



## Who We Are

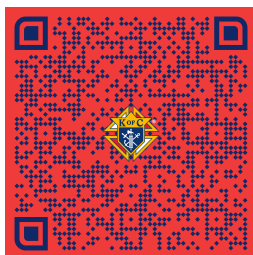
The Knights of Columbus [K of C] is an organization fortified by its past and driven by its goals for the future. It is through five areas of service—faith, community, family, youth and fellowship—that our Knights can truly make a difference! We are also committed to four core principles: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Additionally, we are dedicated to supporting the local Catholic Church, Our Lady Star of the Sea [OLSS].

## What We Do

For our St. Mary's Council #6202, **community** through **charity** exemplifies supporting an endless variety of projects. The following is a sampling of just a few of our local community service and faith initiatives throughout the year:

- ❖ **January** – Coats for Kids; benefits the Cape May Police Department disadvantaged children program. Free Throw Shooting Contest; a K of C community outreach event. Kickoff monthly food drives for the year.
- ❖ **February** – Plan for the annual summer fundraiser. Food drive.
- ❖ **April** – Kickoff electric bike raffle and membership campaign. Food drive.
- ❖ **May** – Roses for Life; a pro-life awareness program on Mother's Day where our Knights hand out roses to all the local parish moms. Funds raised pay for transportation services to the March for Life in Washington, DC.  
  
MDW Handicapped Citizens Drive; benefits the Arc of Cape May County, Aktion Club of Cape May Kiwanis, Autism New Jersey, Christ Child Society of Cape May County and Special Olympics New Jersey. Food drive.
- ❖ **August** – Wedding of the Sea; our Knights take part in the celebratory procession by carrying the statue of the Blessed Mother from OLSS to the Ocean Street Beach. Food drive.

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- ❖ **October** – Lima Bean Festival booth; soup sales benefit priestly vocations and various church needs. Drawing for the electric bike raffle. Food drive.
- ❖ **November** – Set up the OLSS outdoor Nativity scene and decorate the church doors with Christmas wreaths. Thanksgiving food drive.
- ❖ **December** – West Cape May Community Christmas Parade entrant. Assist with the Nativity scene lighting ceremony after the vigil mass of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception; an event promoted by the K of C from all over the world as a reminder to Keep Christ in Christmas. Set up Christmas altar decorations in the OLSS church. Christmas food drive.
- ❖ **Weekly** – Provide mass ushers and routine maintenance for OLSS including special event set-up of the Parish Hall. Livestream Mass broadcasts made available through our videography equipment gift.
- ❖ **Monthly** – From all the fundraisers throughout the year, our Council contributes financial support for priestly vocations earmarked for the Oblates of St. Francis seminarians and Catholic Radio Station WSMJ 91.9 FM. Our recurring Food Drive Drop-Off benefits the Cape May Community Food Closet and the Lazarus House emergency food pantry of Wildwood.

## Looking for a Few Good Men

Sound like something that you would like to do? All prospective members are welcomed and invited to our St. Mary's Council #6202 meetings which are held every second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the McGivney Room of OLSS Parish Hall. Please contact the church parish office at 609-884-5312 to get started.

## Join us and become a Knight!

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