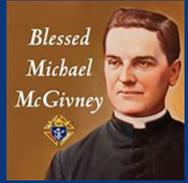




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Prince of Peace Council 8791

Ormond Beach, Florida

April 2025



Grand Knight Message – SK Michael Abbott

Hello Brother Knights! First, I would like to thank EVERYBODY for your prayers for EVERYONE! Pope Francis is better, thank God! The power of prayer! We must continue the power of prayer.

We had a busy month of March. I would like to thank Deputy Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble and the Knights who helped with our Tootsie Roll Drive. Great job! Also, thanks to the Knights on Bikes, especially SK Mike Worley, for escorting the Silver Rose to Prince of Peace Catholic Church. As a Life and Faith activity for Lent, our Council came together to lead our Parish in the Silver Rose Prayer Service on Sunday, March 16. It was a powerful service of devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and the protection of life. Thank you to Deacon Bruce Gesinski for presiding, and to the many Knights and parishioners who attended the prayer service. We also had an exceptional turnout for the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19, with no seats available when Mass began.

We had the privilege of welcoming Bishop John Noonan, Bishop of Orlando, to Prince of Peace Catholic Church on Sunday, March 2 at the 11:00 am Mass. Prior to Mass, our Council hosted our first Shrove Breakfast, and following Mass, our Coffee & Donuts. Thank you to the Knights who supported all these activities and made our Parish a welcoming place for the many visitors and parishioners for the special Sacrament of Confirmation.

As I have shared with you, one of our duties as a Catholic to go to confession once a year. Lent is the perfect season to do so. I am requesting and challenging every Knight to go to confession during Lent if you have not already done so within the last year. Please take advantage of that opportunity individually or through our Parish's Lenten Communal Penance Service, scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, at 6:30 pm.

Photo at right: Knights SK Mo Laffin, Financial Secretary SK Harold Bennett, and Grand Knight SK Michael Abbott welcomed Bishop John Noonan to Prince of Peace Catholic Church on Sunday, March 2.



In April, the theme of the month for building the domestic church is "Mercy and Forgiveness." We pray for divine mercy during the final weeks of Lent. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on April 13, then the Triduum, and Easter on April 20. Let's pray more and do more during this Holy Week. We have many additional activities in April. Please see our Calendar below.

Thank you again, all Brothers, for everything you do! Remember, UNITY and FRATERNITY! Have a happy and blessed Easter! God bless!



District Deputy Message – SK Charles Armstrong

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



Spiritual Advisor Message – SK Deacon Bruce Gesinski

**The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ:
Who Am I?**

As we reflect on the Passion of Christ and on Easter, we should also reflect on who we are. There are many different voices, many different roles in the Scriptures of the Passion. We should be asking ourselves, “Which of these am I? How many of these roles have I played and do I play?”

Am I one in the crowd rejoicing at Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem? Remember most in the crowd were also the ones calling for Jesus to be put to death a short time later. Do I just go along with the crowd, or am I confident with who I am as a Catholic?

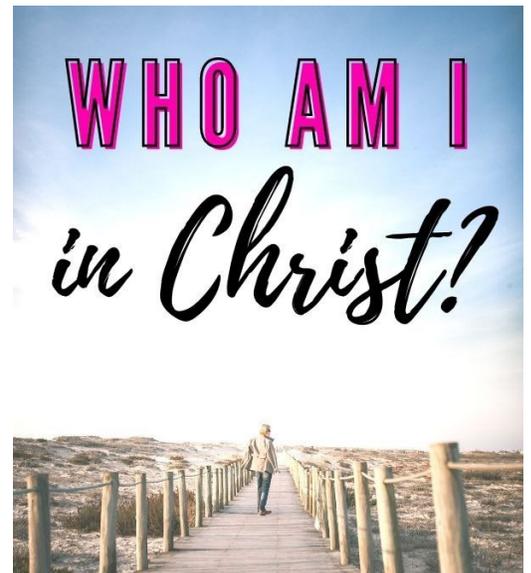
Am I the woman who anointed Jesus while he sat at table? She was admitting her sins and asking for forgiveness in front of everyone. Am I willing to do that?

Am I one of the Apostles at the Last Supper? When Jesus said that one of them would betray Him, each had a reason to ask, “Is it I, Lord?” Do we have a reason to ask the same thing?

Am I Peter, James, or John whom Jesus invites to go pray with Him and asks them to keep watch, and then fall asleep while Jesus is praying in the garden and counting on me? Am I always attentive to what God has planned for me and do I live my life accordingly?

Am I Peter who, after Jesus is arrested, tried to follow Jesus but when he was in fear of his life, denied Jesus? Do I always proudly act Catholic? Do I always act the same everywhere as I do at Church, or do I act differently when I am with certain friends or coworkers, or when I am out in public?

Am I one of the apostles who abandoned Jesus until Easter and the resurrection? Am I going to do that now? Am I abandoning Jesus until Easter? Or am I coming to the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday evening? Am I coming to the Good Friday service and Good Friday Stations? Will I participate in the Easter Vigil? Will I be at the Easter Vigil to be present and support those who have been studying and praying and who will become part of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass?



Am I one of the soldiers who mocked Jesus, abused Him, pushed Him to carry His cross, and then nailed Him to the Cross?

Am I one in the crowd at the crucifixion mocking Him? Asking Him, “Aren’t you God? Come down from there!” Do I look around at the world today, at the state of morality in our society, and at the Catholic Church and say to Jesus, “You saved others, but You cannot save yourself?”

Am I one of the thieves who, at the end of my life - after living a life that was not the life I should have been living - asks Jesus to save me?

Am I the centurion who finally kind of gets it and says, “Truly this man was the Son of God!” But he really didn’t completely get it because the statement should have been, “Truly this man IS the Son of God!”

Am I Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple in secret for fear of being discovered, who at the end, steps forward and courageously asks for Jesus’ body so he can bury Him?

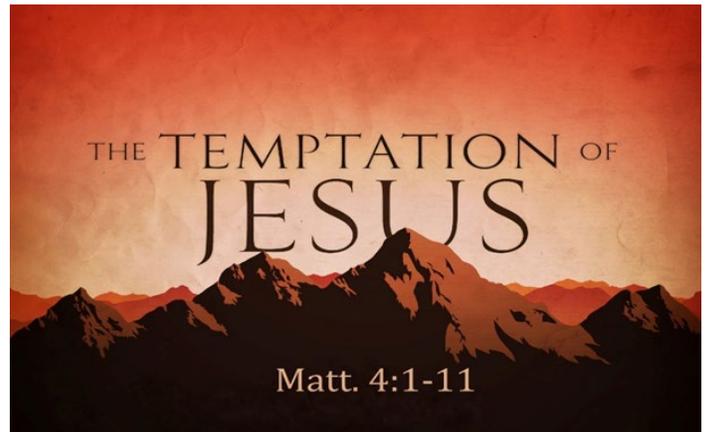
As we reflect on what role we play in life and in the Catholic faith we should ask ourselves, Am I the person I want to be? Am I the person I need to be? Am I living the life I am supposed to live? I am the person I was created to be? Am I living my life for and in Christ?



Lecturer Message – SK Michael Ernst

The Wilderness Within: A Carmelite Reflection on Jesus’ Temptation

The desert is a place of silence, of stripping away all but the essential. It is here that Jesus, weakened by hunger but strengthened by prayer, faces the adversary. The temptations He encounters—bread for His hunger, a public miracle for recognition, and earthly power for dominion—are not merely external tests but revelations of the inner battle every soul must fight. To follow Christ is to pass through this same desert, where we are called to let go of attachments and find our true strength in God alone.



St. John of the Cross: The Purification of Desire

The first temptation, the hunger for bread, speaks to our longing for security, for the comfort of what sustains us. “*If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread*” (Mt 4:3). It is the same voice that whispers to us: “*Seek satisfaction, fill the emptiness, grasp what is at hand.*” But Jesus refuses. He knows that man does not live by bread alone. He shows us that the soul cannot be fed by earthly things.

St. John of the Cross would call this the first step of detachment from sensual goods—not that food or comfort are evil, but that they cannot be our foundation. The soul that clings to created things, he writes, “*cannot soar to the heights of the spirit*” (*Ascent of Mount Carmel*, I.4.4). Jesus’ rejection of the tempter’s offer is not a denial of His human needs but a revelation of freedom: He possesses Himself completely because He is possessed by nothing but the Father.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux: The Desire for Recognition

Satan then takes Jesus to the pinnacle of the Temple. *“If you are the Son of God, throw Yourself down, for it is written: ‘He will command His angels concerning You...’”* (Mt 4:6). Here, the temptation is more subtle. Be seen. Be known. Let God prove His favor visibly. How often do we long for confirmation of our worth? How often do we wish to be noticed, understood, or reassured?

Yet Jesus does not seek spectacle. He does not need to test the Father’s love, for He dwells within it. This is the detachment from the need for validation. St. Thérèse of Lisieux, who embraced the hidden path of love, teaches us that holiness is not about being recognized but about trusting the unseen grace of God. *“To be little is to recognize one’s nothingness, to expect everything from the good God”* (*Story of a Soul*, Manuscript B, 1). Jesus shows us that true greatness is not found in proving ourselves but in resting securely in the Father’s will.

St. Teresa of Avila: The Illusion of Control

Finally, the devil unveils his last offer: power. *“All these I will give You, if You will bow down and worship me”* (Mt 4:9). It is the temptation to rule, to control, to take dominion over the world rather than submit to the Father’s path.

St. Teresa of Avila, who fought her own battles against the illusion of control, reminds us that true power is found in surrender: *“Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, all things are passing; God never changes”* (*Poems*, 30). Jesus refuses the kingdoms of the world because He reigns over a kingdom not built by human hands. He possesses all things precisely because He clings to nothing.

St. Edith Stein: The Triumph of Self-Possession

At last, the tempter leaves, and angels minister to Jesus. He has emerged not only victorious but whole, untouched by the illusions of desire, approval, and control. St. Edith Stein, reflecting on the nature of detachment, saw it as a journey to authentic self-possession: *“Whoever truly seeks truth must strip himself of all attachment to self”* (*Self-Portrait in Letters*, 1931). Jesus, fully detached, is fully Himself—and because of this, He is free to love completely.

This is the lesson of the desert: detachment is not about renouncing joy but about reclaiming the freedom to love as Christ loves. To walk this Lenten path is to strip away all that weighs us down—not only sin but every false security, every need for recognition, every desire for control—until we, too, can stand in the silence of the desert and say: *“You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.”*



Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Update

Supreme Chaplain’s Monthly Challenge

(Courtesy Knights of Columbus kofc.org)

Each month, Archbishop William Lori – Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus – selects a brief passage from the Gospel reading of one of the Sunday Masses of the month. Archbishop Lori shares a brief reflection on the passage and issues a challenge for men to live for the month. The next month, men undertaking the challenge as a group gather and share their experiences living the challenge. The Supreme Chaplain’s Monthly Challenge is suited for *Cor*, but can also be done individually. By taking up the Supreme Chaplain’s Monthly Challenge, men take direct, concrete action to grow in their faith and help their brothers do so as well.



Archbishop William Lori, Supreme Chaplain

This Month's Challenge:

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles." (Gospel for March 2, Lk 6:43-44)

Scripture often reminds us that our faith must be made evident through our works, through the good that we do. If we are truly prayerful and holy in an interior way, we will also be productive in the world. Like a tree, we will be known by the fruit we produce. May we always be mindful that faith calls us to lead lives of virtue in service to God and neighbor.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori:

This month, I challenge you to prayerfully identify at least one area of your life where you could bear better fruit. Then, guided by the Holy Spirit, undertake at least one concrete resolution to improve.

Questions for Reflection:

To borrow an old question: If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be sufficient evidence to convict you? Where do you see room for improvement in turning your faith into action? What opportunities do the Knights of Columbus provide to help you bear good fruit?



U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Update

Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope



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

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

USCCB Statement on the Executive Order Pertaining to the U.S. Department of Education

(Courtesy USCCB, March 20, 2025)

In response to the Executive Order "Improving Education Outcomes by Empowering Parents, States, and Communities," the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) offered the following statement:

"While the USCCB does not take a position on the institutional structure of government agencies, the Catholic Church teaches that parents are the primary educators of their children and should have the freedom and resources to choose an educational setting best suited for their child. The Conference supports public policies

that affirm this, and we support the positive working relationships that the dioceses, parishes, and independent schools have with their local public school system partners. As this Executive Order is implemented, it is important to ensure that students of all backgrounds in both public and non-public schools, especially those with disabilities or from low-income backgrounds, will continue to receive the resources they need.”



Vatican Update

Pope Francis Returns to Vatican After 38 Days in the Hospital

(Courtesy Catholic News Service, March 23, 2025)



Photo at left: Pope Francis gives a thumbs up as he greets a crowd of well-wishers at Rome's Gemelli hospital before returning to the Vatican March 23, 2025, after 38 days of treatment at the hospital. (CNS photo)

Immediately before leaving Rome's Gemelli hospital after more than five weeks of treatment for breathing difficulties, double pneumonia and infections, Pope Francis greeted hundreds of people who gathered outside the hospital March 23. With a very weak voice, Pope Francis thanked the crowd, waving his hands and giving a thumbs up. He also pointed to a woman carrying a yellow-wrapped bouquet of flowers and told the crowd, "She's good."

An aide had pushed Pope Francis in his wheelchair onto the balcony overlooking the square outside the hospital. Some 600 people had gathered at the hospital, including Rome's Mayor Roberto Gualtieri. Hundreds of people also gathered in front of video screens in St. Peter's Square to see the pope for the first time since he was hospitalized Feb. 14.

The pope left the hospital almost immediately after his appearance on the balcony. The motorcycle police leading the pope's motorcade turned onto the street leading to the Vatican entrance closest to his residence and then turned around. Rather than go directly home, Pope Francis was driven through the center of Rome to the Basilica of St. Mary Major where he has prayed before and after every foreign trip and after his two previous hospitalizations for abdominal surgery. Pope Francis did not go into the church but left a bouquet of flowers to be placed on the altar under the Marian icon "Salus Populi Romani" or "Health of the Roman People." Television footage of the pope, seated in the front seat of a white Fiat, showed he was using oxygen through a nasal tube.



Photo at left: Visitors and pilgrims in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican gather in front of a video screen to see Pope Francis greet well-wishers at Rome's Gemelli hospital before returning to the Vatican March 23, 2025, after 38 days of treatment at the hospital. (CNS photo)

Just before the 88-year-old pope came out on the hospital balcony, the Vatican released a text he had prepared for the midday Angelus prayer. The pope's message focused on the day's Gospel reading of the parable of the fig tree from Luke 13:1-9, in which a gardener asks a landowner to allow him to spare a fig tree that had not borne fruit for three years; the gardener asks to be given a year to fertilize and care for the tree in the hope that it would bear fruit in the future.

"The patient gardener is the Lord, who thoughtfully works the soil of our lives and waits confidently for our return to him," the pope wrote. "In this long period of hospitalization, I have experienced the Lord's patience, which I also see reflected in the tireless solicitude of the doctors and health care workers, as well as in the attention and hopes of the family members of the sick," who also are in the Gemelli, he wrote.

"This trusting patience, anchored in God's love that does not fail, is indeed necessary in our lives, especially in facing when the most difficult and painful situations," Pope Francis wrote. But, like the other messages he released from the hospital on Sundays, the pope also urged prayers for peace and commented on current events.

Dr. Sergio Alfieri, head of the medical team treating the pope, had told reporters March 22 that in his rooms at the Domus Sanctae Marthae, the pope will continue using oxygen as needed through a nasal tube, will be taking medication to fight a lingering mycosis, a fungal infection, and will be continuing his physical therapy and respiratory therapy. The doctors have prescribed two months of rest and recuperation and have urged the pope not to meet with large groups during that time. They also said his voice will require time to recover. Dr. Luigi Carbone, the assistant director of the Vatican health service and a member of the medical team treating the pope at Gemelli hospital, said that other than an oxygen tank, no special equipment would be needed in the pope's room. He added, though, that the Vatican health service has a doctor and other personnel on duty 24 hours a day.

Even after the pope's return to the Vatican was announced, the rosary for him and for all the sick was continuing in St. Peter's Square each evening. The crowd gathered to pray March 22 loudly applauded when Archbishop Giordano Piccinotti, president of the Administration of the Patrimony of the Holy See, began the recitation telling them, "The Holy Father is returning home. We give thanks to God and to the Virgin Mary for this great news."



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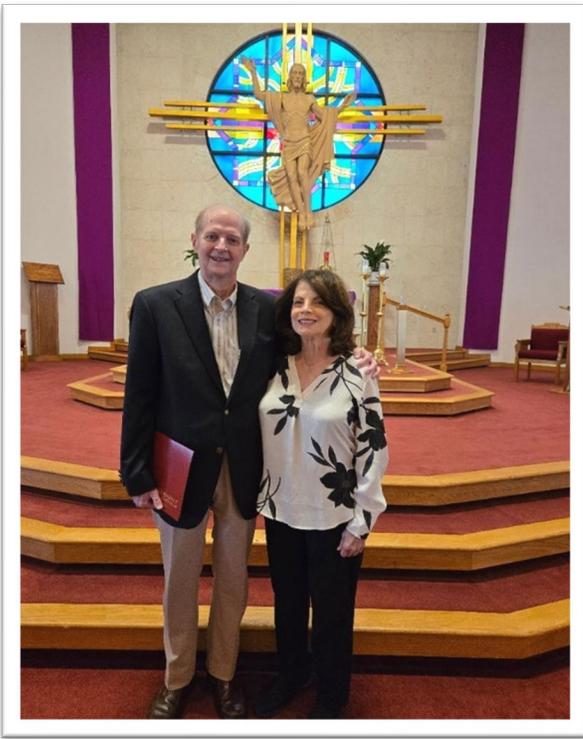
Knight of the Month

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

At our March Council Meeting, Deputy Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble announced that the Knight of the Month for March is SK Matthew Crowner. A Knight since 2002, SK Matthew Crowner currently serves as our Warden, where he maintains Council property, arranges the Council chambers for meetings, verifies membership and attendance at meetings, and oversees the inside and outside guards. He is always willing to assist with other activities and events. SK Matthew Crowner was unable to attend the meeting, but Deputy Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble will find another opportunity to convey this recognition. The Knights expressed their gratitude and congratulations.



Family of the Month



Each month the Knights of Columbus would like to recognize a family that exemplifies the ideals of a Catholic Christian Family through their participation in our community at Prince of Peace. They are representative of the many families and individuals that support our Parish with their time and talents, but we are always looking for more families and individuals to help our community.

For the month of March, we were pleased to honor the Roberts Family. The family faithfully attends Mass. Jim facilitates Bible Studies for parishioners. Both Jim and Marie volunteer at Parish events and activities whenever they are able to help. We thank the Roberts Family for their service and support of our Parish.

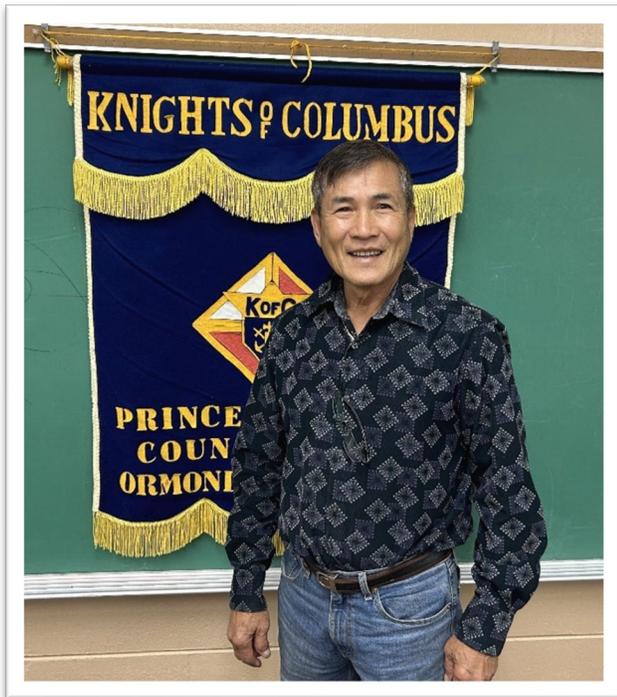
Photo at left: Jim and Marie Roberts after accepting the Family of the Month Award for March from Father Justin Vakko, Pastor, at the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, March 15.



Recruit and Welcome New Knights



At our March Council Meeting, Chancellor BK Ron Nowviskie introduced two potential new Knights for our Council to consider for membership at this meeting. First, John Trollinger, who was a former member of the parish and would be is a transfer from St. Mary's in Bunnell. He and his wife live in Ormond Beach. Second, Chinh Pham, who with his wife, has been coming to Coffee & Donuts every week. He has completed his Exemplification and is ready for membership as a new Knight. He is a parishioner and lives in Daytona Beach with his family. Both were approved for membership. SK John Trollinger and BK Chinh Pham took a moment and introduced themselves to their Brother Knights. All Knights congratulated and welcomed them to our Council.



BK Chinh Pham



SK John Trollinger

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



Fourth Degree/Assembly 2901 Update

SK Mike Worley, the Color Corps Commander, reported for the Fourth Degree that the Color Corps has been handling a few call outs, including a funeral Mass and the opening ceremony for Bunnell Park, where the Color Corps presented the colors. The Color Corps also supported the Silver Rose Prayer Service on Sunday, March 16. The Assembly is always looking for more Knights. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree Knights of

Columbus is to inculcate a love of country and impress the duties of citizenship. The motto is Patriotism, which is enlightened and informed by Catholicism. The Fourth Degree is the highest and Honorary Degree of our Order. Please contact SK Mike Worley at worley0101@aol.com or Faithful Navigator SK Jay Young at jyoung9508@cfl.rr.com if you are interested in becoming a Fourth Degree Knight and joining Assembly 2901.



Programs and Activities of our

FAITH IN ACTION



Faith

SK Eugene Nelson, Faith Director

Fifth Saturday Rosary.

Our Council leads the Fifth Saturday Rosary following the Saturday Vigil Mass whenever there is a fifth Saturday in a month. We had a Fifth Saturday Rosary on March 29. It was well attended by Knights and parishioners. Thank you to all who joined us.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

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



Knights gather for the Fifth Saturday Rosary on Saturday, March 29. (L-R) SK Bob Simcoe, SK Harold Bennett, SK Jim Morris, SK Jim Nunn, SK Jack Toia, SK Tom Welter, SK Dan Medved, and SK Roger Lanoue.

Carmelite Monastery Retreat.

We began the Lenten season with our annual Carmelite Monastery retreat on the morning of Saturday, February 22 at the St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery in Bunnell. The retreat began with Mass in Latin, followed by fellowship over Coffee & Donuts, and then the Stations of the Cross on the Monastery grounds. Thank you to the Knights, spouses, and parishioners who joined us. It was a wonderful morning retreat.

Silver Rose.

We had a very special faith and life activity on Sunday, March 16, as the Silver Rose arrived at Prince of Peace Catholic Church on its pilgrimage through the United States. The Knights of Columbus and Deacon Bruce Gesinski led the Silver Rose Prayer Service, a rosary-centered occasion for the Knights and parishioners to pray for the sanctity of human life, for the spiritual renewal of our nation, and for the advancement of the message of the Blessed Virgin Mary as Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Silver Rose commemorates Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses, part of the visitation of Our Lady of Guadalupe. As Catholics, we are called to be a people of life. Thank you to the many Knights and parishioners who participated in our Silver Rose Prayer Service.

Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

We expect to have the opportunity to host the Icon this year, but have yet to receive guidance from the State Council. We will let you know as soon as we have any more information. Through the Pilgrim Icon Program, councils will organize a Holy Hour featuring an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. The purpose is to spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and pray for Our Lord to make his heart our own.

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



Family

SK Harold Bennett, Family Director

Family of the Month.

The Family of the Month recognizes a Parish family that models Christian family values and lives them every day. For the month of March, we were pleased to honor the Roberts Family. Please see the article and photo above.

Food for Families.

We will be making a donation for food for families to support families that need additional assistance. This is an annual budgeted donation from our Council.

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



Community

SK Jay Young, Community Director

Blood Drives.

Our last Blood Drive was on Sunday, March 23. It was our best effort since January 2023 and the second-best result in the last five years. We collected 22 pints from the 24 people who came to donate. Thank you, thank you, thank you! So, we are at 83 pints to date, toward a goal of 90 pints for the Fraternal Year. Our next and final Blood Drive of the Fraternal Year will be on Sunday May 18. Please give blood if you can or ask a parishioner, family member or friend to donate if they can. If you have any questions about your eligibility to give blood, please come to the bus and they will discuss this with you.

Habitat for Humanity.

The next workday is Wednesday, April 16. We contributed 10.8 hours in March, for a total to date of 215.2 hours from our Wednesday Weekday Warrior Crew, and with the addition of SK Andy Wilbert's 60 donated hours for his surveying, have a current total of 275.2 hours. So, three fourths of the way through our Fraternal Year, we have already exceeded our goal of 200 hours and will almost certainly set a Council record this year for hours contributed to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Volusia County. If you are interested in joining our Habitat Team and learning a few more home building and maintenance skills, please contact Mark Leary at learymm4@gmail.com.

Social Services, Food Pantry, and Like New Shop.

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

Veterans Nursing Home.

SK Bob Simcoe said thank you to our Brother Knights for participating in our monthly visit with our veterans this past month at the Emory L. Bennett Nursing Home on March 6. We only had four Knights this month, with Our Lady of Hope's Council 8086 having the lead. Thanks to SK Jim McCormack, SK Jim McCormick, SK Jim Nunn, and SK Jay Young. The veterans appreciated our Council and Assembly members for taking the time to spend with them, visiting with them and playing Bingo. There are usually around 30 veterans. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 3 at 10:00 am. You are encouraged to join us.

Breakfasts; Coffee & Donuts.

We hosted our first ever Quinquagesima (Shrove) Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, March 2. We had an excellent turnout of Knights and parishioners. Thank you. Please see the article and photos below.

Lenten Fish Dinners.

Our Council is sponsoring Lenten Fish Dinners for the first six Fridays of Lent, with two dates remaining, April 4 and 11. Parishioners may dine in or take out. Dinner is served from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm, and followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm. Friday Mass is also concurrently held in the Church, beginning at 5:30 pm, as some may want to go to Mass first, and then come to the Dinner. The menu is cod or haddock, with rice or potato, vegetable, and another side. There are fish sticks and mac and cheese available for children. BK Ron Nowviskie is the lead Knight for this activity. Please see the article and photos below, and as able, please support our Lenten Fish Dinners.

Kentucky Derby Dinner.

Back by popular demand, our Council will again sponsor the Kentucky Derby Dinner on Saturday, May 3, along with the CCW. Please mark your calendars. More information to follow by email soon.

Name Tag Weekend.

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

Parish Picnic.

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

Council 8791 Raffle.

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

Garden Club.

Our Knights support the Garden Club. It usually meets on the third Saturday of each month, from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm. With the holy days this month, the next get together is expected to be Saturday, April 12. Please call the Parish Office to confirm and join us if you can as we ensure that the grounds are in great shape for Easter.

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



Life

SK Angelo Salvo, Life Director

Special Olympics.

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

Citizens with Disabilities Campaign.

Our Citizens with Disabilities Campaign, known as the “Tootsie Roll Drive,” was a March activity for our Council. This year, we focused our Campaign at the Church, and looked for additional opportunities as available. The dates were the weekend of March 8 and 9, and the following weekend of March 15 and 16. After a few years away, it was a bit challenging to restart the drive this year. We will get an earlier start next year. Many thanks to the Knights who volunteered at the Church and Sams Club. The proceeds will be donated to support the special education students at the five elementary schools in Ormond Beach.

March for Life.

Council 8791 sponsored this year’s Parish Pro-Life March and Sidewalk Rally in union with and support of the annual National March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 24. The impact of this march continues to reverberate in our community and nation. Thank you again to those who participated.

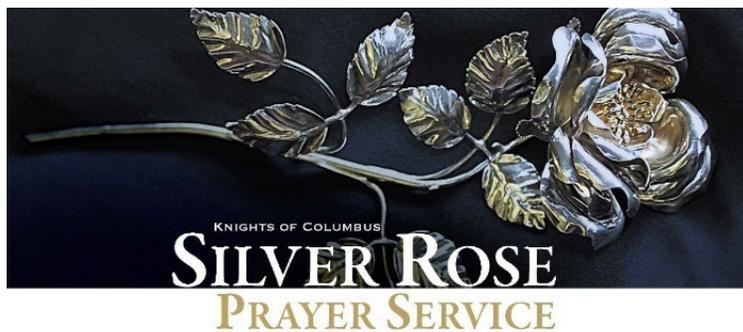
Pro-Life Activities.

The Pregnancy Crisis Center always welcomes volunteers to pray for or with women who are considering ending a pregnancy. Please also see the Legislative Update below.

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



Event Highlight of the Month: Silver Rose



On Sunday, March 16, we had a very special faith and life activity as the Silver Rose arrived at Prince of Peace Catholic Church on its pilgrimage through the United States. The Knights of Columbus and Deacon Bruce Gesinski led the Silver Rose Prayer Service, a rosary-centered occasion for the Knights and parishioners to pray for the sanctity of human life, for the spiritual renewal of our nation, and for the advancement of the message of the Blessed Virgin

Mary as Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Silver Rose commemorates Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses, part of the visitation of Our Lady of Guadalupe. As Catholics, we are called to be a people of life.

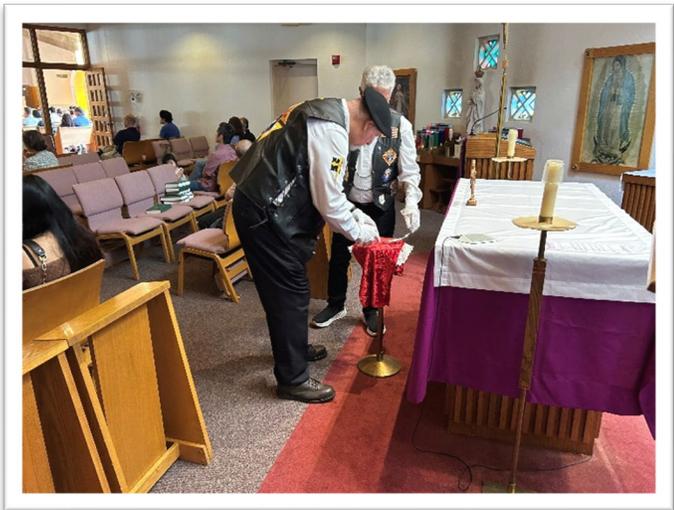
Thank you to the Knights and parishioners who participated in our Silver Rose Prayer Service. Please enjoy the photos below.



SK Mike Worley receives the Silver Rose from the Knights on Bikes.



Knights on Bikes join SK Mike Worley as the Silver Rose enters the Church.



SK Mike Worley places the Silver Rose before the altar in the Chapel.



The Silver Rose readied for the Prayer Service.



Grand Knight SK Michael Abbott narrates the history of the Silver Rose.



Deacon Bruce Gesinski presides over the Silver Rose Prayer Service.



The Silver Rose displayed before the altar in the Chapel.



After the Prayer Service, Knights pose with the Silver Rose. (L-R) SK Gene Nelson, SK Harold Bennett, SK Dan Medved, SK Russell Cormican, SK Mike Worley, and Grand Knight SK Michael Abbott with the Knights on Bikes.



The Silver Rose of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Prince of Peace.



Knights on Bikes arrive at Prince of Peace with the Silver Rose.



Event Highlight of the Month: First Annual Shrove Breakfast; Lenten Fish Dinners

Shrove Sunday
Pancake Breakfast



Our Council sponsored our first annual Quinquagesima (Shrove) Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, March 2. This was a new breakfast for our Council. Quinquagesima Sunday is the Sunday before the beginning of Lent. It was a perfect opportunity for parishioners to fill up on pancakes and all the fixings. We thank our Knights who participated, either with the setup, kitchen, service, or hospitality. You all came together and made this a successful event. Thank you! Please enjoy the photos below.



Trustee SK Bill Whelan and Financial Secretary SK Harold Bennett at the Council Recruitment Table at the Shrove Breakfast.



SK Tom Welter handling the tickets for the Shrove Breakfast.



The kitchen team, (L-R): SK Jay Young, SK Jeff Delgado, BK Rob Littleton, SK Ron Piasecki, SK Mike Worley, and BK Sebastian Nocita.



At the juice station, (L-R) SK Jim McCormick and SK Jim Nunn.



On the serving line, (L-R) BK Brian Rademacher, SK John Van Buren, and BK Ron Laino.



Providing hospitality, (L-R) SK John Peters and SK Roger Lanoue.



On the serving line, (L-R) Louise Trudel, Deputy Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble, Grand Knight SK Michael Abbott, and SK Mo Laffin.



Thanks to Marcia Rudman and Louise Trudel for their assistance with serving and hospitality at the Shrove Breakfast.



Our Lenten Fish Dinners began on March 7. We served over 100 dinners that first night and continued to see a good turnout of parishioners on the following Fridays. We express our thanks to our Knights who have assisted with ensuring that the dinners provide fun and healthy fellowship for our parishioners. Please enjoy the photos below.



Knights getting ready for the first Fish Dinner on March 7, (L-R) BK Sebastian Nocita, SK Jay Young, Deputy Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble, SK Mike Worley, BK Rob Littleton, SK Mo Laffin, and BK Guy Baratte.



The Fish Dinner kitchen team, (L-R) BK Rob Littleton, SK Mike Worley, SK Jay Young, SK Ron Piasecki, Deputy Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble, and SK Jeff Delgado on March 21.



Serving team, (L-R) BK Guy Baratte, BK George Graff, and SK Roger Lanoue.



BK J.C. Phillips at the bar on March 21.



Pre-dinner on March 28, (L-R) SK Mike Worley, BK Ron Nowviskie, and Deputy Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble.



In the kitchen, (L-R) Deputy Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble, BK Sonny Nocita, and Assembly Faithful Navigator SK Jay Young.



In the dining room, (L-R) BK J.C Phillips, SK George Graff, and SK Roger Lanoue.



Ready to serve, (L-R) Vincent and his dad, BK Brian Rademacher.



Knights SK Joe Di Blasi and SK Harold Bennett and parishioners enjoy the Fish Dinner on March 28.



Parishioners enjoy the Fish Dinner on March 28.



Parishioners enjoy the Fish Dinner on March 28.



Parishioners in the dining room enjoying the Fish Dinner.



Pro-Life Legislative Session Update

The 2025 Session of the Florida Legislature began on March 4 and continues until May 2. Several Bills were filed and are being considered by both the House and Senate that relate to the protection of life and may be of interest to our Knights of Columbus.

The Unborn Child Parent’s Survivor Act (SB 1284), which allows parents to file civil lawsuits for the wrongful death of an unborn child. It recognizes an unborn child as a separate legal entity and extends legal protections to ensure accountability in cases of negligent or intentional harm. The legislation creates new avenues for parents to seek damages for emotional and financial loss resulting from the wrongful death of their unborn child, further humanizing the unborn in state statute. This bill is scheduled for the Judiciary Committee on April 1.

Also, the Initiative Petitions for Constitutional Amendments Reform Act (HB 1205), which strengthens signature verification, limits out-of-state petition influence, increases transparency to protect Florida’s ballot process, and makes it much more difficult to amend the Florida Constitution by well-funded outside groups as almost happened with the recent pro-abortion and legalized marijuana amendments that were narrowly defeated in November. This bill passed its final committee and is heading to the House floor for a vote.

Also, the Office of Faith and Community Act (SB 820), which codifies the Office of Faith and Community within the Executive Office of the Governor to build collaborative relationships between faith-based organizations and state agencies. This bill is scheduled before the Government Oversight Committee on April 1.

For more information on bills of interest during the current Legislative Session, please visit Online Sunshine Florida at www.leg.state.fl.us. Thanks to BK Ron Nowviskie for keeping our Council updated.



“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Matt 4:19
Vocations are *Everybody’s* Business. Pray for Vocations!





Upcoming Events: Special Olympics; Fish Dinners; Council Raffle; Derby Party



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Lenten Fish Dinners continue on Friday, April 4 and April 11, beginning at 5:30 pm. The dinners have been held every Friday evening during Lent, serving fish (alternating between haddock and cod) with sides and drinks, priced at \$10 per dinner. Many parishioners attend Mass at 5:30 pm, and then come over to dinner at 6:00 pm, before participating in the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm. Please continue to lend your support and join us.



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



Back by popular demand, our Council will again sponsor a Kentucky Derby Party on Saturday, May 3, along with the CCW. Please mark your calendars. It will be a fun time for everyone, with dinner and the derby. We are still planning the menu and accoutrements. We anticipate that the Knights will be preparing at least the main course, so we will be needing our kitchen and serving teams. More information will follow in the coming weeks. We hope to see you there.



Calendar of Council Activities

April 2025

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- April 1 – Parish Mission “Practicing Jubilee – Repairing the Fractures”, 7:00 pm (Church)
- April 2 – Parish Mission “Practicing Jubilee – The Necessity of Re-Creation”, 7:00 pm (Church)
- April 3 – Veterans Nursing Home, 10:00 am (1920 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach)
- April 3 – Mass of Christian Burial for SK James Peabody, 10:00 am (Church)
- April 4 – First Friday Mass and Holy Hour, 5:30 pm (Church); Lenten Fish Dinner, 5:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- April 6 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- April 8 – Officers Meeting, 6:00 pm (Room adjacent to Father McGivney Room)
- April 8 – Council Meeting, 7:00 pm (Father McGivney Room)
- April 11 – Lenten Fish Dinner, 5:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- April 13 – Palm Sunday; Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- April 15 – Communal Penance Service, 6:30 pm (Church)
- April 16 – Habitat for Humanity Council Workday, 7:00 am (Location TBD)
- April 17 – Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7:00 pm (Church)
- April 18 – Good Friday, Service of the Passion of the Lord, 3:00 pm (Church)
- April 20 – Easter Sunday; Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- April 27 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- May 3 – Kentucky Derby Party and Raffle Drawing, 5:00 pm (Parish Hall)
- May 4 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- May 11 – Name Tag Sunday; Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- May 13 – Officers Meeting, 6:00 pm (Room adjacent to Father McGivney Room)
- May 13 – Council Meeting, 7:00 pm (Father McGivney Room)
- May 18 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- May 18 – Parish Picnic, 12:00 pm (Parish Hall and Breezeway)
- May 25 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- May 26 – Memorial Day



Birthdays for April

- Daniel Armstrong – April 2
- Sebastian Nocita – April 3
- Ferney Giraldo – April 4
- Gregory Micallef – April 5
- Elbert Newton – April 7
- Russell Cormican – April 10
- William Hegarty – April 13



- Jack Toia – April 15
- Emmanuel Gutierrez – April 17
- Chinh Pham – April 18
- John Peters – April 24
- Harry Gaither – April 27
- David Patten – April 29
- Robert Mara – April 30



Anniversaries for April

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

Allen Driemeier (39 years)

Victor Dean (34 years)

James Nunn (29 years)

Elbert Newton (21 years)

Daniel Kimble (21 years)

William Taylor (20 years)

Raymond Sevonty (16 years)

Joseph Collins (15 years)

Harry Gaither (11 years)

William Corbertt (9 years)

John Leach (9 years)

Gary Mayfield, Sr. (9 years)

Daniel Armstrong (7 years)

Erick Palacios (7 years)

Maurice Laffin (2 years)

Blaine Abbott (1 year)

Sebastian Nocita (1 year)

Thank you



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

SK Andrew and Sharon Wilbert – married April 12, 1969 (56 Years)

SK Everett and Carolyn Evans – married April 21, 1990 (35 Years)



Prince of Peace Council 8791 – Our History

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



Twelve years ago, in March 2013, Council 8791 Knights gather at Prince of Peace for an annual Council photo. Were you there? Do you recognize any of the faces?



Knights Intentions

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

For those walking in a new life with the Lord:

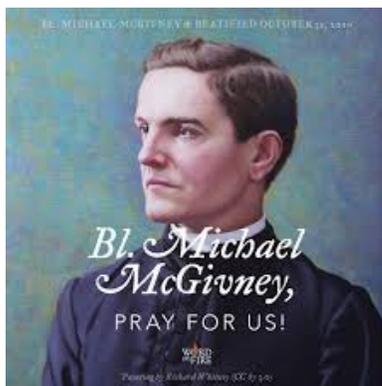
- +Brother SK Andrew York
- +Brother SK Frank DeVito
- +Brother BK Jodee Whitman
- +Brother BK James Peabody

For those needing healing or a prayer of special intention:

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



If you would like to add someone to Knights Intentions for our prayers, please send an email with their name and prayer request to knightsforcolumbus8791@gmail.com.



Prayer for Healing

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

Prayer for the Faithful Departed

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

Prayer for Those in Need of Prayers

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



Council Shirts Ordering



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



Council Website: kofc8791.org

Our Council website kofc8791.org is a great source of information on the Knights of Columbus and Prince of Peace Council 8791. From the homepage, you may use the index at the top to click through to the other sections and links. The website is focused on both internal and external communication, serving as a resource for us and for anyone to learn more about the Knights of Columbus and our Council. We want the website to be a valued source of Council information, providing useful updates about Council programs, activities, and members, and to support our recruitment of new Knights. Please visit our website and encourage others to do so.



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