



# Columbiettes Auxiliary 8104

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church  
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## 2025 Newsletter *Winter* Edition



The Columbiettes, an organization of Catholic women dedicated to our Patronesses: Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Therese, the Little Flower, and St. Joan of Arc, are comprised of affiliated Auxiliaries of the Knights of Columbus Councils.





## Upcoming Events

**January 10, 2026=**

**Chapter meeting in the Rosary Hall**

**February 6, 2026=**

*Nite of Hope evening in Mater Dei 6:45PM-8:30PM*

*Facilitator: Claire Thompson with Bozena Gasio, mother of the performer.*

**February 7, 2026=**

**Spirit FM's Women of Worth Catholic Women's Conference**

**8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Christ the King Church**

**821 South Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa, FL 33609.**

**May 1, 2, 3, 2026=**

**48th Annual Florida State Council Convention**

**October 31-November 8, 2026=**

**Florida State Council is sponsoring an Eastern Caribbean Cruise**



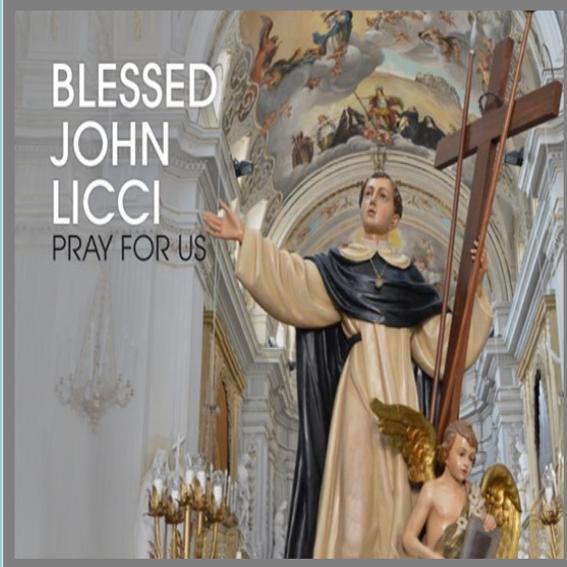


## St Margaret Mary

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) was born in France to a virtuous and distinguished family. *As a child she showed great devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and by the age of 9 was practicing severe penances.* In her childhood she became sick with rheumatic fever and was confined to bed for four years. She made a vow to the

Blessed Virgin to consecrate herself to the religious life, after which she was instantly healed. **She often had visions of Jesus**, which she thought was a normal experience in the spiritual life. When she turned 17 her mother insisted that she establish a place for herself in the world.

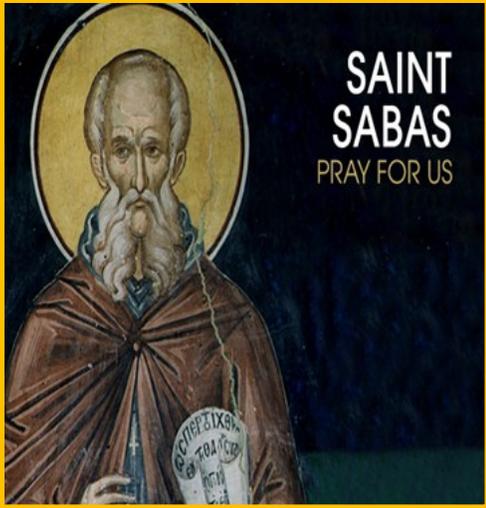
Margaret imagined that her childhood vow was not binding, and persuaded herself that she could serve God while living at home and continuing her penances and charity to the poor. She then joined her brothers at dances and began considering marriage. *One day, upon returning home from a carnival ball, Jesus appeared to her and reproached her for her infidelity, reminding her of her promise. Margaret then entered a Visitation convent at the age of 24. Jesus appeared to her frequently, and entrusted to her the mission of establishing devotion to his Sacred Heart* during a time when religion in France had grown rigorous and cold. Because of her visions she was greatly persecuted by those around her, until her virtue under suffering won over her enemies. Her visions were determined to be genuine and officially recognized by the Catholic Church 75 years after her death. **Her feast day is October 16th.**



## Blessed John Licci

Blessed John Licci (1400-1511) was born to a poor peasant farmer near Palermo, Sicily. His mother died in childbirth, and his father was forced to leave his infant alone at home while he worked in the fields. One day a neighbor woman heard the baby's cries and, in compassion, brought the child into her home to care for him. When she laid the baby on the bed next to her paralyzed husband, he was miraculously cured of his disease. Mr. Licci was unhappy with the woman's meddling and brought his son back into his home. However, when he did so, his neighbor's paralysis returned. Mr. Licci took this as a sign that God wanted the couple to help him care for his son. This was the first of many miracles John Licci would perform throughout his life. He joined the Dominican Order in 1415 and was a friar for 96 years, the longest period known for any religious to wear the habit. His miracles include the multiplication of building materials used for a convent he founded, miraculously feeding a poor widow and her six children, raising a dead boy to life, and curing three people whose heads had been crushed in accidents. Consequently, **he has been designated the patron saint of head injuries. He is the longest-living saint in the Catholic Church, dying at the age of 111. St. John Licci's feast day is November 14th.**

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*St. Sabas (439-532 A.D.) was born near Caesarea in Cappadocia to an illustrious family. His father was an army officer who, being restored in Alexandria, left Sabas (along with his estate) in the care of his wife's sister. Sabas was severely mistreated by his aunt, and he fled from her to live with his father's brother instead. This move led to a family feud over the*

management of his father's estate, and Sabas, a meek child disgusted with their worldliness, sought refuge in a monastery. He was well-treated there, and although only a child, excelled in the monastic life. When he reached the age of eighteen, after living in the monastery for ten years, Sabas traveled to Jerusalem to visit the holy places and to become a desert hermit. He lived in a Jerusalem monastery for a time before dwelling alone in a desert cave near Jericho, spending his days in prayer and penance. Because of his renowned virtue and holiness many men desired to follow his example.

He was ordained a priest so that he could better direct the 150 monks in his care. Sabas became an important leader in the early Church by founding monasteries, fighting heresy, and serving in delegations to the Roman Emperor. He is one of the most highly-regarded patriarchs of Palestine, and is considered one of the Fathers of Eastern monasticism. His most important monastery, the Great Laura, is one of the oldest monasteries in the world and is still inhabited by Eastern Orthodox monks. ***St. Sabas' feast day is December 5th.***

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PROCESSION

Oct-25-2025



## *Fifteen Years*



**Congratulations to us!! Cheers to many more years of sisterhood, good works, and friendship!**

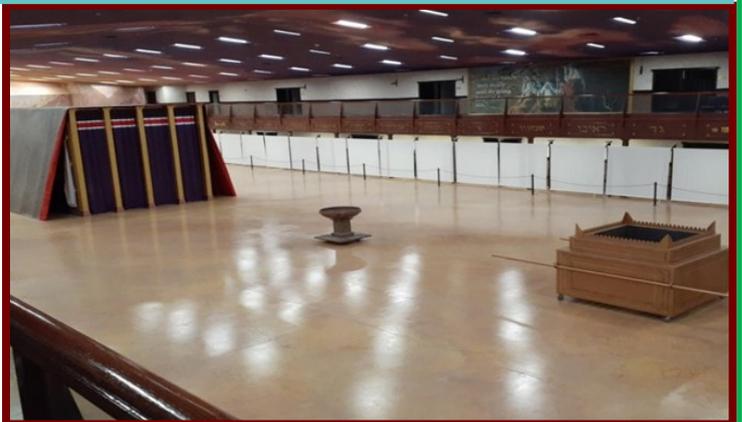
Facilitator, Cristina DuVall, Committee, Sandy Paxton:

On October 30, 2025. Many attended the 8:00 AM Mass with breakfast in the Rosary Hall at 9:00 a.m. 39 Columbiettes were in attendance plus our Past State President, Rae Stabile. Pat Messina, our Auxiliary Charter President, was ill and could not attend. A few Knights also attended. It was a wonderful morning to celebrate an amazing auxiliary, good food and great friends! Congratulations to us!! Cheers to many more years of sisterhood, good works, and friendship! I am so proud of all the ladies from Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes. We are strong women with positive vibes. *Congratulations to all of us on the 15 years of success.* We can only get better and do more for our community and church. Thank you all! -Cristina DuVall.



# Tabernacle of the Wilderness

Facilitator: Belinda Montes de Oca





We had four new ladies join our auxiliary on Saturday, November 15, 2025. The Initiation ceremony was held at San Antonio Catholic Church in Port Charlotte, Florida before the West Florida Chapter meeting. Following the meeting the San Antonio Auxiliary treated us to lovely lunch of meat lasagna and a spinach salad with garlic toast followed by dessert of cherry cheesecake or chocolate chip cookie.

Our new members from left to right are: Teresa Passaglia, Linda Buzzee, Nardine Terracciano and Brunilda Reyes. Also pictured are Helen Strakos, President of West Florida Chapter Columbiettes and Clare Kaminski, President of OLOR Columbiettes Auxiliary.

*Submitted by Sandy Paxton*



*Some of the kits I made for the kids making their First Communion this month. They are gifts from the Columbiettes.*



*Sophie Llewellyn and Pat Loar packing the pillowcases.*



Carol James and Sandra Paxton helped wrap gifts with the Land O Lakes Moose Lodge Women of the Moose...December 4, 2025. The gifts will be distributed at a Children's Christmas party on the 13th of December.

*Some of the 110 pillowcases that I and Pat Loar worked on as part of our Community Project.*



# Advent Brunch: December 6, 2025

## “Preparation for the Coming of Christ”

presented by Deacon, Joseph Grimaudo

Facilitator: Amanda Costanza




**ADVENT BRUNCH**

**Starter**  
*Fresh Fruit Cup*  
(an assorted selection of freshly cut melons, strawberries, grapes, pineapples, etc.)

**Main Course**  
*[option 1] Freshly Baked Quiche*  
(caramelized onions, chives, and/or bacon)  
*[option 2] Baked Veggie Quiche*  
(spinach, mushrooms, and/or bell peppers)

**Dessert**  
*Sweet Breads*  
(an assortment of cinnamon rolls, fruit or cream cheese danishes, donuts, and/or muffins)

**Beverages**  
*Freshly Brewed Coffee, assorted Tea, Ice Water*



***Christmas Social with the Knights December 11, 2025***

Facilitator: Pat Loar

Committee: Susan Gustis.



Lunch with the Knights





## What comes after Christmas day? More Christmas!

December 25–January 11

When the secular world moves on after Christmas day, let's keep our lights on and candles lit while celebrate the joy of Christ's birth and his gift to all of us. The Christmas season lasts 18 days and is filled with beautiful feasts and solemnities, including the Feast of the Holy Family, Solemnity of Mary and Epiphany.

### Ways to keep celebrating Christmas all season long:

- Come to Mass on the 7 feasts of solemnities of Christmas this year
- Keep the Christmas carols playing, especially those that focus on the birth of our savior
- Keep the creche out, tree up and lights lit until Epiphany
- Plan a 12th Night or Epiphany celebration with your family or friends
- Spend time in prayer in front of the creche at your parish

Go to [archseattle.org/Christmas](http://archseattle.org/Christmas) for all the feasts and solemnities of Christmas and more ways to celebrate the peace and joy of Christmas all season long.





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