



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

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First Penance and First Eucharist are celebrated in Grade 2, providing the child has previously completed the Grade 1 program.

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Session II: TBA

Session III: TBA

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### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday evening Mass: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.

### DAILY MASSES

in the Rectory Chapel (except Holy Days and during Lent)  
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 4:00-4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

2nd Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Church, by appointment only. **Instructions** are held every month on Thursday evenings. Dates will be given when registering. Sponsor certificates are required for godparents. Please call the rectory to register.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

We would like to help engaged couples to prepare for their Marriage well in advance. Please call the rectory to make an appointment at least six months before the proposed date.

### MINISTRY TO THE SICK:

Please notify the rectory of hospitalization or serious illness, or of someone who is unable to get to church but would like to receive Communion.

### PARISH REGISTRATION:

New Families (**including newly married**) should register by calling the rectory. **Also, please notify us of any change of address.**

### SPONSORSHIP:

**Certificates of sponsorship for godparents and confirmation sponsors** are required by most parishes. These will be issued only to those who are confirmed Catholics, registered in the parish, weekly participants at Mass, validly married in the Church (if applicable) and providing for the religious education of their own children (if applicable).



WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

Saturday	January 1	5:00 PM	M. Blanche Riley / 5th Anniversary / Family
Sunday	January 2	7:30 AM	Emedio DiMartino & Josephine Evendiddi / In Loving Memory / Family
		9:30 AM	William C. Derocher / Birthday Remembrance / Wife & Family
		11:30 AM	For Our Parish Priests / Parishioner
Monday	January 3	9:00 AM	Larry Fecteau / 2nd Anniversary / Wife
Tuesday	January 4	9:00 AM	Eilene Ball / In Loving Memory / Daughters of Isabella
Wednesday	January 5	9:00 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Thursday	January 6	9:00 AM	Michael Gauvin / Birthday Remembrance / Father
Friday	January 7	9:00 AM	Lawrence Campion / In Loving Memory / Family
Saturday	January 8	5:00 PM	Faust Ritarossi / 1st Anniversary / Wife & Family
Sunday	January 9	7:30 AM	Alfred Gaulien / 13th Anniversary / Daughter Patty
		9:30 AM	Claire Kortick / In Loving Memory / Carol & Alice
		11:30 AM	Elizabeth Darling / In Loving Memory / Donald & Judy Jones

*Adoration every Thursday from 9:30AM to 3:00PM in the Chapel.*



For the week of January 2, 2022  
the Altar Candles burn  
In Loving Memory of  
**Joseph Mello**  
Birthday Remembrance



For the week of January 2, 2022  
the Sanctuary Lamps burn  
In Loving Memory of  
**Marie Hartnett**

**The Catholic Church: A History**

DVD Series, continues every Sunday after the 9:30AM Mass in the Classroom next to the Parish Hall.

*“And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”*

Matthew 16:18



We need your help! We are currently in need of more people to host after the 7:30 and 9:30AM Masses. If you are interested, please call the office 821-5764.



***There will be no coffee an' this Sunday, January 2nd. Coffee hours will resume Sunday, January 9th after the 7:30 and 9:30AM Masses.***

Join us after the 7:30 and 9:30AM Sunday Masses for coffee an'

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Our next meeting will be held this Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM in the parish center. If you knit or crochet and would like to be part of our wonderful ministry, call Betty (822-1596) or Linda (822-2124).





### Coventry Food Bank

The food bank currently needs *peanut butter, canned milk, and deodorant*. Please place your donations in the containers located at the doors of the Church.



Our next class will be Monday, January 3rd, from 7:00-8:30PM in the Parish Center. The topic is the Liturgical Year..

Contact Sherry Del Deo at (401) 545-0912 or [sherrydeldeo@cox.net](mailto:sherrydeldeo@cox.net) with any questions.



### SVdP – COVENTRY NEWS

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 3, at 6:30 p.m. in OLC's gym. We welcome all who may be interested in the St. Vincent de Paul Society-Coventry. A great big Thank You to Linda & Mackenzie Dupree and all the students from NE Family Martial Arts for their generous donation of Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets! These were distributed to families in our community needing a helping hand.

We hope that all OLC, St. Vincent de Paul and Sts. John & Paul parishioners had a very Merry Christmas. And may your New Year be filled with all God's blessings!

As always, if you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call SVdP-Coventry at (401)828-3090 or email us at [svdpcoventry@gmail.com](mailto:svdpcoventry@gmail.com). We can also be found on Facebook at [svdpcoventry!](https://www.facebook.com/svdpcoventry/)

### Keep the Heat On: Help or Be Helped



Bishop Tobin has kicked-off the Annual Keep the Heat On heating assistance campaign, a program that helps struggling families with heating assistance who have exhausted all other public and private means to keep their families warm during the Rhode Island winter. Since 2005, your generous support has provided more than \$3.5 million in assistance to more than 15,467 Rhode Island households in need.

If you would like to help local families this winter with a tax-deductible donation, or, if you know of someone in need of heating assistance, please visit [www.heatRI.com](http://www.heatRI.com) or call 401-421-7833, ext. 207 for additional information.



### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

#### Confirmation I Class Schedule

January 3, 24

February 7, 14, 28

March through June TBD

All classes are on Mondays, 7-8PM in the school.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

Give yourselves the best Christmas present ever – take time for your marriage. Strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

### From the Pastor

While there was a lot of “drama” between the Covid Omicron Variant surge and a last minute snowstorm Christmas Eve morning, it was another grace filled Christmas here at Ss. John and Paul Parish! Thank you to everyone who made the Christmas Masses so special, especially our Liturgical committee and all those who decorated, Jan McMahan and the other organists and singers who performed at the Masses, our Maintenance crew for setting up the hall and creche scenes, and the altar servers and other ministers. Fr. Doan and I also want to thank everyone who gave us gifts, cards, Mass cards, and baked goods for Christmas!

Secondly, I want to thank everyone for their prayers and expressions of sympathy for my 60 year old brother-in-law, Mitch Evich, who died from early onset Alzheimer’s disease on Christmas morning, with my sister by his side. As I mentioned at some of the Masses last Sunday, Mitch was diagnosed about 6 years ago with Alzheimer’s, and my sister was able to care for him their home in Somerville Massachusetts until the week before this past Thanksgiving.

Mitch was born and raised on the West Coast in Bellingham Washington, and he spent his summers growing up fishing for Salmon in Alaska with his dad. He met my sister when they were in graduate school in Boston and they were married in the early ‘90s. Mitch made a living as a Journalist; he also had been a College Professor and published two novels. He was a great brother-in-law; we shared the same interests in Literature, Music and History, and would go at least once a year to a concert together. We’re all going to miss him. Please keep my family, especially my sister, my niece and nephew, and my mom in your prayers, and please pray for the repose of my brother in law’s soul.

God bless, Fr. Woolley



### 2022 Ss. John and Paul Wall Calendars Now Available

At the doors of the Church this weekend (and also at the Rectory Office), there are 2022 wall calendars which give the Liturgical Feast Days throughout the year, and at the bottom have contact information for our parish. While we usually give out a calendar with sacred artwork, this year, parishes in the Diocese are giving out a special 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Providence Commemorative Calendar, with scenes from parishes throughout our Diocese. The calendar also marks special dates in the history of our diocese, such as the dates parishes were established and Bishops were consecrated. Please take one calendar per family (you can also take another one for someone who is homebound). Thank you to Iannotti’s Funeral Home, who generously sponsored the calendars once again this year.

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

- Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

### PSALM:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

### SECOND READING:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

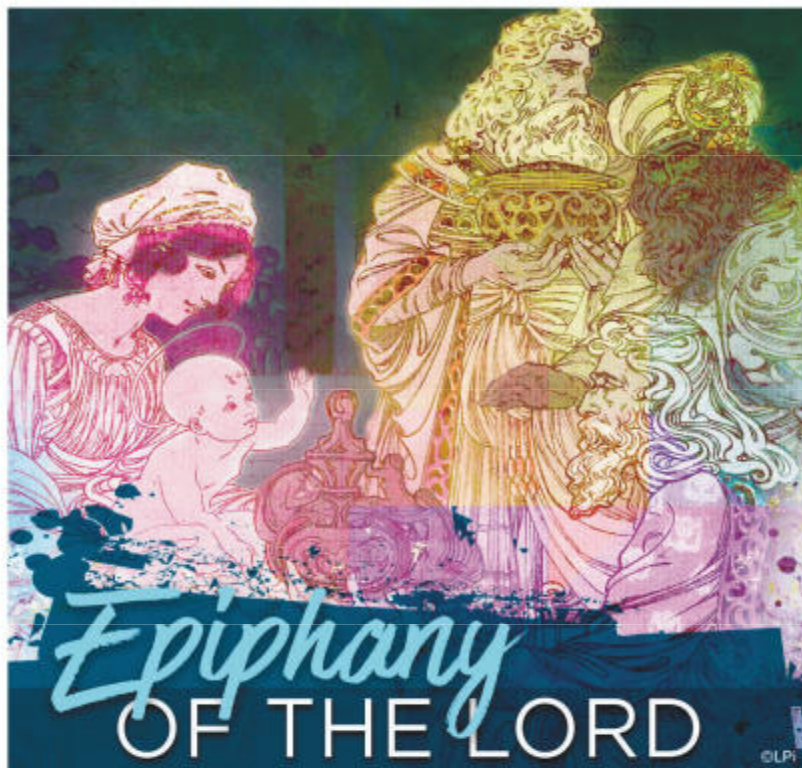
### GOSPEL:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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## Saint of the Week

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

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