



Who We Are

The Knights of Columbus is an organization fortified by its past and driven by its goals for the future. It is through these five areas of service—faith, community, family, youth, and fellowship—that the Knights of Columbus truly make a difference! Additionally, the Knights are dedicated to four core principles: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

What We Do

For our St. Mary's Council, **community** through **charity** means supporting an endless variety of projects. Community and charity are at the heart of our Council's work and faith; always have been and always will be! The following is just a sampling of some of our many local activities throughout the year:

- ❖ **January** – Coats for Kids; benefits the Cape May Police Department disadvantaged children program. Kick-off monthly food drives for the year.
- ❖ **March** – Hoops for Charity; benefits the Lazarus House emergency food pantry of Wildwood.
- ❖ **March** – St. Patrick's Day Festival; benefits priestly vocations and the Special Olympics New Jersey.
- ❖ **May** – Roses for Life; a pro-life awareness program on Mother's Day where our Knights give out roses to all the local moms. Funds raised pay for transportation services to the March for Life in Washington, DC.
- ❖ **May** – Memorial Day Weekend Handicap Drive to benefit the Arc of Cape May County, Aktion Club of Cape May Kiwanis and Autism New Jersey.
- ❖ **August** – Wedding of the Sea; our Knights take part in the special celebration by carrying the statue of the Blessed Mother in the procession from Our Lady Star of the Sea Church to the Ocean Street Beach.

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- ❖ **October** – Lima Bean Festival booth; benefits priestly vocations and various church needs.
- ❖ **November** – Set up the outdoor Nativity scene and decorate the church doors with Christmas wreaths. Assist with the Nativity scene lighting ceremony after the vigil mass of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception; an event promoted by Knights all over the world as a reminder to Keep Christ in Christmas.
- ❖ **November | December** – Christmas card and Keep Christ in Christmas car magnet sales drives; benefits priestly vocations and the Christ Child Society of Cape May County. Thanksgiving food drive.
- ❖ **December** – Set-up Christmas altar decorations in the church. West Cape May Community Christmas Parade float participant. Christmas food drive.
- ❖ **Daily** – Parking lot management and attendant staffing during the high season that bring in donations for the church and our sponsored charities.
- ❖ **Weekly** – Provide mass ushers and routine maintenance for the Our Lady Star of the Sea Church including the 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 [Catholic] Men

Sound like something that you would like to do? All prospective members are welcomed to join the St. Mary's Council of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Please contact the parish office at 609-884-5312 to get started!

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