SAINTS JOHN & PAUL CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022

14th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." - Lk 10:20

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



Rev. Michael J. Woolley, Pastor Rev. Doan Nguyen, Asst. Pastor

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RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTIONS:

(All Religious Instruction programs meet in our parish school)

Elementary Program (Grades 1-6)

4:15 p.m5:15 p.m.	
Tuesday:	Hopkins Hill & West Greenwich
Wednesday:	Blackrock, Western & Tiogue
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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
Session II:	TBA
Session III:	TBA

Confirmation Program (Grades 9 & 10) Confirmation: Monday 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

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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).

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WEEK OF JULY 3, 2022			
Saturday	July 2	5:00 PM	Ralph Pennie / In Loving Memory / Family
Sunday	July 3	7:30 AM	Charles M. Sr. & Esther N. Vacca / 70th Anniversary Remembrance / Son
		9:30 AM	Beverly Crehan / In Loving Memory / Del Driscoll
		11:30 AM	Carole Fico & Andrea Liston / In Loving Memory / Ken Fico
Monday	July 4	9:00 AM	In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph / Angie Gracia
Tuesday	July 5	9:00 AM	Denis St. Amand / In Loving Memory / Wife
Wednesday	July 6	9:00 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Thursday	July 7	9:00 AM	Amelia & Margie Christofaro / Birthday Remembrance / Family
Friday	July 8	9:00 AM	Rita Gauvin & Michael Gauvin / In Loving Memory / Husband/Father
Saturday	July 9	5:00 PM	John Figuerado / In Loving Memory / Family
Sunday	July 10	7:30 AM	Frank Azaevedo / In Loving Memory / Wife & Family
		9:30 AM	Mike McGovern / In Loving Memory / Diane Davidson
		11:30 AM	Ronald Thomas McMullen / In Loving Memory / Loving Girlfriend & Family

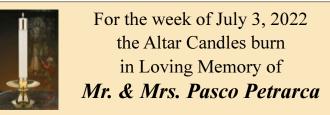
Adoration every Thursday from 9:30AM to 3:00PM in the CHURCH.



Thank you for your continued generosity.

Happy Retirement!

This is Jan McMahon's last weekend here — she says she wants to go out with a Bang! — and after the 9:30am Mass with the choir, we're having a little party for her in the hall, no fireworks however! Please come join us to wish Jan well in her retirement and starting the next chapter of her life.



For the week of July 3, 2022 the Sanctuary Lamps burn in Loving Memory of *Esther N. & Charles M. Vacca, Sr.* 70th Anniversary Remembrance





In observance of Independence Day, the rectory office will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022.

COVENTRY, RHODE ISLAND

It is truly hard to believe that my time here at Sts. John and Paul has already come to an end. It seems just like yesterday that I was introducing myself at all of the weekend Masses! Nonetheless, I can assuredly say that I had an amazing seven weeks spent here among all of you at the parish; weeks I will certainly remember for the rest of my life.

When we hear the words "The Body of Christ" we often think of the Eucharist, which indeed is *Ipse Christus*, or Christ Himself. But The Body of Christ is also found mystically, among the communion of Christ's followers with Jesus Himself as their head. I can safely say that The Mystical Body of Christ is certainly present and embodied here at Sts. John and Paul. Your devotion, kindness, and witness to the Christian message greatly inspired me this summer and even challenged me in my own faith.

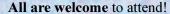
I would be remiss if I did not express my gratitude to Fr. Woolley and the parish staff for welcoming me with open arms and ensuring I was well attended to. It also is rare that seminarians are assigned together at a parish, so I especially appreciated the opportunity to live and work together with Nick Jones for these few weeks. Nick and I never shared the same seminary community previously, so it was a great opportunity to get to know him and work together. I would additionally like to thank Nick Whitaker for his friendship and help in getting to know your parish community. When I first received my letter of assignment on Holy Thursday he made sure to welcome me to your parish family right off the bat and was especially helpful in answering any questions I had.

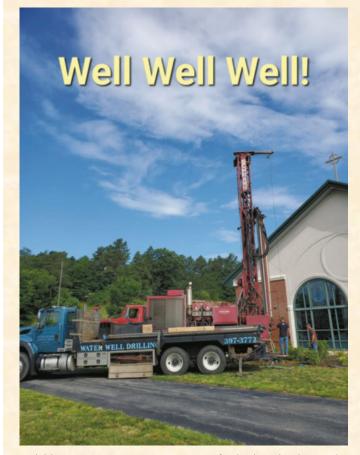
Lastly, but certainly not least, I would like to thank you all for your witness, for your prayers, and for giving a young seminarian great hope for the future of the Church. As I prepare to depart for the Eternal City to begin a new chapter in my seminary formation, I ask you to remember me in your prayers, as well as all of my brother seminarians. Pray for many more vocations to the priesthood here in Providence. To heed the words of today's Gospel "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." I will certainly remember you and your intentions in my daily prayers. Thank each and every one of you again for a great summer assignment. Hopefully I will have a chance to see and reconnect with some of you soon in Rome who make the trip across the pond for Patrick's Diaconate Ordination. Best wishes and God Bless!

Prayer Fellowship

Prayer Fellowship meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd **TUESDAYS** of each month. The next meeting is **THIS Tuesday**, from **10:00-11:30AM** in the Rectory Conference Room.







Parishioner Gary Bourque, owner of Rhode Island Artesian Well, installed an irrigation well today in front of the parish hall, to irrigate the lawns in front of and on the sides of the church. We hope to have the sprinkler system installed by the fall. Thank you to Gary, and to all who made a pledge or gift to the 2019 Grateful for God's Providence Campaign, which is funding the Church Lawns Irrigation project!

Prayer Shawl Ministry Our next meeting will be held this Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 1:00PM in the rectory conference room. If you knit or crochet and would like to



be part of our wonderful ministry, call Betty (822-1596) or Linda (822-2124).

Stephen Coutcher



provided by schools during the summer. We also collected \$330.00 between cash and gift cards. Thanks so much to all who donated.

The Snowflake Bazaar Wish

List boards are available at the entrances of the church. This year we are putting out wish tags for our booths on a monthly basis. Many of our booth chairs are planning the various needs and purchasing items when the best sales are available. This will also help us coordinate the storage needed for our requested items. As our

bazaar is in October, our booth chairs plan, work and coordinate for months prior.

Currently the gift certificates are going to be used to purchase items for our Baskets Galore booth. For your convenience, many of our gift certificate requests can purchased from our Gift Certificate program which will also benefit our Father John V Doyle School.

We continue to have craft making classes on Tuesday nights from 6-8pm in the rectory basement. Please drop in to craft!

Thank you in advance for the kind support and donations.



Thank you for your continued support of the **Our Daily Bread** program. Your support helps to feed the less fortunate of our community. Last week we collected \$133.00.

Coventry Food Bank

The food bank currently needs *soup*, *baked beans*, *canned fruit*, *and*



shampoo. Please place your donations in the containers located at the doors of the Church. The weekly generosity of parishioners of Saints John and Paul to the Coventry Food Bank is a blessing and is appreciated greatly by the less fortunate of our community.

From the Pastor

Our **Second "Annual"** (although the past two years were cancelled due to Covid) **Ss. John and Paul Feast Day Multi Ethnic Pot Luck Dinner** celebration last Saturday was a great success! About 135 people attended the dinner, which had food from 14 countries, made by our own parishioners! Thank you to all who made a dish or who attended, and special thanks to our Liturgy Committee who organized this great community building event!

God go with you, Jan! This weekend, our parish music director of 26 years, Jan McMahon, says goodbye to us. We thank her for all her many years of ministry in our parish; May the Lord and St. Cecilia continue to bless you Jan in your ministry and life for many years to come!

Arrivederci Stephen! This is also one of our summer seminarian's last weekend at Ss. John and Paul. While Nick Jones, our other summer seminarian, will be with us until the end of July, Stephen Coutcher has an abbreviated assignment, as he will soon be flying off to Italy to prepare for his theological studies for the priesthood at the Pontifical North American College (the "NAC") in Rome. Please keep Stephen in your prayers; God willing, he will be ordained a priest four years from now!

Update on Fr. Doan: As I write this, things look more hopeful that Fr. Doan may be getting his R-1 Visa approved soon by the US Consulate in Vietnam. Representative Langevin's Office has assigned Fr. Doan's case to one of his staff members with whom I and the Diocese have been in personal contact. We are very grateful for Rep. Langevin's assistance, it's our best chance to get Fr. Doan back to the States, so please keep praying!

Lastly, below is my last Sunday's homily regarding the overturning of Roe v. Wade, for those who didn't hear it. God bless, Fr. Woolley

While I was going to preach this weekend about our Patron Saints, the Roman Martyrs Ss. John and Paul as their feast day falls on a Sunday, I feel compelled instead to say something from a Catholic perspective about the US Supreme Court's overturning of Roe v Wade; although, believe me, I'd rather be talking about Ss. John and Paul, or anything else for that matter, as I don't think I can do this topic justice.

This past Friday, when I heard the news that Roe was overturned, I drove back to the Parish from my day off, rang the Church bells, and sang the Te Deum. For almost 50 years, Catholics in ur country have been praying, fasting, and working tirelessly to see this day come; tens, and at times hundreds of thousands of Parishioners, Catholic School Students, seminarians and clergy, including myself, converged on the Nation's Capitol in the middle of winter year after year, to March for Life every January 22, and to peacefully protest this decision. And this past Friday, June 24, our prayers were finally answered.

June 24 is the day the Church traditionally celebrates the Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist, a fitting day for Roe to be overturned, as for the past 50 years, the Catholic Church has been the "voice crying out in the wilderness" of this modern world. John the Baptist figures of the 20th Century, such as St. Theresa of Calcutta and St. John Paul II, courageously spoke out against our western culture's increasing acceptance of abortion, as have Pope Francis other Church leaders in our own day. But this year, because of the way Easter fell, June 24 was the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, also a fitting day to overturn Roe, as for the past 50 years, the Church has ministered to women and men scarred by abortion, offering the mercy, love, healing and forgiveness of Jesus to them in the sacrament of confession; Catholics have helped countless mothers in crises pregnancies bring their babies to term, and continued to help them as they raised their children, and Catholic charities agencies have helped couples adopt a child.

While I rang out the Church bells on Friday, I on the other hand refrained from posting anything on our Parish's Facebook Page. Abortion is too delicate and complex a moral issue to discuss on social media, and doing so only contributes to the polarization our country has over this and many other issues. I would much rather sit down and have an in person conversation with those who struggle or disagree with the Church's teaching on abortion, as I strongly believe this is what will help both sides understand one another, and even begin to respect where a person is coming from in their deeply held views. Changing the laws are important, but it won't mean anything unless there's also a change of heart in each one of us.

Shortly after Roe was overturned this past Friday, Bishop Tobin, certainly one of the John the Baptist's of our day and age, issued a statement which touched upon a lot of what I just mentioned. I'd like to conclude with the ending words of our Bishop's statement, as the bells that were ringing out at St. John and Paul Parish and other Parishes across our country this past Friday morning, were saying in effect the same exact thing:

"Someday, future generations of Americans will look back in disbelief and shame on our time, and wonder how such a "civilized society" could allow, and even celebrate, the widespread and zealous killing of its own (offspring). They will wonder how we could have strayed so far from the natural law, from widely accepted moral principles, and even from common-sense human decency. When that day comes, I want those future generations to look back, and say that the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Providence did the right thing – that we were truly wise and courageous in speaking out against abortion, and in defending human life. And personally, I want to be counted among those who spoke out boldly and persistently on this critical issue, the most important moral issue of our time."



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