



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

JULY OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 7/8/2020
TIME: 7:00PM

JULY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING
DATE: MONDAY, 7/13/2020
TIME: 7:30PM

AUGUST OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 8/5/2020
TIME: 7:00PM

AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING
DATE: MONDAY, 8/10/2020
TIME: 7:30PM



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

I pray you and your families are well and staying as safe as possible.

I'm honored to serve as the Grand Knight of the Monsignor Peter E. Blessing Council for this Columbian year. Many thanks to Past Grand Knight Paul Lemek for all his services during his two years as grand knight. The Blessing Council continues to share the values of what it means to be a Knights of Columbus member.

When I joined the council in 2017, my vision was to become an active member, and that vision has truly been complete. As the Grand Knight, I have taken the challenge to keep this council involved in the Faith in Action program.

My goals include: increasing membership, having family activities and most importantly receiving the Columbian and Star Council awards. Also, giving donations to organizations like Mother of Life, Meeting Street, Food for Families and many others through our Vanguard Fund and Fundraising events.

May God bless the council members and all their efforts throughout this Columbian year.

Vivat Jesus!

David Legault
Grand Knight

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Carl A. Anderson

RI State Deputy

David Quinn

District Deputy (RI Dist. 6)

Michael Colvin

Insurance Agent

Jim Davis

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

Rev. Paul Lemoi

Grand Knight

David Legault

Financial Secretary

Neil Fidler

Deputy Grand Knight

Brian Mattias

Chancellor

Anthony Machado

Warden

Frank Laiter, Jr.

Treasurer

William Jakabek

Recorder

Thomas Gostomski

Advocate

Patrick Hurley

Inside Guard

James Hall

Outside Guard

Stephen Kukulka

Lecturer

Edgar Brouillard

One Year Trustee

John Pizzo

Two Year Trustee

Frank Laiter III

Three Year Trustee

Paul Lemek



Chaplain's Corner

No Chaplain's Corner this month.

FROM THE SUPREME CHAPLAIN ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM E. LORI

"No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him." (Gospel for July 5, Mt 11:27)
Have you ever known a man who was just like his father; who not only looked like him, but also acted, spoke and thought like him? Jesus is the very image of his Father and reveals the Father to us. By striving to know God the Son more intimately — through prayer, the Mass, the sacraments and Scripture — we also come to know God the Father more intimately. May we better understand the Father's love for us and model our own fatherhood after his.

July's Challenge:

This month, I challenge you to commit to at least one hour each week in prayer before Jesus in the tabernacle, spending some of this time meditating on God the Father. Second, I challenge you to work with your brother Knights to implement the Faith in Action Holy Hour program in order to help others grow closer to Christ.

Questions for Reflection:

What is the difference between "knowing about the Father" and "knowing the Father"? Jesus always sought to do the will of his Father in heaven, so how does the life of Christ show you how to be a good son to God the Father? What are some attributes of God the Father, and how can you model your own fatherhood on these attributes of the first person of the Holy Trinity?

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
- GK David Legault
- Chancellor Anthony Machado
- Brother Alan Ogrodnik
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother Bo Kenahan
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Tony Favata
- Brother Francis Perry Jr. (Deceased)
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Veronica Brouillard
- Nancy Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Michelle Legault
- Wyatt Canfield
- Eric Thatcher
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn
- All who are affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic

"You will come to know the truth, and the truth will set you free." — John 8:32

FAREWELL TO BROTHER FRANCIS PERRY, JR.

Brother Francis "Frank" Perry, Jr., went to his final reward on June 9. Brother Frank was an Honorary Life and Third Degree member having joined the order in December 1961, and he was a charter member of Blessing Council. As you can see from his obituary, he was an active citizen of the Town of Coventry having served on the Town Council from 1990 to 1996 and served 20 years on the Board of Canvassers for 20 years, some years as its Chairman. Please pray for the repose of Brother Frank's soul and for his Frank's entire family.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

Cyril Dubrachek	July 1
Paul Lemek	July 6
Lee Rossetti	July 14
John Ludka	July 15
Thomas Carroccia	July 23
Valentino Longo-Simone	July 25
Alexander Cote	July 28
Michael Laiter	July 30

CONGRATULATIONS BROTHER JOHN LUDKA!

Congratulations to Brother John Ludka upon his retirement as maintenance manager of SS John and Paul Church after 20 years working with the Parish. Brother John has been a member of our council since he joined the order in November 2001. Well done, Brother John, and enjoy your retirement!



FROM DISTRICT DEPUTY MICHAEL COLVIN

Greetings Worthy officers, and brothers of Msgr. Peter Blessing Council! I pray you are all well. Thank you all for the great work that your council has done this past year. Here we are, at the start of our new Columbian year. You'll probably agree with me when I say I'm happy to wave the old one goodbye. What a year it was! When we started the year, we were still dealing with the 4th degree regalia fallout, digesting the new Faith in Action programming, and the institution of the new Exemplification model. Suddenly, we were hit with this dastardly Coronavirus.

The impact of this one event entirely disrupted our daily lives, and our way of operating as an order. The book of Revelation tells us "Behold, I am making all things new.", and how true this is. Your council, like others, have found new ways of operating during this pandemic. Virtual meetings and activities using Zoom, GoToMeeting, Survey Monkey, and others, have showed us how adaptable we are to working in whatever way is necessary. One thing that is for sure, the work of our councils **MUST GO ON!**

So, let us all proceed into this new year with a positive outlook. Supreme has allowed for virtual Council Installations, virtual Exemplifications, virtual meetings, etc. So, whatever comes our way this year we'll be ready. Let's boldly recruit new members, and conduct our business in whatever way necessary to get it done. Our order's founder, the venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney will soon be beatified. Let's remember his example in founding our order, and providing for Catholic families of his day. Ultimately, he died in the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918 himself. Remember, while he was on this Earth, Fr. McGivney worked tirelessly, can we do any less? Please support your new Grand Knight, and council officers by assisting, and participating in the council's activities and programs this year. They need your help! Thanks for all you do, and Vivat Jesus!

Michael Colvin, DD/PGK, District 6

PRAY FOR OUR NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS

Effective July 1, our council has a new slate of officers as follows:

Chaplain – Father Paul Lemoi
 Grand Knight – David Legault
 Financial Secretary – Neil Fidler
 Deputy Grand Knight – Brian Mattias
 Chancellor – Anthony Machado
 Warden – Frank Laiter, Jr.
 Treasurer – William Jakabek
 Recorder – Thomas Gostomski
 Advocate – Patrick Hurley
 Inside Guard – James Hall
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 Lecturer – Edgar Brouillard
 Trustee First Year – John Pizzo
 Trustee Second Year – Frank Laiter III
 Trustee Third Year – Paul Lemek

Please pray for these men as they fulfill their duties in their offices that God may guide them to serve His church, the community and our council.

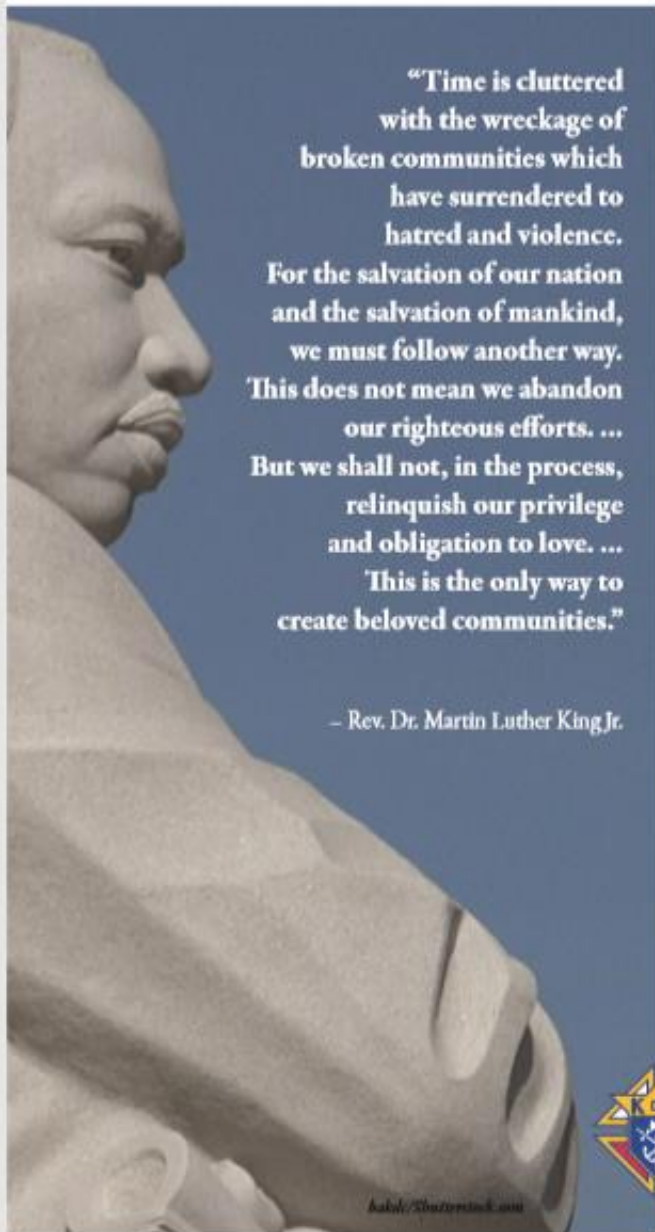
Also, the council's heartfelt thanks go to the outgoing slate of officers who dealt with challenges that our council has never seen before. Even with those challenges, under their leadership, the council attained both the Founders Award for Insurance and the Columbian Award for fulfilling all qualification of the Faith in Action program. Those awards will be presented to the council at a future date.

"How blessed the nation whose God is Yahweh, the people he has chosen as his heritage." – Psalms 33:12



NOVENA FOR NATIONAL UNITY & AN END TO RACISM

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 – MONDAY, JUNE 15



**"Time is cluttered
with the wreckage of
broken communities which
have surrendered to
hatred and violence.
For the salvation of our nation
and the salvation of mankind,
we must follow another way.
'This does not mean we abandon
our righteous efforts. ...
But we shall not, in the process,
relinquish our privilege
and obligation to love. ...
'This is the only way to
create beloved communities."**

– Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

PRAYER TO THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Heavenly Father, you so loved the world that you sent us your only begotten Son as our Redeemer. The Holy Spirit rested upon your Beloved Son as he preached the Good News, cured the sick, and gave his life to break down each sinful barrier that separates us from you and from one another. With your Son, O Father, you sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church that she might extend your saving truth and love to every race and nation.

So it is that we praise you, O Glorious Trinity, One God in Three Persons, united in one Divine Nature yet distinct in each Person — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As you are united in one Divine Nature, we ask you to bring together in your love all whom hatred and racism have separated. Pour your love into our hearts, that we may speak the truth boldly and in a spirit of charity, and labor unceasingly for justice, peace and reconciliation in our divided nation and world. O Father, source of every blessing, O Son, Radiant Truth, O Spirit of Love, enable us to respect and love those who are different from ourselves and remove from our hearts, our homes, our Church, and our society every trace of racism.

Grant us, in your mercy, renewed and lasting resolve 'to mend our ways, to encourage one another, to agree with one another, and to live in peace.' (cf. 2 Cor 13:11) Grant us the wisdom to create a civilization of truth, justice and love, worthy of your Kingdom. Then we shall know that you are truly with us, O God of life, truth and love, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen.



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"Now this Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." – 2 Corinthians 3:17

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbbrica di San Pietro/M. Falconi.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

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"The spirit of the Lord is on me, for he has anointed me to bring the good news to the afflicted. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives, sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" – Luke 4:18