

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

JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

MEMBERSHIP MEETING – 7:00 PM, TUESDAY, JANUARY 6 – NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION
Hot Food donated by SONNY'S CANAL HOUSE and VICTORIA AMBROSECCHIA - followed by SNEAKY SANTA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Happy, Happy Christmas to all! May the miracle of the season reach each of you and your families. We have accomplished a great bit in this first half of the year and I thank you all for your participation and energy. Our upcoming meeting and New Year's Party featuring food hosted by Sonny's Canal House that will be followed by our Sneaky Santa Game, is an excellent way to ring in 2026! Looking forward to seeing you there, Victoria Reesman

SNEAKY SANTA: Now that Christmas is over and you are holding the pair of socks from Aunt Helga that you never desired, it's time to re-gift them in a game of Sneaky Santa. Bring that undesirable gift, wrapped and with no name on the package. The "sneaky" part of the game is that when you pick a gift, you can't open it first and then decide to pass or steal. More rules to follow but laughs are sure to be had!

THE SOPRANOS MURDER MYSTERY DINNER: Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Sopranos "Gravy -v-Sauce" Murder Mystery Dinner on Saturday, February 28, 2026. Join us for our first Evening of Mystery with a live, interactive, comedic experience. \$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 and 50/50. For reservations, please call Jean Hegmann, VP at 516-316-3155 or Lisa James, PP at 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 projects. 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:

We are asking for prayers for the intentions of Dan Ramos, Nick Episcopia, Marie Ingoglia (Aunt of President Victoria Reesman), Maureen Bermudez (Mother of Steve Bermudez), and James Peresheli (3-year-old student of Kim Marchetti)., 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. And we wish a Happy Birthday to Doreen McClarney on 1/6, Lyn Cisero on 1/11, Noreen McCabe on 1/22 and Audrey Peluso, PP, on 1/28.

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2025/2026: If you have not paid your dues by now you are not in good standing. You may pay your annual \$20.00 dues for this year 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 your 2024/2025 dues are unpaid, you are in jeopardy of being removed from the membership list (By-Laws Art. IX). If there are any changes to your address, phone number, or email address, please send a note to ladies.auxiliary.3481@gmail.com or call Dorothy Episcopia, Recording Secretary, 516-695-6921. Call Amy Bermudez, PP/FS at 516-384-9566 with any questions or email Amystylesbermudez@gmail.com

LIFETIME MEMBER 2025/2026: Living healthy pays off! If you are 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. 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! Call Vanessa Ambroseccia, 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.)

January 6, 2026	Membership Meeting, New Year's Party 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
April 7, 2026	Membership Meeting and Pinwheel Making for Memorial Day Parade		

KNIGHTS CORNER

PRO-LIFE MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, NYC BUS TRIP: Sunday, January 18. Roundtrip bus tickets are \$25 pp. Meet in the School Cafeteria at 7:00 a.m. before the bus leaves from the Tabor House parking lot between 7:30-7:45 a.m. Paid reservations must be made no later than January 11 for two reasons: we must know in advance how many passengers we have for the 54-seat bus because we do not want to turn anyone away on January 18; and likewise, if we do not have 54 paid passengers to cover the cost of the bus, we will have no option but to cancel the trip and the cancellation deadline is one week in advance of the trip. Please call SK, PGK, PFN, and DD of the 19th District Gene Peluso at 516-404-0616.

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

Dorothy Episcopia, Newsletter Editor

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