

THE BLESSING WORD



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



Grand Knight's Corner

WILLIAM JAKABEK, GRAND KNIGHT

Hello Brothers All!

I can hardly believe that August is over and September is upon us. This Summer has been quite busy for me, and I imagine it has been for all of you as well. A delightful Labor Day weekend was celebrated throughout America. Vacations have come and gone, we have returned to our jobs, and children and grandchildren are back in school and college. We are all eagerly anticipating the Fall season and the beauty, enjoyment, and excitement it promises to bring.

OA heartfelt "Shout Out" goes to Jerry McEvoy, our current Life Director!!! Brother Jerry, alongside Program Director Paul Lemek, organized a successful donation drive for the Mother of Life Pregnancy Center. He gathered a collection of essential baby items, particularly baby diapers and wipes, and delivered everything to the center during their recent annual open house. Other upcoming events happening in September:

- The September Membership Meeting will take place on Monday, September 8, 2025, at the old OLC School in Classroom #3. We will kick off with a pre-meeting collation at 6:30 PM, followed by the membership meeting starting right at 7:00 PM. We encourage you to attend, if possible, as the involvement of all members is crucial for the ongoing success of our council.
- The Fr. John V. Doyle School Fall Festival and 5K Race is scheduled to occur on the school grounds on Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This exciting new event at FJVD School will take the place of the car show that we held in previous years. As usual, we will have a booth where we will be offering hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage with peppers and onions, chips, water, and a variety of sodas. In keeping with tradition, all net proceeds will be donated to the school. Additionally, we have received permission to provide new membership literature at our booth. We would greatly appreciate your help at either of these booths. It's a lot of fun, and I definitely plan to join in!
- The Men of St. Joseph COR Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2025, beginning at 6:30 PM in the SSJP Rectory Chapel and Conference Room. We encourage you to think about attending, as this is an important part of our council's COR Initiative.
- Approximately three years ago, our Council chose to participate in the Men of Saint Joseph (MOSJ) group as our Council's featured COR Program. We invite all members to participate in this very special spiritual group of men who meet the last Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM in the Saints John and Paul Rectory Chapel/Conference Room.

Lastly, September invites Catholics to turn their hearts and minds towards the seven sorrows that marked the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. List of the Seven Sorrows:

1. Mary hears Simeon's prophecy that a sword will pierce her soul.
2. Mary and Joseph flee to Egypt to protect Jesus from King Herod's massacre.
3. Mary and Joseph search for three days before finding Jesus in the Temple.
4. Mary encounters Jesus as He carries His cross to Golgotha.
5. Mary witnesses the Crucifixion and death of Jesus.
6. Mary watches the Body of Jesus being taken down from the Cross.
7. Mary observes the burial of Jesus in the tomb.

Vivat Jesus!
William Jakabek – Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

September Officers Meeting

Place: OLC School Classroom 3
Date: Wednesday, 9/3/2025
Time: 7:00 PM

September Membership Meeting

Place: OLC School Classroom 3
Date: Monday, 9/8/2025
Time: 7:00 PM with collation at 6:30 PM

FJVD School Fall Festival

Place: Fr. John V. Doyle School
Date: Saturday, 9/20/2025
Time: 10:00 AM

Silver Rose Prayer Service

Place: SS John and James Church
Date: Wednesday, 10/1/2025
Time: 10:00 PM

October Officers Meeting

Place: OLC School Classroom 3
Date: Wednesday, 10/8/2025
Time: 7:00 PM

October Membership Meeting

Place: OLC School Classroom 3
Date: Monday, 10/13/2025
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

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.



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 Henry Giolitti (recently deceased)
Brother Louis Pinga
Lucille Ferrer
Roberta Lemek
Mary Deary
Shirley Laiter
Sue Rossetti
Doris Legault
Mary Lawlor
Michel Brouillard
Eric Thatcher
Charles Gemmell
John Dolan
Joe McCarthy
Matthew Mahar
Robert Firth
Nancy Whitaker
Ellen Deck
Julia Sottnik
Karen Clark
Jessica Maynard
Anita Laporte
Diane Cayouette
April Moreno
Richard and daughter (Just Prayers)
Jovantey (Just Prayers)
All US military personnel active and former
The Unborn

Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI

September 2025 Challenge



"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." (Gospel for Sept. 7, Lk 14:27)

Suffering is an inescapable part of human life, a consequence of the fall. When we deal with our suffering in a virtuous way, we unite ourselves to the cross of Christ. In fact, Jesus tells us that taking up our cross is an essential condition for being his disciple. The wonderful thing is that God will supply whatever grace and strength we need to carry our cross, if only we ask for it in faith. May we always carry our cross daily with courage as faithful followers of Christ.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, as we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on Sept. 14, I challenge you to undertake some sacrifice or mortification — such as abstaining from meat one or two days a week — to strengthen your willingness to carry your cross daily.

Questions for Reflection:

What are the crosses you must carry in your life? Which do you struggle with the most? Do you faithfully and regularly seek strength from Christ in carrying your cross in prayer and the sacraments?



September Birthdays

Joseph Petraitis (79)	September 2
David Thatcher (69)	September 4
John Murray (74)	September 7
Gerard Legault (95)	September 10
John deBont (54)	September 10
George McLaughlin (77)	September 14
Timothy Maynard (65)	September 17
Fr. Brendan Rowley (41)	September 20
Bryan Legault (32)	September 21
Hugh Fitzpatrick (89)	September 25

Breakfast Reunion

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of Our Lady of Good Counsel

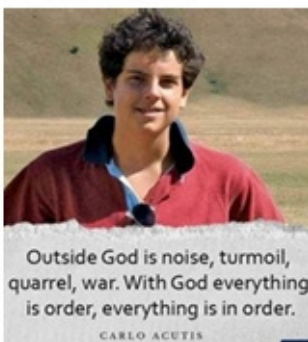
Sunday, September 28th, 2025 at 10am

At the Cranston Country Club

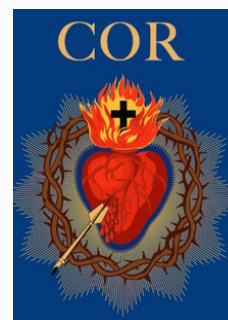
For more information call Susan Cinieri 338-7742
or Margie Fallow 828-7625

The Church has two new Saints!

Pope Leo XIV canonized Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati as saints on September 7, 2025. Acutis, a 15-year-old computer genius, is the first millennial saint, while Frassati, a young Italian student, is known for his charity and service to the poor. Both saints were recognized for their dedication to God and their lives dedicated to spreading the faith. Their canonization serves as an inspiration to young people and a reminder of the importance of living a life directed towards God.



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 has all-day Adoration every Thursday. Adoration will be held in the SSJP Rectory Chapel, not 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

Blessed Michael McGivney Novena

A big thanks to all Brother Knights and their family members who took part in the Blessed Michael McGivney Novena which took place from August 5 to Blessed Michael McGivney's Feast Day on August 13. There were 11 participants in the Novena.

LIFE

Mother of Life Center Open House/ Baby Items Collection



As you can see by the photo above, our Life Activities Committee, as well as other councils and assemblies in the jurisdiction of Rhode Island, was wildly successful in collecting baby items such as diapers, wipes, bottles, powder, etc. for donation to the Mother of Life Center in conjunction with their Open House on Saturday, August 16. A HUGE WELL DONE to Life Director Jerry McEvoy and Program Director Paul Lemek who supervised the collection and delivered the items to the Mother of Life Center. Your generosity will most definitely be greatly appreciated!

COMMUNITY

FJVD School Fall Festival



Our council will be supporting the first annual Father John V. Doyle School Fall Festival on Saturday, September 20. This will take the place of the annual car show which we had been supporting. As the Worthy GK mentioned in his corner, our council will be running the refreshments booth and will also have a membership booth for potential candidates! Brothers, we need all the help we can get, so if you're able to help us, please contact Brother John Pizzo at 401-623-1793 or columbusknight1@gmail.com. Thank you!

FAMILY

"Knight Out"

The Family Activities Committee plans on resuming our monthly "Knight Out" where Brother Knights and families are invited to dine out at a local restaurant to enjoy great food and conversation! Be on the lookout for an email with the next "Knight Out" soon! Also, if you have an idea on where we can dine, please contact Worthy Grand Knight and Family Director Bill Jakabek at 401-269-9811 or biljak53@gmail.com.

Also, we are in the planning stages for the Mark and Henry Giolitti Memorial Italian Knight. We are targeting Saturday, November 22, at the OLC School Gymnasium for the event. We could use all the help we can get, so please consider helping us with this most important event honoring two of our most beloved fallen brothers.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT OUR CHURCHES

Saints John and Paul

Father Doyle School

SEP 20, 10 AM - 4:00PM

Fall Festival

Sep 20 10 AM - 4:00 PM

**Father John V. Doyle School Presents:
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- Live Music
- Kids' Games & Face Painting
- Petting Zoo
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- Discounted food pre-order
- 5k Road Race registration
- Additional event information

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



A mailing will be sent to all parishioners at the beginning of September with Raffle Tickets, a request for sponsors, order forms for pork pies and meatballs, etc.

The box in the vestibule of the church will be only for donations to be used for the bazaar starting September 1, 2025.

Items we can use at this time are:

- Handmade items for our craft booth
- Bottles of wine for our Pop-A-Cork booth
- Theme baskets for our Basket Raffle booth or items to be used to make up baskets - See notice on bulletin board for ideas.
- Large baskets to make up basket
- Items for Grandma's attic
- Nonperishable items for Grocery Bingo
- Gift cards for Quickie Raffles.

Items should be left at the rectory during normal business hours from 9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. Monday thru Friday

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

Our Lady of Czenstochowa

Our Holiday Bazaar will take place on Sunday, October 26 from 9am - 3pm

We will begin cooking Polish Food this week on September 17, 18, 19 & 20 and again on October 1, 2, 3 & 4. On Wednesday we will need help starting at 8am, and also in the evening from 6pm-8pm. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday everyone is welcome to help starting at 8am. Apple Pies will be made on Saturday, October 18 starting at 8am. Volunteers are needed whether you can give us an hour or a few hours of your time. Our delicious food is a key part of our bazaar's success so please try and lend a hand. *No experience necessary!*

We are looking for NEW gift items to be used at our popular "Mystery Gift" booth and for our special raffle tables. We also need baskets, decorative boxes or any other containers that can be used to create our prizes. We will gladly accept gift certificates, lottery tickets or cash donations to help defray expenses - please clearly mark your donation envelope "**OLC Bazaar Donation**" and drop it into the collection basket at any time.

As a reminder, next weekend is the first of our themed donation weekends. On September 20 & 21 we will be collecting Toy Donations which are to be placed in the Bazaar Donations box located in the church narthex.



We also have our Theme Basket Sheets located on the board in the narthex to assist you in choosing your donations. Simply tear off the strip(s) with the item(s) you would like to purchase and place them in the Donations Box located in the church narthex. As always, donations can be brought to the Parish House Monday-Friday 9am to 2pm.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

For any questions about this year's bazaar please contact Diane Cayouette @ 401-821-4096 or 401-523-2349.

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