

# THE BLESSING WORD



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



## Grand Knight's Corner

**BRIAN MATTIAS, GRAND KNIGHT**

Brothers!

He is risen! This month, I'll simply quote the words of a song our choir will sing this Easter:

Three days our world was broken; the Lord of life lay dead. "Take up your cross," he told us who followed where he led. Would we now hang in torment with thieves on every side, our Passover shattered, our hope crucified? Three days we hid in silence, in bitter fear and grief. Three days we clung together where he had washed our feet.

Three days and on the third day, the women came at dawn. His tomb, they said, was empty, his broken body gone. Who could believe their story? The dead do not arise, yet he walks among us, and with our own eyes we've seen him at this table; we've shared his bread and wine.

Three days our world was broken and in an instant healed, God's covenant of mercy in mystery revealed. Two thousand years are one day in God's eternal sight, and yesterday's sorrows are this day's delight. Though still Christ's body suffers, pierced daily by the sword, yet death has no dominion: the risen Christ is Lord!

Happy Easter – Vivat Jesus!



## Upcoming Events

**April Officers Meeting**  
Place: OLC Meeting Room  
Date: Wednesday, 4/3/2024  
Time: 7:00 PM

**April Membership Meeting**  
Place: OLC Meeting Room  
Date: Monday, 4/8/2024  
Time: 7:30 PM

**KANDI Drive (Tentative)**  
Place: Our Lady of Good Counsel  
Date: Weekend of 5/4-5/2024  
Time: After All Masses

**May Officers Meeting**  
Place: OLC Meeting Room  
Date: Wednesday, 5/8/2024  
Time: 7:00 PM

**May Membership Meeting**  
Place: OLC Meeting Room  
Date: Monday, 5/13/2024  
Time: 7:30 PM

**KANDI Drive (Tentative)**  
Place: Saints John and Paul  
Date: Weekend of 5/18-19/2024  
Time: After All Masses

**KANDI Drive (Tentative)**  
Place: Our Lady of Czenstochowa/St. Vincent de Paul  
Date: Weekend of 5/25-26/2024  
Time: After All Masses

**TAKE NOTE OF OUR NEW ADDRESS:**  
MSGR. PETER E. BLESSING COUNCIL #5273  
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MEETING PLACE:  
OUR LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA MEETING ROOM  
445 WASHINGTON STREET, COVENTRY



# Chaplain's Message

FATHER PAUL LEMOI

No report this month.



SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

## Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI

April 2024 Challenge

**"By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."**

(Gospel for April 28, Jn 15:8)

Have you noticed the progression in the challenges over the past months? If we recognize who Jesus truly is, we must listen to him and serve him. We have St. Joseph as a true model of that faithful service and discipleship. Now we are told that the Father is glorified through our discipleship and the fruit we bear. By being faithful disciples of Christ, may we bear much fruit and so glorify the Father.

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

This month, I challenge you to prayerfully ask yourself if you are bearing much fruit as a disciple of Christ and then identify and undertake one way you can be more fruitful.

**Questions for Reflection:**

What fruit do you currently bear — in your marriage and family, in your relationships at work or among friends, and in the broader community? Are you mindful of the needs of those around you and the opportunities they present to bear fruit? Are there things you can do to become still more fruitful in your Christian witness?



# 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/PFN Frank Laiter III

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

Brother Michael Osenkowski

Lucille Ferrer

Diane Belanger

Henry Giolitti

Mary Deary

Shirley Laiter

Sue Rossetti

Doris Legault

Mary Lawlor

Michel Brouillard

Michelle Legault

Eric Thatcher

Charles Gemmell

Barry Smith

Eleanor Smith

John Dolan

Joe McCarthy

Marc Pelletier

Arlene Lemek

Daxton Sanita

Charles Morden

Gregory Brent

Josie Conway

Matthew Mahar

Emmanuel (Just Prayers)

Richard and daughter (Just Prayers)

Jovantey (Just Prayers)

All US military personnel active and former

The Unborn







## April Birthdays

E. J. Robinson (58)	April 1
Shawn Corcoran (54)	April 1
Joseph Fleury (86)	April 3
Maxwell Laiter (24)	April 3
Richard Denningham, Jr. (69)	April 14
John Pizzo (57)	April 19
Robert Chartier (81)	April 20
Thomas Rossi (58)	April 21
William Jakabek (71)	April 24
Rudolph Cirelli (78)	April 28
Gerard Heroux (95)	April 30

## Faith in Action



JOHN PIZZO,  
COMMUNITY DIRECTOR



**Veterans Memorial Park Cleanup.** In preparation for Memorial Day, the council will be conducting a cleanup of the Veterans Memorial Park at the corner of Tiogue and Arnold sometime in May. Stay tuned for further details!

## Patriotic Degree



The Father Wallace Assembly Color Corps will be accompanying our Bishops to various Confirmations in the area in April and May.

**Patriotic Degree Exemplification** will take place on Sunday, May 19, starting at 1 PM, hosted by Woonsocket Council at St. Joseph Church, 1200 Mendon Road, Woonsocket. Light collation to follow. The cost for candidates is \$90 to include Emblem of the Order, social baldric and collation. \$25 for guests for the collation. Collation is open to all. Dress code is the Patriotic Degree uniform for those who have it, otherwise dark suit/coat & tie (tuxedo permissible) with social baldric. Contact PGK/PFN Paul Lemek (palemek76@gmail.com/401-999-5480).

JOHN MURRAY,  
FAITH ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR



**KANDI Drive.** The following dates are tentative pending Pastor permission for the 2024 KANDI (Tootsie Roll) Drive:

- May 4-5 Our Lady of Good Counsel
- May 18-19 Saints John and Paul
- May 25-26 Our Lady of Czenstochowa/St. Vincent de Paul

The drive will take place after all the Masses on the weekends indicated above. Your help with the drive is asked for and will be greatly appreciated. Sign-up sheets will be available at the April Membership Meeting on Monday, April 8.

Past recipients of the KANDI Drive include Coventry High School Transitions to Success, West Bay RI and Meeting Street School.



# Knights in Action!

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024  
OUR LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA SCHOOL



Easter dinners for the Grab 'n' Go/Elder Meals were prepared by our friends at the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Coventry, and our Brother Knights Brian Mattias (GK), Richard Legault (DGK) and Bill Jakabek (Treasurer) were front and center helping out! The menu, prepared by our Worthy Grand Knight Brian, consisted of Baked Ham, Potatoes, Carrots Fresh Tossed Salad, and Homemade Easter Cupcakes. Well done, Brothers!