

## MASS TIMES

### **St. Paul Church**

Saturday 4pm Vigil

Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 12pm

### **Sacred Heart Church**

Sunday 9:30am (currently suspended due to COVID)

### **Weekday Mass at St. Paul Church**

Monday-Friday 7am & 5pm

All Masses are live streamed

## CONFESSION

Saturdays 8:30am-9:30am and 3-3:50pm

## HOLY HOUR

Tuesdays 4-5pm

Baptisms: Sunday afternoons as needed  
Baptismal Instruction: Remotely as needed

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# St. Paul Catholic Parish

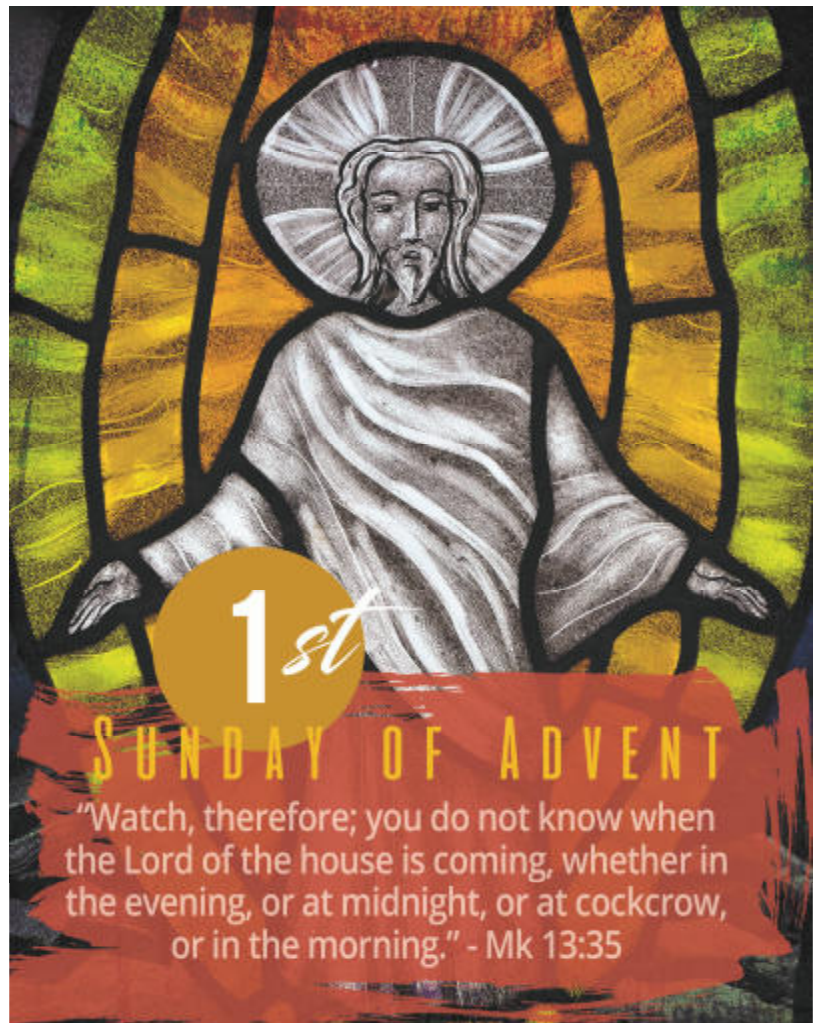
*A Franciscan Family of Faith*

St. Paul Church - 485 Alling St, Kensington CT 06037

Sacred Heart Church - 48 Cottage St, East Berlin CT 06023

November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent



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

*-Pope Francis*

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel** - Advent is the time when we prepare for the coming of Jesus into the world. These first weeks of Advent continue the theme we have had the last few weeks of the liturgical year. That is, the coming of Jesus again at the end of time. Then in the latter part of Advent we recall all of the marvelous events that led up to Jesus being born one like us. So how do we best use this time of Advent to be watchful and ready as our Gospel today advises us?

Advent, while not a penitential season like Lent, is a time to examine how well prepared our spiritual houses are to welcome the Lord. Do we sincerely pray, "Come, Lord Jesus?" Maybe a simple repeating of the prayer, "Come Lord Jesus into my life, come Lord Jesus into my family" at the beginning of each day and throughout the most hectic parts of the day will help. What actions, habits, or attitudes are not of God? One of the ways to do this is to make a good confession. Maybe this is all the more important for you this year because the COVID restrictions during Lent did not allow you to go to confession at that time. See the next item about the opportunities you have to say to "Come, Lord Jesus and forgive me my sins." How pleased the Lord will be that we invite him in especially for this reason since it is precisely why he came into the world that we might all know of God's love and forgiveness. So might I suggest that we take some time this day to consider what we will do to prepare ourselves for when the Lord calls us from this life and to celebrate his birth in Bethlehem.

**"Mercy Mondays"** - "Let the Church always be a place of MERCY and HOPE, where EVERYONE IS WELCOMED, LOVED and FORGIVEN." (Pope Francis) As has been the recent custom of the parish confessions will be available on Monday evenings during Advent. Hopefully many will use this opportunity to make a good confession prior to Christmas especially since you may not have done so prior to Easter. To help you do that we will have four Mercy Mondays this Advent on November 30 and December 7, 14 & 21. All four priests will be available to hear confessions those evenings from 7pm to 8pm. I remind you that we also hear confessions every Saturday morning from 8:30 to 9:30 am and then again from 3:00 to 4:00pm in the afternoon. On the Mercy Mondays we will have Eucharistic Adoration during that time as well. These Holy Hours are in addition to the Tuesday Holy Hours from 4 to 5pm leading up to Mass at 5pm. Come and experience the forgiveness that God offers you and the joy of getting a fresh start.

**Christmas Mass Schedule - Ticket Required for Admittance** - Included in last week's bulletin and re-printed in this one is our 2020 Christmas Mass Schedule. **Admittance to the Christmas Masses will require a ticket.** This is being done to ensure that those who have signed up to come to

Mass will not have to be turned away at the door. It is incumbent upon us to limit the number of people who are in church or the gym so as to provide as safe an atmosphere as possible. Christmas Masses tend to bring more people to church than on average and though we will have mailed a schedule and procedures to everyone we know that is very often not sufficient. In addition, though we have asked and urged everyone to sign up weekly for the Mass they are attending, that has not been happening often times with actual attendance 33 to 50% more than the number signed up. We cannot afford for that to happen on Christmas. We do not want to turn anyone away, but I especially do not want to turn away someone who signed up and who is here faithfully. In order to attend one of these Christmas Masses you **MUST** sign up on line or by calling the office. **Color coded tickets will then be issued that are location and time specific.** Tickets will be able to be picked up in the office or we can mail them to you, but no tickets will be mailed after December 18<sup>th</sup>. After that day all tickets will have to be picked up in the Parish Center by December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Your cooperation will make these unusual times a bit more orderly and help us provide the opportunity to come to Mass on Christmas while also doing our part to keep everyone as comfortable and safe as possible.

**Christmas Memorials** - Do not be caught off guard - Christmas Memorials are due by Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> to be included in the December 20<sup>th</sup> bulletin. Those received after that date will be printed in a subsequent bulletin.

**Archbishop's Annual Appeal - Growing in Faith, Giving in Love** - Usually well before this time, we as a parish would have long ago met our goal. But this is the year of the pandemic, and we have not quite gotten there yet and have been stagnant for a couple months. **As of Monday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> we were at \$103,447 in donations and pledges. This is 95.81% of our \$108,000 goal and is certainly very generous of the 557 donors from our parish! Thank you so much to each and every donor!!** *Last year our parish made 591 gifts that totaled \$108,161. As a parish we have 71 new donors this year, but there are 105 donors who gave last year who have not yet done so this year.* Given the pandemic I know many parishioners have their own financial challenges. The unfortunate irony here is that as COVID 19 makes it more difficult for many to support the AAA, the needs that the AAA addresses are greater. So to the degree that you can, I ask previous donors to renew your commitment to the thousands of people who are served through the AAA and to those who have not given in the past to join our new donors. See page 10 for more info and how you can still give recalling that every gift, regardless the amount, makes is a help and makes a difference. (Continued on page 4)

# Mercy Mondays

Confessions will be available during Advent on the following dates from 7pm-8pm in St. Paul Church

November 30

December 7, 14 & 21

Eucharistic Adoration  
will take place during these times as well.

Note that these Confession times are *in addition to* our regular confession schedule every Saturday morning from 8:30 to 9:30am and from 3:00 to 4:00pm.

## Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†**Andrew Rozycki** Birthday Remembrance by family

†**Alice Hall** 3rd Anniversary by her husband

†**William Brown** by niece Diane

†**Spencer Tracy**  
In Loving Memory by grandmother Terry Gagliardi



## *In Loving Memory*

†**Gail Mantzaris**

†**Pamela M. Powers**  
(Mother of Aileen Kennedy)

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,  
O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

Saturday, November 28, 2020 First Sunday of Advent

4:00 †**David Kimmel, Sr.** by the Folk Group

Sunday, November 29, 2020 First Sunday of Advent

7:30 †**William Brown** Birthday Remembrance by the family

9:00 †**Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus**

10:30 †**Paul Holmes** by aunt Grace

12:00 †**Irene & †Stanislao Zovich** by Theresa and family

Monday, November 30, 2020 St. Andrew, Apostle

7:00 †**Rosemary Kaminski** by Stephen Coffey

5:00 †**Michael Hines** 1st Anniversary by mother and family

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 Advent Weekday

7:00 †**Eugenia Czapla** by Cesylia Cygler

†**Joseph P. Pandolfo** by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home

†**Joe Aresco** by Michela

†**Maria Lombardo** by Emanuele Lombardo

†**Fr. Thein Vu** Special Intention by E. Minor

8:45 †**Danny Hall** Don Hall and family

5:00 †**Daniel Audette** by Joan and Ron Vancour

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 Advent Weekday

7:00 †**Eugenia Czapla** by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lenczewski

5:00 †**Frank J. Bianco, Jr.** by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home

Thursday, December 3, 2020 St. Francis Xavier

7:00 †**Robert J. Fitzsimmons** 20th Anniversary

by wife Anita and children

5:00 †**Evelyn A. Szczygla** by parents and family

†**Souls in Purgatory** by Linda and John Nappi, Jr.

†**Alice Hall** 3rd Anniversary by husband

†**Eugenio Ricciardi** by Emanuele Lombardo

†**Lorraine Carling** by Greg and Clarice Pelkey family

Friday, December 4, 2020 St. John Damascene

7:00 †**Gerald Vanty** by Linda Vanty and family

5:00 †**Walter Zaniewski** Anniversary Remembrance by family

Saturday, December 5, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 †**Angela Burgio & †Danny Burgio**

by mom, dad and family

Sunday, December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 †**Chester Stachelek** 8th Year Anniversary by family

9:00 †**Maria Verrillo** by husband Peter

10:30 †**Dolores F. Nugent** 1st Anniversary by sisters

12:00 †**David W. Colite, Sr.** by wife

*\*Intentions originally scheduled for 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart Church will be moved to another Mass at St. Paul Church. Donors will be notified in advance.*

## Weekly Collection:

In Church	\$3,930.81
Online Giving	\$5,317.25
Office	\$2,745.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,993.06</b>

Nov. 10 - Nov. 16





Saint Paul School is now accepting applications for PreK through Grade 8 for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Click on this link to download an application:  
<https://bit.ly/34oxKOV>

For more information visit our school website  
<https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/>  
 or call 860-828-4343 x136.

You may also email our *Admissions Director*,  
 Kelly Esposito, at [admissions@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:admissions@stpaulkensington.org).

## Kindergarten Open House



**Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 3:15pm**

You are invited to:

- \* Meet our Kindergarten teacher and talk with current families about their SPS experience.
- \* Learn about our Kindergarten curriculum, SUPERKIDS reading program, & the Nancy Larson Science program.
- \* Explore the Kindergarten classroom.

Only one parent per family may attend due to social distancing. Please use this link to register:

<https://bit.ly/2U3nPJz>

Our PreK students worked very hard on their Thanksgiving artwork! Wishing all of our school and parish families a blessed, happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.



**Feast of the Immaculate Conception** - Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is normally a Holy Day of Obligation. However, since the obligation to attend Mass has been suspended by the Archbishop until Lent there is no obligation to attend Mass for the Feast this year. Nonetheless, this is still a very important Feast, and so we will have a special Mass schedule for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The patron of our nation is Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. **There will be a Vigil Mass at 4pm on Monday, December 7. On Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> there will be parish Masses at 7:00am, 12 Noon, and 7:00pm.** There will be two school Masses at 8:45am and 10:00am since we cannot have all of them in church at one time. *There will **not** be a 5pm Mass on Monday and Tuesday Dec. 7 & 8.*

**Angel Giving Tree** - See page 7 for how you can help bring some cheer to a person in need at Christmas. This outreach to the less fortunate is part of the good work that our Social Action Ministry undertakes. **All gifts need to be received by Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.** In addition to taking an angel from the tree you can go online and pick an angel. Thank you in advance for once again being so generous.

**Ushers and Greeters Meeting** - There will be a meeting for all current ushers and greeters and anyone who would like to become an usher or a greeter or help out with the Christmas Masses this Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm in St. Paul Church. As you know we have planned an extensive Christmas Mass schedule to accommodate safely as many parishioners as possible, however to do that we need extra help. So please consider being an usher or greeter for one of our 15 Christmas Masses. Please contact Deacon Don at [deacondon@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:deacondon@stpaulkensington.org) or 413-320-5778 to let us know that you can help out.

**Final Thoughts** - Since the printing deadline for this bulletin was November 20<sup>th</sup> I have no current sports quips to make; that may be a relief to you! Have a blessed Advent and let us prepare our hearts to welcome the Lord. Have a good week everyone! - Fr. Joe



**"God calls humanity to have faith and hope  
 in things that are unseen, which are eternal."**

ALAN SCHRECK  
 Catholic & Christian



# Christmas on the Parish Green

You are cordially invited to attend the  
Fourth Annual  
Ceremonial Lighting of the Parish Green

**Saturday, December 5, 2020**  
**Immediately following the 4:00 Mass**

**Help light up the Parish Green by ordering a bag luminary,  
hand-printed with a special message.**

*Examples:*

“In memory of Mary B. Smith” “Peace on Earth” “In Honor of Grandpa Bill”

## ORDER YOUR LUMINARY NOW

*One message per luminary. Please print clearly within box(es) below; space on bags is limited*

Please light a luminary (\$10) for...

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# Luminaries at \$10 each: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *cash / check payable to Saint Paul Parish*

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

- \* Festivities will include a ceremonial Tree Lighting and complimentary hot chocolate and cookies.
- \* The event will occur “snow or shine”. Please remember to dress warmly!
- \* In the event of inclement weather the lights will go on, but festivities may be modified.

**We now have an ONLINE form as well!**

To complete this form online visit

<https://stpaulkensington.org/lighting-of-the-parish-green-2020>

**Please return this form and payment to the Saint Paul Parish Center, Saint Paul School, or place it in  
the offertory basket at Mass. Due by Dec. 1, 2020.**

*Luminary orders that are accepted after the above deadline may not be listed in the printed program.*

## PRAYER LIST

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

Nancy Adamowicz  
Jacob Ahlquist  
Elaine Andrews  
Wyatt Bernard  
Pamela Blankenburg  
Cheryl Brown  
Timmie Brown  
Richard Carlson  
Silas Cipollone  
Lorraine Clark  
Sophie Conti  
Tom Coss  
Karen Cote  
Arlene Cotrona  
Robert Cronin, Sr.  
Mary Curry  
Adeline D'Angelo  
Ramiro Dagna  
Uly Dagna  
Allen Daigle  
Marianne Darling  
Constance DiLorenzo  
Bill Dobbs  
Nicole Donzello  
Nick Donzello  
Simon Fitzpatrick  
Helen Flannely  
Nancy Fleming  
Janis Francalangia  
Maureen Freeman  
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  
Mary Lamkins  
Maria Lauria  
Laura Lemke  
Daniel Lewis  
Dominica Lopreiato

Ronald Maldon  
Lisa Mangiafico  
Fr. Paul Mangiafico  
Robert Mazzaferro  
Brandi McWade  
Viola Mercadante  
Michael Mihalko  
Tom Modifica  
Evelyn Modzelewski  
Jessie Modzelewski  
Helen Morrissey  
John Murphy  
Helen Murphy  
Gabriella Ogar  
Michael Ogar  
Arthur Roberts  
Esther Ouellette  
Our Sailors  
Our Soldiers  
Emma Pagano  
Judy Pappalardo  
Cynthia Paradise  
Jeannine Parent  
Richard Paskiewicz  
Rosemary Pelletier  
John Pink  
Michelle Poynter  
Renee Quinn  
Richard Rampone  
Care Rich  
Rita Richter  
Linda Ridel  
Randy Ripley  
Steven Ripley  
Mary Salerno  
Betty Samuels  
Paul Scalora  
Joan Schwartz  
Joan Siering  
Guy Simeone  
Alfred Simon  
Peter Skonieczny  
Amy Soto  
Donald Spilka  
Kevin Stanowski  
Luke Szul  
Alfred J. Tee  
Gil Thibeault  
Brian Veley  
Scott Veley  
Louise Webb  
Thaddeus Wojtusik  
Molly Yardley  
Carrie Zangari

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Please note - Masses in the school gym will NOT be live streamed. A priest will be in the gym celebrating Mass.

### Christmas Eve Thursday, December 24th

Sacred Heart Church  
1:00pm, 3:00pm

Saint Paul School Gym  
1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm

St. Paul Church  
1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 10:00pm

### Christmas Day Friday, December 25th

Sacred Heart Church  
10:00am

Saint Paul School Gym  
10:00am, 12:00pm

St. Paul Church  
8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

St. Paul Church Hall will serve as an overflow if the Church and Gym are both full. Mass in the Church Hall would be live streamed and would include the distribution of Holy Communion at the appropriate time.

All Masses celebrated in St. Paul Church will be live streamed for those watching from home.



**Please visit the home page of our website to SIGN UP.**

**Admittance to Christmas Mass will require a ticket.**

In order to provide as safe an atmosphere as possible, the number of parishioners who attend each Mass will be limited. If you plan to attend Mass in person, simply sign up using the SignUp page on our website, or call the parish office and we will sign up for you.

#860-828-0331

Online bulletin readers, click on this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49A5A628A0F94-christmas1>



**Invite a Catholic Man to become a Knight of Columbus**

**FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP\***

For new online membership applications submitted during the month of December

\*regular dues are \$30/year

Visit [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) or use the QR code below



Use Council 3675 when applying  
Enter code MCGIVNEY2020



Our **Angel Tree** project, which provides gifts for those in need at Christmastime, is underway!

Trees are up at both St. Paul & Sacred Heart Church with the labels facing outward so parishioners can read them without having to turn them over. Everyone is invited to take the angel(s) they want without touching the others.

\*NEW - There is also an **online** Angel Tree this year!

Visit our website or click on the link below to view the online form: <https://stpaulkensington.org/angel-tree>

Please note that all gifts will need to be returned to the church by **Dec. 13th**. The Angel Tree project is sponsored by our Social Action Ministry.

**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.



**QUILTERS' GROUP** Meetings are held on Thursdays (every other week) at 9am in the St. Paul Church Hall. If you are interested in joining our Quilters, call Barbara at 860-930-0310.



**THAT MAN IS YOU!** Our TMIY Men's Group continues to meet weekly for their Fall 2020 session. New members are always welcome! Meetings are held on Saturday mornings from 7am to 9am. Zoom and in-person options are offered (with Covid-19 protocols in place). For information, call contact Rick at [rdighello1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rdighello1@sbcglobal.net) or visit [www.TMIY.org](http://www.TMIY.org)



**ROSARY MAKERS** Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month at 1:00pm in the St. Paul Church Hall. Come see if this rewarding ministry is for you. New members always welcome! For information, please call Phyllis Fecteau at 860-828-4934.



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1pm in the St. Paul Church Hall. The next meeting will be **Dec. 8th**. We purchase yarn and knit or crochet prayer shawls to give to individuals who may be homebound, ill or in need of comfort, to let them know that God's love always surrounds. New members are most welcome. Contact Mary 860-828-5478.



**FORMED** St. Paul Parishioners have **FREE** access to FORMED, an online resource for great Catholic content. Go to <https://stpaulkensington.formed.org>, enter your name and email to create an account & start enjoying the FREE digital content! Fr. Michael's program recommendations for **November** are posted on our website.

**IF YOU REQUIRE A LOW GLUTEN HOST** Please arrive for Mass 10-15 minutes early. Go to the sacristy, and let them know you need a gluten free host. Sit in the new wing near the front. Before Communion, watch for a Eucharistic Minister to come with a pyx containing a consecrated host for you.

Although the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been suspended through **FEB. 17th**, we hope you will join us to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. See bulletin cover for Mass times.

**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*

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

For this week's readings online, visit

<http://usccb.org/bible/readings/112920.cfm>**First Reading:** Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17**Psalms:** Psalms 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28**Alleluia:** Mark 11:9, 10

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

**Saturday, November 28**

6:30am That Man Is You - Men's Group

8:30am Confessions

3:00pm Confessions

**Sunday, November 29**

1:30pm Baptism

2:30pm Baptism

4:00pm No YG Meeting

6:00pm No YG Meeting

**Monday, November 30**

8:45am Parish Staff Meeting Online

6:00pm Gr. 7 &amp; 8 Rel Ed-SPS

7:00pm Mercy Mondays - SPC

7:00pm Pastoral Council Mtg - SPH

Confession  
&  
Adoration  
7-8pm

**Tuesday, December 1**

8:45am School Mass Grades 5-6

4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration

6:00pm Gr. 5 &amp; 6 Rel Ed-SPS

6:30pm Ushers &amp; Greeters Meeting - SPC

**Wednesday, December 2**

6:00pm Gr. 1 &amp; 2 Rel Ed-SPS

6:00pm Rosary at Sacred Heart

6:30pm Ladies' Guild Mtg

**Thursday, December 3**

9:00am Quilters SPH

10:00am First Thursday Calls

2:00pm RCIA - PC1

3:15pm Kindergarten Meet and Greet

6:00pm Gr. 3 &amp; 4 Rel Ed-SPS

**Friday, December 4**

6:00am Men's Group

9:00am First Friday Calls

2:00pm Greenery Pick-up Church Hall

**Saturday, December 5**

6:30am That Man Is You - Men's Group

8:30am Confessions

10:00am Children's Rosary

11:00am Children's Rosary Group Activity - SHH

3:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Christmas on the Green

**Sunday, December 6**

9:00am 1st Year Confirmation

10:30am 2nd Year Confirmation

1:30pm Baptisms

4:00pm EDGE YG Meeting

6:00pm Ignite YG Meeting



**INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH?** Our next Registration night is **Monday, Dec. 14th** in the St. Paul Church Hall (downstairs) beginning at 7pm. Please let us know if you plan to attend. Email [ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org) or call the parish office at 860-828-0331 (Mon-Fri 9am-4pm).





THIS weekend, November 28/29\* is **Commitment Weekend** for the 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

*\*moved from original date of Nov. 21/22*

During this very difficult time of Covid, so many of our neighbors, some for the first time ever, are finding themselves in the need of assistance. Next weekend, please respond as generously as your means permit. Thank you in advance for your support.

Every gift makes a profound difference in the lives of countless individuals and families throughout our Archdiocese, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements. All pledges can be paid through December 31st.

Grade 1-8 families in our Religious Education program choose two Family Faith activities to complete each month. It is hard to believe we are already approaching Advent! Please check out the activities posted on the Religious Ed. page of our parish website and remember to keep sending us your pics! Pictured below are brothers Colin (grade 4) and Nathan (grade 2) enjoying their Gospel Weeklies together!

Wishing you all enjoy a blessed, happy, and healthy Thanksgiving weekend!



## FOODSHARE

### ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

*Foodshare distributions normally take place every other week. Unfortunately, due to the dates of the holidays this year, there will be only one distribution in November and one in December. Volunteers gave out a little extra at the November distribution, and they will do so at the upcoming December distribution as well on **Friday, Dec. 11th**.*

Volunteers will be needed on **Thursday, Dec. 10th** at 10am to transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and to set up for distribution. Volunteers will also be needed on **Friday, Dec. 11th** at 11:15am at Sacred Heart Church to help with distribution.

For transportation to Mobile Foodshare at SH, please contact the Berlin Senior Center at 860-828-7006. For information regarding the St. Clare Pantry or Foodshare including volunteering, contact Nancy at 860-601-7866 or [n.timbrell@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:n.timbrell@stpaulkensington.org).

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

The Food Pantry is currently in need of the following seasonal items: instant potatoes, yams, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, pie filling & crust mixes, sugar, flour, baking mixes etc.

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<https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary>

**Franciscan Christmas Fair** This year's Franciscan Christmas Fair, benefitting the Franciscan Life Center & Franciscan Home Care & Hospice Care, will be **online**.

You are invited to join **The Spirit of the Franciscan Christmas Fair** November 21 - December 20, 2020. We will be recapturing the spirit of our Living Crèche from past years, selling fair items online, and more. Basket Raffle and Santa & Mrs. Claus will be live from the North Pole. Join us! Visit <https://franciscanchristmasfair.org/>

**Living Nativity** The Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield will host its annual Living Nativity in the Grotto on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm and 3:00pm.

Young people from the area will recreate the scene at the stable of Bethlehem with songs and readings, and with the help of animals from area farms. Masks and social distancing required. Spaces are limited. To reserve a place for either presentation, please visit the Shrine's website at <https://shrinect.org/>

#### New Britain Council of Catholic Women

Our December gathering has been canceled due to the uncertainty of the times caused by Covid 19. We wish all members a wonderful Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas. We look forward to gathering again at our next meeting in January. The calendar for the second half of the year along with our annual "bakeless" bake sale letter will reach your homes at the beginning of January.

#### VIRTUAL "ABCs OF ANNULMENT"

An updating of the annulment process as well as updates made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be discussed on Saturday of December 5, from 10-11am on Zoom. The event is open to all. Registration is required so we can email the details of the meeting. To register please visit: <https://form.jotform.com/202895486375167>. This link is also posted on our parish website. For more info contact Br. Larry at 475-221-8464 or [larlus300@sbcglobal.net](mailto:larlus300@sbcglobal.net).

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#### Saturday October 31, 2020

Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery - 1 Cottage Grove Rd. Bloomfield, CT  
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