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The Knight's News

Council 8155 – The Family Council

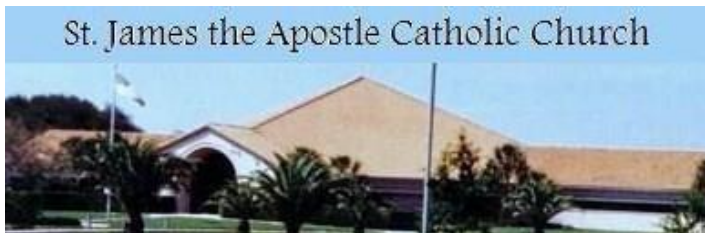
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St. James the Apostle Catholic Church



Grand Knight's Report



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Upcoming Activities

Thursday - December 5 - Assembly 3686 meets in William Room @ 7 pm



Friday - December 6 - Pearl Harbor Day Observed. Process in with Flag at morning Mass



Monday - December 9 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - Masses @ 8:30 am & 7 pm



Monday - December 9 - Council 8155 Business Meeting in St. Joseph Room @ 7 pm



Wednesday - December 11 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after morning Mass



Friday - December 13 - 3rd Annual Holiday Christmas Party at Aripeka Elks 6 pm



Sunday - December 15 - Coffee & Donuts Breakfast after 9 am Mass in St. Joseph room



Monday - December 23 - NO Officers' Meeting

Wednesday - December 25 - NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Wednesday - December 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY - Masses Dec. 24 @ 4pm, midnight, Dec. 25 @ 9 & 11 am

Thursday - December 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE



Council 8155 meets the second Monday of the month in the St. Joseph Room at 7 pm

Officers' Meeting the 4th Monday in the William Room at 7 pm

From the desk of . . .

FINANCIAL SECRETARY



JOHN DEVAUX

My Brothers:

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. Our entire family of ten came to our new home in Eagleswood Condominiums for dinner, each family brought their favorite dishes to share. My wife, Georgiana, cooked the turkey this year for the first time in over 20 years. Usually, our son-in-law Mike cooks the turkey. We gave him the day off and said he can cook the turkey at another holiday.

We are planning our Third Annual Holiday Dinner Christmas Party. It is scheduled for Friday, December 13, at the Aripeka Elks Lodge on Denton Avenue. All parishioners, family and friends are invited to join us. We will have our exchange gift activity (bring a \$5 to \$10 gift to participate), and a Share-the-Wealth drawing. Tickets are \$20 each available at the church office or contact myself. See flyer in this **Newsletter** for more information.

We are planning to have **Coffee and Donuts Sunday** December 15, with a **Hot Breakfast** following the 9 am Mass to return on January 19.

Everyone have a very blessed and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Be safe especially if you plan to travel.

Make plans now to get more involved with the Knights' activities during 2025. We can use all the help you can give, no matter how small or large it can be.

Please remember in your prayers all our brothers and their spouses and friends that have returned to our Lord during 2024. Please also pray for those who are sick or recovering from an illness or hospital stay.

God Bless,

John Devaux,
Financial Secretary
St. James Council #8155

December Events

December 1st: First Sunday of Advent

December 5th: Assembly 3686 Business Meeting @ 7 pm in William Room

December 6th: Pearl Harbor Day Observed – Process in with the Flag

December 7th – Pearl Harbor Day

December 9th: Council Business meeting @ 7 pm in the St. Joseph Room

December 11th: Eucharistic Adoration following Morning Mass

December 13th: Third Annual Holiday Dinner Party @ Aripeka Elks Lodge

December 15th: Coffee & Donuts following 9 am Mass

December 23rd: NO Officers' Meeting

December 25th: CHRISTMAS DAY

December 31st: New Year's Eve

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Thank You for your financial support!

Faith Director's Message



Dan Winfield

Just Say Yes

We learn in the Gospel of Luke that the angel Gabriel was sent from God to Mary with a message, to a town in Galilee called Nazareth. The angel did not demand, seek to scare or even convince her of God's will but rather he came to seek her own free-will permission to become the mother of God. Because she answered "yes", she became the God-bearer, the Theotokos. She became the Mother of us all.

As Catholics this feast day is of great importance because it correlates to our own relationships with Mary and motherhood. The Lord invites our own fiat, our "yes", to life itself. He invites us to welcome children into our lives, to treasure them, and help them know, love and serve the Lord. Mary's fiat stands as an exemplar to us, and not just as a one-time "yes". We may need to reprise our "yes" to God many times, especially when we too are scared and feeling helpless or overwhelmed.

The angel Gabriel declares: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." We too have found favor with God. We too are His beloved daughters and our calling to motherhood, whether it is through natural conception, adoption, or spiritual motherhood, is our call to imitate Mary. We have all found favor with God the Father since He chooses to allow us to be His hands and feet in a world that is broken and longing for love. He chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus and invites us to never fear His will and seek instead new graces to embrace it.

Mary states "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word". Could this become our new response to the difficult tasks asked of us? Do we see ourselves as a personal handmaid of the Lord? Seek to serve Him and love Him even when life seems difficult and the request is large.

As Father's, when we say "yes" to the Lord in our daily lives, we cannot fathom what the Lord can and will do with that yes! The world needs maternal hearts that are warm and open to the will of God! The world needs fathers' smiles, warmth, tender touch and embracing arms. Mary is our beloved mother, the mother of Jesus and the role model of faith and discipleship we need as we navigate a world broken and often in darkness. Pray that we will imitate well Mary's choice to be the mother of Jesus, always open to God's will.

District Deputy's Message



DAVID CREAMER

Brother Knights,

Merry Christmas!

With the recent events, we have been made closer to those around us by more often noticing if someone was in need or needed help with something. With the Christmas holiday, we tend to get the charitable feeling and reach out to be kind to those who may need something to have a blessed and happy holiday. This year more than ever we need to look closer and find a way to be more giving of ourselves to make someone just a little bit better off. Even if you have been affected by the storms, there is someone who probably is worse off than you. They may have lost everything, including a loved one during this period so being there as a friend would mean that much more. "Keep Christ in Christmas" is an important attitude to have and we should make a point of thinking what would Jesus do for us and at that point we know we should do as much as is possible. Christmas may only come but once a year, but we can try to make it last a long time by being there for others when they need us the most. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

May God bless us all for all that we do.

Vivat Jesus!

David Creamer

District Deputy 37



Did You Know?

LOU ANZIANO

Field Agent

Brothers,

As Knights, we emphasize the importance of keeping Christ in Christmas. In fact, keeping Christ at the center of everything we do is a year-round mission. Whenever we serve our parish or community, we serve Christ. I also see my service to families as a way to honor him. When I sit down with a family and help them ensure their financial protection, I am serving his Church. I think about this often, and as I look back on the year – reminiscing on all of the relationships I have made with Knights and the security I have helped provide them and their families, I am incredibly grateful.

Now, I ask you – as we close out 2024 and as you spend additional time with your family, consider how any changes from the past year might affect your life insurance portfolio. Even joyous occasions like buying a new house or sending a kid to college this fall can impact your insurance needs. Are you certain your current coverage is adequate and up to date? What would your family's financial situation be this time next year if the unimaginable happened to you or your spouse?

If your answers to these questions are not certain, I encourage you to set up time to meet with me. Let's work together to create a plan that would not only help protect your family but give you the peace of mind and security you all deserve.

Meanwhile, may you each have a holy and peaceful Christmas season with your loved ones. Let's continue to focus on Jesus through the end of

this year. And let's pray for one another — especially for those who may be struggling in any way during the holidays. If there is any way I can offer help, please reach out to me.

Thank you. Merry Christmas!



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Sunday, December 15

Following 9 am Mass

St. Joseph Room



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If you fail to see your Birthday or Anniversary here, or in subsequent issues, please submit the information to JohnDevaux8155@gmail.com . Thank you.

December Birthdays:

Member

John Sammel – 5th

Larry Gola – 7th

Benjamin Rivera, III – 29th

Keith Gosnell – 30th

Wife

Marie Kennell – 12th

Stephane Barrett – 14th

Donna Gudavich – 18th



December Anniversaries

Ben & Laura Rivera Jr. – 4th - 24 years together

George & Joan Kidder – 14th – 50 years together



Phil Aleci
Rose Bliss
John Devaux
Joanne DeSilva
Lorraine Gransden
Donna Gudavich
Louis Leonard
Dottie Maslowski
Richard Overbeck
Nora Pflieger
Bob Roth

Dominic Siani

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John Gudavich
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Please let us know if you know someone who needs to be added or if you no longer need to be on this list. Please E-mail John Devaux at JohnDevaux8155@gmail.com



Everyone is Invited



3rd Annual

Holiday Dinner Christmas Party

Friday, December 13, 2024

Dinner served at 6 pm

Aripeka Elks Lodge

9135 Denton Ave., Hudson

Cocktails Available

Sponsored by St. James' Knights of Columbus Council 8155

\$20 each

**Turkey dinner with mashed
potatoe, stuffing, veggie, salad,
cranberries and dessert**

Advanced Tickets ONLY

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"Hot Breakfast Nov. 17"
and Church Office***

***"Share-the-Wealth"
Drawing***



***\$5-\$10 Gift
Exchange***

Hot Breakfast

RETURNS SUNDAY

January 19



scrambled eggs

sausage

pancakes

hash browns

yogurt

coffee

juice



Suggested Donation \$10

Sunday, January 19

Following 9 am Mass

St. Joseph Room



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STAR COUNCIL AWARD



Grand Knight Joe James shows the Star Council Award the council received for the 2022 - 2023 fraternal year. It says the council achieved 166% of Supreme's Goal for recruiting. The last time the council received the award was 2019-2020 as Double Star and the Grand Knight was Phil Aleci with 225%.

St. James Council #8155

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Ben Rivera, Jr.



DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT
Jeremy Bobowski



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Dave Ries



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Don Cross



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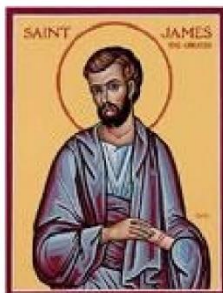
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Mission Statement

St. James the Apostle Parish
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to be a Christ centered,
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under the guidance
of the Holy Spirit,
dedicated to proclaiming
the Gospel and serving Christ
in our
Catholic Church
and in our community.

Pastor: Reverend Dominic Corona

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday: 8:30 am

St. James the Apostle Charter Members

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Anthony Barry
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4th Degree News

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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Friday - December 6 - Pearl Harbor Day Observed - Process in with Flag at morning Mass

Wednesday - December 11 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after morning Mass

Wednesday - December 25 - NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday - December 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday - January 2 Assembly 3686 meets in William Room @ 7 pm

*Assembly 3686 meets the first Thursday following the first
Wednesday of the month in the William Room at 7 pm*



St. James the Apostle Assembly #3686

Advent Origin

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, Advent began sometime after the 4th century as a time of fasting and preparation for Epiphany, rather than in anticipation of Christmas. Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ by remembering the visit of the wise men and, in some traditions, the Baptism of Jesus. Sermons focused on the wonder of the Lord's Incarnation or becoming a man. At this time new Christians were baptized and received into the faith, and so the early church instituted a 40-day period of fasting and repentance.

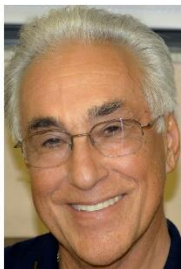
Later, in the 6th century, St. Gregory the Great was the first to associate this season of Advent with the coming of Christ. Originally it was not the coming of the Christ-child that was anticipated, but the Second Coming of Christ.

By the Middle Ages, four Sundays had become the standard length of the Advent season, with fasting and repentance during that time. The church also extended the meaning of Advent to include the coming of Christ through his birth in Bethlehem, his future coming at the end of time, and his presence among us through the promised Holy Spirit.

Modern-day Advent services include symbolic customs related to all three of these "advents" of Christ.

St. James Assembly #3686

Officers for 2024 - 2025



**FAITHFUL
NAVIGATOR**
Phil Aleci



**FAITHFUL
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David Ries



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SCRIBE**
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**INNER
SENTINEL**
Joe James



**OUTER
SENTINEL**
Tony Bernardo



**3 YEAR
TRUSTEE**
Rich Cunningham



**2 YEAR
TRUSTEE**
Jeremy Bobowski



**1 YEAR
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Anthony Fonte



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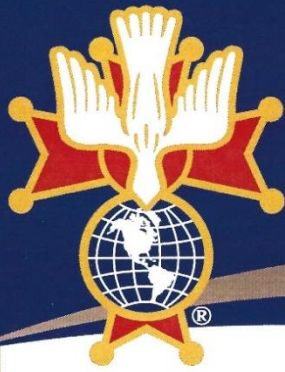


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Star Assembly



Past Faithful Navigator ED PFLIEGER shows the plaque that our Assembly 3686 was presented at our April meeting by Deputy State Master Ken Jeffres. The award is for the fraternal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Only 14 Assemblies out of 175 in Florida received the award. Our Assembly has 45 members.



Civic Award

Recognizing
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Port Richey, Florida
For outstanding implementation
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faithful to the principles of the
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October 1, 2022

Date

Patrick E. Kelly
Supreme Knight

[Signature]
Supreme Master



Charter Members of
St. James the Apostle Assembly 3686
November 9, 2016



Michael Amarando
James Bernacki
Louis Coppola
Alexander DeDea
Raymond DeDea
John Devaux
Clifford Gill
Keith Gosnell
Eric Harvey
Frank Mancuso
Edwin Pflieger
John Sammel

William Baker
Anthony Bernardo
James Crowley
Kevin DeDea
Vincent DeHart
Thomas Doran
Timothy Girvin
John Gudavich
Alan Herd
Thomas Mullen
Benjamin Rivera Jr.
Ernest Veneziano

Charles Wills

First Set of Officers

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR – Michael Amarando
FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER – John Devaux
FAITHFUL CAPTAIN – John Gudavich
FAITHFUL ADMIRAL – Edwin Pflieger
FAITHFUL PURSER – Anthony Bernardo
FAITHFUL PILOT – Richard Lamparski
FAITHFUL SCRIBE – Keith Gosnell
INNER SENTINEL- Timothy Girvin
OUTER SENTINEL – Frank Mancuso
3-YEAR TRUSTEE – William Baker
2-YEAR TRUSTEE – James Bernacki
1-YEAR TRUSTEE – Charles Wills

Faithful Navigators

Assembly 3686

Instituted November 8, 2016

St. James the Apostle

Term	Name	
2016 - 17	Michael Amarando	
2017 - 18	Michael Amarando	
2018 - 19	Edwin Pflieger	
2019 - 20	Edwin Pflieger	
2020 - 21	Edwin Pflieger	
2021 - 22	Edwin Pflieger	
2022 - 23	Joseph Panetta	
2023 - 24	Phil Aleci	
2024 - 25	Phil Aleci	
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2026 - 27		



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