

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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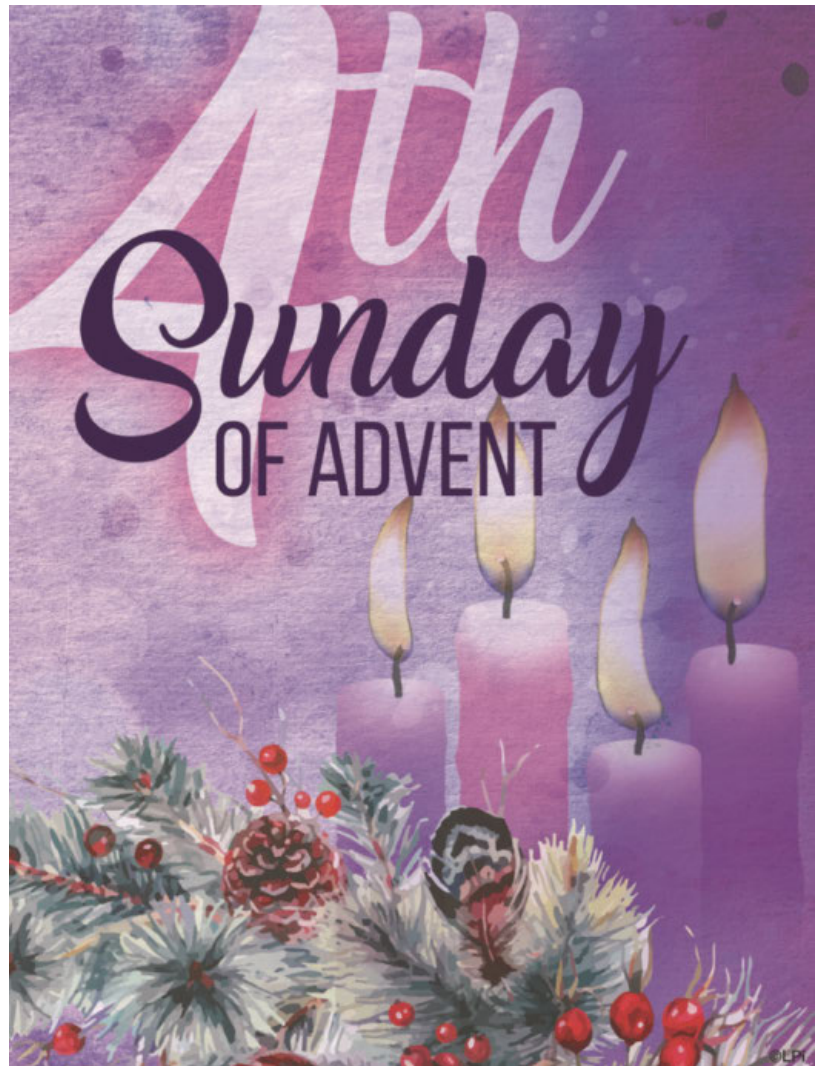
A Franciscan Family of Faith

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

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

December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent



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

-Pope Francis

"Guest in the house, God in the house" - Next weekend we as a Parish will have the opportunity to welcome many people into God's House. Some will be family and friends of parishioners visiting for Christmas. Others may be those who tend to come to church for the major holidays. *I hope some will be someone you have personally invited this week to come to Mass with you; see the next item.* And of course last, but not least important, there will be all of you who are here every week. It will be so very good to have each and every person with us. Here are a few simple things that you can do to make all who join us feel a little more at home and welcomed and maybe join us more frequently. 1) Engage people with a friendly smile and a few warm words. 2) When you enter the church, sit in the middle of the pew so people do not have to climb over you to find a place to sit. 3) Greet people at the beginning of Mass. Even offer a nod or smile as people enter your pew. 4) At the sign of peace, say your name and ask them theirs, and use it at the end of Mass to say good-bye.

Invite Someone to Join You for Christmas Mass - The Christmas schedule of Masses is on page 4. You should have received a letter in the mail with the schedule as well. This letter went out to everyone for whom we have a valid address. If you have a family member or friend who has been away from the Church, consider inviting them to attend Mass with you. If they take you up on your offer invite them to join you again.

Christmas Concert/Live Nativity (Greccio) on Dec. 18th - Step back for an hour or so from the hectic pace of this season and join us for our Christmas Concert and a re-enactment of the first Christmas on Sunday evening at 5:00pm in St. Paul Church. Help set the tone for the most important part of this week as we meditate on the Birth of Jesus and lift up our hearts in songs that are filled with the joy and hope that the Christmas season brings us. You will also be supporting our youth and adult choirs who have been working hard to prepare for this night.

Confessions Prior to Christmas - *"Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive."* - *Misericordiae Vultus* Our final Mercy Monday before Christmas will be held on December 19. Four confessors will be available from 7pm to 8pm (or until all have confessed). It is for this that Jesus humbled himself to come to earth to be our Savior. Confessions will be heard on Saturday morning, Dec. 24 from 8:30 to 9:30am. **Confessions will NOT be heard on the afternoon of Christmas Eve.**

Blessing for Your Home Nativity Scene - I hope all families have a manger scene in their home. It was St. Francis who started this custom in Greccio, Italy in 1223 and which I refer to above. I encourage you to gather as a family, or as an individual, and pray the following blessing before your manger scene.

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made known your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all. We pray that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph will guide, love, and protect our family. We make this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Parish Center Holiday Schedule - The Parish Center will be open as usual this week but will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2.

Annual Giving - End of Year Donation - Thank you to everyone who has already returned their Annual End of the Year gift for the parish. The parish relies on these gifts as part of our budgeted income and helps fund the many ministries and programs the parish offers and assists in 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. If not, make it when you can. Thank you for your support!

Christmas Collection - Since Christmas falls on a Sunday you have your regular Sunday envelope as well as a Christmas envelope. Your Christmas gift to the Parish is very important every year as is your weekly contribution. May you be blessed for your generosity.

Christmas Memorials - The Christmas Memorials will be included in the bulletin next week. If you missed the Dec. 9 deadline, a supplemental list will be printed in January.

Audits - Every three years, by Archdiocesan policy, parishes and schools undergo an outside audit. Our last audit was in 2019. The auditors were here for parts of two weeks and finished their work on December 9. There is a lot of prep work that has to be done to make reports and materials available to them before they arrive and while they are here. It is good that we have such a qualified Parish Manager in Deacon Julio. When they send their reports they will be shared with the Trustees and Financial Councils of the School and Parish.

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INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

- †**Harry P. Misteri** Birthday Remembrance by the Misteri family
 †**Vicente Carbonell** by wife and family
 †**Christina Morant** by daughter and family
 †**Olga McLoughlin** by Patricia Muli

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

- †**Maryann Stifel** Birthday Remembrance by mother and sisters
 †**Anna Zuk** by Stanislaw & Zofia Pirog and family

The Gift of Wine will be offered this week for

- †**Joseph Tirinzoni** Birthday Remembrance by children



- †**Constance DiLorenzo**
 †**Raymond Kramer**
 †**Daniel Joseph Pac**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH?

Our next Registration Meeting is **Monday, January 9th** 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 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.

Collection amounts for Dec. 6-12, 2022 will be posted next week

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 17, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 †**Thomas Stregowski** 21st Anniversary
 by wife Elva, son and grandson

Sunday, December 18, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 †**Sara Jones** Birthday Celebration
 by the Tabaczynski family

9:00 †**Stacey Dastoli** 10th Anniversary by mom and dad

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

10:30 †**Mary and Ted Young, Sr.** by Ted and Patti Young

12:00 †**Joseph Tirinzoni** Birthday Remembrance by children

Monday, December 19, 2022 Late Advent Weekday

7:00 †**Edward Loss** Birthday Remembrance
 by Karen and Stephen Henry

5:00 †**Domenica Lopreiato**

by daughter Maria Siciliano and family

Tuesday, December 20, 2022 Late Advent Weekday

7:00 †**Jimmy McDermott** 49th Birthday Remembrance
 by dad and Maureen

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

†**Piotr Balcerek** by wife

†**Maryann Dorsey** by Ron

Emma Pagano Health and Development by grandma

8:45 †**Wiltold Lasak, Rafalowskich, Plonow and Domagalow Families** by children

5:00 †**Jill Verret** Christmas Remembrance by Joan Vancour

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 St.. Peter Canisius

7:00 †**John G. Hubbard** 12 Year Anniversary Remembrance
 by the Hubbard family

5:00 †**Maria Lombardo** by husband Emanuele

Thursday, December 22, 2022 Late Advent Weekday

7:00 †**Deceased Friars, Families, Friends and Benefactors of the Friars**

5:00 †**Maryann Stifel** Birthday Remembrance
 by mother and sisters

†**John Slowikowski** 5th Anniversary by Debbie Slowikowski

†**Ines F. Tee** by brother Alfred J. Tee

†**James A. Perry, Sr.** 30th Anniversary by daughter

†**Stanley & Rita Waluk and Bernard & Mary Pelkey**
 Christmas Remembrance by Greg and Clarice

Friday, December 23, 2022 St. John of Kanty

7:00 †**Elsie Quarti** Birthday Remembrance
 by Linda Vanty and family

5:00 †**John Stankevich** 7th Anniversary by a friend

Saturday, December 24, 2022 Christmas Vigil

4:00 **No Intention**

6:00 **No Intention**

10:00 **No Intention**

Sunday, December 25, 2022 Christmas

7:00 **NO 7AM MASS**

9:00 **No Intention**

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

10:30 **No Intention**

12:00 **Christmas Novena**

Final Thoughts - Unfortunately, the Berlin Redcoats pursuit of an undefeated season and Class M championship was disrupted by Notre Dame of West Haven. These next words are always small consolation, but congratulations on a very fine season. Yankee fans, time will tell if #99 will live up to his contract. Maybe it was wishful thinking, but I thought he was gone. Red Sox fans, you have a closer, but how much work will he get? The Orioles are biding their time. I am pleased that the newly constituted Contemporary Era Committee for baseball's HOF kept out all the cheaters for at least another three years and the vote was not close. The Ravens are down to their 3rd string QB, but they got Dobbins back at the right time. The Bills continue to hold the #1 seed. Playoff football in Orchard Park, NY in January, well that can be quite the experience! If you will be out of town for Christmas, I pray that you have safe travels and wonderful celebrations with family and friends. May this last week of Advent have some moments of peace and tranquility as you prepare for the Savior's birth. Have a blessed week. Fr. Joe



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READINGS FOR DECEMBER 18, 2022

For this week's readings online, visit <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/121822.cfm>

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6.

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Alleluia: Matthew 1:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

*The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel.*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24
Christmas Vigil Masses at St. Paul Church
4 pm, 6 pm & 10 pm



Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25
Mass at St. Paul Church - 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12 Noon
Mass at Sacred Heart Church – 9:30 am

Christmas Week Daily Masses - December 26 - 30
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 7:00 am ONLY
Tuesday - 5:00 p.m. preceded by Holy Hour at 4:00 pm
(All at St. Paul Church)



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 the Prudence Crandall Center in New Britain. The Drive will run from **December 1st -20th**. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!



The Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center (New Haven), formerly the Knights of Columbus Museum, hosted their annual Christmas Tree Festival, filling their gallery with trees trimmed by CT Catholic School students!

Saint Paul School's Grade 5 class was invited to visit and to decorate on one of the Center's 16 trees. Mrs. Corriveau and her students did a great job and made beautiful Advent ornaments!



RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

Four of our Religious Ed students entered Beautiful drawings in the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Abby Georgini, one of our 4th graders, won for her age division and was awarded \$25. Her poster will advance to the District competition. Congratulations Abby, and excellent work to all of our talented participants!



Abby Georgini - Mrs. Georgini's 4th grade class
WINNER of age 8-10 division (grade 3-5)!



← Carolina Foster
Mrs. Mai's 5th grade class

Lexi Shea →
Mrs. Perna's 5th grade class



← Gabriella Foster
Mrs. Kennure & Mrs. Hilbie's 2nd grade class



Keep Christ in Christmas

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Bobby Adamowicz
Jacob Ahlquist
Gilda Alberti
John Anderson
Elaine Andrews
Jose Arcia
Donna Baranowski
Zulma Barbien
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
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
Ronald Maldon
Lisa Mangiafico
Fr. Paul Mangiafico
Carol Marold
Robert Mazzaferro
Lorraine McCarthy
Brandi McWade
Luis Mendoza
Viola Mercadante
Michael Mihalko
Tom Modifica
Evelyn Modzelewski
Helen Morrissey
Sam and Esther Motta
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
Guy Simeone
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

Please call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to our Prayer List 860-828-0331. (M-F 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>

FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

Volunteers will be needed on **Thursday, Dec. 22** 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. 23** 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:
Juice, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, iced tea, and miscellaneous beverages.

WORD SEARCH

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WOMEN OF FAITH

*To Support and affirm our faith
as Catholic women in today's changing times.*

Women of Faith is a place where we come together once a month to share our common threads; our journey in life, and how it impacts us. Our difficulties, strengths, sorrows and attributes, and how our faith helps us get through it all.

Testimonials from a few of our members:

"I am very happy that I joined the Women in Faith Group. This is where anyone can come and share any issues/ concerns they may have regarding family, children, work and Faith, etc. without any judgment. The group is very supportive. In this unsettling world in which we live today, it is nice to come together with other women who share the same values."

"As Catholic women today, living our faith includes both struggles and rewards. One often seeks other like minded women to share concerns, discuss issues and share joys that we experience along our daily faith journey. To strengthen and grow our faith, it is important to refer to scripture, share testimony and make time for prayer. For me, the Women of Faith group provides an opportunity for us to do these three things. At the same time, I enjoy the fellowship and support I experience at each meeting."

"The Women of Faith group has become a welcomed source of support during a time of uncertainty and upheaval in my life. It's put my faith and Catholic beliefs back in the forefront of my actions and perspectives. Of most note, is the comfort the attendees are made to feel, allowing them to authentically share their thoughts in a forum completely devoid of judgement. It doesn't get much better than that!"

Come and experience how the St. Paul Women of Faith can influence you!



For any questions or schedule of meetings, please email us at: womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org

The next meeting will be **Thursday, January 12th** at 7pm.

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of the Ladies' Guild Quilt Raffle! The drawing for the Quilt Raffle was held on December 7th at the Guild's annual banquet.

Thanks to all who purchased raffle tickets! Proceeds from the Quilt Raffle are used to benefit our parish and school and for outreach to the community during the holidays.

Winners:

- * Joseph Ferrucci
- * Margaret Mullaney
- * Florine Solek
- * Carmelina Miele



LADIES' GUILD CHRISTMAS BANQUET

A note from Janet Roman, President of the Ladies' Guild:
Thank you to the members of the Ladies' Guild Christmas party committee: Carol Ranieri, Diane Roncaioli, Judy Bosco, Elaine Pavasaris, and Stacy Como. Thank you for arranging for the food, the entertainment and the decorations. Thanks also to all of the ladies and the friars who helped make this a fun evening.

A visit by St. Nicholas (Ed Como) began the festive evening of singing, games, and raffles. A large number of socks were collected for the Friendship Center. An enjoyable night was had by all.



St. Nick gave a beautiful blessing and led the group, along with Fr Michael & Diane Roncaioli in singing Christmas carols.



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.



thank you

Dear Pastor and Parishioners of St. Paul Parish,
On behalf of Birthright of Meriden, we'd like to thank you for your generous donations to Birthright for services for many needy pregnant women and their babies. Each month our volunteers help over 150 babies and their mothers with friendship counseling, maternity clothes, diapers, infant clothes, blankets, formula, car seats, strollers and cribs. Birthright serves as a safe and supportive haven for many families. We truly appreciate your kind financial and material support, especially at Christmas, for these needy families.

Yours for Life,
Kate Suzio
Executive Dir.
Diana Javornisky, Operations Dir.



P.S. A special "Thank You" to Ashley Cuomo and other church members who helped collect and deliver so many gifts to Birthright.

If you'd like to get involved or learn more about our St. Paul Culture of Life Ministry, please email Ashley at respectlife@stpaulkensington.org.

ANGEL TREES Thank you to all who took an Angel from our 2022 Angel Trees! The gifts were collected last weekend and are being distributed to several local organizations including 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. Gift cards were also delivered to the Boxes to Boots organization this year.

Thanks to the Confirmation students who volunteered to help with this project on Dec. 11th!



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>



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. 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.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1pm in the St. Paul Church Hall. The next meeting is **Jan. 10th**. We purchase yarn and knit or crochet prayer shawls to give to individuals who may be homebound, ill or in need of comfort, to let them know God's love always surrounds. New members welcome. Call Mary at 860-828-5478.



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.





THAT MAN IS YOU! Our *TMIY! All Things New* Men's Group will begin a new 13 week season on **January 21, 2023**.

Full of dynamic speakers sharing insights into our faith, this season will enlighten your mind with spiritual truths that will help transform the world. Join us for food, fellowship, and faith on January 21 at 6:30 AM in the St Paul Church Hall. All men are welcome.

To learn more, visit the TMIY website at <http://www.tmiy.org>



or

visit our parish TMIY page at <https://stpaulkensington.org/that-man-is-you>



Contact one of our core team members for more information.

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 Adam Zangari - adamzangari@yahoo.com 860-829-7991

Spring 2023 Schedule:

- January 21, 2023 - Sober Intoxication of the Spirit
- January 28, 2023 – No Meeting
- February 4, 2023 - Our Father
- February 11, 2023 - Silent Knight, Holy Knight
- February 18, 2023 - Meet Your Spiritual Father
- February 25, 2023 - The Shadow of the Father
- March 4, 2023 – First Society
- March 11, 2023 - The Day is Far Spent
- March 18, 2023 - The Signs of the Times
- March 25, 2023 - The Triumph of Divine Mercy
- April 1 2023 - Angelic Guardians
- April 8, 2023 - Renewed in Mercy
- April 15, 2023 - A New Day, A New Man
- April 22, 2023 - Avanti! The Harvest is Plentiful

CHILDREN'S MASS—DECEMBER 11TH

Thank you to all who participated in and all who attended our second Children's Mass of the year on December 11th!. It was a beautiful Mass (which ended just in time for the snow!) More photos and photos from Breakfast with Santa will be posted in next week's bulletin!

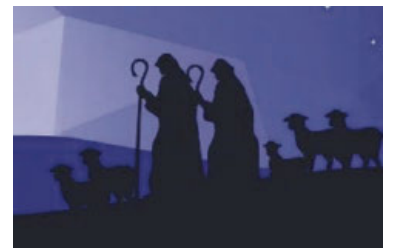


USHERS AND GREETERS

Ushers and Greeters are needed for the upcoming Christmas Masses!

If you would like to volunteer, please click on the signup link below, visit our parish website or contact Dwight Davis at ddavisjr12@att.net.

Usher / Greeter Volunteers: Christmas Masses - Sign Up
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OLC has a full schedule of retreats and programs scheduled in January! All of the retreats and programs would make a great gift for someone you love. Gift certificates are available. Just contact the OLC office. Call 860-677-8519 or visit <https://www.ourladyofcalvary.net>



Saturday, December 17

8:30am Confessions
 9:00am JV Home Basketball Games
 3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, December 18

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
 4:00pm EDGE YG Mtg - Christmas Party- SPH
 5:00pm Christmas Concert & Greccio - SPC

Monday, December 19

8:00am Dress Down Day
 8:45am Parish Staff Meeting
 3:00pm Girls JV Basketball Practice (Gr 4,5&6)
 3:00pm Robotics SL
 4:30pm Boys JVB Basketball Practice (Gr 4&5)
 6:00pm Boys Varsity Basketball Practice (Gr 7&8)
 7:00pm Mercy Monday Confessions - SPC

Tuesday, December 20

8:45am Mass: Gr 3-5
 8:45am School Mass
 4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration
 4:30pm Boys JVA Basketball Practice
 6:00pm HOME Varsity Basketball Games
 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - PC-LL
 6:30pm Baptism Instruction - PC-1

Wednesday, December 21

3:00pm Cheer Practice (Gr 1-8)
 4:30pm Boys JVB Basketball Practice
 6:00pm Boys Varsity Basketball Practice
 6:00pm Rosary at Sacred Heart
 6:00pm Exultations Youth Choir practice -SPC

Thursday, December 22

12:30pm Early Dismissal
 3:00pm Girls JV Basketball Practice
 4:30pm Boys JVA Basketball Practice
 6:00pm Girls Varsity Basketball Practice
 7:00pm RCIA - PC-1

PARISH CALENDAR**Friday, December 23**

NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break
 11:30am FoodShare SHC
 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

Saturday, December 24

NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break
 8:30am Confessions
 4:00pm Mass (Vigil)
 6:00pm Mass (Vigil)
 10:00pm Mass (Vigil)

Sunday, December 25

NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break
 9:00am Mass
 9:30am Mass - Sacred Heart
 10:30am Mass
 12:00pm Mass

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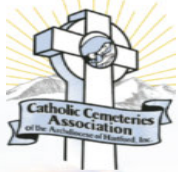
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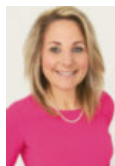
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