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The Knight's News

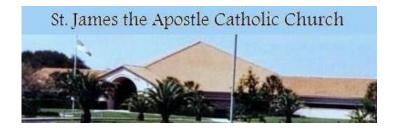
Council 8155 - The Family Council

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Grand Knight's Report



ANTHONY (TONY) BERNARDO Grand Knight

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Upcoming Activities

Thursday - August 7 - Assembly 3686 meets in William Room @ 7 pm



Monday - August 11 - Council 8155 Business Meeting in St. Joseph Room @ 7 pm



Wednesday - August 13 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after morning Mass

Sunday - August 17 - NO BREAKFAST TODAY - Returns September 21

Saturday & Sunday - August 23 & 24 - Sell McGivney Raffle Tickets after Masses



Monday - August 25 - Council Officers Meeting @ 7 pm in William Room



Monday - August 25 - McGivney Raffle Drawing at Officers Meeting



Wednesday - August 27 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after morning Mass



Monday - September 8 - Council 8155 Business Meeting in St. Joseph Room @ 7 pm



Council 8155 meets the second Monday of the month in the St. Joseph Room at 7 pm Officers' Meeting the 4th Monday n the William Room at 7 pm



TONY BERNARDO

Worthy Brothers,

As we enter a new Fraternal Year, we should each aim to examine our habits and change them to achieve our Goals. We must go back to the Habits which helped us to achieve so much more, as in the past. To achieve this, we need to return to the Basics of our Order. Charity, Unity and Fraternity-- these words mean something Special; they are the foundation of Our Mission to build the Church, Parish and Council and to Strengthen the Men of this Faith. We must become closer to our Faith and The Family of our Church. The Council Leadership will make available the tools necessary to achieve these goals. All we need to do is invite others to join us and the system and our faith will do the rest. Our Church needs us, and we need the Church. Each of us must become more involved in our Duties and cheerfully spread the accomplishments we make.

God Bless,

Tony

From the desk of the . . . FINANCIAL SECRETARY



JOHN DEVAUX



SCHOOL BEGINS AUGUST 11 WATCH OUT FOR OUR CHILDREN

Membership renewal time is here. Over half of our membership have sent in their dues already. That's great. Second Notices have been sent out to the remaining members. Check your mail. Help your Council save some postage (\$0.78 per stamp with the recent increase) and paper and envelopes by sending in your payment before the Third Notice (**Knight Alert**) goes out August 16. Thanks in advance for all your help and cooperation. Have a great summer!

Don't forget to return your Fr. McGivney Raffle tickets soon, the drawing will be Monday, August 25, at 7:00 pm during our Officers' Meeting. Let's get the pot over \$1,000. If you would like more tickets, just contact me or pick them up after 9 am Sunday mass or email me at address below.

Check with your family, friends and neighbors to see if they would like to participate. Tickets are \$10 each. Our last weekend selling after the Masses will be August 23 & 24.

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary is on Friday, August 15. Masses will be Thursday, August 14 at 4 pm and Friday at 8:30 am and 7 pm.

Our Installation of Officers is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 20 at 5 pm after the 4 pm Mass in our own St. Joseph Room. Plans are still being worked out. I will let you know the details when completed.

Our next *Business Meeting* is on Monday, August 11, in the St. Joseph Room at 7 pm. Our next *Officers Meeting* is on Monday, August 25, in the William Room at 7 pm.

God Bless,

John Devaux, Financial Secretary St. James Council #8155 JohnDevaux8155@Gmail.com 727-967-1301

August Events

August 7th: Assembly 3686 Business Meeting in William Room 7 pm August 11th: Council Business meeting @ 7 pm in the St. Joseph Room

August 13th: Eucharistic Adoration following Morning Mass

August 17th: NO BREAKFAST until September 21

August 23rd & 24th: Sell McGivney Raffle tickets after all the Masses.

August 25th: Officers' Meeting in William Room @ 7 pm

August 25th: McGivney Raffle drawing at meeting

August 27th: Eucharistic Adoration following Morning Mass

CURRENT BOOSTERS

Our Newsletter THANKS the following for their support...

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Please Note: Donations are due for the Booster List for 2025. If you wish you and your family to be listed here, please speak to John Devaux or Michael Bobowski to submit your donation. Thank you!

Thank You for your financial support!

Faith Director's Message



Dan Winfield

Commandments

When I Googled how many commandments the Jewish people followed in their Torah, at the time when Jesus was living, the answer was 613! That is a lot! No wonder they wanted to know from this wise teacher what He thought was the most important one to follow since they had too many to keep up with.

Jesus could've picked one, or gone back to the original Ten Commandments given to Moses many generations prior. Instead, He combined them all into 2 terrific rules that encompassed them all.

For if you love God with your whole being, everything you do will please Him and fulfill the other laws. If you love your neighbor as you love yourself, you will please God while serving Him by treating others as He would want you to. "On these two commandments hang all the Law," and sure makes it easier than trying to remember 613 of them.

To love is to want the best for the other person. If we strive to truly want the best and treat everyone as if they were the face of Jesus, like St. Teresa of Kolkata, that would be the best way to fulfill both of these great commands. The ideal way to accomplish this is to know Jesus, to appreciate His love and mercy, then to want to serve Him through others.

Ponder:

How can I show God today that I love Him with all my heart, mind and soul?

Pray:

Loving Father, thank You for giving us Your commandments to show us what is expected of us as Your children. Help me to do my best to love You and love those around me with all that I am. Amen.

Deputy Deputy Message

DAVID CREAMER

Brother Knights,

With the new calendar year having begun, let us plan for success. Have a list of events is a good start, but we must motivate as many Brothers as is possible to complete these tasks. As we run these events, we will be more visible and may be able to attract new members. Always be prepared to ask if someone is interested in joining. Be proud with a list of reasons why they should join up. Always look for that person that needs some help and offer to assist them. Charitable acts are what the Knights are all about, and following in Jesus's lead in helping others is our way of continuing His work.

May God bless us all and our works during this new year.

Vivat Jesus! David Creamer District Deputy 37



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You're hopefully maximizing your contributions to savings plans like a 401(k) at work or Individual Retirement Account (IRA). What about other investment options that take your targeted retirement date and risk threshold into account? Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, a wholly owned subsidiary of Knights of Columbus, has resources to help you understand your options. If you need assistance, I'm happy to connect you with a registered advisor.

Let's look at your finances together to see what plans you already have in place, and what gaps you may have to ensure you don't run out of income in retirement. Safeguard your future today — set up time to meet with me in the coming weeks!

Thank you!



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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.

August Birthdays:

Member

Norman Triznadel – 1st

Don Cross - 8th

Duane Kovacich – 11th

Ray Ester – 13th

Domenic Grosso - 16th

Greg Reissland - 17th

Anthony Ammiano – 19th

Dominic Siani

Luis Rodriguez – 25th

Fr. Dominic – 31st

Wife

Claire King – 3rd Laura Violante – 8th

Sue Toler – 14th



August Anniversaries

John & Georgiana Devaux – 7^{th} - 54 years together David & Patty Wolverton – 20^{th} – 53 years together



Sick and Distressed

Phil Aleci Stephane Barrett Rose Bliss Diane Coughlin Rich Cunningham John Devaux Georgiana Devaux Matt Devaux Joanne DeSilva Marie Duffy Jim Duffy Lorraine Gransden Mark Gransden Donna Gudavich Marie Kennell Randy Koenigsfeld Vickie Lamparski Louis Leonard Gale Leonard Tony Luzader Dottie Maslowski Gail Oliver **Richard Overbeck** Dave Ries Mark Pflieger Ed Pflieger Wayne Ries **Bob Roth** John Sammel

Dave Wolverton

<u>Please let us know</u> 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

Pickup some extra tickets for your family, friends. Neighbors

You can't win – if you don't play!



5th Annual Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney

Share-the-Wealth Raffle

You Can't win if you don't play!

Sponsored by

St. James' Knights of Columbus Council 8155 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners

Supporting church & local community needs

Raffle tickets will be available after all weekend Masses July 19 & 20, 26 & 27 and August 23 & 24 Also at Church office Monday thru Thursday 9 to 1

Donation: \$10 per ticket -

Drawing: Monday August 25 @ 7 pm



August 2025



St. James the Apostle Knights of Columbus Council #8155

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Claire King's Birthday	Columbian Squires 100th Anniversary	5 Louis Coppola's Birthday	6	John & Georgiana Devaux's 54th Anniversary	Donald Cross's Birthday Laura Violante's Birthday	9
10	Council Business Meeting @ 7 pm in St. Joseph Room Duane Kovacich's Birthday	173rd Anniversary of the Birth of Fr. Michael McGivney Aug. 12, 1852	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament after 8:30 Mass Ray Ester's Birthday	14 135th Anniversary of the Death of Fr. McGivney Aug. 14, 1890 Sue Toler's Birthday	15	Domenic Grosso's Birthday Sell McGivney Raffle Tkts after all Masses
Greg Reisslands Birthday NO BREAKFAST TODAY Sell McGivney Raffle Tkts after all Masses	18	Anthony Ammiano's Birthday	Dave & Patty Wolverton's 53rd Anniversary	21	22	Sell McGivney Raffle Tkts after all Masses
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Fr. Dominic Corona's Birthday						

St. James Council #8155 Officers for 2025 - 2026



GRAND KNIGHT Anthony Bernardo



DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT Jeremy Bobowski



CHANCELLOR Dave Ries



WARDEN Don Cross



RECORDER

Dave Coughlin



TREASURER Michael Bobowski



ADVOCATE Mark Gransden



INSIDE GUARD Dominic Siani



OUTSIDE GUARD Michael Barrett



3-Year TRUSTEE Ben Rivera, Jr.



2 Year TRUSTEE Rich Cunningham



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FINANCIAL SECRETARY

John Devaux

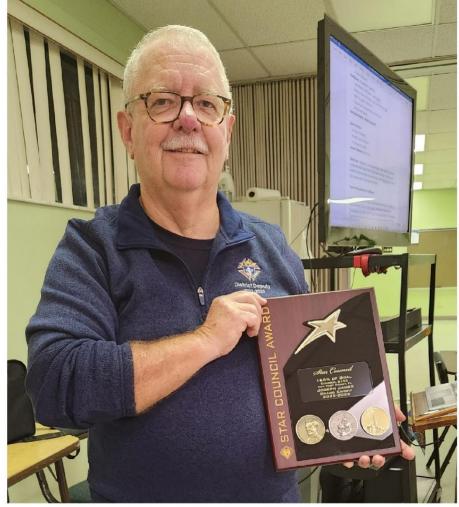
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LECTURER



Fr. Dominic Corona

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%.

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Car Magnet



\$3.00

magnet is 3" x 3"

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church



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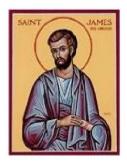
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Bishop Larkin Catholic School 727-862-6981 Bishop McLaughlin High School 727-857-2600



Mission Statement

St. James the Apostle Parish is called by God to be a Christ centered, Loving family, 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

Fr. Michael Devine

Leroy P. Alas Louis J. Ammiano Anthony Barry John Bellani William B. Braswell Edward F. Carroll Flor Figueroa Douglas A. Gallo

Edward G. Rossi Joseph R. Schoener Achille Scognamiglio Walter J. Simpson Theodore H. Smith Paul J. Sobek James V. Spadola Anthony Trapasso Jeffrey G. Turino Herbert W. Genne Anthony M. Gentile Joseph Grezaffi Robert E. Griswald William C. Hugel Miles F. I'rejci Edmund E. Latif III Peter Libzrantowski Domenic S. Loiero

Peter A. Unnone
Augusta C. Vasquez
Donald J. Waugh
Robert J. Williams
Tom A. Wilson
James J. Yeo – 1st Grand Knight
Thomas J. Zajewski

Council #10955 Sept. 28, 1992

John J. Lynch
Kenneth F. MacAlpin
Joseph F. Mastrocolo
Hugh McCluskey
Deacon Paul G. Metilly
Vincent M. Panaro
Timothy J. Parkin
Edwin F. Pflieger
Charles Roberts

In Red - Still member As of 1/17/2024





HURRICANE SHOPPING LIST

O Baby food	O Prescription medicines
O Baby formula	O Sterno
O Batteries	O Toiletries
O Books, games	O Water containers
O Bottled water	O Window protection
O Can opener	
O Candles	NON-PERISHABLE FOODS:
O Disposable diapers	NOIN-I ENISHABLE 10003.
O Disposable plates, glasses	O Canned meats and fish
and utensils	O Canned fruits and vegetables
O Disposable washcloths	O Canned soups
O First aid supplies	O Canned puddings
○ Flashlights	O Canned, powdered or
O Fuel and fuel can	shelf pack milk
O Ice chest and ice	O Dried fruit
O Lamp oil	O Powdered or individually
O Lanterns	packaged drinks
O Masking tape	O Cereal, cookies, crackers
O Matches	and snacks
O Non-electric clock	O Condiments
O Plastic drop cloth	O Peanut butter and jelly
O Portable radio	O Coffee and tea
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St James Assembly #3686



4th Degree Section

4th Degree News St. James the Apostle Assembly #3686





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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Thursday - August 7 - Assembly 3686 meets in William Room @ 7 pm

Wednesday - August 13 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after morning Mass

Wednesday - August 27 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after morning Mass

Thursday - September 4 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 Assembly #3686 Officers for 2025 - 2026



FAITHFUL
NAVIGATOR
Michael Barrett



FAITHFUL
CAPTAIN
Jeremy Bobowski



FAITHFUL
PILOT
David Ries



FAITHFUL
ADMIRAL
Ed Pflieger



FAITHFUL SCRIBE Michael Bobowski



FAITHFUL
PURSER
Mark Gransden



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COMPTROLLER
John Devaux



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SENTINEL
Joe James



OUTER
SENTINEL
Tony Bernardo



3 YEAR
TRUSTEE
Phil Aleci



2 YEAR TRUSTEE Rich Cunningham



1 YEAR TRUSTEE Ben Rivera, Jr.



August 2025 St. James the Apostle Assembly #3686



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3	4	5 Louis Coppola's Birthday	Transfiguration of the Lord	Assembly Meeting @ 7 pm in William Room John & Georgiana Devaux's 54th anniversary	8	9
10	11	12	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament after 8:30 Mass Joe & Julie James' 48th Anniversary	14	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament after 8:30 Mass	28	29	30
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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.



St James The Apostle
Assembly 3686
Port Richey, Florida
For outstanding implementation
of patriotic programming
faithful to the principles of the
Fourth Degree of
the Knights of Columbus

October 1, 2022

Date

Patrich E. Kelly
Supreme Knight

Supreme Master

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AUGUST 2025



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	90
2020 - 21	Edwin Pflieger	
2021 - 22	Edwin Pflieger	
2022 - 23	Joseph Panetta	
2023 - 24	Phil Aleci	
2024 - 25	Phil Aleci	
2025 - 26	Michael Barrett	
2026 - 27		

Knights of Columbus Member Benefits

Aside from the numerous personal rewards that come from being a Knight, here is a list of the many substantial rewards for you and your family.



Columbia Magazine — Free subscription to the Order's award-winning magazine examining issues of concern to Knights, Catholics and families

Knights of Columbus rosary — Blessed by the supreme chaplain, presented during the Admission Degree to each new member

Daily Mass of Remembrance at St. Mary's Church — Mass for deceased members and their wives at the birthplace of the Order

Insurance — Access to a portfolio of top-quality life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and annuity products exclusive for members, their spouses and their dependent children

Family Fraternal Benefit — For eligible families: a) pays \$1,500 for the child who dies before the age of 61 days; b) pays \$750 for the child who is stillborn at least 20 weeks after conception; c) offers guaranteed-issue insurance — up to \$5,000 — to any child under age 18

Orphan Benefit — \$80 monthly allotment for orphans of eligible families; up to \$7,000 in college scholarships available

Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit — Accidental death coverage for member and spouse at no cost Widow Benefits — a) continues to be covered under the Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit; b) may purchase life insurance, long-term care insurance or annuities up to one year after insured member's death; c) receives a free lifetime subscription to Columbia; d) eligible with her children for scholarships, student loans, etc.

Scholarships — Scholarship programs for higher education available to members, their spouses and children

Leadership Development — Opportunity to build personal leadership skills, public speaking ability, organizational skills, etc.

Fourth Degree — Eligibility to join the Patriotic Degree

Honorary Life Membership — At age 70 with 25 years of membership

Membership Card — Entitles participation in all Catholic, fraternal and social activities in member's council and also in over 15,000 councils throughout the world

Activities — Participation in a variety of programs and activities conducted by your council

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Knights of Columbus

Member/Spouse

FRATERNAL BENEFIT

Whereas, the primary purpose of our Order as set forth in the Charter, Section 2 (a) is "rendering pecuniary aid to its members, their families, and beneficiaries of members and their families," and (b) "rendering mutual aid and assistance to its sick, disabled, and needy families;" and

Whereas, the Board of Directors, at the request of the Supreme Council in this International Year of the Family, 1994, desires to recognize the numerous contributions made by members of the Knights of Columbus, their spouses and families, to the welfare, growth, and financial stability of the Order through their varied activities and charitable works for the benefit of mankind; and in appreciation for their efforts expended in membership recruitment and council development; it was

Voted, at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on October 20–23, 1994, that a Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit be given at no cost to all members (and their wives) in good standing, belonging to councils of and residing in countries that have been designated as insurance territories by the Supreme Council, provided that the member's council is in good standing.

Accidental Death Benefit

The Knights of Columbus will pay a benefit upon the death of a member or his spouse, occurring within 90 days, as the result of injury sustained in a covered accident. Protection is on a 24-hour basis for accidents that may occur anywhere in the world during activities on or off the job, on business, pleasure, vacation, or at home, except for the exclusions listed.

Benefits

Years of Continuous Membership	Member Benefit	Spouse Benefit
Less than two years	\$1,000	\$1,000
Two years, but less than three	1,500	1,500
Three years, but less than four	2,000	2,000
Four years or more	2,500	2,500

The benefit amount will be reduced by \$500 on the member's 65th birthday and each subsequent birthday, until the benefit amount is stabilized at \$1,000. The \$1,000 coverage will continue thereafter, provided the member and the member's council are in good standing and both so reflected on the records of the Supreme Council.

The spouse benefit at all times corresponds to the member's benefit. At no time will the spouse benefit exceed the member's benefit. Should the member predecease his wife, she shall continue to be covered thereafter at a fixed benefit of \$1,000. Should the spouse and the member die within 90 days from the same accident, however, the scheduled benefit will be paid.

Beneficiaries

The accidental death benefit will be paid to the next of kin in accordance with Section 71.2 of the Order's laws. The claim for this accidental death benefit must be received at the Supreme Office of the Knights of Columbus within three years of the date of death.

Exclusions

This accidental death benefit will not be paid if death results from: suicide, self-inflicted injury while sane or insane; sickness or disease (except bacterial infection resulting from accidental cut or wound); flying, except as a fare-paying passenger on a regularly scheduled airline; or injury from driving or riding in a speed or organized contest.

Amendment or Discontinuation

The Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit shall be effective September 1, 1994, and may be amended or discontinued at any time by action of the Order's Board of Directors.