



# THE BLESSING WORD

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



SEPTEMBER 2022

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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

### EXEMPLIFICATION OF CHARITY, UNITY AND FRATERNITY

PLACE: OUR LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA  
DATE: TUESDAY, 9/27/2022  
TIME: 7:00 PM (SETUP AT 6:30 PM)

### OCTOBER OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: OLC MEETING ROOM  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 10/12/2022  
TIME: 7:00 PM

### OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: OLC MEETING ROOM  
DATE: MONDAY, 10/17/2022  
TIME: 7:30 PM

### SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE

PLACE: OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL  
DATE: MONDAY, 10/24/2022  
TIME: 6:30 PM

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Meeting Place:

SS John and Paul Parish Center



## Grand Knight's Corner

Greetings Brothers!

My family recently traveled to Washington DC where my wife Heather-Rose received her bachelor's degree from Purdue University Global. It was a very emotional day for our family because she has worked so hard for the past 3+ years to achieve this. While there, we attended the 9AM Sunday Mass at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. It is a magnificent edifice with stunning architecture & a beautiful pipe organ. Before Mass, an usher asked us if we'd like to bring up the gifts for offertory and we graciously accepted. Perhaps he spotted my K of C shirt? As an organist, I rarely get to experience Mass fully because my mind is occupied with performance details. So, while it may seem small, it was a unique honor, and I was very thankful to have had that opportunity. On our way out of DC, we visited the 45-foot Columbus Memorial in front of Union Station. I had just read about it in K of C: An Illustrated History. It was pretty cool!

Knights in the news? On August 14, The Atlantic Magazine posted an 'interesting' article about "extremist gun culture & the rosary". Here's an excerpt: "the rosary has acquired a militaristic meaning for radical-traditional (or "rad trad") Catholics. These armed radical traditionalists have taken up a spiritual notion that the rosary can be a weapon in the fight against evil..."

Imagine such a thing! Further down in the article, the writer talks about militaristic "notions of manliness and male strength..." In 2015, Bishop Thomas Olmsted of Phoenix issued an apostolic exhortation calling for a renewal of traditional conceptions of Catholic masculinity titled "Into the Breach," which led the Knights of Columbus, an influential fraternal order, to produce a video series promoting Olmsted's ideas. But among radical-traditional Catholic men, such concerns take an extremist turn, rooted in fantasies of violently defending one's family and church from marauders."

I'll leave you to form your own opinions on this.

Please pray for students, teachers and school staff everywhere as they return to school!

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Brian Mattias

Grand Knight

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**Brother Knights!**

With September comes the beginnings of a new school year and Parish activities are starting up. Be alert while driving in the morning and afternoon for children waiting for and getting off of their school bus. Sometimes they are racing to catch their bus or racing to get off their bus and home not always looking.

Parishes ramp-up their activities that may have been dormant during the summer months. Check and see what ones you might be able to assist in. There are always plenty of needs in our parish communities. Do not assume that somebody else will do the work.

We remember on September 11th the events of that day which changed the lives of so many people and our world. Pray for all first responders as they continue each day to meet the needs of people in our nations and the world. Pray for the strength they need each day.

Continue to pray the rosary each day for the dignity and sanity of all human life from the moment of natural conception to natural death. Continue to pray the pray for the canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney for all your special needs.

Summer ends and Fall begins brining new challenges for our Council, and for our work in our parishes don't be afraid to get involved. Pray to God that he may give us the strength to do all that is require of us.

Vivat Jesus!

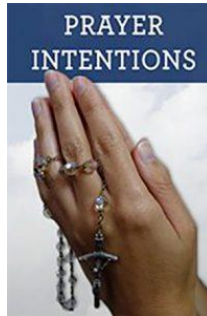
Father Paul Lemoi  
Chaplain

# Chaplain's Corner



*"Blessed are those who observe his instructions, who seek him with all their hearts." – Psalms 119:2*





- 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 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



### **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

David Thatcher (66)	September 4
John Murray (71)	September 7
Gerard Legault (92)	September 10
Bernard "Bo" Kenahan (91)	September 10
John de Bont (51)	September 10
Joseph Larsh (51)	September 13
George McLaughlin (74)	September 14
Bart de Bont (57)	September 14
Timothy Maynard (62)	September 17
Fr. Brendan Rowley (38)	September 20
Bryan Legault (29)	September 21
Harold Trafford, Jr. (88)	September 22
Alan Horlbogen (73)	September 24
Hugh Fitzpatrick (86)	September 25

### **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!

*"For just as the sufferings of Christ overflow into our lives; so too does the encouragement we receive through Christ." – 2 Corinthians 1:5*



### IMPORTANT SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Brothers, please consider attending a very important September Membership Meeting. The membership will be asked to consider some very important issues concerning the council including future meeting venue, "Italian Knight" planning and information and other topics. Meeting attendance has been light starting the Fraternal Year, and that is understandable given everything that has happened that past few years and that it is summertime, but now is the time to consider attending in person. Please consider showing up, brothers.

### 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](mailto: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

### ITALIAN "KNIGHT" WINE DONATION!



Brothers, you are asked to donate a bottle of wine for our upcoming Italian "Knight." We will be raffling off a wine basket among our raffles that night. Please bring a bottle of wine to the September Membership Meeting. Thank you!

### "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.

*"How great and wonderful are all your works, Lord God Almighty; upright and true are all your ways, King of nations." – Revelation 15:3*





**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**

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PayPal to [coventryknights@verizon.net](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> • 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.

*"Always be joyful, then, in the Lord; I repeat, be joyful." – Philippians 4:4*



# 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](http://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

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



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