

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12376



December 2025

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES



GRAND KNIGHT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

The holiday season is in full gear.

Let's all get ready for another great time at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Christmas Festival. Bring the family, your friends and neighbors in the effort of continuing this spectacular tradition. Our church still needs volunteers for various assignments in the Christmas Village and Food Court. Please check the bulletin for Sign-up Genius.

Our Membership Drive took place in November. I would to thank everyone who took part in recruiting. Because of your dedication, we were able to sign on 6 new members and voted them into our council last week. Congratulations fellow brothers. Welcome to the brotherhood. Our Live Exemplification will be held on December 15th at 5:30PM, with a reception to follow. Please attend to welcome in our new members. Email me with the number of guests attending as we need a head count for food. To this event, we are also welcoming our parishioners. It will be a public ceremony for everyone to experience.

We had another great turnout with our breakfast with the Knights. Thank you, Brother Bill McCarthy, and our DGK Salamalay for their generous donation.

Let us not forget our annual toy drive. Donation boxes are located at the entrance of the church. Please donate an unwrapped gift and drop it in the box for our needy children.

We will host our annual Breakfast with Santa on Dec 20th at 8am in the Celebration Hall.

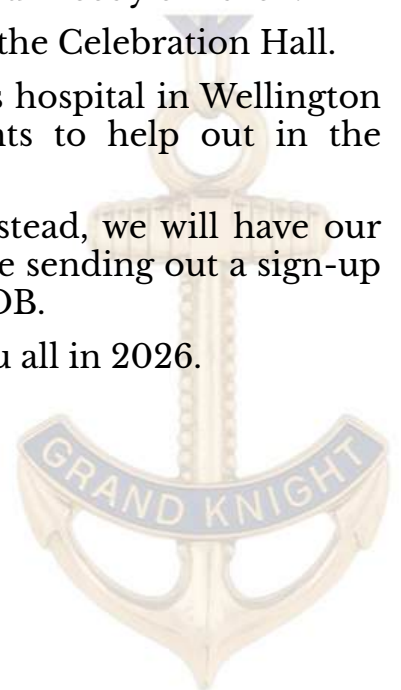
Santa will make another appearance at the Joe DiMaggio Children's hospital in Wellington on Dec. 22nd at 3pm. Santa is Looking for any brother Knights to help out in the distribution of toys.

Remember, we will not conduct a general meeting this month, instead, we will have our Potluck Dinner on Dec. 16th at 6PM in the Celebration Hall. I will be sending out a sign-up genius to have everyone put down their favorite dishes to bring. BYOB.

Merry Christmas to everyone and a Happy New Year. We will see you all in 2026.

God Bless.

Vivat Jesus!
Guy Scavelli
Grand Knight





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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 5th-7th
Christmas Festival
5PM

December 8th
Officer Mtg
6PM
Festival Hall

December 8th
Holy Day of
Obligation

December 11th
Advent Penance
Service
4PM & 7PM

December 12th-14th
Christmas Festival
5PM

December 15th
Live-Exemplification
5:30-6:30 Church

December 16th
Potluck Dinner
Celebration Hall
6PM

December 20th
Breakfast with
Santa

December 22nd
Toy Delivery w Santa
Joe DiMaggio Hospital
3PM

January 9th
Spiritual Retreat

February 14th
Valentine's Day
Dance



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to sign up for our 50/50 raffle booth during the Christmas Festival.

Sign-Up Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084DAFA82AA2FA7-60369540-5050#/>

The food court needs various shifts filled for the Christmas Festival.

Sign-Up Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4A72EA1F49-59773604-food#/>



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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

As we move through Advent, let us prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ. These weeks remind us to stay prayerful and focused on what truly matters.

Thank you to all the brothers helping at the Christmas Festival. The dates are Dec. 5 - 7 and Dec. 12 - 14. Your time and support are appreciated.

Please continue supporting our toy drive and our upcoming parish events. Your presence and willingness to serve make a real difference to our parish community.

Wishing you and your families a blessed Advent and a joyful Christmas season.

Vivat Jesus!

Pete Salamalay

Deputy Grand Knight



COUNCIL OFFICERS 2025-2026

GRAND KNIGHT

Guy Scavelli

**TREASURER**

William Shea

**WARDEN**

Neville Moo Young

**3 YEAR TRUSTEE**

Greg Mazzella

**DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT**

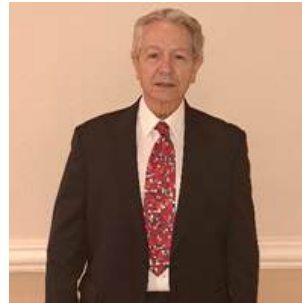
Pete Salamalay

**RECORDER**

Bob Cataldo

**INSIDE GUARD**

Vincent Loria

**2 YEAR TRUSTEE**

Bill Mergens

**CHAPLAIN**

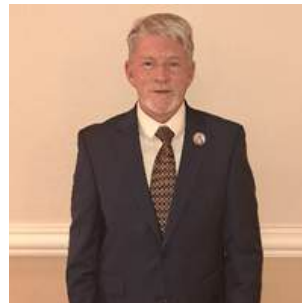
Rev Laurent Assenga

**ADVOCATE**

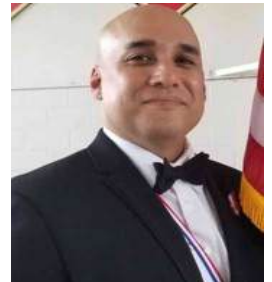
Dan Carbone

**OUTSIDE GUARD**

Ray Taylor

**1 YEAR TRUSTEE**

Ken Ida



District Warden

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Jose Calas

**CHANCELLOR**

Frank Balzano

**LECTURER**

Deacon Robert Laquerre





CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

With the celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King, the liturgical year of the Church is brought to completion, ready to begin the new liturgical year of the Church with the first Sunday of Advent. We are happy to begin this new year of the Church this Advent season. Our Christocentric life continues. We are grateful to God Our Father for the opportunity he has given us to enter into this season of Advent to renew our life with his Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit not only in this Advent season but throughout the liturgical year of the Church.

Brother Knights, it is a good principle in life that if we want to succeed in anything preparation is necessary. Advent season is a season of preparation for the coming of Jesus in our lives. Our ancestors in faith (the Israelites) prepared for many years for the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Through the prophets, God reminded them to stay focused on the One he would send in the days to come. Those who listened carefully to God's voice through the prophets and prepared themselves well, were the ones who could recognize the Messiah (Jesus Christ) when at last he came in flesh for the first time about two thousand years ago. Through the liturgy of the Church during the Advent season, the Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit helps us to prepare for the coming of the Son of God, not only at his second coming at the end of the world or at Christmas day but at different times and in different moments and events. The important thing is to prepare well by listening carefully to the voice of the Holy Spirit through the Church liturgy and open up our mind and hearts for the Son of God to come into our lives.

Brothers, the Advent season this year runs from November 30th to December 21st. Let us make good preparation for the coming of the Lord Jesus in our lives because if we fail to prepare well we can miss the chance like those who failed to recognize him when he came for the first time about two thousand years ago. Happy Advent season and Merry Christmas 2025.

Fr. Laurent Assenga
Chaplain



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VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

SATURDAY, FEB 14TH

DINNER & DANCING

\$45 PER PERSON \$90 PER COUPLE

**SPREAD THE WORD
NEED VOLUNTEERS**

ROMANTIC DINNER & DANCE

 Feb 14th | Time TBD

Valentine's Day Dance!

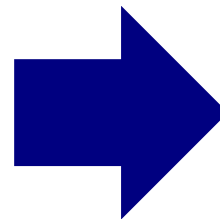
Enjoy a lovely evening as we celebrate Valentine's Day together! Bring your special someone to enjoy great company, food, and music.

We'll need volunteers to help with setup, serving, and cleanup to make it a wonderful night for everyone!

\$45/Person

\$90/Couple

 Use the QR code to the right to send council payments or donations via Zelle. Important: Don't forget to add a note so we know what it's for!



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<https://www.kofc12376.com>

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A KNIGHT'S REFLECTION

Virtue's Conflict...

Our Paradox Confronting Humanity's Way of Life... Then and Now!

Virtue: behavior exhibiting high moral standards. Synonyms: Integrity, dignity, honorableness, incorruptibility, nobility of soul / spirit.

Throughout the duration of humanity's timeline, contradiction and resurgence of confusing thoughts and lifestyles have always been the epitome of humanity's downfall and then... the new resurgence and/or returning to what Almighty God has originally intended for the Family of Man.

Scripture reflects the very embodiment of this paradigm of rebellion, then the recognition of knowing that the human plan doesn't work, only to drive us toward a desperate return to the Sacred.

It almost seems that today we are ready for another regeneration or let's call it "The New Renaissance" of living For God and In God. Embracing all that we can be, In Love With The Almighty.

We awake every morning to the two conflicting principles that assault humanity's soul. As citizens of our fallen race, we aspire to both personal as well as social negotiations of "What's In It For Me" and "Can I Get Away With It" ?

Here, evil is confused with good and good is confused with evil. Revolting and promiscuous lifestyles, philosophies and teachings against decency, morality and ethicalness is rampantly advertised as "Progressive" and those who rally against God are considered enlightened, innovative and enterprising.

Just reflect upon T.V's News Casting today. So characteristic of a generation in decay. They paint the gates of hell with the gold of paradise leaving many enveloped within a cloud of ignorance, skepticism and confusion.

In a final thought, remember, much of the so-called wisdom of today is made up of the very spikes that nailed our Beloved Lord to the Cross.

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Purity of Virtue does not begin in the flesh but rather in the Will. From here, purity begins to percolate as an outward cleansing of thought, insight and inspiration. Life is impure only when the Will is impure. Bodily and spiritual purity is a footprint of the Will.

...And so my Beloved Brothers in Alms, I leave you,

In Christ's Love,
Frank X.



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Birthdays

John Agbi	12/04
Thomas Craig	12/06
Hensil Falcao	12/06
Aldwin Liwanag	12/07
John Dempsey	12/08
Carl Shirey	12/15
Misael Andrade	12/17
Scott Cohan	12/18
Rev. Zbigniew Rudnicki	12/20
Joseph DelVecchio	12/21



Rev. Laurent Assenga	12/27
Anthony Vazquez	12/28
Vito Leonardi	12/30

Anniversaries

Joseph & Sandy Young	12/04
Dr. Andre & Raymonde Talleyrand	12/11
Robert & Loretta Staelens	12/21
Julian & Claudia Almeida	12/24



FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Vito Canuso
- Ray Glaubrecht
- Frank Gabriel Balzano
- Veta Gazelle
- Ray Sulla
- Nilda – surgery
- Ray Bouche
- Rich Meisen

Priests and religious leaders around the world who face persecution and danger in their ministry.

****For Brothers, Family Members and those in need of our prayers please contact the G.K. or the D.G.K. so they can make those names available to all of the brothers.****





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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

This brother is very involved in our council. Not only is he one of our trustees, keeping our finances in order but he is also our Chancellor. He attends all our general meetings. This brother represents the power that can be reflected in a voice of prayer that inspires everyone and strengthens our faith listening to his biblical messages from our LORD are uplifting and meaningful. Thank you for all the great work you do. The Knight of the Month goes to brother **Frank Balzano**. We appreciate your memorable efforts in making our council strong.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

This family, time and time again helps our council grow by providing us with opportunities to connect church and community. Not only has this brother helped with our 24-hour eucharistic rosary, and making sure it was safe, secure and successful, he took the initial steps in re-energizing our food pantry back to life. This Knight and his brother joined together to clean out and paint the pantry. They also purchased bins for food to keep out the rodents and other critters.

They were able to work with our friends at RBI (Restoration Bridge International) to re stock the pantry with fresh food. Thank you for all you do. We appreciate your continued great work. The Family of the Month award goes to **George and Frank Searing**. Well, deserved. Keep up the positive energy!





DECEMBER 2025

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

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FRI

SAT

30	1	2	3	4	Christmas Festival 5PM-10PM	Christmas Festival 5PM-10PM
Christmas Festival 5PM-9PM	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Officers Mtg 6PM Festival Hall 	9	10	PENANCE SERVICE 4PM & 7PM In the Church 	Christmas Festival 5PM-10PM	Christmas Festival 5PM-10PM
Christmas Festival 5PM-9PM	Live-Exemplification 5:30-6:30 In the Church	Potluck Dinner 6PM Celebration Hall	17	18	19	Breakfast w/ Santa
21	22	23	Christmas Eve 	Christmas Day 	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	Spiritual Retreat	10



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REMINDER:

**Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception**

Monday, December 8

Mass times:

8 AM, 12 PM, AND 7 PM



This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Please join us.

**PARISH OFFICE & ADORATION CHAPEL
WILL BE CLOSED.**



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REMINDER:

TOY DRIVE

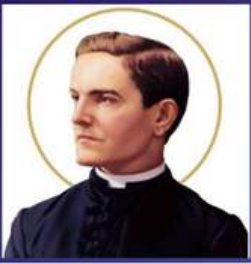
Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to bring **JOY** for a needy child during this Christmas Season.

Please place your toy donation in the collection boxes outside of the main entrance to the church.



The deadline for the TOY DRIVE is December 14 after all Masses.

If you have any questions, please contact Guy Scavelli at
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FOUNDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Blessed Father
McGivney

Apostle to the Young

**Protector of Christian
Family Life**

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Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Father Michael J McGivney

God, our Father protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J 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 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 you make your request). Through Christ our lord, Amen

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And you, Mary, the Virgin of expectation and fulfilment, who hold the secret of Christmas, make us able to recognize in the Child whom you hold in your arms the heralded Saviour, who brings hope and peace to all. With you we worship him and trustingly say: we need You, Redeemer of man, You who know the hopes and fears of our hearts. Come and stay with us, Lord! May the joy of your Nativity reach to the farthest ends of the universe!

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Pope John Paul II, Christmas 2003





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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN OUR LOG BOOK
MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8:30AM-7:00PM