

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

PARISH OFFICE

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St. Paul Catholic Parish

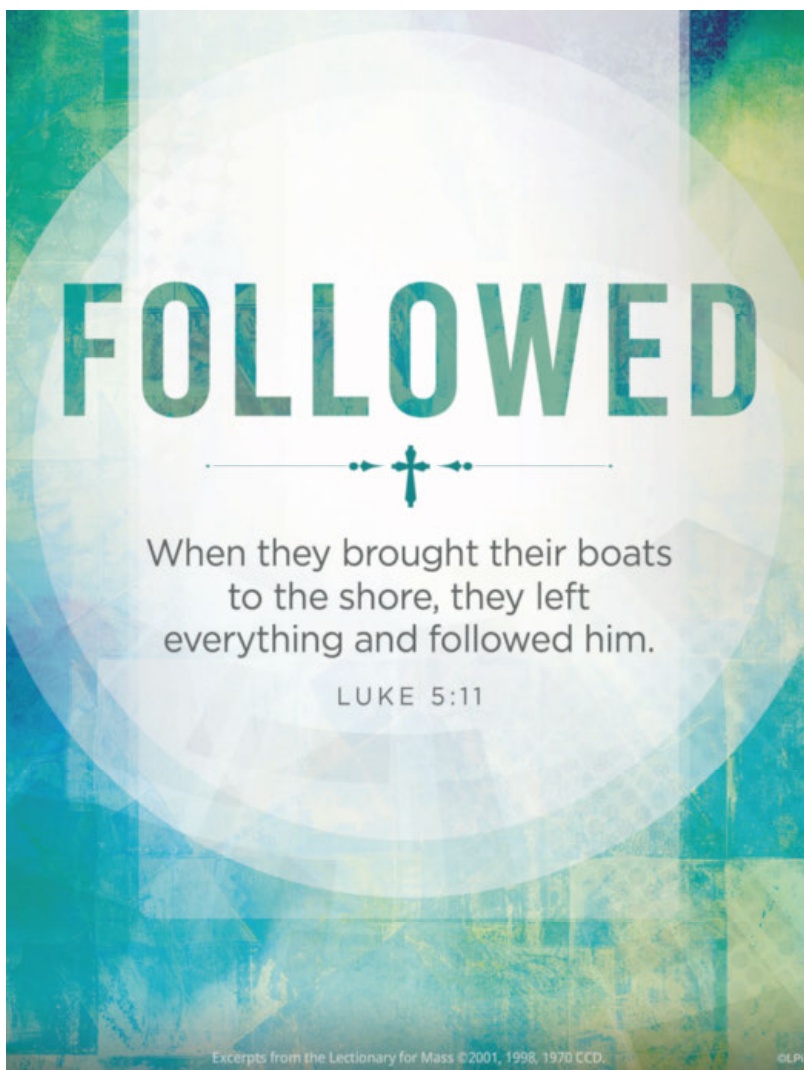
A Franciscan Family of Faith

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

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

February 6, 2022

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

-Pope Francis

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life - Since its institution in 1997 by St. Pope John Paul II, the first Sunday in February celebrates and prays for those women and men who have dedicated themselves to God in a particular way through the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience while living as members of a religious community. By virtue of our Baptisms, all people are called to live a life of holiness. Those who answer God's call to consecrated life as a priest, sister or brother do so in a particular way following in the footsteps of Jesus, but also the founder of the religious community. The Franciscan Friars who serve here at St. Paul's are one example of such a religious community of men. There are also many communities of religious sisters like the Sisters of Mercy, Felician Sisters, Little Sisters of the Poor, Sisters of St. Francis, etc. There are literally hundreds of different men and women's religious communities. While the spirituality of the founder of the religious community will be different for each group, what is common are the three vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. (By the way, that is why there are three knots on the cords that the Friars wear around their waste.) What do the vows mean?

1. *Poverty* is a call to share all goods in common, live a simple life, and depend totally on God.
2. *Chastity* is a call to love and serve God and all God's people, rather than to love one person exclusively in marriage. A life of chastity is a witness and testimony to God's love.
3. *Obedience* is a call to live in community and to surrender one's own will to the will of God. In community, religious are called to listen to their superiors and the voice within to discern God's call for their life.

Inserted in this bulletin is information about the Friars who serve at St. Paul Parish. Those who might feel the Lord calling them to a vocation as a priest, brother or sister are also encouraged to speak with one of the Friars. Bro. Nicholas Romeo, Vocation Director for the Friars, will be visiting the parish from February 17-20. Should someone like to talk with him while he is here, you can send him an email at vocations@olaprovince.org.

The World Day of Prayer is also a good reminder for us to pray that those young men and women who God is calling today to live a life dedicated to him as a sister, brother or priest might respond generously to the Lord's call. It is also a good time to remember the important role that families have in nurturing religious vocations. Likewise, overwhelmingly those who respond to the Lord's call speak of the support or affirmation they received from friends, relatives and fellow parishioners. If you sincerely think someone would be a good member of a religious community do not be afraid to share that with them. If they have made their intention known, a simple word of encouragement can go a long way. If they

have not, but you think that they possess the qualities that are needed just share with them why you think that to be the case. I invite you to pray the prayer below as well.

Prayer for Consecrated Persons and for Vocations to Religious Life

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve you as sisters, brothers and priests. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your call. Continue to call more young women and men to serve you. Fill them with your Spirit so that they will hear and answer your call to service in your Church as a Consecrated Religious. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gospel of Luke (continued) - This is the third and final installment on the Gospel of Luke. In the previous two articles I shared with you some information about Luke the man as well as some of the themes in his Gospel. In this final section, I share with you more specifically why St. Luke's Gospel is often referred to as the Gospel of Mercy and the Gospel of the Poor.

Forgiveness and God's mercy to sinners is of first importance to Luke. Only in Luke do we hear the story of the Prodigal Son welcomed back by the overjoyed father. Only in Luke do we hear the story of the forgiven woman disrupting the feast by washing Jesus' feet with her tears. Throughout Luke's gospel, Jesus takes the side of the sinner who wants to return to God's mercy. Recall that I previously mentioned that it is only St. Luke that records Jesus calling Zacchaeus down from the tree and having dinner at his house.

Throughout the gospel, Luke calls upon the Christian disciple, that is each of us, to identify with the master Jesus, who is caring and tender toward the poor and lowly, the outcast, the sinner, and the afflicted, toward all those who recognize their dependence on God. No gospel writer is more concerned than Luke with the mercy and compassion of Jesus (Lk 7:41-43; 10:29-37; 13:6-9; 15:11-32). No gospel writer records more about Jesus' concern for women (Lk 7:11-17, 36-50; 8:2-3; 10:38-42). Jesus calls all humanity to repent (Lk 5:32; 10:13; 11:32; 13:1-5; 15:7-10; 16:30; 17:3-4; 24:47) and to all who respond in faith and repentance to the word Jesus preaches, he brings salvation (Lk 2:30-32; 3:6; 7:50; 8:48, 50; 17:19; 19:9). (NAB Introduction)

Towards the end of the gospel when Jesus is dying on the cross, only in Luke do we find his prayer for mercy to his executioners: 'Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.' Luke also shows Jesus himself extending mercy to the penitent thief crucified with him. (Lk. 23: 39-43).

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INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†**Marilyn Driscoll** by Terry Zovich, Bernadette and Roz

†**Jane Hutterman** by the Conner family

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†**Dominic J. DiLorenzo**

20 Year Anniversary by Mrs. Constance DiLorenzo

The Bread for the Poor will be Offered this week for

†**Danny and †Angela Burgio** love mom and dad



†**Donald A. Hrenko**

†**Mildred Gelmini**

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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH?

Our next Registration night is **Monday, February 14th** in the St. Paul Church Hall (downstairs) beginning at 7pm. Please let us know if you plan to attend. Call 860-828-0331 or email us at ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org.

AVAILABLE MASSES for March 2022 are listed below.

There are still Masses available on Tuesday at 7am and Thursday at 5pm as well. To reserve a Mass, please call the parish office 860-828-0331, Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.

- Wednesday, March 2, 12pm
- Wednesday, March 9, 8:45am
- Sunday, March 13, 9:30am
- Wednesday, March 17, 8:45am
- Sunday, March 20, 9:30am
- Thursday, March 24, 7:00am
- Wednesday, March 30, 7:00am

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.



Saturday, February 5, 2022 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 †**Patricia Corrigan** by her children

Sunday, February 6, 2022 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:00 †**John Marut** by sister

9:30 †**Jason Perzanowski** by his dad

10:30 †**Tony and †Josephine Cabrera** by Ted and Patti Young

12:00 †**Ralph Loschiavo** by wife and children

Monday, February 7, 2022 Weekday

7:00 **Living Friars, Families, Friends**

and Benefactors of the Friars

5:00 †**Bornice Family** by Rachela Maltese

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 St Jerome Emilani; St Josephine Bakhita

7:00 †**Irene Lewchik** by Saint Paul Ladies' Guild

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

†**Rev. Edward McLean** by Theresa Rapacki

†**Eleanor LeBier** by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home

Fr. Joseph In Thanksgiving by a friend

5:00 †**Andrew Dobek** by Pam and Kevin

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 Weekday

7:00 †**Maryanne Murphy** by morning Mass group

5:00 †**Robert Whitcomb** 8th Anniversary

by Kristen Murphy and family

Thursday, February 10, 2022 Saint Scholastica

7:00 †**Hubbard and †Sylvester Families**

by John G. Hubbard family

8:45 †**William C. Behme** by Lise

5:00 †**Souls in Purgatory** by Emanuele Lombardo

†**Sophie Simcik** 24th Anniversary by family

†**Walter Smoluk** by wife

†**Mario D'Amore** by Antoinette DePierdomenico and family

†**Mary Formica** by her family

Friday, February 11, 2022 Our Lady of Lourdes

7:00 †**Vincent Lewandowski** 12th Anniversary Remembrance
by family

5:00 †**Jacalynn A. Sorbo** by Rita Brochu

Saturday, February 12, 2022 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Marriage Day

4:00 †**Richard K. Hudlow III**

by Joann Wauczinski and Agnes Olbrys

Sunday, February 13, 2022 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Marriage Day

7:30 †**Deacon Carmen Guzzardi** by Bob and Robin Veronesi

9:00 **Mass for Married Couples**

9:30 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**

10:30 †**Joseph Tirinzoni** 13th Anniversary by children

12:00 †**Antonio and †Teresa Lococo** by family

TO REQUEST A LOW GLUTEN HOST Please arrive for Mass about 10 minutes early, go to the sacristy, & let them know you need a low gluten host. Sit near the front of the new wing. Before Communion, look for a Eucharistic Minister to come forward with a consecrated host for you.

From beginning to end St. Luke highlights those who are least and the desire that all be drawn close to Jesus. Certainly, these themes will be important for all of us when we move into the season of Lent in a few weeks on March 2nd. In order to more fully appreciate the Gospel of Luke consider reading it in its entirety, or maybe a bit at a time, or however works best for you.

1st Year Confirmation Retreat - Please keep in your prayers today all of our first year Confirmation students as they have their retreat Sunday afternoon. Pray too for those leading the retreat.

Pastoral Council Meeting - The next Pastoral Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend. This meeting was originally scheduled for February 1st.

Saint Paul School Open House Re-Scheduled - The Saint Paul School Open House that was scheduled for last Sunday has been re-scheduled for next Sunday, February 13th. The time has also changed to 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm since there are Religious Education Classes in the morning. All are welcome to attend, but especially prospective students and their parents. Please spread the good news about our school and encourage others to attend the Open House. The 9am Mass next Sunday will also highlight Saint Paul School. Students will be speaking after Communion at all of the Masses.

Saint Paul School 2nd Collection - The second collection LAST weekend was for Saint Paul School, but attendance was significantly down because of the snow. This is a local collection and so ALL of the proceeds go directly to our school. So I encourage you to use the January 30 Saint Paul School envelope that you received and put it in any upcoming collection. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Final Thoughts - Once again, my prognosticating proved unreliable as I only got one of the games right last weekend. Cincinnati against the LA Rams in Super Bowl LVI does not strike me as too exciting, but all of the games the last two weeks have been, so who knows. To all of you Giants fans out there congratulations on your new coach, Brian Daboll. I am proud to say that I taught him at St. Francis High School in Athol Springs, NY just outside of Buffalo. I am rooting for his success at the next level, but I know you have a good



man. Groundhog Day usually tells us that Spring Training is on the way even if spring is not, but not this year as baseball seems intent on killing the sport at the professional level. Have a good week and keep the faith!
- Fr. Joe

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2022

For this week's readings online, visit
<http://usccb.org/bible/readings/020622.cfm>

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Psalms: Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8
In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Alleluia: Matthew 4:19

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Luke Lk 5:1-11

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

Parish Collection Jan. 25-31, 2022	In Church SP	\$ 4,267.00
	Office	\$ 4,004.00
	In Church SH	\$ 297.00
	Online Giving	\$ 3,781.00
	Total	\$ 12,349.00

Thank you for supporting our parish school through the Saint Paul School 2nd Collection on Jan. 30th. If you missed the collection due to the snow storm, please place your donation in the basket this weekend. All proceeds go directly to SPS.

Please remember St. Paul Parish in your will.

PRAYER LIST

Nancy Adamowicz
Jacob Ahlquist
Jose Arcia
Zulma Barbien
Wyatt Bernard
David Borselle
Cheryl Brown
Richard Carlson
Silas Cipollone
Doug Clark
Lorraine Clark
Sophie Conti
Carol Corriveau
Tom Coss
Arlene Cotrona
Amanda Coyle
Robert Cronin, Sr.
Mary Curry
Adeline D'Angelo
Ramiro Dagna
Uly Dagna
Marianne Darling
Constance DiLorenzo
Bill Dobbs
Nicole Donzello
Nick Donzello
Mary Ann Dorsey
Bernadette Dumond
Dorothy Durgan
Fannie Farrell
Diane Fiske
Simon Fitzpatrick
Helen Flannelly
Nancy Fleming
Deb Follett
Maureen Freeman
Rose Garuti
Patricia Gebhardt
Sebastian Giliberto
Dominic Gionfriddo
Jennifer Gionfriddo
Jonathan Gionfriddo
Rosemarie Gionfriddo
Gail Gombatz
Liz Goryl-Phillips
Donna Goulette
Madison Gray
Linda Hannold
Lily Harzewski-Burl
Evan Hill
Pat Jahn
Tracy Tighe Johnston
Barbara Killius
Sylvia Kratka
John G. Kunitis, Sr.
Mary Lamkins
Maria Lauria
Laura Lemke

Connie Lombardi
Dominica Lopreiato
Linda Luongo
Ronald Maldon
Lisa Mangiafico
Fr. Paul Mangiafico
Carol Marold
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
Frank Rich
Mary Rich
Rita Richter
Linda Ridel
Randy Ripley
Steven Ripley
Joan Schwartz
Guy Simeone
Alfred Simon
Rev. Arkadiusz Skwarek
Amy Soto
Donald Spilka
Kevin Stanowski
Matthew Stimac
Ken Stokowski
Julia Szczygla
Luke Szul
Alfred J. Tee
Beverly Veley
Brian Veley
Scott Veley
Tom Vest
Louise Webb
Thaddeus Wojtusik
Molly Yardley
Carrie Zangari

PRAYER LIST Thank you for praying for the members of our parish family who are on our weekly Prayer List. If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please call the Parish Office to let us know. Monday-Friday 9am-4pm. 860-828-0331. Please be sure to ask for permission from the person to be added.



Also, please let us know if someone on the list is no longer in need of special prayers or if they have passed away, and we will take them off the list. Thank You.



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

Don't know how to pray the Rosary? Visit the home page of our website <https://stpaulkensington.org> or the USCCB's Rosary page: <https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary>.

If you would like to receive the bulletin via email every week, complete our simple online form and the bulletin will arrive in your Inbox every Friday morning. Here is the link: <https://stpaulkensington.org/our-bulletin>.

WORD SEARCH

**GENNESARET
NETS
WATER
OVERCOME**

**BOATS
CROWD
SINKING
BANK**

**FISHERMEN
SHORE
KNEES
FELL**

Y	E	R	S	I	N	K	N	I	G
A	D	A	E	T	H	T	S	E	N
P	P	E	E	D	E	U	N	S	I
H	A	T	W	R	B	N	G	E	K
T	C	O	E	O	E	A	S	E	N
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SAINT PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

SAINT PAUL SCHOOL NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

For more information visit our school website

<https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/>

or call 860-828-4343 x103.

To download an application, click on this link:

<https://bit.ly/34oxKOV>



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

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week and the daily theme 'Community', some of our National Junior Honor Society students interviewed Fr. Raymond on his recent 60th anniversary as a priest and how he serves our parish and school community. A full story put together by our students was to be released by the end of Catholic Schools Week. Thank you, Fr. Raymond, for sharing your time and wisdom with us!



↓ OPEN HOUSE—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH ↓

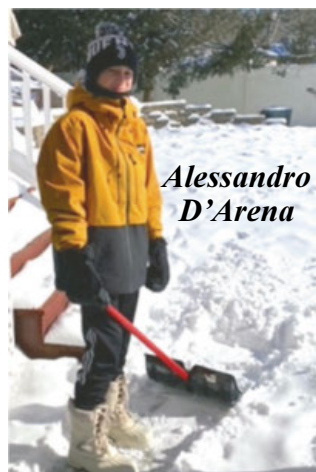



Saint Paul School is accepting applications
for the 2022-2023 school year for
Kindergarten through Grade 8.
Limited spaces available in Preschool
Call TODAY! 860-828-4343

School Wide OPEN HOUSE, Preschool & K-8
Sunday, February 13, 2022 from 1:00 - 3:00

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

Winter Storm Bobby gave our Confirmation students the perfect opportunity to pitch in and help their neighbors, and it also counted as a Service Event for them! Here are some photos of our teens around town. You may have seen them if you were braving the cold and shoveling too!



*Alessandro
D'Arena*



*Grace
Ramirez*



*Elijah
Rivera*



Ryan Scaranuzzo



Zak Zisa



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Monday - Thursday 8am - 2pm Phone 860 828-0331

Website: <https://stpaulkensington.org/religious-ed>

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



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(860) 828-1934 ext 125

Bible Study

Come to the water.

Learn how to hear
the Word of God
speak to you.
Join together in
Bible study!

SCRIPTURE STUDY - SPRING 2022!

Join us for an
INFORMATION SESSION
about the upcoming
Spring Scripture Study program!

Study Title:
The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus

Information Session will be held on:

Tuesday, February 15

7:00pm

St. Paul Parish Office*

*Note that location has changed from Church Hall to Parish Office

All are welcome to attend!

For more information, please contact Marc Chasse at
mchasse1@comcast.net.

The program uses study guides from Little Rock Scripture Study. Learn more at www.littlerockscripture.org



Join our new **Women of Faith** group, where all women of our parish can come together for Faith, Friendship & Fellowship. Gather with other Catholic women, share stories, and strengthen your Spiritual journey.

Please join us on **Thursday, February 10th** from **7-8pm** in the St. Paul Church Hall. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

To learn more, please contact one of the Women of Faith organizers below at womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org

Cheryl Pagano, Lynn Misteri, Ewa Whiteside & Karen Cyr



Our **TMIY!** Men's Group meets on Saturday mornings from 6:30-8:30am in the Church Hall. *New members are welcome!* If you have questions or would like more information, *contact one of the members below or visit www.TMIY.org*. A new 13-week Spring Session begins on **Saturday, February 5th!**

Rick Dighello - rdighello1@sbcglobal.net 860-655-0714

Frank Ciarcia - frank@crochrome.com 860- 655-1414

Bud Volz - budvolz@comcast.net 860- 681-8355

Corey Whiteside - coreyswhiteside@att.net 860-719-7021

Adam Zangari - adamzangari@yahoo.com 860-541-0698



Save the Date: Wednesday, **March 23rd**, 2022 will be the **Connecticut March for Life**. It will be a combined effort with the national March for Life organization, the Connecticut Catholic Conference, the Family Institute of Connecticut, and many other local pro-life groups. We know this is a weekday, but that is when we can have the biggest impact for life in our state. Please make arrangements now to be there. We know, too, that Roe v. Wade could possibly be overturned in the next six months. That would, unfortunately, change nothing for the unborn in Connecticut. Our state codified the license to abortion in our statutes in 1990. Just as Roe v. Wade may possibly end after nearly fifty years, it may take another fifty years to overturn Connecticut's 1990 law. That work begins now, in ways both big and small. We will seek incremental progress in defense of the unborn in Connecticut wherever such progress is possible. And we will never stop fighting for the day when every unborn child in Connecticut is protected in law and welcomed in life. So please, save the date.



SPS ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME POSTPONED!

SPS Alumni Game scheduled for Feb. 6th has been postponed. The new date will be finalized soon!



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 & the intention.



ROSARY MAKERS The Rosary Makers meet in the St. Paul Church Hall on the 1st Monday of the month at 1pm. Join us on **Monday, Feb. 7th** and see if this very rewarding ministry is for you. New members welcome! Call Phyllis Fecteau at 860-828-4934 for info.



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 is **Feb. 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 God's love always surrounds. New members welcome. Call Mary at 860-828-5478.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKENDS If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat **March 25-27** in Farmington. Both women and men from teens to mid-eighties have participated in past retreats. Fee for the weekend is \$175 for meals, private room and materials. Financial assistance is available. For information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, or mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or <http://www.rachelsvineyard.org>.



Thank you for the generous World Mission Sunday contribution of \$3,284 from the parishioners of St. Paul Parish. United with Catholics throughout the world on World Mission Sunday, your parishioners answered their baptismal call with exuberance and zeal! "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard," they responded, as they shared their faith with their brothers and sisters in the Missions. Their assistance helps to bring God's love, hope and peace to all His children—especially the poor who have suffered most throughout this pandemic crisis, as well as those persecuted for the faith, and those yet to know the salvation of the Gospel. I thank you once again for your generous participation in this year's celebration of World Mission Sunday, especially with all the challenges of recovering from the global pandemic. May the Blessings of the new year be yours in abundance.

Sincerely,

Reverend Monsignor James A. Shanley

Vicar for Clergy, Archdiocesan Director, Catholic Mission Aid

"HOT STUFF" (and some not-so-hot) FOOD COLLECTION



Our Social Action Ministry is conducting their annual Hot Stuff collection through **February 13th** to benefit the Friendship Center in New Britain. Please support this collection during these cold winter months if your means allow.

Items requested include: Coffee, Tea, Hot Cocoa, Broth, Hot and Cold Cereal, Soup, Salt and Pepper, Canned Vegetables and a variety of non-perishable juices

Contact Joan Baker jmb7000@comcast.net with questions.

FOODSHARE

ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

Volunteers will be needed on **Thursday, Feb. 17** at **9:30am** to transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and to set up for distribution. Volunteers are also needed on **Friday, Feb. 18** at **11:00am** at Sacred Heart Church to help with distribution. For transportation to FoodShare at Sacred Heart, call the Berlin Senior Center 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.

The Pantry is currently in need of the following items: spaghetti, penne, ziti, mac & cheese, pasta sides, egg noodles, canned pasta, raman, soup noodles & tomato sauce.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Knights of Columbus Monsignor Thomas L. Greylish Council #3675 will award college scholarships to graduating high school students. The Alfred Greco Scholarship requires the student to live in Berlin and have a father or grandfather who is a Knight. The Terrence Lescoe Scholarship requires the student to live in Berlin. Each scholarship has a value of \$1,000. For more information and printable applications, visit our parish website or contact the parish office.



"I would love to just talk with someone on the phone every now and then"... "a short visit would be wonderful"... "I can't drive any more – how will I get my groceries?"... "I would like to know someone cares I'm still here"..

Our parish **Helping Hands** volunteers address these concerns and needs of our senior parishioners, and more. The 'feel good' rewards are truly great for us, and the benefits to our elderly are even greater. Interested? We'd love to have you join us. Please contact Mark Duplin at 860-666-0162 or mfduplin@outlook.com.

Adult Confirmation Program

Six Session Program Begins March 3, 2022

Are you an adult who never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? – If so, St. Paul's Adult Confirmation Program (ACP) will prepare you to be Confirmed in the Spring of 2022. The reception of all of the Sacraments is about helping us journey through this life to life eternal. The Sacrament of Confirmation is a confirming and strengthening of our Baptisms. Through the Sacrament you are sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and Confirmation provides additional graces to help us live out our adult lives as faithful followers of Jesus and strengthens our bond with the Church. *Those who are asked to be a godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor at Confirmation must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation in order to take on those responsibilities. Likewise, those to be married in the Catholic Church should be Confirmed.* St. Paul Parish is implementing this six (6) session ACP so that those adult Catholics who were never Confirmed can be fully initiated in the Catholic faith.

Who is eligible? Catholics who are at least 18 years old and have already been baptized and received their 1st Holy Communion may participate in the ACP. If married, you must be in a valid Catholic marriage. If you were married outside the Catholic Church (meaning in a civil ceremony or in a non-Catholic Church without the appropriate permission) and would like to discuss how you can have your marriage recognized in the Church contact one of the Friar-priests and they will be happy to discuss with you your situation. Your preparation for Confirmation can be done simultaneously with the preparation to have your marriage convalidated in the Church, but the convalidation must be concluded before the actual Confirmation ceremony. Generally speaking, this can often be accomplished.

When will the program be held? Thursdays March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at a location at St. Paul Parish to be determined.

What do the sessions entail? Each session will offer instruction on a particular topic through a variety of means, as well as time for reflection, prayer and a time for questions.

When Would I be Confirmed? The exact date has not yet been determined. You will be confirmed by one of the bishops at a date and location to be determined.

Who will lead the program? Dan Tome, our Director of Youth Ministry, will lead the sessions.

What is the cost? Just your time and participation. There is no monetary cost.

How do I register? Complete our simple online form or send an email to Dan Tome at d.tome@stpaulkensington.org or call the parish office at 860-828-0331 and ask for Dan or leave him a voice mail by **February 24th**. Once we know how many may be interested, we will work out the details of the program. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Dan or one of the Friars. **If you know of a family member or friend who has not been Confirmed please share this information with them.**

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, February 5

6:30am TMIY Men's Group - SPH
8:30am Confessions
9:00am HOME JVA/JVB Bball Games
10:00am AWAY JVC Red Bball Game (gr 3)
10:00am Children's Rosary
10:00am Funeral +Richard T. Legnani
12:00pm AWAY JVC Gold Bball Game (gr 2)
2:50pm AWAY JV Boys GOLD Bball Games
3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, February 6

Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed/Confirmation retreat-SG

7:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed
9:15am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed
10:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed
1:30pm Baptisms
2:00pm Confirmation Conversations 2
3:00pm 1st Year Confirmation retreat-SG
4:00pm EDGE YG Meeting
7:00pm Men's Group - PC1

Monday, February 7

8:45am Parish Staff Meeting
1:00pm Rosary Makers
4:30pm JVC RED Practice (Gr 3)
5:00pm Robotics (Bourque/Gibson)
6:00pm HOME Varsity Bball Games

Tuesday, February 8

1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
3:00pm Girls JVA Bball Practice
3:00pm Robotics (Gaffney/Louk)
4:00pm SPS Night @Bill's Pizza
4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration
4:30pm Boys JV GOLD Practice (
6:00pm KofC 3rd Deg. Council Mtg
6:00pm Girls Varsity Practice
6:30pm Confirmation Conversations 3

Wednesday, February 9

3:00pm Cheer Practice
3:00pm Robotics (Ronda) - Library
3:15pm Mock Trial practice
5:30pm Boys JV RED Practice
6:00pm Rosary at Sacred Heart
6:30pm Boys Varsity Practice
7:00pm Parish Finance Council Mtg
7:00pm Social Action - SPH

Thursday, February 10

8:45am School Mass Gr K-2 SPC
9:00am Quilters SPH
4:30pm Boys JV GOLD Practice
5:00pm Robotics (Henr.)
6:00pm AWAY Varsity Games
7:00pm RCIA - PC1
7:00pm Women of Faith - Church Hall

Friday, February 11

Ice Cream Social
3:00pm JVC GOLD Practice
3:00pm Robotics (McC)
5:30pm Boys JV RED Practice
7:30pm AA Meeting

Saturday, February 12

6:30am TMIY Men's Group
8:30am Confessions
9:00am AWAY JV Boys GOLD Game
12:30pm AWAY JV Girls Game
1:40pm AWAY JV Boys RED Game
3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, February 13

9:00am 1st Year Confirmation
10:30am 2nd Year Confirmation
12:00pm 13th of the Month Rosary
1:00pm Open House Preschool-Grade 8
4:00pm EDGE YG Meeting
7:00pm Men's Group

As Catholic Schools Week 2022 comes to a close, parents are reminded that our *local Catholic High Schools offer excellent academics and so much more!* Schedule a shadow day for your child, attend an Open House or special event, register for the placement exam, and ask about financial assistance!

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www.echs.com Our enrollment process is in full swing. Accepted students will start scheduling classes for the next school year on February 8th. New students are still inquiring and filing applications. We are planning the entrance exam for them on [Saturday, February 26th](#). Families interested in our school always have a chance to schedule a private tour. We also will have a Parent Preview Night (mini-open house) on [Tuesday, March 1st](#). The pre-registration for this event becomes available on our website in the near future.

***MERCY HIGH SCHOOL**
Middletown



www.mercyhigh.com "Discover Mercy" is a morning program offered for girls and their parents to get their first look at Mercy-[Saturday, March 5, 9am-12pm](#). For 5th, 6th & 7th grade girls. [Entrance Exam](#) for the Mercy Class of 2026 is on [February 25](#). Register online or call Admissions 860-346-6659 x115. [Mornings at Mercy: Feb.17, March 18, April 21](#). Girls in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade, as well as students considering a transfer to Mercy, and their parents, are welcome to visit from 8:30-10:30am.

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