



THE BLESSING WORD

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



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RI State Chaplain 1913-1957
Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 12/4/2019
TIME: 7:00PM

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY

PLACE: CRANSTON COUNTRY CLUB
DATE: SUNDAY, 12/8/2019
TIME: 6:00PM

DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 12/9/2019
TIME: 7:30PM

DONATIONS GIVEN OUT AT 7PM

JANUARY OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 1/8/2020
TIME: 7:00PM

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 1/13/2020
TIME: 7:30PM

JANUARY KNIGHT OUT

PLACE: TBD
DATE: TBD
TIME: TBD



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

I pray you and your families are well.

The Christmas season is upon us and soon we will be celebrating our Savior's birth. I hope and pray that all goes well with you and your families this Christmas season.

Our annual Christmas party is Sunday December 8 at the Cranston Country Club. We should be blessed with a satisfying meal and great company with our Brother Knights and their families. Music will be provided by our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Brian Mattias. Many thanks to Brother Brian for providing us with the sounds of the Christmas season. I'm sure there will be pictures in the January newsletter.

We will be tentatively having a recruitment drive in January at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Our new Membership Director is Brother Robert Brodeur and he will be looking for our help with the new Delta Church Drive recruitment process. This new process eliminates the hard sell and should make our part easier and less formal. Please consider helping Brother Robert recruit new members so that we can build up our Council for the future to continue our charitable efforts to our Churches and Community, our Respect Life endeavors and most importantly an increase of our Faith as Brothers united in Christ.

Roberta and I pray that you and your families have a blessed Christmas Season.

Thank you for all that you do.

Vivat Jesus!

Paul Lemek
Grand Knight

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Meeting Place: SS John and Paul Parish Center

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Two Year Trustee

John Pizzo

Three Year Trustee

Frank Laiter III



Chaplain's Corner

No Chaplain's Corner this month.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

David Brodeur	December 1
Kenneth Jackson	December 5
Russell Maxwell	December 6
PSD James Kiley, Sr.	December 7
Chester Wendoloski	December 7
John Cook	December 15
Russell Michael	December 17
Paul Trainor	December 20
David Simonelli	December 22
Guy Lasorsa	December 25
Robert Champagne	December 28
Fr. Robert Forcier	December 30

PRAYER INTENTIONS

- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- Our Bishops Tobin and Evans
- The Priests of the parishes we serve
- PGK Angel Ferrer
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- PGK William Moskosky
- Chancellor Anthony Machado
- Treasurer David Legault
- Brother Alan Ogrodnik
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother John Deary
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother Roderick Fraser (Deceased)
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Tony Favata
- Brother Charlie Sweeney
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Nancy Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Wyatt Canfield
- Eric Thatcher
- Dennis Murphy (Deceased)
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn

“Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.” – Pope Francis

FAITH IN ACTION – COMMUNITY



Coats have been received for our Coats for Kids program. I am in the process of contacting our churches and their outreach programs to identify needy families that may have children in need of winter coats.

The maintenance of the Veterans park at the corner of Arnold Rd. and Tiogue Ave. continues. If any Brother Knight wishes to assist, I am there most Saturdays by 9 am.

The Christmas Party will be held at the Cranston Country Club on Sunday, December 8, starting at 5PM. More details to come.

John Pizzo, Community Activities Director

FAITH IN ACTION – FAMILY



No report this month

David Legault, Family Activities Director

FAITH IN ACTION – FAITH



We continue to count our council's attendance to the monthly Holy Hours around the diocese and plan for a retreat in conjunction with Sts. John & James council sometime in the spring of 2020.

Brothers, if you're interested in helping out with Faith activities, please contact the Worthy Grand Knight.

Paul Lemek, Faith Activities Director

FAITH IN ACTION – LIFE



40 Days for Life – Lenten Season. Carol Owens, who leads the 40 Days for Life program in the Diocese reminds us that Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020, will be the start of our Lenten Campaign. Look for more information in the near future!

Holy Hour for Life – There will be no Holy Hours for Life during December and January.

John Murray, Life Activities Director

“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.” – Matthew 11:4-5

MARY, THE PATRON SAINT OF ADVENT

Bishop Thomas J. Tobin

Advent is such a special season, a beautiful, grace-filled time in which the Church prepares for the Coming of the Lord — both at the end of time and in the present Christmas Season. And one of the primary biblical characters who emerges to guide us through the season is our Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary. Her Advent influence is found at several key points.

The first is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th, when Catholics proclaim that Mary, from the first moment of her conception in her mother's womb, was preserved from all stain of original sin. This was a special privilege granted to Mary because of her unique role as the Mother of God. But in following her example, we also long to be free of sin and full of grace.

The second moment comes a few days later on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, on December 12, which commemorates the appearance of our Blessed Mother to the Aztec Indian, Juan Diego in 1531. The apparition had enormous impact on the native peoples as it revealed God's love for them and reminded them that they too were his beloved children. In the years that immediately followed Mary's appearance, millions of people converted to the Christian Faith. While the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is revered especially by Latino Catholics, it is for all of us a stirring reminder of Mary's maternal care.

And finally, on the 4th Sunday of Advent each year, as Christmas approaches, our Blessed Mother takes her rightful place in the center of the liturgical stage. On those Sundays the Gospels explain "how the birth of Jesus came about," or they present the accounts of the Annunciation or the Visitation, both critical events in the Christmas story. The appearance of Mary in the liturgy leaves no doubt that the birth of Jesus is now very near.

Mary is the patron saint of Advent. She is present throughout the season. From her we learn the virtues of faith, trust, courage and devotion as we, too, await the coming of the Lord. When you pause before the Nativity scene this Christmas, look into Mary's eyes. She is looking at Jesus. That's Mary's eternal vocation — to lead us to Jesus.

YEARLY DONATIONS

A total of \$6,100 from our Vanguard Wellington Fund Dividends was available to donate this year. The Financial Committee recommended the following donations from our Vanguard Wellington Fund dividends and approved by the Council:

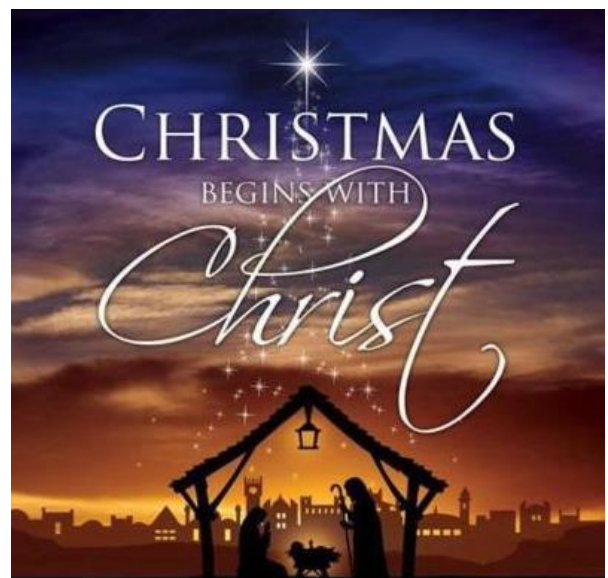
RSVP (Patrick Ryan/Angel Castillo-Perin \$500 x 2)	\$1,000
OLGC, OLC, SVP and SSJP Churches (\$800 x 4)	\$3,200
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$500
Coventry Food Bank	\$300
Our Daily Bread Program	\$300
Keep the Heat On	\$300
Senior Priest Retirement Fund	\$300
Council Charity Fund	\$200

A total of \$1,200 from our KANDI Drive was available to donate this year, and the council voted to distribute as follows:

Coventry High School Transitions to Success	\$400
Project Friends Coventry	\$400
Meeting Street School	\$400

Also, during the FJVD Car Show in September, our council collected \$730 at the refreshment stand. The council will be presenting a check to Fr. John V. Doyle School for that amount.

Donations will be presented to the recipients prior to the November and December meetings at 7PM.



"No one has ever been so devoted to the contemplation of the face of Christ as faithfully as Mary."
— St. John Paul II

YEARLY DONATION RECIPIENTS November 2019



"Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving, acclaim him with music." – Psalms 95:2

YEARLY DONATION RECIPIENTS December 2019



"You are my God, I thank you, all praise to you, my God. I thank you for hearing me and making yourself my Savior." – Psalms 118:28