

# THE BLESSING WORD



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

## Happy Thanksgiving!

### Grand Knight's Corner

WILLIAM JAKABEK, GRAND KNIGHT

Hello Brothers All!

November is upon us. It's a time for shutting down the backyard deck, leaf raking, apple cider, apple pie, and most importantly, "Thanksgiving" – celebration of our faith, families, loved ones, and for all that our Dear Savior has given us. What a wonderful month it is. We are all looking forward to the love, fun, and excitement it will bring.

October was a busy month as usual. We had a wonderful "Knight Out" at Bill's place in West Warwick/Phenix. We joined the Saints John and James Council to celebrate this year's Silver Rose Presentation. The Fundraising and Faith Activities Committees held planning meetings regarding upcoming events. Several of our Brother Knights, including our Council Chaplain Fr. Paul Lemoi, attended the annual Clergy Night Dinner. Lastly, we finalized the modifications to our Council's financial accounting protocols which were approved by the Council Membership at the October Membership Meeting.

Upcoming November events and activities:

- The November Membership Meeting will take place on Monday, November 10, 2025. (look for FS Neil Fidler's meeting related email for important details). We will have a pre-meeting collation starting at 6:30 PM and our Membership Meeting will start promptly at 7:00 PM. If you are able, please seriously consider attending, as participation by all Brother Knights is essential for our Council's continued success.
- We plan on celebrating the "Pilgrim Icon Sacred Heart of Jesus" service on November 12, 2025, 7 PM at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 6 St. Vincent de Paul St., Coventry, RI (More info to come via email).
- Men of St. Joseph COR Meeting normally takes place on the last Thursday of every month, but since Thanksgiving falls on this day, an alternate date may be considered. Check your emails for a future update. Meetings are held at SSJP's Rectory Chapel/Conference Room at 6:30 PM. Please seriously consider attending as this is a major K of C COR Initiative.
- The Fundraising Committee will hold another planning meeting regarding the upcoming Giolitti Brothers Memorial "Italian Knight" Pasta and Meatball Dinner, in person, immediately following the Council's November Officers Meeting on November 5, 2025. The event will be held on Saturday evening, November 22, 2025. A flyer was recently emailed to all Brother Knights, and tickets are available. Contact FS Neil Fidler for tickets.

Lastly, November in the Catholic liturgy is primarily a time for remembrance of the dead, focusing on the Communion of Saints and our hope for eternal life. It marks the end of the liturgical year and is spent in Ordinary Time with green vestments, concluding with a shift to the penitential purple of Advent at the end of the month. Key feasts include the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1st and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) on November 2nd.

**Happy Thanksgiving to all!**

Vivat Jesus!  
William Jakabek – Grand Knight

### Upcoming Events

#### November Officers Meeting

Place: Our Lady of Czenstochowa School Room 3  
Date: Wednesday, 11/5/2025  
Time: 7:00 PM

#### Veterans Memorial Park Cleanup

Place: Corner of Tiogue Ave and Arnold Road  
Date: Saturday, 11/8/2025  
Time: 9:00 AM

#### November Membership Meeting

Place: Our Lady of Czenstochowa School Room 3  
Date: Monday, 11/10/2025  
Time: 7:00 PM with collation at 6:30 PM

#### Pilgrim Icon Sacred Heart Holy Hour

Place: St. Vincent de Paul Church  
Date: Wednesday, 11/12/2025  
Time: 10:00 PM

#### Giolitti Brothers Memorial Italian "Knight"

Place: Our Lady of Czenstochowa School Gym  
Date: Saturday, 11/22/2025  
Time: 6:00 PM

#### December Officers Meeting

Place: Our Lady of Czenstochowa School Room 3  
Date: Wednesday, 12/3/2025  
Time: 7:00 PM

#### Solemnity of the Immaculate Reception (in lieu of our December Membership Meeting)

Place: St. Vincent de Paul Church  
Date: Monday, 12/8/2025  
Time: 7:00 PM Mass with collation afterward  
In lieu of December Membership Meeting

#### Men of St. Joseph - COR Meeting

Place: SSJP Rectory Chapel/Conf. Room  
Date: Every Last Thursday of the Month  
Time: 6:30 PM

#### Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council Holy Hour

Place: SSJP Rectory Chapel  
Date: Every Thursday  
Time 1:00 - 2:00 PM

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## Chaplain's Message

FATHER PAUL LEMOI

No Chaplain's Message this month.

## NOVEMBER

Month of the *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

## Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI

November 2025 Challenge



**"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."** (Gospel for Nov. 16, Lk 21:17-19)

Jesus promised his faithful disciples many things — that he will always be with us, that we will receive if we ask, and that he would give us rest. He also promised that we would be hated and that we would be persecuted for the sake of his name. We must persevere and remain faithful despite the hardships we suffer for our faith. May we always put into action St. Paul's admonition: "Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer" (Rom 12:12).

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

This month, I challenge you to learn more about the lives of the saints by selecting one or more martyrs to read about and then reflecting on how you can imitate his or her perseverance and hope.

### Questions for Reflection:

Have you ever struggled with hope when life has brought challenges? Have you ever experienced bigotry, rejection, hostility or hatred on account of your Catholic faith? What are some concrete ways you can seek to grow in perseverance to face life's difficulties?



GOD IS  
GOOD, ALL  
THE TIME

## Prayer Intentions

Our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV  
Bishop Lewandowski  
All Bishops and Priests  
GK William Jakabek  
PGK/PFN Herb Knott  
PGK/PFN Frank Laiter III  
PGK 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 Devin Favino  
Brother Louis Pinga  
Brother Kenneth Jackson (recently deceased)  
Lucille Ferrer  
Roberta Lemek  
Mary Deary  
Shirley Laiter  
Sue Rossetti  
Mary Lawlor  
Michel Brouillard  
Eric Thatcher  
Charles Gemmell  
John Dolan  
Joe McCarthy  
Matthew Mahar  
Robert Firth  
Ellen Deck  
Julia Sottnik  
Karen Clark  
Jessica Maynard  
Anita Laporte  
Diane Cayouette  
April Moreno  
Brad White  
Richard and daughter (Just Prayers)  
Jovantey (Just Prayers)  
All US military personnel active and former  
The Unborn





## November Birthdays

Neil Fidler (63)	November 1
John Simonelli (39)	November 5
Father Peter Sheehan (61)	November 7
Frank Laiter Jr (85)	November 8
Brian Mattias (55)	November 8
David Tanski (45)	November 14
Mark Trainor (69)	November 15
Christopher Boley (40)	November 28
Robert Tremblay (72)	November 30

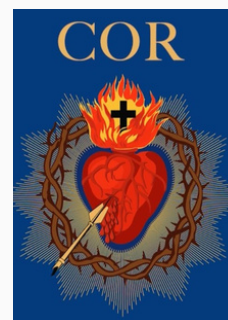
## Farewell Brother Knight

KENNETH T. JACKSON 1946-2025



Brother Kenneth T. Jackson went to his final reward on Sunday, November 2. He was an Honorary Life Third Degree Knight who joined the order and our council on November 1, 1969. He was very active in the community having been a volunteer firefighter with the Anthony Fire Department and had served on the Board of Directors for the Western Coventry Fire District. Please pray for the repose of Brother Kenneth's soul, for his wife Susan and his entire family.

## The Men of St. Joseph - Cor



Our council partners with the local chapter of The Men of St. Joseph for our Cor program. You are cordially invited to join us on the last Thursday each month starting at 6:30 PM at the SS John and Paul Rectory Conference Room. The mission of Cor is to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to prayer, formation, and fraternity, and this aligns nicely with the mission of The Men of St. Joseph.

## Adoration at SSJP



Brothers, Saints John and Paul Church has an all-day Adoration every Thursday. Adoration will be held in the church. One of the requirements for having Adoration is that someone must be in Jesus' presence at all times. This is a great opportunity to spend time with Our Lord and make Adoration part of your spiritual journey.

# FAITH IN ACTION



FAITH



COMMUNITY



FAMILY



LIFE

## COMMUNITY

### Veterans Memorial Park Cleanup



We'll be cleaning up the Veterans Memorial Park on Saturday, November 8, starting at 9 PM. We want to make the park ready for Veterans Day on November 11.

## FAMILY

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception



In lieu of our December Membership Meeting, our council will be attending 7 PM Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church on Monday, December 8, for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception which is, of course, a Holy Day of Obligation. Afterward, we will have a collation in the church hall. Please join us!

## FAITH

### Pilgrim Icon Sacred Heart Holy Hour



Our council will be hosting a Holy Hour in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, starting at 7 PM, at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 6 St. Vincent de Paul Street, Coventry. PLEASE JOIN US!

The holy hour, flowing from the jubilee for the 350th anniversary of the apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (Dec. 27, 2023 – Jun. 27, 2025) and inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Dilexit Nos* (He Loved Us) is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

During the holy hour, an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome, will be displayed. The Sacred Heart Holy Hour will include readings from Sacred Scripture and reflections from Pope Francis on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as well as the Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayers to the Sacred Heart, and time for silent prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The prayer service will lead all present to grow in their love of God and devotion to his Most Sacred Heart.



# OCTOBER “KNIGHT OUT” AT BILL’S PLACE

Monday, October 6, 2025

Another fantastic “Knight Out” at Bill’s Place in Phenix. Great food, great conversation, and, of course, great company! Be sure to look out for the next “Knight Out,” and we hope to see you and your loved ones there!



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# Sacred Heart Holy Hour



**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025, 7 PM  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH**





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presents



# *Giolitti Brothers Memorial*

## *Italian "Knight"*



### **MENU**

**Pasta with Meatballs**  
**Salad**  
**Bread and Butter**  
**Assorted Desserts**  
**Coffee/Soda/Water**

**Saturday, November 22, 2025**

**Doors open at 6:00 PM, Family-Style Dinner served at 7:00 PM**

**Our Lady of Czenstochowa Gymnasium**

**222 MacArthur Boulevard, Coventry**

**\$20.00 per person**

**\$10 for children 8-12, under 8 free**

**Proceeds raised for Knights of Columbus Charities**

**RSVP November 15, 2025**

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# VETERANS DAY



To all our Brother Knights who served in our Armed Forces, a very Happy Veterans Day to you and your families! Thank you for your service!

## WHAT'S GOING ON AT OUR CHURCHES

### St. Vincent de Paul

#### Harvest Bazaar News!

This year's Harvest Bazaar will take place on November 15th from 8:30am-4pm.

We are still in need of scratch tickets for the lottery tree.

We will also need baked good for our bake table. All baked items can be dropped off after 3pm on Friday November 14<sup>th</sup> or the morning of the bazaar.

If you have any questions, call Norman Charron @481-6014



### Our Lady of Czenstochowa

Frozen golombki, pierogi, apple pies, and kielbasa are available for sale during office hours at the Parish House. Golombki are \$18 for half dozen, pierogi are \$24 a dozen, apple pies \$15 each and kielbasa \$5 for three small links.



#### Save The Date!

Former Parishioners and Friends of  
Our Lady of Good Counsel

Christmas Breakfast  
Sunday, December 21, 2025 at 10:00am  
At the Cranston Country Club

More information to follow.

### Saints John and Paul



#### SS. John & Paul Parish "Munching" for LIFE Appetizer Contest

*Saturday, November 15, 2025  
After the 5PM Mass  
\$20 per person*

The ticket price includes tasting the appetizers, a glass of wine, and a ballot to vote for your favorite appetizer.

***Tickets will be sold after all the Masses.***

All proceeds will go to Gabriel's Call - Office of Life and Family Ministry, providing support for women and their families in need of physical, emotional, and spiritual assistance, baby showers, and more.





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