

THE BLESSING WORD



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



Upcoming Events

October Officers Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room
Date: Wednesday, 10/11/2023
Time: 7:00 PM

October Membership Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room
Date: Monday, 10/16/2023
Time: 7:30 PM

November Officers Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room
Date: Wednesday, 11/8/2023
Time: 7:00 PM

November Membership Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room
Date: Monday, 11/13/2023
Time: 7:30 PM

Funny4Funds Comedy Night

Place: Saints John and Paul Parish Center
Date: Friday, 11/17/2023
Time: Doors open at 7:00 PM

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445 WASHINGTON STREET, COVENTRY

Grand Knight's Corner

BRIAN MATTIAS, GRAND KNIGHT

My Brothers All!

Quick housekeeping notes:

1. Our Italian 'Knight' on October 20 had to be POSTPONED. Stay tuned for a new date.
2. Funny 4 Funds is coming on Friday November 17 at SSJP (doors at 7PM; show at 8PM).
3. Church bazaars will soon be happening. Look for opportunities to help at all of our parishes.



This summer, I came across a video of a church minister leading her congregation in what she called the 'Sparkle Creed'. It began: "I believe in the non-binary God, whose pronouns are plural. I believe in Jesus Christ, their child, who wore a fabulous tunic and had two dads, and saw everyone as a sibling child of God. I believe in the rainbow spirit, who shatters our image of one white light, and refracts it into a rainbow of gorgeous diversity...." It goes on from there. You can follow this link to hear the entire thing: <https://tinyurl.com/bd72mc8s>

I've worked in churches of every denomination for 35 years, and I certainly respect different beliefs. I'm pretty sure all of us do. However, when basic, universal Christian doctrine is rewritten to align with social and political agendas, something is very wrong. As I said in May, I firmly believe that there are diabolical forces hard at work sowing the seeds of division and chaos in our world today – especially in the U.S. It's unnerving that some churches now seem to be prioritizing their political beliefs over worshipping our Creator. Another example of this is an archbishop in England who recently said that the Lord's Prayer is "problematic" due to patriarchal connotations. I'm going to go out on a limb here by saying that I do not believe that the words spoken by Jesus are the problem. Read the account here: <https://tinyurl.com/y5w7wf8p>

October is the month of the rosary. As we were told when we were invested with a rosary at our exemplification, "Carry it always and pray it as often as you can." Brothers, we especially need to take those words to heart now. I do apologize if I'm being repetitive and seem 'preachy' in my letters here, but I don't feel I should apologize for calling us to pray when I believe we need to do so, now more than ever.

Mary, Queen of Knights - pray for us!



Chaplain's Message

FATHER PAUL LEMOI

Brother Knights,

As we begin the Fall season, we enter into the month of October, a month of reflecting upon the sanctity and dignity of all human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. To be guided in this we turn to Our Blessed Lady Mary, the mother, of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many of our parishes will have special times to gather and honor our Blessed Lady to place our intercessions before Her asking that she present these in our name to Her Son, Jesus Christ.

One special event which will take place in our Diocese is the annual Mass for the Bishop's Human Life Guild Mass which will take place on October 23rd at 9AM in the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul in downtown Providence. I encourage you try to attend this Mass, praying for the Sanctity and Dignity of all Human life.

At this time of the year many of our parishes are once again starting up many of their programs. Come forward and volunteer to assist where you can, giving example to other men in serving your community of faith.

Finally, my brothers I ask that you continue to pray the Rosary daily and to attend daily Mass as much as possible. Strive to give example by being more visible in your community of faith thus, encouraging other men to become a Knight of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!!
Fr. Paul
Worthy Chaplain

Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI

October 2023 Challenge



He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Gospel for Oct. 22, Mt 22:20-21)

Above all things, we have a duty to do as Christ enjoined us and give "to God what belongs to God." However, Catholics also have a moral duty to be good citizens and take part in their communities. As good citizens, we must work peacefully to ensure our laws are just. Let us never approve or ignore injustice in our societies, especially when human life or dignity is at stake.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

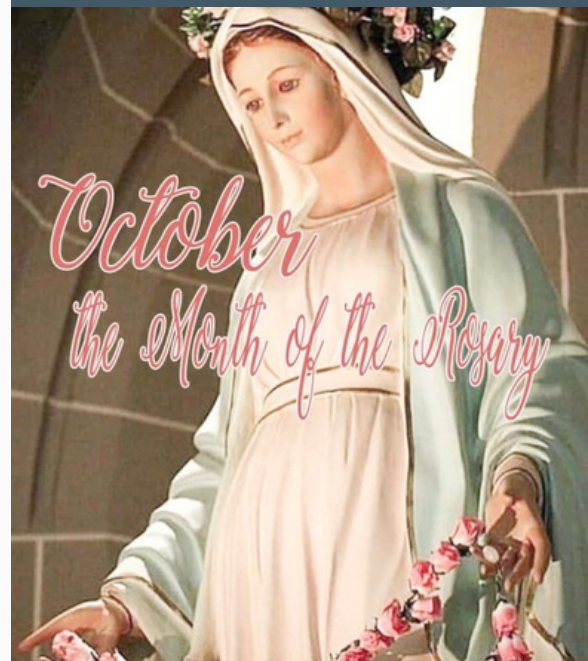
This month, I challenge you to make some specific effort to defend human life in your nation or your community — whether through charitable work, writing a letter, or praying outside an abortion facility. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Novena for Life program.

Questions for Reflection:

Have you become complacent about defending human life? Do you recognize the tragedy of legal abortion, but fail to do much about it? Do you remember in prayer those whose lives and dignity are compromised by unfortunate circumstances or the oppression of bad laws?

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 (recently deceased)
- FDD/PGK Henry Garberg III (recently deceased)
- FDD/PGK Harold Trafford
- Treasurer William Jakabek
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- PGK Richard Belanger (recently deceased)
- IPGK David Legault
- Brother Anthony Machado
- Brother Alan Ogrodnik (recently deceased)
- Brother Len Denommee
- 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
- Joe McCarthy
- Emmanuel (Just Prayers)
- Richard and daughter (Just Prayers)
- Jovantey (Just Prayers)
- All US military personnel active and former
- The Unborn





October Birthdays

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| Arthur Lebrun (84) | October 3 |
| David Tremblay (61) | October 3 |
| Joseph Jarvis, Jr. (68) | October 6 |
| Matthew Duska (59) | October 7 |
| Robert Brodeur, Jr. (53) | October 7 |
| James Kmon (40) | October 7 |
| Donald Oat, Jr. (74) | October 15 |
| Lucien Laporte (70) | October 20 |
| Ryan Tremblay (36) | October 20 |
| Father Jacek Ploch (43) | October 22 |
| Alan Giroux (74) | October 23 |
| Donat Lamoureux (87) | October 27 |
| Father Patrick Ryan (29) | October 27 |
| John Criscione (96) | October 29 |



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"

POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE



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 annual Italian "Knight" will be postponed to a later date.

Just Prayers



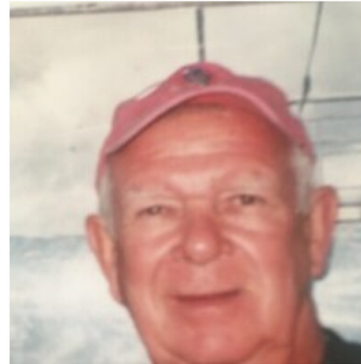
Our council brother Knight Timothy Maynard has been appointed as chaplain at the ACI in Cranston. With the approval of the Director of Diocese Social Services Secretariate, he has established a program called "Just Prayers" where people can volunteer to pray for inmates. In Brother Tim's words, the only requirement is to pray. Our Faith Activities Committee has agreed to support Brother Tim in this and asks that Brother Knights in our council to participate on a volunteer basis as well. The prayer period is 40 days, but volunteers can continue past that. Prayer cards will be sent to the inmates. These names will be noted in our council's prayer intentions with the designation (Just Prayers) after their names.

Welcome New Brother Knights!



Our council welcomed two new Brother Knights to our order during an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity at Our Lady of Czenstochowa on Monday, September 25. Brother Geoff Aptt, a parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy in East Greenwich, and Brother Bob Tremblay, father of Brother Ryan Tremblay, and a parishioner of Saints John and Paul, are our new Brother Knights! Both brothers had family members attend, and everyone enjoyed a wonderful collation afterwards. Our Worthy Grand Knight Brian Mattias made remarks after the ceremony encouraging our new brothers to be active and contribute as much as possible. The honoree for the ceremony was Blessed Michael McGivney. Welcome Brothers Bob and Geoff!

Departed Brother Knights



Over the past two months, we have had four Brother Knights go on to their final reward.

PGK Richard R. Belanger joined the order back in March 1955 marking over 68 years as a Knight. He and his wife Diane were usually in attendance at all our events. He served as Grand Knight of our council during the 1997-98 Fraternal Year. He was a parishioner at SS John and Paul Church serving in many capacities including the Parish Council and as a Eucharistic Minister. He was a US Navy Korean War era veteran. Brother Dick went to his final reward on September 12.

PDGK Alan A. Ogradnik joined our council and our order back in August of 2011. He achieved full Knighthood not long after he joined our council. He served as our Deputy Grand Knight for two terms. You could always count on Brother Alan and his wife Ellen to attend all our activities! He was so devoted to our council that during his long illness which kept him at home, he continued to attend our meetings remotely via Zoom. Brother Alan also was a US Army veteran of the Vietnam War serving as a medic. He went to his final reward on September 1.

FDD/PGK Henry J. Garberg III was a charter member of our council joining the order when the council stood up in April 1962. He was the council's third Grand Knight serving during the 1964-65 Fraternal Year. He also served as District Deputy, and according to his obituary served as the State Chancellor. Brother Henry was also a US Air Force veteran. Some time ago, he moved down to Boca Raton, Florida, but kept in touch with some of his Brother Knights in our council. Brother Henry went on to his final reward on August 14.

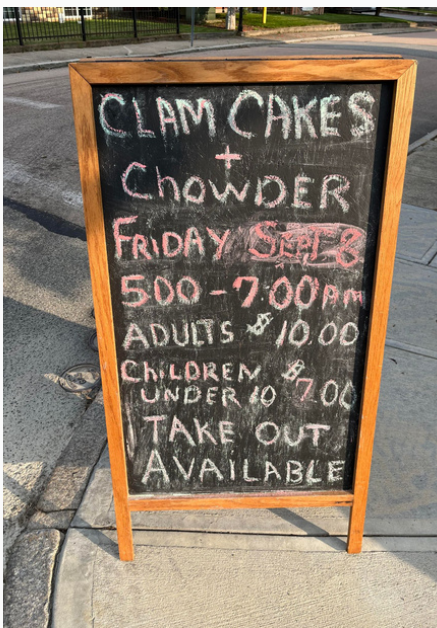
Stelvio A. "Steve" Cordeiro was a US Army veteran of the Korean War. He was also a parishioner of SS John and Paul Church. He was an Honorary Life and Third Degree member of our council having joined in October 1992. Brother Steve went on to his final reward on August 2.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

September Knight Out!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH

For our September Knight Out, we joined our Worthy Chaplain Father Paul's parish of Our Lady of Good Council for their Clam Cakes and Chowder dinner courtesy of the famous Mickey "G's"! A great time was had by all! Thanks to Worthy Treasurer and Family Director Bill Jakabek for the great photos!



Father John V. Doyle School Car Show

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
FATHER JOHN V. DOYLE SCHOOL

Once again, Blessing Council Brother Knights manned the food concession stand for the Father John V. Doyle School Car Show. It was as efficient an operation as you'll ever see thanks to the outstanding planning by the Brother Knights in charge. A total of \$600 was raised after expenses, and we'll be presenting that to Brother Knight and Principal Kevin Peloquin very soon!



Clergy Appreciation Night

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
WARWICK COUNCIL HALL

The Rhode Island State Council brought back Clergy Appreciation Night after a hiatus caused by COVID. Blessing Council was well represented with Clergy as our Worthy Chaplain Father Paul Lemoi, Worthy Past Chaplain Father Jacek Ploch, Father Dennis Kieton and Father Doan Nguyen were in attendance. Guest speakers spoke about the new Cor initiative intended to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. Warwick Council put on a fabulous spread and the night was capped off by a group photo of all clergy in attendance from across Rhode Island. As Worthy State Deputy David Bebyn stated, we are in complete solidarity with our bishops and priests!

