

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 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

August 28, 2022

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited." - Lk 14:8bc

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

-Pope Francis

Are You Someone or Do You Know Someone Who . . .

- *has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?*
- *was baptized Catholic as a child, but*
- *has not celebrated Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation?*

If so, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a wonderful opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith. The RCIA sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepares individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, that they have not yet received, at the Easter Vigil on April 8, 2023 so as to grow in their faith and become closer to God.

Maybe you were baptized, but never received 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation. Maybe you know someone who was baptized in another faith tradition, but has expressed interest in becoming Catholic. Maybe it is someone who has only just begun to think about a life of faith. I encourage all parishioners to think about and pray about someone who you think might be interested in the RCIA program. If you are not sure how to approach the person feel free to speak to one of the Friars.

Adults from all faith traditions, or no religious background at all, are welcome to participate. We have three people for the program already. The sessions will be held on Thursdays beginning on October 6 and will culminate at the Easter Vigil on April 8th. For information about the details of the RCIA program please contact Fr. Raymond at 860-828-0331 or email him at fraymond@stpaulkensington.org.

Adult Confirmation Program - If for whatever reason you are 18 years of age or more and have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation please refer to page 9 for information about our six (6) session Adult Confirmation Program that will begin on September 22nd and culminate with your Confirmation on November 8th. This program is for adult Catholics who have been baptized and received 1st Holy Communion, but have not been confirmed. To be a Godparent at Baptism or a Sponsor for Confirmation you must be Confirmed. More importantly the Sacrament provides grace that helps us live faithful adult lives and helps us along our individual journeys to God in heaven. **The deadline to register is Sept. 15.**

Gearing Up - With September knocking on the door many programs and ministries will be going full throttle very soon. That is certainly the case for the youth of the parish as St. Paul School opened for the 65th time last Thursday and the Opening School Year Mass will be Tuesday. It is also the case for our Religious Education Program as well. Parents with children in Religious Ed should note in particular the upcoming Parent Meetings on page 5. Of course, if you have not yet registered your child please do so ASAP.

Programs are also getting under way for adults of the parish. I draw your attention to three of them: The Little Rock Scripture Study, That Man is You and Women of Faith can help you grow in your faith and deepen your spiritual life.

Little Rock Scripture Study - For the past several years up to 50 to 60 parishioners have met in small groups of eight or so here at the parish to read, learn, reflect, and pray with the scriptures. In the fall of 2018, they studied the Infancy Narratives, the Gospel of St. Luke by the Acts of the Apostles which was also written by St. Luke, the Eucharist in Scripture, and the Passion Narratives. This year they are going to the beginning of the Bible and the Book of Genesis. I encourage all parishioners to consider joining this group to strengthen your faith and knowledge of the Word of God. There is an Information Night this Wednesday, August 31st at 7:00pm. Coming to the information night is NOT a commitment to the program, just an opportunity to learn more about this opportunity to enrich your faith. In addition to the evening sessions if there is enough interest an afternoon group is also being considered. See page 4 for more info.

That Man is You - Is an interactive men's program that combines a video series which contains the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision



of man fully alive and to address the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture. The short thought-provoking videos stir up discussions on important matters for the men attending. All men are welcome to participate in this extraordinary program. The group meets on Saturday mornings at 7:00 am wrapping up around 8:15 am. Two 13-week sessions are held each year with the fall session beginning September 10th. For more information about TMVY see page 6 or contact Rick Dighello at rdighello1@sbcglobal.net or (860) 655-0714 or Fr. Michael at frmichael@stpaulkensington.org.

Women of Faith - The St. Paul Women of Faith group seeks to support and affirm the Faith of Catholic women in today's changing times. Through Friendship, Faith, and Fellowship they support each other in their roles as mothers, wives, daughters, sisters and friends. All women are invited to gather together to share our Faith and grow spiritually in Christ. Meetings are usually held on the 2nd Thursday of the month with the first one this year scheduled for September 8th in the Parish Hall at 7:00 pm. For more information send an email to womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org or call the Parish Center at 860-828-0331.



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INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†Florence Suchecki

Birthday Remembrance by loving family

The Bread for the Poor will be Offered this week for

†Special Intentions by anonymous



†Albert J. Ravagnani, Jr.

†Chase Anderson

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, Sept. 12** 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.

Would you like to receive the bulletin **via email** each week? Visit <https://stpaulkensington.org/our-bulletin> and complete our simple online form, or call the office at 860 828-0331 or email us at ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org

Reminder: Our friars will be happy to visit you or your loved one in the **hospital** if you kindly let us know when you are there. Please call the parish office at 860-828-0331 or email ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org.

TO REQUEST A LOW GLUTEN HOST Please arrive for Mass about 10 minutes early, go to the sacristy and 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, August 27, 2022 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 **†Mary Luddy** 15th Anniversary by husband and family

Sunday, August 28, 2022 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 **†Eva Pelczar** by Mr. and Mrs. Caravaca

9:00 **†Evelyn Szczygla** by parents and family

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

10:30 **†Pamela Szymanski**

1st Year Anniversary by the Steck family

12:00 **†John Sansone** Birthday Remembrance by wife and family

Monday, August 29, 2022 The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

7:00 **Helena** For Good Health

5:00 **†Anthony, †Judy and †BG D'Anna** by Josephine Mai

Tuesday, August 30, 2022 Weekday

7:00 **Emilia** for God's Blessings and for Good Health by Zosia

†Mary Loucks, †Frank Peifer and †John Peifer

Together Again by wife and sister-in-law

†Ethel Blake by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home

†Mary A. Snetro by St. Paul Ladies' Guild

8:45 **School Mass**

5:00 **†Bernadette Przybysz** by Grace and Roz

Wednesday, August 31, 2022 Weekday

7:00 **†Christine DeBlasio** 13 Year Anniversary

by mom and dad

5:00 **John Nappi, Jr.** by wife

Thursday, September 1, 2022 Weekday

7:00 **†Richard Pampuro** 1st Year Anniversary

by wife and family

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

†Ann Gormley by Derek S. Petroka

†Carmela Pandolfi by her children

†Rolando Angli 22 Year Anniversary by wife and family

†Julie Boninsegna by the DiPietro family

Friday, September 2, 2022 Weekday

7:00 **†Joseph and †Dorothy Dulac** by Theresa Rapacky

5:00 **†Jill Verret** by Joan Vancour

Saturday, September 3, 2022 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, September 4, 2022 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 **†Ceil Biscoglio** 7th Anniversary

by Al & Carol Simeone and husband Vincent

9:00 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**

9:30 **†Dorothy Durgan** by Ron and Joan Vancour

10:30 **†Stanley Mroczka** 40th Anniversary

by daughters Rosemary and Margaret

12:00 **†Lynne Baikal** Birthday Remembrance by family

Parish Collection
Aug 16-22, 2022

In Church SP	\$ 7,183
Office	\$ 1,829
In Church SH	\$ 431
Online Giving	\$ 4,516
Total	\$ 13,959

2nd Collection - August 27/28: None

PASTOR'S COLUMN (continued)

Berlin Fair - Thanks to those who have already signed up to help the parish operate its two food booths at the Berlin Fair which runs this year from September 15-18. We need more help so if you can volunteer for a shift or two please do so. See page 9 for sign up information.

Golf Tournament - Our parish school's 33rd Annual Golf Tournament is Thursday, September 22nd at Stanley Golf Course in New Britain and begins with a shotgun start at 11:00 am. They could use some additional golfers and sponsors. This is the school's 2nd largest fund raiser of the year after the auction. See page 5 for how you can be part of its success.

Labor Day - Next week on Labor Day, September 5th, there will be just one Mass at 9 am and the parish office will be closed.

Final Thoughts - Having been in Buffalo last week, I can tell that the region is hyped up for a Super Bowl appearance and win. The very long 18 week, 17 game season, begins with the Bills at the Rams next week. Not much has changed in the baseball races and the wild cards in the AL will go down to the wire. It could be three teams from the East in both leagues. Have a blessed week everyone! - Fr. Joe



Bible Study

Come to the water.

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

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION SESSION

DATE **Wednesday, August 31, 2022**

TIME 7:00PM

PLACE St. Paul Church Hall

FALL SESSION TITLE...The Book of Genesis (Part 1)

CONTACT.....Mark Chasse

mchasse1@comcast.net

*This will be a meeting to present information about the upcoming **Fall 2022 Bible Study** program.*

All are welcome! For more information, visit our parish website: <https://stpaulkensington.org> or visit <http://www.littlerockscripture.org/>

READINGS FOR AUGUST 28, 2022

For this week's readings online, visit
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/082822.cfm>

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Alleluia: Matthew 11:29ab

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord,
and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

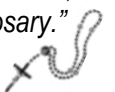
On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

ONLINE GIVING Thank you to all who give financial support to our St. Paul Parish Family! To sign up for Online Giving, a secure, easy and effective way to support our parish, visit our website or scan this QR code.



"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



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.

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.

On Monday, August 22nd, Saint Paul School held its annual *Back to School Meet and Greet*. It was a great evening. Students visited their classrooms, met their teachers, and were able to drop off their school supplies right to their desk. The new Makerspace, which is being rolled out this year, was a huge hit! Pictured below are Nicholas and Chase who had lots of fun in the new space driving robots and using the coding bee.



RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

2022-2023 Religious Ed Classes Start In Just A Few Weeks!

Confirmation classes begin Sunday 9/11

&

Grades 1 - 8 classes begin Sunday 9/25

Confirmation:

Classes (1st & 2nd year) meet 2 times per month, for a total of 12 classes per school year, from 9:00-10:15am.

The dates are: 9/11, 10/9, 10/30, 11/13, 12/11,
1/8/23, 1/22*, 2/5, 2/19, 3/5, 3/19, 4/2.

*Please note: The 1/22 class is from 1:00-2:15 p.m.

Grades 1 - 8:

Classes also meet 12 times per year; and families are able to choose from 3 time slots:

7:45-8:45 am, 9:15-10:15 am, or 10:45-11:45 am.

The dates are: 9/25, 10/16, 11/6, 11/20, 12/4, 12/18,
1/22/23, 2/12, 2/26, 3/12, 3/26, 4/23.

We are extremely excited to be welcoming a number of new catechists to the team this year!

*This week we give a big, warm welcome to **Todd Cusano** (2nd year Confirmation) and **Kim Perna** (Grades 5 & 6)!*

We are still looking for 2- 4 volunteers to assist with homeschool online record keeping, which can be done from home. There is no teaching required for this position. Please let us know if you are interested!

*God bless our students and their families
as many return to school this week!*

33RD ANNUAL SAINT PAUL SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Please visit our website to
register and view our
sponsorship opportunities:

<https://ourschool.support/2022SPSGolfTournament>



September 22, 2022

**REGISTRATION
IS OPEN!!**

Registration/Sponsor forms available at the church entrances!



A NEW TMIY Fall Semester will begin on **Saturday, September 10, 2022**. Meetings are held Saturday mornings from 6:30-8:30am in the Church Hall.

The new year brings together 6 dynamic speakers with a wide range of specialties to the TMIY stage to present "All Things New". *Now's a great time to join or re-join TMIY!* 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 or visit our parish TMIY page at <https://stpaulkensington.org/that-man-is-you>

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 Frank Ciarcia - frank@crcchrome.com 860- 655-1414
 Bud Volz - budvolz@comcast.net 860- 681-8355
 Corey Whiteside - coreyswhiteside@att.net 860-719-7021
 Adam Zangari - adamzangari@yahoo.com 860-541-0698



Women of Faith offers an opportunity for women of our parish to come together for Faith, Friendship & Fellowship. The next meeting will be **Thursday, September 8th** at 7pm. Join us as we gather with other Catholic women to share stories, and strengthen our Spiritual journeys. To learn more about our Women of Faith group, please email womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org.
 -Cheryl Pagano, Lynn Misteri & Karen Cyr .



ST. PAUL LADIES' GUILD

The St. Paul Ladies' Guild 2022-2023 year will begin on **September 7th** at 6:30pm in the St. Paul Church Hall.

It will be a meet and greet with refreshments provided by the executive board.

Our theme this year is from an old girl scout song:

"Make new friends but keep the old,
 one is silver and the other gold."

Please come, bring a friend. Be a "silver or gold".

Any questions, please contact Janet Roman at 860-828-1160 or King30@aol.com



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.

It's that time of year again! The annual Saint Paul School Mum Fundraiser is underway!

***Please complete a separate form for each person who will be picking up an order. Orders due 9/7. THANK YOU!**



SPS FALL MUMS FUNDRAISER

55% of your sales will apply toward your family fundraising obligation
 Please Order by Wednesday September 7th, 2022



Pick up at school Wednesday September 14th starting at 8a - 8' MUMS - \$10.00 - (cracking color, some color)

NAME	WHITE	RED/BURGUNDY	PINK/LAVENDER	YELLOW	ORANGE/BRONZE

Please make checks payable to Saint Paul School – Mail this form to school office (461 Alling St) attention "Mums Sale" by Wednesday September 7th. Or email your order to denadangelo@hotmail.com

Name of family picking up mums: _____ Telephone number: _____

Email Address: _____ Total Number of Mums: _____

Student Name/Grade: _____ Total Amount Paid: _____

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Bobby Adamowicz
Jacob Ahlquist
Gilda Alberti
Jose Arcia
Donna Baranowski
Zulma Barbien
Sue Begin
Wyatt Bernard
Peter Bocompani
David Borselle
Cheryl Brown
Mark Camilleri
Richard Carlson
Silas Cipollone
Doug Clarke
Lorraine Clark
Sophie Conti
Carol Corriveau
Tom Coss
Amanda Coyle
Janet Crossman
Robert Czerwinski
Mary Daleski
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
Lilia Fernandez
Simon Fitzpatrick
Helen Flannelly
Nancy Fleming
Deb Follett
Maureen Freeman
Rose Garuti
Patricia Gebhardt
Dominic Gionfriddo
Jennifer Gionfriddo
Jonathan Gionfriddo
Rosemarie Gionfriddo
Liz Goryl-Phillips
Donna Goulette
Madison Gray
Grochal Family
Pat Haber
Linda Hannold
Lily Harzewski-Burl
Evan Hill
Pat Jahn
Barbara Killius
Evan Kimmel
Sylvia Kratka
John G. Kunitis, Sr.
Mary Lamkins
Maria Lauria

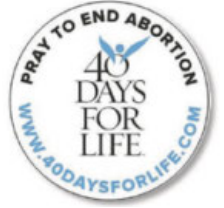


Laura Lemke
Connie Lombardi
Linda Luongo
Ronald Maldon
Lisa Mangiafico
Fr. Paul Mangiafico
Carol Marold
Robert Mazzaferro
Lorraine McCarthy
Brandi McWade
Viola Mercadante
Michael Mihalko
Tom Modifica
Evelyn Modzelewski
Helen Morrissey
Nancy Motulko
John Murphy
Helen Murphy
Thomas Norris
Esther Ouellette
Our Military Service Members
Emma Pagano
Antoinette Pandolfi
Judy Pappalardo
Cynthia Paradise
Richard Paskiewicz
Rosemarie Peck
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
Ken Stokowski
Sandy Story
James Swiatek
Gabe Szczygla
Julia Szczygla
Luke Szul
Alfred J. Tee
Beverly Veley
Brian Veley
Scott Veley
Tom Vest
Louise Webb
Thaddeus Wojtusik
Molly Yardley
Mary Ann Watrous
Miriam Zacharias
Carrie Zangari

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Our St. Paul Culture of Life Ministry will sponsor a *40 Days for Life* campaign from *September 28 through November 6*.



Details will be posted on our website and in upcoming bulletins.

Please consider join us as we strive to build a culture that cherishes & protects *every human life*. If you would like to get involved in our Culture of Life Ministry, please contact Ashley Cuomo at respectlife@stpaulkensington.org.



SUNSET YOGA with Anita and parishioner, Aileen M. Kennedy

An extraordinary evening of fellowship and love on the beautiful grounds of our

Saint Paul Parish Prayer Garden and Parish Green. Friday evening, *September 9th*. All are welcome! Potluck celebration after Yoga. Bring your favorite dish to share. Visit our website for details, fees, discounts and deadlines. Register at:

<https://anitabarbero.com/classes&workshops> Contact: Anita Barbero, anitabarbero2@gmail.com or Aileen M. Kennedy, aileen.kennedy@ethanallen.com or 860.212.5753.

WORD SEARCH

MEAL
WEDDING
HUMBLED
REPAY

GUESTS
FRIEND
LUNCH
COURTESY

PARABLE
EXALTS
RELATIONS
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Pastoral Council Nomination and Selection Process

As you are aware, the St. Paul Pastoral Council is seeking nominees for new members on the Council. In the previous announcements, we have discussed who is eligible and the purpose of the Council. This week we will highlight milestone dates and the selection process.

September 10 & 11 – The Pastoral Council Nominating Committee will be soliciting nominees at all Masses. In conjunction with this, we will also have a nominating form available. The nominating form will allow you to nominate yourself or someone you feel would be a worthy candidate.

September 26 – Solicitation for nominees will be complete and the nominating Committee will assemble the list of qualified nominees.

October 6 & 10 – Information sessions will be hosted by the Nominating Committee. All qualified nominees will be contacted for their preference of dates. The purpose of these sessions is to provide information regarding Council operations and provide an opportunity for questions. This will also be an opportunity for further discernment for the Nominees.

October 24 – Final list of Nominees will be presented to the Pastoral Council for its approval of new members.

November TBD - New members will be presented to the Parish at Mass.

November 28 – New Council is seated and officers are selected.

We look forward to meeting with all the nominees and thank them in advance for answering the Lord's call to share their talents with our Parish family. The Pastoral Council is open to all registered and practicing members of the Parish, age sixteen and older. You must have a desire to serve the Parish Family, a willingness to work with the Pastor, and the ability to work in a group process through prayer, planning, and consensus. You must also desire to foster the teachings of the Church and have a commitment to attend meetings.

If you have any questions please contact the Nominating Committee Chair, Nancy Timbrell at 860-601-7866 or n.timbrell@stpaulkensington.org. Nomination forms will be available in the coming weeks.



RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS FOR HEALING

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend Oct. 21-23 in Farmington. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For info contact Marie at 203-631-9030, or mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org>.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 44 Members of Berlin Boy Scout Troop 44 attended Camp Yawgoog in Rhode Island for an exciting week of summer camp from July 31 to August 6. Troop 44 is affiliated with St. Paul Parish and meets weekly during the school year on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm.

To learn more about the scouting program in Berlin contact Tony deRito, Scoutmaster, at tonyd433@gmail.com or visit <https://www.stpaulkensington/scouts>.

Pictured below, several of the Boy Scouts attending daily Mass during summer camp.



15th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference Save the Date! Sat. **Sept. 24, 2022** - "God Is With Us" - Doors open at 7:30am at Northwest Catholic High School in West Hartford. . Includes: Mass, Eucharist Procession, Adoration, Confession, Speakers. Lunch INCLUDED. It is a full day. For more information or to register, visit <https://ctcatholicmen.org>

15TH CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

GOD IS WITH US!

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ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Six Session Program Begins [September 22, 2022](#)

Are you an adult Catholic who never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? If so, St. Paul's Adult Confirmation Program (ACP) will prepare you to be Confirmed in the Fall 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 Baptism. 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.

Who is eligible? Catholics who are at least 18 years old and have already been baptized and received their 1st Holy Communion may participate. 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 Confirmation ceremony. Generally speaking, this can often be accomplished.

When will the program be held? Tuesdays, Sept. 22 & 29 and Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm 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.

What Information must I supply? You must complete a registration form and provide proof of your Baptism and 1st Holy Communion if you received those sacraments at a parish other than St. Paul's. If you are married you also need to provide proof of the marriage.

When and Where Would I be Confirmed? The Archdiocese of Hartford will schedule an Adult Confirmation Ceremony for a date in November at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.

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

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

How do I register? Complete our simple online form or send an email to Dan Tome at d.tome@stpaulkensington.org or call the parish office at 860-828-0331 **by September 15th.**



2022 Berlin Fair!

Thursday, September 15 to Sunday, September 18!

We need your help! The Berlin Fair is a wonderful community event where your time and support is welcome!

If you are interested in volunteering at our St. Paul Parish food booths, please consider signing up for several positions before and during the fair. *Volunteer with friends and family & have fun together as you help the community!* For more information or to sign up, please visit our parish website or click on this link:

<https://signupgenius.com/go/20f0c49a5a628a0f94-berlin8>

Please note: There are separate signups for Grillers and Confirmation students.

For questions about volunteering, please contact Helen deRito at 860-559-5695 or derito.aos@snet.net.

MEN'S HOLY HOUR

Msgr. Thomas L Greylish Council of The Knights of Columbus invites all Men of the Parish to join us in a Men's Holy Hour on

Sunday, September 11 at 7:00 PM. Please join us at St Paul Church where Fr. Michael will lead an hour of Exposition, Adoration and Benediction.

Jesus asked his Apostles: "Could you not watch one hour with Me?" Jesus is making that same request to you. *Will you consider taking a hour out of your busy life and give it to the Lord who is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament? "Let Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek."* -Pope St. John Paul II
Contact Bud Volz budvolz@comcast.net with any questions.



Save the date for our annual **Outdoor Mass** and **Parish Family Picnic** on the Parish Green!
Sunday, October 2, 2022
12pm Outdoor Mass
Picnic begins after Mass

- Has someone you know expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Do you know someone who was baptized Catholic but who never received the Sacraments of 1st Communion and Confirmation?
- Do either of these situations describe you?

St. Paul Parish offers an opportunity for anyone who is interested to come together in a small group to learn more about our Catholic faith. RCIA sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church while preparing individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, & Eucharist during the Easter season. **You are invited and are most welcome** to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

Meetings are typically held once a week in the evening, **beginning October 6th**. Contact Fr. Raymond for more info: 860-828-0332 or rraymond@stpaulkensington.org. More details are also available on our website!

FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

Volunteers will be needed on **Thursday, Sept. 1st** at **9:30am** to transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and to set up for distribution. Volunteers are also needed on **Friday, Sept. 2nd** 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.

The Pantry is currently in need of the following items:
canned veggies, fruits, applesauce, cranberry sauce, tomato products, canned pasta, chili, tuna, chicken, ham, pork & beans, beans/lentils, and soup.

Saturday, August 27

8:30am Confessions
3:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Friar 4 Miler



**PARISH
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Sunday, August 28

9:00am Catechist meeting (Confirmation) - SL
10:45am Catechist meeting (3rd Gr) - SL
1:15pm Baptism
6:00pm Catechist meeting (Gr 1-2, 4-8) - SL

Monday, August 29

8:45am Parish Staff Meeting
7:00pm Picnic Planning PC1

Tuesday, August 30

8:45am All-school Mass
4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration
6:30pm Baptism Prep Lesson PC1
6:30pm Capital Campaign Reception - SPH

Wednesday, August 31

6:00pm Rosary at Sacred Heart
7:00pm Scripture Study Information Session
7:00pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 1

9:00am Quilters SPH
10:00am First Thursday Calls
7:00pm Capital Campaign Mtg SPH

Friday, September 2

9:00am First Friday Calls
11:30am FoodShare SHC
7:30pm AA Meeting - SPH

Saturday, September 3

8:30am Confessions
10:00am Children's Rosary
3:00pm Confessions



Sunday, September 4

1:15pm Baptisms

Whenever we are tempted, we can say:

"In the holy name of Jesus, I reject the evil spirits of [name the temptation]. I reject them; I renounce them; I rebuke them. In Jesus' holy name, I cast them out!"

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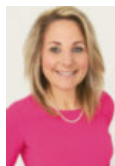
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