

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

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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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4:00 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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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 DECEMBER 15, 2024

Saturday	December 14	5:00 PM	Raymond Aubin / 11th Anniversary / Loving Wife & Family
Sunday	December 15	7:30 AM	Thomas Lawrence / Birthday Remembrance / Wife
		9:30 AM	Taylor Reilly / 8th Anniversary / Family
		11:30 AM	Birthday Blessings for Linda Moran (Living)
Monday	December 16	9:00 AM	David Anthony DiLeonardo / In Loving Memory / Friends
Tuesday	December 17	9:00 AM	Joyce Criscione / 2nd Anniversary / Family
Wednesday	December 18	9:00 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Thursday	December 19	9:00 AM	Father Dennis Kieton / In Loving Memory / Lunch Bunch
Friday	December 20	9:00 AM	Lawrence J. Fecteau & Laurie A. Mullen / In Loving Memory / Family
Saturday	December 21	5:00 PM	Sam Marsocci / 15th Anniversary / Wife & Family
Sunday	December 22	7:30 AM	Alfred Gaulien / Birthday Remembrance / Daughter Patty
		9:30 AM	Joshua Zulabowski / 9th Anniversary / Family
		11:30 AM	Beverly Blais / In Loving Memory / Jim & Pat Stephens

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



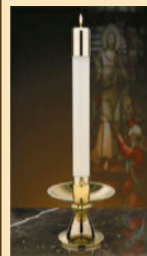
2024 Budget Collection Week of 12/1/24

Envelopes	\$10,414.90
E-Giving	<u>\$ 4,115.00</u>
	\$14,529.90

2023 Budget Collection Week of 12/3/23

Envelopes	\$12,025.00
E-Giving	<u>\$ 2,375.00</u>
	\$14,400.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish!



For the week of December 15, 2024
the Altar Candles burn
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Donald Nester***

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In Loving Memory of
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Donald Nester***



DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Starting this Monday, December 16, the 9am Daily Mass Monday to Friday as well as the Thursday Adoration will be held in the Church, until the end of the school year.



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.
All are welcome to attend!

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.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our next class will be Monday, December 16th, from 7:00-8:30PM. The topic is Discipleship & Evangelization.

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

Our Daily Bread

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 \$188.00.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Vigil of Christmas

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM in Church

Christmas Carols: 11:30PM

followed by Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30AM

12/21-12/22/24	Priest
5:00 PM	Fr. Doan
7:30 AM	Fr. Woolley
9:30 AM	Fr. Doan
11:30 AM	Fr. Woolley

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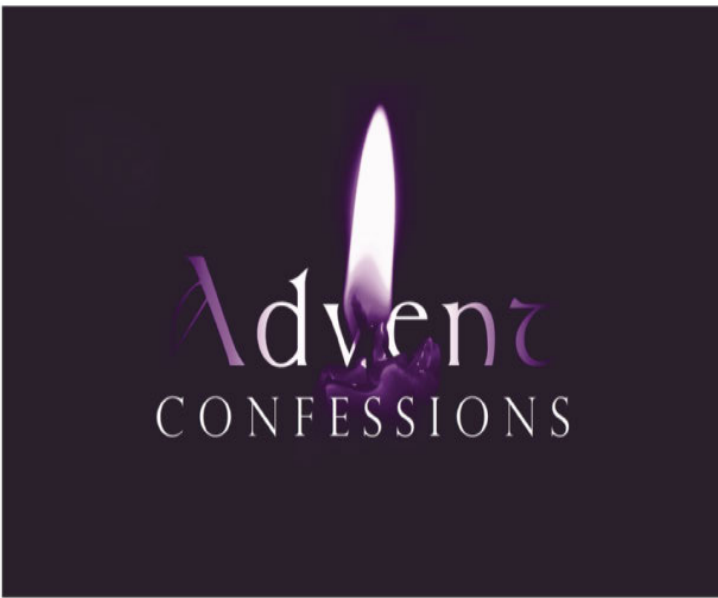
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

To all Catholic gentlemen, we have a few questions for you.

- Could I be a better Catholic, husband or father?
- Could I be a better spiritual role model for my family?
- If it were possible to strengthen my faith, would I take advantage of that?
- Am I interested in gaining access to opportunities to secure my family's future?
- Do I have a desire to help my parish, my local community and people in need?
- Would I like to be part of a group of people who share my values and beliefs?

If the answer to the above questions is YES, then please consider joining the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

Scan the QR code or go to kofc.org/join and sign up for free with Promo Code: BLESSEDMCGIVNEY. On the sign-up form, complete the information with Preferred Council Number 5273 and Member Referral Number 4858014. After you click the JOIN button, we will be in touch very soon!



Readings for the Week of December 15, 2024

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/ Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/ Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/ Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/ Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 /Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20 -21/Lk 1:39-45
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/ Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-4

Prepare the Way of the Lord! Advent Day of Confession

Sunday, December 15, 12:30pm – 5pm
Ss. John and Paul Parish, Coventry RI

Schedule of Priests Hearing Individual Confessions:

12:30pm–2:00pm: Fr. Doan Nguyen (Pulpit Side Confessional)
2:00pm–3:30pm: Fr. Jacek Ploch (Baptism Side Confessional)
3:30pm–5:00pm: Fr. Michael Woolley (Pulpit Side Confessional)

Young Adult Group this Monday Night

The Ss. John and Paul Young Adult Group meets this Monday, December 16 at 7pm starting in the Rectory Conference Room. All Young Adults aged 21-35 are welcomed to join us for an evening of prayer, study of the faith, and socializing.



Our next baptismal prep class will be Thursday, December 19th at 7:00PM in the rectory conference room. Please call the office (821-5764) for more information.

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From the Pastor

Heat Pumps now firing on all pistons! The Church Heating/Air Conditioning Project is now finally completed, and the unit is up and running in heat mode. So far its been working great; even a few weeks ago when it was 19 degrees Fahrenheit out, it still kept the Church at 67 degrees without the oil boiler kicking on! We installed this system mainly because our air conditioning system was on its last legs, with only two of the five obsolete outdoor units still functioning, and the other three broken ones unable to be repaired. Because of an incentive the State of Rhode Island was offering, it ended up being cheaper to install a system that not only cooled but also provided efficient heating down to 0 degrees F, as the project was eligible for a \$56,000 rebate! The 24 ton, three phase VRF Toshiba/Carrier system should save the parish on heating expenses, as heat pumps cost less to heat than oil with normal electrical rates; however, we will save even more, because we receive solar net metering credits as we've contracted with Green Energy through the St. Joseph Cemetery Solar Farm in West Greenwich, and our electricity rates are currently locked in from three years ago, also thanks to the Diocese who got a good price on energy for all its institutions through a broker. Its also possible that the more efficient system will save us on air conditioning costs in the summer months. As we've been working on getting these heat pumps in since last January, I'm really happy to see them finally installed! God bless, Fr. Woolley

FROM THE PASTOR

Each year, parish corporations are required by state law to publish a summary of its financial report to its parishioners. At the doors of the Church this Sunday is summary of our Parish's financial report for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024; parishioners can also obtain a copy of the report at the Rectory. Below is the text of my letter which accompanies the one page financial summary. God bless, Fr. Woolley

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

Dear Ss. John and Paul Parishioners:

The Peace of Christ be with you. On the reverse of this sheet, please find the Parish's financial report for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

Thanks to a continued increase in Sunday Mass attendance and new parishioners, combined with a successful Increased Giving Sunday appeal last February, our weekly budget collection was up \$20,295 from last year, a 3% increase; in addition, our income from fund raising, the annual appeal, bequests and rentals was also up \$38,931 from last year, a 23% increase. Due to inflation and Fr. Doan finally getting back from Vietnam in mid June 2023 after being stuck there for a year, expenses were up \$83,559.91, not factoring in depreciation expenses, a 13% increase. Despite the increased expenses outweighing the increase in income, the parish still ended the year \$135,280.99 in the black, after deducting the parish's subsidy to the school, and not factoring in depreciation expenses.

We continue to be very grateful to God that the school keeps growing and getting more financially secure! While enrollment stayed at a healthy 204 students in 2023/24 from the previous year, tuition revenue increased \$80,736.99 from the previous year, and total operating income also increased by \$87,135, while expenditures increased only \$26,061.53, not factoring in depreciation expenses. As a result, the parish subsidy to the school continued to remain at a very sustainable level.

We are almost halfway through this new 2024/25 fiscal year, and things are looking very well — the Sunday collection is currently up 8% from this time last year, and our income is well meeting our budgetary needs. This is due to the generosity of you faithful long time parishioners, as well as you many new parishioners who have joined our parish over the past several months from parishes in the area that are sadly closing; we hope all you new parishioners continue to feel more and more at home in our parish!

Things are also looking very well at the school these days — we started up a third pre-K classroom this 2024/25 Academic year, and it was filled to capacity by the start of school! In addition to the 16 students in the new pre-K, we also gained nine more students in K to 8, putting our total school enrollment at 229 students at the start of the school year! Currently, our three pre-K's, our Kindergarten and our First Grade classes are full, and these classes are filling up fast for the 2025/26 school year, thanks to the Lord and our school's patron saints answering our prayers, and to the outstanding work our Principal Kevin Peloquin and our school teachers and staff members are doing at our school!

As always, if anyone has questions regarding this report, please don't hesitate to ask. I wish to thank our business manager, Renée Johnson, our Finance Committee, Trustees and Parish Auditors for their assistance in preparing this report. Finally, I wish to especially thank the many parishioners and school parents who generously support our parish and school with their time, talent and treasure.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Michael J. Woolley

Pastor

Ss. John and Paul Parish



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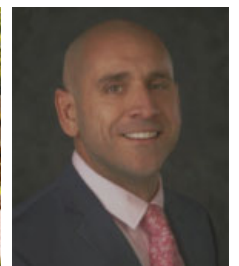
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