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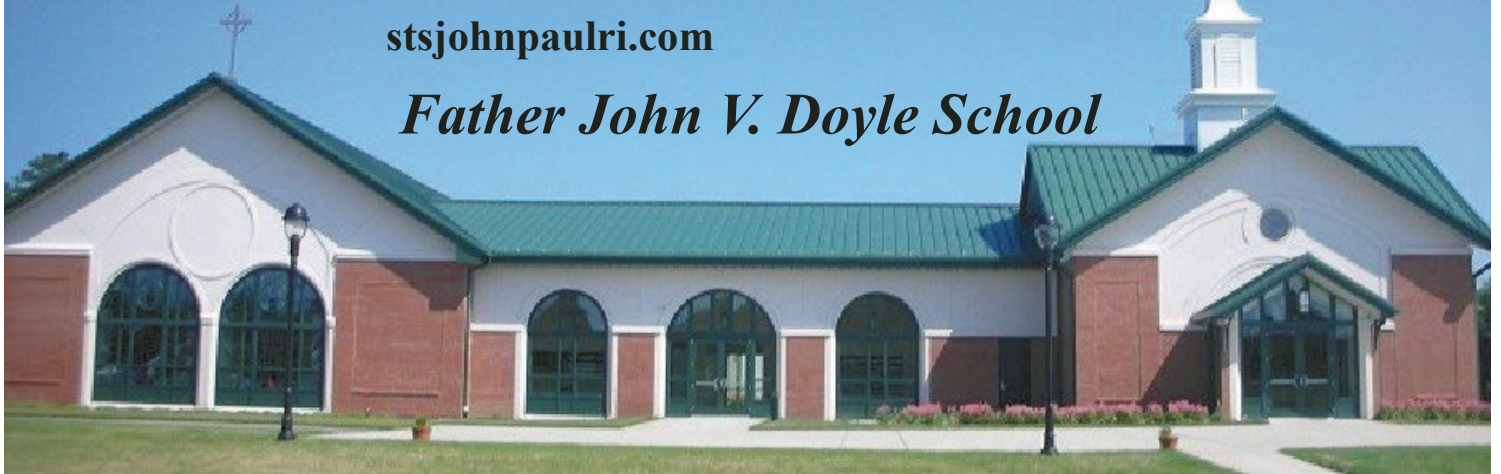
“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the
least brothers of mine, you did for me.” - Mt 25:38-40

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

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Father John V. Doyle School



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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).

SAINT JOHN & PAUL CHURCH



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Saturday	November 25	5:00 PM	Nathan & Stephanie Johnson (Living) / Blessed Marriage / Parents
Sunday	November 26	7:30 AM	Connor Bruno / In Loving Memory / Grandparents
		9:30 AM	Helen Brodeur / In Loving Memory / Ummel Family
		11:30 AM	Salvatore Ruggeri / In Loving Memory / Family
Monday	November 27	9:00 AM	Richard Belanger / In Loving Memory / Msgr. Blessing Knights of Columbus
Tuesday	November 28	9:00 AM	Richard Belanger / In Loving Memory / Del Driscoll
Wednesday	November 29	9:00 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Thursday	November 30	9:00 AM	Hector A. Saucy / In Loving Memory / Edgar Brouillard
Friday	December 1	9:00 AM	Ethan Harrop Fish & Hayley Cullen Fish / In Loving Memory / Family
Saturday	December 2	5:00 PM	Raymond Aubin / 10th Anniversary / Loving Wife & Family
Sunday	December 3	7:30 AM	Robert Thacker / In Loving Memory / Thacker Family
		9:30 AM	Lina Russo / 2nd Anniversary / Family
		11:30 AM	Raymond Peloso / In Loving Memory / Family

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



2023 Budget Collection Week of 11/12/23

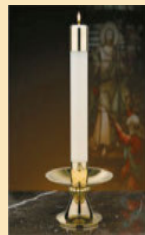
Envelopes	\$10,734.00
E-Giving	<u>\$ 4,282.00</u>
	\$15,016.00

2022 Budget Collection Week of 11/13/22

Envelopes	\$ 7,044.43
E-Giving	<u>\$ 4,045.00</u>
	\$11,089.43

Thank you for your continued generosity.

12/2-12/3/23	Priest
5:00 PM	Fr. Doan
7:30 AM	Fr. Kieton
9:30 AM	Fr. Kieton
11:30 AM	Fr. Doan



For the week of November 26, 2023
the Altar Candles burn
In Loving Memory of
James Petrarca
17th Anniversary Remembrance



For the week of November 26, 2023
the Sanctuary Lamps burn
In Loving Memory of
James Woolley

Liturgical Committee Meeting

SS. John & Paul Liturgical Committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 27th at 6:30pm. The meeting will be in the rectory conference room and virtually on ZOOM.



There will be an Outreach Committee meeting Monday, November 27th at 7:15pm. The meeting will be conducted both in person in the rectory conference room and virtually on ZOOM.

Readings for the Week of November 26, 2023

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63,
64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk
21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34
-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,
18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our next class will be Monday, November 27th, from 7:00-8:30PM. The topic is One Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Please contact Sherry Del Deo at (401) 545-0912 or sherrydeldeo@cox.net.

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.



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 \$241.00.

FJVD Drama Club Proudly Presents:



Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 7pm

Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 2pm

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Snowflake Bazaar Second Act

- * Are you making your Christmas Gift List?
- * Have you checked it twice?

Well it's not too late to pick up something beautiful! On Thanksgiving weekend we will have Angels Workshop items from our bazaar for purchase after all Masses.

Cash, check and credit cards are accepted.

Save the Date —The Friars Return!

Advent Parish Mission 2023

at Ss. John and Paul Church
341 South Main St. Coventry, RI

Monday, Dec. 11 – Wednesday, Dec. 13

7:00 pm Mass and Mission Talk

Mission Preachers:

The Franciscans of the Primitive Observance

Confessions Heard Each Day of Mission, 9:30am — 8pm

PRE-MISSION BASKETBALL GAME

Sunday, December 10, 2023 in the School Gym, Time TBA
Frs. Woolley and the Friars vs. the FJVD Boys Team

MORE INFO TO COME!

Catholicism - The Pivotal Players

We have once again started meeting in the Parish Center Classroom for donuts, coffee and a 30 minute video, followed by discussion afterward. This season we will be watching a series narrated by Bishop Robert Barron. The series shows 12 of the most influential people of the Catholic Church.

If you would like to learn more about the people that shaped the development of the Catholic Church, please join us either after the 9:30AM Mass or before the 11:30AM Mass in the Parish Center.



The Men of St. Joseph are meeting the last Thursday of the month.

All men of faith are welcome!

The next Meeting is November 30, 2023 at 6:30 pm, in the Rectory Chapel.

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

God's Blessings.



SSJP Our Daily Bread Ministry was selected as the **December** beneficiary of the program by store leadership at the **Stop & Shop** located at **900 Tiogue Ave., Coventry.**

SSJP Our Daily Bread Ministry will receive a \$1 donation every time the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag is purchased at this location during December, unless otherwise directed by the customer through the Giving Tag attached to the bag.

Donations of Stock

Ss. John and Paul Parish and Fr. John V. Doyle School are now set up to take donations of stock. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation of stock to our parish or school, please contact our Parish Business Manager Renee Johnson at 401-821-5764 for more information.

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AT 6:15PM

AND CONTINUING EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY THROUGH THE SCHOOL YEAR

Each evening begins in the Church with prayer, scripture meditations, and praise & worship music. This is followed by games and activities outdoors (weather permitting) or in the school gym. Pick up is at 7:30pm.

TO REGISTER: [Bit.ly/YGReg23](https://bit.ly/YGReg23)



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FROM THE PASTOR

Introducing the Chanted Entrance Antiphons for Sundays in Advent

This past February, I was visiting a priest friend of mine in Vermont one weekend, and his parish did something at their Sunday Masses that made me say "We should try doing that at St John and Paul." And this Advent, we are trying it!

Starting next Sunday, and for all four Sundays in Advent, at the 5pm, 7:30am and 9:30am Masses, the Mass will begin with a brief "pre-processional" chanted Entrance Antiphon before the opening Hymn. The Entrance Antiphon is a short scripture verse that may be used in place of an opening Hymn to begin the Mass. Like the Sunday Readings and Opening and Closing Prayers, these Entrance Antiphons are proper to the Sunday Masses (in other words, there's a different and unique Entrance Antiphon for every Sunday and Solemnity of the Liturgical Year). **Those who attend Daily Mass should be very familiar with these Entrance Antiphons, as they are normally recited by the priest and congregation at the start of each Daily Mass instead of an opening Hymn.**

The original Latin versions of these Sunday Entrance Antiphons all have traditional musical settings to them, many of which were composed over a thousand years ago, and which have been continually chanted in many Churches each year for centuries, down to our present day. Recently, there has been a movement in the Church to bring back in parishes the custom of chanting these Entrance Antiphons, either in their original Latin or translated into the current Church approved English translation. Particularly, in 2015, a Benedictine Priest named Fr. Samuel Weber painstakingly set the English translations of all the Sunday Entrance Antiphons to Gregorian Chant, trying to stay as close as possible to the original Latin Chant. It was Fr. Weber's versions of these Antiphons that I heard at my priest friend's Parish in Vermont, and so I bought a copy of Fr. Weber's book for our Parish to use.

So, what will be different? While I've taken a lot of time to explain these chanted Entrance Antiphons, **the Antiphons themselves usually take only about 30-45 seconds to sing!** And so, for the four Sundays of Advent, when the bell is rung to start the Mass, the congregation will stand up as usual, but the servers and clergy will remain standing in the back of the Church while this Entrance Antiphon is chanted by our organist. Parishioners can actually follow along silently, as these Entrance Antiphons are found in the Breaking Bread Missalettes, right before the First Reading of the Mass of that Sunday (see photo). Once the Entrance Antiphon chant is finished, the organist will then announce as usual "our opening hymn is number such and such, etc." and the Servers and Priest will process down the aisle, and the Mass will continue as usual.

"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'"

as Isaiah the prophet said. "Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, 'Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water, but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.' This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing."

The Gospel of the day. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
Give thanks to the Father of the Lord: Be strong and do not fear. The Lord is with us. God is with us. Come, and he will save us.

cf. Isaiah 35:4

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- DECEMBER 24, 2023 -

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.

cf. Isaiah 45:8

FIRST READING
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 (118)

A reading from the second Book of Samuel

When King David was settled in his palace, and the Lord had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the Lord is with you." But that night the Lord spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: Should you build me a house to dwell in? It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place."

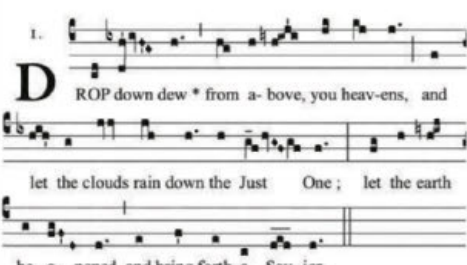
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Entrance Antiphon in our Breaking Bread Missalettes

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Rorate celi desuper. Cf. Is 45:8*

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Drop down dew * from a-bove, you heav-ens, and
let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth
be o- pened and bring forth a Sav- ior.

Fr. Weber's Chant Setting for 4th Sun Advent

to look forward to hearing them — as, for example, one looks forward to hearing favorite Christmas Carols or Easter hymns at Mass each year.

So, please let me know what you think about these Entrance Antiphon once the Four Sundays of Advent are over; if they seem to go over well, I'm thinking we can do them each year for the Seasons of Advent and Lent, to add to the prayerfulness and specialness of these two Holy Seasons!

God bless, Fr. Woolley

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