

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Saints John and Paul Church

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Father John V. Doyle School



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

Elementary Program (Grades 1-6)
4:00 p.m.-5:00 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.

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Confirmation: Monday 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

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Principal: Mr. Kevin Peloquin

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 NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Saturday	November 26	5:00 PM	Conner Bruno / Birthday Remembrance / Grandparents
Sunday	November 27	7:30 AM	James Petrarca / 16th Anniversary / Wife
		9:30 AM	Dr. Reginald & Annette Allen / In Loving Memory / Marc & Margaret
		11:30 AM	Raymond Peloso / In Loving Memory / Family
Monday	November 28	9:00 AM	David Steele / Birthday Remembrance / Loving Wife
Tuesday	November 29	9:00 AM	Kevin Shannon (Living) / Good Health / Sister, Maureen
Wednesday	November 30	9:00 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Thursday	December 1	9:00 AM	Maureen Henry (Living) / Good Health / Maureen Robertson
Friday	December 2	9:00 AM	Fran Salvas / In Loving Memory / Kathy
Saturday	December 3	5:00 PM	Salvatore Ruggieri / 3rd Anniversary / Daughter & Grandchildren
Sunday	December 4	7:30 AM	Lina Russo / 1st Anniversary / Ambrogio & Children
		9:30 AM	Dolores Bishop / 10th Anniversary / Daughter & Family
		11:30 AM	Frank & Rita DiMasi / In Loving Memory / Children & Grandchildren

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



2022 Budget Collection Week of 11/13/22

Envelopes	\$ 8,135.43
E-Giving	<u>\$ 2,954.00</u>
	\$11,089.43

2021 Budget Collection Week of 11/14/21

Envelopes	\$ 7,758.13
E-Giving	<u>\$ 3,627.00</u>
	\$11,385.13

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Thank you for your continued support of the **Our Daily Bread** program. Your support helps to feed the less fortunate of our community. Donations from the poor boxes go to fund this ministry. Last week we collected \$78.00



SS. JOHN AND PAUL'S CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



The Christmas Giving Tree is set up in the gathering space entrance to the church. Some will be specific cards for individuals, some tags (white) will be generic for the Genesis nursing home, and others will be gift cards to Target, Walmart and local restaurants. You may take a card and return the gift or gift card to church. If you purchase a gift card, please put it into an envelope marked **Giving Tree** and put in the collection basket or drop it off or mail it to the rectory office. If you prefer not to buy a gift, you can send a donation and we will purchase the gift cards for you.

SSJP Parishioners' Annual Christmas Card Project



Next weekend, December 3-4, 2022 at the front and side doors of church, "tree ornaments" will be hanging on the "Christmas Card Trees" ~ take as many ornaments as you wish and send a Christmas card to the person whose name and address are on the ornament you choose.

FJVD Drama Club Presents:



Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 7pm

Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 2pm

Performed at Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School of Coventry

ALL TICKETS: \$12

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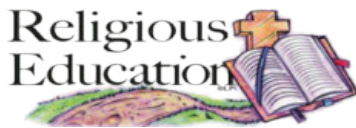
Coventry Food Bank

The food bank currently needs *baked beans, canned fruit, and shampoo*. Please place your donations in the containers located at the doors of the Church. The weekly generosity is a blessing and is appreciated greatly by the less fortunate



Congratulations to Matthew Amalfetano Henri Messier Mike Aceto

These young men had their Eagle Scout Court of Honor this past weekend. They each earned their Eagle Scout Rank, which is the highest advancement rank in Boy Scouting.



Grades 1-6: All classes are in session this week.



Our next class will be Monday, November 28th, from 7:00-8:30PM. The topic is Suffering & death of Christ - The Sacramental Economy & Authority of the Church - Sacrament Overview.

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

THE SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

On Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 3 p.m. the Gregorian Concert Choir and Festival Orchestra will perform a concert entitled "The Sounds of the Season" to benefit

Bishop Tobin's "Keep the Heat On" Challenge which assists poor and low-income families with utility expenses. Tickets for the concert are \$10 per person and may be purchased by calling the Cathedral Office at (401) 331-2434. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the concert .



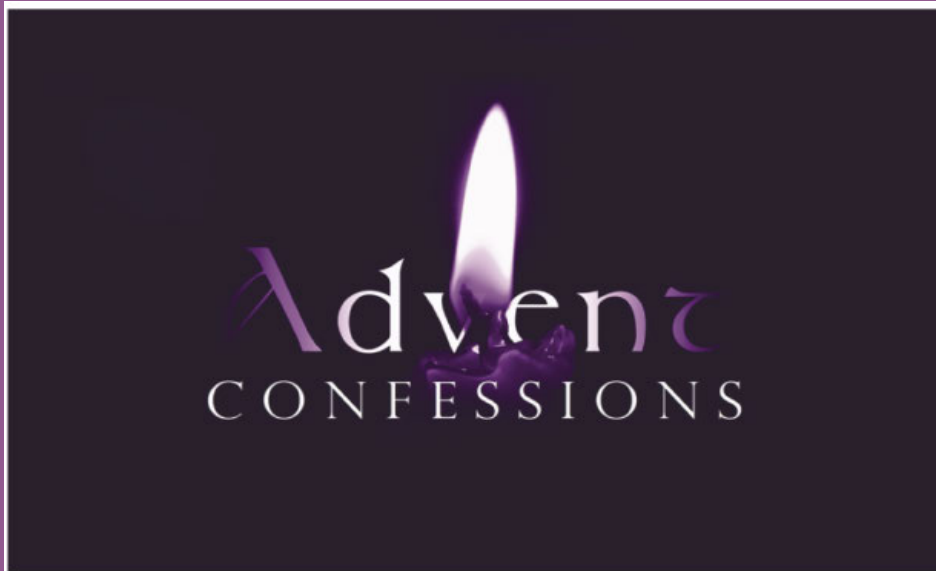


SVdP – COVENTRY NEWS

Our postponed **Sundown** Fundraiser (featuring OLC's own **Brian Mattias**) will take place on December 11th 2:00-6:00 in the Saints John & Paul Parish Center! Tickets for the event (which are limited) are \$15/pp and may be purchased through Venmo (@StVincentdePaulCoventry) or at the door, if available.

Our **next meeting** will take place on **January 2nd @ 6:30 PM in the OLC gymnasium**. Come and see all the wonderful things we are doing to help the less fortunate here in Coventry!

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. We can also be found on **Facebook** at [svdp.coventry!](https://www.facebook.com/svdp.coventry)



Prepare the Way of the Lord! Advent Day of Confession

Sunday, December 11, 12:30pm – 5pm
Ss. John and Paul Parish, Coventry RI

Schedule of Priests Hearing Individual Confessions:

12:30pm—2:00pm:	Fr. Jacek Ploch (Pulpit Side Confessional)
2:00pm—3:30pm:	Fr. Michael Woolley (Baptism Side Confessional)
3:30pm—5:00pm:	Fr. Dennis Kieton (Pulpit Side Confessional)



Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat, December 9-11, 2022
An opportunity for any man, woman, couple, grandparent or sibling who struggles with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a powerful experience that allows the soul to speak its sorrow, as participants enter the grieving process, identify effects the abortion had and release deep feelings of anger, shame, and guilt that frequently accompany an abortion experience. This unique retreat process is designed specifically to help retreatants experience the gentleness, mercy and compassion of Jesus as they walk through the journey to forgiveness. Participants re-connect with the children who have been aborted on a spiritual level and give them honor and dignity through many special exercises as well as in a memorial service. Those who journey through their grief allow God to transform the experience into something that gives hope, liberation and peace. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Call for more information on a confidential retreat and/or for a confidential consultation: • In English - contact Lisa, 401-278-2518 • In Spanish - contact Loren, 401-742-1510 or Rosa 401-688-4687 • Project Rachel-Abortion/Post-Abortion Help Line 24/7: 1-888-456-HOP

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From the Pastor

The Biggest Parish in the Diocese just got a LITTLE bigger!



*"This land is your land; This land is my land;
'Cause the parish just bought it, From the state of Rhode Island;
We're gonna put a sign here, If the town will let us,
This land's now owned by SSJP!"*

This past week, with approval from the Diocese of Providence, the Parish Trustees, and the Finance Committee, our parish purchased from the Rhode Island Department of Transportation an approximately 2000 square foot parcel of land, on the island of grass in front of our of our parish, diagonally across from Gelinias Ice Cream (the island has on it a tree, a fire hydrant and a telephone pole, and four stakes in the ground currently show the borders of the parcel purchased). We've been actually trying to purchase this land for the past three and a half years, but various issues with surveying arose, causing such a long delay. The land was paid for by a bequest in loving memory of Irene Sarachman, by parishioners William and Merylene Emmett.

Our reason for purchasing the land is to install in the near future a permanent sign on the property, to advertise our parish and school events. You might be asking "Father, couldn't we put a sign on the property we already own?" The problem with that is, most of the lawn in front of the Church closest to the street is owned by the state, due to South Main St. and Tiogue Ave being reconfigured about 20 years ago, so to put a sign on the property we own would make it too far back from the road to be of any use; but the land we just purchased will be very visible to the traffic going by. The next step will be asking the Town of Coventry for a variance in order to put a sign up. About four years ago, we checked with the town zoning board and told them our plans, and they told us we probably wouldn't have an issue getting a variance; however, you can't apply for a variance on land you don't own! But now that we own it, we'll be applying for one. As I've been trying for almost four years to buy this land for the parish, I'm very happy we finally own it, small as it is. And while it took a long time, I'm thankful to the good people who work at RIDOT for their assistance in purchasing the land: RIDOT waived every fee for us, and even did some of the surveying work that we should have been responsible for. Thanks so much! Now, please pray to the "Land Lord" of our Parish, Jesus, that we can one day have a sign out there, welcoming people to our parish and school, and advertising all the great things we have going on here! God bless, Fr. Woolley

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