

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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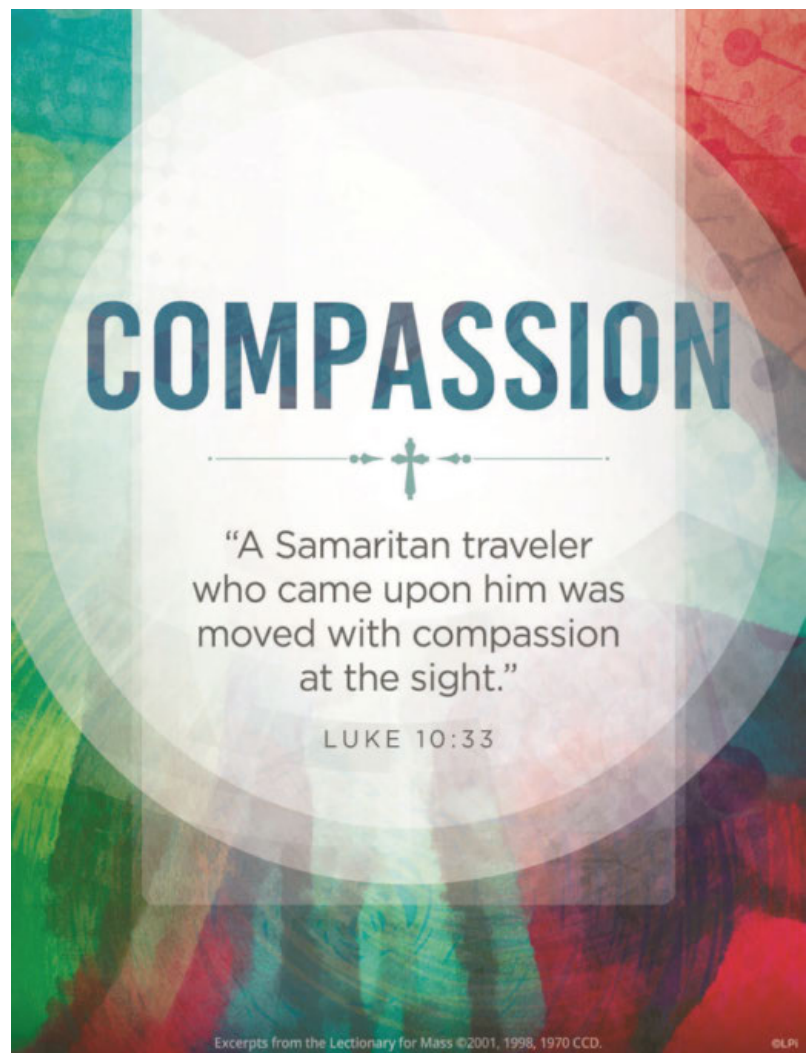
A Franciscan Family of Faith

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

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

July 10, 2022

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

-Pope Francis

It Was a Happy Feast Day! - Thank you to the members of the Pastoral Council, President Nancy Timbrell, Mary Corrigan, Roland Baikar, Betty Lasker, Elaine Pavasaris, and Tom Sullivan who arranged for the food and scooped out the ice cream as part of our Parish Feast Day celebration last Wednesday. Unlike last year when we had record setting heat, we had a perfect weather night and were able to enjoy a beautiful evening under the gazebo. Thanks to the 100 plus people who joined us for Mass and/or the ice cream! It was especially nice to see families with young children join us!! On the other end of the day following our regular 7am Mass, the First Friday Breakfast crew came out of retirement and offered a delicious full breakfast on June 29th as well. It is good for us to gather around the table of the Lord and then to share community with each other too. My deepest appreciation to all who had a hand in making it happen including our choir who provided music for the evening Mass.

Chapter Week - Last week in this space I spoke about the 2nd 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 is also a delegate. As during the first session back in May, Fr. Charles is coming to give assistance to Fr. Peter, who as I write this is due back on July 6. 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 as well as a daily Mass at St. John's. 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.

Mission Appeals - During the course of the year as a parish, we are asked to support three Mission Appeals. Back in May, we had the first of the three which was in support of our world wide Franciscan Missions. The next one this year will be next weekend for the Mission Co-op Collection. The last one is always the 3rd Sunday in October on World Mission Sunday. With that context, I draw your attention to the Mission Co-Operative collection that will be taken up next weekend. This collection supports various missionary groups hence the reason it is the Mission Co-op collection. Fr. Leonardo Lopez, a priest with the Institute of the Incarnate Word, will give the homily at all Masses next weekend. At the present Fr. Lopez is studying in Italy, but most recently was the Pastor of a Mission in Ecuador, Guayaquil. Fr. Lopez has also ministered in the United States including serving as Pastor of a parish in Brooklyn for four years.

Please be as generous as your means allow. See page 4 for more information about the Institute of the Incarnate Word and their missionary work in Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador, Guyana, Iraq, Palestine (Gaza), Papua New Guinea, Peru, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, and Ukraine among others.

Parish Raffle - We are already in the final month of sales for our parish raffle. As of July 5th, 1,180 tickets have been bought which is 59% of last year's total of 2,002. In addition to the \$30,000 first prize there are another 22 prizes totaling an additional \$38,000 including a \$10,000 second prize, an \$8,000 third prize, and twenty (20) \$1,000 prizes. All prizes are awarded in American Express Gift Cards. **All checks should be made out to St. Paul's and tickets should be returned to St. Paul's.** Tickets can be returned at the Parish Center, in the collection basket, or by mail using the self-addressed envelope that was included in the mailing. More tickets are available in the office for purchase or if you would like to sell them to family and friends. Tickets can also be purchased on the parish web site or by clicking here if you are reading this online. **Please make your returns by August 4th in advance of the drawing on August 13.** Special thanks to the 305 parishioners who have bought at least one ticket thus far. This is the parish's only fund raiser of the year so your support is vital to our success. Good Luck to all!

Saint Paul School - The new school year will begin on Thursday August 25th. As such, the school continues to accept applications for the 2022-23 school year. **Currently there are wait lists for grades Pre-K3, Pre-K4 and grade 1.** Visit ourschool.stpaulkensington.org for admission info and current school news. You can also call the school at 860-828-4343, ext. 136 and speak with Kelly Esposito, our Director of Admissions, who will be happy to introduce the many great opportunities that await you and your child at Saint Paul's.

St. Clare Food Pantry and †Gail Gombatz - The bi-weekly food distributions continue throughout the summer, every other Friday at Sacred Heart Church in East Berlin. Thank you to all who support the pantry throughout the year. It is during the summer months that the shelves start thinning out a bit so thank you very much to all who support the pantry year round. You can drop off food at any of the church entrances when coming for Mass, but the best and easiest place to drop off food when not coming for Mass is at the elevator entrance. Thanks to all who continue to volunteer and all who donate food and cash that enable us to help so many in need.

In the area of cash donations, the St. Clare Food Pantry recently has been the beneficiary of many Memorial Donations in memory of Gail Gombatz. At last count those donations were nearly \$1,000. Gail died on June 12, 2022 and was an active parishioner and volunteer at the Food Pantry. May the Lord grant her eternal rest and peace and consolation to all those who mourn her passing and blessings of gratitude on those who have made a gift in Gail's memory to the St. Clare Food Pantry. May she rest in peace.

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INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†**Carol Stankevich** by husband Bernie

†**Rena Monahan** Birthday Remembrance by Lynn

†**Richard Potash, Sr.** 6th Anniversary by family

A Blessed Mother Candle will burn this week for

Sue Begin for Good Health by Lois White



†**Dominica Lopreiato**

†**Wanda Marchionni**

†**Maureen Tardif**

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 registration meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month. The next meeting is **Monday, July 11th** in the St. Paul Church Hall (downstairs) at 7pm. Please let us know if you plan to attend. Call 860-828-0331 or email ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org.



If you want to find a Catholic church to attend Mass while you're traveling or on your family vacation, visit <https://masstimes.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, July 9, 2022 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 †**Walter Smoluk** by wife

Sunday, July 10, 2022 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 †**Kathy Kristopik** by Paul Kristopik

9:00 †**Pauline Brousseau** by family

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

10:30 †**Albert Tomascak** by Michele Vancour

12:00 †**Mary Jane McDermott** Birthday Remembrance
by Jim and Maureen

Monday, July 11, 2022 St. Benedict

7:00 †**Tadeusz Szczygla** by M. Szczygla and family

5:00 **NO 5PM MASS**

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 Weekday

7:00 **NO 7AM MASS**

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

†**Corrine Mulconry** by Ron and Maryann Dorsey

†**Robert "Bobby" Bell** by Derek S. Petroka

†**Anthony Renda** by sister Elena

Wednesday, July 13, 2022 St. Henry

7:00 †**Maryanne Murphy** by Fatima Rosary Group

5:00 **NO 5PM MASS**

Thursday, July 14, 2022 St. Kateri Tekawitha

7:00 **Travis Minor (Birthday Blessings) and
†Deceased Members of the Minor Family**

by Elise Minor

5:00 **NO 5PM MASS**

Friday, July 15, 2022 St. Bonaventure

7:00 †**Carol Stankevich** 17th Anniversary by husband Bernie

5:00 **NO 5PM MASS**

Saturday, July 16, 2022 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

4:00 †**Joseph and †Verna Fiori** by the Fiori family

Sunday, July 17, 2022 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 †**Corado Piccione** by brother Sal and family

9:00 †**Jennifer D'Ambrosio Vernali** 10th Anniversary
by mom, dad and sister Jessica

9:30 †**Andy Krukar and †All those lost on TWA Flight 800**
by the Timbrell family

10:30 †**Alfred Callegari** by family

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

Parish Collection June 28-July 4, 2022

In Church SP	\$ 7,278
Office	\$ 1,438
In Church SH	\$ 641
Online Giving	\$ 4,905
Total	\$ 14,262



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

Visit our website or scan this QR code for Online Giving.

PASTOR'S COLUMN (continued)

Final Thoughts - We are now past the half way point in the baseball season. The top dogs remain so, and not much has changed on the playoff scene though the Red Sox are in a better situation depending on how they make out during this stretch of 17 straight against the AL East. Once again while I am in Baltimore this week the Orioles are on the road. Remember if you are out of town Masstimes.org is a good site to find a Catholic Church so you can attend Mass. Have a blessed week and please keep the Friars in your prayers this week.
- Fr. Joe



The Institute of the Incarnate Word uses the funds collected from the mission appeals to care for the disabled, the elderly, and the sick, provide homes for the poor and for abandoned children, manage schools and educational institutions in rural areas in developing countries, and promote pastoral formation of our missionaries related to human, intellectual, and spiritual development. Present in 40 countries, our most challenging missions are in Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador, Guyana, Iraq, Palestine (Gaza), Papua New Guinea, Peru, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, and Ukraine among others.

The collected funds will be used for the day-to-day support for missionaries, to supply material goods, to finish projects, and to meet the basic needs in rural areas where we work. The children, the elderly, the sick, the poor, the abandoned, the handicapped, and the suffering will benefit from these funds. Your support funds the basic needs - such as food and medicine, pastoral works, vehicles to arrive to remote rural areas where there are no roads, to build seminaries and churches to provide hope where the Catholic faith is a minority or does not exist at all for the enrichment of the evangelization program around the world.

<https://www.iveamerica.org>

2022 Parish Raffle
Twenty-three (23) prizes to be awarded
totaling \$68,000.00
1st PRIZE: \$30,000 American Express Gift Card
2nd PRIZE: \$10,000 American Express Gift Card
3rd PRIZE: \$8,000 American Express Gift Card
AND Twenty (20)
\$1,000 American Express Gift Card PRIZES!

Visit our website to purchase tickets online or call the parish office at 860-828-0331. Drawing August 13th!

READINGS FOR JULY 10, 2022

For this week's readings online, visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/071022.cfm>

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Responsorial Psalm: 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Alleluia: Cf. John 6:63c, 68c

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live." But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 11-15:

Monday, July 11: 7am Mass (No 5pm Mass)

Tuesday, July 12: (No 7am Mass) 5pm Mass

Wednesday, July 13: 7am Mass (No 5pm Mass)

Thursday, July 14: 7am Mass (No 5pm Mass)

Friday, July 15: 7am Mass (No 5pm Mass)

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.

Saint Paul School Art Teacher, Mrs. Carla Lindsey, was recently featured in local newspapers! Below is an excerpt from an article in The New Britain Herald:

(June 28, 2022 Written by Erica Drzewiecki)

Saint Paul School teacher creates hand-painted portraits for all 30 graduating students

The Saint Paul School community is grateful for many blessings, especially Art Teacher Carla Lindsey.

During different points throughout the 2021-22 school year, Lindsey took photographs of eighth-grade students completing artwork while still masked up due to the covid-19 pandemic.

She used the photographs to create hand-painted portraits, which were gifted to the students upon their eighth-grade graduation ..."



Visit <https://bit.ly/3y2bIWn> to read the entire article!

Pictured is Mrs. Lindsey with one of the 8th grade graduates.



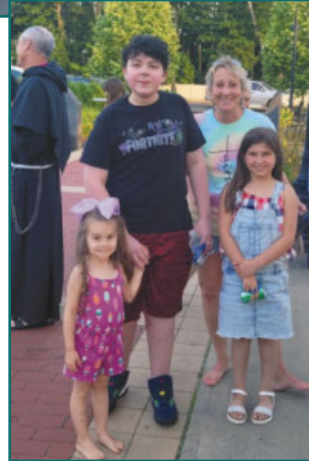
Our middle school religion and history teacher, Mr. Grant, enjoyed having his daughter and SPS alumna, Gabrielle Grant visit at the end of this school year! It's always great to welcome back our alumni and hear about all of their accomplishments. Gabrielle currently attends Harvard University. Thank you, Gabrielle for visiting. It was great seeing you!



Thanks to all who organized and all who attended the celebration for the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul!

It was a beautiful evening!

Thanks to Elaine Pavasaris for the photos!
More pictures can be viewed on our website.



RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

REGISTER

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

**RELIGIOUS ED ONLINE REGISTRATION
WILL BE OPEN JULY 15 - JULY 31!**

**PLEASE VISIT THE RELIGIOUS ED PAGE
OF OUR PARISH WEBSITE TO SIGN UP!**

**(MAKE SURE TO REGISTER EARLY TO GET YOUR
PREFERRED SUNDAY MORNING TIME SLOT!)**

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

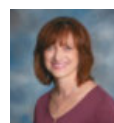
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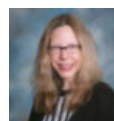
St Paul Parish Religious Ed Berlin CT

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Mark Camilleri
Richard Carlson
Silas Cipollone
Doug Clarke
Lorraine Clark
Sophie Conti
Carol Corriveau
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Nancy Fleming
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Patricia Gebhardt
Dominic Gionfriddo
Jennifer Gionfriddo
Jonathan Gionfriddo
Rosemarie Gionfriddo
Liz Goryl-Phillips
Donna Goulette
Madison Gray
Chester and Pat Haber
Linda Hannold
Lily Harzewski-Burl
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Fr. Paul Mangiafico
Carol Marold
Robert Mazzaferro
Lorraine McCarthy
Brandi McWade
Viola Mercadante
Michael Mihalko
Tom Modifica
Evelyn Modzelewski
Helen Morrissey
Nancy Motulko
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Our Military Service Members
Emma Pagano
Judy Pappalardo
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Rosemarie Peck
John Pink
Richard Rampone
Care Rich
Frank Rich
Mary Rich
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Randy Ripley
Steven Ripley
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Viola Salonia
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Kevin Stanowski
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
Miriam Zacharias
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 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.



*"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

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FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

Volunteers will be needed on **Thursday, July 21** at **9:30am** to transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and to set up for distribution. Volunteers are also needed on **Friday, July 22** 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!

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

2022 Saint Paul Summer Camp is Open to the Public!

Summer Camp is Now Open!

Ages 3-13. All Are Welcome!

Half Day and Single Day Programs Available

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

Saint Paul School is accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year. Some grades have a waitlist, some are full and some have a limited number of spaces available. Please call Kelly Esposito at 860-828-4343 x104 for details. Tours can be scheduled throughout the summer on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9am-1pm.



Saint Paul School
ADMISSION
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

2022-2023
Academic Year

Your children deserve
the best education!

MORE INFO:
860-828-4343 x103

QR code linking to Saint Paul School admission information.



The **Ryan T. Memorial Foundation** is seeking support for their annual fundraiser, the *Ryan T. Lee Golf Classic and Foundation Dinner*. The Golf Classic hosts over 225 golfers at Timberlin Golf Club on August 5th, 2022, with over 500 guests joining us for the Foundation Dinner at The Aqua Turf Club later that same evening. Ryan's Foundation is a non-profit 501C(3) organization dedicated to honoring the enduring spirit of a special young man by actively seeking out opportunities to make a difference in the lives of others.



Visit <https://ryantleefoundation.org> for more information. Any questions, email ryanleefoundation@gmail.com or call Theresa Lee at 860-424-2010.



If you missed our Ministry Fair and are interested in joining our Culture of Life Ministry, please call the office at 860-828-0331

To stay informed about key issues and to help build a culture that cherishes and protects every human life, visit <https://www.respectlife.org> or www.ctfamily.org.



Know God's Word... Know God's LOVE!
New England Catholic Biblical School has accredited Bible studies for adult learners and is now enrolling virtual and in-person classes.

Find out more at <https://www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org>, or email: catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org

All of the Catholic High Schools in our area host programs during the summer for middle and high school students. *Sports, Theater, Robotics and more!* **Visit the websites for each school linked below to learn more about these great opportunities!**

***East Catholic**, Manchester
<https://www.echs.com>

***Mercy**, Middletown
<https://www.mercyhigh.com>

***Northwest Catholic**, West Hartford
<https://www.northwestcatholic.org>

***St. Paul Catholic**, Bristol
<https://www.spchs.com>

***Xavier**, Middletown
<https://www.xavierhighschool.org>





Join our **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, July 14th** from **7:00-8:00pm**. If weather permits, the gathering will be held at the [Prayer Garden](#) on the Parish Green. If not, the meeting will be in the St. Paul Church Hall. To learn more, please email us at womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org.

Cheryl Pagano, Lynn Misteri & Karen Cyr.



Throughout the summer, our Men's Group will continue to meet every other week for breakfast, fraternity, and discussions. A new TMIY Fall Semester will begin on **Saturday, September 10, 2022***.
*Please note the date change! Meetings are held 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 TMIY! members below or visit www.TMIY.org.

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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.



Courage/EnCourage What is Courage International? Courage members are men and women who experience same-

sex attraction and who strive for the virtue of chastity. Members receive pastoral support in spiritual guidance, community prayer, and fellowship. Encourage members are parents, spouses, siblings and friends of people who identify as LGBTQ. They are looking for help to keep the faith and their family bonds intact and guidance to grow closer to Christ.

Courage & EnCourage Annual Conference 2022, July 28-31, in person and online. Registration deadline is July 17. For details visit <https://couragec.org>, or call 1-203-803-1564.

~ Welcomed in Baptism ~

Sienna Mae Caravaca

Baptized June 26, 2022 at St. Paul Church

God Bless you and your family!

Welcome to our St. Paul Parish Family of Faith.



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

- Universalis <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>
- USCCB: <https://bible.usccb.org>
- Magnificat: <https://us.magnificat.net> (subscription)
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CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU!

The students below volunteered to become altar servers in 4th grade and continued to serve throughout middle and high school. In 10th grade, they were promoted to 'Masters of Ceremony', taking on more responsibilities and leadership roles. They served regularly at weekend Masses and also volunteered to serve on holy days and special events.

Alexis, Daniel, Grace, Johnny and Meaghan,
we are so grateful for your service and we will miss you!
We pray that your faith will continue to be strong and that you will keep Christ by your side as you move on to the next chapter of your life. Thank you for your years of service and congratulations on your high school graduation!

Wishing you all the best and God's blessings!!!



Alexis Tierpack

St. Paul Catholic High School 2022
Alexis plans to attend the University of New Haven where she will major in Cybersecurity and Networks and play Division II Rugby.



Daniel Gaffney

St. Paul Catholic High School 2022
Daniel plans to attend the University of Connecticut in the fall as a Geographic Information Science major.



Grace Cink

Mercy High School 2022
Grace plans to study Aerospace Engineering in the fall at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.



John Gaffney

St. Paul Catholic High School 2022
Johnny plans to study Finance at the University of Connecticut in the fall.



Meaghan Bertolami

Mercy High School 2022
Meaghan plans to attend Providence College in the fall and major in Political Science.

All of these students are alumni of Saint Paul School!

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

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha,

patron of Native Americans,
Ecology & the Environment,
(Feast Day: July 14th)

was born in 1656 to a Mohawk chief and a Christian Algonquin woman who had been captured in a raid and assimilated into the Mohawk people. She was



born in Ossernenon, on the south side of the Mohawk River near present-day Auriesville, New York. The Kanienkehaka or Mohawk people pronounce Kateri's name as Gah-deh-LEE (Kateri) Deh-gah-GWEE-tah (Tekakwitha).

When she was four years old, a smallpox outbreak ravaged her village. Her parents and brother died, and Kateri herself was left with a scarred face and permanently darkened vision. Her Mohawk given name, Tekakwitha, means "she who bumps into things," likely in reference to her poor eyesight. Tekakwitha was adopted by her paternal aunt, whose husband was a prominent figure in the Turtle Clan of the Mohawk nation.

In 1666 a French-led raiding party destroyed the Mohawk settlements on the south side of the river; Tekakwitha's family and other survivors moved to the north side of the river and built the fortified village of Caughnawaga. Tekakwitha lived in Caughnawaga beginning in 1666. She became skilled at arts such as beadwork and basket weaving and mostly undertook small handiwork for the community due to her physical disability. In accordance with Iroquois custom, she was engaged to a young boy at about the age of thirteen; however, she wished to remain unmarried. "I can have no spouse but Jesus," she later told her confessor. "I have the strongest aversion to marriage."

As the result of a peace treaty with the French, the Mohawk allowed Jesuit missionaries into their settlements. When Tekakwitha was about eighteen, she began instructions in the Catholic faith. Fr. Jacques de Lamberville, the Jesuit priest with whom she studied catechism, wrote in his journal in the years after her death about Tekakwitha. This text described her before she was baptized as a mild-mannered and well-behaved girl. Lamberville also stated that Kateri did everything she could to stay holy in a secular society, which often caused minor conflicts with her longhouse residents.

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On Easter Sunday 1676, she was baptized in Saint Peter's Chapel with water from the spring that stands on Shrine grounds to this day. The current Saint Peter's Chapel is named after this former Jesuit mission. Kateri is the Mohawk form of her baptismal name, Catherine, which she chose in honor of Saint Catherine of Siena.

Late in 1677 Kateri relocated to the Mission of Saint Francis Xavier, a Catholic Native settlement near what is now Montreal. On Christmas Day 1677 she made her first communion, and on the Feast of the Annunciation in 1679 she made a vow of perpetual virginity; however, her vow was not formally recognized by a bishop. Kateri's retention of Iroquois ascetic practices, which in many cases exceeded the severity of European Catholic penances of the same time period, also caused controversy. Priests in the community discouraged her in these acts due to their negative impact on her already poor health. She is quoted as saying, "I will willingly abandon this miserable body to hunger and suffering, provided that my soul may have its ordinary nourishment." In this period, she also developed a strong friendship with another young woman called Marie Thérèse Tegaanguenta. The two women broached the idea of forming a Native religious order, but the Jesuit missionaries rejected the suggestion.

Kateri's health failed, and she died on April 17, 1680, at the age of 23 or 24. Tradition holds that her last words were "Jesus, Mary, I love you." In the weeks after her death, she is said to have appeared to her mentor Anastasia Tegonhatsiong, Marie Thérèse, and the missionary Claude Chauchetière. Within four years, pilgrimages to the site of her tomb had begun and healing miracles were attributed to her.

Due to her unique cultural position, Kateri has been a figure of debate: there are conflicting accounts of how much hardship she faced within her community due to her conversion, with later Catholic authors extrapolating from the Jesuit records. Mohawk oral history describes much less contemporary persecution than the Catholic biographies written after her death and a greater respect for the skills she developed within the community, but some traditional Mohawks still take issue with her baptism into Catholicism or with the way Mohawk culture is represented through the lens of her conversion.

Saturday, July 9

6:30am Men's Group SPH
8:30am Confessions
9:30am Summer Basketball Clinic
3:00pm Confessions
5:15pm Capital Campaign SPH

Sunday, July 10

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Monday, July 11

6:00pm Coach Mercier AAU Practice
7:00pm Registration for New Members

Tuesday, July 12

4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration
5:00pm Summer Instructional Basketball Clinic
7:00pm K of C 3rd Degree Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 13

12:00pm 13th of the Month Rosary
6:00pm Coach Mercier AAU Practice
6:00pm Rosary at Sacred Heart

Thursday, July 14

9:00am Quilters SPH
7:00pm Women of Faith - SPH

Friday, July 15

3:30pm Wedding Rehearsal - SPC
7:30pm AA Meeting -

Saturday, July 16

8:30am Confessions
9:30am Summer Instructional Basketball Clinic
1:00pm Wedding D'Amato / McDermott
3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, July 17

1:15pm Baptisms

PARISH CALENDAR



However, she is also widely seen as a bridge between Native American and European cultures. In the centuries since her death, she has had devotees ranging from French priests to Native American mystics to the Canadian Jewish songwriter and author Leonard Cohen. She is associated with outsiders, exiles, orphans, and people ridiculed for their beliefs. She is also patroness of Indigenous people, patroness of ecology and ecologists, and Protectress of Canada.

Article from <https://www.katerishrine.org/st-kateri>

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