

# CROSS AND COMPASS

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*Council 9924*

**March 2022**



## Grand Knights Message

Dear Brothers in Christ,

On March 17th, 1996 my father John James Bowes passed away at 8am. He was supposed to die 6 days before that but my family believes he hung on for St. Patrick's Day since he was the son of Irish immigrants. He was a 4th degree Knight, an usher at St. Bernard's church in Levittown, NY for 50 years. I toast him every St. Patrick's day and attend mass in his honor. My family on Long Island always held a big party on March 17th but now that my sister has passed I don't know if the tradition will continue.

Our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney's father was named Patrick so there was a special love for St. Patrick. If you have never read the prayer of St. Patrick, you should. One excerpt reads "Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort me and restore me, Christ beneath me and Christ above me, Christ in the hearts of all who love me, Christ in the mouth of friend and stranger."

This prayer was special to our founder I'm sure, and I hope you say it on occasion and especially on March 17th.

March is a busy month for us. We have the Irish pub night on March 8th for Catholic Charities, our meeting will be March 15th instead of March 8th, pancake breakfast on March 13th, St. Patrick's day coffee & scones on March 17th, the corporate communion on March 20th, spaghetti dinner on March 23rd, and our food collection on March 26th and 27th. Stay healthy and volunteer often because we need you.

Vivat Jesus,  
Ron Bowes, GN



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## Prayers for Our Sick & Distressed

Dick Bates  
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Ray Callahan  
Christine Bonamo  
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## Remembering Our Deceased

Al Rogtoski  
George Abel – Life Member



## . . . Along the Way by Bob Evers

What unites us? Isn't it something we all have in common? For U.S. citizens, it is our Constitution. For us Catholics, it's the Eucharist.

When we drift apart it is because we lose some of our unity and begin to quarrel with each other. The American bishops understand this because they see how some of their flocks are rebelling against what we have in common. Their hope is to rekindle the most basic thing that holds us together, our common belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Make your prayer that of the distressed father, "Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief."

*Thank You!*

**Gloria Romero-Hutchinson, Regional Director, Catholic Charities of Venice**

Thank you so much for the continued support of donations for the Arcadia food pantry. We certainly could not help anywhere near the number of families we provide for without the support of K of C Council 9924. In the month of January our food pantry volunteers and staff served 3,429 pounds of food to 649 households. That food helped to nourish 1,794 individuals. In the last several months we have fluctuated up to as many as 200 households a week needing our assistance. We miss our spunky little Sister Ann (recently retired), but we also know God has other great adventures planned for her.



# CELEBRATIONS


**BIRTHDAYS**

Name		Age
Thomas	Barry	92
Joseph	Craven	86
Francis	Conwell	84
Robert	Tann	84
Charles	Peck	83
William	Srofe	82
Eugene	Clifford	81
John	Vidas	79
William	Finer	78
James	Placek	77
Peter	White	77
Richard	Potson	77
Larry	Keener	75
Joseph	Connors	75
Charles	Short	75
Robert	Smialek	74
David	Tura	74
James	Stevens	73
John	Negro	73
Giuseppe	Biancaniello	73
Dennis	O'Brien	67
Stephen	Delany	65
Steve	Beck	65
Lucky	Haynes	64
Stephen	McIntegart	64
Eric	Skleder	55
John	Tosado	50

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Name		Years
Peter	Rots	69
<b>John</b>	<b>Horgan</b>	60
John	Janisse	53
<b>Michael</b>	<b>O'Brien</b>	34
<b>Paul</b>	<b>Cacciatore</b>	29
<b>Stephen</b>	<b>Ambrose</b>	28
Peter	Casamento	28
<b>Howard</b>	<b>Schneider</b>	27
Edward	Farrell	18
Mark	Iannotti	16
Peter	Valenti	15
Anthony	Giardullo	15
Bruce	Callahan	11
Ivan	Skoric	11
Marvin	Bumb	10
Harold	Bumb	10
Antonio	Cardenas	8
Joseph	Craven	8
Joe	Ferreira	8
Vinnie	Ferris	8
William	Finer	8
Guenther	Hennig	7
Robert	Stewart	7
Salvatore	Vergona	7
Robert	Tann	6
Edward	Gates	6
Larry	Middendorf	5
John	Ozimek	5
Charles	Short	5
Michael	O'Rourke	4
William	Stahl	4
Joseph	Tain	4
William	Alvarado	4
Stephen	Swanson	4
Eric	Bisighini	3
Edmund	Cassidy	2
Ethan	Dale	2
Brian	Jones	2
Matthew	Michellini	2
Mike	Winn	2
William	Salomone	1
Lawrence	Tobias	1
Vince	Gelsomino	1

**\*Note: Life Members**

## SERVICE PROGRAMS

**Director** - Larry Fischer 480-0214

**Community** - Dan Dacey 493-9107

**Faith Director** - Open

**Family Director** - Nick Catone 717-818-3167

**Health Services** – Henry Vonsalzen 631-672-1803

**Membership** - Armond Padula 408-9819

**Retention** – Bill Morris 214-244-9464

**Culture of Life Director** - John Yaglenski 408-7558

**Publicity** - Jim Palermo 493-3424

**Food Service** - Victor Romano

**Food Collection** - Eric Bisighini 860-899-8785

James Collins 917-837-8698

**Cross & Compass** – Ray Pronko 858-880-8376

**Backpack** - Jim Palermo 403-3424

**Insurance Promotion** - Mark Ueblacker 268-1565

**Vocations Chairman** - Greg Walsh 681-2438

**Council Prayer Tree** - Robert Evers 614-946-4225

**Fourth Degree** - Ed Farrell 445-5697

**Visitation** - Rick Kuertz 513-430-4330

## February Food Collection

615 lbs of food was collected along with \$2615 in cash donations



## Grand Knight Ron Bowes presents *Knight of the Month*: Bob Burhoe



## *Family of the Month*: Dan & Elisa Dacey



# Corporate Communion & Mass

March 20<sup>th</sup> - 8 am mass and breakfast, prepared by our CCW volunteers, will feature a guest speaker from the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

<https://www.tombguard.org/society>





# SOLD OUT

The Venice Knight of Columbus presents  
**A Magical Irish Pub Night**  
Proceeds going to the Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice  
**Dinner & Show**  
starring  
**Andy Gooney**

**AND HIS BAND**

featuring  
**EMERALD FIRE IRISH DANCERS**

**Pelican Pointe Country Club**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 8**  
**5:00 PM Cocktails**  
**6:00 PM Dinner followed by Show**  
**TICKETS \$65 PER PERSON**  
CASH BAR AVAILABLE  
For Tickets and More Information Call  
**Our Lady Of Lourdes 941-497-2931 OR Ron Bowes 412-965-1983**  
Register online, [www.catholiccharitiesdov.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org) and click "Events"  
**Donations are Tax-Deductible**  
Premium Tables for (4) = \$1,000 table for (8) = \$1,500 or (10) = \$2,000  
Buffet Sponsor = \$ 700 (buffet signage)  
**Bar Sponsored by J. J. Taylor Companies, INC.**

# March 2022



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Paczis & coffee after 8 am mass	2	3	4	5
6	7	8  <b>Irish Pub Night</b>	9	10	11	12
13 Pancake Breakfast after masses	14	15 Council Meeting 5:30 Officers 6:30 Rosary 7:00 Members	16	17  Coffee & Scones after 8 am mass	18	19
20 Corp. Communion & Mass, 8am, breakfast and guest speakers	21	22	23 Spaghetti Dinner Scholarship Fundraiser 5pm	24	25	26 After Mass(es) Food Collection
27 After Mass(es) Food Collection	28				TBD:	



## *St Patrick's Day*



Saint Patrick was a 5th-century Romano-British Christian missionary and Bishop in Ireland. Much of what is known about Saint Patrick comes from the *Declaration*, which was allegedly written by Patrick himself. It is believed that he was born in Roman Britain in the fourth century, into a wealthy Romano-British family. His father was a deacon and his grandfather was a priest in the Christian church. According to the *Declaration*, at the age of sixteen, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Gaelic Ireland. It says that he spent six years there working as a shepherd and that during this time he found God. The *Declaration* says that God told Patrick to flee to the coast, where a ship would be waiting to take him home. After making his way home, Patrick went on to become a priest.

According to tradition, Patrick returned to Ireland to convert the pagan Irish to Christianity. The *Declaration* says that he spent many years evangelizing in the northern half of Ireland and converted thousands.

Patrick's efforts were eventually turned into an allegory in which he drove "snakes" out of Ireland, even though snakes were not known to inhabit the region.

Tradition holds that he died on March 17 and was buried at Downpatrick. Over the following centuries, many legends grew up around Patrick and he became Ireland's foremost saint.