

THE BLESSING WORD



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



Grand Knight's Corner

WILLIAM JAKABEK, GRAND KNIGHT

Hello Brothers All!

October has arrived, and it truly is a delightful month. It is the season for Fall Festivals, Halloween, apple cider, and pumpkins. We are eagerly anticipating autumn and all the beauty, joy, and excitement it promises to bring.



As always, our council is quite busy during this time. Special committees are actively meeting to examine our council by-laws, refine our budget template, and assess our investment accounts to guarantee the council's continued financial success and charitable contributions. Committees will present formally to the council and will request approvals. Additional information will be provided in the coming days, weeks, and months.

Upcoming October events and activities:

- Note: The October Membership Meeting will take place on Monday, October 20. (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 the Membership Meeting will start promptly at 7 PM. If you are able, please seriously consider attending as participation by all Brother Knights is essential for our council's continued success.
- Our council is joining Saints John and James Council to celebrate this year's Silver Rose Presentation on Wednesday, October 1, at 7 PM at Saints John and James Church in West Warwick.
- Men of St. Joseph COR Meeting will take place on Thursday, October 30, at SSJP Rectory Chapel/Conference Room starting at 6:30 PM. Please consider attending as this is a major K of C COR initiative.
- To show how much we appreciate our priests, the RI State K of C will be holding a "Clergy Night" dinner on Wednesday, October 22. As Grand Knight, I will be attending, along with FS Neil Fidler. We are reaching out to the priests of our parishes and hope they accept our cost-free invitation to attend.
- We are planning a "Knight Out" on October 6 - 6:30 PM at Bill's Place in West Warwick. Check your email for details! Join us for comradery, fun, and GREAT FOOD!!!
- Our Funny4Funds Comedy Night event will be held in January 2026. This is a major community program fundraiser, led by Community Director John Pizzo, which funds our Coats for Kids program which provides warm winter coats for families in need in our community. As usual, we will need a lot of help in the planning, shopping, and set-up aspects of this event. More info will be provided in the weeks to come, and participation sign-up sheets will be available at our October Membership Meeting.

Lastly, in the Catholic Church, October is recognized as the Month of the Holy Rosary, recognizing the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7. This feast day honors a significant naval victory in 1571, which was believed to be the result of prayers for the Rosary that thwarted an Islamic invasion of Europe. Please consider praying the Rosary on a daily basis.

Vivat Jesus!
William Jakabek – Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

Silver Rose Prayer Service

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

October "Knight" Out

Place: Bill's Place, West Warwick
Date: Monday, 10/6/2025
Time: 6:30 PM

October Officers Meeting

Place: St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall
Date: Wednesday, 10/15/2025
Time: 7:00 PM

October Membership Meeting

Place: Our Lady of Czenstochowa School Room 3
Date: Monday, 10/20/2025
Time: 7:00 PM with collation at 6:30 PM

November Officers Meeting

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

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

Giolitti Brothers Memorial Italian "Knight"

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



OCTOBER

Month of the Holy Rosary

Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI



October 2025 Challenge

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'" (Gospel for Oct. 26, Lk 18:13)

The parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector relates back to our August monthly challenge about humility. The Pharisee exalts himself before God, extolling his superiority and keeping of the law. Meanwhile, the tax collector prays with humility, seeking mercy for his sins. Our culture stresses the importance of "self-esteem," but we must also remember that all of us are sinners in need of God's mercy. We should never approach God in a spirit of pride, but always humbly on our knees — confident of his loving mercy.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, the month dedicated to the holy rosary, I challenge you to pray five decades of the rosary daily, asking God for humility and mercy.

Questions for Reflection:

Have there been times in your life when you pridefully compared yourself to others, like the Pharisee in this parable? Do you perform a regular and careful examination of conscience so as to remain humbly aware of your sinfulness? What other steps can you take to become more like the tax collector in this parable?



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



October Birthdays

Arthur Lebrun (86)	October 3
Bernard George (83)	October 3
David Tremblay (63)	October 3
Joseph Jarvis Jr (70)	October 6
Matthew Duska (61)	October 7
Robert Brodeur Jr (56)	October 7
James Kmon (42)	October 7
Donald Oat (76)	October 15
Lucien Laporte (72)	October 20
Fr. Jacek Ploch (44)	October 22
Alan Giroux (76)	October 23
Fr. Michael Woolley (58)	October 24
Donat Lamoureux (89)	October 27
Fr. Patrick Ryan (31)	October 27

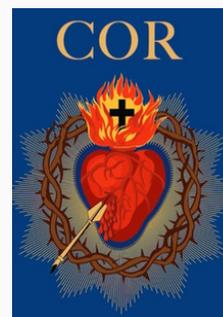
Farewell Brother Knights

ROGER CYR 1948-2025
JOHN CRISCIONE 1927-2025



In September, we bid farewell to two long-serving Brother Knights, Roger Cyr and John Criscione who went to their final reward. Brother Roger joined us in 1971 and Brother John in 1965. Both were US Army veterans with Brother Roger serving during the Vietnam War and Brother John during the Korean War. Brother John also served in the US Merchant Marines during World War II and he is our last surviving veteran from that war. Please pray for the repose of their souls and for their families.

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



COMMUNITY



FAMILY



LIFE

COMMUNITY Cow Chip Bingo

The Community Activities Committee will once again be supporting the Saints John and Paul Snowflake Bazaar by setting up the Cow Chip Bingo field. This is no small feat. Worthy Chancellor and Community Director John Pizzo does a fantastic job coordinating this event so much so that he won the Cow Chip Bingo event last year! Thanks to all Brother Knights who will help in this endeavor

LIFE Silver Rose Prayer Service



On October 1st, 2025, St John and James Council #7238 in collaboration with Blessing Council #5273 hosted a Silver Rose Prayer Service at St John and James Church.

In 1960 a group of men from the Knights of Columbus Council #2312, in Monterrey, Mexico, came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico.

Today, eight roses run along different North American routes that include Canada, every US State, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia and Mexico. This tradition spreads devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and embodies international brotherhood as jointly nurtured across the continent. Through the Silver Rose Program we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe and express the unity of the Knights of Columbus, but we also reaffirm our dedication to the sanctity of human life, "One Life, One Rose".

FAITH

Congratulations Father Paul!



Our Worthy Chaplain Father Paul Lemoi celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination. What an accomplishment! Congratulations Worthy Chaplain Father Paul, and our most sincere thanks for everything you've done for our council.

FAMILY "Knight Out"



October's Knight Out will be at Bill's Place, 707 Main Street in West Warwick on Monday, October 6 at 6:30 PM. 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.

FATHER JOHN V. DOYLE SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 13, 2025

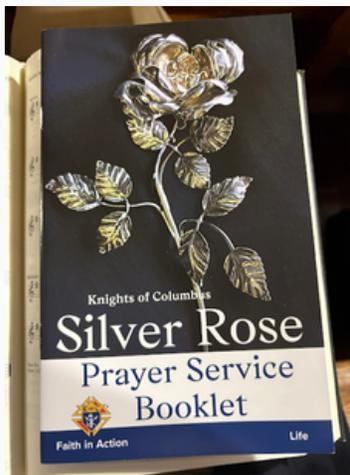
Under the supervision of Worthy Chancellor and Community Director John Pizzo, Blessing Council run the refreshments stand for the first annual Father John V. Doyle School Fall Festival. Thanks to all Brother Knights who participated! More photos from the Fall Festival are on our activities page at our council website coventryknights.org.



SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

For this year's Silver Rose Prayer Service, Blessing Council partnered with our brother council SS John and James to participate in the Silver Rose Prayer Service held at SS John and James Church in West Warwick. Father Nicholas Fleming led the service and was accompanied by Patriotic Degree Sir Knights from the Father Wallace Assembly.





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Italian "Knight"



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Saturday, November 22, 2025

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WHAT'S GOING ON AT OUR CHURCHES

St. Vincent de Paul

Harvest Bazaar Update!

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



Items we can use at this time are:

Two items we are in most need of at this time are: Nonperishable items for Grocery Bingo and bottles of wine for Pop-A-Cork.

Oter items we are also collecting are as follows:

- Gift cards for Quickie Raffles.
- Jewelry for our Jewelry table.
- Handmade items for our craft booth
- Theme baskets for our Basket Raffle booth or items to be used to make up baskets - See notice on bulletin board for ideas.
- Items for Grandma's attic

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

We will be putting the pork pies together on Sunday Oct. 12th at 2:30 until we are finished. Anyone who would like to help is welcome. Meatballs will be prepared on Sunday Oct. 19th. For questions, call Madeleine at 821-0475 if you would like to help.

Our Lady of Czenstochowa

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

Our last day for food preparation will be this **Saturday, October 18** starting at 8:00 am, when we will be making our popular and delicious **Apple Pies**. Please come join us!

We would like to thank everyone who so kindly donated toys, cookies and gift certificates during the past three Donation Weekends at the church. We are truly thankful for the generosity shown by our fellow parishioners and friends.



We are still in need of toys for our Children's Booth and cookies/snacks for our Bingo Table. If you haven't had a chance to drop off your donation please do so in the next week. Every item you can donate makes a difference!

The Bazaar is only two weeks away and we are still welcoming any type of new gift items for our raffle tables. Our Theme Sheets will be available as long as items are needed. Donations can be brought to the Parish House Monday-Friday 9 AM to 2 PM or placed in the Bazaar Donations box in the church narthex. Cash donations or gift certificates can be placed in the weekly collection basket - please place them in an envelope clearly marked OLC Bazaar Donation.

This parish event is an important fundraiser and we appreciate any help you can provide.

Saints John and Paul

SSJP Snowflake Bazaar

Saturday, October 18, 2025

9:00AM-4:00PM

Sunday, October 19, 2025

8:00AM-1:00PM

Gift Card Bingo is looking for \$10, \$20, and \$25 gift cards to various stores and restaurants. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Holiday Cheer is looking for 100 bottles of wine. Any donations may be dropped off at the church or rectory.

If you have taken any tags from the Wish Boards, now is the time to bring the items you bought to the church or the rectory. Again, thank you for your generosity!



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