

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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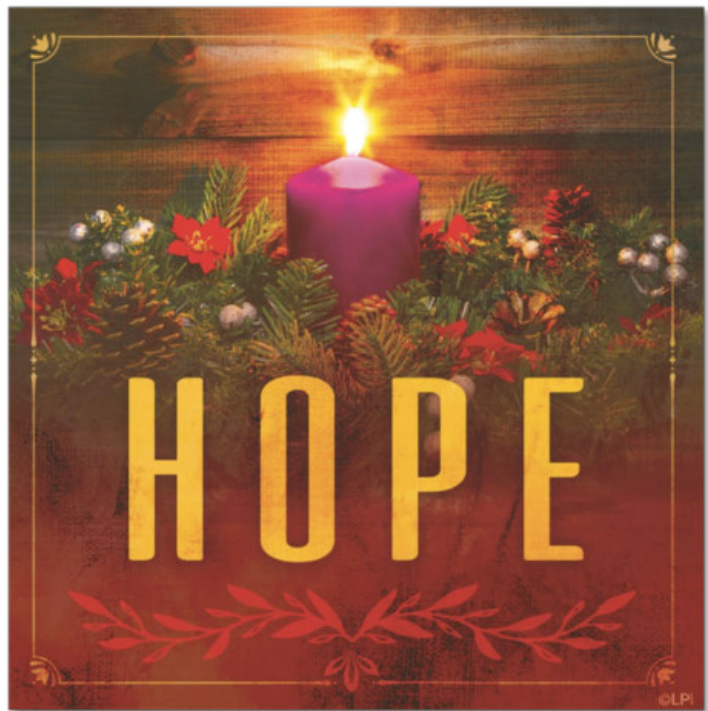
A Franciscan Family of Faith

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

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

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent



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

-Pope Francis

Advent - A Time of Waiting - It is rare when Advent is a full four weeks long, but that is the case this year since Christmas falls on a Sunday. The secular society that we live in tells us that it is Christmas time. Some elements of that society began telling us that months ago. We even have "Black Friday" a month in advance. However, our faith and Church tells us that before we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord on Christmas Day, and the beginning of the Christmas season, we celebrate Advent first. While we most often think of Advent as preparation for Christ's coming at Christmas, the first three weeks are very much about preparing for Christ's second coming at the end of time or our own end of time. So how might we best use this time of Advent to be watchful and ready to prepare ourselves for when Jesus comes again in addition to joyfully and prayerfully remembering His birthday?

During Advent we will hear John the Baptist proclaim, "Prepare the way of the Lord." What might be hindering me on the way to Jesus? What might I be putting in God's way to me? With this time of year being so very busy, if you and I do not carve out some time for a little more prayer and reflection we will be sitting amidst a bunch of unwrapped presents trying to figure out where the season of Advent went. So might I suggest before we become overtaken with our secular customs and responsibilities that we take some time this day to consider how we can make our path to the Lord a little smoother and with less obstacles. Likewise, are we putting up any roadblocks for the Lord to us? Maybe we are just not taking enough time to listen to him in some silence. What concretely can I do to get my spiritual house better prepared to welcome Him? See the next item about the *Magnificat Advent Companion* booklets that are being passed out today. Avail yourself to His love and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. See the item below about the Mercy Mondays that begin December 5th. Hopefully each of these two ways will help us prepare the way of the Lord when we celebrate the day of his birth in Bethlehem on December 25th.

Advent Reflection Booklets - To give you a bit of assistance to have a more reflective Advent this year the ushers will be passing out a copy of the *Magnificat Advent Companion* booklet to each parishioner as you leave Mass this weekend. I hope you will find it useful.

Mercy Mondays - "Let the Church always be a place of MERCY and HOPE, where EVERYONE IS WELCOMED, LOVED and FORGIVEN." (Pope Francis) Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord is an opportune moment to clean up our spiritual lives by availing ourselves of the Jesus' mercy and forgiveness. With this in mind, we will offer extra times for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the last three Mondays of Advent on Dec. 5, 12 and 19. These Mercy Mondays will have all four priests avail-

able for confession from 7 to 8pm as well as exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. I remind you that we also hear confessions twice every Saturday; first in the morning from 8:30 to 9:30am and then again from 3:00 to 4:00pm in the afternoon. On the Mercy Mondays we will also have Eucharistic Adoration during that time as well. These Holy Hours are in addition to the Tuesday Holy Hours from 4 to 5pm leading up to Mass at 5pm. Come and experience the forgiveness that God offers you and the joy of getting a fresh start.

Happy 25th Anniversary Deacon Don - On November 29,



1997 Deacon Don Philip was ordained a permanent deacon by Bishop Kenneth Steiner who was the Auxiliary Bishop of Portland in Oregon. Deacon Don along with his wife Lynn and his family had moved to Oregon from western Massachusetts. While in Portland, Deacon Don served in parish ministry and as a hospital chaplain. He and Lynn

were active in the diaconate formation program in Portland and he served on the first Archdiocesan Pastoral Council for Portland. He returned to Western Massachusetts in 2007 where he continued his ministry as a deacon in the Diocese of Springfield. He was a nursing home chaplain, served in parish ministry, and was also entrusted with the administration of two different parishes. He also served on various diocesan committees. In 2019 Deacon Don moved to Meriden, CT. Deacon Don began his ministry here at St. Paul's during the early months of the pandemic in 2020. The first Mass that he assisted at here was on Palm Sunday via live-stream.

We have been blessed to have him serve as a deacon here in our parish. He is here each weekend for Masses and regularly helps with funeral services and baptisms. He has also been giving leadership to our Ushers and Greeters. The timing of his anniversary did not make it feasible to celebrate his 25th anniversary at this time. In the spring, probably late April or early May, we will join with Deacon Don and his family to celebrate his years of ministry in the Church in three different (arch)dioceses and most especially here with us. At this time kindly remember him in prayer especially on Tuesday. Happy Anniversary, Deacon Don!

Happy Retirement to Flora Sittnick - Tuesday, November 23rd was scheduled to be the last day for our long time Parish Secretary, Flora Sittnick, who is retiring after 18 years of service to St. Paul Parish. Flora has been working part-time following the worst of the pandemic, but has decided that now it is time to go into full retirement. Because of the early deadline for this bulletin, I will have more about her service to the parish next week.

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INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†**Andrew Rozycki** by family

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†**Lorraine A. Albanese** Birthday Remembrance by Roz

†**Antonio Bertoldo** by daughters

The Bread for the Poor will be Offered this week for

Special Intention by anonymous



†**Rosemarie Peck**
(Aunt of Lou Anne Mercadante)

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.

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.

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.



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, November 26, 2022 First Sunday of Advent

4:00 †**John and †Ida Armstrong** by family

Sunday, November 27, 2022 First Sunday of Advent

7:30 †**Michael Hines, II** 3rd Anniversary by mother and family

9:00 †**Barbara Warchol** by Shirley Boccuzzi

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

10:30 †**William E. Brown** by family

12:00 †**Matthew Zapor** Birthday Remembrance

by Sawyer / Zapor families

Monday, November 28, 2022 Advent Weekday

7:00 †**Helen Porcaro** by son Joseph

5:00 †**Eugenio Ricciardi** by Emanuele Lombardo

Tuesday, November 29, 2022 Advent Weekday

7:00 †**Souls in Purgatory** by Linda and John Nappi, Jr.

†**Joseph Stephen Hinchliffe, Sr.** by wife and family

†**Janet Anderson** by Don Hall family

8:45 †**Cynthia Kalentkowski Taylor**

by Knights of Columbus Council 3675

5:00 †**Irene and †Stanislao Zovich**

by Theresa Zovich and family

Wednesday, November 30, 2022 St. Andrew

7:00 †**Louis Belmont** 2nd Anniversary by sister Jill

5:00 †**Margaret Asal** by her husband

Thursday, December 1, 2022 Advent Weekday

7:00 †**Chuck Pagano, Sr.** by Judy, Roy and Natalie Earley

5:00 †**Robert Spring** by family

John Nappi, Jr. by wife

†**Zbigniew, †Danuta and †Rafal Lewandowski**

by Ewa Kozirog

†**Stanislaw Jurski** by the Majczak family

The Messina and D'Angelo families

by Adeline D'Angelo

Friday, December 2, 2022 Advent Weekday

7:00 †**Robert J. Fitzsimmons** by wife Anita and family

5:00 †**Ronald Francis Shea** by Michele Vancour

Saturday, December 3, 2022 Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 †**Dolores Nugent** 3rd Anniversary by Pat and Jean

Sunday, December 4, 2022 Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 †**Mario D'Amore** by Marie and children

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

9:30 †**Luke Mannello** by Rosann and Larry Mancini

10:30 †**Chester Stachelek** 10th Anniversary by family

12:00 †**Evelyn Szczygla** by parents and family



To receive the bulletin in your email inbox every week, please complete our simple online form at <https://stpaulkensington.org/our-bulletin>.

Use this same link to let us know if you'd like our monthly parish newsletter to be sent to your email address as well!

Due to the holiday and early printing deadlines, the Collection amounts for Nov. 15-21, 2022 will be posted in an upcoming bulletin

Angel Giving Tree - See page 9 for how you can help bring some cheer to a person in need at Christmas. This outreach to the less fortunate is part of the good work that our Social Action Ministry undertakes. **The gifts will be packed up on Sunday, December 11th, so all gifts need to be in by then.** Thank you in advance for once again being so very generous.

6th Annual Lighting of the Parish Green - See page 8 for information about our Annual Lighting of the Parish Green this Saturday, December 3rd following the 4pm Mass. In order for your luminary to be printed in the program it must be received by this Tuesday, November 29.

Christmas Mass Schedule - Our Christmas Mass schedule will be as follows: Christmas Eve Masses on Saturday, Dec. 24 will be held at 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm. On Sunday Christmas Day, Masses will be at 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12 Noon at St. Paul's and a Mass at Sacred Heart in East Berlin will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m.

Christmas Memorials - Christmas Memorials are due by Friday, Dec. 9th to meet the Dec. 16th printing deadline for the Dec. 25th bulletin. See the envelope that was in your monthly pack. Memorials received after December 9th will appear in a bulletin **after** Christmas.

Christmas Wafers (Oplatek) - Those of Polish and Slavic ancestry are likely familiar with the sharing of the *oplatek*, (pronounced o-pwa-tek) at Christmas and in particular at the evening meal (*wigilia*) on Christmas Eve. The *oplatek* are available on the table in between the two wings of the church at St. Paul's as well as in the Parish Center. A free will donation will be gratefully accepted.

Congratulations! - On November 8th Vinnie Carbonell, Allie Prokrop, and Jared McBriarty from our parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Archbishop Blair at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. There were 57 adults confirmed that evening from across the Archdiocese. This followed the six week Adult Confirmation Program that they participated in earlier this fall. There were two others who participated from other parishes. (A photo was included in last week's bulletin.) Thanks goes out to Dan Tome who led their instruction. If the need is present we will look offer another the Adult Confirmation Program in the spring once the Archdiocese sets the next date for adult confirmations.

Early Final Thoughts - Since the printing deadline for this bulletin was November 15th I have no current sports quips to make; that may be a relief to you! Have a blessed Advent and let us prepare our hearts to welcome the Lord. Have a good week everyone! - Fr. Joe



READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 27, 2022

For this week's readings online, visit
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112722.cfm>

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Alleluia: Cf. Ps 85:8

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

~ THANK YOU NOTES ~
 to St. Paul Parishioners
 from our College Students!

Thank you for the college care package. This is my senior year, and I look forward to this every year. It put a smile on my face to read the card and enjoy all of the treats! I truly appreciate it!

*Thank you again,
 Hannah Grega*

I cannot thank you enough for the care package! It was truly an appreciated surprise.

*With gratitude,
 Carly Grega*

SAINT PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

SAINT PAUL SCHOOL NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

For more information visit our school website

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

or call 860-828-4343 x113.

To download an application, click on this link:

<https://bit.ly/3qO2X9J>



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

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving is "Giving Tuesday".

Let's kick off our Annual Appeal with Giving Tuesday!
Please help us reach our Giving Tuesday goal of \$5,000 by November 29th, 2022
10% of Giving Tuesday proceeds will benefit the school security upgrades!
#givingtuesday
The Annual Appeal will continue to run through June 30, 2023
with a fundraising goal of \$25,000

If you'd like to support Saint Paul School on Giving Tuesday, you may do so online by visiting ourschool.support/SPS22-23Appeal or by scanning this QR code or by sending a check to Saint Paul School, 461 Alling St., Kensington CT 06037. Attn: Development. (Checks payable to Saint Paul School.)



MATCHING GIFTS: Your company may match your gift dollar for dollar. Check with your employer for more information. A printable Giving Tuesday form is also available on the parish website. Visit <https://stpaulkensington.org>



Our Kindergarten students had fun creating their own turkeys in our Makerspace!

*Wishing everyone a
Happy Thanksgiving!*

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT SAINT PAUL SCHOOL

Saint Paul School is seeking a half-time teacher for 4th grade Religion and 4th and 5th grade Reading and ELA. Hours are approximately 7:30am-12:30pm M-F for the remainder of the school year. For more information please contact Principal Jill Conaway at j.conaway@stpaulkensington.org.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

We hope you all enjoyed a blessed Thanksgiving with your families! Pictured below is one of our 8th graders, Nick Feijoo, with the Thankful Pumpkin he made as one of his Family Faith Activities for November!



Can you believe it is already the First Sunday of Advent?! The December Family Faith Activities for Grades 1-8 have been posted on the website, so please check them out and sign your family up! December is a month full of beautiful events here at our parish, with many opportunities for families to get involved. Keep in mind that a wonderful activity to participate in at home is to make or purchase an Advent wreath &/or Advent calendar - both perfect to begin today! See our Family Faith Activities page for details and other meaningful, fun, and festive ideas for your family!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

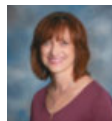
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Gilda Alberti
John Anderson
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Donna Baranowski
Zulma Barbien
Sue Begin
Olivia Belfonti
Wyatt Bernard
Peter Bocompani
David Borselle
Cheryl Brown
Mark Camilleri
Richard Carlson
Silas Cipollone
Doug Clarke
Lorraine Clark
Sophie Conti
Carol Corriveau
Tom Coss
Amanda Coyle
Janet Crossman
Robert Czerwinski
Mary Daleski
Adeline D'Angelo
Ramiro Dagna
Uly Dagna
Maria DeFazio
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Salvatore Gionfriddo
Rosemarie Gionfriddo
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Mary Ann Watrous
Miriam Zacharias
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PRAYER LIST Please call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to our Parish Prayer List #860-828-0331. (Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm.) Please also be sure to ask for permission from the person to be added.

Welcome New Parishioners!

Thank you for attending our November Registration meeting.

We are happy you've joined our Family of Faith!

~ God Bless ~



INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH?

Our next Registration Meeting is **Monday, December 12th** 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. Thank you!

WORD SEARCH

FLOOD
WIVES
FIELDS
AWAKE

EATING
HUSBANDS
WOMEN
BURGLAR

DRINKING
ARK
MILLSTONE
READY

S	A	T	R	U	B	U	G	R	L
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"The Culture of Life Ministry would like to extend another thank you to everyone who supported the 40 Days for Life Campaign through donation, action, and prayer. We were beyond blown away by the generosity of this parish! We spent several hours sorting through the items (which launched a complete take-over of our ministry leader's basement), and wanted to tell you how overjoyed the pregnancy resource center volunteers and directors were upon seeing all the items that they knew would be helpful in getting these new families through their practical, day-to-day life! We'd love to give some rough numbers of what was so freely given by you all! Thank you again from all of us in the Culture of Life ministry, and from Two Hearts, Carolyn's Place, and Birthright! God bless!

- 18,000 diapers (total individual)
- 16,000 wipes (total individual)
- 2 baby bathtubs full of infant/adult toiletry items (soap, diaper cream, nail clippers, etc)
- 3 strollers
- 2 new pack n plays with bassinet insert
- 1 large box of maternity clothing
- 2 bags full of infant/youth socks
- 25 brand new sleepers/outfits
- 30 winter coats/sweatshirts/sweaters/rain coats
- 40 baby books
- 5 large cans of formula plus numerous single serve, ready-to-use bottles
- 45 baby blankets/swaddles/crib sheets
- 25 infant coat hangers
- 20 new bottles/sippy cups
- 50 bibs/burp cloths
- 300 pieces gently used clothing premie - size 6
- various other miscellaneous items such as new pacifiers, children's shoes, reusable shopping bags galore, infant play mat, rocking chair, water-proof mattress covers, headbands, etc.



More photos are posted on our website!



Our Parish Social Action Committee has begun planning the 2023 **HomeFront** project. Applications are now available for individuals/families who are interested in receiving help maintaining their home.



HomeFront is a community-based home repair program that helps homeowners who are financially unable to maintain their homes. Repairs are made by sponsoring teams of volunteers at no cost to the recipients, primarily in a one-day effort. The 2023 day is the third weekend of May.

More information and applications can be found at the church entrances and on the HomeFront website::

<http://www.homefrontprogram.org/drupal7/homeowner-application>



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.



Our **WOMEN OF FAITH** group offers an opportunity for women of our parish to come together for Faith, Friendship & Fellowship. The next meeting will be **Thursday, December 1st** at 7pm.

Join us as we gather with other Catholic women to share stories, and strengthen our Spiritual journeys. To learn more, please email womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org.

-Cheryl Pagano, Lynn Misteri & Karen Cyr .



Our **TMIY! Men's Group** continues to meet on Saturday mornings from 6:30-8:30am in the St. Paul Church Hall. *New members are always welcome!*

This Fall Semester brings together 6 dynamic speakers with a wide range of specialties to the TMIY stage to present "All Things New". 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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If you'd like to get involved or to learn more about our St. Paul Parish Culture of Life Ministry, please email Ashley at respectlife@stpaulkensington.org.

Christmas on the Parish Green



You are cordially invited to attend the
Sixth Annual
Ceremonial Lighting of the Parish Green

Saturday, December 3, 2022
Immediately following the 4:00 pm Mass

Help light up the Parish Green by ordering a bag luminary,
hand- printed with a special message.

Examples:

“In memory of Mary B. Smith” “Peace on Earth” “In Honor of Grandpa Bill”

ORDER YOUR LUMINARY NOW

Use the form below or order online at <https://stpaulkensington.org/lighting-of-the-parish-green-2022>

One message per luminary. Please print clearly within box(es) below - space on bags is limited

Please light a luminary (\$10) for...

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Luminaries at \$10 each: _____ Total amount enclosed: \$_____ cash / check payable to Saint Paul Parish

Your name _____ Phone _____

Email address _____

- ★ Festivities will include a ceremonial Tree Lighting and complimentary hot chocolate and cookies.
- ★ The event will occur “snow or shine”. Please remember to dress warmly!
- ★ In the event of inclement weather the lights will go on, but festivities may be moved indoors.
- ★ Proceeds will benefit the youth of Saint Paul.

Please return this form and payment to the Saint Paul Parish Center, Saint Paul School,
or place it in the offertory basket at Mass. **Due by Dec. 1, 2022.**

Luminary orders that are accepted after the above deadline may not be listed in the printed program.

QUILT RAFFLE! Thank you to all who have purchased tickets for the Ladies' Guild Quilt Raffle! The drawing will be held on [Dec. 7th](#). Members of the Guild have been selling tickets after Mass over the past few weekends—if you missed them, [you can still purchase tickets online to win one of their four beautiful hand-made quilts!](#) To buy tickets online, visit <https://stpaulkensington.org/quilt-raffle>. Raffle tickets are only \$2! Take a chance to win a quilt and help support the Ladies' Guild—profits benefit our parish and school and go towards outreach to the community during the holidays.



KNITTERS NEEDED Our Social Action Ministry is looking for volunteers to knit youth sized winter hats for children ages 10 - 17. The hats will be donated to the Underground New England, a grass-roots, faith-based initiative dedicated to ending sex trafficking and sexual exploitation throughout New England. There is yarn at the church available to anyone interested in helping. All finished hats can be placed in the plastic bins located near the elevator entrance of St. Paul Church. Any questions, please call Cheryl Pagano at 860-218-3177.



Christmas Greenery Sale

Many thanks to those of you who purchased Christmas greenery items. Your generous participation made our fundraiser successful, and we are most grateful for your support. Orders will arrive on [December 2](#) and can be picked up from 2:00-6:00 pm on the Parish Green.



ANGEL TREES Our 2022 Angel Trees are now up in both St. Paul & Sacred Heart Churches. All are invited to take an Angel (or a few) from the tree, purchase and wrap the gift noted on the back of the Angel, and return the gift, *with the Angel attached*, by [Dec. 11th](#).



The gifts will be distributed to several local organizations including the Klingberg Family Center, Worthington Manor Retirement Center, Ledgecrest Health Care Center, CCARC, and more. The gifts listed on the Angels were specifically requested by clients/residents at these local facilities

The Angel Tree Project will also support the Boxes to Boots organization this year. Parishioners are invited to purchase \$25 Walmart or Amazon gift cards for this charity. Printable angels to accompany the Walmart gift cards can be found online. Angels to accompany the Amazon gift cards are on the Angel Trees in the churches.

Please visit the Angel Tree page of our website for details!
<https://stpaulkensington.org/angel-tree>

Advent program: Yearning for God -

Why not begin the Advent season with a day of prayer? Please join us at



Our Lady of Calvary Retreat, for a presentation by Sister Mary Ann Strain, CP on [December 7](#), 10am-2pm. She will explore Scripture that frames the Advent season and reminds us again that God is found in the ordinary moments of daily life. Donation is \$50 and includes lunch. To Register visit <https://www.ourladyofcalvary.net> or call 860-677-8519.



Ladies Guild Christmas Banquet

December 7, 2022

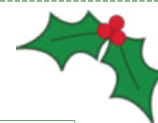
6:00 p.m.

St. Paul Church Hall

Please bring new pairs of socks for the annual sock raffle.
Receive a raffle ticket for every pair of socks you bring.
The socks will be given to the Friendship Center.

*If you plan to attend, please RSVP
and submit payment of \$25 to the Ladies' Guild by
Monday, November 28, 2022.*

Name _____



Menu

Wine & Appetizers

*Lettuce salad
Pasta & marinara
Chicken piccata
Salmon filet
Seasonal vegetable medley
Bread & butter*

*Dessert Coffee, tea, and
bottled water*

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Saturday, November 26

6:30am TMIY Men's Group SPH
 8:30am Confessions
 3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, November 27

12:00pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor - SHH

Monday, November 28

8:45am Parish Staff Meeting
 3:00pm Girls JV Basketball Practice (Gr 4,5&6)
 4:30pm Boys JVB Basketball Practice (Gr 4&5)
 6:00pm Boys Varsity Basketball Practice (Gr 7&8)
 7:00pm Pastoral Council Mtg. - SPH

Tuesday, November 29

8:45am School Mass: Gr 6-8
 3:00pm Drama Club rehearsal
 4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration
 4:30pm Boys JVA Basketball Practice (Gr 5&6)
 6:00pm Girls Varsity Basketball Practice (Gr 7&8)
 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - PC-LL
 6:30pm Baptism Prep Lesson PC1

Wednesday, November 30

8:15am 5th Grade to KofC New Haven
 3:00pm Cheer Practice (Gr 1-8)
 4:30pm Boys JVB Basketball Practice (Gr 4&5)
 6:00pm Boys Varsity Basketball Practice (Gr 7&8)
 6:00pm Rosary at Sacred Heart
 6:00pm Exultations Youth Choir practice -SPC

Thursday, December 1

9:00am Quilters - SPH
 10:00am First Thursday Calls
 3:00pm Girls JV Basketball Practice (Gr 4,5&6)
 4:30pm Boys JVA Basketball Practice (Gr 5&6)
 6:00pm Girls Varsity Basketball Practice (Gr 7&8)
 7:00pm RCIA - PC-1
 7:00pm Women of Faith

Friday, December 2

9:00am First Friday Calls
 3:00pm CoEd JVC Red Basketball Practice (Gr 2 & 3)
 4:30pm CoEd JVC Gold Basketball Practice (Gr 2 & 3)
 7:30pm AA Meeting - SPH

PARISH CALENDAR

Holy Hour
 Tuesdays 4-5pm

**Saturday, December 3**

6:30am TMIY Men's Group SPH
 8:30am Confessions
 10:00am Children's Rosary—SH
 3:00pm Confessions
 5:00pm Christmas on the Green - Parish Green

**Sunday, December 4**

7:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 1-SPS
 9:15am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 2-SPS
 10:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 3-SPS
 1:15pm Baptisms
 2:00pm Gloria SPC SPH

**CHILDREN'S ROSARY—DEC. 3rd**

Our Children's Rosary group meets at 10am at Sacred Heart Church on the first Saturday of each month. Please consider joining us on [Saturday, Dec. 3rd](#) as we honor Our Blessed Mother. All are welcome. The children lead the rosary, and others who are present pray along. To learn more, please contact Cheryl Batter at cherylbatter@att.net.

**FOODSHARE****ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE**

Volunteers will be needed on [Thursday, Dec. 8](#) at **9:30am** to transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and to set up for distribution. Volunteers are also needed on [Friday, Dec. 9](#) 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.

Thank you to all who continue to support this ministry!

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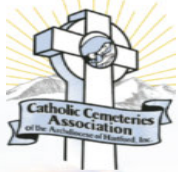
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