

MASS TIMES

St. Paul Church, 485 Alling St., Kensington
Saturday 4pm Vigil

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

Sacred Heart Church, 48 Cottage St., E. Berlin
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 3:00-4:00pm

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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St Paul Parish Kensington CT



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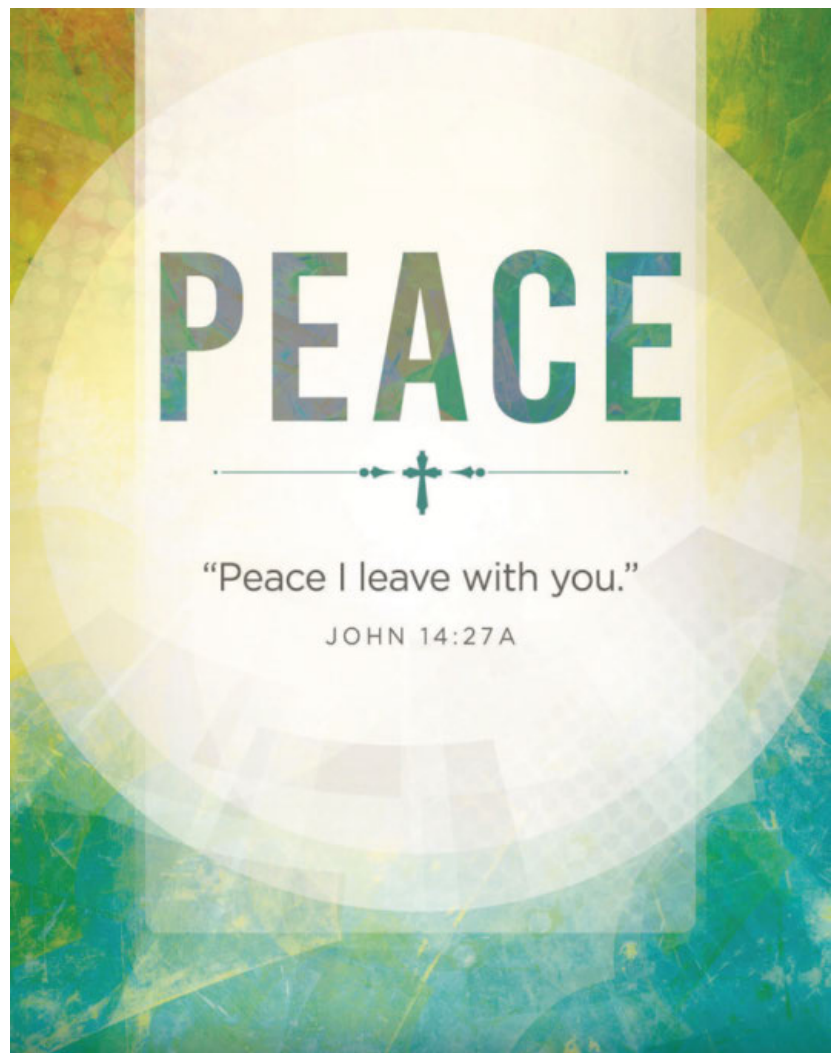
A Franciscan Family of Faith

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

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

May 22, 2022

6th Sunday of Easter



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

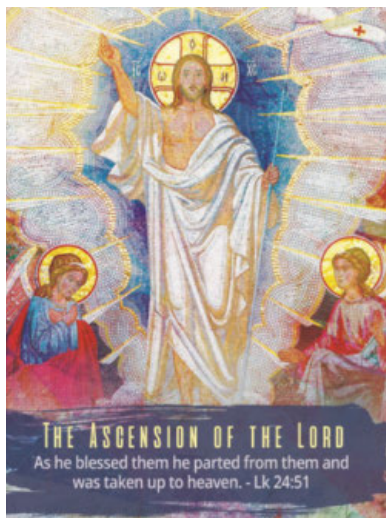
-Pope Francis

Confirmation - Congratulations to all of the students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 21st at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford! Their names appear on the cover of next week's bulletin. In that this column is being written prior to the event happening, I will have more to share in a future bulletin.

Provincial Chapter - Last week in this space I spoke about the 1st session of the Our Lady Of Angels Provincial Chapter that is being held in Baltimore this week (Monday to Friday). Fr. Raymond, Fr. Michael and myself will be attending. In addition, Fr. Mark Curesky from St. John's in Cromwell will also be a delegate. Please keep the Friars and their discussions this week in your prayers. May the Holy Spirit lead and guide us in our work this week.

In that Fr. Peter would be here by himself Fr. Charles has agreed to come back and help out both here and at St. John's. As a result there will be a modified Mass schedule this week which is on page 4. Fr. Peter and Fr. Charles will cover any funerals for both parishes. This Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension and a Holy Day of Obligation. See the next item for the schedule of Masses for the Holy Day.

Feast of the Ascension - This Thursday, May 26th is the Feast of the Ascension and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Because, as noted above, three of us will be away at the Chapter, the Mass schedule is a little different.



There will be a Vigil Mass at 5:00pm on Wednesday, May 25. On Thursday, May 26 there will be Masses at 8:45am, 12pm, and 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend the 8:45 Mass which the school children attend. It would be best to sit in the new wing or at the very back of the old wing. There is **no** 7am Mass on Thursday, May 26 since we are also covering the 9am Mass at St. John's in Cromwell.

Congratulations Todd and Alex! - On May 17th Todd Cusano and Alex Carson from our parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Archbishop Blair at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. This followed the completion of the six week Adult Confirmation Program held here at St. Paul's. There were 88 adults confirmed that evening from across the Archdiocese. We will look to offer the Adult Confirmation Program again in the fall once the Archdiocese sets the next date for adult confirmations.

Parish Manager - As I announced last week the parish has a job opening for the Parish Manager. Deacon John Thorpe as the Parish Manager has decided to move south to Charlotte, NC where his one son currently lives and to join him in that area with his younger son. We are grateful for the time he has served as our Parish Manager and pray that his transition to NC will go smoothly and be good for him and his family. So the process has begun to find a new Parish Manager. If you or someone you know is interested in the position please go to the parish website where it is posted and see the job posting on page 7. Applications are due by May 27th.

Memorial Day Mass and Parade - The Town of Berlin Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 30th and will step off from our school parking lot at 9:00 am and then make its way to Veterans Park. Our morning Mass on Memorial Day (May 30) will be at 8:00am so that those who want to attend Mass and the parade can do both. All are welcome to join us for Mass as we recall and pray for those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country.

St. Clare's Food Pantry - Each weekend I see parishioners bring in non-perishable food items for our St. Clare's Food Pantry which is distributed every other week as part of the FoodShare distribution that takes place at Sacred Heart Church every other Friday at 12 Noon. (The next distribution is this Friday, May 27.) The need for food for those who rely on the bi-weekly food distribution is year round with about 120 people being served at each distribution. While many parishioners are very faithful in bringing in food regularly the amount brought in at this time of the year falls off. That might be because we think of it more around the holidays or when its cold and snowing. With the steep increase in the price of food I know this is even more of a sacrifice for you. If this is not something that you have participated in as of yet maybe you could help fill the gap during this time of year. May the Lord inspire and bless you for whatever you can do.

I also want to thank those who make cash donations to the food pantry. Sometimes these funds are used to supplement the food that is brought in, but most of it is used to periodically also give out gift cards with the food. That was the case on Good Friday when the 135 people that day received a \$25 gift card to Walmart. The cost of the cards \$3,375 came from the many people who made cash donations to the pantry! Thank you to all who donate and to all of the volunteers. May God continue to bless this good work done in His name.

St. Paul School Graduation - Our 8th graders will receive their diplomas following the celebration of Mass for them and their families and friends on Thursday, June 2nd at 5pm. As a result, the regular 5pm Mass that day will not be held.

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INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†**Richard Waskiewicz** 4th Anniversary by wife Diane

†**Donald K. Dixon** 22nd Anniversary by family

†**Catherine Marut** by Marcia Lechowicz

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†**Alfred Callegari** by his daughter

The Gift of Bread will be offered this week for

†**Richard Waskiewicz**

4th Anniversary by children and grandchildren



†**Bernice Chausse**

†**Irene Timko**

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, June 6th** 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.

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.

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, May 21, 2022 Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**

Sunday, May 22, 2022 Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 †**Walter** and †**Irene Walesczyk** by Misteri family

9:00 †**Dan** and †**Kathy Sirois** by Flo Sirois

9:30 **Arthur** and **Christine Tabaczynski**

Wedding Anniversary Celebration by Tabaczynski family

10:30 †**Alfred Callegari** by family

12:00 †**Chester Zapor** 6th Year Anniversary

by the Sawyer/Zapor families

Monday, May 23, 2022 Easter Weekday

7:00 †**Stanislaw** and †**Janina Chlus** by the Chlus family

5:00 **NO 5PM MASS**

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 Easter Weekday

7:00 **NO 7AM MASS**

5:00 †**Chuck Pagano, Sr.** by wife

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII

7:00 †**Donald Albert** by Richard and Doris Chasse

5:00 †**Souls in Purgatory** by Linda and John Nappi, Jr.

Thursday, May 26, 2022 The Ascension of the Lord

7:00 **NO 7AM MASS**

8:45 †**Walter Simcik** 42nd Anniversary by family

12:00 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**

7:00 †**Fazio** and †**Dieli Families** by Maria and Jim

Friday, May 27, 2022 St. Augustine of Canterbury

7:00 †**Deceased Friars, Families, Friends**

and Benefactors of the Friars

5:00 **NO 5PM MASS**

Saturday, May 28, 2022 Seventh Sunday of Easter

4:00 †**John** and †**Lucille Faenza** by Tom and Betty Lasker

Sunday, May 29, 2022 Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

9:00 †**Maryann Stifel** 6th Anniversary

by mother and sisters Karen and Lisa

9:30 †**Joe Casso** by St. Paul Pastoral Council

10:30 †**Joann Kavarsky** 1st Anniversary by family

12:00 **Ronald and Sue Levandowsky**

50th Wedding Anniversary

Thank You

Thank you for your continued support of St. Paul Parish.

Parish Collection
May 10-16, 2022

In Church SP	\$ 7,539
Office	\$ 1,221
In Church SH	\$ 338
Online Giving	\$ 4,783
Total	\$ 13,881

READINGS FOR MAY 22, 2022

For this week's readings online, visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/052222.cfm>

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading: Revelations 21:10-14, 22-23

Alleluia: John 14:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me. "I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe."



Todd Cusano and Alex Carson received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 17th at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. **Congratulations to you both and may God Bless you and your families!** Pictured above from L to R are: Mark Carson (Alex's Sponsor), Alex Carson, Todd Cusano and Jill Cusano (Todd's Sponsor). Pictured at right are Alex and Todd with Fr. Joe and Dan Tome.



PASTOR'S COLUMN (continued)

St. Paul's on ORTV - The Archdiocese of Hartford's Office of Radio and Television (ORTV) produces a TV magazine type program called Crossroads Magazine. It airs every other Sunday following the Sunday televised Mass which airs at 5am and 10am on WCCT (CW) channel 20. This past Sunday two segments were aired that were related to our parish. One highlighted our Helping Hands Ministry and the other focused on the Saint Paul middle school students and their annual Travel Faire. Here is the link to watch the video: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/7722218/video/709588382>. The school segment begins at about the 6:00 minute mark and the Helping Hands piece at about the 9:30 mark. Congratulations to the students on an excellent job with the Travel Faire and to all of our Helping Hands volunteers who do a great job reaching out to our seniors.

Final Thoughts - In that I will be away all this week there will not be a Pastor's Column next week. Just when I thought the Orioles might not be a complete disaster they get swept by the Tigers, one of the eight teams with a worse record than theirs, when the series began!! As I write this they are in the midst of a four game series with the best team in MLB, the Yankees, to be followed by the Rays and this week more fun against the Yankees and Red Sox. It will not be pretty! The AFC North plays the AFC East this year and the Ravens get all four of them to start the season (@Jets, Dolphins, @Pats, Bills). Have a blessed week and please keep the Friars and the work of our meetings in your prayers. Have a blessed week everyone! - Fr. Joe



Modified Mass schedule for the week of May 23rd:

Monday, 5/23:

- 7am Mass
- No 5pm Mass

Tuesday, 5/24:

- No 7am Mass,
- 5pm Mass

Wednesday, 5/25:

- 7am Mass,
- 5pm Mass

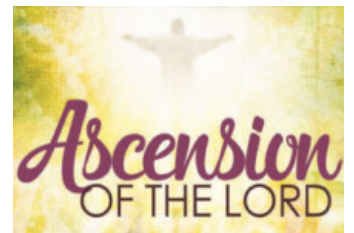
Thursday, 5/26:

- No 7am Mass
- School Mass 8:45am
- 12 Noon
- No 5pm Mass
- 7pm

Friday, 5/27:

- 7am Mass
- No 5pm Mass

Fr. Joe, Fr. Michael and
Fr. Raymond away at
Chapter Meetings



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.

Thank you to Julie, Scalora, Development Director, and to the auction committee for working hard this school year to make this event such a success! The committee exceeded their goal and did a fantastic job! Thank you to all of our families and friends for attending the evening and supporting Saint Paul School!



Thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers! Pictured above are SPS teachers, Mrs. Corriveau (4th gr) on the left and Ms. Mappa (2nd gr) on the right.



*Correction. Last week's bulletin included names of students who were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society for this year. Marcin Kacperski's name was mistakenly omitted from the list. Congratulations Marcin! We are so proud of you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Berlin Community Garden Confirmation Service Event & Family Faith Activity!

The Town of Berlin contacted our Parish with the opportunity to tend to a 10 x 25 garden plot in the Hatchery Brook Community Garden on Orchard Road in Berlin. The food grown will be distributed every Thursday from Town Hall through their food bank program. Any extra will be given to our Parish for our Saint Clare Food Pantry distribution.

We will need help during the summer months planting seeds, weeding, and harvesting.

This is a great way for Confirmation students to complete a Service Event over the summer months! We also welcome the help of parents and siblings. It is a beautiful way to serve others as a family.



An email was sent to all Religious Ed families. You can also visit the Family Faith Activity or Confirmation Service Event pages on our Parish website for more information and to access the Sign Up Genius link. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

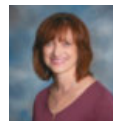
Monday - Thursday 8am - 2pm Phone 860 828-0331

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

 St Paul Parish Religious Ed Berlin CT

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PRAYER LIST

Nancy Adamowicz
Bobby Adamowicz
Jacob Ahlquist
Jose Arcia
Zulma Barbien
Wyatt Bernard
David Borselle
Cheryl Brown
Mark Camilleri
Richard Carlson
Silas Cipollone
Doug Clarke
Lorraine Clark
Sophie Conti
Carol Corriveau
Tom Coss
Amanda Coyle
Robert Czerwinski
Adeline D'Angelo
Ramiro Dagna
Uly Dagna
Fr. Anthony DeFronzo
Constance DiLorenzo
Bill Dobbs
Nicole Donzello
Nick Donzello
Mary Ann Dorsey
Bernadette Dumond
Dorothy Durgan
Fannie Farrell
Simon Fitzpatrick
Helen Flannelly
Nancy Fleming
Deb Follett
Maureen Freeman
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
Lily Harzewski-Burl
Evan Hill
Pat Jahn
Brenda Kidd
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
Vinny 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
Randy Ripley
Steven Ripley
Carlos Rivera
Viola Salonia
Joan Schwartz
Raul Seipel
Guy Simeone
Alfred Simon
Rev. Arkadiusz Skwarek
Donald Spilka
Kevin Stanowski
Matthew Stimac
Ken Stokowski
Sandy Story
James Swiatek
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.

To make a prayer request through our **Daughters of Jaius 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.



"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>.

WORD SEARCH

LOVES
FATHER
ADVOCATE
SPIRIT

REMIN
BEQUEATH
HEARTS
RETURN

WORD
HOME
HOLY
TEACH

PEACE
GIFT
TROUBLED
BELIEVE

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O	A	I	N	R	U	T	E	R	E
D	T	D	R	O	W	Y	I	P	S
N	H	E	V	E	I	L	E	B	S
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Thank you for keeping these members of our parish family in your prayers.

St. Paul Parish Job Openings

St. Paul Parish is seeking applications for the position of **Parish Manager**. The Parish Manager oversees the finances, physical plant, and Human Resource functions of St. Paul Parish and School. **Financial management** includes, but is not limited to budget preparation and monitoring, contract management, payroll, parish AP and AR, and preparation of financial reports for the Pastor, Parish Finance Council and School Board Finance Committee. **Physical plant management** includes, but is not limited to the maintenance, repair, safety and security of all parish buildings and properties, solicitation and management of bids and contracts for repairs, improvements and maintenance of property and systems. Primary responder to security alarm calls. **Human Resource** responsibilities include benefit administration for all eligible parish and school employees, and direct supervision of the School Financial Manager, parish maintenance and office staff and volunteers. The Parish Manager reports directly to the Pastor, and is available to the School Principal as needed. He/she recognizes the importance of maintaining open lines of communication with other members of the parish and school staff and work as part of an Administrative Team.

Position Requirements:

- Minimum 5 years relevant management experience;
- Relevant undergraduate/graduate degree with accounting and finance expertise;
- Good working knowledge of MS Word, Excel, and QuickBooks;
- Good grasp of facilities/physical plant management and up-keep;
- Willingness to enthusiastically support the mission of St. Paul Parish and St. Paul School;
- Possess a high level of communication skills both orally and in writing;
- Possess excellent interpersonal skills to work effectively with the parish and school leadership, faculty, staff, parents, alumni, community leaders, committee members and volunteers;
- Ability to work independently;
- Ability to work as part of the administrative team.

To request a copy of the full job description, or to submit a cover letter and resume please email Deacon Don Philip at deacondon@stpaulkensington.org by May 27, 2022. He can also be contacted at 860-828-0331.

Custodian 20 hours/week. Hours flexible but require some evening and weekend support. Great role for someone attending college locally and looking for supplemental income! Position supports indoor/outdoor maintenance & repair work, event setup needs, organizational projects, running video equipment, and other work as needed, under the direction of the Parish Facilities Manager. Respectful and clear communications, the ability to work independently, flexibility in schedule, and being able to take direction are all very critical to this role. For complete description, visit <http://www.stpaulkensington.org>



Ministry Fair! Save the Date for our Parish Ministry Fair on June 4th and 5th!

All ministries of St. Paul Parish will be represented at this Fair. Come see if any of our ministries are right for you! Refreshments will be available. More details to come!

Pray about where you might fit in!



Daily Marriage Tip

Schedule a lunch break call with your spouse this week if possible. Don't talk logistics, just check in about how each of you are doing.

Get more Daily Marriage Tips and additional content at *For Your Marriage*:

For Your Marriage helps couples at all stages of life to understand and live God's plan for happy, holy marriages by providing educational and spiritual resources. Visit <https://www.foryourmarriage.org>

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 Guidelines

LEARN MORE AT:

ourschool.stpaulkensington.org
summercamp@stpaulkensington.org
860-828-4343



ONLINE GIVING Thank you to all of you who continue to financially support our St. Paul Parish Family! Online Giving is a secure, easy & effective way to support our parish!



Throughout May, June, July, and August the Men's Group will continue to meet every other week for breakfast, fraternity, and discussion on a topic presented by one of the men. A new TMIY Fall Semester will begin on 9/24/2022. Meetings are held on Saturday mornings from 6:30-8:30am in the Church Hall. *New members are always welcome!* If you have questions or would like more information, please *contact one of the members below or visit* www.TMIY.org.

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

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

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

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

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



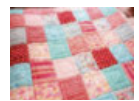
Our **Helping Hands** volunteers address the concerns of our senior parishioners. If you are interested in joining this ministry, we'd love to have you join us. Please contact Mark Duplin: 860-666-0162 or mfduplin@outlook.com.



AAA The 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. All funds contributed to the AAA are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements. For information or to make a donation, visit <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>



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 **June 14th**. 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 **Thursday, May 26th** 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!. Please call Barbara at 860-930-0310 with any questions.

NEW BRITAIN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

On May 26th (Thursday) at 1:00pm – Celebration of our Holy Rosary will take place at Our Lady of Mercy church located on 19 South Canal St, Plainville, CT 06062. The recitation of our most holy rosary will be followed by light refreshments. All Catholic women are invited to participate in our annual homage to the Blessed Virgin.



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 **Thursday, June 16th** from 7-8pm in St. Paul Church Hall. *If weather permits, our June gathering will be held in the Prayer Garden next to the Parish Green.*

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

Cheryl Pagano, Lynn Misteri & Karen Cyr

FOODSHARE

ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

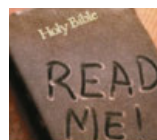
Volunteers will be needed on **Thursday, May 26** at **9:30am** to transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and to set up for distribution. Volunteers are also needed on **Friday, May 27** at **11am** at Sacred Heart Church to help with distribution. For transportation to FoodShare at Sacred Heart, 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.

Our volunteers would like to express their sincere gratitude for your continued support of our St. Clare Food Pantry!

There are currently over 100 clients who come to the food distribution for assistance. Fewer donations along with this increased demand has resulted in some empty shelves at the Food Pantry. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

The Pantry is currently in need of the following items: cereal, oatmeal, juice, jar tomato sauce, tuna, beef stew, chili, canned ham or chicken, peanut butter, soups, and beans/lentils.



Recommendations for Bible readings, guides and reflections. Please contact our friars if you have any questions about whether a particular program is aligned with Catholic doctrine.

- Universalis <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>
- USCCB: <https://bible.usccb.org>
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Saturday, May 21

8:30am Confessions
 11:00am Cathedral Confirmation Ceremony
 3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, May 22

1:00pm Alumni Basketball Game
 4:00pm EDGE YG Meeting

Monday, May 23

8th Grade Final Exam: Math

RAIN DATE: Field Day

8:45am Parish Staff Meeting
 5:00pm NO 5pm Mass
 5:15pm Varsity Soccer Practice (Willard) (Gym if rain)
 6:00pm Coach Mercier AAU Practice

Tuesday, May 24

8th Grade Final Exam: Science

7:00am NO 7am Mass
 3:30pm JV Soccer Practice (Percival) (Gym if Rain)
 4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration
 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - PC Lower Level

Wednesday, May 25

4th Grade Lemonade Stand

6th & 7th Grades Final Project: Spanish

3:00pm Brownie meeting - art room
 3:15pm Varsity Soccer Practice (Green) (Gym if Rain)
 5:00pm 5pm Vigil Mass
 6:00pm Coach Mercier AAU Practice
 6:00pm Rosary at Sacred Heart

Thursday, May 26

6th&7th Grades Final Exam: LA/Lit

7:00am NO 7am Mass
 8:45am School Mass - all grades SPC
 9:00am Quilters SPH
 12:00pm 12 Noon Mass
 3:30pm JV Soccer Practice (Green) (Gym if Rain)
 5:00pm NO 5PM Mass
 6:00pm Band Concert
 7:00pm 7 PM Mass

Friday, May 27

6th&7th Grades Final Exam: Religion

11:30am FoodShare SHC
 5:00pm NO 5pm Mass
 6:30pm 8th grade students & parents photo op - SG
 7:00pm Middle School Dance - SG
 7:30pm AA Meeting -

Saturday, May 28

6:30am Men's Group SPH
 8:30am Confessions
 10:00am Funeral +Lyons SPC
 3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, May 29

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RESPECT LIFE

Prayer
& Action

The USCCB Respect Life organization invites the faithful to join in [Prayer and Action](#) to support of Life in the days leading up to the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on May 31st. Visit <https://www.respectlife.org> to learn more.

PRAY Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECT The month of May is truly a celebration of motherhood. Traditionally, May has been dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is also the time in which we honor and thank our earthly mothers for their sacrificial love. And the Feast of the Visitation on May 31 celebrates the meeting of two mothers - Mary and Elizabeth - both with a child hidden within their wombs.



Scripture tells us that, following the Annunciation, Mary set out in haste to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is pregnant (Lk 1:39). Despite being pregnant herself, Mary undertakes the long and likely difficult journey to be at Elizabeth's side. The Blessed Mother's example demonstrates supporting and accompanying mothers, especially those who may be experiencing challenging or difficult circumstances. Yet in a culture that disproportionately values independence and self-reliance, mothers in need can too often be left isolated and alone, not knowing where to turn for support or assistance. Mary provides a model of how we, as Catholics, are called to come alongside such mothers.

In addition to "walking with" mothers in love, support, and friendship, we can also help answer their needs for practical and material assistance. Inspired by our Blessed Mother, we can help connect mothers with the Church's extensive network of social services to ensure mothers and their children obtain all the necessities of life. Through generous stewardship of the gifts God has entrusted to us of prayer, time, talent, and treasure, we can help meet the needs of mothers as they welcome and care for God's precious gift of life.

ACTION (Choose one.)

- In preparation for the Feast of the Visitation, join Catholics nationwide in praying [A Novena for Life from May 22-30](#). (Sign up to receive the daily prayers at <https://www.respectlife.org/visitation>)
- Read and meditate on the Gospel account of the Visitation (Lk 1:39-56). Ask the Blessed Mother's intercession for God to reveal how your gifts can help serve vulnerable mothers in your community.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.



Invite friends and family to join in praying the novena in honor of the Visitation by sharing this information!

Franciscan Sports Banquet and Silent Auction

Honoring Many of Connecticut's Own 36th Annual Franciscan Sports Banquet and Silent Auction, [Tuesday, June 7, 2022](#), 5:30 to 9:30 pm at the Aqua Turf Club Honoring:

- Scott Burrell, Men's Head Basketball Coach, SCSU - Saint Francis Award
- Tina Gonyea, Head Girls' Basketball Coach, Platt High School - Saint Clare Award
- Dr. Rhona Free, President, University of Saint Joseph, Jim Calhoun Community Service Award
- Rick Leddy, Senior Director of Communications, National Association of Basketball Coaches, Dean of Sports Award
- Cardinal Fernando Filoni, Grand Master, Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, Mother Shaun Appreciation Award
- Athletes, Special Olympics Connecticut

This event benefits the Franciscan Life Center and Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care. Ticket Cost: \$75.00. Sponsorships Available. For reservations, please call 203-237-8084 or visit <https://flcenter.org>

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on week-ends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited. \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

Jesus tells us "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." Do something great for your relationship. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences: June 24-26 in Huntington, NY (Long Island)

OUR LADY OF CALVARY offers *Directed Retreats* in June and September. A directed retreat is a personally guided prayer experience in which the retreatant listens for God's personal spoken word through the Sacred Scriptures. Each retreatant is assigned a director with whom the retreatant meets daily for reflection and spiritual discernment. Choose a full week or a long weekend. Open to both men and women. For details, visit <https://www.ourladyofcalvary.net>

Ladies' Guild Year End Banquet

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