

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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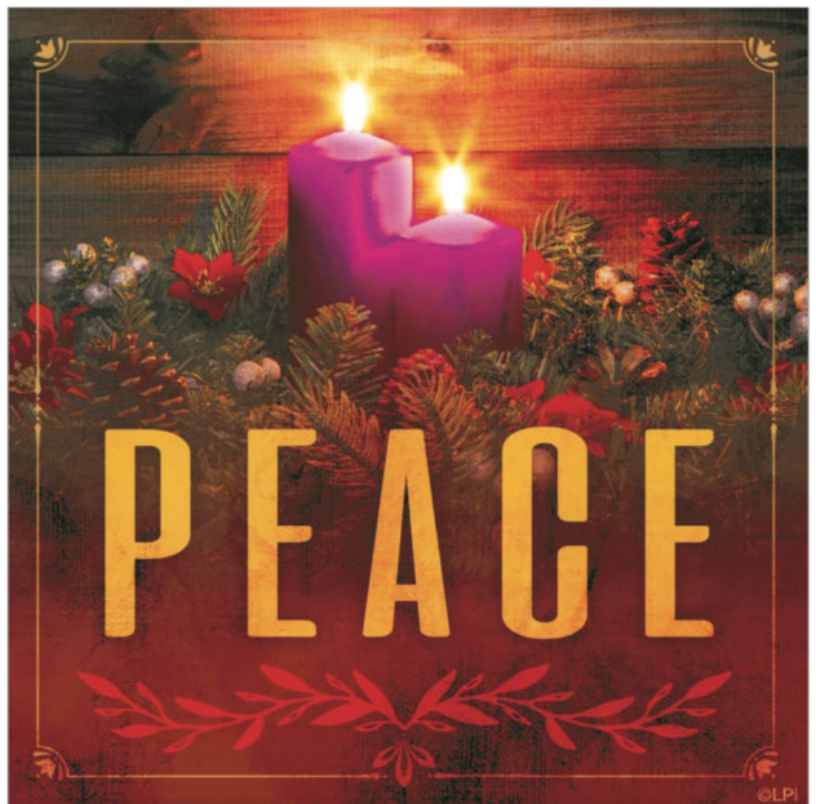
A Franciscan Family of Faith

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

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

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent



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

-Pope Francis

Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Thursday December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a **Holy Day of Obligation**. The patron of our nation is Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception so ask Mary to intercede for our country in a special way this week. **There will be a Vigil Mass at 4pm on Wednesday, December 7th. On Thursday December 8th there will be parish Masses at 7am, 12 Noon, and 7pm.** There will also be a school Mass at 8:45am to which all are welcome. *There will **not** be a 5pm Mass on Dec. 7 & 8.*

Commissioning of New Pastoral Council Members - On Sunday, November 20 at the 12 Noon Mass five (5) parishioners were commissioned for service on the Pastoral Council for an initial term of three years. **The new Pastoral Council members are: Dwight Davis, Ronald Levandowsky, Fayne Molloy, Ed Schmitt and Francis (Bud) Volz.** They attended their first Council meeting on November 28th. Members of the Council serve in a special and essential ministry of the parish as a consultative body to the Pastor. It is the responsibility of the members to use their unique strengths and God-given gifts to advance the mission of the Church and the goals of the Pastoral Council, with the Pastor, so as to carry out the mission of the Church within St. Paul Parish. Included on page 7 in this week's bulletin are the pictures of all 12 members along with brief intros of the five new members. Their contact information can be found on our website.

Because of the merger of Sacred Heart and St. Paul Parishes in 2017 and then COVID-19, all of the veteran members of the Council have served more years than the by-laws permit. As a result there will be a gradual ending of their terms and a succession of new members over the next three years. As a result Tom Sullivan and Nancy Timbrel will finish their terms in June 2023, Mary Corrigan and Roland Baikal in June 2024, and Betty Lasker and Elaine Pavasaris in June 2025. In each of the coming years at least two new members will be needed to succeed them. At the November 28th meeting, the current officers were re-elected to serve one more year in their current offices: Nancy Timbrel as President, Mary Corrigan as VP, and Betty Lasker as Secretary.

As part of their Commissioning the new members recited the following: *We are grateful for the trust that has been placed in us and accept this ministry within our parish of St. Paul's. We promise to serve with love and commitment. As we pray and work together we will endeavor to be conscious of the needs of all our parishioners, and those of the wider community of which we are a part, by following the example of Christ who came among us as one who serves rather than be served. We ask for the prayers and support of our fellow parishioners as we undertake this ministry.* Please thank them for their willingness to serve and indeed please pray for

all of them and offer your support to them by being active and interested members of our parish.

Mercy Mondays - Pope Francis said: *"Have you thought about God's patience, the patience he has with each one of us? That is his mercy. He always has patience, patience with us, he understands us, he waits for us, he does not tire of forgiving us if we are able to return to him with a contrite heart."* (Angelus, 3/17/2013) The Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us realize the truth of this observation by Pope Francis. No matter the length of time away, the sins committed, the repeated nature of some sins, God's mercy has no limits and no sin need go unforgiven. So I invite you to make a good confession before Christmas. **Four confessors will be available this Advent on Mondays, December 5, 12 & 19** to hear confessions from 7pm to 8pm. *I remind you that we also hear confessions every Saturday from 8:30 to 9:30 am and then again from 3pm to 4pm.* On the Mercy Mondays we will also have Eucharistic Adoration. These Holy Hours are in addition to the Tuesday Holy Hours from 4pm to 5pm leading up to Mass at 5pm.

Christmas Memorials - Christmas Memorials are due by this Thursday, December 8th to meet the Dec. 16th printing deadline for the December 25th bulletin. Please see the envelope that was in your monthly pack. Memorials received after December 8th will appear in a bulletin **after** Christmas.

Happy Retirement, Flora! - As I mentioned briefly in last



week's bulletin our long time Parish Secretary entered full retirement on November 23rd. Flora began her 18-plus years at St. Paul on June 21, 2004 when she was hired by Fr. Herman. She was a steady and helpful hand to three more pastors Fr. Mark, Fr. Robert and I, and all of us are so very grateful for her service to us and the parish. I

was blessed when I came here over four years ago to have someone of her caliber in her position. She made my transition so much easier because I recognized immediately not only her skills, but also that she had a complete understanding of what had to be done and was so very good with those who called or who came into the office. I quickly recognized that I could trust her with anything and she was so willing to take on whatever was needed to be done. The only area we probably disagreed on was the use of commas; she likes them evidently more than I do!

The title Parish Secretary does not do justice to all that Flora did for the pastors, Friars, fellow staff members, and of course all of the parishioners. As good as Flora was in what she did it pales in comparison to her as a person.

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INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

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

†**Alice Hall** 5th Anniversary by her husband

The Bread for the Poor will be Offered this week for

†**Clara Matczak** by Evelyn and Robert Nogiec



†**Peter J. Coultier**

†**George Kordek**

†**Paul Miano**

†**Laurie Marie Persaud**

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, 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

Monday, December 5, 2022 Advent Weekday

7:00 **Living Friars, Families, Friends and**

Benefactors of the Friars

5:00 †**Gail Gombatz** by Denise Gadowski and Joseph Mascola

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 St. Nicholas

7:00 †**Gerald Vanty** by Linda and family

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

†**Alice Hall** In Memory Of by husband

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

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 St. Ambrose

7:00 †**Cindy Troy** by Pam and Kevin

4:00 †**Teresa V. Thomas** by John and Florence Thomas

Thursday, December 8, 2022 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 †**Kevin and †Donald Lackey** by Theresa Rapacky

8:45 †**Sarah Przybyla** by mom

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

7:00 †**Lilea Gorneault** Berlin Memorial Funeral Home

Friday, December 9, 2022 St. Juan Deigo

7:00 †**Kieran Egan** by wife Margaret and children

5:00 †**Walter Smoluk** by wife

Saturday, December 10, 2022 Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 †**Lewis Gay** Birthday Remembrance by family

Sunday, December 11, 2022 Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 †**Joanne Kuzniecki** 5th Year Anniversary

by mom, dad and family

9:00 †**Fabio Birritta** 22nd Anniversary by mom and dad

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

10:30 †**Deceased Members of the Michno Family**

by the Tabaczynski family

12:00 †**Vicente Carbonell and †Christina Morant** by family

Parish Collection

Nov 15-21, 2022

In Church SP	\$ 8,084
Office	\$ 994
In Church SH	\$ 458
Online Giving	\$ 4,930
Total	\$ 14,466

Parish Collection

Nov 22-28, 2022

In Church SP	\$ 7,537
Office	\$ 1,744
In Church SH	\$ 616
Online Giving	\$ 4,605
Total	\$ 14,502

Her patience and gentleness with everyone was so beautiful to witness. She was great at tending to all of the details that her position required, but she especially liked when she could use her more creative side in projects. Never one to watch the clock, she was often here early and stayed late. The pride that she took in her work is second to none. She surely wanted her work to reflect well on herself, but also on the parish. Since prior to COVID she has been struggling with some health issues, but I bet most would not have known it. Flora's presence and work among us have made us a better parish. She often went above and beyond and was dedicated to doing whatever needed to be done. We pray that God will bless her and her husband John. May the years ahead be filled with many blessings especially those of good health.

Annual End of the Year Appeal - You should have received a letter from me in the mail concerning the parish's Annual End of the Year Appeal. Your Annual gift helps the parish maintain our many programs and ministries while also taking care of our property and buildings. The parish's fiscal year ends on December 31 so if you make your Annual gift by then, that would be most helpful. Thank you!

2023 Parish Calendar - Our 2023 Parish Calendar is available as you leave church today. Special thanks to Carolyn Smith and Berlin Memorial Funeral Home and Peter Hansen and Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home of Berlin for underwriting the cost of the parish calendars!!

Retirement Fund for Religious - Next weekend there is a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. There is an insert in the bulletin this week explaining the collection. The Franciscan Friars who staff St. Paul Parish are among the religious communities who benefit from this collection. Please support the collection as your means allow as an expression of gratitude for the ways you may have benefitted from the ministry of religious priests, brothers and sisters over the years. Thank you!

Donation for St. Clare's Food Pantry - Right before Thanksgiving, we were blessed to receive a check for \$1,792.28 for our St. Clare's Food Pantry. This very generous gift came through the Kensington Berlin Rotary Club and Liberty Bank in conjunction with the recent clothing drive. Special thanks to John Roman who is President of the Rotary Club. Read more on page 9.

Final Thoughts - The Berlin Redcoats football team finished the regular season undefeated and are headed to the playoffs! The Ravens blew another late lead with all four of their losses coming that way. The Bills face three division games in a row with two of their remaining six against the Pats. The Jets and Giants are in playoff position, but have tough schedules down the road. Have a blessed second week of Advent! - Fr. Joe



READINGS FOR DECEMBER 4, 2022

For this week's readings online, visit
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/120422.cfm>

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Alleluia: Luke 3:4, 6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
 all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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!



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!

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.



Kindergarten Mitten Tree Drive...

Give the Gift of Warmth! Our Kindergarten class is holding their Annual Mitten Tree Drive. The class is collecting mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves for those in need this winter. Please help fill the tree, located in our

school lobby, with these much-needed items for both children and adults. Donations will be given to Prudence Crandall Center in New Britain. The Mitten Tree Drive will run from **December 1st -20th**. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!

Our first grade students are so thankful for their seventh grade Mass buddies who have been helping them set up their chrome-books and teaching them how to use them.



Why cook when you can go to
The Avenue and support our
8th grade?

Tuesday, December 6th is Restaurant Night at The Avenue, 958 Farmington Ave in Berlin, from 4:00pm to 10:00pm. Dine in or take out. 860-259-5755. theavenuerestaurant.com

Mention Saint Paul School and a portion of your sale will go to our 8th grade class.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

We are overjoyed to share that our first Children's Mass took place on Sunday, November 20 at 10:30 am, and it went great! Students from our Religious Ed program and Saint Paul School participate in these Children's Masses in various roles, and all parishioners are most welcome to attend!

Our next Children's Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, December 11**, at the 9am Mass.

If your family can attend this Mass, and your son or daughter is interested in helping as a greeter, reader, or gift bearer, please sign up on the designated Sign Up Genius. Parent help is also welcome!

Thanks to all of the students who volunteered at the Nov. 20 Mass:

Greeters - Mason (Gr. 8), Lyla (Gr. 4), Daniel (Gr. 7), Juliana (Gr. 4), Christopher (Gr. 4) & Freddy (Gr. 5)

Readers - Juliana (Gr. 4) & Noah (Gr. 7)

Readers for Prayers of the Faithful - Aubrielle (Gr. 4), Annabelle (Gr. 4) & Carolina (Gr. 5)

Gift Bearers - Reagan, (Gr. 4) Garrett (Gr. 4) & Tyler (Gr. 7).

They all did a truly wonderful job! See more photos on our website!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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PARISH PRAYER LIST

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Gilda Alberti
John Anderson
Jose Arcia
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
Arlene Cotrona
Amanda Coyle
Janet Crossman
Robert Czerwinski
Mary Daleski
Adeline D'Angelo
Ramiro Dagna
Uly Dagna
Maria DeFazio
Fr. Anthony DeFronzo
Constance DiLorenzo
Bill Dobbs
Nicole Donzello
Nick Donzello
Mary Ann Dorsey
Bernadette Dumond
Fannie Farrell
Lilia Fernandez
Simon Fitzpatrick
Helen Flannelly
Nancy Fleming
Deb Follett
Maureen Freeman
Rose Garuti
Patricia Gebhardt
Dominic Gionfriddo
Jennifer Gionfriddo
Salvatore 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



Mary Leinen
Laura Lemke
Connie Lombardi
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Fr. Paul Mangiafico
Carol Marold
Robert Mazzaferro
Lorraine McCarthy
Brandi McWade
Luis Mendoza
Viola Mercadante
Michael Mihalko
Tom Modifica
Evelyn Modzelewski
Helen Morrissey
Nancy Motulko
Cheryl Murphy
John Murphy
Helen Murphy
Thomas Norris
Arlene O'Neill
Esther Ouellette
Our Military Service Members
Emma Pagano
Antoinette Pandolfi
Judy Pappalardo
Cynthia Paradise
Richard Paskiewicz
John Pink
Richard Rampone
Care Rich
Frank Rich
Mary Rich
Rita Richter
Randy Ripley
Steven Ripley
Carlos Rivera
Phyllis Rubbo
Viola Salonia
Joan Schwartz
Raul Seipel
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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 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.

"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



For A Guide to Praying the Rosary, visit:

<https://stpaulkensington.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary>

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>

WORD SEARCH

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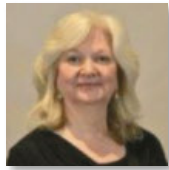
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**St. Paul Parish
Pastoral Council 2022-2023**



Nancy Timbrell
President



Mary Corrigan
Vice President



Elizabeth Lasker
Secretary



Roland Baikal



Dwight Davis



Ronald Levandowsky



Fayne Molloy



Elaine Pavasaris



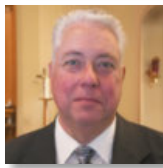
Ed Schmitt



Dan Sabia



Thomas Sullivan



Francis (Bud) Volz

Meet the NEW Members of the 2022-2023 Pastoral Council:

Dwight Davis: I have been a parishioner of St. Paul's Parish since 2010. Two ministries that I most enjoyed being a part of are the Social Action committee and the scripture study program. Annual events that I have volunteered for include Home Front Day, the St. Paul's food booth and the church picnic. It has been very rewarding to be part of parish that offers so much to its members and the community. I am looking forward to being a member of the Pastoral Council.

Ron Levandowsky: I have been a parishioner at St. Paul's since 2004. I am an active member of the Knights of Columbus council, a Eucharistic Minister, and a volunteer at various church functions here at St. Paul's parish.

Fayne Molloy: I came to Saint Paul's in July, 2012 as the new Principal of Saint Paul School, a position I held and cherished for nine wonderful years. In that role and as a member of the Parish, I was active in parish activities both with the school children and on my own. Since my retirement in June, 2021, I have been busy as a member of the Culture of Life Committee and as a volunteer at the St. Clare Food Pantry, the Berlin Fair, and the Parish Picnic.

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!

The Pantry is currently in need of the following items:
Mayo, mustard, ketchup, dressings, marinades, tomato sauce, cooking oil, spices, pickles, relishes, and pancake syrup.



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.



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.

Ed Schmitt: My wife Maggie and I have been parishioners at St Paul's for about 35 years. Our two sons had their baptisms, first communions, and confirmations here! I am a leader with the Parish Boy Scout Troop with roles including Eagle Scout Advisor. I serve on the Parish Technology Advisory Committee. I am a member of Diocesan Information Solutions, a Catholic professional Community looking to expand the use of technology in support of the Church. Fun includes visiting our kids, boating, playing guitar and our dog, a yellow lab.

Francis (Bud) Volz: Being born and raised in Berlin, St. Paul has always been my parish. Over the years, I participated in many of our ministries. As a young man, singing with the Folk Group, I had the great fortune to meet the woman that I was to marry. When the parish needed help distributing Holy Communion, I volunteered; I have served as a Eucharistic Minister for nearly 20 years. Currently, I help lead the Parish Picnic Committee, the TMIY Men's Ministry, Scripture Study, and the Bereavement Ministry. I am also an active member of the Knights of Columbus. Serving and working with the parishioners of this faith-filled community is one of the greatest joys in my life.

QUILT RAFFLE! Thank you to all who have purchased tickets for the Ladies' Guild Quilt Raffle! The drawing will be held on [Dec. 7th](#). [Tickets can be purchased online until Monday, Dec. 5th at noon](#). To buy tickets online, visit <https://stpaulkensington.org/quilt-raffle>. Raffle tickets are only \$2! Take a chance to win one of these four beautiful hand made quilts and help support the Ladies' Guild. Profits benefit our parish and school and go towards outreach to the local 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.



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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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, January 12th](#) at 7pm.

Join us as we gather with other Catholic women to share stories, and strengthen our Spiritual journeys.



To learn more, email womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org.

-Cheryl Pagano, Lynn Misteri & Karen Cyr .

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.



Our Scripture Study group held their wrap-up session for Genesis-Part 1 on November 15th with over 30 people in attendance. Fr. Michael gave an excellent lecture, summarizing the first 25 chapters of the Book of Genesis which dealt with the creation stories and the ancestral stories of our Father in faith, Abraham. The group will be studying Genesis-Part 2 beginning in March which will cover Genesis chapters 26-50. An information/ registration meeting will be held in early March for those who want to learn more about the study.



BREAKFAST with SANTA

St. Paul School Gymnasium

Sunday, December 11th

8:30 AM to Noon

Visit with Santa

Take pictures

Enjoy fun activities!

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Reminder: Our next Children's Mass will be held on the same date as Breakfast with Santa. The Mass is at 9am on Sunday, December 11th. Hope to see you there!

December 6th is the Feast of Saint Nicholas!

Prayer to Saint Nicholas

O good Saint Nicholas, you who are the joy of the children, put in my heart the spirit of childhood, of which the Gospel speaks, and teach me to seed happiness around me.



You, whose feast prepares us for Christmas, open my faith to the mystery of God made man. You, good bishop and shepherd, help me to find my place in the Church and inspire the Church to be faithful to the gospel. O good Saint Nicholas, patron of children, sailors, and the helpless, watch over those who pray to Jesus, your Lord and theirs, as well as over those who humble themselves before you. Bring us all in reverence to the Holy Child of Bethlehem, where true joy and peace are found. Amen.

<https://aleteia.org/>



~ Welcomed in Baptism ~

Madison Lynn Farone

Baptized at St. Paul Church, Sunday, November 13, 2022

God Bless you and your family!

Welcome to our St. Paul Parish Family of Faith.



The Kensington Berlin Rotary Club again this Thanksgiving Season partnered with Liberty Bank to raise money for local food banks. This year a total of \$3,584.26 was raised and split between The Town of Berlin Food Bank and the St Clare Food Pantry. Funds were raised from the Community at Stop and Shop and added to those funds were donations by Kensington Berlin Rotarians and Interact Club members , and Friends of the Berlin VNA along with a very significant match by The Liberty Bank Foundation. L to R in the photo: Rotarian Elaine Pavasaris, Berlin Director of Social Services Doug Truitt, Liberty Bank Branch Manager Billie Peszynski, Nancy Timbrell from St Clare Food Pantry, St. Paul Parish Pastor, Fr. Joseph Benicewicz and Rotarian John Roman.



Saturday, December 3

6:30am TMIY Men's Group SPH
 8:30am Confessions
 10:00am Boys JVA Basketball Practice (Gr 5&6)
 10:00am Children's Rosary
 11:00am Funeral Home Svc +Nowek, Sr
 3:00pm Confessions

5:00pm LIGHTING OF THE 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

Monday, December 5

8:45am Parish Staff Meeting
 3:00pm Girls JV Bball Practice
 4:30pm Boys JVB Bball Practice
 6:00pm HOME Varsity Bball Games
 7:00pm Mercy Monday Confessions - SPC

Tuesday, December 6

3:00pm Drama Club – SG/SL
 4:00pm SPS Night at The Ave Restaurant
 4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration
 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - PC-LL
 7:00pm K of C Leadership Mtg - PC1

Wednesday, December 7

Children's Christmas Shopping Fair (snow date 12/8)

3:00pm Cheer Practice
 3:00pm Drama Club SPH
 4:00pm Mass (Vigil)
 4:30pm Boys JVB Bball Practice
 6:00pm Boys Varsity Bball Practice
 6:00pm Rosary at Sacred Heart
 6:00pm Exultations Youth Choir practice -SPC
 6:30pm Ladies Guild - SPH

Thursday, December 8

3:00pm Girls JV Bball Practice
 3:00pm Drama Club – SPH/SL
 4:30pm Boys JVA Bball Practice
 6:00pm Away Varsity Bball Games
 7:00pm RCIA - PC-1

PARISH CALENDAR

Tree Lighting
 Caroling
 Cookies
 Hot Cocoa
 on the Green

DECEMBER 3
 after 4pm
 Mass!

Hope to see
 you there!

Holy Hour
 Tuesdays 4-5pm



*Immaculate
 Conception
 Holy Day Masses:
 7am, 8:45am*, 12pm,
 and 7pm
 School Mass

Friday, December 9

11:30am FoodShare SHC
 2:30pm Sports Picture Day- SG
 3:00pm CoEd JVC Red Bball Practice
 4:30pm CoEd JVC Gold Bball Practice
 7:30pm AA Meeting - SPH

Saturday, December 10

6:30am TMIY Men's Group SPH
 8:30am Confessions
 9:00am JV Home Basketball Games
 2:00pm Set-Up: KofC Breakfast with Santa
 3:00pm Confessions

Deadline for
 Angel Tree
 Gifts
 Dec. 11

Sunday, December 11

8:00am Angel Tree Sorting/Packing SPH
 8:30am K of C Breakfast With Santa - School Gym
 9:00am 1st & 2nd Yr Confirmation classes-SPS
 9:00am Mass Rel Ed/SPS Student Participation



Consider Your Own Calling
 An ACTS retreat is a three-day, three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by men who have attended prior ACTS retreats, under the guidance of a Catholic Guide. Offering a unique format, this retreat is unlike anything you may have experienced in the past. The goals are to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to create lasting and supporting friendships within your church communities. The Retreat begins Thursday evening, with a 5:45pm check-in at St. Dominic Church. Participants will then be transported to Our Lady of Calvary Retreat House, Farmington, for the remainder of the retreat. The retreat will end with the 11:00am Sunday Mass and reception at St. Dominic Church. Family and friends are cordially invited. Transportation to and from Farmington will be provided. Men's ACTS Retreat Dates: January 26 – 29, 2023. For more information contact: Paul Kulas, Director 860-919-6486; John Coleman, Co-Director 860-384-9427 or Peter Kulas, Co-Director 203-490-7766. Sponsoring Parish – St. Luke Parish at St. Dominic Church. Go to www.actsct.org for more information about ACTS retreats.

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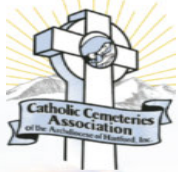
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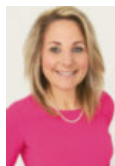
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