



# The Blessing Word

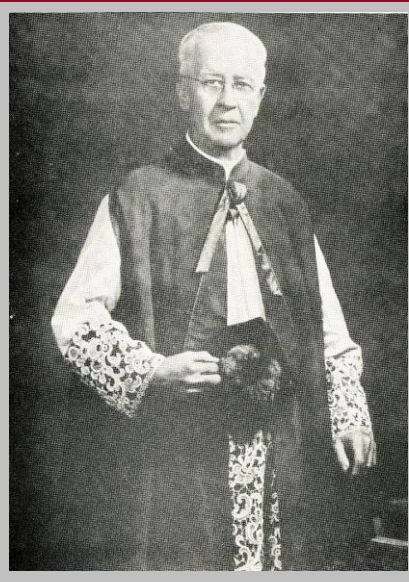
1962-2012 CELEBRATING OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273  
COVENTRY, RHODE ISLAND

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Our Council's Namesake

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SEPT SQUIRES BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER CLASSROOM  
DATE: FRIDAY, 9/7/2012  
TIME: 7:00PM

### SEPT COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL  
DATE: MONDAY, 9/10/2012  
TIME: 7:30PM

### FAMILY PICNIC

PLACE: GODDARD PARK, WARWICK  
DATE: SATURDAY, 9/15/2012  
TIME: NOON-6PM

### MASS FOR BLESSING COUNCIL

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH  
DATE: SUNDAY, 9/30/2012  
TIME: 10:30AM

### OCTOBER SQUIRES BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER CLASSROOM  
DATE: FRIDAY, 10/5/2012  
TIME: 7:00PM

### OCTOBER COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL  
DATE: MONDAY, 10/15/2012  
TIME: 7:30PM



## Grand Knight's Corner

Worthy Brothers, I pray you and your families are well.

For those of you with young children, it's back to school time (yeah!). I hope you all had a wonderful summer.

Our next business meeting is 10 September and our family picnic is at Goddard Park on 15 September. Other notable upcoming events are the Installation of Officers Mass (date to be determined), and the 75th Anniversary Mass for St Vincent DePaul on the 23rd of September. There will also be a Mass for the living and deceased members of Blessing Council on the 30th of September.

Some upcoming State events are the Columbus Day Banquet on Monday, 8 October 2012, at the Rhode Island Convention Center (tickets are \$40 per person) and the Charity Ball is Saturday, 6 April 2013, at the O Club in North Kingston.

Finally I would like to reiterate that we are to be recruiting according to the power of one. This means one new member per council per month. I really believe that Blessing Council is capable of surpassing that quota. I really would like to have a couple of 1st degree exemplifications in which Blessing Council is robustly represented.

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!

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Rev. Michael Kelley

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Derek Smith



# Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

Recently I was reading an article in my favorite national Catholic news source: "The National Catholic Register" (now under the ownership of EWTN). Every time I read an article in this publication I am inspired and enlightened by what good Catholic journalism can be. I would recommend this publication and its corresponding web site to all of you.

The particular article I was reading was about the appointment of a new archbishop to the Diocese of San Francisco: Bishop Salvatore Cordileone. He has been serving as Bishop of Oakland, CA. He has long been an articulate and motivated defender of traditional marriage. The Bishop points out several times in the article that the people who would be most affected by a change in the definition of marriage are children and young people!

Most of you Brother Knights reading this article are married men in "traditional marriages". Most of you have children. Bishop Cordileone says: "Out of justice for children, we need to do the best that we can to help them grow up with their mother and father, married to each other in stable relationships". You know from many examples that children have the best chance of flourishing in life when raised in traditional families. You also know that marriage (being a husband and a father) is a lot of work!

This Bishop and many Bishops are speaking out courageously. It is a time for us to act courageously like never before do defend traditional marriage, to live it more fully in our own lives (always with God's grace and mercy) and to promote it to others in every way we can. This means voting for candidates that support traditional marriage.

Never underestimate the significance of your witness to God's truth for marriage.

May God bless each of you and your families!

**Rev. Michael Kelley**

**Chaplain**

**Msgr. Blessing Council #5273**

*Note: The publication that our Worthy Chaplain mentions above, "The National Catholic Register" can be found at: <http://www.ncregister.com/>. You can subscribe for updates to be sent to your email address once there.*

*"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."  
2 Timothy 1:7*



## Blessing Council Family Picnic



**Msgr. Blessing Council #5273**  
**Coventry, RI**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual**

## Blessing Council Family Picnic

**Where: Goddard Park, Warwick, RI**

**When: Saturday, September 15, 2012**

**Noon to 6PM**

**BBQ – Burgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Drinks**

**Fun and Games – Sack Races, Water Balloon Toss, Badminton, Whiffle Ball, Touch Football**

**Everything Free of Charge!**

**RSVP Keith Parent by phone 249-8585 or email  
keith\_parent@yahoo.com**

## Mass for Living and Deceased Members of Msgr. Blessing Council

**When: Sunday, September 30, at 10:30 AM**

**Where: St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Coventry**

Our Worthy Chaplain, Fr. Michael Kelley, has graciously agreed to celebrate a Mass on Sunday, September 30, for all living and deceased members of the Monsignor Peter E. Blessing Council #5273. All Brother Knights are urged to attend this special Mass held for our Council

## Stephen Del Deo – Insurance Field Agent

Worthy Brothers, if you didn't already know our Insurance Field Agent is Brother Stephen J. Del Deo and he is a member of our Council. For information about the excellent insurance benefits the Knights of Columbus has to offer, please contact Brother Stephen at the contact information below:



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## St. Vincent de Paul Parish – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



**When: Sunday, September 23, at 10:30 AM**

**Where: St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Coventry**

St. Vincent de Paul Parish will be having a very special 75th Anniversary Mass on Sunday, September 23rd, 10:30 AM Mass. Bishop Thomas Tobin will be the main celebrant. Brother Knights of the Blessing Council are urged to attend.

*“Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart.”  
Psalm 119:2*



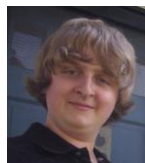
## SAINT OF THE MONTH

**St. Vincent de Paul**

St. Vincent was born of poor parents in the village of Pouy in Gascony, France, about 1580. He enjoyed his first schooling under the Franciscan Fathers at Acqs. Such had been his progress in four years that a gentleman chose him as subpreceptor to his children, and he was thus enabled to continue his studies without being a burden to his parents. In 1596, he went to the University of Toulouse for theological studies, and there he was ordained priest in 1600.

In 1605, on a voyage by sea from Marseilles to Narbonne, he fell into the hands of African pirates and was carried as a slave to Tunis. His captivity lasted about two years, until Divine Providence enabled him to effect his escape. After a brief visit to Rome he returned to France, where he became preceptor in the family of Emmanuel de Gondy, Count of Goigny, and General of the galleys of France. In 1617, he began to preach missions, and in 1625, he lay the foundations of a congregation which afterward became the Congregation of the Mission or Lazarists, so named on account of the Priory of St. Lazarus, which the Fathers began to occupy in 1633.

It would be impossible to enumerate all the works of this servant of God. Charity was his predominant virtue. It extended to all classes of persons, from forsaken childhood to old age. The Sisters of Charity also owe the foundation of their congregation to St. Vincent. In the midst of the most distracting occupations his soul was always intimately united with God. Though honored by the great ones of the world, he remained deeply rooted in humility. The Apostle of Charity, the immortal Vincent de Paul, breathed his last in Paris at the age of eighty. His feast day is September 27th. He is the patron of charitable societies.

***Chief Squire's Corner***

Brother Squires,

It has been and will continue to be a good month for the Squires - just recently we collected school supplies for the Apple Tree Drive at SSJP. I am very happy to see the Circle doing things like this. In the future, we will be holding a membership Drive at Our Lady of Good Counsel. I hope that we will pick up many members there, seeing as the theme of the month is still membership.

God Bless,  
Chief Squire Josh Fidler

### **Investiture on September 7th – Welcome Caleb Delehant!**

When: Friday, September 7, at 7:00PM

Where: SSJP Parish Center Conference Room

For the September Squires Business Meeting this month, the Circle will be conducting an Investiture for its newest candidate, Caleb Delehant. This will be preceded by a short meeting which will include a guest speaker, Mr. David O'Connell, Director of the Mother of Life Center. Squires are urged to wear the Squire uniform of white shirt and black pants and Officers are urged to wear their jewels.

### **Membership Drive**

When: Sunday, September 23, 8AM and 10AM Masses

Where: Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, West Warwick

Our Circle will be conducting its first membership drive of the year at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish on 60 Pleasant Street in West Warwick. Fr. Paul Lemoi has graciously allowed the Circle to conduct a drive after the 8 and 10AM Masses. During the Mass, he will speak about the Squires, and we will meet prospective candidates afterward. Four Squires will attend the 8AM and the other four will attend the 10AM. We will come up with the schedule at the September Squires Business Meeting.

*“Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”  
- Psalm 90:12*



## PawSox Game 8-8-2012

