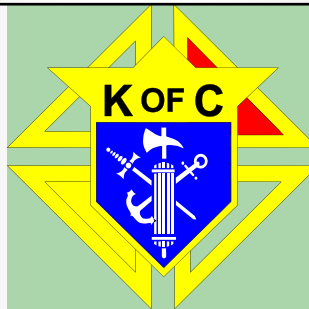


# ***A Knight's Life***

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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COUNCIL MEETINGS 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH



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***Maria Regina Council 12533  
Desk of the Grand Knight***

My Brother Knights,

September as usual has been a busy month for our council. And I don't just mean sending kids back to school or going to Octoberfest parties.

I would like to thank those brothers and their wives who came to the "Welcome Back" party Maria Regina School held the evening of September 15. The school decided to do something different this year and have a "backyard BBQ" instead of Food Trucks for the school families. Our brothers assisted members of Holy Name Society in operating the grill and handing out hotdogs and hamburgers to all the attendees. The principal was very appreciative for our help and it gave us good exposure to the young parents that was there. I have planned a few more events in conjunction with the school and the Parents association this and next year, all in trying to recruit new members especially younger men.

On September 16 and 17, our council sold the C&B books after each mass and we attained our quota of 65 books so far. Unfortunately, due to the dismal weather the Sons of Italy Street fair held on September 24 was postponed. It has been rescheduled to October 1 and I hope to have a good showing of our membership there not only to sell C&B but also to bring recognition of our council to the public and hopefully get new members. We are slated to share our site with Maria Regina church and the Knights on Bikes will be there as well.





On Sunday September 17, three members of our council including myself spoke to the parishioners after every mass to introduce ourselves, explain what we do and to ask men to join us. It has been the first time in a long time that we as a council have done church drives and it did spark interest. Three current Knights expressed interest in transferring to our council and so far two new members waiting to take their exemplification to join our council. Thank you PGK Charlie Collora and DGK Jim Dolan for sharing the pulpit with me. I hope to do this once again in the near future and if anyone is interested in speaking at the pulpit after mass to contact our membership director DGK Jim Dolan or myself.

On that same Sunday the 17, we also had our first Knights Mass of the Columbian year and 15 brother Knights in attendance. I would like to thank you all for attending and showing support for our council. After this Mass those same brother Knights joined our four parish priests, Deacon Paul and PGK Alex Herrera and members of the Almonte family to present a Certificate of Appreciation and to take a photo with the new sign donated by us all. I hope to have it published in the parish bulletin, again as a representation of what our council can do and has done for our church.

At our last council meeting, PGK Charlie Collora presented to our council a Second Class Relic of Blessed Father McGivney, which we will keep in the council's possession and have it present at our monthly Knights Mass and any other spiritual event that would, be proper to display it. Thank you again PGK Charlie Collora for obtaining this for our council.

Next month on October 7, we will have our annual rosary walk with our members and their families and friends. Father Jason is slated to lead us and it begins at 11am at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Manorville. Please try to attend.

In closing, I would like to thank all my brother Knights as we continue to make this council the exceptional one that it is.

**Thomas Pfeiffer**

Grand Knight, Maria Regina Council 12533

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## *DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT*

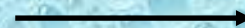


**Dear Brothers,**

**September was a very busy month with C&B sales and trying to bring in new members. The attendance at our Knights mass was very well attended and everyone stayed and helped with C&B and talking up those interested in joining. Thanks to All!**

**Unfortunately, the Italian Feast on Broadway which helps us with both C&B and membership was rained out until Sunday, Oct 1. Please make every effort to stop down to our booth and help. Be sure to wear Your Knights shirt! Keep in mind new members bring new energy and new ideas to help our Council grow.**

**We would also like to run one or two events before the end of the year. These events will need to be coordinated with the Amvets so I will be in talks with them to rent the room at a discount and raise some money. The Grand Knight and I heard of several good ideas for fund raisers at meetings with the other Councils. As always, these Councils have the luxury of having their own hall to run events in, but they also must give a good chunk of their profits back to pay building expenses. We will continue to find a good solution to renting the back room, but we need your help in recruiting new members. Please ask your neighbors, friends, and relatives to join. If you have sons over 18, please try to get them to a first degree. Even if they lack the time to help now, they can take advantage of the other benefits the Council has to offer.**





**We are also re-activating the food drives with our very own PGK Bobby Lamberson at the helm. Stay tuned for dates.**

**If you have an idea for an event you would like to run, please give me a call.**

**Thanks,  
Deputy Grand Knight, SK Jim Dolan  
Maria Regina Council 12533  
M: (516) 477-8713**

Bishop Barres made a surprise visit to Maria Regina Church. He was very kind and appreciative Of the Knight's Of Columbus.  
Thank You Bishop for your kind words and support





## SIGN PRESENTATION

After our Monthly Mass, Maria Regina made the official presentation of the newly installed sign.

All the parish priests were there and were very thankful.

Special thanks to the Herrera and Almonte Family for funding this project and to PGK Danny Schillinger for Coordinating between the sign manufacturer and the church .





**Maria Regina Council 12533  
Knights of Columbus**

# **Annual Rosary Walk**

**Shrine of Our Lady of the Island**

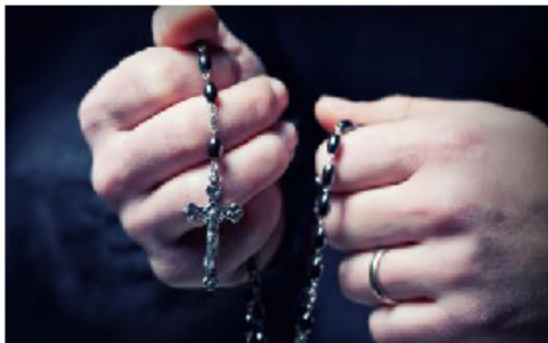
**Please join us  
for a day of reflection and prayer**

**led by our very own  
Father Jason and Father Ignatius**

**Saturday October 7th, 2023 @ 11am**

**Rain Date 10/8/23 @11am**

**For more information, please contact:  
PGK Danny Schillinger (516) 672-2432**







**Maria Regina Council 12533  
Knights of Columbus**

**October is a GREAT Month!**

**Why you ask?**

**Because you are having a Birthday!**

**William Alpert**

**Kearin Byrnes**

**Joseph Caparco**

**Denis Collins**

**Carmine De Francesco**

**Richard Dilgard**

**Donnie Driggers**

**Frank Maley**

**Russell Mauro**

**Ryan McColgan**

**Mark Nevola**

**Dennis O'Brien**

**Anthony Peluso**

**Thomas Pfeiffer**

**Don Piscitelli**

**Sal Prestigiacomo**

**Danny Schillinger**

**Anthony Scibelli**

**Anthony Sebamali**

**Richard Vignogna**



**Happy Birthday Brothers!**



## ***Maria Regina Knights of Columbus***

### ***We want you back.***

Dues \$50.00 per year (.14 cents per day)

Seem like a big amount.

The question is....

### **Where do my dues go?**

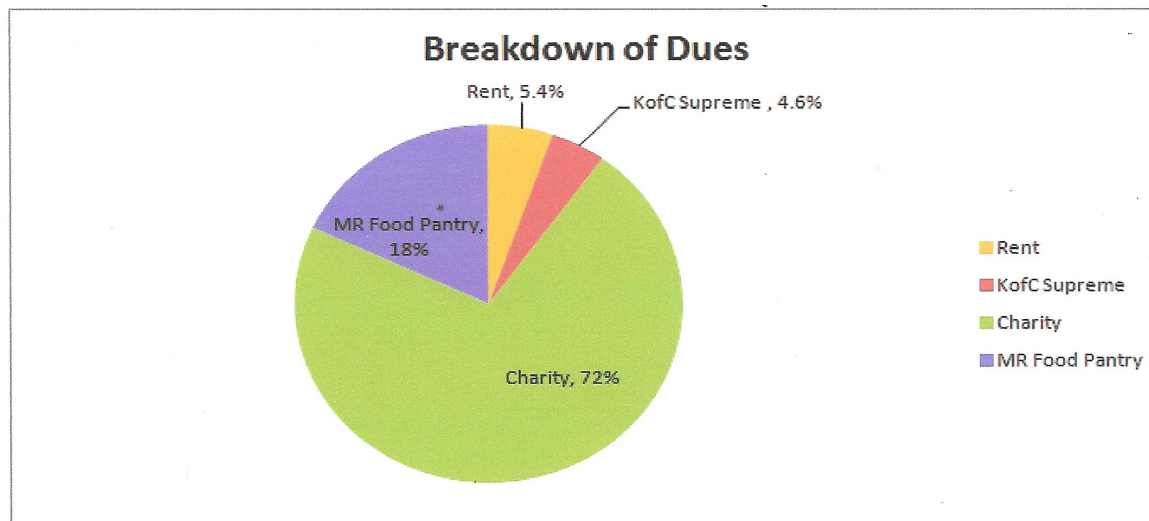
Beer and Pretzels? No.

Electric? No.

Gas ? No.

Rent? Well, yes but not much

**Charity ?**      You bet! All the rest, 90% to be exact!



To be honest, we are one of the most charitable Councils percentages wise on Long Island. (See next page)



We raise more money in our events and sales than in dues.

**Come back!** If not with time, then support us with your dues donation.

Charities and Food Pantry	
Monthly Mass	\$ 500.00
ACDS	\$ 300.00
Adopt a Family for Christmas	\$ 600.00
Church Donation (Christmas)	\$ 350.00
Easter Donation	\$ 240.00
Birthright	\$ 150.00
Telecare	\$ 125.00
Seminarian Sponsorship	\$1,000.00
Food Pantry	\$1,100.00
Kids Need More	\$2,225.00
Wheel Chair Program	\$ 300.00
Luke Neuhedel Foundation	\$ 100.00
Additional Donations	\$ 860.00

Thanks,

Tom Pfeiffer

Grand Knight

(516) 695-1742



*Knights of Columbus  
Maria Regina Council #12533*



*Please Join Us*

*As we celebrate the  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our great Council*



*Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
The Sterling  
345 Hicksville Road, Bethpage  
Cocktail Hour begins at 7pm  
\$90 per ticket*



*RSVP by November 30<sup>th</sup>  
PGK John Raymond (516) 578-2726  
PGK Charlie Collora (516) 659-1246*

*Information regarding Journal Ads  
PGK Don Piscatelli (516) 659-3278*

*Includes: Cocktail Hour, Full Dinner, Open Bar, and a DJ*





*Knights of Columbus  
Maria Regina Council #12533  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Journal Ad  
Application*



*In honor of Maria Regina Council celebrating its  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of service and charity to the  
community and our parish*

**Journal Ad Costs**

Full Page: \$100

Half Page: \$50

Quarter Page: \$35

- We are in the process of preparing our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Journal keep sake. This memorable Journal will be distributed on January 20<sup>th</sup>, at The Sterling, during our special Anniversary event.
- We hope that most members will attend this event and are encouraged to take out an individual ad or share an add with another member regardless if they are attending or not.
- Submission of the Journal Ad deadline is December 20th, accompanied by payment in full.
- Please make checks payable to the Knights of Columbus #12533
- Completed forms and checks can be brought to a meeting or you can email/call PGK Don Piscatelli

Please attach a copy of your design/the text you would like to include:

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For information, submission, and payment for the Journal Ads

PGK Don Piscatelli (516) 659-3278 [donpiscatelli@gmail.com](mailto:donpiscatelli@gmail.com)

## ***Sick and Distress***

*If you hear of a Brother or family member that is sick or should anyone hear of the death of a Brother Knight please notify our Sick and Distressed personnel.*

**GK Tom Pfeiffer**  
**516-695-1742**

*or* **PGK John Raymond**  
**516-578-2726**

## **Monthly Mass**



**MONTHLY MASS**  
**OCTOBER 15TH, 2023**  
**MARIA REGINA CHURCH**



Knights of Columbus<sup>®</sup>  
**INSURANCE**  
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE<sup>®</sup>

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**Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance**  
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*Protecting Catholic families since 1882.*



# October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Street Fair	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Exec Board	<b>5</b> Council Mtg.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Rosary Walk
<b>8</b> Rain date Rosary	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Monthly Mass	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Council Mtg.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

Exec Board Mtg held Maria Regina Conference room 7:30PM  
 Council Meeting held at Amvet's starting at 8PM.  
 Rosary Walk October 7th, rain date October 8th, see flyer for details.  
 Broadway Street Fair that was canceled last week is rescheduled for Sunday, October 1st from 11AM to 6PM.

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## ***NOVEMBER 2023:***

***11/01/2023      Executive Board Mtg***

***11/02/2023      Council Mtg.***

***11/16/2023      Council Mtg.***

***11/19/2023      Monthly Mass / Deceased  
Members***