

THE BLESSING WORD



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



Grand Knight's Corner

BRIAN MATTIAS, GRAND KNIGHT

My Brothers All!

It's official - WE DID IT!!! We have once again earned the Star Council Award – the organization's top honor for local councils! Thanks to all Council members who helped us achieve this status once again. Here's to another successful year!

With regards to gathering new members, I came up with an idea to print a letter to all families at FJVD School. The Officers were all in agreement that we should move forward. Brother Knight and FJVD Principal Kevin Peloquin loved the idea as well and has volunteered to print all the letters at the school, which is much appreciated! I'll go over that in more detail at our meeting.

For those that did not attend the June membership meeting, we were honored by a surprise visit from State Deputy David Bebyn! If you are new to the K of C, the State Deputy is our equivalent of the RI State Governor – so it was certainly a big deal. He was aware of the success of our activities throughout the Columbian Year and came by to congratulate us, and to challenge us to continue our efforts. I've heard David speak on several occasions since he was elected State Deputy and he's a joy to listen to. When he speaks about the Knights of Columbus, you can see and hear how much he absolutely loves the organization. He is VERY passionate about his faith, and how the Knights foster that faith and help it grow. RI is very blessed by his leadership. Thank you, Worthy State Deputy, for joining us. You're welcome anytime!

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Our new Faith Director John Murray along with Brothers Mike Emmett & Tim Maynard are off to a flying start in planning Faith Activities for the coming year. Watch your opportunities to not only participate, but to assist them when needed. Thank you brothers for your enthusiasm!

Finally, Brother Jim Kmon has posted an update on his Go Fund Me page. If you'd like to catch up, go here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-restore-balance-and-peace-to-my-life>

Vivat Jesus!

Upcoming Events

August Officers Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room
Date: Wednesday, 8/9/2023
Time: 7:00 PM

August Membership Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room
Date: Monday, 8/14/2023
Time: 7:30 PM

Mother of Life Pregnancy Center Open House

Place: Mother of Life Center, Providence
Date: Saturday, 8/19/2023
Time: 11 AM to 3 PM

September Officers Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room
Date: Wednesday, 9/6/2023
Time: 7:00 PM

KANDI Drive

Place: OLC/SVP Churches
Date: Weekend of 9/9-10/2023
Time: After All Masses

FJVD School Car Show

Place: FJVD School
Date: Saturday, 9/9/2023
Time: After All Masses

September Membership Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room
Date: Monday, 9/11/2023
Time: 7:30 PM

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Chaplain's Message

FATHER PAUL LEMOI

No message this month

Pope Francis' Message for July 2023

Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of August is for World Youth Day (WYD).

The video promoting the pope's prayer intention starts with a group of young people on a video chat saying that when they go to church they only see "old people."

They then ask, "Is the Church only for old people?"

"The Church is not an old people's club any more than it is a youth club," the pope replied.

Pope Francis references St. John Paul II, who said: "If you live with young people you become young yourself."

Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI

August 2023 Challenge



But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." (Gospel for Aug. 20, Mt 15:25-27)

Jesus heals the daughter of a Canaanite woman and speaks of her great faith. Our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, was an advocate of strong, faith-filled families. Do we share our Catholic faith with our own families and friends, or do we neglect this vital responsibility? May we commit ourselves to building strong families and friendships in faith by our word and deed.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

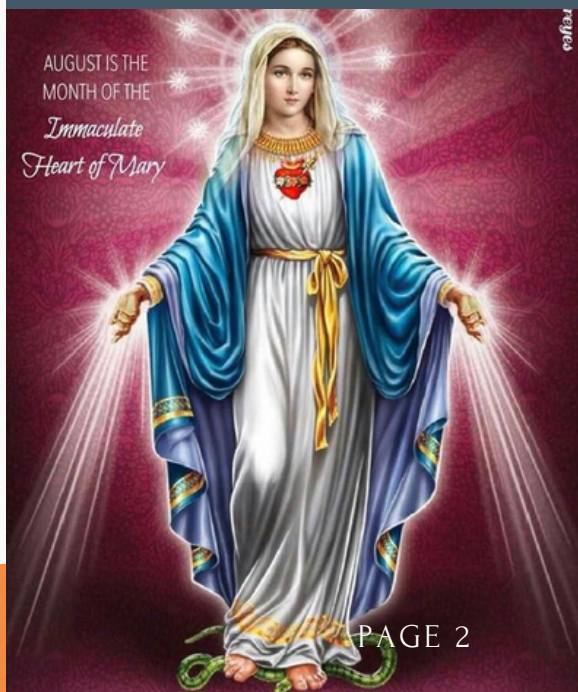
This month, I challenge you to introduce devotions to Blessed Michael McGivney — such as the Blessed Michael McGivney Novena — into your prayer life. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Family Prayer Night program, incorporating devotions to Blessed Michael McGivney such as the Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you seek to share your faith with others? What are some practical things you can do to strengthen the faith life of your family and friends? Do you talk about the Catholic faith with your friends and family so as to help strengthen their belief?

Prayer Intentions

Our Holy Father Pope Francis
 Bishop Henning
 The Priests and Deacons of the parishes we serve
 Father 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 Stelvio Cordeiro (recently deceased)
 Brother Jaroslaw Lewkowski
 Brother Frank Laiter, Jr.
 Brother Chester "Skip" Wendoloski
 Brother Lucien Laporte
 Lucille Ferrer
 Nancy Giolitti
 Henry Giolitti
 Mary Deary
 Shirley Laiter
 Sue Rossetti
 Doris Legault
 Mary Lawlor
 Michel Brouillard
 Michelle Legault
 Eric Thatcher
 Barry Smith
 Eleanor Smith
 John Dolan
 Emmanuel
 Richard and daughter Jovantey
 All US military personnel active and former
 The Unborn
 All who are suffering from war in Ukraine





August Birthdays

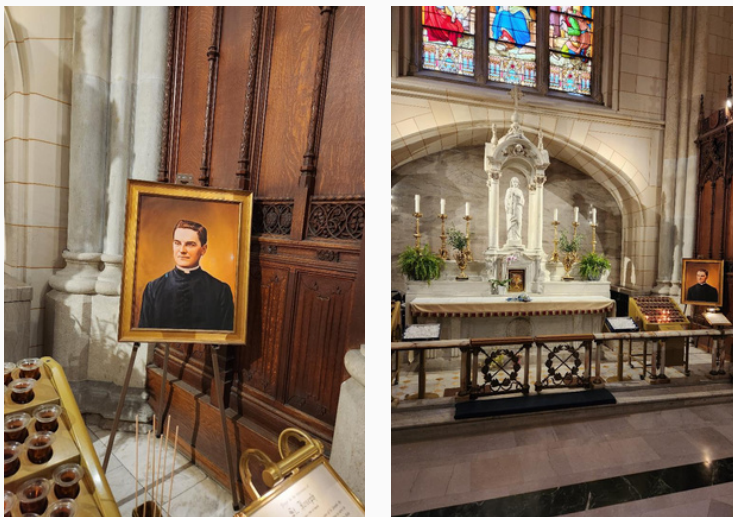
Frank Laiter III (59)	August 1
Kevin Peloquin (33)	August 4
Fr. Doan Nguyen (38)	August 8
Raymond Byrnes (82)	August 10
Leodore Charpentier, Jr. (89)	August 14
James Sartell (74)	August 18
James O'Connor (73)	August 22
Mark Giolitti (62)	August 23
Angel Ferrer (73)	August 25
John Mulholland (88)	August 30
Nicholas Delfino-Whitaker (21)	August 30



The Patriotic (Fourth) Degree

PAUL LEMEK,
PAST FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR
FATHER WALLACE ASSEMBLY #1055

The new Faithful Navigator, Gary Helton, presided at our first meeting of this fraternal year. He has new ideas for a successful year. If you are a member of the Patriotic Degree, please try to make a meeting soon. Father Wallace Assembly needs your help!



Visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral

Last June, Brother Tony Favata, a native of Brooklyn and New York City as a whole, visited the famous St. Patrick's Cathedral in Midtown Manhattan and took the photos above of Blessed Michael McGivney's portrait which stands alongside the statue of St. Joseph.

Brother Tony was told by people at the Cathedral that Blessed Michael that the Church will one day recognize him as a Saint. We continue to pray for Blessed Michael's canonization. Thank you for sharing these photos with us, Brother Tony!



KANDI Drive at OLC/SVP

We have one final KANDI Drive which we will conduct at Our Lady of Czenstochowa and St. Vincent de Paul Churches on the weekend of September 9-10 after each Mass. Please consider helping out! Sign-up sheets will be at the August Membership Meeting on Monday, August 14. All proceeds go to Special Needs charities.

FAITH IN ACTION



FAITH

JOHN MURRAY, DIRECTOR

The Faith Activities Committee composed of Brothers Tim Maynard, Mike Emmett, Brian Lawlor, Neil Fidler and I are planning the following activities for this fraternal year: 1) "Just Prayers" - prayers for inmates at the ACI, 2) Pilgrim Icon - help spread devotion to St Joseph, 3) Spiritual Reflection, 4) RSVP - Refund Support Vocations Program, 5) Holy Hour, 6) Sacramental Gifts, 7) Domestic Church Kiosk, 8) Into the Breach, 9) Rosary. We will be observing Blessed Michael McGivney's Feast Day with a nine-day Novena to be completed on August 13.



FAMILY

BILL JAKABEK, DIRECTOR

For Family Activities, I have the following planned for this fraternal year: 1) Food for Families (always looking for member volunteers to help out at the St. Vincent de Paul Elder Dinners & Grab & Go which takes place every Saturday morning at the OLC Gym Kitchen), 2) Consecration to the Holy Family - usually falls on the first Sunday after Christmas ... Volunteers requested, especially Brother Knights with children and/or Grandchildren, 3) Good Friday Family Promotion ... Again, Volunteers requested, especially Brother Knights with children and/or Grandchildren. 4) More Knights Out!



LIFE

PAUL LEMEK, DIRECTOR

The Mother of Life Center located at 400 Atwells Avenue, Providence, will be having an open house on Saturday, August 19 between the hours of 11 AM to 3 PM. I will be sending out an email requesting that diapers, baby wipes or clothing be brought to the Membership Meeting. I will bring the donations to the open house. The articles can also be brought to the open house if they will be attending. The flyer at the end of this newsletter has all the information.



COMMUNITY

JOHN PIZZO, DIRECTOR

Planning is underway for our upcoming Funny4Funds fundraiser which we are hosting with the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Coventry. Proceeds will support our Coats for Kids program. More details to come! We'll be supporting the Fr. John V. Doyle School Car Show on Saturday, September 9, running the refreshment booth. Maintenance of the Veterans Park at the corner of Arnold Rd. and Tiogue Ave. is ongoing.

KNIGHT OUT AT BRAZA BRAZILIAN BBQ!!

Our July "Knight Out" was held at Braza Brazilian BBQ on Wednesday, July 19. Thanks to Val and Marlene and the Braza staff for providing us a delicious dinner! They're great friends of our council. Thanks also go to Family Director and Worthy Treasurer Bill Jakabek who arranged everything. Well done, Brother Bill! Also, congratulations to David and Lori Tremblay, our 2022 Family of the Year! We presented them with their certificate after dinner. Glory to God!



Mother of Life Pregnancy Center Open House



RHODE ISLAND STATE COUNCIL MOTHER OF LIFE PREGNANCY CTR OPEN HOUSE



Why should you and your council consider attending the *Mother of Life Center Open House* on August 19th from 11-3 p.m. @ 400 Atwells Avenue in Providence?

We believe there are **3** reasons!

1. You and your family will learn what the Center does to help young pregnant women in need
 2. Your donations will help the center and their staff do their important LIFE work each day
 3. You can use your council's participation as program credit for FAITH IN ACTION / LIFE / PREGNANCY CENTER SUPPORT helping your council to reach Columbian Award & STAR Council
- Well, there is a 4th! Come socialize with us and enjoy a delicious Sausage and Peppers or hotdog sandwich before or after your guided tour!**

Diapers, baby wipes and clothing are always welcome when you come. Thank you!!

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MOTHER OF LIFE CENTER OPEN HOUSE - SAT, AUG 19



LIFE

[Click here for **MORE INFORMATION**](#)

The Rhode Island State Council welcomes all Councils, Brother Knights and your families to a fun and educational experience at the Mother of Life Pregnancy Center at 400 Atwells Avenue in Providence.

- Date: Saturday, August 19th from 11- 3 p.m.
- Location: 400 Atwells Ave, Providence
- Open House Tours of the Center by their staff
- Free lunch and drinks and desserts
- Come and support the Center, tour the Center and socialize with your Brother Knights
- Diapers, baby wipes and clothing are always welcome!

Please mark your calendars and communicate this event at your next council meeting! Any questions contact State Life Director, Paul Gebhart at paul_gebhart@outlook.com