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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

THE HOLY FAMILY



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

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Father John V. Doyle School



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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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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 DECEMBER 29, 2024

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
Monday	December 30	9:00 AM	Father Dennis Kieton / In Loving Memory / A Parishioner
Tuesday	December 31	9:00 AM	Paul Murray / In Loving Memory / Maynard Family
		5:00 PM	Edward & Jason Gremour / In Loving Memory / Family
Wednesday	January 1	9:00 AM	Martin Reilly / 14th Anniversary / Family
		10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Thursday	January 2	9:00 AM	Chris Knott (Living) / Good Health / Bible Study Committee
Friday	January 3	9:00 AM	Walter McGinn / 2nd Anniversary / Wife Maryanne
Saturday	January 4	5:00 PM	Bernadette Kelly Favata / In Loving Memory / Husband
Sunday	January 5	7:30 AM	Natalia Toj Bernardino / In Loving Memory / Yolanda Ancone
		9:30 AM	Deceased Members of the DelPonte Family / In Loving Memory / Patrice DelPonte
		11:30 AM	Father Dennis Kieton / In Loving Memory / Jeanne DiMasi

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



The Budget Collection for the
Week of 12/15/24
and the Week of 12/22/24
will be in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your support of
our Parish!



For the week of December 29, 2024
the Altar Candles burn
For Birthday Blessings
Linda Moran

For the week of December 29, 2024
the Sanctuary Lamps burn
For Birthday Blessings
Linda Moran



The Rectory Office will be closed:
Wednesday, January 1, 2025



Holyday of Obligation
Vigil Mass on
5pm Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Mass will be at
9:00AM & 10:30AM

Masses will be celebrated in the Church.

Coventry Food Bank

The food bank currently needs *macaroni & cheese, juice, and dish detergent*. 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.



1/4-1/5/25	Priest
5:00 PM	Fr. Woolley
7:30 AM	Fr. Doan
9:30 AM	Fr. Woolley
11:30 AM	Fr. Doan

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 \$.



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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!

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!!



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our next class will be Monday, January 6th, from 7:00-8:30PM. The topic is Sacrament of Baptism.

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

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Readings for the Week of December 29, 2024

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

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



Blood Drive

Celebrating National Blood Donor Month



Prepare to donate

- Eat well and hydrate
- Bring a photo ID
- Feel good and symptom free
- Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form
- Meet minimum weight requirements

Saints John & Paul Church
Sunday, January 12
8:30am-1:30pm

Parish Hall
 341 South Main Street, Coventry



Sign up at ribc.org/drives and use sponsor code 0572

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit ribc.org/eligibility.



From the Pastor

Step softly, under snow or rain,
To find the place where men can pray;
The way is all so very plain
That we may lose the way.

Oh, we have learnt to peer and pore
On tortured puzzles from our youth,
We know all the labyrinthine lore,
We are the three wise men of yore,
And we know all things but truth.

The gods of violence took the veil
Of vision and philosophy,
The Serpent that brought all men bale,
He bites his own accursed tail,
And calls himself Eternity.

Go humbly ... it has hailed and snowed...
With voices low and lanterns lit;
So very simple is the road,
That we may stray from it.

The world grows terrible and white,
And blinding white the breaking day;
We walk bewildered in the light,
For something is too large for sight,
And something much too plain to say.

The Child that was ere worlds begun
(... We need but walk a little way,
We need but see a latch undone...)
The Child that played with moon and sun
Is playing with a little hay.

Go humbly, humble are the skies,
And low and large and fierce the Star;
So very near the Manger lies
That we may travel far.

Hark! Laughter like a lion wakes
To roar to the resounding plain.
And the whole heaven shouts and shakes,
For God Himself is born again,
And we are little children walking
Through the snow and rain.

The Wise Men by G.K. Chesterton, 1913

Christ is born in Bethlehem! May we all be given the grace to “turn and become as little children” (Mt 18:3) that we may enter into the saving wonder and joy of God becoming one of us!

Blessed Christmas and Jubilee Year, Fr. Woolley

Consecration to the Holy Family

O Lord Jesus,
you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.
There you grew in age, wisdom and grace
as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer.
We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary,
you are the Mother of our Savior.
At Nazareth you cared for Jesus
and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.
We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph,
you provided a secure and loving home
for Jesus and Mary,
and gave us a model of fatherhood
while showing us the dignity of work.
We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family,
we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.
May we be completely united
in a love that is lasting, faithful
and open to the gift of new life.

Help us to grow in virtue,
to forgive one another from our hearts,
and to live in peace all our days.

Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,
diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.

May our home, O Holy Family,
truly become a domestic church
where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!





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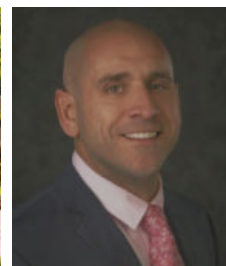
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