St. Paul Catholic Parish
A Franciscan Family of Faith

St. Paul Church - 485 Alling St, Kensington CT 06037
Sacred Heart Church - 48 Cottage St, East Berlin CT 06023

March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Lent

"Let the Church always be a place of MERCY and HOPE, where EVERYONE is WELCOMED, LOVED and FORGIVEN."

-Pope Francis
What to do in the Absence of the Eucharist? - These are indeed unusual and trying times. Other than a major snow storm, I have not witnessed such cancelling of Masses let alone on such a widespread and lengthy time frame. As I celebrated the last public Masses this week at St. Paul, the sadness among those who faithfully attend each day was palpable. One of the saddest things I heard this week was a report on the radio of an elderly couple in their 80’s found sitting in their car in a supermarket parking lot (I did not catch the city) crying because they were afraid to go into the store. So many are unnerved on so many levels.

Last weekend many parishioners rightfully made the prudent decision not to come to Mass even though they found it very difficult not to come. The gift of the Eucharist is the most sacred and important gift we receive as Jesus gives us himself. So while you cannot for a time receive Jesus in the Eucharist you can still make a Spiritual Communion. What is that you ask?

St. Thomas Aquinas defined Spiritual Communion as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.”

Saint Pope John Paul II explained this in his encyclical, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* this way. In the Eucharist, “unlike any other sacrament, the mystery [of communion] is so perfect that it brings us to the heights of every good thing: Here is the ultimate goal of every human desire, because here we attain God and God joins himself to us in the most perfect union.” Precisely for this reason it is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist. This was the origin of the practice of "spiritual communion," which has happily been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by saints who were masters of the spiritual life. St. Teresa of Jesus wrote: "When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you" [The Way of Perfection, Ch. 35].

Aleteia, an online Catholic news and information website, had this to offer: “For various reasons we may be prevented from receiving the Eucharist at Mass. In these cases the Church encourages us to make an act of “spiritual communion,” where we unite ourselves to God through prayer. It is a beautiful way to express to God our desire to be united with him when we are unable to complete that union in the reception of Holy Communion.”

Below is a traditional prayer of spiritual communion composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori in the 18th century. It can be prayed any time when you cannot come to Mass because of sickness or taking care of a loved one, age, etc. but maybe especially during these days. Let us remember that nothing can separate us from the love of God. (Romans 8: 31-39) Let us place all of our fears and worries in God’s hands. (Mt. 6: 25-34)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

From the Spiritual to the Practical - As you can see on page 3, the weekly collection took a hit last week as Mass attendance (540) was about 1/3 of our average. Thankfully, more than usual contributed on-line. With no Masses for at least two weeks our operating budget is set to take a significant hit. Our expenses of course are not decreasing during this time. See page 6 for how you can contribute online. Some have also been sending in their envelopes in the mail or dropping them off at the office. If this does not go on too long, you could make it up when you are back in church, but I very much encourage you to check out the online giving option so that we can maintain the cash flow that we need to continue to pay salaries and benefits and all of our other regular bills. A very special thank you to those who are keeping up with your weekly donations during this time!!

Update on How Coronavirus is Affecting St. Paul Parish
The information on page 8 was sent out via e-mail and posted on our web site as was another message the previous day. If you would like to be included on our distribution list, please send an email to ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org with a brief note asking to be added to the list.

Greetings from Fr. Peter in Peru - This past week the Friars received this message from Fr. Peter. He wrote: “I hope you are doing well and are safe. I don’t know if there is any case of coronavirus close to Kensington, but I pray that you and our people, especially our parishioners are safe. I’m right now in Lima, in our friary [sic] in house arrest. The president of Peru declared a national state of emergency and all citizens have to stay home - mandatory quarantine, until the end of March. Also no one can get in or out of the country, so I only hope it will change in April and I’ll be able to leave Peru. I have to admit I haven’t dreamed about such a sabbatical. Please, give my good wishes to the parishioners and you too stay safe.” Fr. Peter was scheduled to leave Peru on April 4th, but that of course might not be possible. Please keep him in your prayers.
Final Thoughts - I suspect that there are more than a few who are going through a bit of sports withdrawal these days. No March Madness seems completely mad. No baseball until maybe June now. Double whammy for Patriots fans with no Tom Brady. The Buccaneers seems to be where he is headed at $30 million a year! I think the Buccaneers will come out on the wrong end of this deal. Well a little diversion is good, but let us keep up our Lenten training at home as best we can. May the Lord bless you and keep you safe this week. - Fr. Joe

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for
†Marian Rozycki by family
†Gerald Campana by Michael Imundo & family
†Madeline Zukowski by Lois & Cliff White
†Brian Gaffney Birthday Remembrance by his family

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for
†Nicholas T. Brignola 25th Anniversary by daughter & family

**In Loving Memory**

† Pamela Hrenko
† James Fusco

**DAUGHTERS OF JAIRUS** To make a prayer request through our Daughters of Jairus Prayer Line, please call Terry 860 828-6667 or Gloria 860-828-1525 with your confidential request. Please give the first name of the person to be prayed for and the intention.

**Collection - March 14/15**

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If you would like to drop off your envelopes, the office will be open from 9am to 4pm, Monday through Friday. You can also drop them anytime through the mail slot in the front door of the Parish Center. Thank you.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, March 21, 2020** Fourth Sunday of Lent
4:00 †Stanley & †Jean Gushar & †Joseph Frankosky by Edward & Christine Bratina

**Sunday, March 22, 2020** Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:30 †Henry Bobrowski by Pam & Kevin
9:00 Parishioners of St Paul Parish
9:30 †Lois Marzi Birthday Remembrance by Louis Marzi & family
10:30 †Don Klos 30th Anniversary and †Mary Klos Birthday Remembrance by family
12:00 †John & †Elizabeth Browne and †John Browne, Jr. by daughters

**Monday, March 23, 2020**
7:00 †Richard Waskiewicz Birthday Remembrance by Diane & family
5:00 Deceased Friars, Family, Friends & Benefactors of the Friars

**Tuesday, March 24, 2020** Saint Oscar Romero
7:00 †Fr. Thomas Joseph and friends in India by Maria Joseph
†Souls in Purgatory by Linda & John Nappi, Jr.
†Greta Stifel Arnone by her friends at morning Mass
†Robert Loss Birthday Remembrance by Karen & Stephen Henry
5:00 †Olga McLoughlin by family

**Wednesday, March 25, 2020** The Annunciation of the Lord
7:00 †Greta Stifel Arnone by Deacon Carmen & Linda Guzzardi
5:00 †Christopher Rozycki by Dziopa family

**Thursday, March 26, 2020** Lenten Weekday
7:00 †Ut Nguyen by wife
5:00 †Joseph Sak Birthday Remembrance by wife Dorothy
†Barbara Zapatka by Donald Hrenko
†Robert Brown, Sr. 2nd Anniversary by family
†Stanislaw Herdzik by sister Danuta
†Maria Lombardo by a friend

**Friday, March 27, 2020** Lenten Weekday
7:00 †Carol Matulis Birthday Remembrance by sister Josephine
5:00 †Florence Gontarz by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home

**Saturday, March 28, 2020** Lenten Weekday
4:00 †Robert Fiori by Fiori family

**Sunday, March 29, 2020** Fifth Sunday of Lent
7:30 Parishioners of St. Paul Parish
9:00 †Gerald Verret by wife
9:30 †John Adamowicz by the family
10:30 †Edward Kobus by children & family
12:00 †Bernadette Schreiner by mother Marie & family

*9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart

**MASS INTENTIONS** for the dates below are still available. To reserve a Mass, please call the office 860-828-0331.

| April 23    | Thursday | 8:45am |
| April 29    | Wednesday| 7:00am |
Saint Paul School is now taking applications for the 2020-2021 academic year. PreK through Grade 8

To learn more about Saint Paul School, please contact Admissions Director, Kelly Esposito, 860-828-4343 x136 admissions@stpaulkensington.org.

Visit our website and social media pages! https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/

Saint Paul School students, families and teachers are adjusting very well to our distance learning. Students have been working through Google classroom, webcam classes and work packets. We are so thankful for our SPS teachers who have worked so hard to organize assignments and to make this a smooth transition. Our students are doing a wonderful job working from home! Thank you to our SPS families for your support and patience.

DELIVERING DIGITAL FAITH FORMATION

In this challenging and uncertain time, we are committed to helping our families maintain stability and a firm faith foundation. Fortunately, technology can offer support and connections in spite of social distancing.

On Monday, March 16 emails were sent to Grade 1-8 families that contained:
• this week’s Gospel lesson handout
• an online lesson assessment that students will complete and email back to their catechist and
• an optional video related to the gospel.

We will continue to email each week’s lesson through the end of our religious ed year if schools remain closed.

Our Pflaum Gospel Weekly faith formation program is centered on the Sunday liturgy. While all students learn the same gospel, it is presented in a format that engages children at their age level. Multiple age level video options are also available each week.

This is an opportunity to use this increased time at home together, free from our usual distractions, to grow deeper in our faith.

“Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.” Romans 12:12

“They are like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: It does not fear heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; In the year of drought it shows no distress, but still produces fruit.” Jeremiah 17:8

Saint Paul School “Casino Night” Auction
Rescheduled for Saturday, May 16th 6pm

For information or tickets visit: https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/school-auction

Auction is open for bidding! www.Charityauction.bid/StPaulBettingOnFuture

Use the link above to view the catalog & register to bid. Bidding is open to all!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Monday - Thursday 8am - 2pm
Phone 860 828-0331
Website: https://stpaulkensington.org/religious-ed
Email: religioused@stpaulkensington.org
Mailing Address: 467 Alling St, Kensington CT 06037

Robin Veronesi, Director of Religious Education
(860) 828-1934 ext 109

Christina Norton, Administrative Assistant
(860) 828-1934 ext 125
Thank you for keeping these members of our parish family in your prayers:

- Nancy Adamowicz
- Jacob Ahlquist
- Donald Albert
- Elaine Andrews
- Wyatt Bernard
- Pamela Blankenburg
- Judy Campbell
- Richard Carlson
- Linda Chaffe
- Silas Cipollone
- Lorraine Clark
- Sophie Conti
- Tom Coss
- Karen Cote
- Arlene Cotrona
- Robert Cronin, Sr.
- Adeline D'Angelo
- Ramiro Dagna
- Uly Dagna
- Allen Daigle
- Marianne Darling
- Constance DiLorenzo
- Bill Dobbs
- Helen Flannelly
- Nancy Fleming
- Janis Francalangia
- Maureen Freemen
- James Fusco
- Robert Gadzik
- Jack Gebhardt
- Sebastian Giliberto
- Dominic Gionfriddo
- Jonathan Gionfriddo
- Rosemarie Gionfriddo
- Francis Gobar
- Mary Gobar
- Liz Goryl-Phillips
- Maureen Guite
- Lily Harzewski-Burl
- Linda Hannold
- Evan Hill
- Venise Jalbert
- Tracy Tighe Johnston
- Barbara Killius
- Sylvia Kratka
- John G. Kumitis, Sr.
- Ken Lamkins
- Maria Lauria
- Laura Lemke
- Daniel Lewis
- Guy Lombardi
- Ronald Maldon
- Lisa Mangiafico
- Robert Mazzaferrero
- Brandy McWade
- Viola Mercadante
- Michael Mihalko
- Evelyn Modzelewski
- Jessie Modzelewski
- Helen Morrissey
- John Murphy
- Helen Murphy
- Thomas P. Murray
- Gabriella Ogar
- Michael Ogar
- Stanley Pac
- Renee Quinn
- Arthur Roberts
- Esther Ouellette
- Clarence Ouellette
- Our Sailors
- Our Soldiers
- Emma Pagano
- Judy Pappalardo
- Cynthia Paradise
- Jeannine Parent
- Richard Paskiewicz
- Rosemary Pelletier
- John Pink
- Ethan Post
- Catherine Puglisi
- Renee Quinn
- Richard Rampone
- Care Rich
- Rita Richter
- Randy Ripley
- Steven Ripley
- Mary Salerno
- Betty Samuels
- Paul Scalora
- Joan Schwartz
- Guy Simeone
- Patrice Spicer
- Donald Spilka
- Kevin Stanowski
- Luke Szul
- Alfred J. Tee
- Gil Thibeault
- Brian Veley
- Scott Veley
- Louise Webb
- Carrie Zangari

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**PRAYER LIST**

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**MINISTRY NEWS**

**THE LENTEN COLLECTION** sponsored by our Social Action Ministry will continue in the midst of the current crisis. Donations through April 6th will benefit the Prudence Crandall Center, which helps victims of domestic violence, and Family Promise which works with churches to provide overnight shelter, meals, shower/laundry facilities, and other services.

**Prudence Crandall Wish List:**
- Gift Cards to Stop & Shop, Target, Walmart
- Cleaning Supplies—laundry detergent, dish soap, hand soap, floor cleaners, etc.
- Household Supplies—plates, glassware, utensils, etc.
- Towels for kitchen and bath (all sizes)
- Please, no baby items

**Family Promise Wish List:**
- Cleaning Supplies—bleach, fabric softener, detergent, no pods please
- Hand soap, Tissues, Paper Towels, Kitchen Trash Bags, Postage Stamps, Bath & Hand Towels, Wash Cloths
- Please, no baby items

Please leave donations at the designated areas near the entrance to St. Paul and Sacred Heart Churches. Email the4kalents@yahoo.com with any questions.

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Please call monthly to keep, add or remove a name, & be sure to get permission from the person to be added.
INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH? Please attend our next Registration night on Monday, April 13th. The meeting will be held in the St. Paul Church Hall beginning at 7pm. Please let us know if you plan to attend by calling the parish office at 860-828-0331 (M-F 8am-4pm) or by emailing us at ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org.

*Registration is held on the 2nd Monday of every month.

Our office has recently noticed an increase in the number of parishioners making donations through Online Giving. We are very grateful for your continued financial support during this unprecedented situation.

*Important note: Within the past week, some parishioners have made Online Giving donations, including recurring donations, however the individuals did not enter their name along with the donation. In order to be sure you receive confirmation of your donation for tax purposes, please be sure to include your name when you sign up for Online Giving. If you have already made a donation and may have forgotten to include your name, please call the parish office from 9am to 4pm. Thank you!

For those who would like to begin Online Giving: Simply go to our website https://stpaulkensington.org/ and click on the green Online Giving logo. Then click on the green Create New Account button and follow the prompts through the simple set up process. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, March 21
No Religious Ed School Closed
6:30am That Man is You Men's Group - canceled
8:30am Confessions
9:00am Special Sacrament prep - SPC, SPH
3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, March 22
No Religious Ed School Closed
8:00am Online Sunday Mass 8am SPC
1:30pm Lenten Reflections - canceled
4:00pm Canceled - Parent Basketball
4:00pm EDGE Meeting - Cancelled
7:00pm IGNITE Meeting - Cancelled

Monday, March 23
No Religious Ed School Closed
7:00am Mass - Online
8:45am Parish Staff Meeting
3:00pm Canceled - Band
5:00pm Canceled - HEAT AAU - SG
7:00pm Mercy Monday SPC

Tuesday, March 24
No Religious Ed School Closed
7:00am Mass - Online
4:00pm Bill's Pizza Night
4:00pm Adoration - canceled until further notice
5:00pm Canceled - JV Soccer Practice

Wednesday, March 25
No Religious Ed School Closed
7:00am Mass - Online
5:00pm Canceled - Varsity Soccer Practice
6:00pm Rosary at Sacred Heart

Thursday, March 26
No Religious Ed School Closed
7:00am Mass - Online
8:45am Canceled - School Mass Gr 6-8 SPC
2:00pm RCIA - PC1
5:00pm Canceled - HEAT AAU
6:45pm Lenten Reflections - canceled
8:00pm Canceled - Caroline’s Dance Rehearsal

Friday, March 27
No Religious Ed School Closed
7:00am Mass - Online
1:00pm Canceled - Stations of the Cross Gr 3-5 SPC
7:00pm Stations of the Cross - SHC - canceled
7:30pm AA Meeting - Canceled

Saturday, March 28
6:30am That Man is You canceled
8:30am Confessions
3:00pm Confessions
5:30pm SPS Auction POSTPONED

Sunday, March 29
8:00am Online Sunday Mass 8am SPC
4:00pm EDGE Meeting - Cancelled
7:00pm IGNITE Meeting - Cancelled
HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE
TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Kathleen D. Nowosadko
Victim Assistance Coordinator
860-541-6475
kathleen.nowosadko@aohct.org

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults. This document is also available online at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:
State Department of Children and Families Care-line
1-800-842-2288

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to the:
Connecticut Department of Developmental Services – AID Division for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities
1-844-878-8923

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:
Department of Social Services for the Elderly
1-888-385-4225

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.

All parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford are required to include the document above in their bulletin at least once per year.
Dear Parishioners of St. Paul:

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

Today, the Feast of St. Patrick, the Archdiocese of Hartford has put into effect further precautions during this health emergency related not only to the celebration of weekday and weekend Masses, but other Sacraments and liturgical functions. Also, included in this update is how we at St. Paul Parish are implementing these measures for the health and well being of all people.

Masses - As was announced yesterday, March 16th, the PUBLIC celebration of ALL Masses has been cancelled at least through April 3rd. While the public celebration of Masses has been cancelled please know that Frs. Michael, Raymond and I will continue to offer Mass privately and all of the Mass intentions that have been requested will be satisfied. The weekday Mass intentions will be satisfied on the day they were scheduled for while some of the Sunday Masses will have to be satisfied during the week. Fr. Michael and I will con-celebrate a private Mass each morning and that Mass will be able to be viewed either live or later in the day at your convenience. On Sunday we will also con-celebrate a private Mass which will also be available to be viewed either live or later in the day. Fr. Raymond will satisfy some of the Sunday Mass intentions while saying Mass in the Friary Chapel.

Streaming of Masses from St. Paul Church -  Sunday - 8 a.m. live and then able to be viewed anytime after the Mass is finished. Monday - Friday - 7 a.m. live and then able to be viewed anytime after the Mass is finished.

Mass on TV - The Archdiocese’s Office of Radio and Television broadcasts Mass each day at 10 a.m. on WCCT-TV (WB20) and WCTX-TV (MyTV9). On Saturday and Sunday it may also be viewed at 5 a.m. on WCCT. The Archdiocesan Mass can also be found streaming live at these same times on http://www.ortv.org/streaming/streaming.htm.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick & Last Rites - If you or a family member is in need of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Friars should still be called and we will minister to you or them. Please call the office 860-828-0331 or send one of us an email: fri joseph@stpaulkensington.org or fmichael@stpaulkensington.org. In this situation, or at any time, you are highly encouraged not to wait until the last moment to call for a priest to come and visit.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) - Confessions - Pastorally it is important that the faithful not be denied access to the Sacrament of Penance. What is scheduled at parishes during Lent should continue to be offered, but only with individual confessions and no penance services. Every precaution should be taken to ensure social distancing between priest and penitent, preferably with a screen between them rather than face to face.

Therefore, here at St. Paul’s we will continue our regular schedule of confessions. Confessions will continue to be heard on Saturdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Mercy Mondays will also continue during the remaining Mondays of Lent (March 23, 30 & April 6) as well as Tuesday, April 7 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mercy Mondays will continue to include adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Funerals - ALL funeral Masses are also suspended at this time. Wake services at funeral homes are not recommended. Grave side services will be permitted, but participation should be limited to immediate family and close friends. A Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased, as provided for in the Roman Missal, can be added to the parish Mass intentions and offered as soon as reasonably possible under the circumstances, or, if the family desires, a public celebration of this Mass at a later date can be contemplated. The funeral homes that usually have funerals here have been informed.

Baptisms - If parents would rather not delay the Baptism of their child, it may take place in church, but participants should be as limited as possible in keeping with the limits established by the civil authorities. Parents who have baptisms scheduled will be contacted by the parish secretary.

Weddings - The celebration of weddings may continue if the couple does not wish to reschedule, but without Mass. Participation should be regulated in keeping with the limits established by the civil authorities. Thankfully, we do not have any weddings until late June.

Times that our churches will be open - St. Paul’s will be open as follows: Sundays 9am to 3pm; Mondays 8am to 8pm; Tuesday - Friday 8am to 6pm & Saturdays 8am to 4pm. Sacred Heart Church will be open on Sundays from 9am to 11am and Wednesdays 5pm to 7pm.
As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam”—which means Sent.—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.”

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a sinful man do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

They answered and said to him, “You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?” Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered and said, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him.
Mercy Mondays WILL Continue during Lent
Confession, Adoration, Prayer
Mondays 7-8pm at St. Paul Church
March 23, 30 and April 6

FoodShare will continue during the current crisis with all recommended social distancing practices being enforced. Thank you to all who continue to make donations as the need for assistance may increase due to the economic impact of the coronavirus situation.

FOODSHARE  ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE
Volunteers are needed for the St. Clare Food Pantry on Thursday, April 2nd at 10am to transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and to set up for distribution.
Volunteers are also needed on Friday, April 3rd at 11:15am at Sacred Heart Church to help with distribution from Mobile Foodshare and St. Clare’s Pantry. The next distribution date is Friday, April 17th.
For transportation to Mobile Foodshare, please contact the Berlin Senior Center at 860-828-7006.
Donations: All items are needed at this time. Suggestions: canned chicken, ham, beans & other protein sources, rice, condiments, flour, sugar, misc. baking products, soup.
For more information regarding the St Clare Pantry or Foodshare including volunteering, please contact Nancy Timbrell 860-601-7866.

Thank you to all who generously keep this ministry going and to all volunteers!

BEREAVEMENT St. Paul parishioners are invited to our Spring “New Day” Support Group on Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00pm, April 14 - June 9 in the St. Paul Church Hall (basement, wheelchair accessible). The program offers a supportive atmosphere of care and understanding for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Registration brochures are available at the church entrances. Please call the office with questions: 860-828-0331.

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Plans regarding the Steubenville East Retreat 2020 scheduled for July 10-12 at the University of Rhode Island are being reviewed. Updates will be posted here as soon as they are available. Thank you for your patience!

The Ladies’ Guild Casino Trip to Mohegan Sun which was scheduled for Thursday, April 16th has been canceled.

The Ladies’ Guild meeting and presentation scheduled for Wednesday April 1st at 6:30pm has been canceled

Our HELPING HANDS ministry is in need of volunteers to help our seniors. Activities include picking up groceries and/or prescriptions, making an occasional phone call, etc. If you would like to be a part of this important ministry please call Paula @ 860 828-4512.