



# St. Michael's Message



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St. Lawrence Catholic Church and St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church

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## Assembly Event Summary

by Faithful Navigator

As we navigate into the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of this Fraternal Year, we want to take a look at the Patriotic Programs we set as our Goals and how they are doing.

Program 1: WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA not only was such a success locally at East Shadow Lawn Cemetery but we spurred the Corporation that owns Gwinnett Memorial Park on US 29 to start the process to join the Wreaths system for next year. (Chairman SK Mike Miller) WAA was also Assembly 3410's entry for the Patriotic Award.

Program 2: FLAG RETIREMENTS will continue to be an on-going program.

Program 3: CLOTHES FOR VETERANS the Assembly has the next delivery of boxes of new clothes from our corporate sponsor plus even more additional clothes from St Matthew ready for the American Legion #233 Homeless Veterans support. (Chairman SK Joe Perez)

Program 4: USO AIRPORT ASSISTANCE has the next support day scheduled for a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Team in April for Hartsfield Jackson Airport. (Chairman SK Desmond Donlin)

Program 5: NEGHSV (NE Georgia Homeless Veterans Shelter, Winder) the budgeted quarterly monetary donations to their food program continue, plus occasional direct food donations. (Chairman SK Dan Dant)

BETA Program 6: DAV SUPPORT Coordination for Knight VETERANS continues to be a very slow one at a time process. One Knight in the program, after 3 meetings over six months has finally reached CMT evaluation and paperwork was finally processed and moved to National. IF approved it likely will result in about \$2000 a month in well-deserved compensation for that one elderly Veteran Knight. ADD on EVENT: As the Assembly sponsored and fielded the "Michaels' Messengers" TEAM for CARRY THE CROSS up Kennesaw Mountain in coordination with Transfiguration Council 10362 and District 11 [WGK Mike Meehan and DD11 Tony Annarelli] (Team Leader SK Joe Perez). Both ASSEMBLY and COUNCILS fund raising TOGETHER, raised \$16,000 fund raising for Atlanta Archdiocese Seminarians.

While these are CORE ASSEMBLY programs our Color Corp has added 4 Uniformed with a couple more on the way and our members are at more events at all levels (Color Corps Commander SK Todd Morrow). An amazing NEWSLETTER (Editor SK Paolo Palmas). New

WEBMASTER (SK Frank Montelione). Current ASSEMBLY membership is also growing and some other initiatives as well.

Next Assembly Meeting Will Be At 7pm, Thursday April 18, 2024

At St. Oliver's

### [The Knights of Peter Claver](#)

by Faithful Navigator

Not long ago a Brother Knight of Columbus asked me, "who are the Knights of Peter Claver and are they Catholic?" Turning to Wikipedia in my ignorance (thank you Wikipedia) ... The **Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary** is an international Catholic fraternal service order. Founded in 1909 by the Society of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart and parishioners from the Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Mobile, Alabama, it is the largest and oldest Black Catholic lay-led organization still in existence. They are most certainly our Catholic Brothers in Christ. The order is named after St Peter Claver, a Jesuit priest from Spain in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. St Peter Claver is said to have converted over 300,000 people in Columbia and South America, to Catholicism.

That led me to my discovery of the IACK ... the International Alliance of Catholic Knights made up of fifteen Roman Catholic fraternal orders from 27 countries on six continents founded on 12 October 1979. The IACK is currently an associate member of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, a dicastery of the Roman Curia. Pope Francis announced its creation effective 1 September 2016. It took over the functions and responsibilities of the Pontifical Council for the Laity and the Pontifical Council for the Family. It has responsibility "for the promotion of the life and apostolate of the lay faithful, for the pastoral care of the family and its mission according to God's plan and for the protection and support of human life.

The IACK was approved as a Catholic international organization by the HOLY SEE in 1981. By a decree dated 14 April 1992 the International Alliance of Catholic Knights was given official recognition by the Vatican as an International Catholic Association of the Faithful, in accordance with Canons 298–311 and 321–329 of the Code of Canon Law. It is an International Alliance for the purpose of working together for the mutual advantage of the individual Member Orders and the extension of Catholic Knighthood throughout the world. Furthermore, the IACK holds its members to:

- Bring the message of Christ to all people.
- Give loyalty and support in every way possible to our Holy Father The Pope and all Bishops, Priests and Religious throughout the world.
- Use their individual and joint influence to eliminate injustice from society.
- Cooperate with other Catholic international organizations and the Pontifical Council for the Laity to advance the Christian way of life
- Extend the vision of The Blessed Father Michael J McGivney (founder of the Knights of Columbus) by assisting each Member Order to progress and grow and by promoting the establishment of new Orders of Catholic Knights.
- Strengthen the individual and distinct Member Orders by corporate action and to strive to deepen the faith of members of the Alliance and all Catholics in general by encouraging their active and generous participation in the Life and Mission of the Church.
- Pursue these aims by uniting all throughout the world in prayer

## Feast of St. Patrick at the Cathedral

Assembly 3410 Color Corp Commander SK Todd Morrow and SK Robert Barnard represented Assembly 3410 at the St. Patrick's Day Mass at Christ the King Cathedral on Friday March 15, 2024. A total of 12 SK's were present, representing 4 different Assemblies. Bishop Hartmayer was very appreciative of our presence,



### ***Archbishop John F. Donoghue Atlanta Assembly 3313:***

SK Bryan Lewis, FN & CCC  
 SK Bob DuPree  
 SK Kevin Lewis  
 SK Robert DeMarias  
 SK Andrew Lewis  
 SK Dan Pompilio  
 SK Rich Sghiatti

### ***Lanier Assembly 2844:***

SK Mark Miklos, District Marshal  
 SK Colonel Jimmy Hedricks  
 SK James Peters  
 SK Jim Schnetzer

### ***St. Michael the Archangel Assembly 3410:***

SK Todd Morrow, CCC  
 SK Robert Barnard

### ***Archbishop Gerald P. O'Hara Assembly 172:***

SK Patrick Waldon, CCC





## Saint of the Month - St. Catherine of Siena



St. Catherine of Siena was born during the outbreak of the plague in Siena, Italy on March 25, 1347. She was the 25th child born to her mother, although half of her brothers and sisters did not survive childhood. Catherine herself was a twin, but her sister did not survive infancy. Her mother was 40 when she was born. Her father was a cloth dyer.

At the age of 16, Catherine's sister, Bonaventura, died, leaving her husband as a widower. Catherine's parents proposed that he marry Catherine as a replacement, but Catherine opposed this. She began fasting and cut her hair short to mar her appearance

Her parents attempted to resist this move, to avoid marriage, but they were unsuccessful. Her fasting and her devotion to her family, convinced them to relent and allow her to live as she pleased. Catherine once explained that she regarded her father as a representation of Jesus and her mother as Our Lady, and her brothers as the apostles, which helped her to serve them with humility.

Despite Catherine's religious nature, she did not choose to enter a convent and instead she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic, which allowed her to associate with a religious society while living at home.

Fellow Dominican sisters taught St. Catherine how to read. Meanwhile, she lived quietly, isolated within her family home.

St. Catherine developed a habit of giving things away and she continually gave away her family's food and clothing to people in need. She never asked permission to give these things away, and she quietly put up with their criticisms.

Something changed her when she was 21. She described an experience she referred to as her "mystical marriage to Christ." There are debates over whether or not St. Catherine was given a ring with some claiming she was given a bejeweled ring, and other claiming the ring was made of Jesus's skin. St. Catherine herself started the rumor of the latter in her writings, but she was known to often claim the ring itself was invisible.

Such mystical experiences change people, and St. Catherine was no exception. In her vision, she was told to reenter public life and to help the poor and sick. She immediately rejoined her family and went into public to help people in need.

She often visited hospitals and homes where the poor and sick were found. Her activities quickly attracted followers who helped her in her mission to serve the poor and sick.

St. Catherine was drawn further into the world as she worked, and eventually she began to travel, calling for reform of the Church and for people to confess and to love God totally. She became involved in politics, and was key in working to keep city states loyal to the Pope. She was also credited with helping to start a crusade to the Holy Land. On one occasion, she visited a condemned political prisoner and was credited with saving his soul, which she saw being taken up to heaven at the moment of his death.

St. Catherine allegedly was given the stigmata, but like her ring, it was visible only to herself. She took Bl. Raymond of Capua as her confessor and spiritual director.

From 1375 onwards, St. Catherine began dictating letters to scribes. She petitioned for peace and was instrumental in persuading the Pope in Avignon to return to Rome.

She became involved in the fractured politics of her time, but was instrumental in restoring the Papacy to Rome and in brokering peace deals during a time of factional conflict and war between the Italian city states.

She also established a monastery for women in 1377 outside of Siena. She is credited with composing over 400 letters, her Dialogue, which is her definitive work, and her prayers. These works are so influential that St. Catherine would later be declared a Doctor of the Church. She is one of the most influential and popular saints in the Church.

By 1380, the 33-year-old mystic had become ill, possibly because of her habit of extreme fasting. Her confessor, Raymond, ordered her to eat, but she replied that she found it difficult to do so, and that possibly she was ill.

In January of 1380, her illness accelerated her inability to eat and drink. Within weeks, she was unable to use her legs. She died on April 29, following a stroke just a week prior.

St. Catherine's feast day is April 29, she is the patroness against fire, illness, the United States, Italy, miscarriages, people ridiculed for their faith, sexual temptation, and nurses.

### **UPCOMING FEASTS AND MEMORIALS**

4-7	Divine Mercy Sunday		4-23	St. George and St. Adalbert	M
4-8	The Annunciation of the Lord	S	4-24	St. Fidelis	M
4-11	St. Stanislaus	M	4-25	ST. MARK, EVANGELIST	F
4-13	St. Martin, Pope	M	4-28	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of EASTER	
4-14	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of EASTER		4-29	St. Catherine of Siena	
4-21	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of EASTER		4-30	St. Pius V, Pope	

## FRANCISCAN GEORGIA MARTYRS SLAIN IN 1597

Five Franciscan Friars Minor—Pedro de Corpa, Blas Rodríguez, Miguel de Añon, Antonio de Badajóz, and Francisco de Veráscola - were slain in 1597 in the territory of the present-day Diocese of Savannah. These five Spanish missionaries—four priests and one lay brother—were laboring in the region then known as Guale (pronounced Wally). The event that occasioned their slaying was the polygamous infidelity of Juanillo, the son of a Guale cacique. A baptized Christian sacramentally married; Juanillo had openly taken a second wife. Fearing that he would be impeded in succeeding to the position of cacique of the tribe, he organized a revolt against the authority of the missionaries.

Fray Pedro was preparing for the celebration of Sunday Mass. Juanillo and his rebels slew the priest with blows of a stone-hatchet. At the nearby settlement of Tupiquí, the natives found Fray Blas and allowed him to celebrate mass, before they then bashed his head with clubs and threw his body to the vultures.



Crossing the channel, the rebels came to St. Catherines Island (then called Guale) to slay Fray Miguel and the lay brother Fray Antonio, the two friars missioned there. The priest offered a last mass and gave viaticum to his assistant. The rebels slew both Fray Miguel and Fray Antonio with blows from a tomahawk. The slaying of the fifth victim, Fray Francisco, took place on the shore near his mission on Asao

(now St. Simons Island) where they clubbed him to death. Thus, within the period of one week all five missionary friars working in Guale were put to death. Those rebels eventually lost out, and more Franciscans were invited back by the Guale people, serving that area for generations.

### BEATIFICATION

The diocesan process for the beatification of Pedro de Corpa and Companions, or **the Georgia Martyrs as they are commonly called**, is already complete. At the present moment Father Giovangiuseppe Califano, OFM, the Postulator of the Cause, is overseeing the redaction of the final historical document which will be presented to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints next year. Father Charles Byrd, pastor of Mary Our Queen Church in Norcross, has done much research on the lives and ministry of the martyred Franciscans. (References include Wikipedia, encyclopedia.com, Georgia Bulletin).



## St Lawrence Council 13052 Update

by SK Nelson Rivera

The **2024 Lenten Fish Fry** has been concluded as being our most successful event to date. Thanks to the collaboration with the Ladies of St. Lawrence, the Hispanic and Youth Group ministries, and the dedication from our Council members, provided outstanding results.



### [St Lawrence Council 13052 Update continued](#)

**2024 Vic Egidi Memorial Scholarship Kickoff** – In April, our Council will announce this year's program to obtain responses from our Senior HS students in order to select our 3 prize winners in June to award \$4000 in scholarships.



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## ANNOUNCING THE KICKOFF OF THE 2024 VIC EGIDI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the St. Lawrence chapter of the Knights of Columbus presents scholarships in memory of lifelong member and educator Vic Egidi. If you have (or are) a high school senior planning to attend secondary education and wish to apply, please refer to the announcement in the parish bulletin.

### [St Oliver Plunkett Council 13440 Update](#)

by SK Todd Morrow

First off a big "Thank You" to Council 13052 Grand Knight Nelson Rivera for allowing Council 13440 to participate in the CoolRay Field Concession Stand Fundraiser this year. Words cannot express our gratitude.





### **St Oliver Plunkett Council 13440 Update continued**

Our Blood Drive on March 3, 2024 was very successful. There were a total of 28 pints of blood donated.

On March 9, 2024, Council 13440 attempted to have a Tootsie Roll Drive at Kroeger on 78 and Rosebud. But the Girl Scouts had other plans. We were not about to interfere with their Cookie Sales, so we have set aside another date for that.

March 17, 2024 His Eminence Alvaro Leonel Cardinal Ramazzini presided over the Diaconate Ordination of Brother Jaime Sevilla at St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church in Snellville. Assembly 3410 Color Corp was present along with Past State Deputy SK Jim Clifford and District Marshall SK Arnie Terrell.



### **Pot of Gold Raffle**

The assembly will conduct a 'Pot of Gold' raffle at each meeting. The cost to participate is \$1. Following are the rules:

- Potential winners name will be picked from the 50 plus assembly members.
- Winner must have participated in the raffle and be present at the meeting.
- In the event a non-present member or a non-participating member's name is selected, the prize will roll over to the next meeting until an eligible member is picked.
- Assembly splits the prize with the winner

Member's Name DRAWN for March was SK Ken Jacobi ,, NOT present so the POT CONTINUES TO GROW

### **Calendar of Up Coming Color Corps Calls to Service**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification for those participating or planning to participate in Uniform is April 13 in Albany, Georgia St. Teresa 421 Edgewood Lane, Albany Georgia 31707.
- St Lawrence June 17<sup>th</sup> ... 50th Anniversary Bilingual Mass with Archbishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, June 17, 2024 at 7 pm, St. Lawrence Catholic Church. FULL Color Corps Support has been requested for the Archbishop. There will be a light reception afterwards.
- National Eucharistic Congress Procession June 21<sup>st</sup>

**CSRA and Knights of Columbus**

**CSRA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD PACKING EVENT**  
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Provide nutritious meals for children and families in developing countries and share God's love by putting your faith into action.

**Come and pack 50,000 meals with us!**  
**Saturday, June 15, 2024**  
 8:00-12:00 p.m.

**St. Mary on the Hill Catholic School Gym | 1220 Monte Sano Ave. Augusta, GA 30904**  
 For more information or to sign up today, please contact:  
**Vince Krajciv | 410-903-9423 | v.krajciv@aol.com**

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**CSRA Knights of Columbus Food Packing Event**  
**50,000-Meal Food Packing Event: SATURDAY, June 15, 2024**

An estimated 820 million people do not have enough to eat, and in the poorest countries, families sometimes go days without food. More than 3 million children die from hunger-related causes each year; that's one child every 10 seconds.\*

To help fight the scourge of hunger in developing countries, we are partnering with Cross Catholic Outreach to pack nourishing meals. These nutrient-rich meals designed by a nutritionist will feed children and families in a poverty-stricken country for just 33 cents a meal.

By donating your time and treasure, you can make a difference! We invite students, families, alumni and friends to come join us in this incredible Corporal Work of Mercy to feed the hungry. If you are inclined and able to do so, donations to support our efforts are also appreciated.



**How many meals would you like to sponsor?**

SPONSORSHIP	AMOUNT	MEALS PROVIDED
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend Sponsor	\$250	757
<input type="checkbox"/> Peace Sponsor	\$500	1,515
<input type="checkbox"/> Love Sponsor	\$1,000	3,030
<input type="checkbox"/> Joy Sponsor	\$2,500	7,575
<input type="checkbox"/> Faith Sponsor	\$5,000	15,151

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### [Prayer Intention for the Lord's Grace and Protection](#)

- For the repose of the soul of Council 13052 member Marcel Delage

### [Announcement's](#)

St. Lawrence is having their St Joseph Icon Prayer Service - in collaboration with Men of Faith on 4/29 - **time to be determined at a later date**



### [Introduction](#)

By Patrick E. Kelly, Supreme Knight

Flowing from the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis, and inspired by his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, comes our new Pilgrim Icon Program in honor of St. Joseph.

Devotion to St. Joseph was understandably slow to develop in the history of the Church. The “just man,”<sup>1</sup> whom God chose to protect, defend and raise the most precious of his gifts to humanity had not a word of his recorded in Scripture. Tradition tells us that our Lord's foster father died — likely with Jesus and Mary at his side — even prior to Jesus beginning his public ministry.



St. Joseph carried out his mission of raising, guarding and preparing Christ quietly, courageously and faithfully. For that faithful work, St. Joseph was rewarded — not with seeing the fruits of his labor in this life, but with the incomparable prize of glory in heaven.

This beautiful icon is housed at St. Joseph's Oratory in Montréal, Canada's preeminent Shrine to St. Joseph, founded by St. André Bessette. The original is written (prayerfully painted) by Elizabeth Bergeron, from a drawing by famed iconographer Alexandre Sobolev. In the image, St. Joseph stands with his eyes cast humbly down, but with a determined strength in his face. In his covered arm he bears the Child Jesus, whose own hand is raised, blessing the world. In his right arm, St. Joseph holds a flowering staff, a sign that he was chosen by God. The white lilies of the staff signify his purity and chastity. Taken together, the icon provides a window into the life and mission of this courageous father, a man who was one of us and yet called to a mission of incomparable significance. Our world desperately needs men and women of courage. But in a particular way, it needs courageous fathers — men willing to stand up and to carry out their own mission of protecting, defending and raising future generations. It needs men willing to risk it all, in order to offer the world Jesus. In short, our world needs men in the model of St. Joseph.

Since its inception in 1979, the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program has held more than 174,800 local council and parish prayer services with some 22 million participants. Featured images have included Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Our Lady of Pochaiv, Our Lady of the Rosary, Our Lady of Charity, Our Lady of Persecuted Christians and the Holy Family.

In the first year of his pontificate, Pope Francis received the Order's Board of Directors in a private audience, during which the Holy Father said "I commend all of you in a special way to the intercession of St. Joseph, the protector of the Holy Family of Nazareth, who is an admirable model of those manly virtues of quiet strength, integrity and fidelity which the Knights of Columbus are committed to preserving, cultivating and passing on to future generations of Catholic men."

Bearing those words in mind, I chose to entrust my service as Supreme Knight to St. Joseph, and through this Pilgrim Icon Program, we can all turn in prayer to St. Joseph. We give thanks to God for the gift of his fatherly example, and we ask St. Joseph to be a father to us. Along the way, may we also grow in our own imitation of St. Joseph's quiet strength, integrity and fidelity.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification

**SATURDAY - April 13, 2024**

HOSTED BY: ... Fr. Peter Whelan Assembly #178, Albany Georgia

Located at St Teresa Catholic Church, 421 Edgewood Lane, Albany, GA 31707

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00 – 11:00, Registration

11:00 – 12:30 pm, Exemplification

12:30 – 1:30, Lunch

### Near Future 4<sup>th</sup> Degree exemplifications:

- June 1, 2024 in Norcross, Ga

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATE

**\* Candidate fee to participate is \$90.00**

- \* This includes: Social Baldrick
- \* 4th Degree Membership Pin
- \* Certificate suitable for framing

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: St Michael the Archangel ASM 3410  
COMPLETED FORM 4 AND ALL FUNDS MUST BE RECEIVED**

**NO LATER THAN SUNDAY March 31**

**QUESTIONS: Contact SK Mark Winsor 770.634.3966**

### **Dress Code: Candidates as described below:**

Dark Blue, Grey or Black business suit (Slacks and sport coats are not acceptable), white dress shirt with lay down collar (no collar buttons); tie; dark socks; and dress shoes.

### Assembly Information

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