



Knights of Columbus
Greensburg Diocesan Chapter
Established 1955



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**Worthy Chapter Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights
And Friends of the Greensburg Chapter:**

Chapter Meetings

At all meetings in person: Rosary 7pm, Meeting 7:15pm, we will eat first.
Dress Code for all: Business Casual (Polo or Golf Shirt w/ Dress Slacks)
No shorts or jeans please!

January 20, 2025—Hosted by St. John Paul II Council 18239, St. John the Baptist Church Hall, 416 S. Broadway, Scottdale, PA 15683

February 17, 2025—Hosted by Kittanning Council 1011, St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall, 361 N. Jefferson Street, Kittanning, PA 16201.

Bishop's Project

Annual Bishop's Luncheon, January 7, 2025—Lakeview Lounge

At our Annual Luncheon with His Excellency, Bishop Kulick, we were able to present him with a \$2,000.00 check from additional monies received after the Annual Bishop's Dinner.



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Ger Andrews-Chapter President ♦ His Excellency, Larry J. Kulick-Bishop Diocese of Greensburg ♦ Rev. Paul Lisik-Chapter Chaplain

Ger Andrews—Chapter President

Chapter Christmas Party to support Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children—Thank you to Pat Scanlon and Ron Sherer for all their work on this special Project. A special thank you to Don and Rita Granata for supplying all the treats for the Social and to Jeff and Stephanie Peterinelli for picking up these treats from Don and Rita when they became ill. A special thank you to Santa for all the gifts for the residents and children attending. Thank you to all the members of Council 8452 for setting up and cleaning up afterwards. Also thank you to Lewandowski Catering for once again providing the dinners at a very reasonable price.

We were able to present Sister Charlene and Sister Benjamin with a check for \$5,000.00 and 80 Christmas cards totaling \$800.00.

State Deputy, Gary Damich, presented them with a check from the Mon Valley Chapter for \$300.00.

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Super Bowl Pool—The sheets with your Council's assigned squares were given out at the short meeting at Clelian Heights after our Memorial Mass. Please returned the assigned squares for your Councils to me by January 18, 2025 so I can assigned the scores and return the sheets back to you with the scores by quarter.

Checks for your squares should be made out to:

“Greensburg Chapter K of C”

and sent to our Treasurer:

Ron Sherer, 2244 Robert Street, Irwin, PA 15642

Jeff Peterinelli—Program Promotion West

Greetings,

- 1) The new Pilgrim Icon The Sacred Heart of Jesus has arrived, the materials are due in by early February, once they have arrived a schedule will be put out and councils can start to reserve it
- 2) All District Deputies should start to schedule their mid-year meetings if you haven't already. Please let me know when and where your meetings are so I can attend.
- 3) The Coats for kids program if anyone has a question or concern about the program from this year please let me know as we are trying to make the program easier for next year so we can get more councils involved.
- 4) Now is the time to schedule your Councils Free Throw. Two important dates to remember are March 8th West Regional at St. Joseph in Natrona Heights and March 22nd the State Free Throw Championship in Mechanicsburg. Don't delay also District Deputies you will need to schedule your District Free Throws
- 5) Supreme has come out with a spread sheet which is to be used if you want to place members on the affiliate list. If this form is not used the list will not be acted on.
- 6) Councils are reminded to support Special Olympics Both financially and helping out at events. Last year west region was the highest donating area in the state at \$33,310.51 The Greensburg Diocesan Council donated \$8,630 of that total. Only 7 councils donated to the cause last year, and one of our councils was the highest in the state. We are asking for councils to donate only \$400. So please consider donating. One of this year's events will be on Saturday February 22 at Accuisure Stadium, the Polar Plunge. So anyone wanting more info contact me and I can give you the information for a nice cold dip into one of the rivers.
- 7) There is recruitment Incentives for the 3rd quarter for a pull up banner drawing there is a form that you must submit to the State Deputy
- 8) There will be West region Training held in Greensburg at Council #1480 Council Home on Saturday February 8 at 1 PM. It is import that all the Grand Knight and or the Financial Secretary attend this training.
- 9) All councils should star to make sure that they are up to date on all forms and that they are safe environment compliant
- 10) Any time a Council does a degree it is important to let either myself or Membership Director Pat Scanlon know, so that if a council has a candidate we can get him to a degree.
- 11) Finally all councils please check you prospect tab regularly and get these brothers to a degree and get them into your council. Also DD's you can make sure this is getting done

Jeff Peterinelli

PA West Program Promotion Chairman
Greensburg Diocesan Marshall

Pat Scanlon – Diocese Membership Chairman – Greensburg

Council & Member Incentives 2024-25

A church drive is an ideal opportunity to reach an audience of qualified prospects. To successfully hold a church drive for recruiting new members, emphasize the importance of planning, obtaining necessary approvals, preparing materials, and engaging with potential recruits.

Recruitment Strategies

- Obtain pastor's approval for the membership drive.
- Order necessary recruitment materials from the Supply Department.
- Announce the drive in the parish bulletin two weekends before the event.
- Prepare a display highlighting council activities and member benefits.
- Post teams of Knights at church doors to distribute flyers and Prospect Cards.
- Provide sharpened pencils in pews for completing Prospect Cards.
- Arrange to make announcements before or after Mass to encourage participation.
- Position Knights at exits to answer questions and collect completed cards.
- Ensure tables and supplies are restocked for each Mass.
- Deliver completed documents to the membership director.
- Assign prospect names to recruiting teams for follow-up visits.

Quarter 3 Council Incentive:

- **Pull-up Council Banner**
 - Each council that holds a church drive during January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2025, will receive an entry into a drawing for one of twenty pull-up banners. (one winner per council)
 - If a parish drive covers multiple sites, councils will receive one entry for each site.
 - For councils not permitted to do Church Drives, other recruitment events will be accepted and approved by the signed form.
 - Deadline for submission: Entries must be received by Friday, April 4, 2025.
 - If viewing an electronic version of this document, [Click here to view/download the entry form.](#) - or-
 - <https://files.ecatholic.com/30306/documents/2025/1/Banner%20form.pdf?t=1736733763000>

Vivat Jesus!



Greensburg Diocese Jubilee Mass

December 29, 2024

BISHOP KULICK ON THE JUBILEE YEAR

Bishop Kulick

Bishop Kulick to open Jubilee Year in Diocese with Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

Mass to feature specially created cross representative of the faithful in the Diocese

GREENSBURG – Every 25 years, the Universal Church proclaims a Jubilee Year to encourage the faithful to embark on pilgrimages, repent of their sins, forgive the sins of others and renew a focus on their spiritual lives. On Christmas Eve, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, will begin the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, “Pilgrims of Hope,” with the official Opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. In the Diocese of Greensburg, Bishop Larry J. Kulick will open the 2025 Jubilee Year with the Solemn Opening Mass of the Jubilee, Sunday, Dec. 29, at 3 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

Bishop Kulick says the Holy Father is asking the faithful to use the year to focus our hope on the future through Christian discipleship rooted in our baptism, in which our eyes are fixed on the world to come, leading to the gift of salvation, intentionally moving as pilgrims in a specific spiritual direction.

“Every Jubilee Year calls us to understand how we are disciples and how our lives must be centered on Christ. Christ is our hope,” Bishop Kulick said. “Not only is He our hope, but He also accompanies us on our pilgrimage, and He is indeed the source of hope. Christ is the destination to which our hope points – eternal life.”

The Jubilee Mass celebration begins in the Westmoreland Museum of American Art’s lower level with the blessing of the Jubilee Cross and reading of the Papal Bull. The Bishop will then lead the faithful to the doors of the Cathedral for the official Opening Mass of the Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope. The Jubilee Cross, created by Deacon William Hisker, will be a focal point for the yearlong celebration in the Diocese, following Pope Francis’ direction that each Diocese designate or create a cross that is spiritually significant and representative of each Diocese.

Deacon Hisker’s Jubilee Cross includes hardwood from Blessed Sacrament Cathedral and contains soil from the four counties of the Diocese. Included on the cross is the Latin word for hope, spes. The letters are made from stainless steel manufactured at Allegheny Teledyne in Vandergrift; there are also elements of glass, aluminum and coal, all representing the industrial heritage of our Diocese. There also are seeds representing the agricultural history of the Diocese.

Bishop Kulick believes the Church is on the cusp of renewal and prays that the faithful will take advantage of the many opportunities the Diocese plans for pilgrimages, reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration and faith formation. He also has his own hope for the faithful. “That those who do not know Christ may find Him. That those who know Christ will love Him even more and that we, together as a Church, may go forward in a positive, energetic way with a clear vision of embracing with joy and hope the mission entrusted to us and not to have doubt, not to have fear and not to second guess ourselves.”

The Jubilee Year in the Universal Church will also lay the groundwork for a very important celebration for the Diocese of Greensburg. In 2026, the Diocese will celebrate its 75th anniversary, or Diamond Jubilee. The celebration will begin in Advent of 2025.

Jubilee Mass, cont'

Color Corps Members from the Pittsburgh Diocese and the Greensburg Diocese Participated.

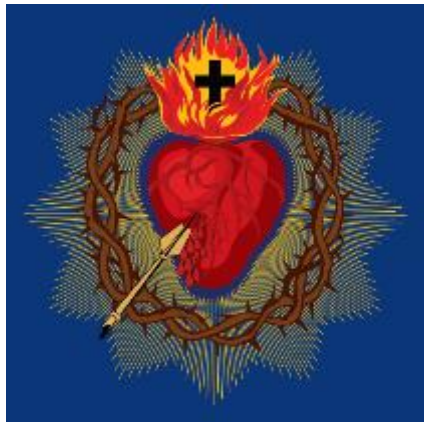


Don Granata—Chapter Catholic Activities

COR

The World Needs Courageous Men to Witness Jesus Christ

COR Exists to form and Strengthen Catholic Men in Faith & Vitruue by Bringing Men into a Deeper relationship with Jesus Christ Through Prayer, Formation, Brotherhood and Fraternity



*Come Join us for an evening of fellowship, reflection & prayer at our first Men's COR Get together. Our first meeting is Thursday January 23rd 7:00 PM at Holy Cross Church Hall 10 S. 8th St. Youngwood PA
All men are invited bring a friend.*

*Our Introductory Program will be Into the Breach an Apostolic Exhortation to Catholic Men by Bishop Omstead of Phoenix
We will explore outside factors that are affecting our church and the call of Catholic Men today. We will discuss what it means to be a Catholic man. Today.*

*We will conclude with prayer and Mediation
And I sought for a man among them who shall build up the wall and stand in the breach before me Ezekiel 22:30*

The following month will be a discussion and reflection on Saint Joseph. For information and to RSVP- Don Granata

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Don Granata—Chapter Catholic Activities, cont'



Eucharistic Intimacy

Coming heart to heart with the Eucharistic Christ

TRANSFORMED

a gathering of Men

TIM RUFLIN
GUEST SPEAKER



JAN 27, 2025
6:30 — 8:30 PM
**St. Elizabeth Ann
Seton Parish**

Diocese
of
Greensburg

Reflection, Discussion and an opportunity for
Adoration and Reconciliation

Kittanning Council 1011—Kittanning

- First and foremost, Council 1011 wishes all Brother Knights a Blessed, Peaceful, and Prosperous New Year in 2025.
- Following our donation, Council has been selected to assist Seminarian, Thomas Oldenburg, in the Refund Support Vocation Program (RSVP).
- Member Knights are removing the portable "Keep Christ in Christmas" signs that were installed at various churches and placing them into storage. (see photo)
- Our Council is again hosting the annual district "Free Throw Basketball Competition" on Saturday, January 11 at the Richard G. Snyder YMCA in Kittanning for boys and girls ages 9-14.
- Council 1011 will be hosting the Chapter Meeting in February, (weather permitting) at our Parish Hall, located on North Jefferson Street, Kittanning, one block behind St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

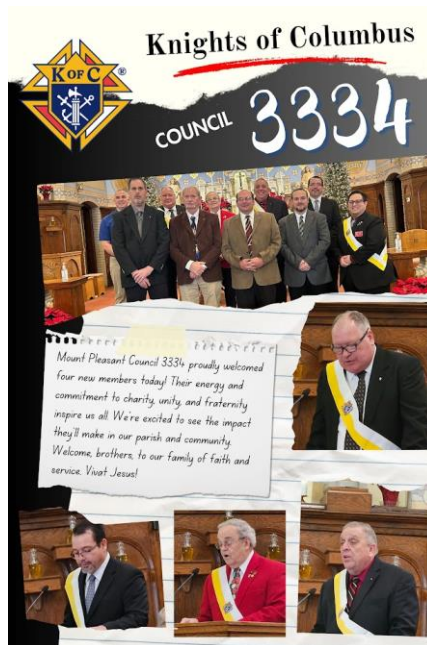


Fr. Gilbert Straub Council 8452--Youngwood

- January 13, February 17, March 17, 2025—Host a free Coffee and Donuts after all Masses
- January 23, 2025—Host Chapter's first COR Night.

Mt. Pleasant Council 3334—Mt. Pleasant

Exemplification—January 5, 2025



Daniel P. Nolan Council 940—Latrobe

- Council 940's Christmas party was a success, and all who attended had a nice time, especially as they "stole" each other's presents during the "White Elephant" gift exchange.
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- We, unfortunately, held 2 memorial services this past month. One for a prior council member who had moved out of the area, but whose funeral service was held at St Vincent's, and another for a long time, local member. Both services were well attended by council members.
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- Our monthly food donation program, coordinated by Brother Tony Dominick donated over \$1864 last year to two, very worthwhile food banks.
- And we donated 50 tomato stakes to the nuns at the Carmelite Monastery in Latrobe. While this may sound small, it reminds us that sometimes it is the little things that can make a huge impact!

Jeannette Council 1222—Jeannette

Attached are the pictures from Jeannette Council 1222.

Council awards Banquet:

60-year member - Pat Rega

50-year member - Fr. John Matthew Elanjileth, 106-years old, former 1222 Chaplain.

25-year member - Nicholas Masciantonio

Jeannette Sparkle of Christmas parade photos.

