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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 MARCH 16, 2025

Saturday	March 15	5:00 PM	Robert E. O'Neill / In Loving Memory / Wife
Sunday	March 16	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	Maria Cifumtes / In Loving Memory / Sisters Fr. Dennis Kieton / In Loving Memory / Erlinda Moran William Warwick / In Loving Memory / Wife Lorraine
Monday	March 17	9:00 AM	Ann Marie Gentile (Living) / Healing / SSJP Respect Life Committee
Tuesday	March 18	9:00 AM	Those Involved in Pro-Life Movement / SSJP Respect Life Committee
Wednesday	March 19	9:00 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Thursday	March 20	9:00 AM	Barbara Faria / In Loving Memory / Barbara Vandervelde
Friday	March 21	9:00 AM	
Saturday	March 22	5:00 PM	Thom Lawrence / In Loving Memory / Family
Sunday	March 23	7:30 AM	Noah Jett / In Loving Memory / Kate Lewis
		9:30 AM	Cynthia Bearse / In Loving Memory / Nicole, Michael, Lacey & Penelope Grenia
		11:30 AM	Josephine Ruggieri / In Loving Memory / Daughters & Grandchildren

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



2025 Budget Collection Week of 3/2/25

Envelopes \$13,082.18 E-Giving \$3,987.00 \$17,069.18

2024 Budget Collection Week of 3/3/24

Envelopes \$11,016.98 E-Giving \$3,464.00 \$14,480.98

Thank you for your support of our Parish!

PLEASE! Do **NOT** tape, staple, or add stickers to close your Weekly Envelopes. Our volunteers are having a hard time opening many of them. Also, to receive the proper credit, please remember to write the amount of your donation on the front. Thank you for your understanding.

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 \$319.10.

For the week of March 16, 2025 the Sanctuary Lamps burn In Loving Memory of *Fr. Dennis Kieton*





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!

Our next **baptismal prep class** will be Thursday, March 20th at 7:00PM in the rectory conference room. Please call the office (821-5764) for more information.



Holy Week Choir - All Are Welcome!

The SSJP Adult Choir invites anyone interested in singing some or all of the Holy Week masses to join us. We especially need BARITONES/BASSES.

Wednesday rehearsal will take place 6-7:30pm on April 2, April 9, & April 16.

If interested, please contact Dr. Kirsten Mitak at kirsten Mitak

3/22-3/23/25	Priest
5:00 PM	Fr. Woolley
7:30 AM	Fr. Woolley
9:30 AM	Fr. Doan
11:30 AM	Fr. Doan



BIBLE STUDY REMINIDER!

NEXT SESSION: March 18 Clothed with Power Saints John & Paul Parish Center Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm



Knights of Columbus Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council #5273 "Raffle to Support Seminarians" After all Masses March 22-23, 2025

The Knights of the Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council will be selling tickets to the State Charity Raffle at Saints John and Paul Church before and after each of the Masses on the weekend of March 22-23.



Raffle proceeds will support diocesan seminarians at Our Lady of Providence. Please accept a prayer card picturing the seminarians and offering a prayer supporting them.

Outreach: Prison Ministry Initiative

One Parish One Prisoner is a program that prepares local church teams (7-10 members - including support from pastor) for a two-year journey of learning, relationship-building, and reentry planning for an incarcerated, new friend to be freed. See https://www.undergroundministries.org/opop

The Executive Director, Chris Hoke, will be coming to talk to churches in the Rhode Island vicinity to pitch this idea on Friday, March 21st.

To learn more about this new ministry, the informational meetings will be on Friday, March 21st as follows:

10am SS John & Paul Parish Hall, Coventry, RI 341 South Main St., Coventry RI

2pm Cathedral Hall, SS Peter & Paul Cathedral, Providence, RI Basement of cathedral 30 Fenner St., Providence

6pm Cathedral Hall, SS Peter & Paul Cathedral, Providence, RI Basement of cathedral 30 Fenner St., Providence

For more info, and to RSVP, please contact Timothy Maynard at (401) 462-5238 or institutionalchaplain@dpvd.org

The Forty Days of Lent are all the days from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Easter (Holy Saturday) inclusive; the Sundays in that time period are not traditionally counted among the Forty Days.

Lenten Regulations Fridays in Lent – Days of Abstinence

- All Catholics 14 and over are to abstain from meat.
- Those who are sick or must do heavy manual labor may dispense themselves from this obligation.

Every day of Lent (excluding Sundays) is a Day of <u>Penance</u>

• Catholics of all ages should do *at least one* act of Penance (Prayer, Fasting, or Almsgiving) each day of this Holy Season in atonement for one's sins and in remembrance of Jesus' Forty Day fast in the desert when He was tempted by Satan.

Stations of the Cross Monday Afternoons and Friday Evenings in Lent

Stations of the Cross will be 1:45pm every Monday and 7pm every Friday in the Church

Confessions during Lent

Saturdays 4 to 4:45pm in the Church

Day of Confession: Sunday March 23, 2025, 12:30pm to 5pm

A priest will be in the Confessional during that time to hear individual confessions



500 Food Pantry Visits

St. Martin De Porres Senior Center Every time a family visits the St. Martin de Porres Center's food pantry, families who might otherwise struggle to put food on the table receive the gift of nourishment and hope. Thanks to your generosity, more than 500 families received that nourishment and hope last year, through a variety of essential foods at

the pantry. Also, the center provides services for 170 active-member seniors on a weekly basis. Your continued support is essential to ensuring that no one in our state goes hungry. Please consider making a generous gift to the 2025 Catholic Charity Appeal by visiting dioceseofprovidence.org/cca. Your gift brings relief and compassion to those in need.



Parish Novena to St. Joseph

Please pray this Novena each day, beginning Monday March 10 and ending Tuesday March 18

Main Prayer Intentions:

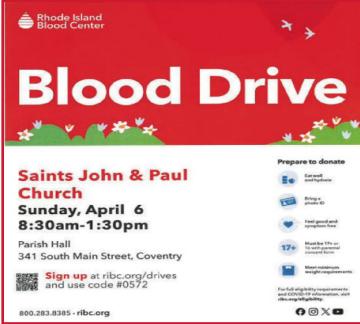
For Pope Francis and for a new Bishop for our Diocese; and for blessings on Ss. John and Paul Parish and Fr. John V. Doyle School.

Secondary Prayer Intentions:

For our clergy; for all parishioners especially the young, the sick, families, elderly, the unemployed; for vocations to the priesthood and religious life from our parish; for the dying and deceased of our parish; for our country and our Church; for peace in our world, for our military; and for our personal intentions.

Novena Prayer:

Saint Joseph, you are the chaste and loving spouse of the Virgin Mary, the guardian and foster father of Jesus, the provider and protector of the Holy Family, of all families, and of the Holy Church. We have complete confidence in your loving care for new life and in your fidelity to Ss. John and Paul Parish, Fr. John V. Doyle School, and to our families. Obtain for all of us, through Jesus and Mary, the greatest of blessings and graces in the year ahead. Graciously hear our petitions, through Christ our Lord, Amen. St. Joseph, Pray for Us!





This Monday! The Saints John and Paul Irish Band 20th Anniversary Concert!

Starring Kieran Keating from County Tipperary, Guitar and Vocals Fr. Michael O'Woolley from County Kent, Guitar and Vocals Stephanie Mahon from County Woonsocket, Irish Fiddle Judy Burns from County Doyle, Irish Soprano Brian Mattias from County Czenstochowa, Irish Bass

Monday, March 17, 2025, 7pm in the Parish Hall

Tickets: \$10, Children under 12 Free
Tickets will be sold after all Weekend Masses March 1-2, 8-9
And at the Rectory Office starting March 3
(No tickets will be sold at the door)

Event will also be Livestreamed on our Parish Facebook Page



Hosted by the SSJP Respect Life Committee

When: Saturday, April 5, 2025, beginning with 8 am Mass – all day Eucharistic adoration!

Where: Saints John & Paul Parish Center & Church, 341 S. Main St., Coventry, RI

Join us for prayer, fasting, and fellowship as we join to pray for the dignity of life at all stages! We will be committed to fasting with bread and water for the entire day, which will be available for all throughout this event (coffee will be served in the am and cheese & crackers will be available as well for those that need something more substantial).

You may come for the entire day or just pop in and stay as long you can. The schedule is posted on the bulletin boards and flyers at the exits of the church.

SEVEN SISTERS...

We have a group of 7 Sisters here at Saint John and Paul Church.

We are looking to start another group. Each "sister" prays for one priest, one day, for one hour each week.

One priest, One day, One hour!

Each month you will be given new prayers. You may pray anywhere.

If you are interested or for more information, please contact Jeanne at the office at 401-821-5764.

Readings for the Week of March 16, 2025

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/ Phil 3:17—4:1

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11 -12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8,

11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2,

5-8/Jn 4:5-4



Coventry Food Bank

The food bank currently needs *soup*, *tomato sauce*, *and laundry 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.



SSJP is asking for donations of Easter Candy for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

We are seeking donations of wrapped Easter Candy that contain no nuts or nut products. We ask also that the candy not be produced in a facility where other nut containing products are made.

Clearly marked bins will be placed one in the front foyer and the other at the entrance closest to the kitchen. The collection bins will be available beginning the weekend of March 15 & 16 and taken away on April 7.



DAY OF CONFESSION

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025 SS. JOHN AND PAUL PARISH 12:30PM – 5:00PM

** SCHEDULE OF PRIESTS**

12:30—2PM: Fr. Woolley

2-3:30PM: Fr. Jacek (Pastor of OLC/SVDP)

3:30-5PM: Fr. Doan

Both screen and face to face options available
Music will be playing in the Church during confessions
Written instructions will be available
We will have signs for where to sit as you wait!

All are welcome – especially those who have been away from Confession for a long time!

"Everyone say to himself: 'When was the last time I went to confession?' And if it has been a long time, don't lose another day! Go, the priest will be good. And Jesus, (will be) there, and Jesus is better than the priests - Jesus receives you. He will receive you with so much love! Be courageous, and go to confession!" - Pope Francis.





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