MASS TIMES
St. Paul Church
Saturday 4pm Vigil
Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 12pm

Sacred Heart Church
Sunday 9:30am

Weekday Mass at St. Paul Church
Monday-Friday 7am & 5pm

CONFESSION
Saturdays 8:30am-9:30am and 3-4pm

HOLY HOUR
Tuesdays 4-5pm

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month
Baptismal Instruction: 2nd Tuesdays, 7pm

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"Let the Church always be a place of MERCY and HOPE, where EVERYONE is WELCOMED, LOVED and FORGIVEN."
-Pope Francis
Public Masses Resume June 8th - At long last the public celebration of Mass will resume tomorrow, Monday June 8th with our usual 7am and 5pm Masses. We will be so happy to welcome you back to your parish home!! Two days after Archbishop Blair announced that public Masses could resume with 50 people present the governor increased the number of people for religious services to 100 or 25% of capacity which ever is lower. So on Monday, June 1 Archbishop Blair followed suit. Given that our capacity is 744 at 25% that would be 186 for us, but we are capped at 100 people per Blair followed suit. Given that our capacity is 744 at 25% that would be 186 for us, but we are capped at 100 people per Mass. No date has been given for the resumption of Mass. It would be 186 for us, but we are capped at 100 people per Mass. No date has been given for the resumption of Mass. 

PASTOR’S COLUMN

When coming to church the following points are to be kept in mind:
1. If you or anyone in your household is ill, especially with fever or flu-like symptoms or conjunctivitis, do not come to church.
2. The decision regarding whether to attend Mass in person is left to each individual.
3. The obligation to attend Mass is suspended through September 6. Therefore, the elderly, those with pre-existing conditions, those who are fearful or anxious, and those who are taking care of a sick or homebound person need not be concerned if they miss Mass. Our live-streaming of Masses will continue.
4. You must wear a mask or face covering at all times when in the church except at the moment you receive Communion.
5. Maintain social distancing, keeping six feet apart, at all times to the best you can. Those in the same family are not obliged by this when together amongst themselves.
6. Bring your own bottle of hand sanitizer if you can and use it before entering the church. We will have some available, but due to limited availability we need your help to bring your own.
7. Do not shake hands or otherwise make physical contact with others.
8. Do not congregate to socialize before or after Mass.

In addition to the above noted points the following are important as you come to Mass here at St. Paul’s. Things will be different so please carefully read what follows and do your best to follow these procedures.
A. You may only sit in every other row in either side of the church. The rows that you cannot sit in are roped off.
B. Members of the same household can be seated in the same pew regardless of how many are in the row.
C. If the people are unrelated three (3) people can be seated in a pew. The pews are naturally divided into thirds so sit in one of the sections. Move to the center of the pew to allow others to more easily enter the pew. If a couple is in the pew sitting next to each other then one or two more people could sit in that pew if they are properly spaced.
D. All of the worship aides have been removed. If you want to follow the readings using your iPhone or other devise you may do so. Each day's readings can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/readings. If you have a subscription to Magnificat or Daily Word feel free to bring them with you for the readings.
E. You should bring your own mask and hand sanitizer. Put your mask on before you leave the car. Use the sanitizer before entering the church. Should you not have hand sanitizer it will be available in sanitizer stands at each entrance.
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G. Our procedures for the reception of Communion:
1. You will come up for Communion using the SIDE AISLES so that you are not in a double line next to others in the center aisle. Stay six feet apart which is the length of two (2) pews. So keep at least one pew between you and the person in front of you.
2. You must have your mask on the entire time when approaching the priest/deacon/Eucharistic Minister from here on simply referred to as “the minister.”
3. Communion will only be given in the hand.
4. As you approach the minister extend your hands out, one hand UNDER the other, (if you are right handed have your right hand underneath your left hand, the opposite if your are left handed) the minister will say “The Body of Christ” and you will say Amen. Step to the side to where an X will be on the floor, take the Host using the underneath hand, and then pull down or remove your mask with your other hand and then consume the Host. You should bless yourself and then reposition your mask and then return to your seat using the center aisle staying six feet apart which is the length of two pews.
5. If you need to receive a low gluten host a designated minister will be distributing in the sanctuary near the corner where the two wings meet. Follow the same procedure as in #4 above.

H. Other Liturgical Considerations:
1. There will be music, but singing by the congregation is not encouraged at this time.
2. There will be no offertory procession.
3. There will be no formal Entrance or Recessional Procession. Instead the priest (and deacon) will simply enter from the sacristy and depart to the sacristy.
4. Altar Servers are not allowed.
5. One Reader per weekend Mass only.
6. Eucharistic Ministers (EM), as they always have, will sanitize their hands immediately before distributing Communion. They have all received directives that are two pages long as to how to go about distributing Communion in a holy and safe manner.
7. The ushers likewise are being trained this week for their duties and responsibilities on Wednesday, June 10th in the church at 6:30pm. If you are interested in helping out as an usher please contact Deacon Don at deacondon@stpaulkensington.org.
8. We will observe how things progress with the daily Masses and then make decisions about other options for Mass in additional worship spaces including the gym or live streaming in the Church Hall the Mass that is going on upstairs should the Mass reach its capacity. Outdoor Masses are highly dependent on the weather, but it is also an option still under consideration if needed or desired.

I. Cleaning Protocols
1. As I mentioned in previous bulletins, while we were closed the church was thoroughly cleaned including the carpeting.
2. Holy Water fonts will remain empty of Holy Water. Holy water is available in the area between the two wings to take home.
3. The church is being wiped down every day and when Masses resume, all common areas will be wiped down after EVERY Mass. This includes the pews, door handles, railings and all high contact parts of the church.
4. Our HVAC systems have been maintained and filters updated.

A short video is also posted on the website that goes over all of this information. Everyone’s help and cooperation will allow us to come together as a worshiping family and benefit from receiving the gift of Jesus in Holy Communion. By cooperating with these procedures you not only help keep yourself safe, but also keep others safe and lessen some of their own fears and anxieties. Hopefully we can do all of this with respect and appreciation for each other. It is important to say one more time that if for whatever reason you are not ready to return for Mass that is okay and you should follow what you think is best for you and your family. So while I look forward to seeing all of you I will understand if you are not yet ready to be here.

Adjusted Times St. Paul Church Will be Open - With the resumption of weekday Masses, St. Paul Church will now be open Monday to Friday from 6am to 6pm. On Saturday it will be open from 8am to 6pm and on Sunday from 10am to 6pm. Sacred Heart Church will continue to be open Sunday from 10am to 3pm and Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:30pm.

1st Communion - Our 67 third graders will begin to receive their 1st Communions this Saturday, June 13th at 11am and 1pm and then on June 20th at 10:30am, 1:00pm and 3:00pm. Please keep them all in your prayers as they finally will be able to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Scheduling these 1st Communions has always been our highest priority as we awaited the resumption of public Masses. We do not want to delay any longer than was necessary these children from receiving Jesus.

Graduation & Class Night - Another group of students for whom we are working to provide for a different kind of grand celebration is our St. Paul 8th graders. This Monday, June 8 they will have an abbreviated Class Night celebration in the Parish Green parking lot from their cars. The program will include the announcing of the various Academic Achievement Awards, Scholarships, Sports Awards, and Yearbook Dedication. We also hope that the Class of 2020 video will be able to be shown. Unfortunately they will miss out on the dinner that they would have had and their final Jr. High dance. Graduation was originally scheduled for this past Thursday, but is now scheduled for June 18th. Since we are able to have 150 people for an outdoor event we will have Mass and graduation on the Parish Green. This is a ticketed event. We need your prayers for good weather for both evenings. The rain date for graduation is June 19.

2020 Parish Raffle $40,000 in AE Gift Cards - Begun two years ago, we will once again be part of a multi-parish raffle that is hosted by St. Roch Parish in Greenwich, CT. Usually by now dedicated volunteers would have been selling tickets after Mass on the weekends. Obviously that is not happening so each family is being mailed four (4) tickets for the American Express Gift Card Raffle. The Grand Prize is a $30,000 Gift Card, now that would be a stimulus for your spending!, while there will be seven other winners totaling $10,000. You should have your tickets by next week for the drawing that will take place on August 15! Tickets are $25 apiece and more will be available on line and at the Parish Center. Given the loss of the Berlin Fair and our income from that event it is very important that the raffle be a big success for us this year. More info next week, but keep an eye out for the tickets in the mail.

St. Clare Food Pantry - Twice in the last three food distributions, more than 140 have come for food which is about a 20% increase over the average. As a result, the cupboard is getting very bare. Thanks to the generosity of so many who have donated cash, we will be able to make up for some of this shortfall in food. Hopefully with Masses resuming more food will come in. You can drop off food at any of the church
entrances, but the best place when not coming for Mass is the elevator entrance. Thanks to all who continue to volunteer and all who donate food and cash that enable us to help so many in need.

Garden Club - Once again this spring, and throughout the year, members of our dedicated Garden Club led by Kathy Ginotti have once again made our campus so very beautiful. When you get back around the church you can admire their labors as well. Thanks to Kathy, Lynn Fazinna, Ken and Marcia Baker for all of their work. They are looking for folks to join them in this undertaking. If interested send Kathy an email at cknginotti@comcast.net and she can fill you in on how just a few hours of your time can go along way in helping keep our property looking so very nice. There a couple pictures a few hours of your time can go along way in helping keep our property looking so very nice. Thanks to all of these efforts our property is looking so very nice. There a couple pictures

Have a blessed week everybody.  

-Fr. Joe

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†Joseph and Verne Fiori by Richard and Irene Fiori
†Robert Bolles
†Daniel and Maureen Stepeck  
63rd Wedding Anniversary by the Stepeck family
†Lena Jortner  
Birthday Remembrance by her Goddaughter Marlene Drzata

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†Maria Teresa Gionfriddo  
5th Year Anniversary by mom and dad
†Donald Albert by Joan Vancour
†Barbara Brochetti by Rita Beaulieu

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 6, 2020  The Most Holy Trinity  
4:00 †Linda and Attilio Fiori by Fiori family
Sunday, June 7, 2020  The Most Holy Trinity
7:30 †Maria and Albeno Tonucci by family
9:00 †Maria Verrillo by husband Peter
9:30 Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish
10:30 †Dolores F. Nugent by Pam Bobrowski
12:00 †Virginia Colossale by Gayle Gregorzek
Monday, June 8, 2020  Weekday
7:00 †Ut Nguyen and †Dinh Ho by family
5:00 †Henry Witz 10 Year Anniversary by son Gerry
Tuesday, June 9, 2020  St Ephrem
7:00 †Matthew Zapor by Aunt Joann
†Pauline Havelevitch by family
†Edward Hawrylik by wife Carole
8:45 †Helen Loss Birthday remembrance by Karen and Stephen Henry
5:00 †Vincent Durante 11th Anniversary by Roz and family
†Stanley Gable Birthday Remembrance by wife Carol
Wednesday, June 10, 2020  Weekday
7:00 †Alice Hall Birthday Remembrance by husband Don Hall
5:00 Living Friars, Families, Friends and Benefactors of the Friars

Thursday, June 11, 2020  St Barnabas
7:00 †Gerald Vanty by Linda Vanty and family
5:00 †Souls in Purgatory by Linda and John Nappi, Jr.
†Faith Ann Talbot by Bud and Grace Talbot
†Stanislawa Herdzik by sister Danuta
†Juan R. Felician June 12th - Birthday Remembrance by wife and family
†Mary Zablocki by daughter Carole
Friday, June 12, 2020  Weekday
7:00 †Maria Lombardo by a friend
5:00 Living and Deceased members of the 1960 class of St. Thomas Aquinas High School by Alumni
Saturday, June 13, 2020  Corpus Christi
4:00 Fr. George Vellaplackil in Thanksgiving and for †Souls in Purgatory by the Minor family
Sunday, June 14, 2020  Corpus Christi
7:30 †Marie Arute 9 Year Anniversary by family
9:00 †Salvatrice and †Antonio Piccione by son and family
9:30 †Enza Formica by Kristen Murphy and family
10:30 Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish
12:00 †Sophie and †Walter Simcik by family

*9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart

In Loving Memory

†Frances Dornfried
†Pauline Havelevitch
†Lucille Luddy

DAUGHTERS OF JAIRUS To make a prayer request through our Daughters of Jairus Prayer Line, please contact 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.
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/

Mrs. Beach’s first grade class made snake bubbles for science. What a fun idea!

Mrs. Oppel’s class in PK4 enjoyed a virtual field trip last week with Mr. Dan from the Children’s Museum! He showed the students a Bearded Dragon, Milk Snake, Box Turtle, Blue Tongued Skink, Toad, and Walking Stick. The students loved it! Thank you Mr. Dan!

Bug catching, scavenger hunts, creative writing and even some pre-summer reading! PreK 4 families, thank you for sending us photos and sharing these beautiful moments.
As we mentioned last week, as summer approaches, families will be looking for more things to do outdoors together. One idea is to visit Catholic retreat centers and shrines in our area. While retreats and indoor services/activities have been put on hold due to COVID-19, the grounds remain open and visitors are encouraged to visit. Many sites offer outdoor Stations of the Cross, as well as beautiful walking paths to explore.

This week we are highlighting The Shrine of Lourdes of Litchfield, located in Litchfield, CT. Their beautiful and tranquil grounds are open at this time to those who would like to walk or pray privately.

From the Shrine of Lourdes website: https://shrinect.org/

The Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield is a replica of the Grotto Lourdes in France. Built of local fieldstone by two Montfort Brothers, Brother Alfonso and Brother Gabriel, with the help of Montfort seminarians and people from the area, the Shrine was dedicated in 1958.

The Montfort Missionaries developed the Shrine so that individuals, families and groups could come to pray, to reflect on their own lives, and to imitate Mary’s life of faithful discipleship.

The Grotto is the site for Mass and other services held in the open air from May through mid-October.

In addition to participating in the liturgy and prayer at the Grotto, you can follow the Way of the Cross which winds up the Shrine’s wooded hillside to a Calvary Scene at the summit of the hill. You can also walk paths leading to smaller shrines of the Sacred Heart, St. Joseph, St. Jude, St. Michael, and St. Louis de Montfort.

The grounds of the Shrine are open year round, from dawn to dusk.

“There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.”
-Sr. Lucia of Fatima

THANK YOU to all who participated in our 2020 Rosary Challenge during May, a month dedicated to Our Lady.

The idea for the Rosary Challenge was to Pray an entire Rosary together (apart) as one large St. Paul Parish and School family throughout the month. Here are a few final photos submitted by parishioners. Thank you and God Bless.

We hope that our parish, school and religious ed families will continue to ask the Blessed Mother to help us in all of our needs. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

Photos: Tom and Phyllis Fecteau (the force behind our wonderful Rosary Makers Ministry) prayed the Glorious Mysteries and the Sorrowful Mysteries to make sure we completed the Challenge!

Below: Thanks also to Joyce Tracano for praying with us!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS and PARISH NEWS

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Thank you for keeping these members of our parish family in your prayers:

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Jacob Ahlquist
Wyatt Bernard
Pamela Blankenburg
Judy Campbell
Richard Carlson
Linda Chaffe
Silas Cipollone
Lorraine Clark
Sophie Conti
Tom Coss
Karen Cote
Arlene Cotona
Robert Cronin, Sr.
Adeline D’Angelo
Ramiro Dagna
Uly Dagna
Allen Daigle
Marianne Darling
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Liz Goryl-Phillips
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Brian Veley
Scott Veley
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Molly Yardley
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SAINT PAUL SUMMER CAMP is schedule to begin on June 29th.

Camp will be following all CDC Guidelines. Please visit https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/summer-camp for more information!

WORD SEARCH

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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.
St. Paul Parishioners:
Remember that you have FREE access to FORMED!
Simply go to https://stpaulkensington.formed.org and enter your Name and Email to create an account and start enjoying the amazing and FREE digital content!
Fr Michael will now be providing suggestions for specific programs on a regular basis. Visit the home page of our website for Fr. Michael’s monthly content recommendations!
Here are Fr. Michael’s suggestions for June:

June finds us celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi as well as the First Holy Communion days for our children. Check out the free videos on the Story of the Eucharist as well as a presentation for parents of First Communicants and a shorter video geared for the children themselves.

The Story of the Eucharist
Link: https://watch.formed.org/presence/season:1/videos/the-story-of-the-eucharist

The Miracle at Every Mass
Link: https://watch.formed.org/presence/season:1/videos/para-ninos-the-miracle-at-every-mass

Preparing Your Child for First Holy Communion
Link: https://watch.formed.org/presence/season:1/videos/for-parents-preparing-your-child-for-first-holy-communion

Our Garden Club finished planting last week!
Kathy Ginotti noted that since the perennials are healthy and have filled in so nicely, the gardeners only planted about half of what they planted last year, so they were able to save money and reduce the number of ‘man hours’. Thank you to Lynn Fazinna, Ken and Marcia Baker and Kathy Ginotti!
June 7, 2020

For this week’s readings, visit
http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/060720.cfm

First Reading:  Exodus 34:4B-6, 8-9

Psalms:  Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
R.  Glory and praise for ever!

Second Reading:  2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Alleluia:  Revelation 1:8
R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
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Gospel:  John 3:16-18

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life.
For God did not send his Son into the world
to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.
Whoever believes in him will not be condemned,
but whoever does not believe
has already been condemned,
because he has not believed
in the name of the only Son of God.

To watch Mass online, click on the Live Stream button on
our website at https://stpaulkensington.org/

Upcoming Live Broadcast Schedule:

Monday, June 8 through Friday, June 12
Weekday Mass broadcast at 7am and 5pm

Tuesday, June 10
Holy Hour broadcast from 4pm-5pm

*Sunday, June 14 - 9am (also streamed on Facebook)

Prayer for Spiritual Communion
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

We are very grateful to all of you for your continued
financial support during this unprecedented situation.
For those who would like to begin Online Giving, a
secure, easy & effective way to support your parish,
visit our parish 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 questions.

Take a VIRTUAL TOUR of Saint Paul School!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s96CP8pRo0s
ST. PAUL PARISH   JUNE 7, 2020

BULLETIN DEADLINE REMINDER: Please note that the deadline to submit articles to be included in our weekly bulletin is the FRIDAY one week prior to the weekend you wish your article to appear. Thank you!

Foodshare ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

Volunteers are needed for the St. Clare Food Pantry on Thursday, June 11th at 10am to transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and to set up for distribution.

Volunteers are also needed on Friday, June 12th 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, June 26th.

For transportation to Mobile Foodshare, please contact the Berlin Senior Center at 860-828-7006.

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!

All categories of non perishable foods are needed. Donations are being accepted and we ask that you drop them off on the cart in the backside of the church near the elevator. Thank you to all who volunteer for this ministry and to all who continue to donate to those in need!

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REMINDER: Envelopes for Father’s Day Intentions are due by Wednesday, June 10th in order for the names to be included in the bulletin on June 21st.

Intentions received after June 10th will be posted in a subsequent bulletin. Thank you.

Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.

Thank you for supporting our bulletin advertisers!