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My Brothers All,

It is an honor and privilege to serve as your Grand Knight for the next two years. I want to express my sincere thanks to all Brother Knights entrusting in me to lead the extremely dedicated men of the Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council. I am excited to take on this task, and I humbly ask for your prayers, guidance, and assistance as we continue to grow and succeed as a council.

I have been an active member of this council for the last five years. I had previously transferred to this council in 2010, after our council at Sacred Heart Church disbanded. I attended a few meetings but was unable to remain active because of family obligations. In his second year as Grand Knight, my brother David noticed I was still on the council's roster and convinced me to return in 2021. It was one of the best decisions I have ever made.

During my tenure as a Knight, I served as the council's Warden for the first year, and Deputy Grand Knight for the last four years. I also serve as the Warden on our Exemplification Team and assist Brother John Pizzo with our Community Program.

My goals for my term include promoting Catholic education by providing additional fundraising assistance to the Fr. Doyle School and the Chesterton Academy, planning more family friendly council events, (possibly adding a Chowder and Clamcakes / Chicken Finger Night to complement our already successful Meatball and Macaroni dinner), and completing the formation of the Columbiettes Auxiliary to assist our council in our faith-based initiatives.

I'm extremely excited to welcome the new Brother Knights who have recently joined our council. I encourage you to attend our monthly meetings, and to commit to participating in our many charitable and faith programs. I look forward to working with all of you.

Vivat Jesus!

Richard Legault
Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

July Officers Meeting

Place: OLC School Room 3
Date: Wednesday, 7/8/2026
Time: 7:00 PM

July Membership Meeting

Place: OLC School Room 3
Date: Monday, 7/13/2026
Time: 7:00 PM with collation at 6:30 PM

August Officers Meeting

Place: OLC School Room 3
Date: Wednesday, 8/5/2026
Time: 7:00 PM

August Membership Meeting

Place: OLC School Room 3
Date: Monday, 8/10/2026
Time: 7:00 PM with collation at 6:30 PM

Men of St. Joseph - COR Meeting

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

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MEETING PLACE:

OUR LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA SCHOOL
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My Brothers All,

Finally, summer is here. We are starting off with high temperatures, and we have been cautioned to stay alert and take care during this heat. Please remember to check in on any elderly neighbors who may need assistance.

With summer also comes time for relaxation and vacation. Please remember that there is no vacation from God. Wherever your travels take you, make it part of your planning to find a church nearby for weekend Mass.

Please continue to pray the Rosary daily, especially throughout July, for our nation and its well-being. Pray also for the dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death.

Our Holy Father is challenging us to become missionaries of our faith by what we say and do in the name of Christ. May our lives always reflect our belief. In recent Sundays, we have heard how Jesus named and called His twelve Apostles and began to instruct them in sharing His mission and ministry. We received a similar call on the day of our Baptism, when we first put on Christ and embraced our Baptismal commitment.

Finally, when driving through neighborhoods, please be mindful of speed limits and keep your eyes open for children playing near the streets.

Be safe this summer. Relax and renew yourselves and enjoy special summer days with family and friends. May God bless you and your families throughout this season.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Paul Lemoi
Chaplain



"Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." (Gospel for July 13, Lk 10:36-37)

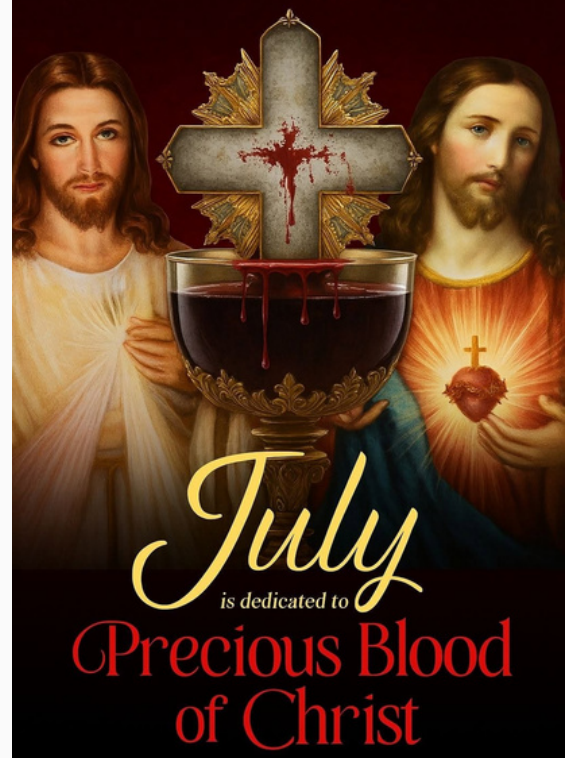
In the parable of the good Samaritan, we again witness the Lord's call to put our faith into action. Neither the priest nor the Levite stopped to render aid to alleviate the injured man's suffering. The true act of love came from an unexpected source: a Samaritan, a person with whom a practicing Jew of those days would not ordinarily associate. Let us be good Samaritans when we encounter others in need, remembering that we are called to love and serve all people in need.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to serve as a good Samaritan to others with whom you might not normally associate — whether it be people who are homeless, the poor, the homebound or others.

Questions for Reflection:

Who is your neighbor? Have you found yourself ignoring those in need when it is inconvenient for you to assist them? How can your response to the needy you encounter more closely reflect the example of the good Samaritan?



Please keep our Brother Knights, their families, and all those in need of our prayers in your thoughts and prayers.

Our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV
Bishop Bruce Lewandowski
All Bishops and Priests
PGK William Jakabek
Brother Rob Brodeur
Brother Louis Pinga
Roberta Lemek
Mary Lawlor
David Firth
John Dolan
Karen Clark
Anita Laporte
Diane Cayouette
Hallie Sorenson and Family

All US military personnel active and former
SSJP Church receives a good and Holy Senior Priest
SSJP Church receives a replacement for Al Harel
The Unborn

MSGR. PETER E. BLESSING
COUNCIL #5273

Happy BIRTHDAY!

TO OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS
celebrating in July

BROTHER KNIGHT

Paul Lemek (76)
Jason Lague (51)
Lee Rossetti (68)
Walter Williams (77)
Thomas Carroccia (70)
David Wood (67)
Michael Laiter (60)

BIRTHDAY

July 6
July 6
July 14
July 18
July 23
July 28
July 30

Wishing you a blessed day
and a wonderful year ahead!



MSGR. PETER E. BLESSING
COUNCIL #5273

FORMING OUR

Columbiettes AUXILIARY

We are now ready to move forward with our
next meeting, where we will formally begin
the process of instituting the auxiliary.

MEETING DETAILS



DATE:
July 16, 2026



TIME:
7:00 PM



LOCATION:
Fr. John V. Doyle School Gymnasium
343 South Main Street
Coventry, RI



SAVE THE DATE!



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young pregnant
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council to reach
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4 **WELL, THERE IS A 4TH!**
Come socialize with us and enjoy
a delicious Sausage and Peppers
or hotdog sandwich before or
after your guided tour!



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AND CLOTHING**
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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



Led by PGK and "Chef" Angel Ferrer, this dedicated team of volunteers prepared and served more than 100 breakfasts for the SSJP Respect Life Committee Breakfast Fundraiser. Proceeds from the event benefited the Gabriel's Call ministry of the Diocese of Providence, which provides support, encouragement, and practical assistance to mothers in need during pregnancy and early motherhood.



Name: Brian Alan Mattias

Council Role: Trustee, Round Table Chairman for OLC/SVP, Past Grand Knight.

Years as a Knight: 9

Parish: Our Lady of Częstochowa (home parish, born and raised)

A Favorite Saint or Devotion: St. Joseph and St. Augustine. As far as devotions, besides a daily Rosary, which began almost 3 years ago, I just began the Saint Bridget 12-year prayer, which involves reciting seven specific prayers daily for twelve years, honoring the seven times Jesus shed His Precious Blood.

Knights of Columbus Journey: What inspired you to join the Knights? The tenacity of my proposer PGK Herb Knott. He marched up to the OLC choir loft after Mass in 2017 and said, "Hey! Ever think of becoming a Knight?" I said, "Nope!" Cliffs Notes version: He persisted, bought me pizza, I caved, and here I am, wishing I had been involved sooner

Service and Vocation: Pipe organ technician, and also Director of Music/Organist/Choir Director at OLC for 38 years now. Freelance musician.

Personal Touch: A piece of advice I'd give a new Knight - don't sit on the sidelines. Get involved as much as you can. Even if that only means making a meeting via Zoom. You get out of it what you put into it. Also, we are a bunch of brothers just like any other family. Every once in a while, we get on each other's nerves. My advice there is to be patient, and know that all of these people are good guys who are offering their thoughts and opinions out of love for the council and each other.

Misc. tidbits most people don't know about me: I'm technically a Nashville recording artist. When my band Sundown was together, we opened for more than a dozen major country artists, including Billy Ray Cyrus,

and Grammy winner - Kathy Mattea. I'm the only person in RI to hold a professional (Colleague) certification from the American Institute of Organbuilders. I drove tractor trailer cross-country in my early 20's, and I'm presently finishing my degree from Berklee College of Music.

Closing Reflection: To me, being a Catholic gentleman means being faithful to the church and her teachings and working hard every day to be the best husband and father I can be. How? By living out my faith to fulfill that obligation, and also to be a spiritual role model for my family. I usually fail miserably in those tasks, but I will die trying to do it! Blessed Michael McGivney - pray for us!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
RHODE ISLAND STATE COUNCIL

STATE OFFICERS & DISTRICT DEPUTIES INSTALLATION

Celebrating State Deputy Eric Batista, his suite of officers, district deputies, and the new leadership of the Rhode Island State Council
Hosted by East Providence Knights of Columbus Council 1528

★ SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026 ★

INSTALLATION MASS
12:00 PM
St. Martha's Church
2595 Pawtucket Avenue
East Providence, RI

RECEPTION & DINNER to Follow
The Squantum Association
947 Veterans Memorial Parkway
East Providence, RI
Cocktail Reception & Hors d'oeuvres: 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
Dinner to follow
Cost:
Adults: \$65 per person
Children (Under 12): \$30

RSVP: ebkofc@gmail.com
Join us as we honor our new State Deputy, state officers, district deputies, and the leadership of our Rhode Island State Council.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAITH IN ACTION

In service to one. In service to all.

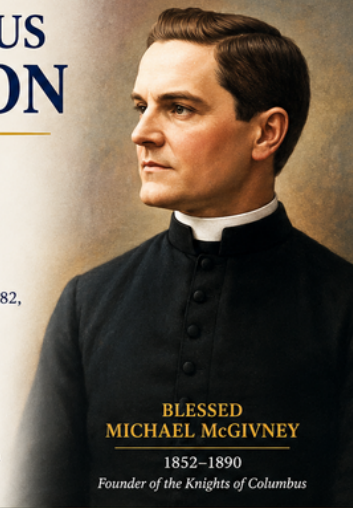
For more than 140 years, the Knights of Columbus have answered the call to put faith into action through charity, unity, and fraternity.

Through programs such as:

-  Support for our parish and clergy
-  Aid to the sick, elderly, and disabled
-  Assistance to families in need
-  Pro-life initiatives
-  Community outreach and volunteer service
-  Spiritual formation and prayer

Knights throughout the world continue the mission begun by **Blessed Michael McGivney** in 1882, serving their communities while strengthening their faith and supporting one another as brothers in Christ.

Today, the Order stands as one of the world's largest Catholic fraternal organizations, united by a commitment to charity, faith, fraternity, and service.



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Founder of the Knights of Columbus



“Together, we can accomplish far more than any one man alone.”

— Blessed Michael McGivney



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FRATERNITY 

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Living our Catholic faith through service to God, our Church, our families, and our communities.

LIFE

FAITH



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LIFE PROGRAM

NIGHT OF PRAYER for the SICK AND DYING

An evening of prayer, intercession and hope for those who are suffering from illness, facing the end of life, and for their families and caregivers.

*“Pray for one another,
that you may be healed.”*
— James 5:16

JOIN US IN PRAYER



WHEN:
**FIRST FRIDAY
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TIME:
6:30 PM



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transform your faith and your life.*

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”
— Proverbs 27:17

June Knight Out at Khoo Restaurant

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026





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GOOD FOOD • GOOD DRINK • GOOD COMPANY

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026 @ 6 PM



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Join your Council Brothers, Families, and Friends for a fun time while enjoying good food, drink, and comradery!



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West Warwick, RI



MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026
at 6:30 PM



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by 5 PM



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WHAT'S GOING ON AT OUR CHURCHES

Our Lady of Czenstochowa

2026 GOLF CLASSIC

FOSTER COUNTRY CLUB

67 Johnson Road, Foster, RI 02825

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

- Registration at Noon
- Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM
- Dinner Will Be Served Around 5:30 PM





**REGISTRATION & ENTRY FEES
DUE BY AUGUST 30, 2026**

Please scan the QR code for
online registration!

SCAN TO REGISTER

For more information about this years Golf tournament to benefit the Coventry Council of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society use the QR code or take one of the tournament flyers which are near the entrance of both churches.

St. Vincent de Paul

Help Shape the future of Our Annual Harvest Bazaar!

It is time to begin planning for this years Harvest Bazaar. **Our first meeting will take place on Monday, July 13th at 6:30pm in the rectory conference room.**



Our Annual Harvest Bazaar has always been a wonderful tradition of fellowship, fun and fundraising. Looking ahead we would like to welcome new volunteers with fresh ideas and helping hands to keep our cherished tradition alive. Many of the dedicated parishioners who built and helped to sustain the bazaar over the years are aging. We are looking for families, young adults, and parishioners of all ages to become a part of this long-standing tradition. Whether you can volunteer a little time, share a creative idea or help organize a booth, your participation can make a difference. We are asking all parishioners to prayerfully consider a contribution of Time, Talent, and or Treasure to our parish Bazaar. If you can, please join us as we work to create a vibrant and successful bazaar, continuing the tradition established by the dedicated parishioners who have made it such a success for generations at Saint Vincents.

If you have any question's call Norman Charron @ 481-6014.

Mother of Hope Summer Day Camp

Registration is now open -reserve your child's spot today and pay later! We have open enrollment throughout the summer.

Give your children an unforgettable summer filled with outdoor adventure, faith, friendship, and fun at the traditional outdoor summer day camp program. The camp welcomes children ages 5-12 and offers convenient bus transportation from several areas throughout Rhode Island, along with flexible daily and weekly attendance options from June 22 through August 14.

Located on 126 beautiful wooded acres along Echo Lake in Chepachet, the camp is staffed by caring and experienced professionals dedicated to providing a safe, affordable, and faith-filled summer experience.

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