

# THE BLESSING WORD



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



## Grand Knight's Corner

**BRIAN MATTIAS, GRAND KNIGHT**  
My Brothers All!

We are DANGEROUSLY close to wrapping up our Columbian year on June 30 and we still need a few new members to make Star Council. We made it last year and PGK David Legault led Blessing Council to earn two consecutive Star Council Awards – even during the pandemic! We should certainly be able to do it now!



Our Worthy Membership Director, Brian Lawlor, and I attended the RI K of C State Convention on Saturday, April 27th, where State Membership Director (and State Warden-elect) Mark Paul talked about recruitment. He reminded us that while Delta Drives are important, the best way to recruit a new brother knight is by personal invitation. The day after the convention, I was covering the music at St. Vincent de Paul. After the 9:15 AM Mass, I spoke with a young man on the way to his car. Honestly, I had almost driven away without asking him, but I got out of my Jeep anyway. I told him my 'Cliff Notes story' of how I joined and gave him one of the new QR Code business cards. Lo and behold, the next morning I received an email from Supreme that he signed up! Remember this: the people we don't ask will never become Knights of Columbus!

On Sunday, May 19th at OLC, we'll hold our donations event after the 11 AM Mass. This is where we make formal donations to various charities. It will be followed by a brunch collation this year, so please plan to join us for the Mass, awards, food, and fellowship.

Two final items – a) watch your inbox for our next Exemplification. It is really important to attend these ceremonies and welcome new brothers into our Council. Attendance at recent Exemplifications has been somewhat disappointing - I know we can do better! The new ceremony is only 30 minutes long, so please do everything you can to make it.

Item number 'b': Mark Paul intends to be at our meeting on May 13, and he'll speak to us about recruitment. Also, as State Warden Elect, Brother Mark will someday become State Deputy, so this is a great chance to meet him, offer our congratulations and support, and learn some recruiting tips. And don't forget – we have food after the meetings! Hope to see you all there!

Vivat Jesus!

## Upcoming Events

### KANDI Drive

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

Place: Saints John and Paul  
Date: Weekend of 5/18-19/2024  
Time: After All Masses

### Donation Event

Place: Our Lady of Czenstochowa  
Date: Sunday, 5/19/2024  
Time: Noon

### KANDI Drive

Place: Our Lady of Czenstochowa/St. Vincent de Paul  
Date: Weekend of 5/25-26/2024  
Time: After All Masses

### June Officers Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room  
Date: Wednesday, 6/5/2024  
Time: 7:00 PM

### June Membership Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room  
Date: Monday, 6/10/2024  
Time: 7:30 PM

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MEETING PLACE:

OUR LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA MEETING ROOM  
445 WASHINGTON STREET, COVENTRY



# Chaplain's Message

FATHER PAUL LEMOI

We are in the month of May, the month of Mary. Many parishes will be having special devotions to our Blessed Lady. Please try to attend as a family. Also, we will be celebrating the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord on May 9th. Remember, we are still in the Easter Season until the Feast of Pentecost on May 19th. From the Feast of the Ascension, try to have your prayers focused on the Holy Spirit and recognize the gifts that you are receiving each day. Also, in the middle of these feasts is Mother's Day on May 12th. May we honor our mothers and remember our mothers who have passed. A mother's love is forever. Continue to pray the rosary daily during this month dedicated to Mary. Continue to pray for vocations and for peace in our world.

## The Ascension of Our Lord

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024



## Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI

May 2024 Challenge

**"Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are."** (Gospel for May 12, Jn 17:11b)

Jesus desires that his disciples be united in his name: one body, one faith, one church. It is vital for our own families to remain united in faith. It is not easy to raise and form children in the Catholic faith in today's confused culture. But as Holy Cross Father Patrick Peyton, the "rosary priest," said, "The family that prays together stays together." Let us keep our family united by staying united to Christ in prayer.

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

This month — the month of Mary — I challenge you to pray the rosary daily with your entire household, offering at least one decade for the unity of your family and the Church.

### Questions for Reflection:

Do you pray regularly with your family beyond grace at meals or attending Mass? In what ways might praying together increase your family's unity? What are some simple, specific ways you could practice family prayer in your home?

# Prayer Intentions

- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- Bishop Henning
- The Priests and Deacons of the parishes we serve
- All Bishops and Priests
- 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
- Tim Dwyer
- 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







## May Birthdays

John Izzo (89)	May 1
Matthew McGuire (52)	May 3
James Hall (63)	May 6
Thomas Noel (84)	May 7
Deacon Walter Foster (79)	May 9
Gilbert Fernands (42)	May 12
Charles Tamuleviz (67)	May 14
Michael Kiley (67)	May 15
Austin Kairnes (54)	May 16
John Pedro III (48)	May 16
Edgar Brouillard (92)	May 19
John Ball (92)	May 23
Matthew Parent (31)	May 23
Nicholas Parent (31)	May 23
Devin Favino (23)	May 25
Johann Donall (35)	May 27
Ron Delalla (78)	May 30

## 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).

## Faith in Action



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BILL JAKABEK,  
FAMILY DIRECTOR



**April Knight Out.** What a great turnout for our Knight Out for April which was held at the Olde Theatre Diner on Tuesday, April 30! Great friends, great conversation, great food! Yeah, it took a while for the food to come out, but that just made the conversation and anticipation all that much better. Looking forward to May's Knight Out!

JOHN MURRAY,  
FAITH ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR



**KANDI Drive.** The following dates are firmed up 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 May Membership Meeting on May 13.

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



# THIS 'N' THAT



## Enders Island Retreat

APRIL 19-20, 2024

SPONSORED BY POPE PIUS XII COUNCIL 5295  
Attended by Membership Director Brian Lawlor and Faith Director John Murray

## Holy Family Retreat

MARCH 15, 2024  
RI STATE COUNCIL MEMBERS

L-R: State Faith Director Ed Misiolek, State Life Director Paul Gebhart, Immediate Past State Deputy David Quinn, Grand Knight-Elect SS John and James Council Rich Waddington, Blessing Council Membership Director Brian Lawlor



## RI State Convention

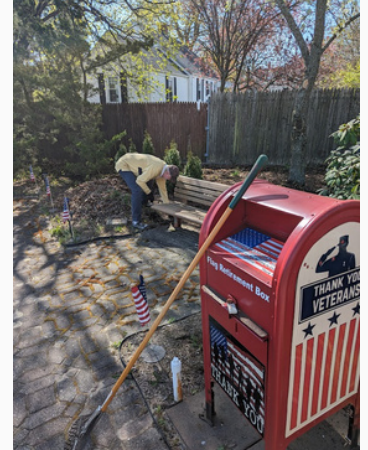
APRIL 26, 2024

Blessing Council Delegates were Grand Knight Brian Mattias and Membership Director Brian Lawlor



# Veterans Park Cleanup

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024



Continuing the tradition of honoring our veterans, Blessing Council conducted our initial cleanup of the Veterans Park at the corner of Tiogue Ave and Arnold Road this morning. With another clean up next month, the park will be in ship shape condition for Memorial Day weekend! Thanks to Brother Knights John Pizzo, Jarek Lewkowski, David Simonelli, Bill Jakabek, Johann Donall, Richard Legault and Neil Fidler for making this happen!





# An Invitation



You are cordially invited to our  
**Blessing Council Donation Event**

When: Sunday, May 19, 2024, at Noon

Where: Our Lady of Czenstochowa Church |  
445 Washington Street, Coventry

The Monsignor Peter E. Blessing Council #5273 Knights of Columbus will be hosting our Donation Event at Our Lady of Czenstochowa Church. Come and join us for our presentations of donations to our worthy donation recipients!

A light 'continental-style' brunch will be served.

Please R.S.V.P. with number of people attending by May 11, 2024 –  
Neil Fidler 401-632-7922 or email [Narragansett55@gmail.com](mailto:Narragansett55@gmail.com)