

# THE BLESSING WORD



Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council #5273 Knights of Columbus



## Grand Knight's Corner

**BRIAN MATTIAS, GRAND KNIGHT**

My Brothers All!

In addition to our regular prayer intentions for our Brother Knights, families, etc., my family often prays for our country. Additionally, I pray for the protection of my own family from the evils in the world today. Whether you define yourself as left, right or center, it's clear that politicians (and the media) have been doing their best to divide people. I never thought I'd see anyone advocate FOR segregation, but it's now happening on college campuses and elsewhere. It's truly unbelievable. I recently read an article that illustrates things very well:



We know the devil loves chaos. Ever since his fall from Heaven, Satan seeks to divide the world. His first action was to divide the angels. Next, the story of his temptation of Adam and Eve drove a wedge between the first humans and God. The word "devil," comes from the Greek word diabolos, which can be translated as, "to divide," "to separate," or more literally, "to throw against."

In an address on September 9, 2016, Pope Francis said: "Divisions are a handy weapon that the devil uses to destroy the Church from within. He has two weapons, but the main one is division." So, whenever we see division in the world, especially that of one group in society against another, we can affirm that the devil is in some way behind it. He wants us to destroy ourselves and hatred against other people is one of the fastest ways we become the authors of our own demise.

Jesus, on the other hand, desires unity. "I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one." (John 17:20-22)

Unity is one of the main tenets of the K of C. As the Holy Trinity is the best model of this for us, so must we reflect that model of unity in our families and further to our community in a time when unity is so desperately needed.

Vivat Jesus!



## Upcoming Events

### May Officers Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room  
Date: Wednesday, 5/3/2023  
Time: 7:00 PM

### KANDI Drive

Place: Our Lady of Good Counsel  
Date: Weekend 5/6-7/2023  
Time: After All Masses

### May Membership Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room  
Date: Monday, 5/8/2023  
Time: 7:30 PM

### KANDI Drive

Place: Our Lady of Czenstochowa and St. Vincent de Paul  
Date: Weekend 5/20-21/2023  
Time: After All Masses

### KANDI Drive

Place: SS John and Paul Church  
Date: Weekend 6/3-4/2023  
Time: After All Masses

### June Officers Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room  
Date: Wednesday, 6/7/2023  
Time: 7:00 PM

### June Membership Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room  
Date: Monday, 6/12/2023  
Time: 7:30 PM

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445 WASHINGTON STREET, COVENTRY



## Chaplain's Message

FATHER PAUL LEMOI

No message this month.

## Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI

May 2023 Challenge

**"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."** (Gospel for May 14, Jn 14:18)

Jesus keeps his promises to us. He does not leave us orphans. He appeared to the disciples several times after he rose from the dead. He gave us the Eucharist, his real presence, to nourish us until the end of time. He said he would return at his Second Coming. And there's another way he did not leave us orphans: He gave us his own mother to be ours. Let us turn to the Blessed Mother often with our needs and prayers of intercession.

### Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month: During this month of Mary, I challenge you to draw closer to Our Lady by offering one decade of the rosary each day for her motherly aid and help. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Rosary program in your parish.

### Questions for Reflection:

Do you really think of Mary as your mother? How can you better seek out her help — as a mother — in all your needs and problems? Do you understand the power of the rosary and seek to honor your mother's request to pray it regularly?



### A MEETING WITH THE HOLY FATHER

On April 20, Pope Francis received the supreme knight and supreme chaplain in a private audience at the Vatican. Later that evening, the Pontifical North American College in Rome honored Supreme Knight Kelly with the Rector's Award.

# Prayer Intentions

Our Holy Father Pope Francis  
 Our Bishops Tobin and Henning  
 The Priests and Deacons of the parishes we serve  
 Transitional Deacon Patrick Ryan  
 Seminarian Nicholas Whitaker  
 Treasurer Bill Jakabek  
 PGK/PFN Herb Knott  
 PGK Harold Trafford  
 IPGK David Legault  
 Brother Anthony Machado  
 Brother Alan Ogradnik  
 Brother Len Denommee  
 Brother Paul Lacroix  
 Brother James Kmon  
 Brother Matt Parent  
 Brother Jim Hall  
 Brother Jaroslaw Lewkowski  
 Brother Frank Laiter, Jr.  
 Brother Chester "Skip" Wendoloski  
 Brother Lucien Laporte  
 Lucille Ferrer  
 Veronica Brouillard  
 Nancy Giolitti  
 Henry Giolitti  
 Mary Deary  
 Shirley Laiter  
 Sue Rossetti  
 Doris Legault  
 Diane Burke  
 Mary Lawlor  
 Michel Brouillard  
 Roberta Soucy  
 Lori Bullock  
 Michelle Legault  
 Nancy Blais  
 Eric Thatcher  
 Joseph White  
 Ellen Deck  
 Barry Smith  
 John Dolan  
 Joe Rossi III  
 Thomas Senerchia  
 All US military personnel active and former  
 The Unborn  
 All who are suffering from war in Ukraine





## May Birthdays

John Izzo (88)	May 1
Matt McGuire (51)	May 3
Jim Hall (62)	May 6
Tom Noel (83)	May 7
Deacon Walter Foster (78)	May 9
Gilbert Fernands (41)	May 12
Charles Tamuleviz (66)	May 14
Michael Kiley (66)	May 15
Austin Kairnes (53)	May 16
John Pedro III (47)	May 16
Edgar Brouillard (91)	May 19
John Ball (91)	May 23
Matt Parent (30)	May 23
Nick Parent (30)	May 23
Devin Favino (22)	May 25
Ron DeLalla (77)	May 30



## The Patriotic (Fourth) Degree

PAUL LEMEK, FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR,  
FATHER WALLACE ASSEMBLY #1055

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.

Vivat Jesus!

## Congrats Jerry McEvoy!



During the 2023 Rhode Island State Convention at the Radisson Hotel in Warwick on Saturday, April 29, the drawing for the State Raffle was held. You will recall that our council purchased raffle tickets for resale to fund our RSVP program supporting our Worthy Seminarians. The grand prize ticket was drawn as pictured above, and the grand prize winner of \$1,000 was our own Worthy Recorder, Jerry McEvoy.

Congratulations Brother Jerry, and don't spend it all in one place!



## KANDI Drive 2023

Brothers, get ready to help out for our upcoming KANDI Drive which will take place during the following weekends after each of the Masses:

May 6-7: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church (2 Masses)

May 20-21: Our Lady of Czenstochowa (3 Masses) and St. Vincent de Paul (2 Masses)

June 3-4: Saints John and Paul Church (4 Masses)

You are highly encouraged to sign up for at least one Mass to help out. This will take approximately 30 minutes of your time for each Mass. All you need do is put on an apron, grab a can and give a Tootsie Roll for each donation. It's a lot of fun and for a great cause. Please contact KANDI Drive Chairman John Murray at [jmurray3477@gmail.com](mailto:jmurray3477@gmail.com) or Financial Secretary Neil Fidler at [Narragansett55@gmail.com](mailto:Narragansett55@gmail.com) to sign up and for more information.

# EVENING OF REFLECTION WITH MSGR. JOE DONNELLY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023  
HOLY FAMILY PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER,  
WEST HARTFORD, CT



On Wednesday evening, April 26, 2023, five of our council Brother Knights - GK Brian Mattias, Treasurer Bill Jakabek, Field Agent Brian Lawlor, John Murray and Jim Hall ventured off to West Hartford, Connecticut to take part in an Evening of Reflection at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center. After enjoying a marvelous dinner and craft beer tasting, the men took part in a discussion led by Msgr. Joe Donnelly on the spirituality of holiness. Joining virtually via Zoom were DGK Richard Legault, FS Neil Fidler and David Tremblay.