

LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE FATHER JOSEPH O'CONNELL COUNCIL #3481 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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CELEBRATING 73 YEARS OF CHARITY



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Moderator

DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

MEMBERSHIP MEETING – 6:30 PM, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: "Thank You" to Lina Fusco and her Back to the 80's Dance Committee, and to Kim Marchetti and her Radio Music Bingo Committee for their hard work which, along with your generosity, made these fundraisers hugely successful. As you know, the purpose of our Auxiliary is to raise funds that go to local charities and help families in need. Looking forward to 2026 and wishing you all a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. Your President, Victoria Reesman.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING & CHRISTMAS PARTY: On December 9, our Membership Meeting starts at 6:30 pm and will be immediately followed by the Designer Bag Raffle drawing and our festive Christmas Party.

CHRISTMAS LOUIS VUITTON & CHANEL RAFFLE FUNDRAISER: One lucky winner will choose from the Louis Vuitton "WOC" or Chanel "WOC" designer bags, or the \$3,000.00 cash value. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn on December 9, 2025. \$20 raffle tickets, payable by cash, check, or Venmo, are still available but will not be sold after 7:00 p.m. on December 9. For tickets, contact PP Vanessa Ambrosecchia, at 516-551-5276 or email vsellhomes@gmail.com. For more information, please contact Jean Hegmann VP at 516-316-3155 or by email at Jcaph420@gmail.com. Share with your family, friends & neighbors.

LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY: Tuesday, December 9, 7:00 p.m. Our Christmas Party includes a 3-course dinner, dessert, coffee, soda, and cash bar. Special Guest Appearance by Santa Claus - have you been naughty or nice? Dress in your elegant attire and dancing shoes as there will be a DJ and sing-alongs! Please bring a \$20 new item, wrapped, for our Christmas Gift Exchange. RSVP by 12/01/25. Contact Vannessa Ambrosecchia, PP, at 516-551-5276 or vsellhomes@gmail.com to reserve your spot. No payments will be accepted at the door. You must be a member in good standing to attend which means that your 2025/2026 dues must be paid.

THE SOUPRANOS MURDER MYSTERY DINNER: Saturday, February 28th, 2026. Join us for our first Evening of Mystery with a Live, Interactive Comedic Show & Dinner. \$75 pp includes a 3-hour show & 3-course dinner. Doors open at 7:30 pm. Mobster & Mob Wives attire – best dressed prizes! Raffle baskets, 50/50 - For reservations, call Jean Hegmann, VP 516-316-3155 or Lisa James, PP 516-305-1110. This is a night not to be missed!

RAFFLE DONATIONS: As you know, your generous raffle donations contribute to the success of our charitable fundraising. Please leave your donations on the table we set aside at each of our Membership Meetings. We are asking for donations of wine, scratch-offs, or anything else you can contribute.

RELIGIOUS, SUNSHINE, SICK & VIGIL: It is with heavy hearts that we report the passing of our dear Sister in Christ, Joyce Kelly, who was an active, long-time member – generous and always willing to help with 50/50 and participated in all of our socials. Please also keep in your prayers: Joanne Fichera McCue, James Peresheli (3 year old student of Kim Marchetti), Marie Ingoglia (aunt of Victoria Reesman), John Moore (father-in-law of Victoria Ambrosecchia), the family of Joyce Kelly, and the family of Kathleen Jagodzinski, PP: *"Dear Lord, Bless them and their families with unity, guidance, strength, and perseverance in faith, as well as support for those in need. In Jesus' name."* If you know of a member who is sick, in need of prayers or has had a recent death in the family, please contact Lisa James, PP at 516-305-1110 or by email at mistylee109@yahoo.com.

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2025/2026: Please see Financial Secretary, Amy Bermudez, PP with your annual \$20.00 membership dues for this calendar year before 12/01/2025 to be in good standing. If you have not paid your dues for 2024/2025, you are in jeopardy of being removed from membership (See By-Laws). Dues may be paid by Venmo@Lax3481, at membership meetings, or by mail. Make checks payable to Ladies Auxiliary #3481. If by mail, send to Ladies Auxiliary, Attn: Amy Bermudez PP FS, 2985 Kenneth Pl, Oceanside, NY 11572 and include your phone # and a self-addressed stamped envelope. If you need to update your contact information, contact Amy Bermudez at Amystilesbermudez@gmail.com or Dorothy Episcopia at dmeliny4512@gmail.com or 516-695-6921. If you have any questions, please contact Amy at 516-384-9566. A list of members not in good standing will go out February, 2026.

LIFETIME MEMBERS 2025/2026: If you were 80 years old by September 2, 2025, you can become a "Lifetime Member" and your dues will be waived. You must provide proof of age to Amy Bermudez, FS - 516-384-9566.

FRATERNAL ASSISTANCE: If there is a sister in need of help through our Fraternal Assistance Program, please call FS Amy Bermudez, PP at 516-384-9566. All requests for help are always confidential.

****SCAM ALERT**:** Don't be tricked by scammers asking for Gift Cards, eBay Cards, or Money. No member of the Auxiliary would ever ask you to send gift cards or money! Call Vanessa Ambrosecchia, PP, 516-551-5276.

AUXILIARY CALENDAR 2025-2026

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

December 9, 2025	Membership Meeting-6:30 p.m. Christmas Party at 7:00 p.m.	April 7, 2026	Membership Meeting and Pinwheel Making for Memorial Day Parade
January 6, 2026	Membership Meeting and Sneaky Santa	April 19, 2026	Designer Bag Bingo at O'Connell Gardens
February 3, 2026	Membership Meeting and Valentine's Wreath Making	May 5, 2026	Membership Meeting 6:45 p.m. and Lady of the Year Celebration
February 28, 2026	Murder Mystery Dinner at O'Connell Gardens	May (TBA)	Memorial Day Parade
March 3, 2026	Membership Meeting and St. Patrick's Day Celebration	June 2, 2026	Membership Meeting 6:45 p.m. and Installation of Officers

KNIGHTS CORNER

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Tuesday, 12/2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge preceding the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting in the Ballroom at 8:00 p.m..

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Saturday, December 13, 7:30 p.m. O'Connell Gardens. \$60 per person - open bar, 3-choice dinner, ice cream bar, entertainment by DJ Benny. Call PGK Dan Ramos at 516-644-3009.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION: 12/31, 8 p.m-1 a.m. O'Connell Gardens, \$90 per person. Full course sit-down dinner, deluxe bar, DJ, and much more. Call Amy Bermudez at 516-384-9566 or PGK Steve Bermudez at 516-581-6144.

BINGO: Every Wednesday, O'Connell Gardens. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Dorothy Episcopia, Newsletter Editor
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