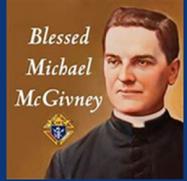




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Prince of Peace Council 8791

Ormond Beach, Florida

February 2025



Grand Knight Message – SK Michael Abbott

Hello Brother Knights! We certainly had a busy start to the calendar year in January, highlighted by our St. Wulfstan Breakfast on January 19 and our annual Parish March for Life on January 24. I want to thank the Knights who came out and supported both events. Our March for Life and Rosary was a special activity. Even with the overturning of *Roe* and the defeat of Amendment 4, we are still called to bring attention to the protection of life from conception to natural death. We still need to act to protect life, because life remains at risk every day. We must continue to intercede for the protection of unborn children. God always desires to bring life to his people. This is our focus through the Life activities of our Faith In Action programs. Thank you, Brother Knights, for your prayers and actions to protect life. Please see the article and photos below about our March for Life.

In this month of February, we begin our planning and preparation for the season of Lent. There are many activities supported by our Council. Please see the Upcoming Events and Calendar section below. Remember that we are always looking to recruit new Knights. Let me again encourage every Knight to look around you at Mass and consider inviting Catholic gentlemen to join the Knights of Columbus. A personal invitation is always the best way to grow our Council. The more Knights we have, the more we can do. Thank you for all that you do for Prince of Peace Council 8791! God bless!



Knights of Columbus from Prince of Peace Council 8791 gather with Father Justin Vakko, Pastor, Sister Rose Urbanczyk, Director of Discipleship, and many parishioners as they prepare to begin the annual March for Life on Friday, January 24. In total, there were more than 40 marchers, including 12 Knights. There were also 17 parishioners who remained in the Church and prayed the Rosary, including four Knights.



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. It has kept me down and away from many Council and District events in the last several months. But I am in good spirits and 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!

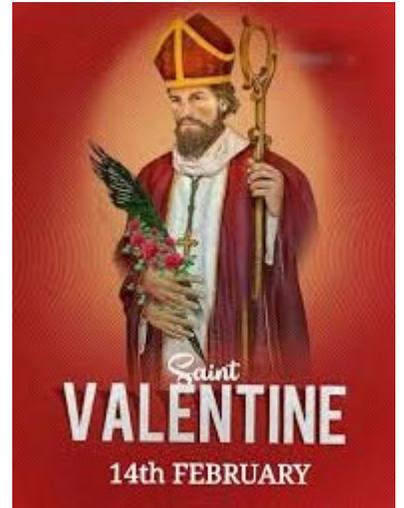


Spiritual Advisor Message – SK Deacon Bruce Gesinski

St. Valentine and Valentine's Day

We all know that February 14th is Valentine's Day, but do we know anything about the saint whose feast day is February 14th and for whom the day was named?

The origin of St. Valentine, and how many St. Valentines there were, remains a mystery. However, Valentine really existed because archaeologists have unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to Saint Valentine. The first representation of Saint Valentine appeared in The Nuremberg Chronicle, a great illustrated book printed in 1493. Alongside a woodcut portrait of him, the text states that Valentinus was a Roman priest martyred during the reign of Claudius II.



Along with Saint Marius and his family, Saint Valentine assisted the martyrs during the persecution they suffered under the rule of Claudius II (also known as Claudius the Goth and Claudius the Cruel). In addition, since Rome was at the time involved in many bloody and unpopular campaigns, the emperor found it difficult to recruit the male populace into joining his military leagues. Believing this to be because Roman men were averse to leaving their loved ones or their families, Claudius cancelled all marriages and engagements within the City of Rome. Saint Valentine and Saint Marius, however, continued to perform wedding ceremonies in secret. When it was discovered that Saint Valentine was defying the emperor's decree, he was apprehended. Claudius took a liking to this prisoner -- until Valentinus made a strategic error: he tried to convert the Emperor -- whereupon this priest was condemned to death. He was dispatched by Claudius to the Prefect of Rome who, being unable to force the saint to renounce Christianity, ordered that Valentine be clubbed, stoned and then beheaded.

Saints are not supposed to rest in peace; they're expected to keep busy: to perform miracles, to intercede. Being in jail or dead is no excuse for non-performance of the supernatural. According to tradition, while Valentine waited in prison for his execution, he corresponded with those under his care by sending letters and love notes to his parishioners. It is also believed that while incarcerated, the Bishop fell in love with a young woman who visited him during his confinement. According to some sources, this was the blind daughter of Asterius, his jailer. It is said that God enabled Valentine to miraculously restore the girl's sight. Popular belief indicates that Valentine's farewell message to his love contained a closing that has now transcended time: "From Your Valentine."

Saint Valentine was executed on February 14 in 270 A.D. Later that same year, Pope Julius I is said to have

built a church near Ponte Mole in the saint's memory at a location once known as Porta Valentini and now called Porta del Popolo. The relic bones of this Saint Valentine, who may also have been a physician, are now housed within the Basilica of Saint Praxedes in Rome.

In 496 A.D., Pope Gelasius declared February 14 to be the Feast Day of Saint Valentine. Patron Saint of Lovers and Engaged Couples, with particular jurisdiction over the quarrels which arise between sweethearts. The patronage of Saint Valentine also extends to epilepsy (from which he is believed to have suffered), beekeepers, plague, greetings, travelers and young people. His representations include: birds, roses, a bishop with a crippled or epileptic child at his feet; a bishop with a rooster nearby; a bishop refusing to adore an idol; a bishop being beheaded; a priest bearing a sword; a priest holding a sun; and a priest bestowing sight upon a blind girl.



Lecturer Message – SK Michael Ernst

Mirrors: Self-Reflection and Repentance

The mirror is a cautionary symbol for hollow pursuits that lead the soul away from the divine path. It can teach humility and wise introspection. Gazed into excessively, it breeds narcissism and neglect of our faith. The classic example is Narcissus. He was the handsome Greek hunter who fell in love with his reflection. Ultimately, he wasted away and died worshipping himself.



Mirrors reflect light, but they also shed light on the sins of vanity and idolatry. Our attractive clothing, expensive cars, immaculate homes, successful businesses, fancy jewelry, and the latest gadgets are mirrors that reflect who we are. When put on display, we tell others to “look at me”. Lately, American politics speaks volumes because every politician says and does things to draw attention to themselves.

Taking action to become more grounded, self-aware and compassionate will help us control our desire to be attached to worldly things that are born from too much self-love. Jesus taught us about self-denial and making sacrifices. Anything else is idolatry. Did you know that idolatry is mentioned more than 50 times in the Bible? In the Old Testament, the punishment was death. In the New Testament, St. Paul assured us that idolators will not inherit the kingdom.

Just as looking intently into a physical mirror reveals details we might otherwise miss, God’s mirror exposes our innermost motives, thoughts, and beliefs. God’s desire is that we draw near to hear His voice through the mirror of Scripture. Narcissus was a story about self-reflection. But the story doesn’t end there. Scripture says, “Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord”. (Lament. 3:40)

Napoleon Bonaparte is a great example of a narcissist who, at the end of his life, examined his ways, read Scripture, and repented. Born a Catholic, his self-interest and rise to power led to a lifelong conflict with Pope Pius VII. He arranged for the kidnapping of this pope and made him his prisoner just so that he could appoint bishops he wanted without papal approval. For this behavior, Napoleon was excommunicated. During his second exile on the island of St. Helena, he read his Bible.

When you look at the famous painting of Napoleon crossing the Alps, he is on his white horse. This painting is a lot like the one of Saul on the road to Damascus which is in St. Paul’s Basilica. Jesus struck them both down.

Napoleon was considered one of the greatest military leaders in history. As such, he would be familiar with Sun Tzu's famous quote "If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle". Shrouded in mystery, with no army to see let alone to fight, he was in awe of Christ. Suffering immensely from stomach cancer, he sought peace with Jesus because his battles were over, and he knew he was dying. Pope Pius VII, aware of Napoleon's suffering, sent a priest, Father Abbe Vignali, to St. Helena to help him.

During his time on the island, Napoleon was known to have said, "The Bible is no mere book, but it's a living creature with a power that conquers all who oppose it." Father Vignali spent about 20 months on St. Helena ministering to Napoleon before his death. He reported to the pope that Napoleon had indeed shown great remorse in his life. Napoleon even composed a will stating that he wanted to be buried according to the rites of the Catholic Church. Pius VII allowed Father Vignali to hear Napoleon's confession, and he was granted absolution. Reconciled with God, Napoleon died a week later.

Purification of our soul lies in looking to Jesus. It is not a better you that you need to see. It is Jesus you need to see. The more you look to Him, the more you will conform to His image. (Romans 8:29) So, in closing, I leave you with words from the Book of James: "Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like". (James 1: 23-25)

**"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock
I will build my church..." Matt 16:18
Vocations are *Everybody's* Business. Pray for Vocations!**



Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Update

The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Knights of Columbus launches its new Pilgrim Icon Program with a Sacred Heart Holy Hour
(courtesy Knights of Columbus Communications Department)



The Knights of Columbus launched its new Pilgrim Icon Program centered on devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with a Holy Hour on the first Friday of January — the day dedicated to the Sacred Heart each month — at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, the birthplace of the Order. During the January 3 event, which was organized by San Salvador Council 1, the official program icon was displayed, depicting Italian artist Pompeo Batoni's famous 1767 image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which is now located in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. This reproduction of the image is one of more than 300 icons, each bearing the apostolic blessing of Pope Francis, traveling around the world as part of the Pilgrim Icon Program.

Above, Iaian Blamey (left), manager of life and faith programs for the Knights of Columbus, and Grand Knight Drew Dillingham of San Salvador Council 1 in New Haven, Connecticut, process with the Sacred Heart pilgrim icon during a Mass and Holy Hour at St. Mary's Church on January 3.

Right, Father Ryan Lerner, pastor in solidum of Blessed Michael McGivney Parish in New Haven, Connecticut, celebrates Mass before the Knights' Sacred Heart Holy Hour at St. Mary's Church.

Before the Holy Hour, Father Ryan Lerner, pastor in solidum of Blessed Michael McGivney Parish, celebrated a Mass for the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. "The name of Jesus casts out fear, anxiety and distress; reminds us of our need for a Savior; instills trust, brings peace, and unites our hearts more closely to his Most Sacred Heart," Father Lerner said in his homily. "Through the Holy Name of Jesus, may we be drawn ever closer to him, allowing his name to purify and strengthen us on our pilgrim way." After Mass, Father Lerner led a Eucharistic Holy Hour that followed the Order's newly published Sacred Heart Holy Hour booklet, which contains readings from Scripture and reflections from Pope Francis' new encyclical devoted to the Sacred Heart, *Dilexit Nos* (*He Loved Us*). The prayer service also included the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and time for silent prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.



The pope's encyclical and the Knights' new Pilgrim Icon Program both coincide with the 350th anniversary of the visions of the Sacred Heart received by the French nun St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, who first promoted the First Friday devotion and reported the 12 Promises of the Sacred Heart tied to the devotion. "In many ways, *Dilexit Nos* can serve as a mission statement for the Knights of Columbus in today's world," Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly wrote in his introduction to the holy hour booklet. "The pope observes that we live in a fragmented and divided society, but the heart of Christ is a unifying center. It is the source of truth and goodness that we all need."

On December 20, 2024, Pope Francis received Supreme Knight Kelly in a private audience at the Vatican where the supreme knight presented the pope with an icon and booklet for the Sacred Heart prayer service. He also provided the Holy Father with an update on notable activities of the Knights of Columbus in the past year, including the growth of the *Cor* men's faith formation initiative, charitable work around the world, and support for vocations in the United States and Canada.

For more than 45 years, the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program has given more than 23 million people opportunities to honor Jesus, the Blessed Mother and the saints through 191,000 prayer services featuring icons of different subjects, such as Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Holy Family and St. Joseph. The Sacred Heart icon is the 20th image venerated through the program since 1979.

Supreme Knight Kelly has also encouraged families to enthrone images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in their homes in response to Jesus' promise to St. Margaret Mary to "bless every place in which an image of my heart is exposed and honored." "As my brother Knights of Columbus bring reproductions of this beloved image to parishes around the world, I hope that they will invite their families — and all families — to consecrate their homes and themselves to the Sacred Heart," said the supreme knight. "In the heart of Christ, we see the heart of the Father. And we ask Our Lord to help us make his heart our own, so that we may see and love in others what he sees and loves in us."

For more information on the Pilgrim Icon Program and opportunities for a Holy Hour of devotion to the Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, please visit kofc.org/sacredheart.



U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Update

Jubilee 2025 – In February, we celebrate the Jubilee of Deacons



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. This month, among other Jubilee

Days, the Jubilee of Deacons will be held from Friday, February 21, to Sunday, February 23.

In the Catholic Church, the diaconate is one of three degrees in ordained ministry - bishops, priests, and deacons. Since the Second Vatican Council, the Latin-rite Church has restored the diaconate “as a proper and permanent rank of the hierarchy”. Deacons preparing for the priesthood are transitional deacons, while those not planning to be ordained priests are permanent deacons. Permanent diaconate can be conferred on a single or married man. If he is married, he must be so before receiving the diaconate.

Lumen Gentium, after describing the function of presbyters as a participation in the priestly function of Christ, illustrates the ministry of deacons, “upon whom”, it says, “hands are imposed not unto the priesthood, but unto a ministry of service.” The Sacred Order of Deacons is to be a “driving force for the Church’s service or diakonia toward the local Christian communities and as a sign or sacrament of the Lord Christ himself, who ‘came not to be served but to serve.’” This is at the very heart of the diaconate: to be a servant of the mysteries of Christ and, at one and the same time, to be a servant of your brothers and sisters. That these two dimensions are inseparably joined together in one reality shows the important nature of the ministry of deacons.

In his 2021 address to deacons, Pope Francis expressed a greater focus on cultivating humility and generosity in ministry. Speaking to them, the Holy Father says he expects humble deacons, letting all good be a secret between him and God; he expects deacons to be good spouses, fathers, and grandfathers, inspiring others with their witness of joy in everything without complaining; he expects deacons to be sentinels, to both know the face of the poor and also help the Christian faithful recognize Jesus in them.

The deacon exercises his ministry within the communion and mission of a diocesan Church and in direct relationship with his diocesan bishop, under whose authority he is assigned, as a collaborator in the service of God’s people. As collaborators in ministry, serving alongside priests, deacons participate in the one apostolic ministry bestowed by Christ upon the Apostles and their successors. “The diaconate is not an abridged or substitute form of the priesthood; it is a full order in its own right.” We thank our deacons for ministering to us, the Knights of Columbus.

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/>



Vatican Update

Pope Francis: Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a Human Creation to be Controlled by Humans (Courtesy Catholic News Services, Vatican City, January 23, 2025)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) or any other technology that worsens inequality around the world and increases fake news should not be embraced as "progress," Pope Francis told business and government leaders meeting in Davos, Switzerland at the World Economic Forum. "Technological developments that do not improve life for everyone, but instead create or worsen inequalities and conflicts, cannot be called true progress," he said. Pope Francis continued, that "AI should be placed at the service of a healthier, more human, more social and more integral development." Pope Francis' message, addressed to Klaus Schwab, chairperson of the forum, was delivered by Cardinal Peter Turkson, chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, and was published by the Vatican on January 23.



Pope Francis speaks about Artificial Intelligence at the Vatican on January 10, 2025.

The annual meeting in Davos from January 20 to 24 brought together leaders in business, government, academia and media to discuss security and cooperation; technology's impact on businesses and development; and safeguarding the planet. While the Catholic Church supports technological development as a result of God-given human creativity, "AI is intended to imitate the human intelligence that designed it, thus posing a unique set of questions and challenges," Pope Francis said in his message. Since "the results that AI can produce are almost indistinguishable from those of human beings," the pope wrote, questions must be raised about "its effect on the growing crisis of truth in the public forum."

Pope Francis also reiterated his concern about artificial intelligence and its use in weapons systems, health care and other life-and-death situations. "This technology," he wrote, "is designed to learn and make certain choices autonomously, adapting to new situations and providing answers not foreseen by its programmers, thus raising fundamental questions about ethical responsibility, human safety, and the broader implications of these developments for society."

Pope Francis noted that people need to be aware that AI really "is not an artificial form of human intelligence but a product of it." "When used correctly, AI assists the human person in fulfilling his or her vocation, in freedom and responsibility." But it is simply an assistant, he said, and not the answer to all the world's problems. Too often, Pope Francis wrote, "human dignity and fraternity are frequently subordinated in the pursuit of efficiency, as though reality, goodness, and truth inherently emanate from technological and economic power." "Human dignity must never be violated for the sake of efficiency," Pope Francis said. "As with all other human activity and technological development, AI must be ordered to the human person," he said. Citing the vision of true progress promoted in the Second Vatican Council's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, Pope Francis insisted that AI should "become part of efforts to achieve 'greater justice, more extensive fraternity and a more humane order of social relations' which are 'more valuable than advances in the technical field.'"



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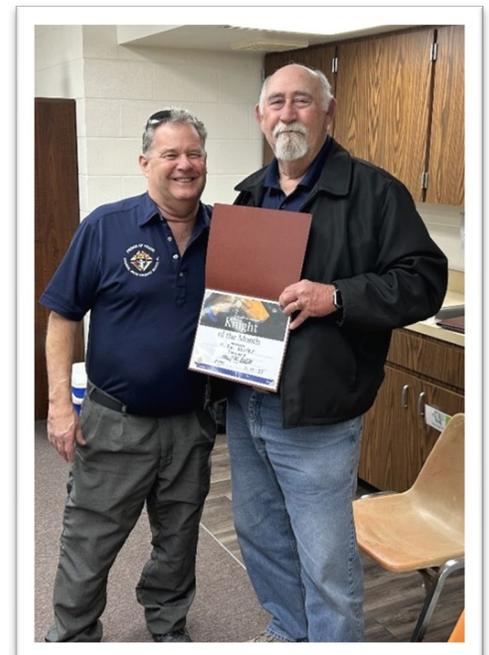
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Knight of the Month

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 January Council Meeting, Deputy Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble announced that the Knight of the Month for January is SK Mike Worley. SK Mike Worley currently serves as the Fourth Degree representative of our Council, and he has previously held many positions in our Council. He is a critical member of our kitchen team and grill team for all our breakfasts and picnic events. He currently also serves as the Color Corp Commander for Assembly 2901 and is an active member of Knights on Bikes. All Knights expressed their appreciation and congratulations.



Deputy Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble presents the Knight of the Month Award to SK Mike Worley.



Family of the Month



Father Andre Chien Nguyen, Grand Knight SK Michael Abbott, and SK Harold Bennett present the Family of the Month award to the Nguyen family at the 5:00 pm Vietnamese Mass on January 19.

Each month, the Knights of Columbus recognizes a family that exemplifies the ideals of a Catholic Christian Family through their participation in our community at Prince of Peace.

This month we are pleased to honor the Nguyen Family: Sen and Tien Nguyen. Sen is a volunteer and sponsor for the OCIA program for the Vietnamese Community, the Focus Marriage prep program, and presenting the weekly Memorial flowers on the altar. Tien was responsible for the construction of the Nativity and Easter Tomb each year. He cooks for the Vietnamese and parish events for Easter, Christmas, Christmas Around the World, and New Years. We thank the Nguyen family for their support to our Parish. They are representative of the many families and individuals that support our parish with their time and talents.



Recruit and Welcome New Knights; Honorary Member



At our January Council Meeting, Grand Knight SK Michael Abbott presented an Honorary Life Membership card to SK Jim Burns. A Knight of Columbus since October 1986, SK Jim Burns has met all requirements to receive this distinction as a member for more than 25 years and having attained the age of 70 years. Well known as "Diamond Jim," SK Jim Burns currently serves at the coffee station every weekend for Coffee & Donuts. SK Jim Burns has

done so much in activities and service for our Council through the years. We extend our thanks and congratulations.

At our January Council Meeting, Chancellor BK Ron Nowviskie advised that we have one transfer Knight and one new Knight in process. We hope that they can join us, and we look forward to welcoming them soon. 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.



SK Jim Burns is presented with an Honorary Life Membership by Grand Knight SK Michael Abbott.



Fourth Degree/Assembly 2901 Update

Bishop Thomas J. Grady Assembly 2901 and the Fourth Degree Color Corps have been very busy. On January 15, the Assembly participated in the Mass and celebration of the 100-Year Anniversary of the School at the Basilica of St. Paul. Mass was held at 9:00 am, followed by a reception. Additional Mass callouts followed. We relish these opportunities and all patriotic activities of our Color Corps and Assembly. All Brother Knights are encouraged to join the Assembly. 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.

The Council leads the Fifth Saturday Rosary following the Saturday 4:00 pm Vigil Mass whenever there is a fifth Saturday in a month. The next Fifth Saturday Rosary is March 29.

Please consider joining us.

Friday Mass and Adoration.

The Council supports the First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as a Faith activity. We have a limited turnout of Knights for the Adoration on the First Friday of the month. Beginning this month, SK Gene Nelson said that we will open up the Adoration by Knights for any opportunity, and ask our Knights to consider spending one hour each month in Adoration. You are encouraged to use the Adoration Chapel, or participate in the Holy Hour on any Friday of the month, or participate in other Adorations as available. Knights are then asked to report their Adoration hours on the Annual Survey or by other means to SK Gene Nelson. It is a wonderful Faith activity. Please participate as able.

Carmelite Monastery Retreat.

We will be having our annual Carmelite Monastery retreat on the morning of Saturday, March 15 at the St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery, 141 Carmelite Dr., Bunnell. The Monastery is located off Old Dixie Highway, west of I-95, and just north of the Plantation Bay subdivision. The retreat will begin with Mass in Latin at 8:30 am, and include Coffee & Donuts, and walking through the Stations of the Cross on the Monastery grounds. There is no cost. We will send out an email blast and sign-up sheet by next month and request Knights to sign-up in advance to attend.

Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

We expect to have the opportunity to host the traveling Icon this year. 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 by Pompeo Batoni 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, so that we may see and love in others what he sees and loves in us. Please see the article above. More to come.

Silver Rose.

We expect to host the Silver Rose this year during the week of March 10 to March 17. SK Harold Bennett and Grand Knight SK Michael Abbott attended the training session. We have proposed two dates for Prince of Peace, either Saturday, March 15 at 5:00 pm, or Sunday, March 16 at 12:30 pm. The Silver Rose commemorates Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses, an important part of the visitation of Our Lady of Guadalupe. More to come once we have a date.

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 January, we recognized the Nguyen Family, Sen and Tien Nguyen. Sen is a volunteer and sponsor for the OCIA program for the Vietnamese Community, the Focus Marriage prep program, and presenting the weekly Memorial flowers on the altar. Tien was responsible for the construction of the Nativity creche and Easter tomb each year. He cooks for the Vietnamese and parish events for Easter, Christmas, Christmas Around the World, and New Years. Congratulations and thank you to the Nguyen family. Knights are encouraged to send suggestions of a family for the monthly award to SK Harold Bennett.

Consecration to the Holy Family.

Consecration to the Holy Family was held at all Masses the weekend of December 28 and 29. We distributed more than 800 prayer cards before Masses through which our parishioners were urged to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family. Through this consecration, families consciously chose to be a beacon of God's love through our Church. The deacon or presiding priest led us in the Consecration prayer at each Mass. Thank you to all who assisted.

Additional Family programs will include Food for Families, and the Good Friday Family Promotion. More information will be coming.

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 on Sunday, January 26 was below our goal, as we collected 11 pints, with 12 individuals attempting to give. We are still on target this Fraternal Year toward our goal of 90 pints. The next Blood Drive will be Sunday, March 23. 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 during the Blood Drive and they will discuss this with you.

Habitat for Humanity.

The next workday is Wednesday, February 19 (the third Wednesday of the month is our Council workday each month.) We contributed 26.2 hours in January, for a total to date of 180.3 hours from our Wednesday

Weekday Warrior Crew, and with the addition of SK Andy Wilbert's 60 donated hours from his surveying company, have a current total of 240.3 hours. So 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.

SK Mark Leary, for SK Jay Young, advises that 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 men (to accept donations) and women (for sorting and in-store service) volunteers at this time. At the Food Pantry, more assistance is also welcome. Please contact SK Jay Young at jyoung9508@cfl.rr.com for more information.

Veterans Nursing Home.

Our Council had good participation at the Veterans Nursing Home on January 2. In attendance were SK Russell Benett, SK Ron Piasecki, SK Michael Orris, SK Bob Simcoe, and SK Jim Nunn, who made his first appearance with us. We spend time visiting with the veterans and playing Bingo. The veterans are very happy and appreciative of us for taking the time to spend with them. The next visit is scheduled for Thursday, February 6 at the Veterans Nursing Home at 1920 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach, at 10:00 am. Please consider joining us.



SK Jim Nunn, SK Ron Piasecki, SK Bob Simcoe, SK Russell Benett and SK Michael Orris at the Veterans Nursing Home on January 2.

Breakfasts; Coffee & Donuts.

Our Council sponsored the St. Wulfstan Breakfast on Sunday, January 19. Under the leadership of BK Ron Nowvskie, and with the support of many Knights, we had a very successful Breakfast. Please see the article and photos below. We sold about 110 tickets, and with free meals for kids, served around 125 for the Breakfast, and many parishioners with Coffee & Donuts. It was a rainy Sunday, so we had a few less in attendance than normal. Thank you for the turnout of Knights who volunteered. The parishioners were appreciative. Mark your calendar. Our next Breakfast is the Quinquagesima (Shrove) Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, March 2. We hope to see you there.

Garden Club.

The Knights support the Garden Club. It meets on the third Saturday of each month, from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm. There was no meeting in January. Our next meeting will be on February 15. Please join us if you can.

Lenten Fish Dinners.

Our Council will again sponsor and serve Lenten Fish Dinners for the first six Fridays of Lent on March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4 and 11. Parishioners may dine in or take out. Dinner will be served from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Dinner will be 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 will be cod or haddock, with rice or potato, vegetable, and another side. For children, there will be fish sticks and mac & cheese. Tickets are \$10.00 per Dinner for Adults and Teens. Children 12 and under are free. We again will offer the Dinner package in advance for all six Dinners at \$45.00. Also, there will be a maximum of \$30.00 for each Dinner for families of school-age children regardless of the number of children or their ages. Tickets will be available after all Masses and advance purchase is recommended. BK Ron Nowvskie is the lead Knight for this activity.

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 the Special Olympics throughout this Fraternal Year. Volunteers are needed to help with manning the donation tables for fundraising at the Publix at The Trails and at the Publix in the Ormond Town Square during the Special Olympics campaign. Please assist if you can. The next Special Olympics Event Day will be April 5 at Mainland High School in Daytona Beach. 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 beginning in January. Practices will be focused on bocce ball, cycling, and tennis. Volunteers are needed as assistant coaches, and to partner with and support the athletes. Please consider participating when you can. Please contact SK Angelo Salvo for more information at angelosalvo@hotmail.com.

Citizens with Disabilities Campaign.

We expect to have an active Citizens With Disabilities Campaign, known as the “Tootsie Roll Drive.” Deputy Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble will serve as the Chairman this year. He is in the planning process and, as in prior years, will need many volunteers. More to come later this month.

Pro-Life Activities.

The Pregnancy Crisis Center always welcomes volunteers to pray for or pray with women who are considering ending a pregnancy.

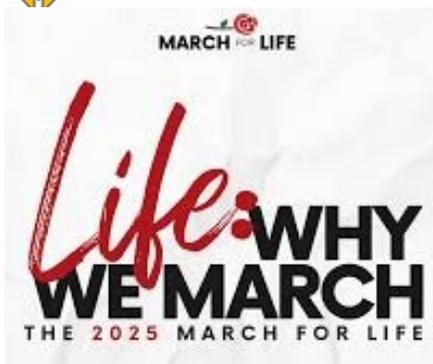
March for Life.

The annual national March for Life was held on Friday, January 24 in Washington, D.C. and around the country. At Prince of Peace Catholic Church, the Knights coordinated our Parish March for Life, to celebrate and advocate for the protection of life. Please see the article and photos below. We gathered at 4:00 and proceeded to march along Nova Road in front of the Church. This was followed by Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration. The right to life is a human right. Our defense of that right is a joyful witness to the beauty and dignity of every human person. The March for Life inspired the peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from all across the country. We celebrated each and every life, from the moment of conception. Thank you to those who participated. Please see the article and photos below.

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



Event Highlight of the Month: March for Life



On Friday, January 24, the 52nd annual March for Life took place in Washington, D.C., with tens of thousands of pro-lifers gathering to march in defense of the unborn. The theme of the pro-life movement’s largest annual event was “Life: Why We March,” which organizers said was meant to highlight the pro-life movement’s core message to protect unborn children and support their mothers.

The Knights of Columbus, Prince of Peace Council 8791, led the Parish Pro-Life March and Rally at our Parish on January 24 in union with and support of the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. We held a march and sidewalk rally in front of the Church along Nova Road for an hour beginning at 4:00 pm. It was a cold and

windy late afternoon. There were more than 40 in attendance, including 12 Knights. Concurrently, we held a Rosary prayer in the Chapel, which was attended by 17, including four Knights. The march was followed by Mass and Adoration beginning at 5:30 pm. Despite the weather, we had a good turnout and a wonderful response from the community as they drove past us. Thank you to all who participated and otherwise shared your prayers for the success of the March for Life and the protection of life.



Father Justin Vakko, Pastor, leads parishioners in prayer prior to the March for Life, and then leads the marchers from the Church to Nova Road.



Sister Rose Urbanczyk, Director of Discipleship, and marchers near the south entrance as other marches hold their signs along Nova Road.



More than 40 marchers with their signs are in front of the Church along Nova Road from the Prince of Peace Villas to the north parking lot entrance.



Event Highlight of the Month: St. Wulfstan Breakfast

On Sunday, January 19, the Knights of Columbus hosted our annual St. Wulfstan Breakfast. We served 112 paid parishioners. It was a rainy Sunday, so we had fewer patrons than normal. Nonetheless, all enjoyed the Breakfast. Thank you for the great turnout of more than 20 Knights who helped with the Breakfast and Coffee & Donuts, and those who stayed after the 11:00 Mass and served our leftovers. Thanks to our Chancellor, BK Ron Nowwiskie, and to all of you for making it a successful Breakfast. Please enjoy the photos below.



In the kitchen (L-R) SK Jeff Delgado, BK Rob Littleton, SK Mike Worley, and SK Ron Piasecki.



On the serving line (L-R) SK Gary Konopka and SK John Van Buren.



On the serving line (L-R) SK Marty Librizzi, BK J.C. Phillips, BK Bill Corbertt, and SK Mo Laffin.



On the serving line (L-R) BK Jim McCormick, BK Brian Rademacher, and SK Gary Konopka.



Providing dining room hospitality (L-R) SK Roger Lanoue and SK Harold Bennett.



Handling tickets was SK Tom Welter.



At the Council information and recruitment table are (L-R) SK Bill Whelan and SK Harold Bennett.



Knights who assisted with the Breakfast but are not pictured in any photos: SK Bart Teracino, SK Jim Burns, SK Angelo Salvo, BK Guy Baratte, SK Bob Simcoe, SK Mark Derouaux, SK Jim Nunn, SK Greg Scull, SK Michael Abbott, SK John Peters, and BK Ron Nowvieskie. Thank you.



Upcoming Events: Breakfast; Fish Dinners; Raffle



The Quinquagesima (Shrove) Sunday Breakfast is a new breakfast for our Council, scheduled this year for Sunday, March 2. Quinquagesima Sunday is the Sunday before the beginning of Lent. This will be a perfect opportunity for parishioners to fill up on pancakes and all the fixings. We will need our many Knights volunteers to make this a successful event.



Lenten Fish Dinners will begin on Friday, March 7. The dinners will be every Friday evening during Lent, serving fish (alternating between haddock and cod) with sides and drinks, priced at \$10 per dinner or \$45 for all six dinners when purchased in advance. We will also offer two free tickets to the first dinner to new parishioners who joined Prince of Peace beginning last July 1.



The 2025 Annual Knights of Columbus Prince of Peace Council 8791 Raffle begins later this month. 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. The drawing will be held at 12:15 p.m., on Sunday, April 27.



Calendar of Council Activities



- February 2 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- February 6 – Veterans Nursing Home, 10:00 am (1920 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach)
- February 7 – First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration, 5:30 pm (Church)
- February 9 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- February 11 – Officers Meeting, 6:00 pm (Room adjacent to Father McGivney Room)
- February 11 – Council Meeting, 7:00 pm (Father McGivney Room)
- February 15 – Garden Club, 7:30 am (Church Grounds)
- February 16 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- February 19 – Habitat for Humanity Council Workday, 7:00 am (Location TBD)
- February 23 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- March 2 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- March 2 – Quinquagesima (Shrove) Sunday Breakfast, 8:00 am to 11:00 am (Parish Hall)
- March 5 – Ash Wednesday
- March 6 – Veterans Nursing Home, 10:00 am (1920 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach)
- March 7 – First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration, 5:30 pm (Church)
- March 7 – Lent Fish Dinner, 5:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- March 9 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- March 11 – Officers Meeting, 6:00 pm (Room adjacent to Father McGivney Room)
- March 11 – Council Meeting, 7:00 pm (Father McGivney Room)
- March 14 – Lent Fish Dinner, 5:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- March 15 – Garden Club, 7:30 am (Church); Carmelite Monastery Retreat, 8:30 am (141 Carmelite Dr., Bunnell)
- March 16 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- March 19 – Habitat for Humanity Council Workday, 7:00 am (Location TBD)
- March 21 – Lent Fish Dinner, 5:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- March 23 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- March 28 – Lent Fish Dinner, 5:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- March 29 – Fifth Saturday Rosary, 5:00 pm (Church Chapel)
- March 30 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)



Birthdays for February

- Rev. Fr. Justin Vakko – February 1
- Tim Lowe – February 12
- Donald Coleman – February 13
- Albert Perry – February 14
- Daniel Kimble – February 17
- Russell Benett – February 19



- William Butcher – February 22
- Harold Bennett – February 27
- John Groeschner – February 27
- John Yetto – February 27
- Michael Abbott – February 28
- Edward Fisher – February 28



Anniversaries for February

Happy Anniversary to all Brother Knights celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in February.

Congratulations to all Brother Knights celebrating their Annual Anniversary as Knights of Columbus in February, especially our Brother Knights with 10 Years of Service or more:

Martin Librizzi (46 years)
Harold Bower (45 years)
Lanny Van Lancker (33 years)
Robert Knapik (30 years)
Edward Limmer (27 years)
Everett Evans (20 years)
James Gregory Scull (20 years)
Christopher Sidor (13 years)
John Peters (12 years)
Russell Cormican (10 years)

*Thank
you*



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 knightsforcolumbus8791@gmail.com. We look forward to featuring them in the coming months.



In 2016, Officers of Assembly 2901 gather at Prince of Peace, including seven Sir Knights from our Council. Do you recognize them? (L-R) from Council 8791: SK Andy Wilbert, SK Bob Simcoe, SK Gene Nelson, SK Eddy Ho, SK Tom Medved, and SK Vince Kinney, joined by Sir Knights from St. Brendan Council 13018.



Knights Intentions

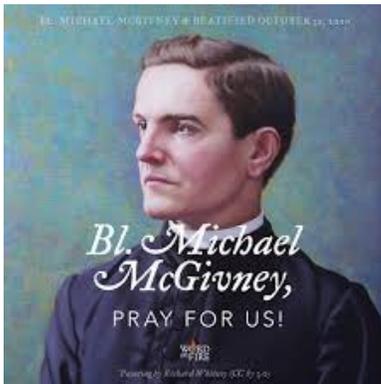
We pray for our Brother Knights and their families and friends:

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 Jack Erthal | BK Eugene Allen |
| BK James Peabody | SK Marty Librizzi |
| SK Paul Clare | BK Frank DeVito |
| SK Daniel Eppelheimer | BK George Graff |
| SK Joseph Taibi | SK Jim McCormick |
| BK Bob Falkenberg | BK Michael Capdevilla |
| SK Bob Simcoe | BK Joe Fulweber |
| 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 | |



If you would like to add someone to Knights Intentions for our prayers, please send an email with their name and prayer request to knightsofcolumbus8791@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. If you want to order a Council shirt, please contact SK Bob Simcoe at rssimcoe.dd18@gmail.com.



Council Website: kofc8791.org

Please visit our website kofc8791.org for more information on the Knights of Columbus, 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.



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