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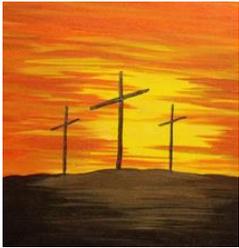
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MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

MARCH – THE SEASON OF LENT PREPARING US FOR EASTER



The entire month of March lies within the liturgical season of Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday, February 18, and runs through Holy Thursday, April 2. The principal works of Lent are: Fasting and Mortification, Prayers, Almsgiving, Good Works, Education and Self-Denial. This year’s Lenten message from the **Holy Father Leo XIV** reminds us of other things to work on as we prepare for the salvation of our souls on Easter:

Dear friends, let us ask for the grace of a Lent that leads us to greater attentiveness to God and to the least among us. Let us ask for the strength that comes from the type of fasting that also extends to our use of language, so that hurtful words may diminish and give way to a greater space for the voice of others. Let us strive to make our communities places where the cry of those who suffer finds welcome, and listening opens paths towards liberation, making us ready and eager to contribute to building a civilization of love.

I impart my heartfelt blessing upon all of you and your Lenten journey.

From the Vatican, 5 February 2026 {ref: catholicculture.org}

[THE POPE’S PRAYER MESSAGE for MARCH 2026: For disarmament and peace](#)

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Watch the www.kofc7121.org/calendar for additions and corrections to events that might not have been announced in time for publication of this newsletter. Please email your news and articles for the next newsletter to kofc7121@gmail.com

See the **GOOD OF THE ORDER** for family members and friends in need of prayers, especially Pat Petrick, Josephine Scher, the Buckley family, Nelson Jambard, Latane Donelin, Brittini Tucker, Ed Schneider, Ed Rice, Bill Coleman and Marilyn O’Connell. Prayers are also requested for the repose of the souls of Maureen Leahy-Rice Brother Don McAllister, and PGK Dan Floryan. Names are added to this list as announcements are received.

MARCH BIRTHDAY LIST



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all the Brothers celebrating in March, the month that “comes in like a lion, out like a lamb”. We also celebrate the start of Daylight Savings Time on 3/8, “Pi Day” on 3/14, the “Ides” on 3/15, the Vernal Equinox occurs Friday, March 20, 2026, at 10:46 a.m. EDT, the ethnic “holydays” for St. Patrick 3/17 and St. Joseph 3/19. March Madness, however, hangs around until April 6. Find a Brother on this list and wish him a **GREAT HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

BROTHER	BIRTHDAY	AGE
Wayne Reyes	03-09	84
Michael D Bauer	03-11	77
Joeseeph Crum	03-13	70
F Whitman Haggerson	03-17	85
Cory Watson	03-21	42
Allen Cole	03-22	73
Ed Rice	03-23	74
Jim Clarkin	03-25	83
Kyle Snodgrass	03-25	49
Kevin Dooner	03-28	75

COUNCIL BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please review the draft minutes of the previous meeting for expedited corrections / approval at the next business meeting. By using these electronic media files, we are able to simplify business meetings and more efficiently conduct informed discussions.

Click here to view the [Final Minutes of the January 22, 2025 meeting](#)

Click here to view the [Draft Minutes of the February 26, 2025 meeting](#)

BUSINESS MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER



4th THURSDAY
(Moving to 3rd Thursday July 2026)
St. Anthony Hall
(Community Center)
MARCH 26

Recitation of the Rosary 6:30 PM; Business Meeting 7:00 PM

COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE MOVING TO THIRD THURSDAYS

As discussed at the January council business meeting, and after investigation of several other possible meeting days and times that had minimal conflict, a motion was made at the February 26 meeting to change the meeting to the third Thursday of the month, beginning with the Rosary at 7:00, meeting at 7:30. After more discussion, motion passed. This will be effective with the start of the new fraternal year in July 2026. Now to update the bylaws, all the signs, calendars, and change old habits!

IN MEMORIAM

Our Brother

Donald A. McAllister†

**Age 86, Was Called To His
Eternal Reward In Heaven**

February 6, 2026

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

**Our Prayers and Heartfelt Sympathy
To His Family**

IN MEMORIAM

Our Brother

Daniel E. Floryan†

**Age 80 , Was Called To His
Eternal Reward In Heaven**

February 12, 2026

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

**Our Prayers and Heartfelt Sympathy
To His Family**

The Funeral Mass for PGK Dan Floryan was held at the Cathedral Basilica on February 27, with the Color Corps and members of Council 611 and 7121 in attendance.

Services for Don McAllister will be held at St. Anastasia on Friday, March 13 at 9:00 AM. He will be interred in the north Columbarium with his wife Rita, who passed away in 2019. The Color Corps has been requested by the family.

SURE AND BEGORRAH! THE ST. PATRICK'S DINNER/DANCE IS COMING!



**ST. PATRICK'S
DINNER DANCE**
SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2026
ST. JUDE CELEBRATION HALL

DOORS OPEN 5:00 PM

CORNERED BEEF & CABBAGE
DINNER 6:00 PM

Live Entertainment by Tim Rippey
Dancing from 7-9pm!

TICKETS: Adult \$30
Tickets on sale at all weekend Masses
starting February 14th
until sold out!

Tickets WILL NOT be available
at the door

There will be no table reservations.
Seating will be first come first served

Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus
St. Thomas More Council 7121

That's no blarney! PGK Tom Kelly has announced that our annual corned beef and cabbage extravaganza will be held in Celebration Hall on Saturday March 14, with Irish music and dancing provided by Tim Rippey before and after dinner.

ATTENDANCE WILL BE STRICTLY LIMITED TO 200 TICKETS -that's all the servings of corned beef that will fit in the ovens. Anyone -Irish or not- wishing to help make this a great event is asked to contact the Worthy PGK at 404-797-0906 / tom_kelly2232@bellsouth.net



SATURDAY, MARCH 7
A NIGHT OF DANCING WITH TIM RIPPEY
CELEBRATION HALL
DOORS: 5:30
DANCING BEGINS: 7:00
\$15 AT THE DOOR
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
CASH OR CHECK ONLY
TEXT RSVP: 386-931-0074
EMAIL: BKELLEY1024@AOL.COM

AND IF ONE EVENING OF IRISH MUSIC IS NOT ENOUGH FOR YOU:

The next Evening of Dance date is **Saturday March 7**- a warmup for our St. Patrick's Dinner / Dance on March 14. This is a very lucrative fundraiser for the council. All tips and 50/50 proceeds are designated for Special Olympics of Florida. All brothers (and their wives) are invited to come on down and help out with the light-duty sommelier service.

Please call Dave Morrison at 815-382-2213 or email him at daveamorrison@outlook.com if you can help for an hour or two anytime between 5 to 10 pm, then take a break and listen and dance to some really good music



MORE THAN A FOOD DRIVE HELPS MEET MORE LOCAL NEEDS



Bag handout will be held after all Masses on the weekend of March 14-15 and donation collections before all Masses in the drive-thru lane Formation Center on March 21-22.

Deliveries to the food pantries are loaded up at 9:30 AM on Monday March 23.



[CLICK HERE TO FIND OPEN TIME SLOTS AND ADD YOUR NAME TO THE MARCH FOOD DRIVE DATE/TIME SIGNUP SHEET](#)

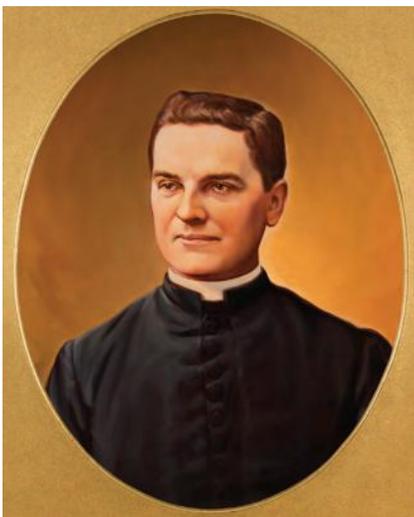
FAITH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP FANTASTIC FISH FRY FRIDAYS

Do you really need twenty people to run a **SOLD OUT FISH FRY**? No, but it helps. The more hands, the better. Record numbers of dinners sold, with plenty of help in the kitchen and in the dining room.

THANK YOU to all the new volunteers! **SPECIAL NOTE:** The March 6 fish fry is **TAKEOUT ONLY**, with food service beginning at 4 PM to accommodate the Artisan Fair early birds from 5-7 PM Friday.



FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATED ON MARCH 29



On Oct. 2, 1881, a group of men met in the basement of St. Mary's Church on Hillhouse Avenue in New Haven CN. Called together by their 29-year-old parish priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, these men formed a fraternal society that would one day become the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization.

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. The name "Knights" appealed to the Civil War veterans in the group who saw noble principles of knighthood in the Order's protection of the faith, family finances and the civil and religious rights of Catholics.

On March 29 – a day celebrated annually as Knights of Columbus Founder's Day – the Connecticut legislature granted a charter establishing the Knights of Columbus as a legal corporation.



TURN IN YOUR FLORIDA KofC CHARITIES RAFFLE BOOKS

Brothers – If you picked up any of the Florida KofC Charities raffle books at any council meeting, **PLEASE TURN IT IN** to GK Brian Foy along with your donation. Suggested donation is \$10 per book of 4 tickets. The council keeps \$4 from each book sold to deposit in the "Donations" account, while sending \$6 to FLORIDA K of C CHARITIES, INC to support the Florida State Council's Holy Angels Vocation Fund, St. Michael the

Archangel military chaplain scholarship program, Citizens With Disabilities, Wheelchair Mission, Special Olympics, Helping Life Fund, Ultrasound Fund, and Disaster Relief Fund. All books and funds must be received before May 10, 2026.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

- Wednesday March 11 | 5:30pm

THE SCRUTINIES

- March 7 | 4:00pm
 - 3rd Sunday of Lent: The Samaritan Woman at the Well
- March 15 | 10:30am
 - 4th Sunday of Lent: The Man Born Blind
- March 22 | 8:00am
 - 5th Sunday of Lent: The Raising of Lazarus

PALM SUNDAY

- March 29
 - Saturday Vigil 4:00pm
 - Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

HOLY WEEK

- April 2 - Holy Thursday
 - Morning Prayer 9:00am
 - Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:00pm
- April 3 - Good Friday
 - Morning Prayer 9:00am
 - The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3:00pm
 - Stations of the Cross 6:00pm
- April 4 - Holy Saturday
 - Morning Prayer 9:00am
 - The Easter Vigil 8:30pm
- April 5 - Easter Sunday
 - Mass 7:00am, 9:00am & 11:00am



The St. Anastasia Artisan Market
 March 7, 2026
 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

5205 AIA South,
 St. Augustine, FL

40 Local Artisans!
 Jewelry, Pottery, Paintings
 and so much more!

Free Admission!
 Free Parking!

Want to know more?
 contact:
artisans@saccfl.org



Raffle Tickets Now on Sale!

Support St. Anastasia Catholic Church by purchasing raffle tickets!

\$10,000 IN PRIZES!

All Proceeds Benefit St. Anastasia Catholic Church

Tickets Available After All Masses & In the Parish Office

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our parish community!

Join the St. Therese Rosary Guild on Monday, February 23 at 1:30pm In the St. Enda of Aran Formation Center.

"The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells." -USCCB

No experience necessary! All are welcome!!

For more information, contact Regina at rrdmajor01@yahoo.com

2026 ST. ANASTASIA GOLF TOURNAMENT

at Marsh Creek Golf Course
 169 Marshside Dr.,
 St. Augustine, FL 32080

MONDAY • MARCH 23

- Scramble, 4 Person Team
- 8:30 a.m. Registration & Putting Contest
- 10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
- Continental breakfast, beer & water on the course
- Post Tournament Banquet at Marsh Creek

Registration & Sponsorship Information

Tournament Registration Beth Todd 518-428-3128 BethT1275@yahoo.com	Hole Sponsorship Rick Cozby 410-322-3248 rcozby@verizon.net
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www.saccfl.org/2026golffouting

St. Gerard Campus

Maternity Home | High School | Resource Center

Caribbean Carnival Gala



TRINGALI BARN
 7310 US HIGHWAY 1 SOUTH
 THURSDAY MARCH 26, 2026
 5:30 PM

St. Anastasia Parish will welcome Candidates and Catechumens of the O.C.I.A. program into full communion of the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil.

The community is invited to participate in welcoming them to the Church!

How??

- Spiritual Bouquets
- Prayer Cards
- Cards with sentiments of well wishes
- Place it in a the collection box in the Narthex

CHURCH GATEKEEPERS MINISTRY

Now Recruiting Volunteers!

Help Protect & Secure Our Church

- Open the Church in the Morning
- Lock Up in the Evening
- Safeguard Our Parish

For More Information Contact:
 Dr. Brian Schoonover: 904-471-5364
 Dave Look: 407-748-0994

THE PARISH CORNER

St. Martin De Porres Community Outreach Room

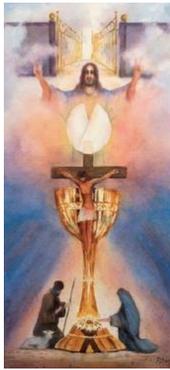
Located off the church narthex, the room is open

Mon – Fri 8:30-10:00 and 30 min after weekend Masses

Donations of non-perishable food, gently used clothing and shoes are gratefully accepted. We ask that you keep in mind the limited space inside the Outreach Room and the weight of the bag or box you are leaving. Some of our distribution “angels” have physical limitations. To be part of this wonderful ministry, please contact Deacon Steve at: stephenkassebaum@comcast.net

Special Holy Hour of Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for the Relief of Suffering every Monday at 1:30 pm in the Adoration Chapel.

Come pray the Holy Rosary and the Novena Prayer to the Sacred Heart for the Relief of Suffering for all who are sick or suffering in our families, in our parish and in the world. Prayers followed by silent adoration.



Holy Hour for the Protection of Life

You are warmly invited to join us for a Holy Hour for the Protection of Life. Together, we will pray before the Blessed Sacrament for the protection of all human life – from conception to natural death – and for a greater respect for the dignity of every person.

Date: Every Tuesday
Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm
Location: The Adoration Chapel

Let us come together as a community of faith, entrusting the cause of life to the loving heart of Jesus and the intercession of Our Blessed Mother.

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.” – Jeremiah 1:5
 All are welcome. Come and spend an hour with the Lord in prayer for the protection and sanctity of all human life.



To pray the Rosary For Life, just scan the QR Code or visit: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/pro-life-rosaries

Unburdening Souls

The Garden of Gethsemane

The Carrying of the Cross

The Resurrection



THREE EVENINGS. ONE SACRED JOURNEY. JOURNEY WITH US TO THE RESURRECTION

MARCH 16, 17, 18 | 6:00PM

ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH
 5205 A1A S. | St. Augustine, FL 32080

This presentation is free and open to the public.
 Donations Will Be Gratefully Accepted

Saturday, March 7th
9AM - 2PM



Saint Augustine Lodge 2780
 ORDER Sons and Daughters of Italy IN AMERICA

SAUSAGE & PEPPER SANDWICHES TO GO!!!

\$10 EACH - CALL 904-507-9183 TO PRE-ORDER TODAY!

*Pre-Orders Must be Picked Up by 12pm on day of event at **St. Anastasia Catholic Church** 5205 A1A South - St. Augustine, FL 32080

ST. ANASTASIA PARISH MISSION!



Voices of the Season
 BY FR. BEN BERINTI
3 Day Mission: March 1, 2 & 3 Begins at 6:00pm in the church



Adult Faith Formation

The Connection of Faith, Sharing, and Community

- **Replenish Women’s Scripture Study Walking with Purpose** March 4, 11, 18
 9:45am | St. Jude Celebration Hall
 Allison at allisonmdubrow@gmail.com
- **Thursday Evening Bible Study Follow Me:**
 Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John
 For information, contact Denise Kriscunas at DLKrisunas@aol.com or 407-492-3313
- **The Catechism of the Catholic Church with Father Praveen** March 19 at 9:45am
 Whether you’re returning to the basics or discovering them for the first time, taking time to learn the Catechism deepens our love for Christ and strengthens our journey as disciples.
 Questions? Contact: Fr. Praveen at FrPraveen@sacfl.org