

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

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MARCH, 2026 NEWSLETTER



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Moderator

MEMBERSHIP MEETING – 7:00 PM, TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: We can't thank you enough for your generosity and participation so far this year. Without you, we could not have accomplished so much, and the year isn't over yet! Our newest project, The Soupranos Murder Mystery Dinner, on Saturday, February 28, chaired by Lisa James, and our extremely popular Designer Bag Bingo Brunch on Sunday, April 19, chaired by Lina Fusco, have sold out quickly. We also support the Knights so please see the Knights Corner and attached fliers for details on two up-coming events: Irish-Italian Night on March 21, and A Day at the Races on March 22. And please join us at our next Membership Meeting on Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. May God keep you and your families healthy and safe from the extremely dangerous blizzard conditions,

Very sincerely, Victoria Reesman

MARCH 3 GENERAL MEETING AND ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION: Wear your green to our March Membership Meeting and join your friends for our St. Patrick's Day Celebration at our Social Hour. We are also going to play "Left, Right, Center" so please remember to bring single dollar bills so that you can join in the fun!

SOUPRANOS MURDER MYSTERY DINNER: We can't thank you enough for your enthusiastic and rapid response to our announcements about this brand-new event which is sold out! Please contact VP Jean Hegmann at 516-316-3155 or jcaph420@gmail.com if you have any question about our Waiting List.

DESIGNER BAG BINGO ON APRIL 19: Ever since this most popular event was first announced at our monthly Membership Meetings, we received paid reservations so that the event has quickly sold out. However, we do have a Waiting List. Please contact Lina Fusco at 516-343-2956 immediately if you would like to be added to the Waiting List.

RAFFLE DONATIONS: As you know, your generous raffle donations have greatly contributed to the success of our charitable fundraising projects. We hope you will continue to leave raffle 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 to our upcoming fundraising events.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2026: The Nominating Committee members are Kim Marchetti PP, Vanessa Ambrosecchia PP, Linda Uzenski, Josephine Mastrandrea, and Phyllis Luberti. The proposed slate of Officers will be presented at the March 2024 meeting. Nominations from the floor will be open at both the March and April Membership Meetings. Nominees must be active and in good standing for at least 2 years and have given consent prior to being nominated. If you have any questions, contact Kim Marchetti, PP 516-448-4606 or Vanessa Ambrosecchia, PP 516-551-5276,

RELIGIOUS, SUNSHINE, SICK & VIGIL: Please remember both Ann Weissert, mother of Chancellor Karl Weissert, as well as Arlene Lockwood, Lifetime Auxiliary Member, who have passed, and pray for their families' strength and perseverance in faith. If you know of a member who is sick, in need of prayers, or has had a recent death in the family, contact Lisa James, PP at 516-305-1110 or mistylee109@yahoo.com.

Sunshine: We wish a very Happy Birthday to Angela Mondo on 3/9; Kim Marchetti, PP, on 3/18; and Dorothy Morgan on 3/20.

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2025/2026: If you have not paid your dues by now you are not in good standing. In accordance with the By-Laws, a list of members not in good standing will be sent out shortly. If your 2024/2025 dues are unpaid, you are in jeopardy of your name being removed from the membership list (By-Laws Art. IX). You may pay your annual \$20.00 dues at membership meetings or by mail. Make your check payable to Ladies Auxiliary and be sure to write your phone number on the check. See FS, Amy Bermudez, PP, at meetings or mail your check to K of C #3481, 2985 Kenneth Place, Oceanside, NY 11572, Attn: Amy Bermudez, PP/FS, and include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like your membership card mailed to you. If there are any changes to your address, phone number or email address, please call Dorothy Episcopia, Recording Secretary, at 516-695-6921 or send a note to ladies.auxiliary.3481@gmail.com. Call Amy Bermudez, PP/FS, at 516-384-9566 with any questions or email amystilesbermudez@gmail.com.

LIFETIME MEMBER 2025/2026: Living healthy pays off! If you were 80 years old by September 6, 2025, you are considered to be a "Lifetime Member." As a Lifetime Member, your dues will be waived. Please present proof of your birthdate to FS Amy Bermudez, PP, at amystilesbermudez@gmail.com. or call 516-384-9566.

FRATERNAL ASSISTANCE: If there is a member of the Auxiliary in need of Financial Assistance through our Fraternal Assistance Program, please contact Financial Secretary Amy Bermudez, PP at 516-384-9566. Please be assured that matters pertaining to a request are always confidential.

***SCAM ALERT**:** Do not 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! Questions? Call Vanessa Ambrosecchia, PP, at 516-551-5276.

AUXILIARY CALENDAR 2025-2026

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

March 3, 2026	Membership Meeting and St. Patrick's Day Celebration and "Left, Right, Center" Game	May 5, 2026	Membership Meeting 6:45 p.m. and Lady of the Year Celebration
April 3, 2026	Membership Meeting and Pinwheel Making for Memorial Day Parade	May (TBA)	Memorial Day Parade
April 19, 2026	Designer Bag Bingo at O'Connell Gardens	June 2, 2026	Membership Meeting 6:45 p.m. and Installation of Officers

KNIGHTS CORNER

IRISH-ITALIAN NIGHT: Saturday, March 21, 7:00-11:00 p.m., \$60 pp, Irish & Italian Food, Music, and Fun. Scan QR Code or contact James McCabe at 516-680-8250 or Shawn Donnelly at 516-749-4804.

A DAY AT THE RACES: Sunday, March 22, 12:00 p.m., \$30 pp: Pasta/Meatball Dinner, Salad, Refreshments. Proceeds to benefit the #3481 Bowling League at the National Bowling Tournament. Contact Angelo (Mike) Peppe at 516-238-6733 or aeppe1087@gmail.com for table reservations or information.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Informal discussions on Monday evenings at 8:00 p.m. in the Knight Owl Lounge on:
 March 30: "**ST. PATRICK, RECONCILIATION, AND MERCY**" led by Fr. Bret Stockdale
 April 27: "**CANON LAW: LOVE OR LAW**" led by Fr. Chris Costigan, Pastor of St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage; Canon Lawyer; and Member of the Oceanside Fire Department

BINGO: Every Wednesday, O'Connell Gardens. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Dorothy Episcopia, Newsletter Editor

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