

THE BLESSING WORD



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



Upcoming Events

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: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

September Membership Meeting

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

October Officers Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room
Date: Wednesday, 10/4/2023
Time: 7:00 PM

October Membership Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room
Date: Monday, 10/9/2023
Time: 7:30 PM

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MEETING PLACE:
OUR LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA
MEETING ROOM
445 WASHINGTON STREET, COVENTRY

Grand Knight's Corner

BRIAN MATTIAS, GRAND KNIGHT

My Brothers All!

It's Back To School time already. Please remember to pray for all students, teachers and staff who are returning to the classrooms. My wife and I cannot believe our firstborn is entering high school and our 'baby' is in 7th grade. Again... tempus fugit! We also have several friends and family members who are heading off to college. So don't forget to pray for college students as well.

Please watch your inbox for volunteer opportunities as the FJVD Car Show, Funny4Funds and Italian Knight will all come upon us quickly. Many hands make light work, brothers! We need as much help as we can get at these events. Even if you can only help for one hour, that's one hour of work someone else doesn't have to do. Please consider jumping in to assist if you're available. ALSO – all events require preparation, so even if you cannot attend an event, there is always work to do leading up to it. Email our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Richard Legault who heads up our Fundraising Committee at rich158@cox.net to volunteer and we'll find something for you to do.

As school kicks off, I'll wrap up with a topical and thoughtful quote:

"Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another." – G.K. Chesterton.

Vivat Jesus!





Chaplain's Message

FATHER PAUL LEMOI

No message this month

Pope Francis' Message for September 2023

The pope's prayer intention for the month of September is dedicated to "people living on the margins," and in his video message, he lamented the "throwaway culture" of today's world which prioritizes economic growth over the wellbeing of people.

"How is it that we allow throwaway culture -- in which millions of men and women are worth nothing compared to economic goods -- how is it that we allow this culture to dominate our lives, our cities, our way of life?" the pope asked. "Our necks are going to get stiff from looking the other way so we don't have to see this situation," he said.

"A homeless person who dies on the street will never appear among the top stories of search engines or newscasts," Pope Francis said in his message. "How could we have reached this level of indifference?"

The pope urged people to "stop making invisible those who are on the margins of society, whether it's due to poverty, addictions, mental illness or disability." Instead, he asked to "focus on accepting them, on welcoming all the people who need it."

Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI

September 2023 Challenge



"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Gospel for Sept. 10, Mt 18:20)

Christ is present to us in many different ways: in his Word, in the Mass, in the community of believers at prayer, and in the poor, vulnerable and suffering among us. He is especially present in the Eucharist, his true body and blood, soul and divinity. Let us also be mindful of his presence in the person of his priest, who is an alter Christus (another Christ), as he offers the sacraments to the faithful. May we always be aware of Christ's presence with us.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to support your parish priest in some tangible way, even by simply writing a note to tell him that you appreciate his service and sacrifice. Second, I challenge you to support the Faith in Action Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP).

Questions for Reflection:

Are you aware of and grateful for the sacrifices the priests in your life make to serve the Church? Do you seek to support priests in their vocations, whether through prayer or in other ways? How can you better incorporate praying for our priests into your prayer life?

Prayer Intentions

Our Holy Father Pope Francis
 Bishop Henning
 The Priests and Deacons of the parishes we serve
 Father Patrick Ryan
 Seminarian Nicholas Whitaker
 PSD James Gilcreast
 Treasurer Bill Jakabek
 PGK/PFN Herb Knott
 PGK Harold Trafford
 PGK Richard Belanger
 IPGK David Legault
 Brother Anthony Machado
 Brother Alan Ogrodnik (recently deceased)
 Brother Len Denomme
 Brother Paul Lacroix
 Brother James Kmon
 Brother Matt Parent
 Brother Jim Hall
 Brother Gerard Legault
 Brother Frank Laiter, Jr.
 Brother Chester "Skip" Wendoloski
 Brother Lucien Laporte
 Lucille Ferrer
 Diane Belanger
 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
 Those affected by the Hawaii Wild Fires
 Those affected by Hurricane Idalia

Our Lady of Sorrows





September Birthdays

David Thatcher (67)	September 4
John Murray (72)	September 7
Gerard Legault (93)	September 10
John de Bont (52)	September 10
Joseph Larsh (52)	September 13
George McLaughlin (75)	September 14
Bart de Bont (58)	September 14
Timothy Maynard (63)	September 17
Father Brendan Rowley (39)	September 20
Bryan Legault (30)	September 21
Harold Trafford, Jr. (89)	September 22
Alan Horlbogen (74)	September 24
Hugh Fitzpatrick (87)	September 25



The Patriotic (Fourth) Degree

PAUL LEMEK,
PAST FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR
FATHER WALLACE ASSEMBLY #1055

The 100th anniversary of the Shrine of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus took place Sunday, August 20th. The Patriotic Degree Color Corps escorted Bishop Evans and other clergy to the outdoor chapel altar the celebration of Mass. After Mass there was a blessing and dedication of the new Rosary walk. If you have a chance to visit the grounds and the Rosary walk you won't be disappointed!

Funny4Funds Comedy Night

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 @ 7 PM
SS JOHN AND PAUL PARISH HALL

Italian "Knight"

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 @ 7 PM
SS JOHN AND PAUL PARISH HALL



Our Funny4Funds Comedy Knight which was originally scheduled for the end of September has been pushed out to November 17. Please mark the date on your calendar! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and proceeds will go directly to the Coats for Kids initiative. Starting this year and going forward, we will be partnering with the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Coventry/West Warwick.

Our second annual Italian "Knight" is scheduled for Friday, October 20, starting at 7 PM at Our Lady of Czenstochowa Gymnasium. We're currently finalizing all the details including planning the menu so stay tuned for breaking news on that. Last year's event was wildly successful, so we hope to emulate that again this year. As long as we have Father Paul making the meatballs and Brother Mark making his patented sauce, we can't go wrong!

9th Annual Car Show

Father John V. Doyle School
343 South Main St. Coventry RI

Saturday September 9, 2023
9am - 2pm



**Come grab a bite to eat and listen to some
great music!**

Join us for what is sure to be a spectacular event!

Fantastic Cars, Great Food, Vendors, Pinewood Derby Races
& Family Fun!

You name it, we have it!

Don't forget to bring your lawn chair to relax
and listen to Cruisin' Bruce play all your
favorites!

*Music
By...*

Cruisin' Bruce

Vendors 🍷 Food 🍷 Music 🍷 Book Sale 🍷 Raffles

Car Show Awards announced at 1:30 pm!

Once again, Brother Knights will be manning the refreshment stand during the Car Show. If you'd like to help out, please show up at 8 AM to help set up. All proceeds go to Father John V. Doyle School.



**Ryan Tremblay in Concert
featuring
Saints John & Paul's own, Bob Tremblay!**

*Sunday, September 10th, 2023 | 3pm
Saints John & Paul Church Parish Center
341 South Main Street
Coventry, RI 02816*

Join Ryan Tremblay in Concert featuring very special guest and Saints John & Paul's own Bob Tremblay! This father-and-son tag team recently made history in Nashville, Tennessee as they recorded an original Christian song with Grammy and Dove Award-winning producers. Come and celebrate the Catholic faith in a dynamic way with The Tremblays as they share uplifting music, inspiring stories, and memories to last a lifetime.

Admission is free. Donations are gratefully accepted.

Ryan Tremblay is a Brother Knight formerly of our council but now a member of a Nashville K of C Council. He would like to invite his Brother Knights to see him and his dad this night so please consider attending!