

THE BLESSING WORD



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



Grand Knight's Corner

BRIAN MATTIAS, GRAND KNIGHT

Brothers!

Congratulations on a VERY successful Italian 'Knight'!! Thank you to everyone who pitched in to help make it happen – most especially our own Council Chef, Mark Giolitti. I continue to receive compliments from OLC parishioners telling me how wonderful the food was and what a good time they had. The Honorable Mention Award goes to our Worthy Treasurer Bill Jakabek for returning the next day to finish the dishes and completing kitchen cleanup. Thanks for the extra time, Bill!



Lent is fast approaching – a time for reflection, repentance and forgiveness. I hope you are all able to benefit from these 'forty days in the wilderness' whether it means giving something up or taking up a new prayer habit, etc. We should pray for each other a bit more this season as all of us can always use the extra help.

Be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities coming up soon with membership drives, KANDI drives, RSVP raffle ticket sales.

"Jesus promised his disciples three things – that they would be completely fearless, absurdly happy, and in constant trouble." – G. K. Chesterton

Vivat Jesus!



Upcoming Events

February Officers Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room
Date: Wednesday, 2/7/2024
Time: 7:00 PM

February Membership Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room
Date: Monday, 2/12/2024
Time: 7:30 PM

March Officers Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room
Date: Wednesday, 3/6/2024
Time: 7:00 PM

March Membership Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room
Date: Monday, 3/11/2024
Time: 7:30 PM

TAKE NOTE OF OUR NEW ADDRESS:
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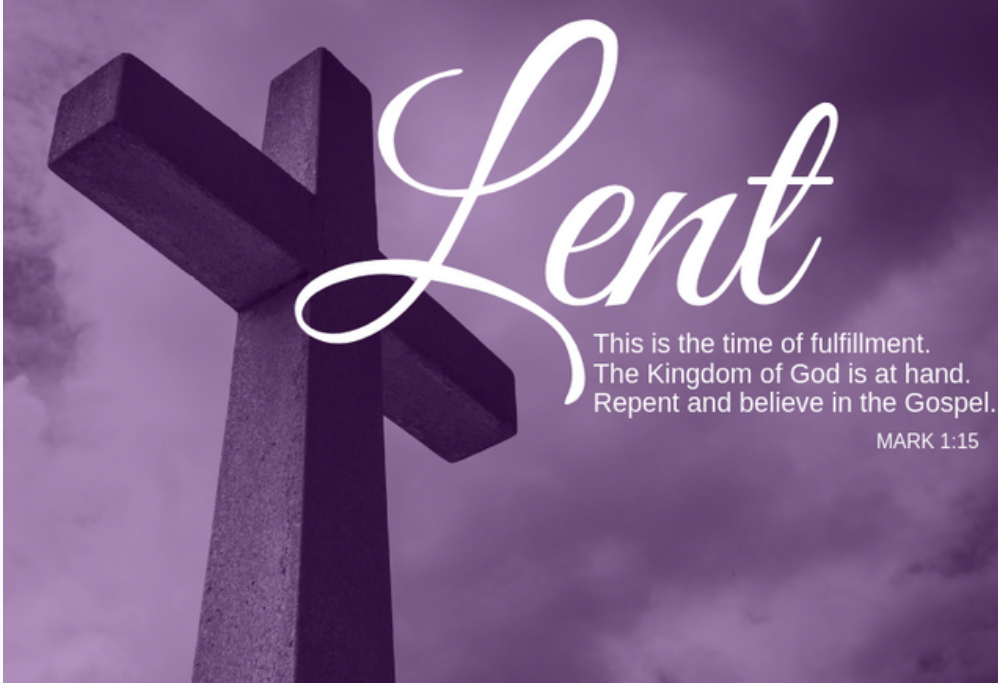
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MEETING PLACE:
OUR LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA MEETING
ROOM
445 WASHINGTON STREET, COVENTRY



Chaplain's Message

FATHER PAUL LEMOI

No column this month.



Prayer Intentions

- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- Bishop Henning
- The Priests and Deacons of the parishes we serve
- Father Patrick Ryan
- FDD/PGK Harold Trafford (recently deceased)
- 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 Lucien Laporte
- Brother Peter Blais
- Brother Nicholas Delfino-Whitaker
- 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
- Arlene Lemek
- Daxton Sanita
- Emmanuel (Just Prayers)
- Richard and daughter (Just Prayers)
- Jovantey (Just Prayers)
- All US military personnel active and former
- The Unborn

Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI

February 2024 Challenge



Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Gospel for Feb. 25, Mk 9:7)

In last month's challenge, we talked about recognizing Jesus' presence and power in our lives. Here, at his baptism, we hear the voice of God instructing us very simply: "Listen to him." It is not enough to acknowledge Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God. We must also be attentive to his teachings — communicated through sacred Scripture and sacred tradition — and respond by following him faithfully. This is the path of the true disciple who understands his own baptismal mission. May we follow this path faithfully throughout our lives.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to spend at least 10 minutes each day in prayerful silence, contemplating the presence of Jesus and listening for his voice.

Questions for Reflection:

How do you listen for the voice of Jesus? What steps can you take in your prayer life, your spiritual reading, your pious practices and your religious study to hear his voice more clearly? What dispositions and virtues should you foster within yourself in order to become more open and responsive to what Christ is telling you?

The Holy Family
February dedicated to

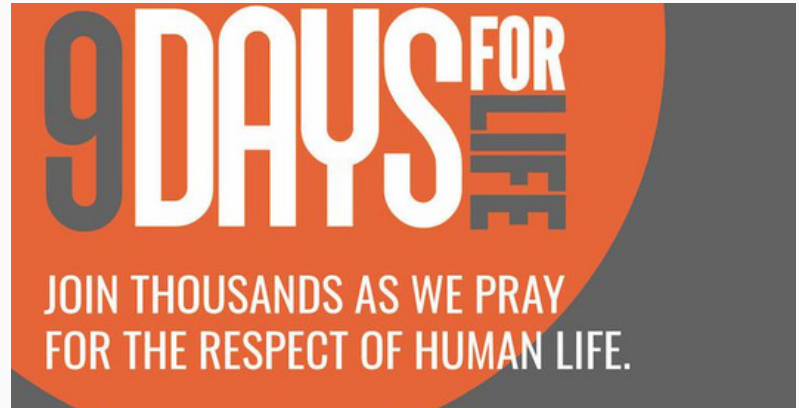




February Birthdays

Victor Moffitt (74)	February 2
Jerry McEvoy (73)	February 3
John Folloni, Jr. (91)	February 5
Raymond Piccirilli (73)	February 6
David Florio (68)	February 6
Robert Kenahan (89)	February 8
Dr. Douglas DeCubellis (52)	February 14
John Connor (77)	February 15
Timothy Laiter (53)	February 23
Fr. Paul Lemoi - Worthy Chaplain (75)	February 25
Brian Lawlor (73)	February 26

Novena for Life



PAUL LEMEK,
LIFE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Thanks to all Brother Knights who participated in the Novena for Life!

FDD/PGK Harold L. Trafford, Jr.

1934-2024



FDD/PGK Harold Trafford, Jr. went to his final reward on January 27, 2024. Brother Harold was a charter member of our council having joined the Knights in April 1962. He was also a Fourth Degree Sir Knight with Father Wallace Assembly. He served as Grand Knight of our council during the 1970-71 Fraternal Year and also served as District Deputy for the jurisdiction of Rhode Island. His son Daniel was also our Grand Knight during the 1993-94 Fraternal Year. He was also a RI National Guard veteran serving with the 115th Military Police Company for 10 years and honorably discharged in 1962. He was a Lasalle Academy graduate of the Class of 1952 and in 2018 was inducted into the Lasalle Academy Hall of Fame. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Dues and Membership Cards



2024 dues notices have gone out to the billable members of our council. Unless you are an Honorary Life Member, you should have received your notice in the snail mail. Thanks to all the Brother Knights who have sent in their dues! For those who haven't, please do so by January 31.

Unfortunately, Membership Cards will be delayed in being mailed to you because we ordered card stock from Supreme, and they currently have a backlog. There is no indication when they will be shipped, but once they are, the cards will be prepared and sent to you ASAP. Your 2023 card will suffice for now until the new cards are received. Thank you for your understanding!

Super Bowl Sunday - Pro Life Champs



With the Super Bowl this Sunday, it is only fitting to share with you remarks by pro-life champions on and off the field.

One unforgettable highlight of the March for Life was the surprise appearance of 2024 College Football National Championship winner, Coach Jim Harbaugh. Despite the multiple inches of snow descending in D.C., Coach Harbaugh ignited the crowd with his impassioned words, emphasizing the importance of our collective commitment to the sanctity of life.

"It's a great example that you're setting. It's testimony for the sanctity of life," Coach Harbaugh remarked, echoing the sentiments of countless marchers who braved the elements to make their voices heard.

Additionally, we were honored to have Super Bowl 39 champion and former New England Patriot, Benjamin Watson, as our keynote speaker. His powerful message resonated deeply with all who attended, delivering a mandate for people to take home:

"Civic leaders, in the current climate of compromise, go back to your committees and your communities, and legislate for life and for justice. All of you frontline workers in pregnancy resource centers around the country – and other life affirming organizations – go back to your post knowing that every encounter is not simply about saving one child; you are saving generations."

"And all you young people, with all of your energy and ingenuity, go back to your schools, and go back to your teams, and your churches – be leaders who are unashamed to stand for life. Keep pressing on."

As we move forward, let's heed the inspiring words of Coach Harbaugh and Benjamin Watson. Together, let's remain steadfast in our commitment to building a culture where every life is valued and protected.

Jeanne Mancini, President, March for Life

A Very Successful Italian "Knight"



Pats on the back all around with regard to our extremely successful Italian "Knight!" Our Master Chef Mark really outdid himself again with a very delicious pasta dinner. Nothing but kudos and positive remarks were received! Well done to all Brother Knights on the Italian Knight Committee who put in so many hours into making this successful - Mark Giolitti, Bill Jakabek, Richard Legault, Paul Lemek, Brian Mattias, John Pizzo and Neil Fidler. Thanks to the Brother Knights who helped out during the event - Jerry McEvoy, John Murray, Mike Byrne, and Walter Williams. Thanks to the Knights family members Pat, Heather Rose, Alana, and Kira who helped as well. Special shout-out to Bill Flamond, friend of Chef Mark, who gave us a huge hand with the prep and cooking. Apologies to anyone who participated and was not mentioned. More photos from Italian "Knight" on the last two pages of this newsletter.

Raffle Tickets for Seminarians



Blessing Council will once again conduct a raffle ticket drive to fund our Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) to support Seminarians and Postulants. **We will be selling tickets at our churches at all Masses during the following weekends: March 2-3 - Our Lady of Good Counsel; March 9-10 - Our Lady of Czenstochowa/St. Vincent de Paul; March 16-17 - SS John and Paul. Sign-up sheets to help will be at the February Membership Meeting**

Italian "Knight"

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024
OUR LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA SCHOOL GYM



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