



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

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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.

Junior High (Grades 7 & 8) Summer & Fall Sessions

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).



WEEK OF MAY 7, 2023

Saturday	May 6	5:00 PM	Joseph Piscione / In Loving Memory / Wife & Children
Sunday	May 7	7:30 AM	David Alan Austin / Anniversary / Wife
		9:30 AM	Beverly Crehan / Birthday Remembrance / Family
		11:30 AM	James Woolley / 5th Anniversary / Loving Family
Monday	May 8	9:00 AM	Alice Kane / 1st Anniversary / Morning Prayer Group
Tuesday	May 9	9:00 AM	Tom Lawrence / In Loving Memory / Ginny Mahar & Family
Wednesday	May 10	9:00 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Thursday	May 11	9:00 AM	Thomas Lawrence / In Loving Memory / Robert Chartier
Friday	May 12	9:00 AM	Alice Kane / 1st Anniversary / Friends
Saturday	May 13	5:00 PM	Edith Lavoie / In Loving Memory / Prayer Shawl Ministry
Sunday	May 14	7:30 AM	Phyllis Gaulien / Heavenly 105th Birthday / Daughter
		9:30 AM	Lina Russo / In Loving Memory / Russo, Corceran & Safford Families
		11:30 AM	Mary Hames & Margaret Mooty / Mother's Day Remembrance / Mooty Family

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



2023 Budget Collection Week of 4/23/23

Envelopes	\$10,963.00
E-Giving	<u>\$ 3,246.00</u>
	\$14,209.00

2022 Budget Collection Week of 4/24/22

Envelopes	\$ 7,879.75
E-Giving	<u>\$ 3,471.00</u>
	\$11,350.75

Thank you for your continued generosity.



Our next **baptismal prep class** will be Thursday, May 18th at 7:00PM in the rectory conference room. Please call the office (821-5764) for more information.

For the week of May 7, 2023

the Sanctuary Lamps burn

In Loving Memory of

Gabrielle Nester & Irene Nester



For the week of May 7, 2023

the Altar Candles burn

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Coventry Food Bank

The food bank currently needs **gravy/ broth, cake/muffin mixes, and body soap**. 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 of our community.



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 \$114.75.



Patrick Ryan's Ordination and First Mass of Thanksgiving, 2pm June 25 at SSJP

Ss. John and Paul Parishioner, Deacon Patrick Ryan, will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Providence Saturday June 24, 2023 at the Cathedral of Ss. Peter and Paul in Providence. His First Mass of Thanksgiving as a priest will be here at his home parish of Ss. John and Paul on Sunday June 25 at 2pm (please note that the incorrect time was mentioned in the Bulletin and Announcements after Mass on Palm Sunday). All are welcomed to attend! Also, immediately after the Mass, our Parish will be having a reception in the Parish Hall for Fr. Patrick, his family, and all parishioners and others who attend his First Mass. **We are also planning on purchasing a Mass Vestment for Fr. Patrick as a gift from the Parish. If you would like to donate towards this gift for Fr. Patrick, as well as towards the First Mass Reception we are putting on for him afterwards in the Parish Hall, please make your donations out to Ss. John and Paul Parish, and write "Patrick Ryan Priesthood Ordination" on the memo.**



The Saints John & Paul parish Respect Life committee will be placing a bassinet in the foyer of the main entrance to the church. We are asking fellow parishioners to help those women who are faced with an

unexpected pregnancy through an on-going collection campaign of goods that help those mothers choose life for their unborn babies. We are seeking donations of disposable diapers for ages newborn to 3 years old, wipes, onesies, blankets, lotion, crib sheets, blankets, bibs, etc. Your generosity will allow more women to choose life knowing that some of the basic needs for their babies are met.

Please take note:

The bins located on the property are for clothing and shoes only, please **do not** bring anything other than shoes and clothing. If the bins are full please **do not leave** anything outside of the bins. **Please try again** another time after they have been emptied.

Thanks for your cooperation!



Statement of Bishop Thomas J. Tobin on the Occasion of His Retirement from Active Ministry May 1, 2023

*I have fought the fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.
(2 Tim 4:7)*

On this day dedicated to St. Joseph the Worker, and as we begin this month dedicated to our Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary, it is with profound gratitude and personal peace that I have received word that our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has accepted my request to resign from office, that is, to retire from the active ministry. On this occasion I wish to offer these few brief words to our diocesan family.

In the homily for my Mass of Installation eighteen years ago, I said: "On occasions like this we sometimes say that a bishop takes possession of a diocese. In truth, I think it's really the other way around – a diocese takes possession of a bishop. In that spirit, today I joyfully and willingly surrender myself to you. I give you my heart and soul. I promise to work hard for you and to do the very best I can. But keenly aware of my own weakness, limitations and needs, I will also depend on your cooperation, support and prayers."

With that reminder of how we began our journey together, first, a word of enormous gratitude to all the members of our diocesan church who have indeed assisted me, and supported me in so many ways during my time as your bishop. You have been so good to me! Thank you to the priests, deacons, consecrated women and men, our diocesan staff, and all the faithful lay members of our church! Thank you for your patience and your prayers. Any good that we have been able to accomplish during the past eighteen years is a result, first of all, of your faith, your generosity, and your hard work.

For the mistakes I've made, for my faults and failures, I am deeply sorry. And for those times when some individuals were offended by my words and deeds, I am truly sorry for that too. It can be very difficult to preach the Gospel of Christ, and to carry on the mission of the church in the world today, but that's what we are called to do. There are many pitfalls, and it is a daily challenge to strike a perfect balance of courage and prudence; to be simultaneously "strong, loving and wise" (2 Tim 1:7) in the service of the Lord.

Finally, I urge all the members of the church to remain steadfast in your faith, to be proud of the good work you are doing, and to be determined to carry on the work that Jesus has entrusted to you. I will continue to pray fervently for you, especially for our wonderful new shepherd, my brother, Bishop Richard Henning, as he assumes the heavy burden of episcopal leadership. And please remember me and pray for me, as I begin a new chapter in my life as a disciple and priest of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Statement of Bishop Richard G. Henning May 1, 2023

Praised be the name of Jesus Christ...now and forever.

For the last several months, I have been visiting communities across this "State of Hope." My gratitude to God for this new ministry in the Diocese of Providence has only deepened as I have come to know its clergy, religious, and people.

I am particularly grateful for the time with Bishop Tobin whose own ministry as Diocesan Bishop for 18 years offers me a powerful witness of faith and a model of selfless service to the People of God.

As the Holy Father accepts Bishop Tobin's retirement, I express my gratitude to Pope Francis and to Bishop Tobin for the gift they have given to me. I also wish to express my gratitude for the priests of this Diocese who are my brothers and co-workers in the vineyard.

Deeply aware of my need for mercy, I entrust myself and my ministry to the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

May God bless the Diocese of Providence and may we all live in the "State of Hope!"

2023 Bazaar News

An organizational meeting will be held on May 20, 2023 at 10am in the rectory basement. Please attend this meeting if you are interested in volunteering this year! We are looking for persons to chair our Take a Break Cafe, kitchen, as well as a co-chair for the bazaar.

Angels Workshop are now accepting donations of:

- Fall and Christmas artificial florals
- Baskets for floral arrangements
- Christmas ornaments



Mother of Life
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Pro-Life Rose Sale

Long-stem red roses will be available after Masses on Saturday & Sunday, May 13th & 14th — Mother's Day weekend. All proceeds from the sale will benefit Catholic, pro-life Mother of Life Pregnancy Center in Providence (motheroflife.org). The Center provides free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling, parenting classes, material goods for babies & moms, and much more. The suggested donation is \$3 per rose. Also, you may pre-order 25-rose bundles online under the Events tab at motheroflife.org/donate. Contributions in addition to or in lieu of rose purchases will be gratefully accepted. Thank you for your generous support!

Doyle Dinner Theater

Fundraiser to support the Father John V. Doyle Drama Program

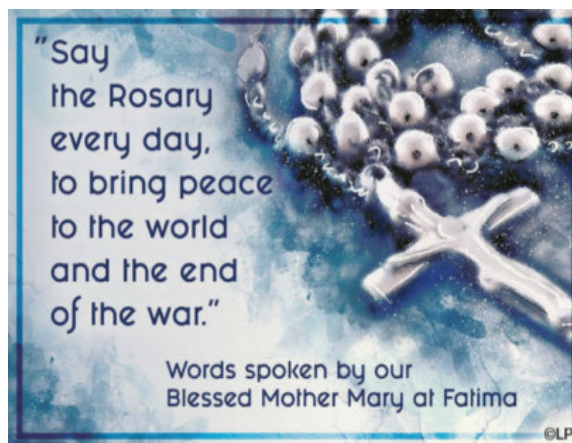


Get your tickets now for this fantastic show featuring the FJVD Singing Saints Show Choir! Mrs. Burns and the students have been rehearsing for months for this, it should be an evening of great entertainment and food! Tickets are \$30 each, \$50 for two, \$160 for Table of 8, and can be purchased at FJVD.ORG.

Proceeds support our school drama program.

The Chosen

Today will be the showing of the final episode of "The Chosen," Season 3, in the Parish Center Classroom, after the 9:30AM Mass. If you have not yet had the opportunity to watch The Chosen, you can watch it for free at Angel.com on your computer, or by downloading the free App, Angel Studios, on your smart phone.



Help Request for Our Homeless!

Our homeless are in need of sunscreen, insect repellent, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, socks, dry shampoo, baby wipes and bottled water.

Donations may be left in the new "Help the Homeless" blue bin located in the Welcome Area of the church.

If you able to help with this request, please contact Sr. Anne Eden at 401-269-9891, or eden.sisteranne@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your kind generosity!!



Congratulations to SSJP Parishioner **Sister Anne Eden**, who is being honored this Sunday May 7 at the Noon Religious Jubilarian Mass at At. Kevin's in Warwick by Bishop Henning for her 25th Anniversary of Consecration as a Consecrated Virgin! Sister Anne was consecrated on May 20, 1998 by Bishop Gelineau. We wish her a happy and blessed Silver Anniversary, and many more years of serving the Lord and especially the poor and homeless of our area!



Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Hope

OPENING FALL 2023

A New Classical, Catholic High School

Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Hope has been approved as a new Catholic high school in the Diocese of Providence.

On November 21, the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bishop Thomas J. Tobin signed a canonical decree approving the creation of Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Hope as a Catholic high school to open in the Diocese of Providence. It is centrally located just 5 minutes off Route 95 in Warwick at 487 Jefferson Boulevard.

"We are overjoyed to receive this approval from our Bishop," said Michael Casey, President of the Board of Directors of Chesterton. "Under the mantle of Our Lady it is our hope to build a vibrant Catholic culture within our school community by educating our students in the timeless truths of Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church."

There are currently forty-four Chesterton Academies across the country with this being the first one in New England. The model of Chesterton Academy is to offer families an affordable, classical, and authentically Catholic education. Each school day begins with daily Mass. Tuition is \$8,000.

Chesterton Academy of our Lady of Hope is now accepting applications for fall 2023.

All questions may be directed to info@chestertonri.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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The Men of St. Joseph are meeting the second Wednesday of the month.

All men of faith are welcome!

The next Meeting is May 10, 2023 at 6:30 pm, in the Rectory Chapel. Please note time change.

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

God's Blessings.

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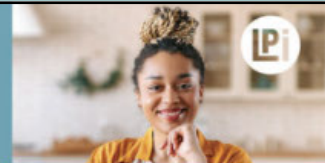


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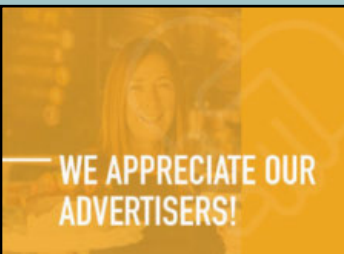
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