

THE BLESSING WORD



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



Upcoming Events

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

Christmas Party
Place: Cranston Country Club
Date: Saturday, 12/16/2023
Time: 5:30 PM

January Officers Meeting
Place: OLC Meeting Room
Date: Wednesday, 1/3/2024
Time: 7:00 PM

January Membership Meeting
Place: OLC Meeting Room
Date: Monday, 1/8/2024
Time: 7:30 PM

Italian "Knight"
Place: Our Lady of Czenstochowa School Gym
Date: Saturday, 1/27/2024
Time: 6:30 PM

TAKE NOTE OF OUR NEW ADDRESS:
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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!

On behalf of all of us, I'd like to welcome Fr. Michael Woolley to our order! The Exemplification Ceremony held last week honored his late father, Blessing Council PGK James Woolley. Fr. Dennis Kieton, former second degree knight, completed the ceremony as well and has now attained full knighthood. It was indeed a special honor for our degree team to hold this event for these two men who have dedicated their lives in service of our Lord and His church. It was also a delight for our Worthy Chaplain to support two of his brother priests. Thank you to all who attended to welcome them.



Our Funny 4 Funds was a resounding success, raising \$5,000!!! Neil & I picked up 16 (one dozen) cases of coats from St. Joseph Church this past Saturday & delivered them to OLC school, home of the SVdP Society where they'll be distributed to local kids in need. The coats cost us just over \$2,000. The remaining proceeds from the fundraiser will be split evenly between the Society and our council for much needed operating funds. Italian Knight coming soon!! Watch for opportunities to help.

On Saturday December 16, our Worthy Chaplain Fr. Paul Lemoi has once again invited us to celebrate Christmas with OLGC parishioners at Cranston Country Club. Emails have gone out about this. Please contact our Worthy Family Director Bill Jakabek for more info or if you're planning to attend: biljak53@gmail.com.

Our family has already begun to get in the 'spirit of the season' with the FJVD production of Elf, Jr. this past weekend. The students were amazing! On Wed Dec 20, Chesterton Academy will host their first evening of Lessons & Carols at 6:30 PM. It's free and open to the public. Alana's RICC Honor Choir concert is on Sat Dec 23 at 3PM at Bishop McVinney - that's REALLY cutting it close to Christmas for us, but we're 'living the dream'! I hope that whatever challenges your family schedules present, you're able to take a moment to pause and thank God for the gift of His son. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given" - Isaiah 9:6

From Heather-Rose, Alana, Kira & myself - Merry Christmas!!

Mary, Queen of Knights - pray for us!





Chaplain's Message

FATHER PAUL LEMOI

Brother Knights,

Advent is a season of waiting and preparing. We will celebrate two feasts during this time. On December 8th, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and on December 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which we, as Knight of Columbus, recount in our yearly celebration of the Silver Rose ceremony in our parishes.

Back to Advent, we recount the celebration of the Lord's coming, His threefold coming. First, that He came in the past. In that coming, He took on our human nature. This was God's choice because of His great love for us, His children. Second, He comes to us in his Word, in the sacraments, in prayer and in the poor. We are to listen to His Word, we must be nourished by the sacraments, we are to make more time for prayer and we are to be mindful of helping the poor. Third, is that He comes to us in the future. In this coming we do not know the moment, the manner or the time. But we do know that it will come for each of us. St. Mark begins Advent with the simple but powerful words, "Be watchful! Be alert!"

Take time this Advent to prepare, pray the Rosary daily, receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, try to attend daily Mass and receive the Sacred Eucharist, and strive to help the poor of our communities. May you and your families have a blessed Advent Season and a joyous Christmas Season.

Vivat Jesus!!
Fr. Paul
Worthy Chaplain

Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI

December 2023 Challenge



"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples ..." (Gospel for Dec. 31, Lk 2:29-31)

The Jewish people had waited many centuries for God's promise of a Savior to be fulfilled. Here, Simeon realizes the wait is over. Like Simeon, we can count ourselves among the fortunate ones who "have seen [God's] salvation" in Christ, and we must proclaim this good news of salvation as he did. May we seek to share the gift of Christ with others in a particular way this Christmas.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to reach out to others — family, friends, acquaintances — and invite them to a celebration of Christmas, especially Christmas Mass. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Keep Christ in Christmas program.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you share the true joy of Christmas with others? Do you take time to invite others to deeper faith in the Christ Child? Do you speak of and celebrate the Advent and Christmas seasons in a way that reminds those around you of their true significance?

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
- Marc Pelletier
- Emmanuel (Just Prayers)
- Richard and daughter (Just Prayers)
- Jovantey (Just Prayers)
- All US military personnel active and former
- The Unborn





December Birthdays

Kenneth Jackson (77)	December 5
Russell Maxwell (64)	December 6
Skip Wendoloski (79)	December 7
John Cook (57)	December 15
Russell Michael (92)	December 17
Paul Trainor (60)	December 20
David Simonelli (69)	December 22
Guy Lasorsa (61)	December 25
Robert Champagne (88)	December 28
Michael Botelho (69)	December 30
Father Robert Forcier (66)	December 30



Knights of Columbus
FOURTH DEGREE
Patriotic degree of the Order.

Funny4Funds Comedy Night

PAUL LEMEK,
 PAST FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR
 FATHER WALLACE ASSEMBLY #1055

On Sunday, November 22, the Color Corps of the Father Wallace Assembly escorted Bishop Henning and other priests to the altar at Fr. Christopher Mahar's installation of St. Augustine Parish in Providence. Also, congratulations to Brother John Murray for completing his Fourth Degree Exemplification with the title of Sir Knight!



Our Funny4Funds Comedy Knight, which we hosted along with our friends from the St. Vincent de Paul Society, was a huge success! After paying the Funny4Funds people, total proceeds were just over \$5,000 (before expenses). This enabled us to purchase plenty of "Coats for Kids!" In fact, since we purchased our coats through State Council, we received double the amount of coats! Thanks to our friends at SVdP Society, and a special thanks to our new Brother Knight, Father Woolley for giving his permission to use SS John and Paul Parish Center for the venue!

Italian "Knight"!



OLC SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
 SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024 @ 7 PM

Our second annual Italian "Knight" is scheduled for Saturday, January 27, at 7 PM. We are currently planning a menu so more details to come in the January newsletter and through email.

Msgr. Peter E. Blessing KofC Council #5273
and Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish are having a joint

Christmas Party!!!

Please join us for comradery, good food, and Christmas Cheer on
Saturday, December 16th, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.
Cranston Country Club at 69 Burlingame Rd., Cranston, RI

Family Style Menu:
Soup, Salad, Pasta, Chicken, Vegetable & Dessert
(Cash Bar will be available)

Tickets are \$30 per Adult, \$15 per Child ages 6 - 12
(Includes gratuity)

There will be several raffles (including one for a Smart TV) and a 50/50 ...

We have a limited number of tickets available, so if you want to attend, you need to **RSVP as soon as possible** to Bill Jakabek via cell phone at 401-269-9811, or via email at biljak53@gmail.com. I will need your full name, and the total number of people in your party.

* **RSVP and payment must be received by me no later than December 11th, 2023. We will be seating KofC Members together. Make Checks Payable to "Our Lady of Good Counsel Church" and remit Payment ASAP to Bill Jakabek - 159 Princeton Ave. - Coventry, RI 02816**

** **Tickets can also be purchased in person at our next Members Monthly Meeting held on Monday December 11th, 2023 @ 7:30pm, at Our Lady of Czenstochowa Parish Hall (to the left of the Church looking from the street)**



Funny4Funds Comedy Night

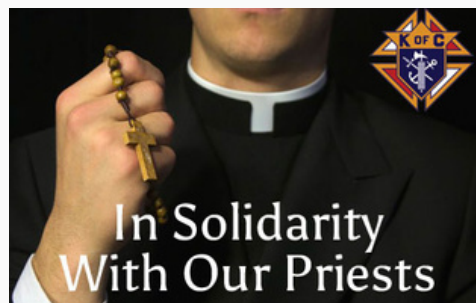
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17
SAINTS JOHN AND PAUL PARISH CENTER



Welcome Father Woolley and Father Kieton!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28
SAINTS JOHN AND PAUL RECTORY CHAPEL

On Tuesday evening, November 28, Blessing Council conducted an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity for Father Michael J. Woolley, Pastor of Saints John and Paul Church of Coventry and Father Dennis J. Kieton, Priest in Residence at Saints John and Paul Church. Father Woolley became a new Brother Knight attaining full Knighthood while Father Kieton, a Second Degree Knight, attained full Knighthood. Father Kieton also transferred over to Blessing Council. The honoree for the ceremony was Past Grand Knight James F. Woolley, father of Fr. Woolley. The ceremony was conducted in Saints John and Paul Rectory Chapel and a collation was held afterward. Welcome aboard and Vivat Jesus, Father Woolley and Father Kieton!



In Solidarity
With Our Priests