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Our Council's Namesake

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **MARCH OFFICERS MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 3/4/2020  
TIME: 7:00PM

### **MARCH COUNCIL MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: MONDAY, 3/9/2020  
TIME: 7:30PM

### **MARCH KNIGHT OUT (TENTATIVE)**

PLACE: GREGG'S RESTAURANT, N.  
KINGSTOWN  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 3/25/2020  
TIME: 6:00PM

### **APRIL OFFICERS MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 4/8/2020  
TIME: 7:00PM

### **APRIL COUNCIL MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: MONDAY, 4/13/2020  
TIME: 7:30PM

### **APRIL KNIGHT OUT**

PLACE: TBD  
DATE: TBD  
TIME: TBD



## **Grand Knight's Corner**

My Brothers All,

I pray you and your families are well.

We have entered the Lenten season. There are many opportunities at our Council churches that we can attend. Please check your parish Bulletins for events being held throughout Lent.

There are Holy Hours, Missions, Confessions, Stations of the Cross and Bible studies and of course daily and weekly Mass.

Attending some, or all, of these events will be a great way to show our Faith in Action which is Mission of the Knights of Columbus and will bring us closer to Christ and His saving Grace. We will also be preparing ourselves for the Easter season.

Brothers, please consider taking part our Council's programs with family members if possible and with prospective candidates if you know of one.

We have business meetings every 2nd Monday of each month. Please attend these meetings to see what our Council is planning, what we have accomplished and how you can contribute.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Paul Lemek  
Grand Knight

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Meeting Place: SS John and Paul Parish Center

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**District Deputy (RI Dist. 6)**

Michael Colvin

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Stephen Del Deo

**Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council Officers:****Chaplain**

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Paul Lemek

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Edgar Brouillard

**One Year Trustee**

Earl Mahar

**Two Year Trustee**

John Pizzo

**Three Year Trustee**

Frank Laiter III



## Chaplain's Corner

I would like to begin my message this month with a quote from our Holy Father Pope Francis: speaking to a gathering of young people: "Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified." He also says that the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus is not a past event, rather through the power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present; enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer.

Through our very Baptism we are all called to show the faith. We are challenged by the Sacred Eucharist to live the faith. We cannot ask others to do what we ourselves are not doing. Lent affords us the time to let our faith shine forth, through prayer, fasting and giving. These three elements of the Lenten journey can not only bring us closer to Christ but also to each other.

All of our surrounding parishes have special Lenten events: Holy Hours, Stations of the Cross and daily Masses. Some are providing Adult learning sessions. For example, at my parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel we have Evening Prayer and Benediction on Mondays of Lent at 6:30 PM, on Fridays of Lent we have Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM and Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 :00 AM. Also, and Adult Formation session on the Tuesday's of March at 6:30 PM. If you call any of the parishes, they can inform you what is taking place in their parish during Lent. Don't sit on the side lines during this Lenten Season make the journey with Christ and invited others to join with you.

My brothers may you and your families have a blessed Lent, remember to pray the Rosary daily.

Vivat Jesus!

Father Paul Lemoi, Chaplain

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- Our Bishops Tobin and Evans
- The Priests of the parishes we serve
- Father Richard Bucci
- Father Victor Silva
- PGK Angel Ferrer
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- PGK William Moskosky
- PGK Daniel Danis
- Chancellor Anthony Machado
- Treasurer David Legault
- Brother Alan Ogrodnik
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother John Deary (recently deceased)
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother Bo Kenahan
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Tony Favata
- Brother Charlie Sweeney
- Brother Dan Sylvester (recently deceased)
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Veronica Brouillard
- Nancy Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Wyatt Canfield
- Eric Thatcher
- Dorothy Piatek (recently deceased)
- Joan Thompson (recently deceased)
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn

*"The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." – Numbers 6:26*

**FAITH IN ACTION – COMMUNITY**

The maintenance of the Veterans Memorial Park at the corner of Tiogue Ave. and Arnold Rd. will begin again in April with the arrival of warm, spring weather. At that time, if you are interested in lending a hand, we meet most Saturdays there at 9AM.

John Pizzo, Community 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. We are also trying to connect with RCIA candidates at SSJP. 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 – FAMILY**

Our Knight Out at Cowesett Inn was another success! We had a nice turnout, and it was a great occasion to enjoy delicious food and enjoy each other's company. Our next Knight Out is tentatively scheduled at Gregg's Restaurant in North Kingstown on Wednesday, March 25, starting at 6PM. If you've never been to a Knight Out, please consider joining us at Gregg's on the 25<sup>th</sup>. We'd love to see you!

David Legault, Family Activities Director

**FAITH IN ACTION – LIFE**

- We hosted the showing of the movie "Unplanned" on Friday, March 6, at Saints John and Paul Church.
- 40 Days for Life began on Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral. After 12:05pm mass and the distribution of ashes, there will be a procession to Planned Parenthood where participants will pray the rosary for an end to abortion.
- Members of the Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council have participated in vigil during the 40 Days. I suggest Saturday, March 21 with a time to be agreed upon.
- Walking with Moms in Need begins March 25<sup>th</sup>. Promotes prayer for pregnant and parenting moms via the monthly Pray for Life emails – no actual walking involved. I will send out a link to sign up for this activity. We can never pray enough.

John Murray, Life Activities Director

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." – Psalm 51:10*

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

James Dacey	March 3
Michael Greene	March 3
Paul Lacroix	March 6
Thomas Kelly	March 8
Christopher Dyl	March 15
Pierre Desrosiers	March 15
Steven Saritelli	March 16
Leonard Denommee	March 21
Joseph Da Silva	March 22
Charles Sweeney	March 23
John Tally	March 30
Michael Byrne	March 30
Jaroslaw Lewkowski	March 31

### HOLY HOUR AT ST. VINCENT de PAUL



Thanks to Father Jacek Ploch, our Worthy Past Chaplain and Pastor of St. Vincent de Paul and Our Lady of Czenstochowa, for granting his permission to hold a Holy Hour at St. Vincent de Paul Church. According to our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Brian Matthias, who had the bird's eye view as the organist as you can see from this photo, there were a total of 23 people who attended.

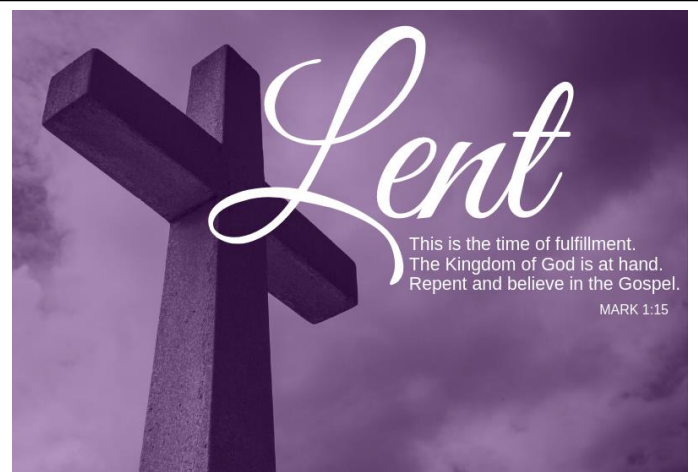
### 2020 KANDI DRIVE



Brothers, preparations are being made for launching our 2020 KANDI Drive. The following dates are tentative with the exception of SSJP as we have obtained permission from Fr. Woolley:

May 2-3      Our Lady of Good Counsel  
 May 16-17    St. Vincent de Paul and Our Lady of Czenstochowa  
 May 30-31    Saints John and Paul

The drive will take place after all the masses on the weekends indicated above. Please mark your calendars as we'll need your help!



*"This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel" – Mark 1:15*

## FEBRUARY KNIGHT OUT

Cowesett Inn, West Warwick – February 27, 2020



*"Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold." – Matthew 24:12*