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**Grand Knight's Message**

Happy New Year to all my Brothers!



I hope this message finds you all well and able to attend our next meeting on February 4, 2025. At that time our FS, Anthony Vitale, will have the new membership cards for all those that are up to date on paying their dues. Please stop by during the meeting to pick up your cards. As usual, our meeting begins at 7:30 pm with pizza afterwards.

A few days ago, our new President was sworn into Office. Please keep him in your prayers as he has a daunting task ahead of him. His success is our success.

On January 2, 2025, we held a belated Christmas dinner at Tre Scalini on Main Street in Farmingdale. There were 21 in attendance and all had a good time. Some members expressed a desire to have more of these gatherings during the year, if for no other reason than to just sit down and enjoy ourselves.

In order to keep our members and their guests safe while in our hall, an AED will be installed shortly. Instruction will be available to all members. I will have more information in the coming weeks.

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**Chaplain's Message**

*This month's column is by Fr. George Oppong-Afriyie*

**PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

In the Jubilee year, Holy mother church through the instrumentality of His Holiness Pope Francis, has declared 2025 as the period for all Catholic faithful to reflect on our calling as pilgrims who are journeying to the future which is unknown and yet are filled with the objective hope that, we shall arrive at our destination amid fears and trembling. Somewhere deep within the heart of each and every person made in God's image, is a longing and desire for a world beyond this world, a place beyond this place, somewhere that is free from sin, suffering, sickness and death. And I believe these small glimpses of happiness and joy are wonderful moments that awaken our hearts for the longing of our home to come. John Bunyan referred to this home as "the celestial city."

A song by Dan Schutte and St. Louis Jesuits, City of God, in my candid opinion, captures the core message of this year's Bull of Indiction: 'Spes Non Confundit'. The last stanza of the song city of God has this for our reflection, "The Lord of all kindness has called us to be a light for his people to set their hearts free".

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## Editors Corner

The Mariner will be printed once a month with one issue for the months of July and August, for a total of eleven (11) issues by and for the Farmingdale Council #2204, Knights of Columbus.

Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month in the Council Hall located at the intersection of Morton Street and Garity Place. The mailing address is 1 Morton Street, Farmingdale, NY 11735-4340. The deadline for material for publication in the Mariner is the Friday that follows the 3rd Wednesday of the prior month. PLEASE keep this deadline in mind for articles you wish to have publish in the Mariner.



**Father McGivney  
Pray for Us**



## Good of the Order

Brothers those in need will always be with us. If you can remember to bring some kind of dry or can goods, such as tuna, vegetables, pasta cereal etc., to each meeting, the Council will arrange to get this food to the Parish Pantry.

We must always have new members flowing into our ranks and it is your privilege and your duty as a Knight of Columbus to recruit and retain the strength your needs to carry on the great works so well begun. You know as well as I do that there are many fine unselfish Catholic gentleman who would be Knights if we would but give them a word of suggestion and lead them towards our banner. I appeal to each and everyone of you to select one man that you deem worthy and lead him to us. Brother's please communicate to the Council that a Brother or family member is ill.

*Please keep the following Knights, Columbiettes, Family members and Friends in your prayers. Please also keep in your prayers all others who have requested our prayers, but due to miscommunications or timing, are not listed. God knows who they are and a simple thought to include them is sufficient.*

### Sick & Distressed

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JUSTINE MONTENERO  
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### Recently Deceased

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**Please inform the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary  
of Any Brother that is Sick or has Passed Away.**

## Happy Birthday Brothers

### January

Richard S Agrillo  
Joseph Dompkowski  
Leonard R Kelch  
Robert D Lamb  
John A Moruzzi  
John J O Shea  
Mark P Rowan  
Chris R Wider



### List of Upcoming Important Dates

#### **FEBRUARY-2025**

- 4—Council Meeting (Biz & Social) Tues, 7:30pm
- 14—ST VALENTINE'S DAY
- 17—PRESIDENT'S DAY
- 18—Officer's Meeting, Council #2204 Tues, 7:30pm

#### **MARCH-2025**

- 1—ST DAVID'S DAY
- 4—SHROVE TUESDAY
- 4—Council Meeting (Biz & Social) Tuesday, 7:30pm
- 5—ASH WEDNESDAY
- 17—ST PATRICK'S DAY
- 18—Officer's Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm

**You will be notified of any changes as soon as possible.  
All Officers meetings will be held at the Council Hall**

## A PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

**W**e thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf: Fill them with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to greater union with your Son. Increase their faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, through the intercession of St. Jean Vianney, grant that your priests will be inspired to strive for holiness by the power of his example. As men of prayer, may they ponder your word, follow your will and faithfully lead the flocks you have entrusted to their care.

St. Jean Vianney, obtain for the Church an abundance of vocations to the holy priesthood. Through your intercession, may many faithful men hear Christ's call, and respond with courage and generosity.

Mary our Mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones. Intercede for our priests, so that by offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

St. Jean Vianney, patron of parish priests, pray for us!



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### **PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF THE VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD MICHAEL McGIVNEY**

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**G**od, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed 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 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.

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My dear family of God, there are key points about “pilgrims of hope” which we need to pay attention to for our own edification and individual reflection.

#### The Spiritual Journey:

The “pilgrimage” as refers to a personal journey of faith, where individual actively seek to deepen their connection with God and live out their Christian values.

#### Sharing Hope:

The “hope” element emphasizes the importance of actively spreading positivity and encouragement to others, especially those facing hardship.

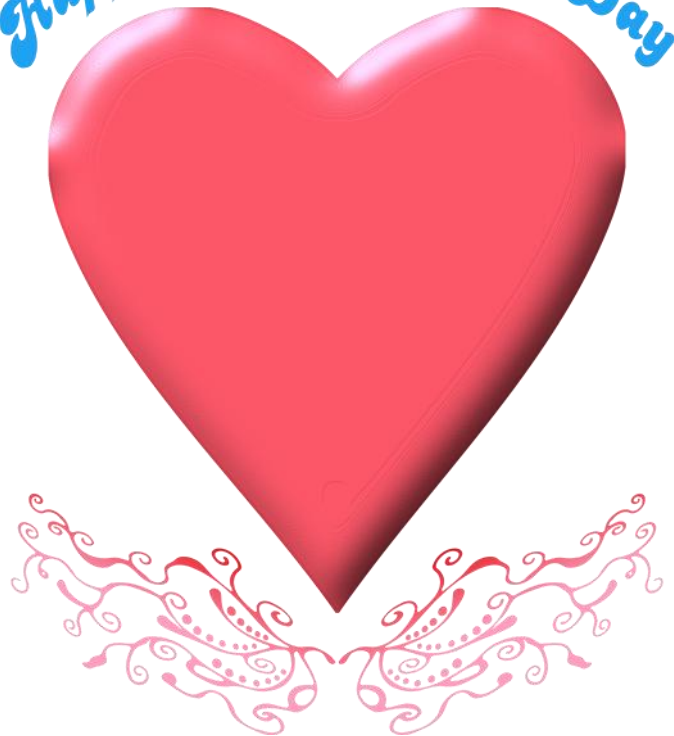
#### Collective Responsibility:

The “pilgrims” part suggest that this journey is not meant to be undertaken alone, but as a community of believers supporting one another.

The tenets of the Jubilee Year are encapsulated in the biblical tradition found in the Old Testament, where a jubilee year occurred every 50 years, and was marked by the forgiveness of debts, liberation of slaves, and the return of the land to its original owners. The occasion is set by counting off seven sabbaths of years or seven times seven years. The fiftieth year, then, is to be the year of jubilee formally began in the Roman Catholic Church in 1300, instituted by Pope Boniface VIII.

Fr. George Afriyie Oppong  
Associate Chaplain

Happy St. Valentine's Day



### MASS & STATUE DEDICATION

**SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025**  
**11:00AM**

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## *Who Was Saint Valentine*



***Saint Valentine***, officially known as Saint Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14 and commonly associated with "courtly love."

Although not much of St. Valentine's life is reliably known, and whether or not the stories involve two different saints by the same name is also not officially decided, it is highly agreed that St. Valentine was martyred and then buried on the Via Flaminia to the north of Rome.

In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed St. Valentine from the General Roman Calendar, because so little is known about him. However, the church still recognizes him as a saint, listing him in the February 14 spot of Roman Martyrology.

The legends attributed to the mysterious saint are as inconsistent as the actual identification of the man.

One common story about St. Valentine is that in one point of his life, as the former Bishop of Terni, Narnia and Amelia, he was on house arrest with Judge Asterius. While discussing religion and faith with the Judge, Valentine pledged the validity of Jesus. The judge immediately put Valentine and his faith to the test.

St. Valentine was presented with the judge's blind daughter and told to restore her sight. If he succeeded, the judge vowed to do anything for Valentine. Placing his hands onto her eyes, Valentine restored the child's vision.

Judge Asterius was humbled and obeyed Valentine's requests. Asterius broke all the idols around his house, fasted for three days and became baptized, along with his family and entire 44 member household. The now faithful judge then freed all of his Christian inmates.

Source: Catholic Online, [https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=159](https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=159)

*Visit the link above and read more about Saint Valentine.*



## Take a Spiritual Pilgrimage: The Rosary in a Year Podcast

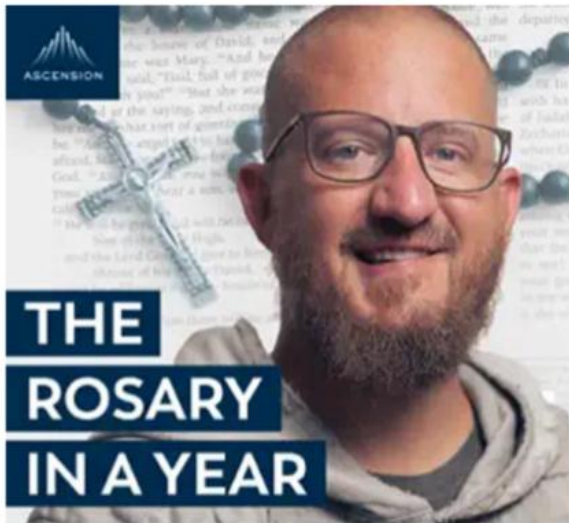


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- Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Scripture readings

## **3:00 PM: SAINT JOSEPH PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM**

- Catechesis of St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, Pope Francis
- Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
- Litany of Saint Joseph
- Scripture readings

**4:00 PM: Sacrament of Reconciliation in OLPH Church (optional)**

**5:00pm: Mass (optional)**

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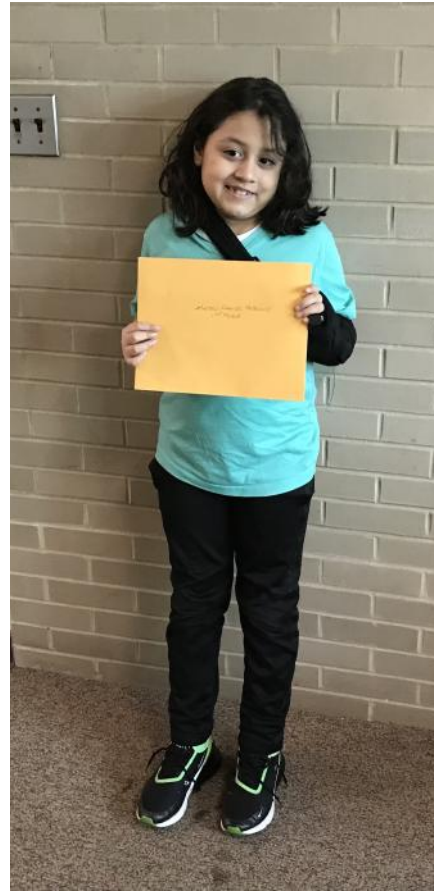
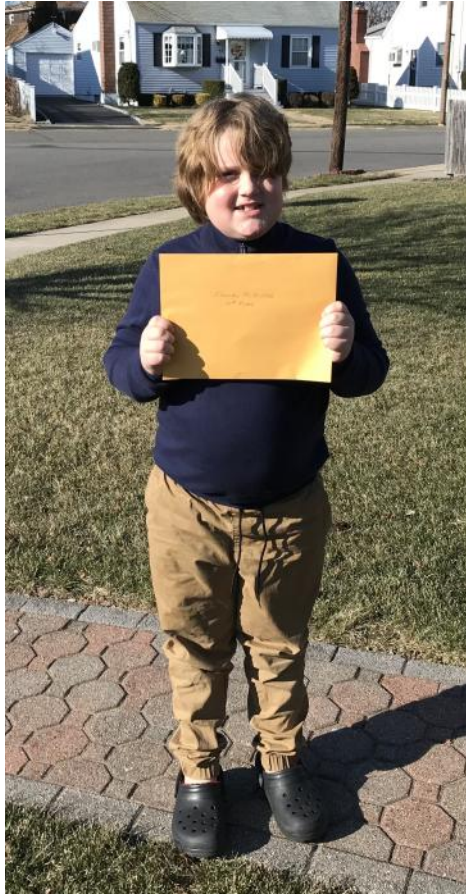
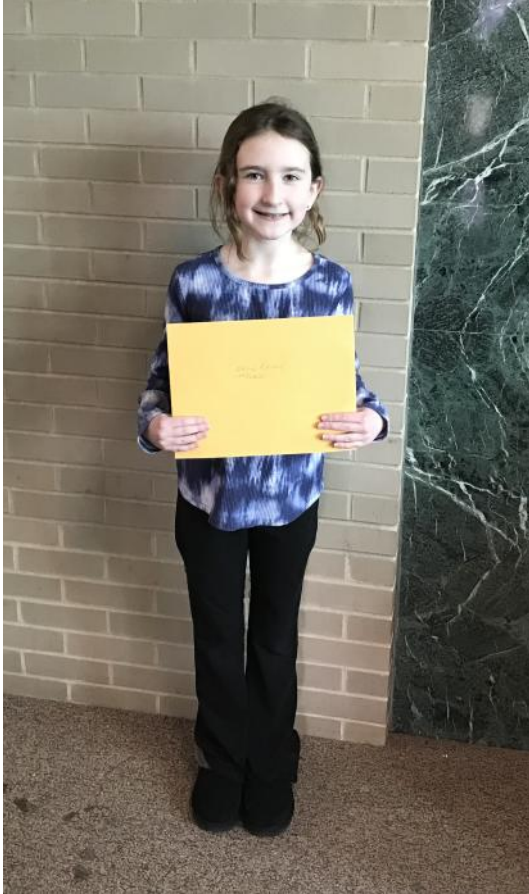
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The Free Throw Championship was held on January 24, 2025 at 7pm. We had several competitors ranging in age from 9-14. They did their best and had a good time. We will be sending 4 of them to the District level where they will compete with the winners from other Councils in our District. This will be held in our own school auditorium. The date and time is to be determined.

I have one question for all of you. How many men have you invited to join the Knights of Columbus in the past month? We either grow or we die. The choice is ours. Membership is free for the first year so they really have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

Thank you to all those members that attend not only our meetings but are always willing to lend a hand to help a brother.

Be safe, stay warm, and pray for the world we live in.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Healy  
Grand Knight

## Suffolk Chapter Report

My Brothers and Sisters,

The Chapter is the fraternal arm of the "Knights of Columbus", working for you and your families. The Chapter has many programs such as the FAC (Fraternal Assistance) which is available to all brother Knights and sister Columbiettes who find themselves in financial difficulty. This is kept strictly confidential, so any one in need should not be afraid to reach out for help. There are scholarship programs for your children and grandchildren, if they plan to attend a Catholic High School. We offer track and free throw competitions for children up to fourteen years of age, where they can win scholarship money for their education. There are fraternal activities for all members and their families. Why not take advantage of what we have to offer by coming to our monthly meetings, on the second Friday of the month, and represent your Council.

The Chapter also collects eyeglasses, can tabs and every Christmas we collect teddy bears for needy children. **THE CHAPTER WORKS FOR YOU, WHY NOT SUPPORT IT!!! REMEMBER, "CHARITY IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT PRODUCT".**

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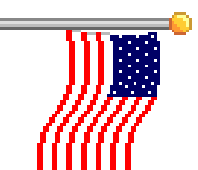
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