

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

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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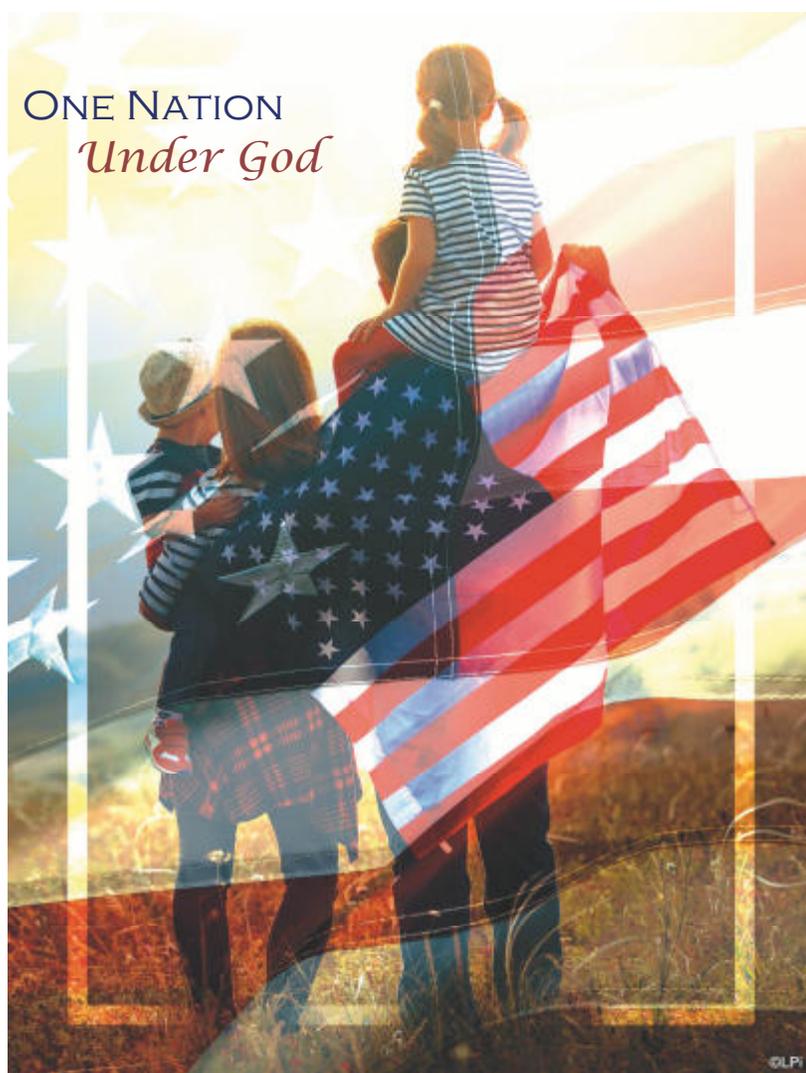
A Franciscan Family of Faith

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

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

July 4, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

-Pope Francis

Happy Independence Day! - *Blessed is the nation whose*



God is the Lord. Psalms 33:12 Yes, America, all this belongs to you.

I do not know how it was for you growing up, but I learned to take pride in who I was. Pride as a Catholic, pride as a grandson of Polish immigrants on both sides of the family, pride as a member of my local parish, pride as a citizen of Baltimore and Maryland, and of course pride as an American. The latter was exhibited in any number of ways, but certainly with respect for the National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, and the flag. Heck, there was even an "I Am An American Day" Parade in Baltimore every September in conjunction with the anniversary of the ratification of the US Constitution that drew hundreds of thousands of people. While our nation surely has had its sins, and has many of them now, I find it rather incredible that so much of our past that is good is being undermined and worse trying to be eliminated from our history. I know that I am incredibly blessed to have been born in the USA and suspect that I will have more to answer for at the pearly gates.

As we celebrate the 245th birthday of our country, I share with you the words of the Pope who knew us best, John Paul II. He had visited even prior to becoming Pope in 1978. As he departed Detroit at the end of his longest trip to the USA in 1987, a 10 day trip that coincided with the bicentennial of the ratification of the US Constitution, he offered rather lengthy remarks especially for a departure ceremony. Let us take pride in our country and resolve to continue to make it better. To do one should not lead us to ignoring the other. Pope John Paul II said the following:

"As I leave, I express my gratitude to God also for what he is accomplishing in your midst. With the words of Saint Paul, I too can say with confident assurance "that he who has begun the good work in you will carry it through to completion, right up to the day of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 1, 6-7). And so I am confident too that America will be ever more conscious of her responsibility for justice and peace in the world. As a nation that has received so much, she is called to continued generosity and service towards others.

As I go, I take with me vivid memories of a dynamic nation, a warm and welcoming people, a Church abundantly blessed with a rich blend of cultural traditions..... I take with me an unforgettable memory of a country that God has richly blessed from the beginning until now.

America the beautiful! So you sing in one of your national songs. Yes, America, you are beautiful indeed, and blessed in so many ways:

- in your majestic mountains and fertile plains;
- in the goodness and sacrifice hidden in your teeming cities and expanding suburbs;

- in your genius for invention and for splendid progress;
- in the power that you use for service and in the wealth that you share with others;
- in what you give to your own, and in what you do for others beyond your borders;
- in how you serve, and in how you keep alive the flame of hope in many hearts;
- in your quest for excellence and in your desire to right all wrongs.

Yes, America, all this belongs to you. But your greatest beauty and your richest blessing is found in the human person: in each man, woman and child, in every immigrant, in every native-born son and daughter.

For this reason, America, your deepest identity and truest character as a nation is revealed in the position you take towards the human person. The ultimate test of your greatness [is] in the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless ones.

The best traditions of your land presume respect for those who cannot defend themselves. If you want equal justice for all, and true freedom and lasting peace, then, America, defend life! All the great causes that are yours today will have meaning only to the extent that you guarantee the right to life and protect the human person:

- feeding the poor and welcoming refugees;
- reinforcing the social fabric of this nation;
- promoting the true advancement of women;
- securing the rights of minorities;
- pursuing disarmament, while guaranteeing legitimate defense; all this will succeed only if respect for life and its protection by the law is granted to every human being from conception until natural death.

Every human person - no matter how vulnerable or helpless, no matter how young or how old, no matter how healthy, handicapped or sick, no matter how useful or productive for society - is a being of inestimable worth created in the image and likeness of God. This is the dignity of America, the reason she exists, the condition for her survival-yes, the ultimate test of her greatness: to respect every human person, especially the weakest and most defenseless ones, those as yet unborn.

Today, therefore, my final prayer is this: that God will bless America, so that she may increasingly become - and truly be - and long remain one Nation, under God, indivisible. With liberty and justice for all. May God bless you all. God bless America!"



INTENTIONS

Independence Day Holiday Schedule - The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday July 5th. There will be one Mass on July 5th at 9am in celebration of Independence Day.

We all Scream for Ice Cream - Thank you to the members of the Pastoral Council, President Nancy Timbrell, Mary Corrigan, Betty Lasker, Joe Casso and Roland Baikal, who dished out the ice cream for our inaugural Parish Feast Day celebration this past Tuesday. The stifling heat and thunder shower brought the festivities inside. Thanks to the over 100 people who joined us for Mass and/or the ice cream! A good time was had by all including our new principal, Jill Conaway and her daughter. Likewise, it was great that the 1st Friday Breakfast crew offered breakfast after 7am Mass on June 29th as well. It is good for us to gather around the table of the Lord and then to share community with each other too.

Final Thoughts - Thanks to the Orioles, the Yankees are not in last place after going winless in 7 games against the Red Sox, of course there are 12 more to play. The Orioles finally won a game on the road. Somewhere along the line some Olympic athletes forgot that they are representing the nation and not themselves. Who forgot to teach them the lesson? Have a blessed week everyone! – Fr. Joe



Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†**Kate Hayden** by a friend

†**Margaret Farina** by Lois

The Bread for the Poor will be Offered this week for

†**In Thanksgiving** by anonymous

In Loving Memory

† **Christine Hrubiec**

† **Viola Montgomery**

† **Margaret Symolon**

† **Anne Zarotney**

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

Weekly Parish Collection

In Church SP	\$ 5,697.00
Office	\$ 1,911.00
In Church SH	\$ 252.00
Online Giving	\$ 4,546.60
Total	\$ 12,406.60

June 22—28,2021

Saturday, July 3, 2021 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Independence Day

4:00 †**Robert J. Fitzsimmons** by wife Anita and family

Sunday, July 4, 2021 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Independence Day

7:30 †**Paul Gacek** by Misteri family

9:00 †**Kathlyn Kane Veronesi** by St. Paul Pastoral Council

9:30 †**Czeslawa Bawol and †Stanislaw Bawol**
1st Anniversary by son

10:30 **Parishioners of St. Paul Parish**

12:00 **Dupont Family** by Michael and Mary Jane Dupont

Monday, July 5, 2021 St. Anthony Zaccaria

9:00 †**Maria Lombardo** by Emanuele Lombardo

5:00 **NO 5 PM MASS**

Tuesday, July 6, 2021 St. Maria Goretti

7:00 †**Florence Wilk** by Mr. and Mrs. R. Maulucci

†**Mary Jane McDermott** Birthday Remembrance
by Jim and Maureen

†**Joseph Zablocki** Birthday Remembrance
by daughter Carole

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

†**Irene Peterson** In Loving Memory
by the Peterson family

5:00 †**Margaret and †John Nugent**
by daughters Jean and Pat

Wednesday, July 7, 2021 Weekday

7:00 **Living Friars, Families, Friends and
Benefactors of the Friars**

5:00 †**Bernardo and †Gina Caseno** by Rachela Maltese

Thursday, July 8, 2021 Weekday

7:00 **The Hubbard and Sylvester Families**
by the John G. Hubbard family

5:00 †**Albert Gallo** 2nd Anniversary by Mark and Maura Chasse
†**Christa Ouellette** 6 Month Anniversary

by Greg and Clarice
†**Anne and †Edward Toohy** by family

†**Anthony Renda** 9th Anniversary
by sister Elena Campbell

†**Angelo Pascuzzi** by Rosa Mai

Friday, July 9, 2021 St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

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

5:00 †**Clement Fecteau** Birthday Remembrance by wife Phyllis

Saturday, July 10, 2021 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 †**Deceased Members of the Cosgrove,
Ciccaglione and Flynn Families** by the family

Sunday, July 11, 2021 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**

9:00 †**Mary Perzanowski** by Michael and Nancy

9:30 †**Peter and †Eleanor Meligonis**
Anniversary Remembrance by M. Guite

10:30 †**Deceased Members of the Noworyta Family**
by the Tabaczynski family

12:00 †**Robert J. Gadzik** by Diane Funk

**SAINT PAUL SCHOOL
NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**

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

To download an application, click on this link:
<https://bit.ly/34oxKOV>



You may also email our
Admissions Director, Kelly Esposito,
admissions@stpaulkensington.org.

WELCOME MRS. CONAWAY!

Saint Paul School would like to extend a warm welcome to our new principal, Jill Conaway. She will be transitioning into her new role with the help from our current principal and a little guidance from Flat Jesus! Mrs. Conaway's first official day was July 1st. Please help us wish her the very best. We are so happy to have Mrs. Conaway join our school community!



Flat Jesus has joined our campers again this summer!
See page 10 for SPS Summer Camp information.



On Wednesday, June 23 we celebrated our Religious Ed. catechists on the Parish Green with a variety of delicious pizzas and gelato from the Big Green Pizza Truck. The weather could not have been better! With heartfelt thanks we joyfully praise this amazing and resilient group of dedicated volunteers who made it through an exceptionally challenging year!



Pictured above: Robin Veronesi presents Jean Hughes with our "Heart & Soul" award for her 11 years as the friendly face in the office during classes and for all of her hard work and dedication. Seated are Cheryl & Jeff Batter, & Fr. Joe.

Pictured below L to R: Fr. Peter, Krista Hilbie, Cara Nogiec, Linda Tighe, and Chris Pelosi. *More photos on page 5!*



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PRAYER LIST

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

Nancy Adamowicz
 Jacob Ahlquist
 Zulma Barbien
 Wyatt Bernard
 David Borselle
 Cheryl Brown
 Richard Carlson
 Silas Cipollone
 Lorraine Clark
 Sophie Conti
 Tom Coss
 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
 Diane Fiske
 Simon Fitzpatrick
 Helen Flannelly
 Nancy Fleming
 Deb Follett
 Maureen Freeman
 Barbara Galasso
 Jack Gebhardt
 Sebastian Giliberto
 Dominic Gionfriddo
 Jonathan Gionfriddo
 Rosemarie Gionfriddo
 Liz Goryl-Phillips
 Michael Hanley
 Linda Hannold
 Lily Harzewski-Burl
 Evan Hill
 Venise Jalbert
 Tracy Tighe Johnston
 Leslie Kantowitz
 Barbara Killius
 Sylvia Kratka
 John G. Kunitis, Sr.
 Ken Lamkins
 Mary Lamkins
 Maria Lauria
 Laura Lemke
 Connie Lombardi
 Dominica Lopreiato
 Linda Luongo



Florence Lyons
 Ronald Maldon
 Lisa Mangiafico
 Fr. Paul Mangiafico
 Robert Mazzaferro
 Lorraine McCarthy
 Brandi McWade
 Viola Mercadante
 Michael Mihalko
 Tom Modifica
 Evelyn Modzelewski
 Helen Morrissey
 Nancy Motulko
 John Murphy
 Helen Murphy
 Thomas Norris
 Gabriella Ogar
 Michael Ogar
 Esther Ouellette
Our Military Service Members
 Emma Pagano
 Judy Pappalardo
 Cynthia Paradise
 Jeannine Parent
 Richard Paskiewicz
 John Pink
 Richard Rampone
 Care Rich
 Rita Richter
 Linda Ridel
 Randy Ripley
 Steven Ripley
 Arthur Roberts
 Joan Schwartz
 Guy Simeone
 Alfred Simon
 Peter Skonieczny
 Linda Sorrentino
 Amy Soto
 Donald Spilka
 Kevin Stanowski
 Matthew Stimac
 Ken Stokowski
 Julia Szczygla
 Luke Szul
 Richard Tedford
 Alfred J. Tee
 Brian Veley
 Scott Veley
 Louise Webb
 Thaddeus Wojtusik
 Molly Yardley
 Carrie Zangari

THANK YOU CATECHISTS! ~ GOD BLESS ~



Pictured above L to R and Top to Bottom:

- * Lucy Halkias, Jen Chant, Micaela Fitzsimmons, Jean Hughes
- * John Norton, Marco Caracoglia, Mike Kozlowski, Christine Vale da Serra, Amy Kurnik
- * Cheryl Schlichting, Patti Langevin, Irene Chlastawa
- * Pat Ksiazkowski, Celine Hines, Dee May, Annette Hines, Mary Jane Duplin, & Bob Veronesi

Please call monthly to keep, add or remove a name, & be sure to get permission from the person to be added. Thank you.

READINGS FOR JULY 4, 2021

For this week's readings online, visit
<http://uscpcb.org/bible/readings/070421.cfm>

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Psalms: Psalms 123:1-2, 2, 3-4

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Alleluia: Luke 4:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
for he sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor.*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mark 6:1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.



Father's Day Intentions 2021

Remembering our beloved fathers, living and deceased

<u>Intention</u>	<u>Donor</u>
<i>Elude P. Nadeau</i>	<i>Battaglia</i>
<i>Mr. Arthur Campbell, Jr., Mr. Arnold W, Carlson</i>	<i>Carlson</i>
<i>Thomas Ciccomascolo, Martin Cimino, Zigmund Salicki, Walter Kociszewski</i>	<i>Cimino</i>
<i>Louis DiValentino, John Listro, Michael Reale, Sr.</i>	<i>Dornfried</i>
<i>Clement Fecteau, Louis Paradis, Peter Fecteau</i>	<i>Fecteau</i>
<i>James Lynch, Jacob Modzelewski</i>	<i>Lynch</i>
<i>Intention of the Donor</i>	<i>Mendaros</i>
<i>Intention of the Donor</i>	<i>Pawelczyk</i>
<i>Anthony Puskarz, Sr., Stanley P. Sztaba</i>	<i>Puskarz</i>
<i>John Sansone</i>	<i>Sansone</i>
<i>Intention of the Donor</i>	<i>Slusz</i>
<i>Michael Tolomea, Emrick Prestash</i>	<i>Tolomea</i>

*Please see our June 20th bulletin for the complete list of Intentions.
The names listed above were received after the original deadline.*



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

FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

Volunteers will be needed on **Thursday, July 8th** at 10am to transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and to set up for distribution. Volunteers will also be needed on **Friday, July 9th** at 11:15am at Sacred Heart Church to help with distribution. For transportation to Mobile Foodshare at Sacred Heart, contact the Berlin Senior Center at 860-828-7006.

For information regarding the St. Clare Pantry or Foodshare including volunteering, please contact Nancy at 860-601-7866 or n.timbrell@stpaulkensington.org.

Thank you to all who help to keep this ministry going!

The Pantry is currently in need of the following items:
cereal, oatmeal, pancake/waffle mixes, pancake syrup, muffin mixes, peanut butter, jelly, preserves, pop tarts, Belvita snacks and protein/granola bars.

STAY CONNECTED! To receive the bulletin in your email inbox every week, complete our simple online form at <https://stpaulkensington.org/our-bulletin>.



Come one, come all to a
“Coffee &”
 at Sacred Heart Church on
Sunday, July 11th following the
 9:30am Mass. All parishioners are
 invited to attend. Take this opportunity
 to enjoy some refreshments
 and reconnect with friends!

2021 SUMMER YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS!

July 11th—Cookout

This meeting is all about enjoying the wonderful community we all share in. Lots of food, lots of games, lots of fun!!!

August 8th—Ice Cream Social

Learn about each other while eating your favorite treat!

August 15th—Water Wars

Be prepared to get soaked as we will play many different water games! Bringing a change of clothes is advised!

August 22nd—Adoration

We will have adoration in the church and guided meditations to help us pray. There will be music as well.

All Summer Events will take place from 4-6 pm.

Events will happen in various locations, but we will always begin and end in the St. Paul Church Hall (downstairs).

Summer events are for all students entering grades 6-12.

If you have any questions, please email our Youth Minister Dan Tome at d.tome@stpaulkensington.org

CONCLUDING MASS FOR THE SYNOD



The Archdiocesan Synod that was begun in 2018 and was initially scheduled to conclude on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020, will now come to a conclusion with an Archdiocesan wide Mass on **Friday, August 13th**, at 6:30pm.

The Mass will be at the Oakdale Theatre in Wallingford. Archbishop Blair will preside and the priests of the Archdiocese will con-celebrate. The Archbishop will issue a document that will be the fruit of the Synod and will set a path for the Archdiocese going forward. Each parish is asked to send a delegation of 30 people. We have arranged a coach bus to take parishioners to the Oakdale. Exact times are not yet worked out, but the bus will leave from St. Paul's around 5:15pm and return shortly after the end of Mass. There is no cost to you for the bus. This is a ticketed event, so if you would like to attend and reserve a seat on the bus, please contact Nancy Timbrell, at 860-601-7866 or n.timbrell@stpaulkensington.org.

Prayer for the USA

God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Give us the grace and humility to know what is not right with America.

Give us the gift of your Holy Spirit for the moral and spiritual renewal we need to meet the problems that we face.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, bless us and guide us always and increase our respect for all life.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Saturday, July 3

- 8:30am Confessions
- 10:00am Children's Rosary
- 3:00pm Confessions
- 3:30pm Wedding - Maule/Underwood

Sunday, July 4

- 1:30pm Baptisms

Monday, July 5 Parish Center Closed

- 9:00am Mass

Tuesday, July 6

- 4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration

Wednesday, July 7

- 6:00pm Rosary at Sacred Heart
- 6:30pm No Ladies' Guild Mtg. (No mtg July & Aug)

Thursday, July 8

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Friday, July 9

- 11:45am FoodShare SHC
- 7:30pm AA Meeting -

Saturday, July 10

- 8:30am Confessions
- 10:00am +Christine Hrubiec - Graveside Service
- 10:00am Funeral - +Scott Dubree SPC
- 3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, July 11

- 10:30am "Coffee And" at Sacred Heart (after 9:30am Mass)
- 4:00pm EDGE YG Event

PARISH
CALENDAR



THANK YOU TO OUR MASTERS OF CEREMONY!

These dedicated young men and women have volunteered as altar servers since 4th grade! They served at weekend Masses and also on Holy Days, special events, weddings, and funerals. We are so grateful for their service and we will miss them! We pray that your faith will continue to be strong and that you will keep Christ by your side as you move on to the next chapter of your life. Thank you for your years of service and congratulations on your high school graduation!



Emily Armetta*
Northwest Catholic High School
Class of 2021
Emily will attend
Sacred Heart University in the fall
and plans to study exercise science



Logan Barnes*
Xavier High School Class of 2021
Logan will attend William and Mary
in the fall, and he plans to study
business and accounting



Becca Byron
[no photo per request]
Miss Porter's School Class of 2021
Becca will study at a university in
Pittsburgh in the fall



Emily Kulinski
Berlin High School Class of 2021
Emily will attend the University of
New Haven in the fall and plans to
study forensic science

Congratulations, Thank You and God Bless!

May Christ our Lord help you to go forth with faith, and to approach all things with an adventurous spirit, a ready heart, and a willingness to follow where He leads.

*Saint Paul School Class of 2017

An Everyday Stewardship Reflection

June 30, 2016 by Tracy Earl Welliver

"Freedom is the power, rooted in reason and will, to act or not to act, to do this or that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility. By free will one shapes one's own life. Human freedom is a force for growth and maturity in truth and goodness; it attains its perfection when directed toward God, our beatitude.

Freedom is exercised in relationships between human beings. Every human person, created in the image of God, has the natural right to be recognized as a free and responsible being. All owe to each other this duty of respect. The right to the exercise of freedom, especially in moral and religious matters, is an inalienable requirement of the dignity of the human person. This right must be recognized and protected by civil authority within the limits of the common good and public order." (CCC, 1731-32)

[As] Americans, we must never take for granted the freedom we enjoy to worship and believe as we desire. God has given each human being the free will to shape one's life.

There are many places in the world that seek to limit or destroy that free will. At times, even our own country risks curtailing those freedoms because of political agenda or blindness to the truth.

Good stewardship demands we not only give thanks for that freedom, but we use it to grow in faith and maturity. How can we not fully live out our faith in freedom when there are others in this world that have no way of expressing their beliefs?

Once we grow in our faith and become mature disciples, we need to recognize the need to fight for all of our human brothers and sisters that they may enjoy the same freedom that we do. We must not count the cost in this struggle, for the cost involved with doing nothing may be even greater.

Link: <https://4ipi.com/blog/never-take-freedom-for-granted/>





2021 Parish Raffle!

The 2021 Parish Raffle is once again being organized in partnership with St. Roch Parish in Greenwich, CT.

Grand Prize is \$30,000
14 other prizes as well!

- 1st Prize: \$30,000
- 2nd Prize: \$3,000
- 3rd Prize: \$2,000
- 4th ~ 15th Prizes: \$1,000 each!

Four Raffle Tickets were mailed to each parish household. You should have received them already.

To purchase these tickets:

- * Visit our website to purchase them online, or
- * Visit our parish office to purchase in person (drop off with payment or stop in 9am-4pm, M-F)

The raffle will be drawn on **Saturday, August 14, 2021** at 11pm and can be viewed live at www.parihsraffle.com.

Please make checks payable to St. Paul Parish.

Please make your returns by August 4th

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!



St. Paul Parish
HELPING HANDS MINISTRY
Helping the elderly doesn't have to be hard.

Being a caretaker for an elderly loved one is a full-time job. It's tough. It's rewarding. It's life-changing. The happiness and love these caregivers bring to the lives of the elderly can't be overstated. But it's not just transformative for the senior who's getting the help that they need — it impacts the caregiver's lives in a big way as well.

Unfortunately, however, there are many seniors who aren't lucky enough to have that compassion in their lives. As life expectancy continues to rise, many of us can look forward to living well into our 80s, but that can also lead to new stresses, especially for those who don't have loved ones around to help when everyday tasks become difficult. For example, what happens to the senior who doesn't have children to take care of them? Or perhaps their spouse who carried out most of the day-to-day chores suddenly passes away? That's why it's important for community members not to forget the senior citizens who might need a little help, kindness, compassion and emotional support. And that's where our St Paul Helping Hands ministry comes in.

You may have already thought about wanting to lend a hand to the aging population, but perhaps you don't know where to start. You might also be familiar with the hard work caregivers do, and feel like you're not exactly cut out for something like that.

Talking to a Helping Hands volunteer is a great place to start.

Here are a few ways that our Helping Hands ministry can help you give back to our elderly parishioners and enrich your own life as well.

1. **Volunteering to socialize with them.** No matter where you live, there are senior citizens who need your help. A great way to get started giving back is to simply make a periodic phone call, or a short visit or an invitation for a walk. Spend some time with them and let them know what's going on in our parish, in our town and state, and in our world. Find out their interests, talk to them about their families, reminisce with them about their younger days. Very simply, let them know that they are important to you and are worthy of your time.

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HELPING HANDS (continued)

2. **Spending time at a senior center or a convalescent care home.** Did you know that many folks who live in senior care facilities have very few visitors? In fact, recent research suggests that approximately 60 percent of residents may have no visitors at all. Both the Culture of Life Ministry and Helping Hands Ministry make these types of visits. The reality is that the seniors who live in such residences may feel lonely or out of place, which can certainly take a toll on both their mental and physical health. A friendly visit can - many times - work wonders.
3. **Valuing our elders by listening to them.** You might learn a thing or two. It may feel like people who are older don't have to worry about the same things you do. But once you hit retirement, life isn't just a pleasant existence of taking walks, watching TV, and getting the best deals at restaurants. Older folks worry about many of the the same things anyone under the age of 65 do — money, friendships, the stress of day-to-day life, loneliness. They just might not have anyone to discuss their concerns with, but have the desire for it.

If you would like to learn more, please contact Mark Duplin, our Helping Hands Ministry lead. Call 860-666-0162 or email mfduplin@outlook.com.

If you would like to sign up, you may contact Mark or simply go to the Helping Hands page on our parish website and complete the simple form online:

<https://stpaulkensington.org/helping-hands-ministry>

We'd love to have you join us!

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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.*



Patriotic Rosary!

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For a fun project on the 4th of July try creating a Patriotic Rosary! Information and instructions on how to do this can be found at Catholic Icing's website.

<https://www.catholicicing.com/patriotic-rosary-for-4th-of-july/>

Ideas include dedicating one Hail Mary for each of the 50 States or dedicating each decade to a different military branch.

For A Guide to Praying the Rosary, visit:

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