clubs. He is the light of the world, though darkness is about to engulf the earth. He came to bring life, even as plans unfold to condemn him to death.

As *King of Peace*, Jesus’ desire is to bring the world into the Father’s arms, tearing down every barrier that separates us from God and from our neighbor, for “He is our peace” (*Eph 2:14*).

As *King of Peace*, Jesus enters into Jerusalem not upon a horse, but upon a donkey, fulfilling the ancient prophecy that calls for rejoicing at the arrival of the Messiah: “Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations” (*Zech 9:9–10*).

As *King of Peace*, when one of his disciples drew his sword to defend him and struck the high priest’s servant, Jesus immediately stopped him, saying: “Put your sword back into its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword” (*Mt 26:52*).

As *King of Peace*, while he was burdened with our sufferings and pierced for our sins, Jesus “did not open his mouth, like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent” (*Is 53:7*). He did not arm himself, or defend himself, or fight any war. He revealed the gentle face of God, who always rejects violence. Rather than saving himself, he allowed himself to be nailed to the cross, embracing every cross borne in every time and place throughout human history.

Brothers and sisters, this is our God: *Jesus, King of Peace*, who rejects war, whom no one can use to justify war. He does not listen to the prayers of those who wage war, but rejects them, saying: “Even though you make many prayers, I will not listen: your hands are full of blood” (*Is 1:15*).

As we set our gaze upon him who was crucified for us, we can see a crucified humanity. In his wounds, we see the hurts of so many women and men today. In his last cry to the Father, we hear the weeping of those who are crushed, who have no hope, who are sick and who are alone. Above all, we hear the painful groans of all those who are oppressed by violence and are victims of war.

Christ, King of Peace, cries out again from his cross: God is love! Have mercy! Lay down your weapons! Remember that you are brothers and sisters!



In the words of the Servant of God, Bishop Tonino Bello, I would like to entrust this cry to Mary Most Holy, who stands beneath the cross of her Son and weeps also at the feet of those who are crucified today:

“Holy Mary, woman of the third day, grant us the certainty that, in spite of all, death will no longer hold sway over us; that the injustices of peoples are numbered; that the flashes of war are fading into the twilight; that the sufferings of the poor are breathing their last. And grant, finally, that the tears of all the victims of violence and pain will soon be dried up like frost beneath the spring sun” (*Maria, donna dei nostri giorni*).

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In recent days, many Catholics and other people of goodwill have been deeply disappointed by the disparaging comments directed at Pope Leo XIV by the President of the United States. The Successor of Saint Peter is not a politician — he is the Vicar of Christ, entrusted with proclaiming the Gospel and shepherding souls.

The Knights of Columbus has always stood in solidarity with the Holy Father, recognizing in him a spiritual father who calls the world not to division, but to unity, not to conflict, but to peace. In this moment, we reaffirm that commitment with clarity and conviction.

At the same time, we recognize that faithful Catholics can and do engage vigorously in the public square, and that nations have a right and duty to safeguard the security of their own people — always in accordance with the demands of justice and the pursuit of peace. The Church does not ask Catholics to withdraw from civic life, but to engage with and elevate it — bringing to our civic dialogue the light of truth, respect for the dignity of every human person, and a steadfast concern for the common good.

Pope Leo XIV has consistently called for peace, dialogue, and restraint in a world marked by war and suffering. The Holy Father’s words are not political talking points — they are reflections of the Gospel itself. Whether one agrees or disagrees with particular policy judgments, the Holy Father’s prophetic voice deserves to be heard with respect and engaged seriously.

As Knights, we are called to be men of unity, as followers of Christ and patriotic citizens. I encourage all Knights of Columbus to pray for the Holy Father, to pray for civic leaders, and to pray for peace and those working to achieve it. And let us recommit ourselves to charity in our public discourse. May we be known not for echoing the divisions of our time, but for healing them. In a moment of tension, the path forward is not louder conflict, but deeper fidelity — to truth, to charity, and to the Gospel.



“Patriotism” vs. “Nationalism”: What’s The Difference?

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You’ve probably heard of public servants carrying out great acts of patriotism. You’ve probably also heard of concerns of a rising wave of nationalism around the world. Yes, both words involve some form of pride in one’s country, but there is an incredibly important distinction to be made between the two.

Historically, both patriotism and nationalism were used roughly in the same way. But they significantly diverged along the way, and one has a much more positive connotation than the other. Do you know which is which?

What is patriotism?

The word patriotism is a noun that means “devoted love, support, and defense of one’s country; national loyalty.”

The term often brings to mind people directly involved with the defense of a nation, namely military service members as well as state and local government representatives. For example: The soldiers showed exemplary patriotism defending their country from attack.

Patriotism, however, can take many other forms outside serving in the military and public office. Diplomats, teachers, first responders, and so many more all exemplify patriotism in the many forms of good they do in service of their communities.

There are millions of government employees, as well as millions who volunteer their time in the interest of their country. Individual acts of pride, such as displaying an American flag at one’s home, are also examples of patriotism.

The word patriotism is first recorded in the early 1700s. Interestingly, by the 1770s, the word patriot could refer to “a member of a resistance movement, a freedom fighter,” specifically those who fought against the British in the war for independence—associations that persist today.

Patriotism is based on patriot, which is recorded in the 1500s. This word ultimately derives from Greek patriōtēs, “fellow-countryman or lineage member.” The root of this word, in turn, means “fatherland.” Paternal, patriarchy, and even English’s own father are related.

What is nationalism?

In most contexts today, nationalism is “the policy or doctrine of asserting the interests of one’s own nation viewed as separate from the interests of other nations or the common interests of all nations.” In short, nationalism is a kind of excessive, aggressive patriotism.

Modern nationalism is rooted, in part, in French and American revolutions that fought for the sovereignty of their people over monarchies. This historic nationalism is generally viewed favorably, a cornerstone of Western liberalism and democracy.

However, fascist regimes have merged the fervor of nationalism with the notions of superiority, especially when it comes to ethnicity and religion. In such contexts, “patriots” can become those who happened to agree with you or look like you, and “traitors” those who do not.



This form of nationalism is what happens when patriotism gets out of hand and morphs into something more exclusionary, isolationist, and ... well, chauvinist. For example, The lecturer's speech on immigration and foreign policy quickly devolved into nationalism, blaming undocumented migrants for the climbing unemployment rate, making much of the audience feel uneasy.

Such nationalism can result in jingoism, which is a form of extreme nationalism promoting vigilant preparedness for war and an aggressive foreign policy. It can also result in isolationism, or "the policy or doctrine of isolating one's country from the affairs of other nations by declining to enter into alliances, foreign economic commitments, international agreement."

Recorded in the early 1800s, nationalism, as you probably guessed, is based on nation, ultimately from a Latin word meaning "birth, tribe."

How to use patriotism vs. nationalism

When using these words, it's important to keep context, and connotation, in mind:

Patriotism generally has a positive connotation. It's used for various positive sentiments, attitudes, and actions involving loving one's country and serving the great good of all its people.

Nationalism generally has a negative connotation. It's used for political ideologies and movements that a more extreme and exclusionary love of one's country—at the expense of foreigners, immigrants, and even people in a country who aren't believed to belong in some way, often racial and religious grounds.

Below is the link to an article from the [Catholic Herald](#)

[What St Thomas Aquinas teaches us about patriotism](#)



In Memory of Sir Knight Werner Schulz



Werner Schulz passed peacefully at the age of 97 at the Health First William Childs Hospice facility in Palm Bay, Florida, on Thursday, April 16, 2026. Werner was born in New York City, lived in Farmingdale and Huntington on Long Island, and moved to Melbourne, Florida, in 1997. Werner was a volunteer firefighter in East Farmingdale, NY. He proudly served in the US Army and the reserves and worked at Republic Aviation, later known as Fairchild Republic, for over 35 years.

He led a faithful life, filled with many ministries at Ascension Catholic Community in Melbourne, including the Knights of Columbus, Men's Holy Name Society, Lector, EMHC, OCIA Faith Formation, Little Rock Scripture Bible Study facilitator, Christ Renews His Parish, and many others. He was a member of the Moose and the Elks, and of Toastmasters International, with previous leadership in the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts USA.

Werner was a Charter member of the Ascension Council, advanced quickly to a 3rd Degree Knight, and was exemplified as a Sir Knight in 2009, joining the Ascension 4th Degree Assembly. Werner was a member of our council for 17 years.

Werner had a positive outlook on life. He genuinely cared about others and loved telling jokes just to see others smile and laugh. He lived life to the fullest, loved generously, and often made others laugh.

In Memory of Brother Don Tucciarone

It is with great love and cherished memories that we announce the passing of Donald L. Tucciarone, 96, who departed this life on January 9, 2026, in New York. Born on July 8, 1929, in New Jersey, Donald lived a life filled with dedication and joy. In his youth, he proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1948 to 1951.



Donald, affectionately known as "Mr. Wonderful" by those who cherished him, was a devoted husband, father, stepfather, brother, uncle, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Donald is predeceased by his beloved wife, Rosemarie of 33 years. As a dedicated driver for Clare Rose in Patchogue, Donald exemplified hard work and commitment throughout his life. He will be remembered not only for his professional dedication but also for his unwavering positivity and charisma. Donald enjoyed boating and karaoke, occasionally dabbling with the piano, and was known for his vibrant spirit and passion for fitness as an avid gym-goer.

Brother Don was a valued member of the Ascension Council, advancing to become a 3rd-degree Knight. He remained an active knight until his health began to decline. Don was a character, always full of interesting stories, and he enjoyed sharing his experiences. One of his favorite traditions was attending the annual men's weekend retreat at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center. There, he earned the playful nickname "Cookie Monster" for his love of cookies—he had a knack for finding them, no matter how well they were hidden. Brother Don was laid to rest on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at Florida Memorial Gardens, next to his beloved wife, Rosemarie. Rest in peace, dear Brother Don.



72nd Annual Florida Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament



On Saturday morning, April 25th, Florida State Council Bowling Association State President Bill Jarema opened the 72nd Annual Florida Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament, hosted by Msgr. Martin B. Power Council 14573 of Melbourne, FL. Bowlers from all over the state came together at Shore Lanes in Melbourne, Florida, for an exciting and friendly weekend of singles, doubles, and team bowling fun.

Bill warmly welcomed everyone and shared that each year, the tournament is more than just friendly competition — it's a wonderful chance for brothers, spouses, and family members from all across Florida to forge special bonds that can last a lifetime. He then happily introduced Bowling Association Vice President Gorgeous Gerry Grillo, who greeted the bowlers with gratitude and appreciation for their expressions of love and kindness toward his family over the past year, and he wished everyone a fun-filled weekend. Grand Knight of the host Council, Rich Passarella, extended a warm welcome to everyone to the beautiful Florida Space Coast. He offered a heartfelt Invocation, giving thanks to our Father for uniting us in a joyful spirit of competition built on brotherly love and unity. He kindly asked for God's blessing on the tournament and on all involved,

including players, officers, and spectators alike.

Tournament Director Jim Grantham, a longtime State Tournament bowler from the host Council, welcomed the bowlers and reviewed the weekend's events. Saturday featured the singles and doubles competitions, with the team competition on Sunday. This year's tournament hosted fifty-two bowlers, forming 13 teams representing fifteen Councils across Florida. Some bowlers wore their colored Council shirts, while others sported impressive Knights bowling shirts. Knights and members of the Ladies Auxiliary from the host Council manned the reception desk and sold raffle tickets for a Hammer bowling ball and a three-ball wheeled carry case. The raffle was held on Sunday at the end of the tournament. The tournament awards are divided into four categories: Team Award (first through fourth place), Singles Award (first through sixth place), Doubles Award (first through sixth place), and All Events Award (first through eighth place). The awards will be presented at the Florida State Convention on the weekend of May 22-24.





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Flag Retirement Ceremony with Ascension Middle School

The Flag Retirement Ceremony with the Ascension Middle School was held on Friday, April 24 at 10AM in the Church (Parish Hall). The entire ceremony was done in the church -- not at the Knights House. Students from the Ascension Middle School performed all of the ceremony except for the 13-Folds done by our Fourth Degree Color Corps. This has become an annual event the Knights do with the school. Something that would not be possible without the cooperation and support from the school staff. We really want to thank the staff — especially Doctor Stokes and Mr Meader for allowing us to bring this wonderful ceremony to the school. We look forward to continuing doing this as an annual event. We love working with the school and look forward to all of the events we do with the school.





Highway Cleanup With Ascension School — April 11





Children's Hunger Project Packing



Baby Bottle Packing





Monthly Council Meeting



Family of the Year — SK Jerry and Lady Olga Kelly

Knight of the Year — SK Jose Montes



Certificates to our newest members who we brought into the Council during the Exemplification Ceremony on March 26.

Tommy Gorman, Jose (joey) Sevilla and transferee John Geyak.



SK Paul Klein Offers a Memorial To SK Jack Duggan



From the Ladies Auxiliary



May is here, the month of our Blessed Mother! It is hard to believe that my second year as Ladies Auxiliary President is soon coming to a close! It has been my honor to serve all of the beautiful Ladies of our Auxiliary and support our wonderful Knights alongside each of them, especially our other Board Members who have served so well.

I look forward to serving our new board members as they bring their special gifts to our membership. Thank you all for your fiat. We will be having our Installation of our new Board in June, and I look forward to celebrating each of you!

Our Auxiliary was able to provide \$2,358 in Annual Donations to various candidates this year due to our 50/50 collections at meetings and events, such as the Fish Fry Fridays, and our annual dues of \$10. We were also able to leave \$500 in the account for our new Board for starting out their service. Fantastic job, Ladies!!!

Some of the events that we have to look forward to this month are representing at the laying of the wreaths at the traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall(5/4), handing out (5/2-3) and collecting(5/9-10) baby bottles for the Baby Bottle Campaign, ACCW's May Crowning(5/12), Teacher Appreciation Luncheon(5/7), officer elections(5/21), and Feast of the Ascension Festivities(5/15). We also have all of our monthly activities, such as Social Concerns donations, Life Chain, community cleanup-ups, etc.

May is also the Ladies Auxiliary's month to serve in the Donut Hall. Servers will be needed after 7:30am, 9:30am, and 11:30am Masses each week, with a special emphasis on helping to clean up and pack up after the 11:30am Mass as the donut/coffee/bagel service concludes each week. Please come out to help while sporting your red shirts/aprons!

Time may be winding down for our fiscal year, but there is always a lot happening in and around Ascension, where red shirts will be spotted on the move!

Next meeting will be on May 21 at 7pm, following the Power Rosary, which begins at 6:15pm. Be there, or "be square" (like me 😊 -see below)!

Unfortunately, I will be out-of-state attending my Godson's wedding for our final meeting and end-of-year celebration this month. I will be in WV beginning the end of June and will be returning the beginning of December this year. I will miss you all, and will be looking forward to seeing you and serving our community alongside you as winter approaches! God bless you, one and all.

YSIC, and humble servant,

Becky Richard
President, Ladies Auxiliary



Lady of the Month Birthdays and Anniversaries

Last month we were able to present our February Lady of the Month award to Anne Tinelli-Thompson and our April Lady of the month award to Cathy Pechar. Two amazing women with servant hearts who well represent our Auxiliary's mission to serve our community through supporting and serving with our Knights of Columbus. Congratulations to Anne and Cathy, and thank you for all that you do!



February Lady of the Month
Anne Tinelli-Thompson



April Lady of the Month
Cathy Pechar

Please join in wishing a "Happy Birthday!" to...

5/4 Mary Morano
5/15 Janet Autio

Please join in wishing a "Happy Anniversary!" to...

5/7 Angela and Bobby Sullivan
5/11 Cathy and John Pechar
5/24 Olga and Jerry Kelly



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Insurance from the Knights of Columbus can help replace that crucial income, protect savings and prevent major lifestyle disruptions.

Depending on your stage of life, there are products designed to fit your needs.

If you're a young man, you may be working hard to pay rent or cover basic living expenses. As you age into your prime working years, there may be mouths to feed, a mortgage and a car payment. Then finally as you approach or enter retirement, you might be looking for supplemental income or to protect what you've built.

If you're supporting a family, term or permanent life insurance can help give you peace of mind that they will be financially protected if you or your wife should pass away. Even amid tragedy, it helps give the people you love stability and time to adjust without the added weight of financial hardship.

Term life insurance, which gives you coverage for a specified time period, can be a great option if you have a young family with temporary needs. It's an affordable choice that typically provides coverage for 10, 15 or 20 years.

Later, you could choose to convert your policy to whole life, which can provide coverage for your entire lifespan and accrue cash value. This can be helpful if you want a potential way to supplement retirement income or if you're interested in using insurance as part of your estate plan.

Not sure what coverage is right for you?

Please come see me after the meeting, and I would be glad to schedule a time to sit down and talk about your needs. I'm here to help you protect your family and the life you've built.

Thank you!

Vivat Jesus!

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🙏 Prayer Requests 🙏

Recently Deceased

SK Werner Schulz
SK Jack Duggan
SK Geoff Schmits
Brother Bob Caldo
Lady Dorothy 'Dottie' Ayers

Healthcare Providers and First Responders Worldwide
Service Men and Women serving our Country Worldwide
Victims of Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Fires and other Natural Disasters
All those suffering from terrorist attacks, invasions by foreign governments, and loss of life and oppression in all war-torn areas

All those in need of prayers for health issues

ARA SK Gerry Grillo
SK Randy Lascody
SK Doug Blair
SK John Miller
SK Marc Worchel
SK Allen Allebach
SK John Kisiel
PGK David Sullivan
SK John Autio
SK Ric and Jan Robinson
SK Rey Sepulveda
SK Jim Grantham
Brother Bill and Betsy Hampton
Brother Richard Ceravolo
Lady Jan O'Bryan-Wilson
Jim Richmond, Brother of SK Bob Richmond
Rowena Carenen, Niece of SK Mike Marzec
Dinh, Spouse of Brother Dominick Leone
Genevieve Harris, granddaughter of Lady Kathy Harris and SK Jack Duggan

All Those Men in Formation for the Sacrament of Holy Orders — Priest and Deacon

Michael Anctil
Jonathan Amgott
Gavin Foreman
SK Rob Light

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.



Ascension Catholic School





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Information Night
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Holy Name of Jesus
Community Room



Prayers for May

Our Blessed Mother Mary



Common Marian Prayers

These foundational prayers are frequently recited throughout the month of May:

- [The Hail Mary](#): The most central Marian prayer, combining the angelic salutation and a petition for her intercession "now and at the hour of our death".
- [The Memorare](#): A powerful petition expressing absolute confidence that those who seek Mary's help are never left unaided.
- [Hail Holy Queen \(Salve Regina\)](#): Traditionally prayed at the end of the Rosary, this prayer hails Mary as the "Mother of Mercy" and our "sweetness and hope".
- [The Angelus](#): Typically recited at 6:00 AM, noon, and 6:00 PM, it commemorates the Incarnation and Mary's "yes" to God.
- **The Magnificat**: Also known as the Cantic of Mary, this scriptural prayer (Luke 1:46-55) is Mary's own song of praise to God.

Specific May Devotions

- [Act of Reparation to the Blessed Virgin Mary](#): A prayer specifically intended for the May devotion to atone for offenses against Mary and praise her as the holiest of God's handiwork.
- [Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary \(Litany of Loreto\)](#): A series of titles and invocations (e.g., "Mystical Rose," "Morning Star") asking for her prayers.
- [Daily Prayer to Mary, Mother of Mercy](#): A sincere daily petition for those seeking a miracle or special grace through her maternal care.
- **The Holy Rosary**: While prayed year-round, May is considered a particularly good month to begin or renew a daily habit of praying the [Rosary](#).



The Magnificat (© Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana)

 PRAYERS

The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.



Florida State Council April Newsletter



**POPE LEO XIV Speaks in English during the Flight to Rome on Key
Issues on the Papal Plane
From [Catholic News World](#)**





Bishop Robert Barron





Videos of the Month

The Father Leo Show





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)



May we shout for joy at your victory, raise the banners in the name of our God. The LORD grant your every petition! (Psalm 20:6)



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