

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

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Father John V. Doyle School



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RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTIONS:
(All Religious Instruction programs meet in our parish school)

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4:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

Tuesday: Hopkins Hill & West Greenwich

Wednesday: Blackrock, Western & Tiogue

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

Junior High (Grades 7 & 8)

Session I: 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 9, 2022

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
Monday	January 10	9:00 AM	Harry Wenzel / In Loving Memory / Catherine & Frank Merolla
Tuesday	January 11	9:00 AM	Eilene Ball / In Loving Memory / Daughters of Isabella
Wednesday	January 12	9:00 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Thursday	January 13	9:00 AM	Phil Klingaman / 5th Anniversary / Wife
Friday	January 14	9:00 AM	Edward "Bill" Bunch / Birthday Remembrance / Daughter
Saturday	January 15	5:00 PM	Patricia White / In Loving Memory / Husband & Family
Sunday	January 16	7:30 AM	Barbara Wood / Birthday Remembrance / Family
		9:30 AM	Tony Paone / Birthday Remembrance / Loving Family
		11:30 AM	Richard Larmer / Birthday Remembrance / Family

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



The Men of St. Joseph are meeting the second Wednesday of the month, **All men of faith are welcome!**

The next Meeting is January 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm, in the Rectory Chapel.

Contact Lucien Laporte if you have any questions: 401-447-9399 or LU1953oc@yahoo.com.
God's Blessings.

For the week of January 9, 2022
the Sanctuary Lamps burn
In Loving Memory of
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For the week of January 9, 2022
the Altar Candles burn
In Loving Memory of
Philip Klingaman

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.




***Join us after the 7:30 and 9:30AM
Sunday Masses for coffee an' in the parish center. All
are welcome!***



**New Year's Resolution:
Save Lives!**

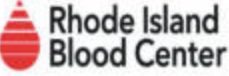
Saints John & Paul Church
Sunday, January 23, 2022
8:30 am - 1:30 pm
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Our next class will be Monday, January 10th, from 7:00-8:30PM in the Parish Center. The topic is the Stewardship & Service.

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



Coventry Food Bank
The food bank currently needs *soup, tomato sauce, and laundry detergent*. Please place your donations in the containers located at the doors of the Church.



2021 Budget Collection Week of 12/19/21	Envelopes	\$10,105.61
	E-Giving	<u>\$ 2,384.00</u>
		\$12,489.61
2020 Budget Collection Week of 12/20/20	Envelopes	\$ 7,506.00
	E-Giving	<u>\$ 3,166.00</u>
		\$10,672.00

2021 Christmas Collection 12/25/21	Envelopes	\$ 8,648.00
	E-Giving	<u>\$ 755.00</u>
		\$ 9,403.00
2020 Christmas Collection 12/25/20	Envelopes	\$ 6,249.00
	E-Giving	<u>\$ 1,555.00</u>
		\$ 7,804.00

2021 Budget Collection Week of 12/26/21	Envelopes	\$ 9,712.50
	E-Giving	<u>\$ 4,158.00</u>
		\$13,870.50
2020 Budget Collection Week of 12/27/20	Envelopes	\$11,327.50
	E-Giving	<u>\$ 3,077.00</u>
		\$14,404.50

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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/>.

Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.



Save the Date!

FJVD Open House

Sunday, January 30, 2022

12:30pm – 2:30pm

Register to attend at FJVD.ORG

More info to come!

1/15-1/16/22	Priest	Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers		
		L1	L2	Pulpit	Center	Baptism Fount
5:00 PM	Fr. Woolley	P. Hurley	M. Emmett	P. Hurley	Priest	R. Chartier
7:30 AM	Fr. Doan	R. Chartier	G. Cook	C. Pysz	Priest	C. Vuono
9:30 AM	Fr. Woolley	K. Driscoll	J. Pizzo	C. Merolla	Priest	L. Tarbox
11:30 AM	Fr. Doan	L. Macomber	M. Paone		Priest	Sr. Eden

FROM THE PASTOR

As it wasn't a Holy Day this year, I thought I would put in the bulletin my "SSJP Year in Review" New Year's Homily I gave last week, for those who didn't hear it. Happy and Blessed New Year! God bless, Fr. Woolley

Homily — Mary Mother of God MMXXII

Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. In today's gospel, we see the Blessed Mother looking back on the past year and reflecting on all the many great and wonderful blessings God had given her: her marriage to St. Joseph, the Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel that God wanted her to be the mother of his divine Son, the Visitation to Saint Elizabeth, the journey to Bethlehem, and finally the birth of God's Son and her Son in a manger, and the visit from the shepherds who told her of the angels announcing Jesus' birth.

Mary reflected on all these blessings, and kept them in her heart, as she faced the year ahead. And each year, it's good for us to prayerfully reflect back on the past year, and see the many ways the Lord has blessed us, our families and our parish. So every year in my New Year's homily, I look back on the past year at Saints John and Paul and thank the Lord for all he has done for us.

Of course, the big news event of this past year, besides the presidential election (which I'm not going to comment on, thank you very much!), is the pandemic. With the advent of the coronavirus vaccine, things got a little more back to normal at our parish: more and more people began to return to Church, we slowly brought back more parish groups and CCD students to in person meetings and started having Coffee Hours again; in the Spring, we finally started having in person daily mass in the chapel; in June, Bishop Tobin reinstated the obligation to attend Sunday mass unless one was sick or had an underlying condition; and in October we had our snowflake Bazaar indoors like usual. Oh, and I shouldn't forget that this past Holy Thursday, I finally let my mom come back to Church, after having gotten her 2nd Moderna shot! And also on August 8, we brought back the 7:30 AM Sunday Mass, which made a lot of early risers very happy (I wasn't one of them by way!). We still however are dealing with the virus, and so we continue to pray for an end to this pandemic and for all who have lost loved ones or whose lives have been severely affected by it.

Fr. Grenon says we should put a revolving door on the Associate Pastor's room in the Rectory, and again this past July we said goodbye to our Fr. Brendan Rowley, and welcomed our new associate pastor Fr. Doan Nguyen. We also this year we were very happy to see one of our parishioners, Nicholas Whitaker, enter the seminary of Our Lady of Providence, and we continue to pray for him as he discerns God's will for his life. By the way, this coming October, our other seminarian from the parish, Patrick Ryan will God willing be ordained a Deacon in Rome, so please keep Patrick in your prayers as well.

Also this past year, we did a number of upgrades at the parish. Over the summer, we put a new roof on the school, which was a bit of a miracle as due to the building materials shortage, the roofers almost weren't able to do it, but they were able to take materials from another job to get it done while school was out. We also renovated our Daily Mass Chapel in the Rectory, putting new carpeting in as well as hardwood flooring in the sanctuary, and we moved the tabernacle to the center, like we did here at the Church a year ago. I want to thank everyone who made a gift or pledge to the 2019 Grateful for God's Providence Capital Campaign for making these projects possible; we still have more Grateful for God's Providence Projects in the pipeline for this coming year.

Also at the school, we finally completed our outdoor multi sport court project which we had planned on doing before Covid hit: in the Spring, we installed the colorful basketball/volleyball/badminton/pickle ball/Mini tennis court, with funds from the last year's annual Alumni Appeal. Then over the summer, we installed top of the line, in ground Bison basketball hoops, with regulation size NBA glass backboards, and only just a month ago, we finally finished installing the black chain link fence and 10 foot high backstops which enclose the court, all with funds from this past year's School Auction.

Speaking of our school, Fr. John V. Doyle continued to thrive during the pandemic this past year, with an increase enrollment for the 3rd year in a row, and while we continue to be challenged by the virus, especially this new Omicron variant, the Lord has really blessed our school throughout this pandemic, thanks in large part to our wonderful principal Kevin Peloquin and our great teachers and staff.

The major event at our parish this past year of course was the passing of our beloved Father John Duggan on November 4th. Fr. JD had served as a senior priest in residence at Saints John and Paul for the past 24 years. And with the help of his sister, our parish staff and many parishioners and friends, we were blessed to be able to keep him comfortable here at the rectory until the Lord came to bring him home.

Father JD passed away as the church was wrapping up the Year of Saint Joseph, which ended this past December 8th. In honor of the Year of St. Joseph, we bought a statue of Saint Joseph to put in the school's main hallway, and when father JD saw it, he bought one just like it for the parish, and just a week before he passed away, we installed this beautiful candle shrine to St. Joseph in Father's memory.

My brothers and sister, may we keep all these and many other blessings of this past year in our hearts, and as we begin this New Year of Grace 2022, let us look to Mary our Mother, and consecrate ourselves and this New Year to her Immaculate Heart, trusting that Jesus her Son will continue to bless and protect us, our families, our parish, our nation, and our world this New Year.

God bless.

Fr. Woolley

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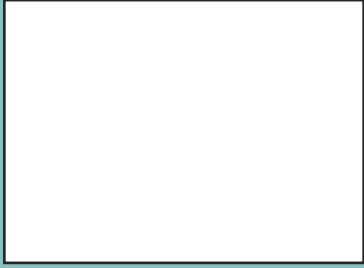
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