#### 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

Saturdays 8:30am-9:30am and 3:00-4:00pm

HOLY HOUR

Tuesdays 4:00-5:00pm

Baptisms: 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month Baptismal Instruction: Last Tuesday of the month

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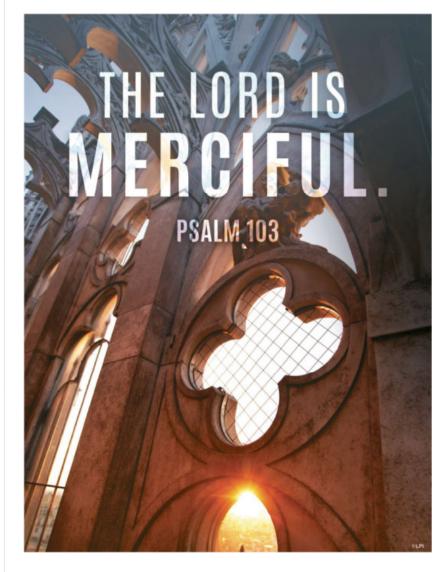
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# + St. Paul Catholic Parish

## 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 20, 2022 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

#### **PASTOR'S COLUMN**

#### Welcome to Bro. Nick Romeo - As I mentioned a couple



weeks ago, the Vocation Director for the Franciscan Friars, Bro. Nicholas Romeo, OFM Conv., is visiting this weekend. He will share some thoughts with us after Communion this weekend. Those who might feel the Lord call-

ing them to a vocation as a Franciscan Friar are encouraged to speak with Bro. Nick while he is here. You can also send him an email at <u>vocations@olaprovince.org</u>. More information is also available at <u>www.olaprovince.org</u>. Anyone of the Friars would also be most happy to discuss with anyone questions they have about priesthood or religious life as a sister, brother or priest.

Lent Begins March 2 - With Lent just 11 days away, now is a good time to begin to prepare ourselves for the holy season. Pope Francis at the end of his 2016 Lenten Message said: "Let us not waste this season of Lent, so favorable a time for conversion!" In order to do that I think most of us need to plan ahead a bit in order to make best use of this time that the Lord gives us. Listed below you will find the Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday. Next weekend each parishioner will receive a personal copy of a booklet entitled the *Little Black Book*. The reflections actually start next Sunday and go through Easter. I hope that you will find it to be a helpful aid for your spiritual reflection during those 50 days.

The Church always places before us three tried and true ways (prayer, fasting, and almsgiving) to help us grow in holiness. The most difficult part of this sometimes is what should I "give up" for Lent. Continuing the notion proposed above that a little planning might help us make better use of this season of Lent I offer a few thoughts about what to "give up."

When thinking of giving something up, sometimes we go right to candy or desserts or alcohol or some other favorite food or treat. While that can be fine, there are many ways that we can fast besides "giving something up". A few Sundays ago our 2<sup>nd</sup> reading was from 1 Corinthians 13 in which Saint Paul expounded on what love is as a source of action for renewal and conversion. To be more patient and kind, do not be rude, or jealous, or self-seeking, or pompous, or guick-tempered, not to brood over injury or to rejoice over wrongdoing. Doing so would hopefully have an impact well beyond the 40 days of Lent. Then again, maybe there is a need to fast from eating or drinking too much, or too much time on the internet and with our devices that takes time from family and friends or leads us into temptation. The plan for each can be different and should be different, but what is common is that we have our own plan. These next 11 days then can be a time to put together the first draft of that plan of how not to waste the time that we will be given this Lent.

Ash Wednesday (March 2<sup>nd</sup>) Mass Schedule - Masses on Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at 7am, 8:45am (School Mass - ALL are welcome), 12 Noon, 5pm and 7pm. Ashes will be distributed at all of the Masses.

What to do with Old Palms? - You may bring your old palms to church next weekend so that they can be burnt and used for ashes on Ash Wednesday. Just leave them in the vestibules before coming into the church itself. You may also burn them on your own and put them in your garden or a flower bed, but since the palms are blessed, they should **not** be discarded in the trash.

Annual End of the Year Donations - Included in this week's bulletin is a listing of all who have made a gift to the parish's Annual (End of the Year) Appeal. As of February 11<sup>th</sup> this honor roll includes 448 parishioners who have made donations totaling \$80,072!! The average gift thus far is \$178. It is not too late to make a gift so if you still have the intention of doing so know that all gifts are important and can be made at any time including online. The generosity of so many is so very helpful to the parish so that we can continue our wide array of ministries to so many people in the parish. Please note in the next item and in the Finance Council report from John Roman on page 6 that without these Annual End of Year gifts, the parish would not have been in the black this year. So once again thanks for all that you do to support our parish!

Finance Council - The parish Finance Council along with the Parish Trustees (Edward Janik and Dan Sabia) met on Wednesday, February 9th to review the parish's financial statements for FY 21 which ended on December 31 and to review the proposed budget for the current year. This was in advance of submitting these same documents to the Archdiocese which were due by February 15th. I am grateful for the work of John Thorpe, our new Parish Manager, in helping prepare the budget as well as the work of the Finance Council. Please see John Roman's summary report on the meeting on page 6. Thanks to your support during a very challenging year because of COVID-19, the parish continues to enjoy a positive financial bottom line while also tending to the spiritual and temporal needs of the parish. The other members of the parish Finance Council are Rick Dighello, Colleen Lynch, Jim Newman, and Corey Whiteside.

**Facilities Committee** - This past Saturday the parish's newly formed Parish Facilities Committee began its work of doing a comprehensive evaluation of all of the buildings and properties that the parish owns. This includes both worship sites and all of the associated buildings and property. Eventually it will even include the two buildings at the Berlin Fairgrounds that belong to the parish. *Continued on page 4* 

#### INTENTIONS

#### Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

**†Chester Stachelek** Birthday Remembrance by family

**†Dino Zovich** 9th Anniversary by Theresa and family

**†Harry Warchol** 6th Anniversary by wife and children

In Loving Memory

+Alex B. Stephenson +L. Michael Golden +Diane Marie Fiske

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?

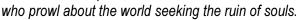
Our next Registration night is **Monday**, <u>March 14th</u> in the St. Paul Church Hall (downstairs) beginning at 7pm. Please let us know if you plan to attend. Call 860-828-0331 or email us at ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org.

**AVAILABLE MASSES** for March/April 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, M-F 9am-4pm.

- Wednesday, March 2, 12pm
- Sunday, March 13, 9:30am—Sacred Heart
- Sunday, March 20, 9:30am—Sacred Heart
- Thursday, April 28, 8:45am

#### 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,



Saturday, February 19, 2022 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 **†Scott Kindelan** 1st Anniversary by his family

Sunday, February 20, 2022 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish
- 9:00 +Joseph V. Janik by his familiy
- 9:30 **†Diane Hall** by her niece
- 10:30 +Walter Krysztopik Anniversary Remembrance by family
- 12:00 Lori Pietraszewski Birthday Celebration

by the Tabaczynski family

Monday, February 21, 2022 Saint Peter Damian. Presidents' Day 7:00 **+Barbara Zapor** 2nd Anniversary

by the Sawyer/Zapor families

#### 5:00 NO 5PM MASS

Tuesday, February 22, 2022 The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

7:00 **+Souls in Purgatory** by Linda and John Nappi, Jr. **+Maryanne Murphy** by the John G. Hubbard family **+Rose & +Vincent Micacci and +Lucille Micacci** 

by Anthony Micacci

**†Aileen Fitzgerald** by Theresa Rapacky

- +Richard and +Catherine Binder by a friend
- 5:00 **+Chester Stachelek** Birthday Remembrance by family
- Wednesday, February 23, 2022 Saint Polycarp
- 7:00 +Maryanne Murphy by Al and Carol Simeone
- 5:00 +Deceased Friars, Families, Friends and

Benefactors of the Friars

Thursday, February 24, 2022 Weekday

7:00 **+Carmen Grzesczyk** by St. Paul Ladies' Guild

5:00 **†Eugenio Ricciardi** by Emanuele Lombardo **†Ryszard Krzeszowiec** by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home **†Frank Zeleznicky** Birthday Rembrance

by daughters Dottie and Ginger

+Martin Sheehan 8th Anniversary by Cindy

+Arthur Yoats In Memory of by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Witz

Friday, February 25, 2022 Weekday

- 7:00 +Michael Veneziano by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home
- 8:45 **+Edward, +Timothy and +Sharon Darigis** by family
- 5:00 **†Ann Porcaro** 20th Anniversary by husband Joseph
- Saturday, February 26, 2022 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 **+Dino Zovich** 9th Anniversary

by Theresa Zovich and family

Sunday, February 27, 2022 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish
- 9:00 **+Mary Perzanowski** by family
- 9:30 +Chuck Pagano, Sr. by his wife
- 10:30 +Celina Barnat by the Krzysztof family
- 12:00 +Graziella Carrubba by the Pirruccio 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.

#### PASTOR'S COLUMN (continued)

The end goal is to put in place a Master Facilities Plan that will address the condition of all of the buildings and develop a long range plan for each building especially as it relates to all of the major systems and components. This past Saturday morning from 9 to 11am, the committee took advantage of a beautiful February day to examine the exterior of all of the St. Paul buildings and property. The observations ranged from some minor rust in the gazebo structure and some damage to conduit leading to lighting for the sign outside the school to the condition of the roof over the "new" section of the church and the need to scope all of the drains to understand the integrity of the drainage system pipes and a lot more in between. Don Lombardo has agreed to Chair this committee and he is joined by Bart Bovee, Dave Cyr, Bob Fischer, Paul Prior, Brian Pskowski, and Rich Smith as well as John Thorpe and myself. They will be meeting one Saturday morning a month to continue the evaluation process. I am so thankful to have such a diverse and capable committee to help the parish with these very important temporal matters.

**Final Thoughts** - Most football games are won and lost at the line of scrimmage and that proved true on Sunday as in the end the Bengals O line could not stop the pressure on Joe Burrow. The Rams punter, Johnny Hekker, did his job after a disastrous job as the holder on an extra point as he kept giving the Bengals drive starts at their own 16. That and the pressure on the QB gave the Rams that last drive that was their best of the entire season. What is that saying: Save



the best for last. Spring training should have started, but no baseball wants everyone to keep on talking about football. Have a blessed week and may the grace of God help you in putting together your first draft of a plan for the season of Lent! - Fr. Joe



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 21st.

	In Church SP	\$ 6,665.00		
Parish Collection	Office	\$ 1,878.00		
Feb 8-14, 2022	In Church SH	\$ 402.00		
	Online Giving	\$ 4,458.00		
	Total	\$ 13,403.00		

Please remember St. Paul Parish in your will.

#### **READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 20, 2022**

For this week's readings online, visit http://usccb.org/bible/readings/022022.cfm

#### First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

**Psalms**: Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 *The Lord is kind and merciful.* 

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Alleluia: John 13:34

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

**ONLINE GIVING** Thank you to all of you who continue to financially support our St. Paul Parish Family!



If you would like to sign up for ONLINE GIVING <u>or</u> to check your existing account, scan this QR codefor easy access.

Consider this secure, easy & effective way to support our parish!

#### 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.

Our Catholic Schools Week Open House on Feb. 13 was a huge success with almost 25 families in attendance.

Our Admissions and Marketing Director was thrilled to receive 10 applications during the event. Applications ranged across all grade levels. Thank you to our SPS students, parents, board members, alumni and Principal Jill Conaway for helping at the event. Special thanks to our teachers for showcasing your classrooms and to our students who also read during this weekends Masses!





# 2022 Saint Paul Summer Camp is Open to the Public!

Mid June - August 12th

Date contingent on the last day of school Ages 3-13. All Are Welcome!

Half Day and Single Day Programs Available



Sports, Arts & Crafts, Activities on our Parish Green, Water Activities, Games, Dairy Queen Treats and More! Following CDC Guildelines

LEARN MORE AT: ourschool.stpaulkensington.org summercamp@stpaulkensington.org 860-828-4343

Some of our students interviewed Fr. Raymond as part of our Catholic Schools Week events! The article below was written by Middle School students Ciara Colon, Liam Gaffney, Katherine Parulski and Conrad Yakimishan

Father Raymond Borkowski was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He grew up around the church and, like the students of Saint Paul's, he went to Catholic school. He recently celebrated his 60th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Well, how did he become a priest? He grew up with his mother and sister who fully supported his journey and path of being ordained as a priest. Along with his immediate familv. Fr. Ravmond's distant cousin had also influenced where he is today. After great motivation from him, Father Raymond wrote a letter to the Provincial, and after joining the Novitiate in which he went to further his education in spirituality and history on the Franciscan order, his mission from God was clear to him. Father Raymond had "totally immersed himself" into priesthood after being declared a friar. Later in his life he went to the missions in Ghana and he recalls that the students he taught there had an inspiring attitude about learning.

#### February 2022

The St Paul Parish Finance Council met on February 9, 2022 for its regularly scheduled quarterly meeting. At the meeting the Council reviewed the Parish Year End 2021 Balance Sheet and Income Statement as well as the Parish 2022 Budget.

The Council is pleased to report that that the financial condition of the Parish remains strong primarily as the result of continued Parishioner support. Offertory income for 2021 totaled \$904,000 which was a 4% increase over 2020. Program revenues which were negatively affected by pandemic restrictions in 2020 have started to bounce back rising from \$30,000 in 2020 to over \$72,000 in 2021 as a result of strong Berlin Fair Booth and Parish Raffle results. Total Parish income of \$1.2 Million in 2021 represented a 2% increase over 2020.

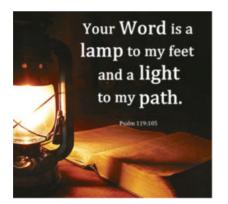
The Friars and Parish staff successfully managed expenses in 2021 resulting in Net ordinary income of \$52,000.

The Finance Council continues to monitor Parish Investment balances and investment risk guided by the Investment Policy Statement which was adopted in 2020. Investment balances have benefited from recent increases in stock market returns.

At the meeting the Finance Council also reviewed and approved the Parish 2022 Budget which calls for revenue and expense increases of approximately 5% over 2021.

The Finance Council thanks Diane Funk for her many years of service to the Parish and for her assistance to the Finance Council in handling and reporting on the day to day financial affairs of the Parish. The Council also looks forward to the assistance of John Thorpe, the new Parish Manager.

John C. Roman Chairman



See Scripture Study Information on page 7!



# It's almost spring, which means we are entering sacrament season!

Please mark your calendars:

Tuesday, February 22 Gr. 4-8 Confessions 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Wednesday, February 23

1st Communion Parent Session #1 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.



Sunday, February 27 -2nd Year Confirmation Retreat 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Please refer back to the emails that have been sent for details regarding these events.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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St Paul Parish Religious Ed Berlin CT Email: <u>religioused@stpaulkensington.org</u> Mailing Address: 467 Alling St, Kensington CT 06037



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



Christina Norton, Administrative Assistant (860) 828-1934 ext 125

#### Welcome New Parishioners!

Thank you for attending our Registration Meeting on February 14th!

We're happy that you have joined our St. Paul Parish Franciscan Family of Faith!

~ God Bless ~







SPS ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME!

The Saint Paul School Alumni Basketball Game will be held on

> Sunday, March 6th from 1-3pm It's MARCH MADNESS!

We welcome our alumni back to play and cheer!

Alumni- please click to **sign up** here: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c49a5a628a0f94-alumni</u>



CT March for Life will be on Wednesday, March 23. 2022. The Connecticut March for Life 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. Visit <u>www.ctfamily.org</u>

#### SCRIPTURE STUDY AT ST. PAUL PARISH!

Has there ever been a particular Bible reading that caught your interest during Mass? Have you thought about reading the Bible on your own, but you're unsure where to start?

Consider joining one of our Scripture Study groups! We would love to have you join us!

Our well-organized groups utilize the commentaries and study guides from Little Rock Scripture Study Program. Check them out at <u>www.littlerockscripture.org</u>

Pope Francis recently stated

- "the Bible is the book of the people".



- "It is God's Word for each and every one of us---and for all of us together as one Body"
- "God's Word is a priority and a light for our path every day

The subject of our upcoming Spring 2022 Scripture Study will be *The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus*. This study involves some reading on your own and participating in six small-group meetings twice a month in the parish center beginning on February 28.

The Gospel stories of the passion and resurrection of Jesus are at the core of our Christian faith, revealing the nature of God, the person of Jesus, and the path of every disciple. This is an ideal study for Lent and Easter. Explore these essential stories in the unique accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John with your small group, and embrace the cross and resurrection in your own life.

WHAT'S THE PURPOSE? The foundation of our Catholic faith is in the scriptures. The Bible is the book of the Church. The more we know the Bible, the better we are able to understand the readings at Mass, explain our faith to others, teach it to our children and use it to form our lives.

HOW DOES IT WORK? We use Little Rock Scripture Study Program—an improved way to study the Bible with fellow Catholics which consists of:

- •Personal reading and reflection of scripture.
- •Small group meetings for discussion, sharing and prayer.
- •You can choose between a Mon., Tues. or Wed. evening meeting which will be either in the Parish Center or church hall from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.
- Instructional lectures.
- •A wrap-up lecture by Fr. Michael.

WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE BIBLE? The manner in which this program is designed will appeal to those who have never studied the Bible before, as well as those who have been reading the Bible for quite a while. You do not need to worry if you lack understanding or experience. We will all be learning together and supporting one another in this rewarding adventure.

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

#### PRAYER LIST

Nancy Adamowicz Jacob Ahlguist Jose Arcia Zulma Barbien Wyatt Bernard David Borselle **Chervl Brown Richard Carlson** Silas Cipollone Doug Clark Lorraine Clarke 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 Freemen Rose Garuti Patricia Gebhardt Dominic Gionfriddo Jennifer Gionfriddo Jonathan Gionfriddo Rosemarie Gionfriddo Gail Gombatz Liz Goryl-Phillips Donna Goulette Madison Gray Chester and Pat Haber Linda Hannold Lilv Harzewski-Burl Evan Hill Pat Jahn Tracy Tighe Johnston Barbara Killius Sylvia Kratka John G. Kumitis, 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 **Guv 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 Woitusik 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 <u>https://stpaulkensington.org</u> or the USCCB's Rosary page: <u>https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary</u>.

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.* 

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### HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford are required to post the document shown above in the bulletin at least once per year.

#### PARISH CALENDAR

#### Saturday, February 19 6:30am TMIY Men's Group 8:30am Confessions 9:00am HOME JVA/JVB Basketball Games 3:00pm Confessions 5:30pm Marriage Encounter Mtg - SPH Sunday, February 20 1:15pm Baptisms 7:00pm Men's Group - SPC Monday, February 21 Note: No 5pm Mass **NO SCHOOL - Winter Break** on Monday, Feb. 21 8:45am NO Parish Staff Meeting 4:30pm JVC RED Basketball Practice 5:00pm NO 5pm Mass 6:30pm Boys Varsity Basketball Practice Tuesday, February 22 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break 3:00pm Girls JVA Basketball Practice 4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration 4:30pm Boys JV GOLD Basketball Practice 6:00pm Girls Varsity Basketball Practice 6:30pm Gr. 4-8 Rel Ed Confessions Option 1-SPC 6:30pm Baptism Prep Lesson PC1 Wednesday, February 23 3:00pm After Care - ART ROOM 3:00pm Cheer Practice 3:00pm Robotics (Ronda) - Library 3:00pm Brownie meeting - art room 3:15pm Mock Trial practice 6:00pm HOME Varsity Basketball Games 6:00pm Rosary at Sacred Heart 6:30pm 1st Communion Parent Session 1-SPC Thursday, February 24 8:30am Gr.4&5t-Mystic Aquarium 9:00am Quilters - SPH 3:00pm After Care - ART ROOM 4:30pm Boys JV GOLD Practice 5:00pm Robotics (Henr.) 6:00pm Girls Varsity Practice 7:00pm RCIA - PC1 Friday, February 25 8:45am School Mass Gr 6-8 3:00pm After Care - ART ROOM 3:00pm JVC GOLD Practice 3:00pm Robotics (McC) 5:30pm Boys JV RED Practice 6:00pm AWAY JV Boys GOLD Game 7:15pm AWAY BOYS Varsity Game

7:30pm AA Meeting

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.



"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.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 2, 2022

Mass Schedule: 7am, 8:45am\*, 12pm, 5pm, 7pm

\*School Mass, All Are Welcome!

All Masses are at St. Paul Church

#### Saturday, Feb. 26

6:30am TMIY Men's Group 8:30am Confessions 9:00am AWAY JV Boys RED Game 10:10am AWAY JV Boys GOLD Game 11:20am AWAY JV Girls Game 3:00pm Confessions 6:00pm YG Meeting at St. Dom's **Sunday, Feb. 27** 7:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed 9:15am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed 10:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed 10:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed 12:00pm Retreat set up 3:00pm 2nd Yr Confirmation retreat-SG 5:45pm Confirmation Retreat Adoration with Fr. Mike 7:00pm Men's Group - PC1



**SCHOLARSHIPS** The New Britain Council of Catholic Women is pleased to offer two \$1,000 scholarships to either 8th graders planning to attend a

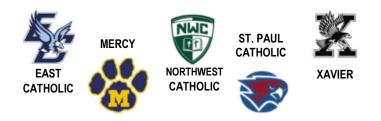
Catholic High School or high school seniors planning to attend college. Digital applications can be obtained by emailing a request to nbcouncilcatholicwomen@gmail.com or on the parish website, or a hard copy application can be picked up at your parish office. Deadline for applications is May 1st.



**SCHOLARSHIPS** The Knights of Columbus Msgr. 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 information and printable applications, visit our parish website or contact the parish office. Deadline April 1st.

<u>Attn Parents</u>: 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!



**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** - Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make. Contact our nearby Catholic High Schools today. Find out what these great schools have to offer, and ask about financial assistance!

\*EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Manchester www.echs.com 860-649-5336 ext. 6456

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\*NORTHWEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL W.Hfd www.northwestcatholic.org 860-236-4221

\*ST PAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Bristol www.spchs.com 860-584-0911 ext. 34

\*XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL Middletown www.XavierHighSchool.org 860-346-7735 ext. 743 The following Saint Paul School students have been named to the Honor Roll for Trimester 1, 2021-2022. Congrats and keep up the great work!

#### Grade Six

*High Honors*: William Chyra- Kensington, Tyler Ebrahimi-Berlin, Kaily Lesny- New Britain, -Simon Szymanowski-Wethersfield

Honors: Jacoby Drake-Berlin, Landon Ferguson-Durham, Dylan Gunning-Berlin, Rachel Hart-Middletown, John Kelly-Middletown, Chace King-Kensington, Ruby Kuselias-Middletown, Ava Orzel-New Britain, Daniella Paradis-New Britain, Gabriel Puskarz-Middletown, Emery Tarry-Middletown, Anya Woyasz-Berlin

#### Grade Seven

High Honors: Kaitlin Bertolami- Kensington, Alexis Bourque -Berlin, Camryn Fraello-Kensington, Elijah Hairston-New Britain, Joanna Jarombek-New Britain, Alexandra Kuszaj-Zalewski-New Britain, Anna Morrissey-Middletown, Abigail Mullison-Meriden, Katherine Parulski-Middletown, Conrad Yakimishan-Cromwell, Valerie Yakimishan-Cromwell

*Honors*: Wyatt Bajorski-Kensington, Kiley Bohn-Berlin, Olivia Carlson-Berlin, Marcin Kacperski-Berlin, Sienna Liebler-Planville, Aryanna Scott-Farmington

#### Grade Eight

High Honors: Daniel Akier-Berlin, Jr., Ciara Colon- Berlin, Liam Gaffney-Kensington, Elena Gawecki- New Britain, Eleanor Henriques-East Berlin, Emily Kalinowski-Newington, Luke Kelly-Middletown, Abigail Kim-Berlin, Emberly Marquez-New Britain, Mason Pachica-Bristol, Grace Szeghy-Southington, Ava Tierpack-New Britain

Honors: Brayden Bak-Berlin, Alessia Gianni-Kensington, Naiem Gill-Meriden, Dillon Hinkson-New Britain, Julia Kowalewska-Berlin, Kevin Little-Davis-Meriden, Adam Raymond-Wethersfield, Daisy Ruiz-Kensington, Taylor Snow-Southington, Paige Soudier-Kensington

#### UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA PRESENTATIONS!

Save the Dates and visit the high school websites for details and ticket sales!

Mercy & Xavier Present *High School Musical* April 7, 8 & 10

St. Paul Catholic High School Presents **The Wizard of Oz** April 8, 9 & 10

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 <u>d.tome@stpaulkensington.org</u> or call the parish office at 860-828-0331 and ask for Dan or leave him a voice mail by February 24<sup>th</sup>. 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. Welcome Henry Richard Thurston! Baptized February 6, 2022 St. Paul Church

Welcome to our St. Paul Parish Family of Faith

~ God Bless you and your beautiful family ~





# FCODSHARE 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:

flour, sugar, cake, cookie, muffin and brownie mixes, frosting, corn bread, pie fillings and pie crusts and mixes.



**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, March 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 March 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.



**QUILTERS' GROUP** Our Quilters Group will meet on Thursdays February 24th, March 10th and 24th at 9am in the St. Paul Church Hall.

Anyone working on another project or who has a different type of craft (origami, jewelry, scrapbook, genealogy, etc) is welcome to join us! As we work, we share thoughts about a variety of topics. Please call Barbara at 860-930-0310 with any questions.

**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.

#### OUR LADY OF CALVARY Farmington



Retreat weekends at Our Lady of Calvary give you the time, space,

and Spirit-led guidance to find your way. Our program content is inspired by the Holy Spirit and deeply rooted in Scripture, while drawing from everyday life experiences shared by all women.https://www.ourladyofcalvary.net/retreat-weekends/

#### One Day Women's Retreat

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm This one-day retreat will have the same theme as our Women's Weekend Retreat. The day will include two retreat conferences, A Reconciliation Service with individual confession, and Mass. Retreatants can expect to be on their way home by 4:00 pm. A hearty lunch will be served.

https://www.ourladyofcalvary.net/event/one-day-womens-retreat/

Lenten Retreat Day Wednesday, March 16 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm https://www.ourladyofcalvary.net/event/lenten-retreat-day/



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**,

<u>March 10th</u> from 7-8pm in St. Paul Church. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month. To learn more, please contact one of the Women of Faith organizers 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 just begun. Join us!

Rick Dighello - <u>rdighello1@sbcglobal.net</u> 860-655-0714 Frank Ciarcia - <u>frank@crcchrome.com</u> 860- 655-1414 Bud Volz - <u>budvolz@comcast.net</u> 860- 681-8355 Corey Whiteside - <u>coreyswhiteside@att.net</u> 860-719-7021 Adam Zangari - <u>adamzangari@yahoo.com</u> 860-541-0698

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** announces an in-person experience in New England. This non-residential weekend takes place at St. Gabriel The Archangel Church in Upton, MA from March 18-20. Couples can drive to the experience from their homes or stay at one of several hotels in the area. WWME is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together whether they've been married only a short time or many years. To apply, contact Joe & Ginny Vatalle at 800-710-9963 or visit <u>wwmema.org</u>. For those who prefer a virtual experience, there is one beginning on March 9. It will be on Wednesday evenings (concluding April 20) 7-9pm. To apply, contact Jimmy & Bernice Acevedo at 877-697-9963 or visit <u>bq-wwme.org</u>.

HOLY FAMILY PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER W. Hartford Men's Retreat - Our retreat theme, In the Spirit of Trust, will explore the notion of trust and how it is gained, as well as lost. We will share our personal faith experiences of trusting in God's providence and help one another to build a foundation for lasting trust in the one who created us and loves us. Visit holyfamilyretreat.org for more info and to register or call 860.760.9705. Retreat Offering in \$325 but as ALWAYS, more if you can, less if you can't. You will never be turned away for financial reasons. You may also contact Matt Zangari for more information at mzang76@yahoo.com

#### **Decisions**, Decisions

By Kristy Malik from Walking With Purpose https://walkingwithpurpose.com/decisions-decisions/ February 1, 2022

"Are you there, God? It's me, Kristy. I need some help with this decision and would really appreciate it if you could just tell me what to do. I want to do the right thing, and I don't know what that is. So, can you please show me?"

\*Looks expectantly toward the sky for a lightning bolt with a sign.\*

Gosh, if only it was that easy, right? I can't tell you how many times that's exactly how it goes in my prayer life, and I walk away frustrated (or laughing at myself in my naivete). But hey, the lightning bolt thing could happen one day - you never know.

Making decisions has always been something I struggle with. From little things like which movie to watch (I could give you three totally valid reasons for and against each choice) to bigger things like if I should start writing that book that I feel called to write (or perhaps I should wait a few years until my kids are older). Can you even imagine how the really big decisions go for me? Praise God that He gifted my husband with heroic patience!

How about you? Do you struggle with making decisions? More specifically, do you struggle with hearing God's voice and discerning His will for your life?

If this is you, welcome—and pull up a chair. I have come to learn a few things about hearing God's voice and making decisions, and friend to friend, I want to share them with you.

For starters, I've realized that life isn't a relay race of decisions that we have to make, with each choice shaping and determining the next lap. I used to think of God providing the coaching at each lap when I asked for it, inviting Him in only when I needed His direction. It was more about the outcome and less about the journey. I've since learned that life is less like a frantic relay race and more of a slow walk with the Lord, who is with us each and every step of the way—in the big and small things.

In John 10:27, Jesus tells us, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." What does His voice sound like? It's not a lightning bolt or crack of thunder (at least not in my experience). His voice often speaks through Scripture, which is literally the Word of God.[1] The more time we spend in Scripture, the more we know His voice and can recognize it when He does call us. This requires a conscious decision to slow down and spend time in prayer and reading Scripture. It sounds so simple, yet it's true. You will be able to better discern God's will for your life if you spend more time in Scripture—there is no shortcut here.



cerning God's will is summed up perfectly by both Robert Frost and Joan of Arc. (I couldn't decide which quote I liked better, so I'm giving you both.)

*"The best way out is always through."—*Robert Frost *"Act, and God will act. Work, and He will work."—*St. Joan of Arc

They are both on to something. Something that, quite frankly, sounds terrifying to me. We just have to take a step, even if it turns out that it was the wrong step.

How can the wrong decision be good? A priest friend once gave me some wise advice when I asked how he makes big decisions that impact an entire parish community on a daily basis. He said, "Once I've come to a decision through prayer, I ask the Lord to bless it and pray it's the right one. If it's the wrong decision, I ask Him to stop my plans. And if He doesn't...then I ask Him to help me learn from it."

What a humble, yet confident way of approaching decisionmaking! Humble in the way he admits God is in charge of the outcome either way—he knows he's not big enough to thwart God's plan. And confident in the way he knows his role and responsibility to the people he was sent to serve, and God will use whatever his decision is for good. Following this model has truly enabled me to feel peace about decisions that I make.

When we make our decisions with this type of humble confidence, we allow the Holy Spirit room to work in our lives. Choices that used to bring stress and worry become opportunities for joy as we cooperate with the Lord and allow Him an active role in our lives. It enables us to grow in trust and experience the depth of love that God has for us.

I still really don't want to make the wrong decisions in my life. And you know what, God knows that about me. And He knows your doubts and fears about discerning things in your life, too. So, if He allows me (or you) to make the wrong decision, you can bet it's because He wants to teach me (or you) something because He loves us.

My spiritual director was advising me in this area lately, and she said, "Kristy, we almost never get certainty from the Lord. But we can often have clarity. And most of the time, that's all we need."

Praying the Holy Spirit will give you clarity in your decisionmaking, and that you may step out in humble confidence, trusting that the Lord is with you—no matter the outcome.

The next thing I've realized about making decisions and dis-

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