



THE BLESSING WORD

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



AUGUST 2022

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 8/3/2022
TIME: 7:00 PM

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 8/8/2022
TIME: 7:30 PM

SEPTEMBER OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 9/7/2022
TIME: 7:00 PM

FR. JOHN V. DOYLE SCHOOL CAR SHOW

PLACE: FJVD SCHOOL
DATE: SATURDAY, 9/10/2022
TIME: 9:00 AM

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 9/12/2022
TIME: 7:30 PM

ITALIAN "KNIGHT"

PLACE: OUR LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA GYM
DATE: FRIDAY, 9/23/2022
TIME: 6:30 PM

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Meeting Place:

SS John and Paul Parish Center



Grand Knight's Corner

Greetings Brothers!

When I received the email from Worthy FS Neil asking for my second message for the Grand Knight's Corner, I couldn't believe a month had gone by already. "Tempus fugit" indeed!! So here I am again on my front porch, this time watching the hummingbirds & butterflies happily flit about the Rose of Sharon, which are in full bloom. While I often think of how difficult it must be for them to live out in the elements and forage for food, today I'm a bit envious. They're just happy with their nectar. None of them are thinking about mortgage payments, shrinking retirement funds, midterm elections, inflation, fuel prices, work stress, political division, or what kind of world they are leaving to their offspring. Just nectar. I guess God blesses all of His creation in different ways! While our family often prays for healing for our country these days, we sometimes forget to thank God for the blessings we DO have during these trying times. I pray that we are all able to see how God blesses us each day.

On Sunday July 17, my wife & I attended the Installation of the State Deputy and State Officers in Woonsocket. A Mass was held at St. Joseph Church followed by a reception at St. Ann's Cultural Center. It was the first time we ever purchased cocktails in the back of a church and sipped on them in a pew! The building is quite extraordinary and beautiful. The food was OK, as was the bar selection (I would certainly ask that question!). What brought me the most joy that afternoon was our own Brother Knights - Jimmy Hall, Steve Kukulka & Earl Mahar in Fourth Degree regalia. They carried themselves with dignity and made me proud!! Jimmy & Steve also attended the reception where we all shared a table with our Field Agent Jim Davis, and 3 Brother Knights from St. Mark in Cranston. It was a nice afternoon though VERY hot & humid!!

On August 2, we held our first Exemplification Ceremony of the new Columbian Year. As of this writing, the ceremony has yet to take place, so our new Brother Knights will be named in next month's newsletter. I'm glad we're off to a good start!!

Our Fundraising Committee met recently to discuss ways to replenish our General Fund. Ideas include Funny 4 Funds, Pasta Dinner, Meat Bingo, etc. Please talk to Worthy DGK Richard Legault if you'd like to help with any of these events, OR if you have any fundraising ideas. His email is: rich158@cox.net.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!
Brian Mattias
Grand Knight

Supreme Knight

Patrick Kelly

RI State Deputy

David Bebyn

District Deputy (RI Dist. 6)

Joseph Burns

Insurance Agent

Jim Davis

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

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Recorder

Jerry McEvoy

Advocate

Patrick Hurley

Inside Guard

James Hall

Outside Guard

Stephen Kukulka

Lecturer

Edgar Brouillard

One Year Trustee

Frank Laiter III

Two Year Trustee

Paul Lemek

Three Year Trustee

David Legault



Chaplain's Corner

Brother Knights!

August, summer is going by, where did it go? This month there are some special days for us to remember: August 12th, 13th, and 14th we remember Blessed Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus.

This past year we have called upon him to intercede to Our Lord for healings and strength for some of our members and families. He has answered our prayers. Continue to pray his prayer along with your daily Rosary.

Also, on August 15th we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This year, because it falls on a Monday, it is not a Holy day of Obligation, but it would still be nice if you attended Mass on that day to honor her.

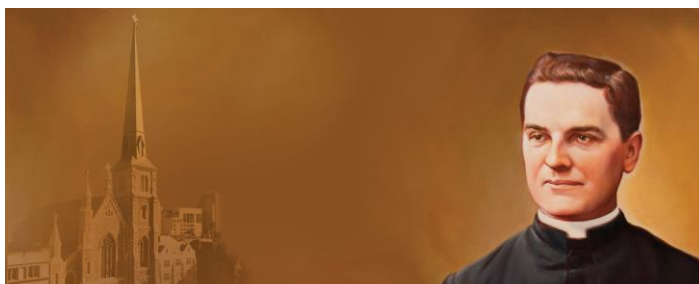
Shortly our local schools will be welcoming back students for a new year of schooling, until then please continue to keep a watchful eye out for the young children playing in and around our streets of our towns.

Finally continue to pray the Rosary daily for the sanctity of all human life. Pray that any demonstration taken place because of our Supreme Court's decision will be non-violent.

Continue to enjoy the remaining days of summer.

Vivat Jesus!

Father Paul Lemoi
Chaplain



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

PRAYER INTENTIONS



- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- Our Bishops Tobin and Evans
- The Priests of the parishes we serve
- Our Seminarians Patrick Ryan and Nicholas Whitaker
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- PGK Harold Trafford
- IPGK David Legault
- Brother Anthony Machado
- Brother Rob Brodeur
- Brother John Murray
- Brother Alan Ogrodnik
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother James Kmon
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother John Murray
- Brother Jim Hall
- Brother Joseph Murphy
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Veronica Brouillard
- Nancy Giolitti
- Henry Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Shirley Laiter
- Diane Burke
- Mary Lawlor
- Roberta Soucy
- Lori Bullock
- Michelle Legault
- Nancy Blais
- Eric Thatcher
- John Dolan
- All US military personnel active and former
- The Unborn
- All who are suffering in Ukraine



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

Frank Laiter III (58)	August 1
Kevin Peloquin (32)	August 4
Father Doan Nguyen (37)	August 8
Bernard Bernatonis (85)	August 10
Raymond Byrnes (81)	August 10
Leodore Charpentier, Jr. (88)	August 14
James Sartell (73)	August 18
James O'Connor, Jr. (72)	August 22
Mark Giolitti (61)	August 23
Steven Bailey (57)	August 24
Angel Ferrer, Jr. (72)	August 25
John Mulholland (87)	August 30
Nicholas Whitaker (30)	August 30

FATHER JOHN V. DOYLE SCHOOL CAR SHOW



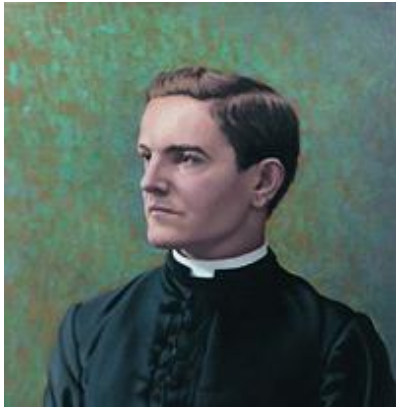
When: Saturday, September 10, 2022, 9:00AM

Where: Father John V. Doyle School, Coventry

Blessing Council Knights will once again be front and center manning the grill and concessions during the FJVD School Car Show. Come on out and support Father John V. Doyle School while seeing some great-looking classic cars as well as taking part in different activities. All those activities are going to make you hungry, so be sure to partake in some tasty food prepared by your fellow Brother Knights!

“And the world, with all its disordered desires, is passing away. But whoever does the will of God remains forever.” – 1 John 2:17

BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY FEAST DAY & NOVENA



Blessed Michael McGivney Feast Day is Saturday, August 13 which is between Blessed Michael's birthday, August 12, and the anniversary of his death, August 14. Our council will be participating in the Blessed Michael McGivney Novena via email. The Novena starts on Thursday, August 5, and ends of the Feast Day, August 13.

THE PATRIOTIC (FOURTH) DEGREE



If you know of any 3rd Degree Member in good standing that is interested in becoming a Patriotic (Fourth) Degree member of the Wallace Assembly, please contact Faithful Navigator Paul Lemek at 401-999-5480 or email at palemek@cox.net.

Current Patriotic Degree Sir Knights are encouraged to join the Assembly Color Corps. Father Wallace Assembly will give \$250 towards a new uniform. Additionally, Blessing Council will contribute \$150. Our Color Corps are the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus.

Paul Lemek, Faithful Navigator, Father Wallace Assembly

WELCOME NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS!



Blessing Council hosted an Exemplification Ceremony of Charity, Unity and Fraternity at Our Lady of Czenstochowa Church on Tuesday, August 2. We welcomed our newest Brother Knights to the Order. Brothers John de Bont, Bart de Bont and John Pedro obtained Full Knighthood. With our new Brother Knights we are nearly halfway to our 2022-23 Fraternal Year quota of eight new Brother Knights. The Exemplification Ceremony honoree was Past Chancellor Anthony Machado. Welcome aboard Brothers!

"KNIGHT OUT"



Family Director Bill Jakabek is planning to begin our Knight Outs again starting in September. For our new Brother Knights, the council holds a Knight Out every month and a local restaurant for Brother Knights and families to enjoy a great meal and great company. Our next Knight Out will be Italian "Knight" on Friday, September 23. See the next page for details.

"Whoever listens closely to the word finds happiness; whoever trusts Yahweh is blessed." – Proverbs 16:20



Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council #5273

Knights Of Columbus

presents



Italian "Knight"!



MENU

Pasta with Meatballs and Sausage

Salad

Bread and Butter

Assorted Desserts

Coffee/Soda/Water

Friday, September 23, 2022

Doors open at 6:30 PM, Dinner served at 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Czenstochowa Gymnasium

445 Washington Street, Coventry

\$10.00 per person, \$5 for children 12 and under

Proceeds raised for Knights of Columbus Charities

RSVP September 16, 2023

Neil Fidler, Phone: 401-632-7922. Email: coventryknights@verizon.net

PayPal to coventryknights@verizon.net

Make checks payable to *Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council #5273 K of C*

And mail to: Neil Fidler, 72 Columbia Ave., Coventry, RI 02816

MOTHER OF LIFE PREGNANCY CENTER OPEN HOUSE**RHODE ISLAND STATE COUNCIL PRESENTS
MOTHER OF LIFE PREGNANCY CENTER OPEN HOUSE**

Come to the Open House at the **Mother of Life Pregnancy Center** to learn about the Center with guided tours by their staff. See the new ultrasound machine the KOC donated last year, meet the staff. This is a family event that could be especially interesting for teenage children!

Saturday, September 17th • 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Mother of Life Pregnancy Center • 400 Atwells Avenue, Providence

Street parking is available along Atwells Ave and two blocks down in the lot at Holy Ghost Church.

St. John and James, Blessing, St. Augustine and Fr. Donnelly Councils are providing the Knight-power for this State Council Life event. Italian Sausage sandwiches, hotdogs and soft drinks will be available. There will be a free-will offering.



Please consider donating diapers sizes 4,5 and 6, 0-6 onesies, wet wipes, and baby clothes 0-24 months to the Center when you come. This event can be used by councils for program credit in *Faith in Action* - **LIFE** - Pregnancy Center Support.

“The eyes of Yahweh are on the upright, his ear turned to their cry.” – Psalms 34:15

Weekend Retreat for Men

September 23-25, 2022

Offering: \$325

More if you can. Less if you can't.

A retreat is a break from our everyday lives and a chance to restore our connection to God, our ultimate source of strength. Holy Family retreats offer prayer services, workshops, private conferences and free time to explore the retreat theme. We emerge feeling at harmony with others and more ready to face life's challenges. We are spiritually renewed and revitalized.



The retreat begins with a buffet dinner from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening and concludes Sunday with the celebration of Mass at 10:45 a.m. followed by a hot brunch at noon. Families of retreatants are most welcome to attend the Sunday Mass and brunch at no extra charge.

REFLECT ✧ RENEW ✧ RETREAT

At the center of Holy Family's ministry is its dynamic retreat team which leads nearly thirty weekend retreats each year. Our team brings a wealth of experience, theological education, and inspiration to your spiritual journey. Whether we are greeting you at our door for the first time, eating a meal with you, or sharing a spiritual teaching, each member of the team embodies a spirit of hospitality, welcome, and unconditional acceptance.

Registration Form on Back



Registration Form: Weekend Retreat for Men September 23-25, 2022

Please register online at: www.holyfamilyretreat.org or mail your completed registration form with your deposit.

PARISH/TOWN _____ RETREAT DATE _____

NAME _____

E-MAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ BIRTH YEAR _____

OCCUPATION _____ ☐ NEW RETREATANT

RETREAT OFFERING: \$325 (More if you can. Less if you can't.) Scholarships are available

☐ Enclosed is full payment (\$325)

☐ Enclosed is \$150 deposit

☐ **A Day to Breathe** (early check-in Friday 9 a.m. includes lunch) (\$50)

☐ Enclosed is \$_____ my contribution for those needing financial assistance to attend retreats.

Total _____

Credit Card Type _____ American Express, Discover, Master Card, Visa Accepted

Name on Card _____

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

☐ I acknowledge that I will be required to show proof of my vaccination.



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