

# THE BLESSING WORD



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



## Grand Knight's Corner

**BRIAN MATTIAS, GRAND KNIGHT**

My Brothers All!

We are about to wrap up the Columbian year on June 30 and we're on track to once again receive the Star Council Award - more on that next month!

KANDI drives are underway - Brother John Murray has taken the helm from Worthy FS Neil Fidler, who spent many years leading that program. Continue to watch your inbox for volunteer opportunities to help your brother knights collect funds to donate to our friends in need. It involves very little time, so please consider jumping in on this!

To continue the discussion I started last month, our world is clearly upside down. Would any American in the 1950's ever imagine that in 2023, U.S. politicians would refer to pro-life Catholics as "extremists"? Parents who voice concerns about their children's education are now labeled "domestic terrorists." Here we are...in the 'new normal'. Right is wrong, wrong is right. Up is down and down is up. Just this morning I ordered a new bumper sticker for my Jeep that says "Make Orwell fiction again". Watch for it at a Council meeting near you!

A few months back, I heard an interview with author Jonathan Cahn about his most recent book - The Return of the Gods. It's truly remarkable and it essentially explains everything that's going on in the world today and how it began in the 60's. While I'm sure it won't be featured on Oprah's Book Club any time soon, I highly recommend this book. Through the use of bible passages & historical events, Jonathan illustrates what happens when a society rejects God. Rather than try to explain it all, I'll simply provide a podcast link for you to watch (or listen to) at your convenience. It's WELL WORTH 75 minutes of your time and it's entitled: "WARNING! What Happens When America Gives up God": <https://youtu.be/dfAiO-Ci95Y>

The few of us that attended last week's 'Into The Breach' meeting agreed that while the other sessions were great, this one was the best so far. As much as I recommend the aforementioned book and podcast, I strongly urge all of you to watch the most recent 12-minute installment: "Why The Devil Wants You To Fail": <https://youtu.be/-fU-nAULL8Y> And it ties in well with the book!

"The issue is now clear. It is between light and darkness, and everyone must choose his side."  
- G.K. Chesterton

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle!

Vivat Jesus!

## Upcoming Events

### 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

### July Officers Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room

Date: Wednesday, 7/5/2023

Time: 7:00 PM

### July Membership Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room

Date: Monday, 7/10/2023

Time: 7:30 PM

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## Chaplain's Message

FATHER PAUL LEMOI

Brother Knights!

Wow! The month of June is here already which means that school will soon be out and that children will once again be playing outdoors and on the streets. Please be watchful driving in our neighborhoods.

June is also the month devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Sacred Eucharist. Try to attend Mass daily if that is possible for you to do. Try to attend any devotions to the sacred Eucharist that may be taking place in the Parishes within our Council area.

Pray the Rosary daily for our nation to have a respect for all human life from conception to natural death. These prayers are greatly needed at this time.

Be safe this summer in all that you do, especially if you are traveling for vacations. Be cautious with children around pools, ponds and the beaches near the ocean.

Vivat Jesus!

## Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI

May 2023 Challenge



**"At the sight of the crowds, [Jesus'] heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd."** (Gospel for June 18, Mt 9:36)

The Gospel read at Mass uses the word "pity," but other Catholic translations use the word "compassion," which means "to suffer with." When we suffer with others, we are naturally moved to comfort them; we are motivated by love to relieve and redress their suffering. In sharing the suffering of the afflicted and aiding them in word and deed, we demonstrate the love of Jesus — and thereby reveal to them the Good Shepherd.

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

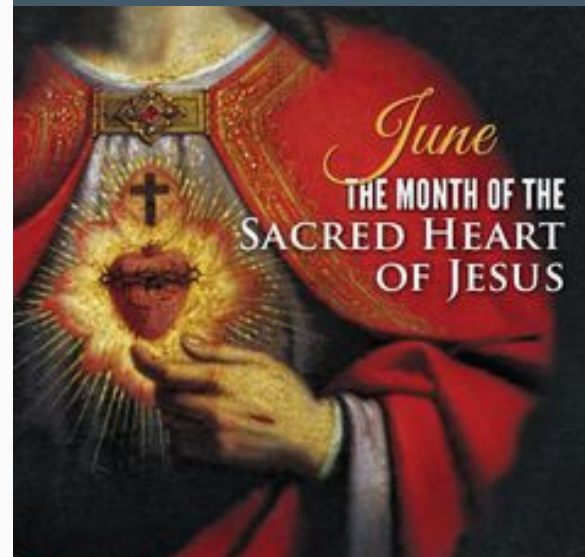
This month, I challenge you to show compassion and Christian charity for others by serving the poor, the sick, the lonely or those in need in a direct and tangible way. Second, I challenge you to aid in the Faith in Action Global Wheelchair Mission, Habitat for Humanity or Helping Hands program.

**Questions for Reflection:**

Does the plight of others move you? Do you see suffering and go about your business, or are you moved to provide real assistance? Do you pray for others who are suffering?

# 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  
 Mary Ellen Murray (recently deceased)  
 Thomas Senerchia (recently deceased)  
 All US military personnel active and former  
 The Unborn  
 All who are suffering from war in Ukraine





## June Birthdays

Father Christopher Mahar (53)	June 2
Michael Emmett (69)	June 6
Ryan Switzer (50)	June 8
Roger Cyr (75)	June 13
James J Kiley, Jr. (70)	June 13
Peter Blais (65)	June 15
Dennis Belanger (35)	June 15
Stanley Jendzejec (89)	June 16
Edward Rice III (53)	June 17
Cornelius Fitton, Jr. (80)	June 24
Vincent Rinaldi (92)	June 28
Mark Ulman (31)	June 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!

## Proposed Slate of Officers for Fraternal Year 2023-24

The Nominating Committee will be recommending the following slate of officers for the 2023-24 Fraternal Year. The Council will vote on the new officers in the June meeting:

Grand Knight	Brian Mattias
Deputy Grand Knight	Richard Legault
Chancellor	John Pizzo
Warden	Peter Blais
Treasurer	William Jakabek
Recorder	Jerry McEvoy
Advocate	Patrick Hurley
Inside Guard	James Hall
Outside Guard	Stephen Kukulka
Trustee, First Year	Frank Laiter III
Trustee, Second Year	Paul Lemek
Trustee, Third Year	David Legault

Brother Knights who wish to run for any office may do put their name forward at the June meeting when the Financial Secretary asks for counter nominations. At that time, an election will be held.



## Rose Gala 2023

Friday, September 15 @ 6 PM

Quidnesset Country Club, North Kingstown, RI

We are expecting another wonderful evening! There will be music and dancing and an ebullient celebration of life. You'll hear from endearing women and men who walked away from abortion and came to Mother of Life Pregnancy Center to receive the genuine affirmation and support for which they were longing. Tons of early birds are buying tickets and filling tables, so register now!

Go to this website to purchase tickets and see the menu: <https://partner.motheroflife.org/purchase-tickets>. You can also order by mail. Send a check for \$75 per ticket to: **Mother of Life Pregnancy Center • 400 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI 02909**

Include your list of guest names, their associated meal choices, and food allergies.

Need help with ordering? Call Gail at 401-421-0821.

# PATRICK RYAN'S ORDINATION AND FIRST MASS OF THANKSGIVING

WEEKEND OF JUNE 24-25, 2023



Our council Brother Knight, Deacon Patrick Ryan, will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Providence on Saturday, June 24, at 10 AM at the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul in Providence.

His First Mass of Thanksgiving as a priest will be at his home parish, SS John and Paul on Sunday, June 25, at 2 PM. All are welcomed to attend! Also, immediately after the Mass, SS John and Paul Parish will be hosting a reception in the Parish Hall for Fr. Patrick, his family, and all parishioners and others who attend his First Mass. If you are able to, please consider attending either or both of these events in support of our council Brother Knight and soon to be Priest!



# KANDI DRIVE - FIRST WEEKEND

WEEKEND OF MAY 6-7, 2023  
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH



Our Council kicked off another KANDI "Tootsie Roll" Drive at Our Lady of Good Counsel on the weekend of May 6-7. The good and generous parishioners of OLGC contributed \$470 to special needs charities and received a Tootsie Roll for their donation. Thank you, Worthy Chaplain Father Paul and the parishioners of OLGC!!! Unfortunately, circumstances made us postpone our drive at Our Lady of Czenstochowa and St. Vincent de Paul to the fall, but we are able to conduct our scheduled drive at Saints John and Paul on the weekend of June 3-4. A hearty well done to KANDI Drive chairman John Murray and all Brother Knights who are participating!