



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

- Lk 1:41-42

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

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Father John V. Doyle School



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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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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 22, 2024

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 Zalabowski / 9th Anniversary / Family
		11:30 AM	Beverly Blais / In Loving Memory / Jim & Pat Stephens
Monday	December 23	9:00 AM	Ronald Lukowicz / Christmas Remembrance / Wife & Family
Tuesday	December 24 Christmas Eve	9:00 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
		5:00PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Wednesday	December 25	12:00 AM	(Midnight) Mass for the People of the Parish
		7:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
		9:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
		11:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Thursday	December 26	9:00 AM	Thomas Lawrence / Christmas Remembrance / Loving Wife
Friday	December 27	9:00 AM	George Boursier / 24th Anniversary / Wife
Saturday	December 28	5:00 PM	Gerardo & Carmenza Engulo / In Loving Memory / Family
Sunday	December 29	7:30 AM	James Ward / 1st Anniversary / Family & Friends
		9:30 AM	Andrew Dickson / In Loving Memory / Wife Ann Marie
		11:30 AM	Richard Lord / In Loving Memory / Wife Lillian



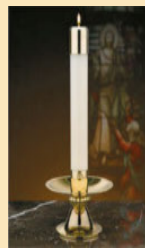
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Envelopes \$11,901.75
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2023 Budget Collection Week of 12/10/23

Envelopes \$11,287.00
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 \$14,881.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish!



For the week of December 22, 2024
 the Altar Candles burn
 In Loving Memory of
Thomas Lawrence
 Christmas Remembrance

For the week of December 22, 2024
 the Sanctuary Lamps burn
 In Loving Memory of
Mitch Evich
 3rd Anniversary



The Rectory Office will be closed:
 Tuesday, December 24, 2024
 Wednesday, December 25, 2024
 Thursday, December 26, 2024

**Please note: There will be no Eucharistic Adoration
 on Thursday, December 26, 2024.**

Coventry Food Bank

The food bank currently needs *tuna, canned pasta, and toothpaste*. 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.



Christmas Season 2024–2025 Ss. John and Paul Parish, Coventry RI

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM

Midnight Mass: at Midnight, preceded by Carols at 11:30PM

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25, 2024

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

Feast of the Holy Family — Sunday, December 29, 2024

Confessions 4-4:45pm Saturday December 28

5pm Vigil Saturday December 28

Sunday December 29: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Wednesday, January 1, 2025**

Vigil Mass: Tuesday, December 31: 5:00 PM

New Year’s Day Masses: 9am and 10:30am

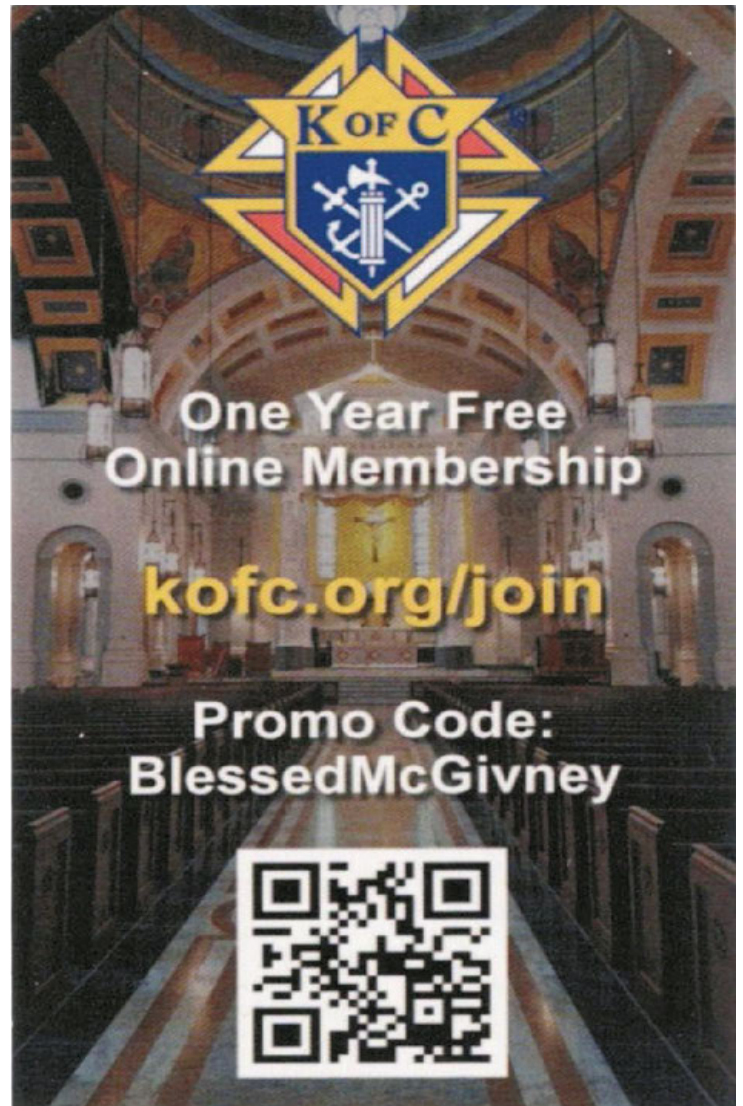
Our Daily Bread

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 \$276.75.



12/24-12/25/24	Priest
5:00 PM & Midnight	Fr. Woolley
7:30 AM	Fr. Doan
9:30 AM	Fr. Doan
11:30 AM	Fr. Woolley

12/28-12/29/24	Priest
5:00 PM	Fr. Doan
7:30 AM	Fr. Woolley
9:30 AM	Fr. Doan
11:30 AM	Fr. Woolley



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!



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Readings for the Week of December 22, 2024

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/
Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-4

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/
Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Help Request for Our Homeless!

Our homeless are in need of winter coats, winter gloves, hoodie sweatshirts, beanie hats, underwear, adult size men's & women's socks, thermal underwear, men's jeans, men's construction-type boots, toiletries, baby wipes, feminine products, lip balm, manual can openers, tarps, and bungee cords. Donations may be left in the "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. Thank you for your kind generosity!!

**Midnight Mass, as it should be:
At Midnight.
By Stable Light.**

"Bring a (Electric) Torch, Jeannette, Isabella!" The Christmas Midnight Mass this year will again begin at Midnight (preceded by Carols at 11:30pm) and be "by Stable Light" — only the Christmas Lights, Candles, and Choir Loft lights will be lit during the Mass. While there will be ample lighting for walking to and from the pews, those attending may wish to bring a flashlight to read the hymnals!





**Annual Blessing of the Outdoor Creche,
followed by
Christmas Sing Along with Fr. Woolley**
Sunday, December 22 12:30pm in the Parish Hall

Hot Chocolate, Coffee and Pastries
Song Books Provided
All are welcomed to attend!

Children must be seated with parents during the Sing Along



FROM THE PASTOR

The shepherd upon a hill he sat;
He had on him his tunic and his hat,
His tar-box, his pipe, and his flagat
His name was called Jolly, Jolly Wat,
For he was a good shepherd's boy.

Ut hoy!

For in his pipe he made so much joy.

The shepherd upon a hill he lied;
His dog to his belt was tied.
He had not slept but a little abed;
When "Gloria in excelsis" was to him said.

"Now must I go where Christ was born;
Farewell! I come again to-morn.
Dog, keep well my sheep from the corn,
And warn well Willie when I blow my horn!"

The shepherd said anon aright,
"I will go see yon wondrous sight,
Which the angel singeth in the height,
And the star that shineth so bright."

Wat made to Bethlehem in haste,
He sweated, faster than a pace;
He found Jesu in a simple place,
Between an ox and an asse.

"Jesu, I offer to thee here my pipe,
My skirt, my tar-box, and my scrip;
Home to my fellows now will I skip,
And also look unto my sheep."

"Now farewell, mine own herdsman Wat!"
"Yea, by God, Lady, even so I hap;
Lull well Jesus in thy lap,
And farewell, Joseph, with thy brown cap!"

"Now may I well both hope and sing,
For I have been at Christ's bearing;
Home to my fellows now will I fling.
Christ of heaven to His bliss us bring!"

Ut hoy!

For in his pipe he made so much joy!

(16th Century English Carol)

May we with Jolly Wat, the Piping Shepherd,
offer our lives and gifts to the Christ Child
born in Bethlehem this Holy Night.
May you and your loved ones have a Merry
and Blessed Christmas; and as the Carolers
sang in the 1500s: "*Ut hoy!*"
God bless, Fr. Woolley



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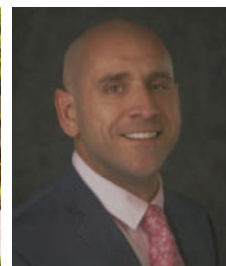
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