

# THE BLESSING WORD



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



## Upcoming Events

### 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

### December Officers Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room  
Date: Wednesday, 12/6/2023  
Time: 7:00 PM

### December Membership Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room  
Date: Monday, 12/11/2023  
Time: 7:30 PM

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HTTP://WWW.COVENTRYKNIGHTS.ORG  
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 that time of year again...that span between Halloween and New Year's when the days and weeks seem to fly by. When you have kids, it goes even faster when school functions are thrown into the mix! Hopefully we can all take a moment to pause and remember why we celebrate all that we do.



This week, we celebrate Veterans Day. Thank you to all of our brothers and family members who have served or are presently serving our great nation. In a few weeks, Thanksgiving gives us a good reason to (together as a family) thank God for His many blessings in our lives. I shall certainly include giving thanks for my brother knights and for all that you do!

Our Funny 4 Funds fundraiser is coming fast on Friday November 17! Watch for opportunities to help. Donations for raffles are coming in and our brothers (and SVdP folks) have been getting sponsors that help chip away at the cost of the event. Email or call me if you'd like to help! bamattias@gmail.com; 401-477-4144. If you cannot help, please at least try to attend and show your support. It's a really fun night!!

Let us continue to pray for our Jewish brothers and sisters who are in great need and suffering from what can only be described as pure evil. It makes us wonder why God allows such things and it certainly tests our faith. Fortunately, despite all the adversity and evil in the world today, as Catholics we know that Christ has already won the victory over Satan and his minions. Stay strong, brothers. The world needs prayer more than ever!

"God had written, not so much a poem, but rather a play; a play he had planned as perfect, but which had necessarily been left to human actors and stage-managers, who had since made a great mess of it." – G.K. Chesterton

**Mary, Queen of Knights - pray for us!**



# Chaplain's Message

FATHER PAUL LEMOI

Brother Knights,

The month of November are days of remembrance, honoring all Saints and praying for all the faithful departed. During this month we are to pray for our deceased family members and friends giving thanks to God for having gifted us with their life's journey on earth.

Also this is a month of change, turning our clocks back an hour. This change always affects some people, having to adjust to earlier sun rises and earlier darkness and long nights. Nature is also in the midst of change from Fall to Winter trees are losing their leaves, flowers have withered from the cold, we can see the work of the God of creation. This time also can remind us of our own journey of life from conception to natural death.

In this month, we are also called to pray daily for the sanctity of human life.

We will celebrate Thanksgiving Day at the end of the month, gathering with family and friends a day of recounting the many blessing that God has bestowed on us. I give thanks to God for you my brother Knights for all that you do for our Parishes. Please strive to attend your Parish Mass on that day.

Pray the Rosary daily interceding to Our Blessed Lady that she may help to bring peace to Ukraine and the Middle East.

Vivat Jesus!!  
Fr. Paul  
Worthy Chaplain

# Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI

October 2023 Challenge

**“Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?’ He will answer them, ‘Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.’”** (Gospel for Nov. 26, Mt 25:44-45)

The capacity to help those in need begins with clearness of vision. Are we sometimes blind to the plight of others? Do we find ourselves saying, “Lord, when did we see you...?” We must first see the “least ones” in our midst, and then recognize the face of Christ in them. Only then can we respond in love to provide the care they require. Lord, grant us the eyes to see.

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

This month, I challenge you to raise your own awareness of those in need by learning more about efforts to help the poor in your community. Second, I challenge you to support the Food for Families or Coats for Kids Faith in Action program.

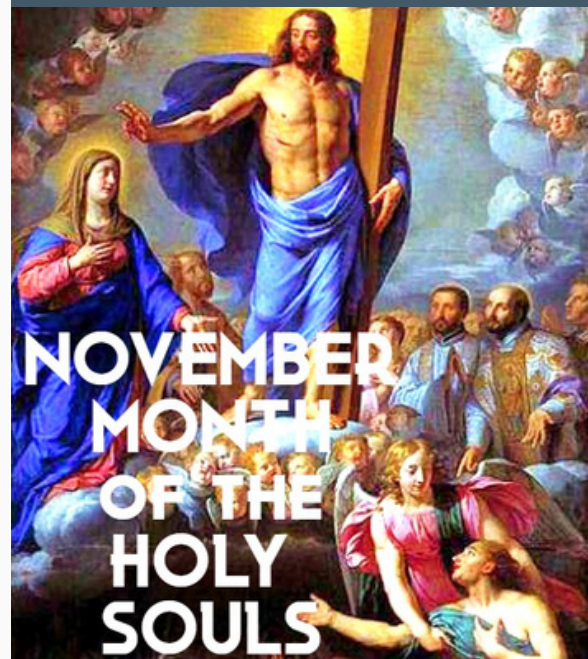
### Questions for Reflection:

Do you sometimes turn a blind eye to the poor? Do you try to recognize Christ in every human person you meet? Are you hesitant to share your blessings with others who have less?



# Prayer Intentions

- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- Bishop Henning
- The Priests and Deacons of the parishes we serve
- Father Patrick Ryan
- Seminarian Nicholas Whitaker
- FDD/PGK Harold Trafford
- Treasurer William Jakabek
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- PGK Earl Mahar
- IPGK David Legault
- Brother Anthony Machado
- 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
- Brother Peter Blais
- Lucille Ferrer
- Diane Belanger
- Nancy Giolitti
- Henry Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Shirley Laiter
- Sue Rossetti
- Doris Legault
- Mary Lawlor
- Michel Brouillard
- Michelle Legault
- Eric Thatcher
- Matthew Mattias
- Charles Gemmell
- 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





## November Birthdays

Neil Fidler (61)	November 1
David Legualt (64)	November 4
Father Peter Sheehan (59)	November 7
Frank Laiter, Jr. (83)	November 8
Brian Mattias (53)	November 8
David Tanski (43)	November 14
Mark Trainor (67)	November 15
Robert Tremblay (70)	November 30



Knights of Columbus  
**FOURTH**  
**DEGREE**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

## The Patriotic (Fourth) Degree

PAUL LEMEK,  
 PAST FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR  
 FATHER WALLACE ASSEMBLY #1055

There will be an Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree on Sunday, November 19, starting at 1 PM at St. Teresa Church in Pawtucket. If you have obtained full Knighthood (3rd Degree) and are interested in attaining the Patriotic Degree, please contact PFN/PGK Paul Lemek at palemek76@gmail.com or 401-999-5480 for more information.

## Funny4Funds Comedy Night

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 @ 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 at SSJP Parish Center. 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. See the flyer on Page 4 for more details.

## 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.



# COMEDY FUNDRAISER

*Featuring Top Local Comedians To Benefit*

## **SVDP SOCIETY & BLESSING COUNCIL COATS FOR KIDS**

**Friday, November 17, 2023**

**SS John & Paul Parish Center**

341 South Main St | Coventry, RI 02816

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**Doors open at 7:00pm | Show starts at 8:00pm**

**BYOS (Bring Your Own Snacks) • Cash Bar  
Raffles, 50/50 Drawing • PG-13 Show, 18+ Event**

**Tickets \$20.00 online or \$25.00 at the door**

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For tickets, to donate, or sponsor, please visit

[www.funny4funds.com/events](http://www.funny4funds.com/events)

For more information, please contact

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# Silver Rose Prayer Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2  
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH

Our council hosted the Silver Rose once again at our Worthy Chaplain Father Paul's parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Thank you, Worthy Chaplain, for your permission once again to host the prayer service at your parish!

