

Ladies Auxiliary of the Father Joseph O'Connell Council #3481 Knights of Columbus

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Celebrating 71 Years of Charity



APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** Dear Ladies, So excited we are in our Spring Season. The Lady of the Year is approaching -- please make your reservation and wear you dancing shoes as we celebrate together. I want to thank Lina Fusco, VP and her committee chairs for selling out Designer Bag Bingo. In addition, I want to say thanks to our Retreat Sponsors, 24hr Bagel in Oceanside and Michael Balboa from Contour Mortgage for their generous food donations.

This is our last meeting with our hospitality table. Let's make it special and bring your delicious potluck donation. Please include a recipe card with your name to share. I look forward to seeing you at our April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting at 7pm.

I want to wish you and your family a Blessed Easter. ~Vanessa Ambrosecchia, President.

**LADY OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION:** On Tuesday, May 7, 2024 our meeting will begin promptly at **6:45pm** followed by the Lady of the Year Award Presentation and Celebration with dinner, music and a cash bar for adult beverages. The cost is \$30 for Auxiliary members in good standing. Knights in good standing are welcome to join the event for \$30 per person. All payments are due by April 15, 2024 as a headcount for dinner is required prior to the event. No payments will be accepted the night of the meeting. Contact Lisa James, PP at 516-305-1110 to make a payment.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** The proposed slate of officers for the 2024-2025 Auxiliary year was presented by the Nominating Committee in our March Membership Meeting. Nominations from the floor will be open until the April membership meeting. Nominees must be active and in good standing for at least 2 years and give consent prior to being nominated. If you are interested in any position, please call Lisa James, PP at (516) 305-1110 or Rosemarie Prendergast, PP at 516-996-5191. The proposed slate of officers for the 2024-2025 year is as follows:

- President – Lina Fusco  
Vice President – Victoria Reesman  
Recording Secretary – Dorothy Episcopia  
Treasurer – Jean Hegmann

3yr Trustee – Vanessa Ambrosecchia, PP  
2yr Trustee – Open, only Past Presidents are eligible.  
1yr Trustee – Rosemarie Prendergast, PP

**MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE:** Spring has sprung, and the plant sale order has begun! Please remember to have all orders turned in by April's meeting and once again thank you for your support! Any questions, please contact Ro Prendergast, PP (516) 996-5191.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES:** Please see Financial Secretary, Amy Bermudez, PP with your annual \$20.00 membership dues for the 2023/2024 Auxiliary year. Membership dues may be paid at membership meetings or by mail. Please make your \$20.00 check payable to Ladies Auxiliary and write your phone number on the check. If you are paying by mail, please mark the envelope ATTN: Amy Bermudez, PP, FS, and mail to KofC #3481, 2985 Kenneth Place Oceanside, NY 11572. Please remember to include a stamped, self-addressed envelope so your card can be mailed back to you. Membership dues need to be paid by December 1, 2023, to be considered a member in good standing. If we did not receive your membership dues for 2022/2023, you are in jeopardy of being removed from membership and mailing list (see By-Laws Article IX-Dues). If you have any changes regarding address, phone/cell numbers or email address please submit your changes to ladies.auxiliary.3481@gmail.com or contact Victoria Reesman, Recording Secretary at 917-499-3968. For any questions regarding membership please contact Amy Bermudez, PP, Financial Secretary at 516-384-9566.

**LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP:** If you were 80 years old by September 6, 2023, you will be considered a "Lifetime Member", and your dues will be waived. You must provide proof of age to Amy Bermudez, PP, FS at 516-384-9566.

**FRATERNAL ASSISTANCE:** If there is a sister in need of Financial Assistance through our Fraternal Assistance Program, all proposals must be submitted in writing. For more information contact Financial Secretary Amy Bermudez, PP at 516-384-9566.

**SUNSHINE, SICK & VIGIL SUNSHINE:** Please share your joys and blessings with us. Call Jane Magno-D'Anna, PP at 516-425-2768 with your April joys and blessings before our meeting. **Sick:** Notify us of a member/family in need of our prayers for their speedy and uneventful recovery. **Vigil:** Prompt notification is necessary of a member/family passing over to eternal life. Contact Chair Jane Magno-D'Anna, PP 516-425-2768 or email [2981LNC@optonline.net](mailto:2981LNC@optonline.net). Please keep in your prayers for a speedy recovery Joe Alongi, Frank Cadicamo, Sal D'Anna SK, Vanessa Ambrosecchia PP, Arlene Lockwood, Gae DiRienzo and Maryann Hadley's sister, Theresa.

**\*\*SCAM ALERT VERY IMPORTANT\*\***Please do not get scammed by scammers asking for Gift Cards / eBay Cards, or Money. DO NOT REPLY TO THE EMAIL or TEXT! Under no circumstances would a member of the Auxiliary ever reach out asking for Gift Cards or Money! For the members who received this email or text, please DO NOT REPLY and BLOCK AND DELETE ASAP! If you need help or have questions, contact Vanessa Ambrosecchia, President cell: 516-551-5276.

Auxiliary Calendar 2024

All meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month and will begin at 7:00 pm (unless otherwise notified)

April 2	Membership Meeting	May 27	Memorial Day Parade
April 14	Designer Bag Bingo	June 4	Membership Mtg / Installation Dinner
May 7	Membership Mtg / Lady of the Year		

KNIGHTS CORNER

**BINGO:** Wednesdays: Doors open at 6PM – O'Connell Gardens - 2985 Kenneth Place, Oceanside  
**Good Friday** 3/29 at 10:30 am Stations of the Cross – O'Connell Gardens – 2985 Kenneth Place, Oceanside  
**Holy Saturday** 3/30 at 10:30 am Blessings of Easter Baskets followed by Children's Egg Hunt – St. Anthony's Church 88 Anchor Ave. Oceanside