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OCEAN CITY LADY KNIGHTS AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY BERNADETTE SOHN

Dear Sisters in Christ,
As we enter the beautiful month of May, we turn our hearts in a special way to our Blessed Mother. In this season of Easter joy, Mary gently leads us closer to her Son, reminding us to trust in God's plan and to remain faithful in both the quiet and the busy moments of our lives.

May is a time of renewal—not only in nature, but in our spiritual lives. It is an invitation to deepen our devotion through prayer, especially the Rosary, and to reflect on Mary's example of humility, love, and unwavering faith. Her "yes" continues to inspire us as Catholic women devoted to service, reminding us that even the simplest acts, when offered with love, can bear great fruit.

This month, we look forward to gathering together for our May Crowning on May 18, a cherished tradition that allows us to honor Our Blessed Mother as Queen of Heaven. I encourage each of you to join us for this beautiful celebration of prayer, fellowship, and devotion.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to the

success of our recent Bingo with a Heart fundraiser. Your generosity—through volunteering, donations, and support—reflects the very spirit of our Auxiliary. Because of you, we are able to continue serving those most in need within our community.

In addition, I am deeply grateful for the compassion and unity shown by our members in responding to urgent needs. Through the formation of a special committee, and with the unanimous support of our leadership, we were able to provide an emergency donation to assist those served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. This is a true reflection of our mission in action.

As we continue through this Easter season, may we remain rooted in prayer, strengthened in fellowship, and inspired to serve with joyful hearts. May Our Blessed Mother guide and protect each of you and your families.

Wishing you a blessed and grace-filled May.
In Christ's love,

Bernadette

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Spiritual Reflection – A Marian Month of Grace

As we enter the month of May, the Church invites us into a deeper love and devotion to our Blessed Mother. This is a time set apart to honor Mary—our spiritual mother, our intercessor, and our model of faithful discipleship.

In the joy of the Easter season, we are reminded that Mary stood faithfully by Christ through His Passion and now shares in the glory of His Resurrection. Her life teaches us how to trust God completely, even when the path is uncertain.

Mary's "yes" was simple, yet it changed the world. As Catholic women devoted to faith and service, we are called to imitate that same openness—to say "yes" to God in our daily lives:

- In our acts of service
- In our care for those in need
- In our quiet moments of prayer

This month, we are especially blessed to gather for our May Crowning on May 18, a beautiful tradition where we honor Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. Through prayer, song, and the offering of flowers, we express our love and gratitude for her constant guidance.

May this Marian month draw us closer to Jesus through His Mother, and may our hearts be renewed in faith, humility, and love. ♡

May Crowning - Featured Event

We warmly invite all members and parishioners to join us for our cherished **May Crowning** celebration:

Monday, May 18, 2026

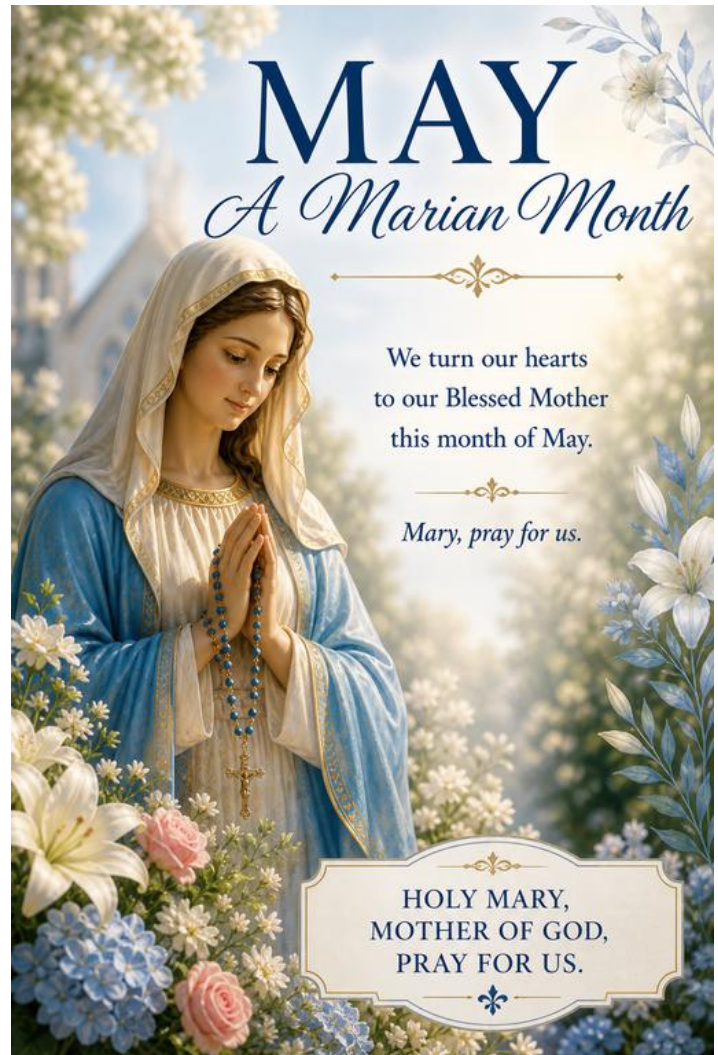
12:00 Noon

Columbus Hall

This beautiful gathering will include:

- Hymns of praise
- Rosary prayer
- Procession and crowning of Mary
- Expressions of love (bring flowers for Our Blessed Mother)
- Free-will luncheon immediately following

We look forward to sharing this special time of prayer and fellowship with you. ♡



Saints & Feast Days of May

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary—a time when the Church invites us to deepen our devotion to her and to reflect on the lives of the saints who inspire us through their faith, humility, and service.

May 10 — St. Damien of Molokai

Known as the “Apostle to the Lepers,” St. Damien gave his life in service to those who were abandoned and suffering. He lived among the people of Molokai, caring for their physical and spiritual needs, eventually contracting the disease himself.

His life is a powerful witness to sacrificial love—loving others not from a distance, but by walking with them in their suffering.

May 13 — Our Lady of Fatima

In 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. Her message was simple yet urgent: prayer, repentance, and conversion of heart.

She called us especially to pray the Rosary for peace in the world.

Her message continues to speak to us today:

- Turn back to God
- Pray faithfully
- Trust in His mercy

As we honor Our Lady of Fatima this month, may we renew our commitment to daily prayer and place our trust in her maternal care.

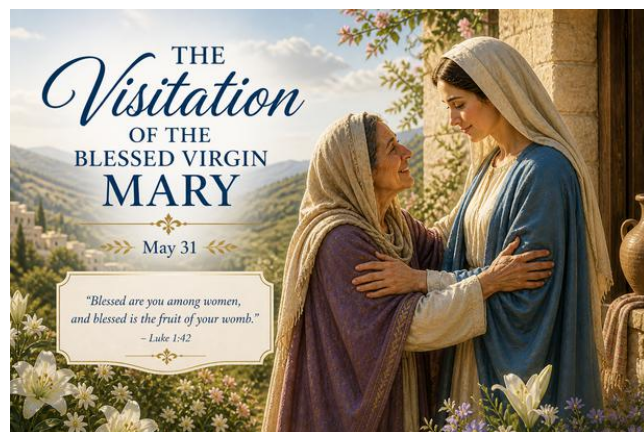
May 15 — St. Isidore the Farmer

A simple laborer known for his deep faith, St. Isidore balanced his daily work with a profound devotion to prayer. It is said that angels helped plow his fields while he attended Mass.

He reminds us that God provides for those who put Him first and that holiness is not reserved for the extraordinary, but is lived out in ordinary life.

May 22 — St. Rita of Cascia

St. Rita is known as the patron saint of impossible causes. She endured a difficult marriage, the loss of her children, and many trials with patience and deep trust in God. Her life reminds us that no situation is beyond God’s grace. Through prayer and perseverance, even the most painful circumstances can be transformed.



May 31 — The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This beautiful feast recalls Mary’s visit to her cousin Elizabeth. Carrying Christ within her, Mary brings joy and grace to Elizabeth and her household.

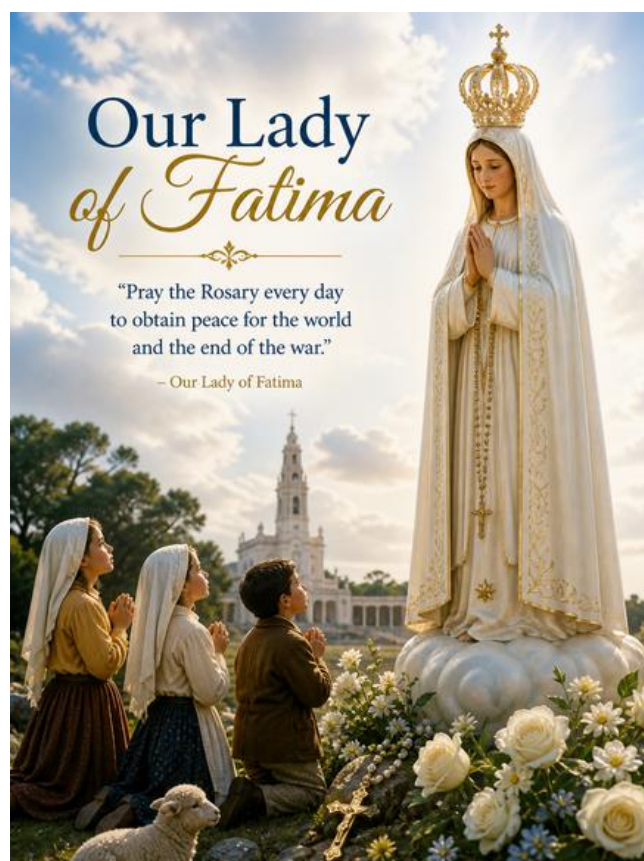
Elizabeth’s words echo through time:

“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

The Visitation teaches us:

- To bring Christ to others
- To serve with humility and love
- To rejoice in God’s goodness

Like Mary, we are called to go forth in service, carrying Christ into our homes, our parish, and our community. ♡



Auxiliary Business

Drawing from our April meeting :

Our Auxiliary continues to live out its mission of faith, service, and charity within our parish and community.

We are grateful for the many ways our members have stepped forward in service this past month:

- Supporting our Brother Knights at the **April Community Supper**
- Assisting with the Knights' **Food Drive**, which successfully collected non-perishable items, gift cards, and donations for the St. Vincent de Paul Society and The Joseph House
- Continued outreach through **Eats & Treats** and fellowship events

A special note of gratitude goes to Ceil Fox, who assisted our Brother Knights with the food drive and helped ensure its success.

Emergency Donation

In response to an urgent need, President Bernadette formed a special committee, in accordance with our bylaws, consisting of three members along with our officers.

Through prayerful consideration, the committee voted unanimously to approve a **\$1,000 emergency donation** to the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**, reflecting our commitment to serving those most in need.

Volunteer Opportunities

We are grateful for the generosity of our members who continue to step forward in service.

- A heartfelt thank you to **Carol Horelick** for volunteering to assist with food preparation for all bingo night **Eats & Treats**.
- We are still in need of a volunteer to help work Bingo on **May 22**. Please contact Shirley if you can help.

Upcoming Needs:

Volunteers to assist with **May Crowning** (May 18)

- Help needed for decorating and resetting Columbus Hall:
 - Decorating for May Crowning - Sunday May 17 at 2:00 pm
 - Transitioning to Community Awards and Spring Fling décor immediately after May Crowning
- Assistance with serving at the luncheon
- Thank you to those who signed up to bring side dishes

If you are able to help, please reach out—your time and talents make a difference. ♡

In Your Prayers

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Dottie McGovern

Our beloved Lady Knights sister, Dottie McGovern, has been called home to the Lord. We give thanks for her life, her faith, and her fellowship within our Auxiliary. May she rest in the peace of Christ, and may perpetual light shine upon her.




Sir Knight Michael Carozza

We pray for the repose of his soul and for comfort and strength for his family, especially his daughter, our Honorary Lady Knight Sister Mary Beth Carozza.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*





May Meeting Details

Monday, May 18th at 11:30 am
Columbus Hall

This will be a brief meeting held prior to our May Crowning at noon. Please note time change.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



May Birthdays

May 1 — Ann M.
May 7 — Tracy D.
May 15 — Jean D.

May God bless each of you with a year filled with faith, peace, and joy. Happy Birthday!

Fundraising Corner

Our **Bingo With A Heart fundraiser** was a joyful and meaningful success, filled with fellowship, generosity, and service to others.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who made this event possible:

- **Sponsors of games**
- **Donors of gift baskets and gift cards**
- **Volunteers who gave their time and energy**
- **Members and guests who attended and supported the event**

We were especially honored to welcome **Sister Virginia Peckham**, who joined us for lunch and bingo—and even won one of our gift basket raffles.

Thanks to the generosity of our attendees, those who brought non-perishable food items received raffle tickets, and we were able to send **15 boxes of food** back with Sister Virginia to **The Joseph House**.

We are also grateful that we were able to feed all of our attendees, and in the spirit of continued service, remaining food was delivered to the **Diakonia Food Distribution Center** in West Ocean City, ensuring nothing went to waste and further supporting those in need.

We are still finalizing our totals, but we are incredibly pleased with the strong attendance and the positive



feedback received. Congratulations to all of our game winners, raffle winners, and door prize recipients.

Looking Ahead

As we reflect on this successful event, we welcome your input.

We invite all members to share feedback on what worked well and how we can continue to improve. We are also beginning to look ahead to next year—
Who feels called to help lead our Bingo With A Heart fundraiser in 2027?

Your ideas, leadership, and willingness to serve are what make these events so meaningful and impactful. ♡

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 10 - Mother's Day

Monday, May 18 - May Crowning

Meeting at 11:30 AM, Crowning at 12:00 PM, followed by a free-will luncheon.

Wednesday, May 20 - Community Awards

6:30 pm at Columbus Hall

Lady Knight of the Year Award Presented

Saturday, May 23 - Spring Fling

4:00 pm at Columbus Hall. Please bring a side dish to share. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided.

Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day

Unborn Prayer Garden Blessing at St. John Neumann Parish

On **Sunday, April 12**, our parish community at **St. John Neumann** gathered for a truly beautiful and grace-filled occasion—the **Procession and Blessing of the Unborn Prayer Garden**.

This sacred space, lovingly created by parishioner **Nate Fink** as his **Eagle Scout** project, now stands as a place of prayer, remembrance, and hope—a visible witness to the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death.

We were blessed to have **Father Cocucci** lead us in prayer as he formally blessed the garden and its monument, entrusting all unborn children to the tender care of our Lord. The ceremony was both reverent and deeply moving, drawing together members of our parish in a shared moment of faith and reflection.

Several members of the Ocean City Lady Knights Auxiliary and the Knights of Columbus Council #9053 were honored to be present for this special occasion. As organizations devoted to faith, service, and the protection of life, we were also proud to support this meaningful project through our donations, helping to bring this vision to life.

The **Unborn Prayer Garden** now offers a peaceful place where:

- Prayers may be lifted for the unborn
- Hearts may find healing and comfort
- The sanctity of life is honored and remembered

May this sacred space continue to touch lives, inspire prayer, and serve as a lasting reminder of God's love for every human person.



MEMORIAL DAY
HONORING • REMEMBERING • THANKING
On **Monday, May 25**, we will observe Memorial Day.

Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. — John 15:13



Together in faith, united in service—
our Bingo With A Heart fundraiser
was a day filled with joy, generosity,
and community spirit.








Ocean City Lady Knights Auxiliary

To Our Friends,

We are pleased to share our May 2026 Ocean City Lady Knights Auxiliary Newsletter with you. While this publication is written for our members, we hope it also offers a glimpse into the faith, fellowship, and service that guide our work within the parish and the wider community.

The Ocean City Lady Knights Auxiliary is a Catholic women's organization devoted to faith, service, and charity within our parishes and the greater Ocean City community. Through prayer, fellowship, and outreach, we support the charitable mission of Knights of Columbus Council #9053 while serving families, children, seniors, and those in need.

New members are always welcome. If you would like to learn more about our Auxiliary, we invite you to join us.

-  **Meetings:** Third Monday of each month (*except July & August*)
1:00 pm at Columbus Hall, Ocean City, MD
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"May all that we do be for the glory of God and the good of others."



*You're Invited to Join us for the
Crowning of our Blessed Mother*

MAY Crowning

MAY 18, 2025

**12:00 Noon
Columbus Hall**

*Experience a Beautiful
Celebration Honoring
the Virgin Mary*

- Singing of Hymns
- Rosary Prayer
- Priest's Invocation
- Procession and Crowning
- Expressions of Love
(Bring Flowers for Mary)
- Free-Will Donation Lunch
immediately following

*Please RSVP by May 13 at
ocladyknights.com or
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