



The Compass Newsletter

April 2025

Calendar of Events.

March 26th Parish Lenten Retreat 8 am -3:15 pm

March 30th Communion Breakfast-American
Legion

April 7th KC Officers' Meeting

April 13th KC Pancake Breakfast

April 14th KC Council Meeting

April 17, 18,19 Triduum Holy Thursday, Good
Friday, Easter Vigil

April 20th Easter Sunday

April 21st KC Assembly Meeting

April 25,26,27 Publix fundraising for People with
Disabilities

Grand Knight Letter

Brother knights,

Greetings! This month of March we had a very successful Pancake Breakfast and Membership Drive.

Our Pancake nearly exceeded last year's receipts and nearly the same number of parishioners attended our breakfast. We had fabulous support from members and the Ladies Auxiliary. This month we added videos of the Knights of Columbus and our founder Fr. Michael J.

McGivney for parishioners who know little about our organization.

This Membership Drive, we attracted new members and transfers alike to our council. Until we vote the new members in and have them attend the 3rd degree exemplification we can't provide a final number. We expect to add 2 or 3 new members and at least 1 transferred member.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Soup Supper and set up of the parish hall and to Deacon Bob for leading us in the Stations of the Cross.

I thank Joe Haggerty, Field Agent Al Castillejo and District Deputy Rich Zahn and other members of our council who helped with our membership drive members to our council.

We are in the process of having a Fraternal Benefit Event at St. Francis sometime in May. It is wished to add at least another 4 new members to our council. If we do, we have a good opportunity to become a Star Council.

Each council member must do their part to invite parish men to join by discussing the benefits and asking them to become members. The join code is kofc.org/joinus.

We have a Communion Breakfast at the American Legion Post 113 on March 30th following the 10:30 p.m. Mass.

We have a Parish Lenten Retreat on March 26th. Register online or at the Parish office. The Retreat will be at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Venice, FL. from 9 am to 3:15 pm. A hot breakfast and lunch will be provided. The cost per person is \$45. This event will enable our council to earn the Spiritual Direction program award if attended by our members.

We will have our Pancake Breakfast on April 13th. Perhaps you will see a few new faces helping at the breakfast and to learn how we support our pastor and parish with many of our programs, activities, and ministries.

In closing, I would like to ask each of you to pray to our Lord daily for a blessed Lenten season. Remember God's love and the passion of our Lord for the redemption and atonement of our sins and the promise of eternal life. I also ask you to pray for all of those on our prayer list

May God bless you and your families.

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Bazinet GK

KC February Family of the Month

The Knights of Columbus Family of the Month is awarded to Jim and Kristy Parent. Jim and Kristy are active members of our parish. Jim has been especially active this year helping the council with Zoom meetings, videos for meetings and with room set up. In addition, Jim is on staff here at SFOA performing many duties for the parish. Jim has a good heart and is always there whenever he is needed. He and his wife Kristy sing in the choir. Kristy often serves as a cantor at masses leading us in prayerful song giving praise to our Lord. We genuinely appreciate their many years of service and are proud to have them in our council, in the choir ministry and our parish community. Thank you, Jim and Kristy, for inspiring us with all you do for our council, parish, and Lord.



KC February Knight of the Month

Our February Knight of the Month is awarded to Tony Palermo for his outstanding service. We sincerely appreciate his many contributions. Tony serves our council in the role of Council Trustee, It is not an easy role providing guidance to the GK and the council. Tony also serves in our Assembly in the role of the Worthy Trustee. He and his wife are regular Mass attendees and faithfully live out their faith. We truly value his important contributions in our council, assembly and parish community. Thank you, brother Tony Palermo for your service to the council, parish, community, and God.



Family and Knight of the Month nominations.

Brothers, please submit names of families and knights worthy of being

nominated for the Family of the Month or Knight of the Month. The nominations for Family of the Month do not have to be KC members. They can be parishioners outside of KC membership. Please submit your suggested nominees to the newsletter editor (last page).

KC Pancake Breakfast April



This month, we will have our Pancake Breakfast on April 13th. Invite the men and women of our parish to join us. During breakfast, we can talk about our organization and why they should join. Field Agent Al Castillejo

Soup Suppers – Mondays during Lent

The Parish ministries will be serving soup, finger desserts and beverages on Mondays during Lent in the Parish Hall from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held each Monday at 6 p.m. in the Church throughout Lent. Deacon Bob will lead us in prayer as we remember the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please bring family and friends to attend this Catholic tradition of remembering our Lord during Lent each year.

Communion Breakfast

We will have our Communion Breakfast on Sunday, March 30th following the 10:30 a.m. Mass at the American Legion. Invite fellow parishioners to our breakfast. We will extend by announcement an invitation to join us for breakfast. The address of the American Legion Post 113 is 3436 Indiana Road, West Rotunda, FL

Volunteers Needed for Individuals with Disabilities fundraiser.



Deputy Grand Knight Phil Jeleniewski is seeking volunteers to help with the fundraising for the Special Olympics, Autism Speaks, Alzheimer's Society at the Publix Store at Merchants Crossing on Friday April 25, Saturday, April 26, and Sunday, April 27th. Please text or email Phil with your

date, and time preferences. His number is (708) 542-7722.

Officer and Director Roles for 2025-26 Elections

Brothers now is the time to consider an officer or director role that you are interested in for next year. Officer roles are elected roles and director roles are appointed by the elected Grand Knight. Please see Nick Gizzi (Elections Chair) regarding your interest in a role. Current officers should consider vacating their current role and consider election for another officer role for next year. If you are unsure consider speaking with Nick Gizzi or Bob Bazinet for the officer's position or director role you wish to serve. I will send out links to the officer and director roles to understand the responsibilities of each role. Every council member should give others the opportunity to learn a different role. Step out of your comfort zone and learn about other roles to help this council grow with greater knowledge and understanding. There is always someone to help and encourage you.

Rosaries for Ukrainian Soldiers

On Sunday, March 23, 2025, Diane Jeleniewski a member of the St. Francis Outreach Rosary Makers and officers of KC Council 7672 and Assembly 2782 brought blue and yellow rosaries (colors of the

Ukrainian flag) handcrafted by the Rosary Makers of St. Francis of Assisi to the Ukrainian Catholic Church in North Port, FL. for a ceremonial blessing following the Divine Liturgy. The rosaries will be brought back to the Ukraine to be distributed to the soldiers defending their homeland. The Pastor Fr. Dmytre Kasiyan and Metropolitan Archbishop recognized the SFOA Rosary Makers and Diane Jeleniewski (Rosary Maker, VP KC Ladies Auxiliary. Pastor Kasiyan also recognized Bob Bazinet GK, Phil Jeleniewski FN, DGK, Al Losacano PGK, and Andrij Szul PGK officers of Council 7672 and Assembly 2782. Prayer intentions were expressed to Archbishop Vladyka Volodymyr for the soldiers, families, widows, and orphans of all Ukrainian communities who have died or are suffering for the defense of their homeland. Following the ceremony the Pastor and community welcomed and treated our party with a delicious Ukrainian luncheon. We won't forget their kindness and generosity. Please keep the Ukrainian people in your prayers.



St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church.



L-R) Metropolitan Archbishop Vladyka, Pastor Fr. Dmytre Kasiyan St.



View of sanctuary with screen separating the sanctuary (sacred) from the profane (unsacred) Nave.



Blue and Yellow Rosaries



Group photo following the blessing
 Front row L-R Mary Losacano, Al Losacano, Wanda Bazinet, Bob Bazinet, Phil Jeleniewski, Andriij Szul, Kathy Szul. Back row Bishop, Metropolitan Archbishop Vladyka Volodymyr, Pastor Dmytre Kasiyan and Diane Jeleniewski.

Elected Council Officers

Grand Knight	Robert Bazinet
Dep. Grand Knight	Phil Jeleniewski
Chancellor	Joe Haggerty
Recorder	Nicolas Gizzi
Treasurer	Chuck De Ninno
Advocate	Carmine Laterra
Warden	Dave Flynn
Inside Guard	William Doyle
Outside Guard	Renzo Torchiani
One-Year Trustee	Gilbert Ulrich
Two-Year Trustee	Anthony Palermo
Three-Year Trustee	Al Losacano

Appointed Council Officers

Financial Secretary	Tim Fallon
Chaplain	Deacon Bob
Lecturer	Giuseppe Crispino
Program Director	Robert Bazinet
Faith Director	Robert Bazinet
Community Director	Tim Fallon
Family Director	Matt Egan
Life Director	Phil Jeleniewski
Membership Director	Joe Haggerty
Public Relations Dir.	Robert Bazinet
Health Service	Tony Labay
Newsletter Editor	Robert Bazinet

Prayer Intentions

Janet D'Antonio	Dorothy Blum
Cadem Ranawat	Pat Sierocuk
Joe Pizzuto	James Laterra
Squeaker DeNinno	Gil Ulrich
Chuck & Jo Kahler	Don, Susan Kasson

Important Links

Knights of Columbus kofc.org
 Council 7672 webpage
<https://www.sfoachurch.com/about-2>
 Florida State KC Council
<https://www.floridakofc.org>

**Prayer for the Canonization of
 Father Michael J. McGivney**

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael I. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*) Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please send your comments and articles by the 15th of each month for the following month's newsletter to Robert Bazinet-Newsletter Editor bazinetre@gmail.com