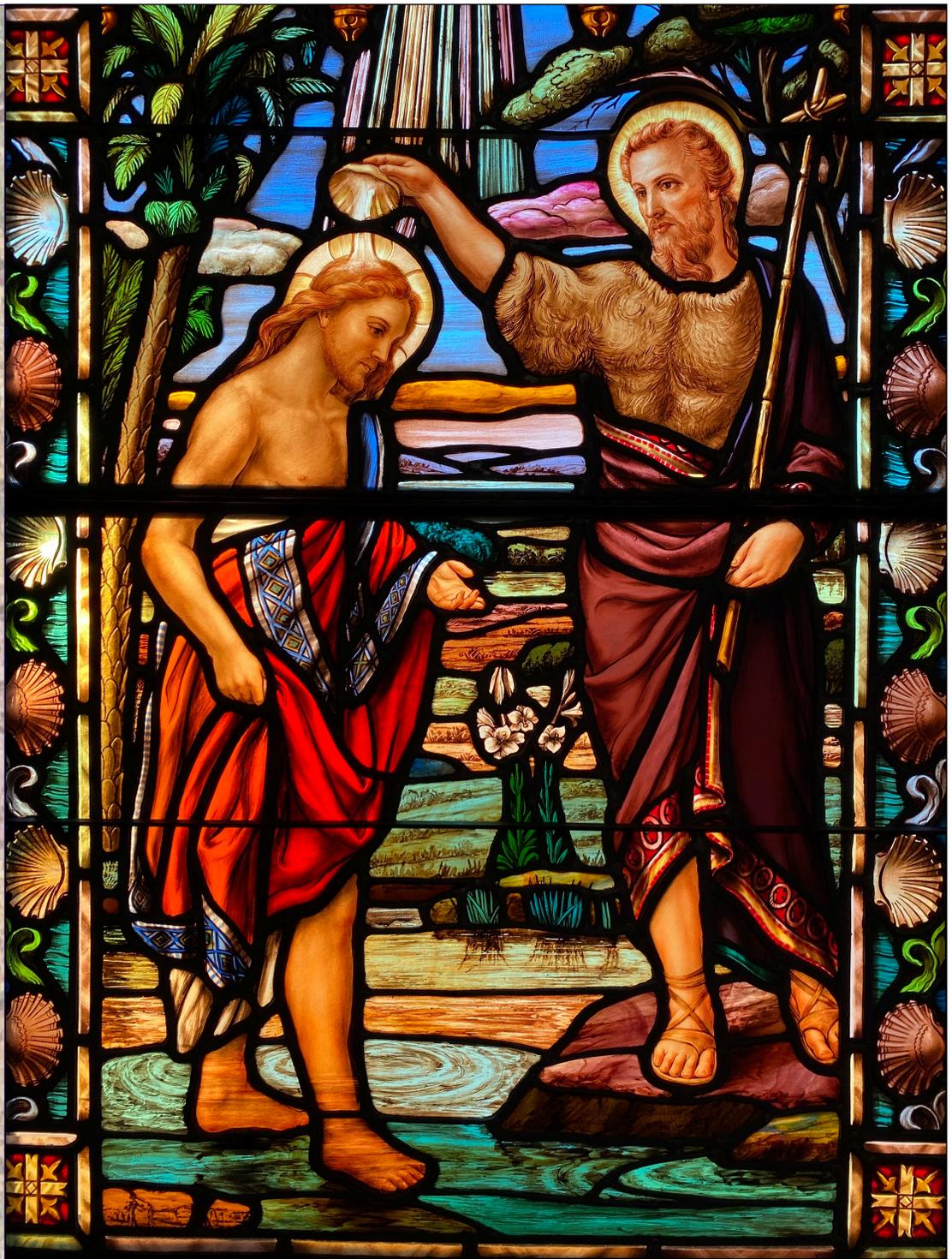


HOLY GHOST CHURCH PROVIDENCE, RI
BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 9, 2022



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 8

4:00 PM - Baptism of the Lord

†Philip Fazioli and Kevin Lang

Sunday, January 9 - Baptism of the Lord

9:00 AM - English

†William Souza

10:30 AM - Italian

Pro Populo

12:00 PM - Spanish

†Lucia Almeida

Ordinary Time Begins for
Year of Our Lord 2022

Monday, January 10

No Scheduled Mass

Tuesday, January 11

7:00 AM

†Anita Colasanto

Wednesday, January 12

7:00 AM

†Joseph D'Elia

Adoration 5:00-7:00 PM

Confessions from 6:00 PM

until Benediction

Thursday, January 13

7:00 AM

†Dora Petrella

7:00 PM

†Linette Tammelleo

Friday, January 14

7:00 AM

†Anita Carnevale

Saturday, January 15

**4:00 PM - Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

†Renee Lukas

**Sunday, January 16 - Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM - English

†Meredith Raymond

10:30 AM - Italian

Vincent Ferri ^{9 years}

12:00 PM - Spanish

Pro Populo

- * The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 3:00 PM until the beginning of the 4:00 PM Mass. It is also available on Wednesdays from 6:00 PM until Benediction, after morning daily Masses until 8:00 AM and at other times by request.
- * Baptisms are held each first Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM. Other times are possible by request.
- * Weddings should be scheduled a year in advance to account for different situations that may be present with the bride and groom that take time to work through. A wedding will not be truly scheduled until it is demonstrated that a couple is free to marry.



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Offertory of December 12, 2021

Collection: \$2600.00
Online Giving: \$219.20
Fund for Retired Religious: \$769.00

December 8, 2021

Immaculate Conception: \$408.00

December 19, 2021

Collection: \$1470.00
Online Giving: \$384.20
Fuel and Energy: \$686.00

December 25, 2021 - Christmas

Collection: \$2463.00

December 26, 2021

Collection: \$2293.00
Online Giving: \$730.46

Recently some money was found in the Church. We are not sure what it was for so if anyone has any information please call the rectory at (401) 421-3551

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - JANUARY 9

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
grant that your children by adoption,
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
may always be well pleasing to you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the offerings
we have brought to honor the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord,
that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Rhode Island Catholic's annual Subscription Drive is underway. Your diocesan newspaper depends on its faithful readers to continue its 146-year mission of bringing the good news of the church directly to you.

If you are interested in starting a new subscription or continuing to receive Rhode Island Catholic in your mailbox each week, please either drop the specially marked parish budget envelope into the collection basket at Mass, call Circulation Manager Sue Richard at 401-272-1010 ext. 0, or visit the newspaper's website, www.thericatholic.com, and click on Subscribe to order and pay for a subscription.

The cost for a year of in-home delivery of the newspaper is only \$30. Online payments, checks or money orders (made payable to Rhode Island Catholic) is preferred.

After the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord the Church begins to number the weeks again, the weeks of Ordinary Time. The Roman Missal instructs us with these words:

“Ordinary Time contains thirty-three or thirty-four weeks. It begins on the Monday following the Sunday after January 6 and continues until the beginning of Lent; it begins again on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and ends on the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent.”



~Parish Membership Registration Form~

Family Name: _____

Complete Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please List Registering Family Members Names, Relation and D.O.B.:

Name: _____ D.O.B. _____

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

From a Sermon by Saint Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop

The Baptism of Christ

Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptized; let us also go down with him, and rise with him.

John is baptizing when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptizer; certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. Then John says: I ought to be baptized by you. He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom, the greatest of all born of woman in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother's womb in the presence of him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of him who has already come and is to come again. I ought to be baptized by you; we should also add: and for you, for John is to be baptized in blood, washed clean like Peter, not only by the washing of his feet.

Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honor to the body that is one with God.

Today let us do honor to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received—though not in its fullness—a ray of its splendor, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

International Commission on English in the Liturgy, *The Liturgy of the Hours with Supplement*, vol. 1 (New York: Catholic Book Publishing Corp., 1975–1992), 634–635.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following is a report from the Saint Vincent de Paul Society at Holy Ghost Church

Happy New Year to our Holy Ghost Parish Family!

God's Providence is witnessed through our Holy Ghost Conference of St. Vincent de Paul. With the help of the Holy Spirit, our food pantry volunteers have increased from 1 to 6 per

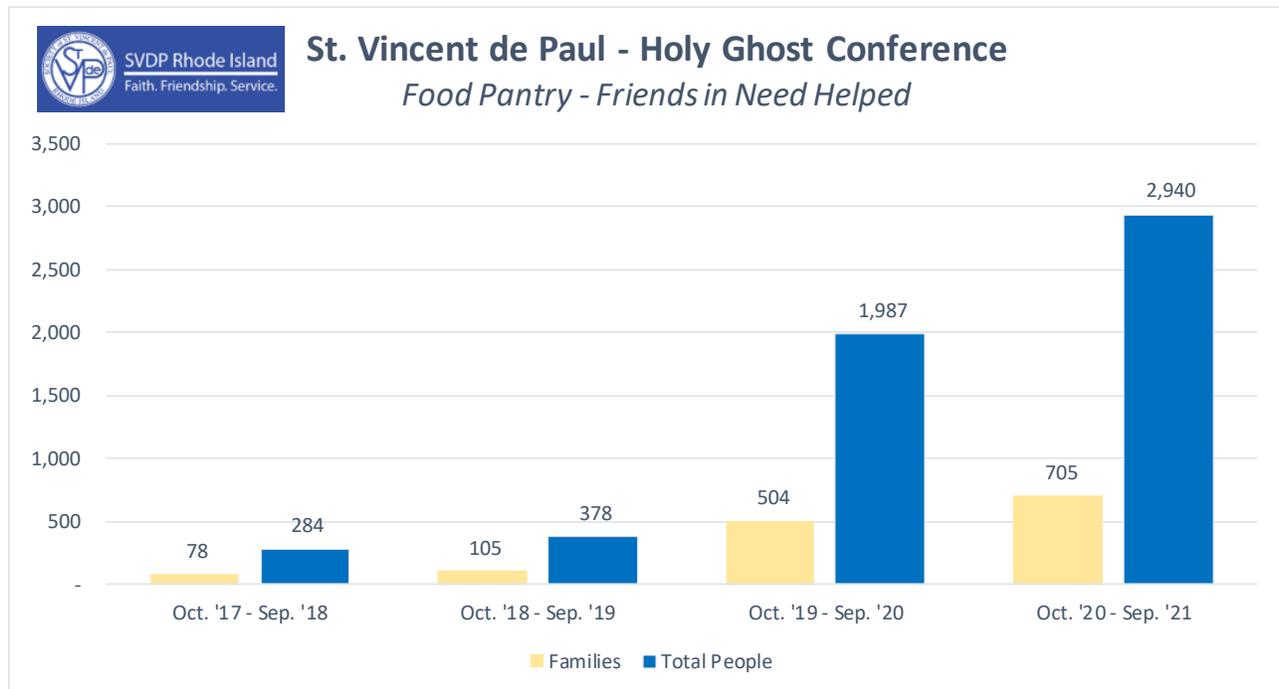
week and the families served have increased from 2 to 14 per week over the past 4-years. Please find below a graph and table with full year numbers from our recent annual reports.

The highlight of our year is the distribution of our Thanksgiving Baskets. In November 2021, we gave 53-baskets to our friends in need. With the help of generous parishioners and the Make a Difference Foundation, each family received a turkey in addition to regular dinner items.

As of now, we are need of cereal, mac n' cheese, canned soups, children's snacks, and toiletries. In addition, for the cold months ahead, we are looking for hats, gloves, and scarves for adults and children.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry to the Federal Hill neighborhood.

St. Vincent de Paul - Holy Ghost Conference		
<i>Food Pantry - Friends in Need Helped</i>		
Fiscal Year	Families	Total People
Oct. '17 - Sep. '18	78	284
Oct. '18 - Sep. '19	105	378
Oct. '19 - Sep. '20	504	1,987
Oct. '20 - Sep. '21	705	2,940



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

- Classes have begun for students in grades K to 6th -Tuesdays, from 5:15-6:30 PM.
 - Confirmation Classes for Students in grades 7th to 12th - Wednesdays, from 6:00-7:30 PM.
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INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

We will follow what is chosen for the schools in the City of Providence. When the weather is bad enough for the City to cancel school or have an early dismissal we will not have classes that night. If you have any questions please call us or check our website and Facebook page.

This applies to Religious Education classes and not Masses and other Devotions unless specified.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

- Deacon Stephen Raymond is directing and teaching the classes.
 - They are held in the Church Hall after the 9:00 AM Mass on the following dates.

• October 17, 2021	November 14, 2021	December 12, 2021
• October 24, 2021	November 28, 2021	December 19, 2021
• October 31, 2021		
• January 9, 2022	February 13, 2022	March 12, 2022
• January 23, 2022	February 20, 2022	March 19, 2022
• January 30, 2022	February 27, 2022	March 26, 2022
 - RCIA will open for adults who are discerning a call from the Lord to enter in His Holy Catholic Church. Baptized adult Catholics in need of preparation for the sacraments of
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LITURGICAL TRAINING

- Training for servers, lectors, ushers and others will take place all together on the first Saturday of the month. It can also serve as general education and as more time for instruction for those in RCIA. Material for each session will be in the bulletin.
- Instruction will begin after the 4:00 Mass and last about an hour.

Cover Sheet

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