

# THE BLESSING WORD



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



## Grand Knight's Corner

**BRIAN MATTIAS, GRAND KNIGHT**

My Dear Brothers!

I simply cannot believe how fast the past two years serving as Grand Knight have passed. Arriving at the end of my term is unsurprisingly bittersweet. While a lighter load is most welcome, I'll definitely miss representing the fine men of Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council. In the past two years, we have prayed together, worked & sweat together, and we have certainly laughed & mourned together. I'm sure that all of that will continue under the leadership of our incoming GK Bill Jakabek. Brothers - we are in good hands!

I am eternally grateful for the work of my fellow officers and ALL brother knights over the past two years. In my first GK Corner, I said that I would "endeavor to spend my term attempting to be worthy of the title 'Worthy'..." Hopefully in the eyes of my brothers, I was successful in this regard.

As in any family, there have been bumps in the road with differences in opinions and personalities. Going forward, I humbly ask that we remember to speak with kindness towards each other. Conversely, if someone says something that you might consider hurtful, please remember the Lord's Prayer that we say at each meeting and forgive as we have been forgiven. I consider the brothers of Blessing Council to be all-around good men who love God and are trying to grow together in faith and fraternity. My friend Chesterton said, "Angels fly because they take themselves lightly." While his quote is entertaining, I believe that the lighter we take ourselves, the closer we'll grow as brothers and the closer we'll get to our beloved Creator.

Thank you all for your patience, love and support. It has truly been an honor to be your Grand Knight. I will continue to pray for you. Please pray for me and my family.

God Bless – Vivat Jesus!!

## Upcoming Events

### June Officers Meeting

Place: Anthony PNA  
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

### Delta Membership Drive

Place: Saints John and Paul  
Date: Weekend of 6/15-16/2024  
Time: All Masses

### Information Night

Place: Saints John and Paul  
Date: Tuesday, 6/18/2024  
Time: 7:00 PM

### Knight Out

Place: Our Lady of Czenstochowa School Gym  
Date: Saturday, 6/22/2024  
Time: 7:00 PM

### July Officers Meeting

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

### July Membership Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room  
Date: Monday, 7/8/2024  
Time: 7:30 PM

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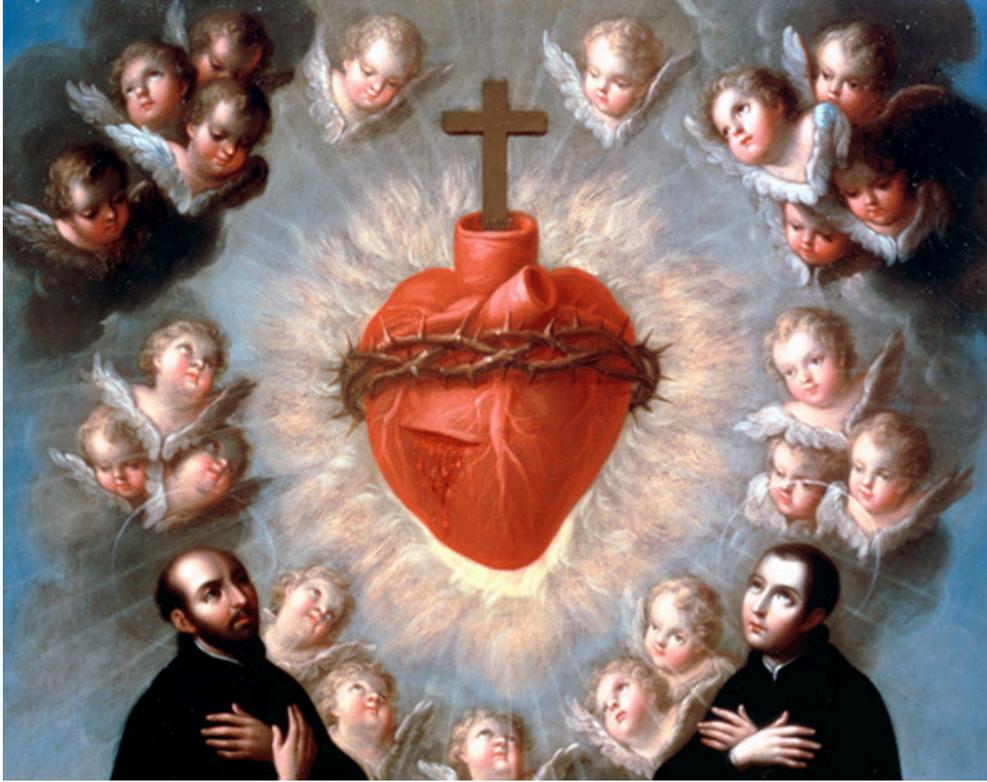
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445 WASHINGTON STREET, COVENTRY



# Chaplain's Message

FATHER PAUL LEMOI

No report this month



# Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI

June 2024 Challenge

**He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!"** (Gospel for June 30, Mk 5:41)  
Jesus restores the young girl to life by his word and touch. He restores us to life through the sacraments, particularly the sacrament of penance, with the words of absolution pronounced by his priest. We too can improve the lives of those in need around us, extending to them Christ's love through our own words and works of charity.

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

This month, I challenge you to find one way each day — even a small way — to concretely share Christ's love with those you meet.

**Questions for Reflection:**

Do you recognize that your charitable works are an extension of Christ's mission of healing and compassion on earth? How does that awareness affect the work that you do? How might you recognize little opportunities to be a "Christ for others" to people you encounter each day?



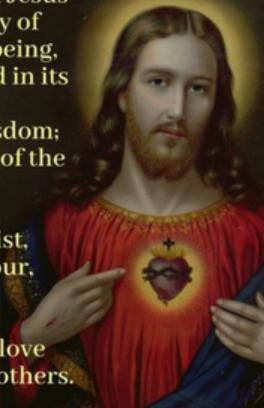
# Prayer Intentions

- 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 Mark Giolitti (recently deceased)
- 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
- 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
- Arline Lemek (recently deceased)
- Matthew Mahar
- Richard and daughter (Just Prayers)
- Jovantey (Just Prayers)
- All US military personnel active and former
- The Unborn

# Month of the Sacred Heart

The term "Sacred Heart of Jesus" denotes the entire mystery of Christ, the totality of his being, and his person considered in its most intimate essential: Son of God, uncreated wisdom; infinite charity, principal of the salvation & sanctification of mankind.

The "Sacred Heart" is Christ, the Word Incarnate, Saviour, intrinsically containing, in the Spirit, an infinite divine-human love for the Father & for his brothers.





## June Birthdays

Father Christopher Mahar (54)	June 2
Michael Emmett (70)	June 6
Ryan Switzer (51)	June 8
Roger Cyr (76)	June 13
James Kiley, Jr. (71)	June 13
Peter Blais (66)	June 15
Dennis Belanger, Jr. (36)	June 15
Stanley Jendzejec (90)	June 16
Geoffrey Aptt, Esq. (40)	June 16
Edward Rice III (44)	June 17
Cornelius Fitton, Jr. (81)	June 24
Vincent Rinaldi (93)	June 28

## Brother Mark Giolitti (1961-2024)



Brother Mark Anthony Giolitti passed away unexpectedly on May 16, 2024. Brother Mark was a Fourth-Degree Sir Knight having joined the order and our council on November 25, 2013. He was part of the initial infusion of Brother Knights from Our Lady of Good Counsel parish whom we have been blessed to have. Brother Mark served our council as Chancellor for three terms. Brother Mark was also a member of the Father Wallace Assembly having gone through the Patriotic Degree exemplification on June 14, 2015. As those of you who have attended our fundraising events know, Brother Mark was an outstanding chef having attained his culinary degree at the Rhode Island School of Design. His considerable contributions, ideas, insight, knowledge and presence will most certainly be missed. 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.

## Faith in Action



**Congratulations Blessing Council!** For the 13th consecutive fraternal year, Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council has attained the Columbian Award. All requirements in the Faith in Action program have been achieved, and the forms have been sent in. This is our first step in attaining Star Council for the 2023-24 Fraternal Year. Let's wrap up the Founders and McGivney Awards for Star Council!

## 2024 KANDI/Tootsie Roll Drive



**KANDI Drive.** Congratulations to KANDI Drive Chairman John Murray and all the Brother Knights who assisted during our 2024 drive. The grand total of donations over the course of three weekends at the four churches we support is \$3,040! Outstanding! Of course, this is in large part to the enormous generosity of the parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Saints John and Paul, Our Lady of Czenstochowa and St. Vincent de Paul!



## Membership Report

BRIAN LAWLOR, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

We have added three new members to our council in May bringing our total of seven new members for the current Fraternal year. Our goal is to add at least eight members before July 1. We will be conducting a Delta Membership Drive at SS John and Paul Church on Fathers Day weekend, June 15-16, during all Masses. As a follow up our council will host an Information Night at SS John and Paul Parish Center on Tuesday, June 18, at 7 PM, for men ages 18 and older, and their families, who are interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus and, in particular, Blessing Council. Please join us to meet potential new members. Also, please bring an interested Catholic man, and, if possible, his family to this event!!

## Welcome New Brother Knights!



On Monday, May 20, our council hosted an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity at St. Vincent de Paul Church and welcomed new Brother Knights Joseph Petraitis and Daniel Tolentino to our council. The honoree for the ceremony was our recently departed Brother Knight, Mark Giolitti.

## Men of St. Joseph



The Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council has launched Cor initiative. The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council promotes Cor "to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity".

To that end, our council is partnering with the Men of St. Joseph International (MOSJI). Brother Knight, Lucien Laporte, spearheads this group of men whose charism is prayer and reflection on scripture. Several members of the Blessing Council are Men of St. Joseph, too. The local MOSJ meet the fourth Thursday of the month at the SS John and Paul Rectory Chapel at 6:30 PM. We commence with adoration and prayer and attendees' intentions. We then convene to a meeting room to discuss the scriptural topic for the evening. Notification reminders will be in the Church bulletins the Sunday before the gathering.

For more information contact Lucien Laporte at 401-447-9399 or LU1953oc@yahoo.com. Or better still, attend the next meeting.

## Donation Event

Our council did things a little different this year. Instead of an Awards and Donation Banquet, we held a Donation Event with Brunch at Our Lady of Czenstochowa Church on Sunday, May 19, where we presented our checks to our worthy recipients and enjoyed a nice brunch afterwards. Photos of the event are on Page 5 of this newsletter. Our recipients were:

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| Steven Diel (Seminarian)     | Priest Retirement Fund    |
| Nathan Ledoux (Seminarian)   | Keep the Heat On          |
| Malone/Ogrodnik Scholarships | SSJP Our Daily Bread      |
| St. Vincent de Paul Society  | Coventry Food Bank        |
| Our Lady of Czenstochowa     | Chesterton Academy        |
| St. Vincent de Paul Church   | FSSP St. Mary's Church    |
| Our Lady of Good Counsel     | Meeting Street            |
| Saints John and Paul         | CHS Transition to Success |
| St. Gabriel's Call           | West Bay RI               |

Funded by the dividends from our Vanguard Wellington Fund, Raffle Ticket sales, KANDI Drive and donation from Ms. Cam Malone-Allen, we donated a total of \$10,600! Well done, Brothers!

# Donation Event

OUR LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA CHURCH  
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024



More photos on our website at [coventryknights.org/activities.htm](http://coventryknights.org/activities.htm).