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

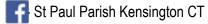
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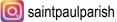
Baptisms: 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month Baptismal Instruction: Last Tuesday of the month

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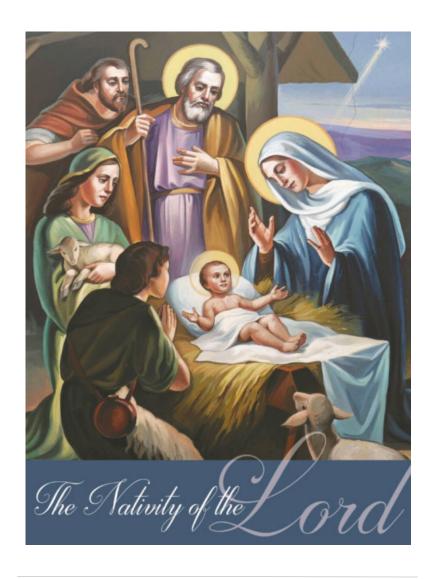
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St. Paul Catholic Parish

A Franciscan Family of Faith

St. Paul Church - 485 Alling St, Kensington CT 06037 Sacred Heart Church - 48 Cottage St, East Berlin CT 06023

> December 25, 2022 The Nativity of the Lord



"Let the Church always be a place of MERCY and HOPE, where EVERYONE is WELCOMED. LOVED and FORGIVEN." The Tree and The Crib - On the day Vatican City set up the manger scene and Christmas Tree in St. Peter's Square and a second Nativity scene inside Pope Paul VI Audience Hall, Pope Francis offered a reflection on both, the tree and the crib. Pope Francis remarked that "the tree and Nativity display are two signs that continue to charm young and old." That is certainly true. It is through the manger scene that so much can be taught to our children and serve as a reminder to us about the great blessings of this day. About the Christmas tree, the Holy Father reflected: "The tree, with its lights, reminds us of Jesus who comes to illuminate our darkness" and that people, like trees, need solid roots "because only if it is rooted in good soil can it stay firm, grow, "mature", and resist the winds that shake it.... This is what the Christmas tree reminds us of: to be rooted in Jesus Christ." (Col. 2:7)

The Holy Father then commented about the Nativity Scene. Recall, that it was St. Francis of Assisi in 1223 in the little town of Greccio who began the custom by asking the townspeople to re-enact the birth of Jesus. Our Nativity scenes stem from that re-enactment. Pope Francis said: "the Nativity scene... speaks to us of the birth of the Son of God who became man to be close to each one of us. In its genuine poverty, the Nativity scene helps us to rediscover the true richness of Christmas." "Simple and familiar... Nativity scene recalls a Christmas that is different from the consumerist and commercial Christmas... It reminds us how good it is for us to cherish moments of silence and prayer in our days, often overwhelmed by frenzy. Silence fosters contemplation of the Child Jesus [and] helps us to become intimate with God." Pope Francis went on to say to those gathered that night and to us: "If we truly want to celebrate Christmas, let us rediscover through the Nativity scene the surprise and amazement of smallness, the smallness of God, who makes himself small, who is not born in the splendor of appearances, but in the poverty of a stable. And to meet Him one must reach Him there, where He is; one must lower oneself, one must make oneself small, leave all vanity behind, to arrive where He is."

He concluded his remarks by saying: "Prayer is the best way to say thank you before this gift of free love, to say thank you to Jesus who wishes to enter our homes and our hearts. Yes, God loves us so much that he shares our humanity and our lives. He never leaves us by ourselves; He is at our side in all circumstances, in joy as in sorrow. Even in the worst moments, He is there, because He is the Emmanuel, the God with us, the light that illuminates the darkness and the tender presence that accompanies us on our journey."

As the 12 Days of Christmas begin today I encourage everyone, from 1 to 92, to take some time to sit quietly in front of your Christmas tree and Nativity scene, and consider how much God loves you and wants to be close to you and dispel any darkness in your life. Pray humbly in thanksgiving for this great gift. Let us humble ourselves before the God who humbled himself to come to us to save us and show us the way to the Father. Let us hear and ponder the words of St. John in his First Letter. "We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him." (1 John 4:16) May your memories this Christmas, and always, include how much God loves you and wants to live in and through you. In the name of all of the Friars, Deacon Don, and the entire staff of St. Paul Parish, we wish everyone a very Blessed Christmas. If you are traveling, may your trip be safe be and filled with tidings of great joy! ¡Feliz Navidad!, Joyeux Noël!, Buon Natale!, Frohe Weihnachten!, Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia!, in other words, Merry Christmas!

Christmas Memorials - Included in this bulletin are those who made Christmas Memorial donations. The Christmas Novena of Masses are said for all these intentions. Thanks to everyone for being so generous. Memorials received after December 8 will be published in a bulletin next month.

Parish Center Holiday Schedule - Please plan ahead if you will need to conduct any business at the Parish Center in the coming days. The Parish Office will be closed on December 26 and January 2.

Weekday Masses this Week - There is one weekday Mass per day this week. There will be a 7am Mass on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On Tuesday, the usual Holy Hour will be held at 4pm followed by the 5pm Mass.

Mass Schedule Next Weekend (Dec. 31/Jan. 1) - We will follow our regular weekend schedule next weekend which can be found on the cover of this bulletin.

Children's Mass - Our next Children's Mass will be on Sunday, January 8 at the 9am Mass. As mentioned previously, our Children's Masses for the time being will be once a month with the Mass rotating among the three later Masses on Sunday depending on the Religious Ed class schedule among other things. Thanks to all of the families and their children who have been taking an active part in these Masses as readers, gift bearers, and greeters. Special thanks to Heather Gish and Lynn Ginolfi who have been a big help in coordinating these Masses along with Robin Veronesi, our DRE. Cheryl Kramer-Tierney has also done a great job in bringing together in the neighborhood of 30 children to be part of a children's choir. She was with them on December 11th even though her dad had died the evening before. We extend our deepest condolences to Cheryl and her family.

INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

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

†Frank Dellacamera

Christmas Remembrance by Joan and Ron Vancour

†Vincent Durante by Roz and family

†Aniela Misteri by Pam and Kevin

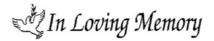
Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†Peter Lavery Anniversary Remembrance by family

†Deceased Members of the Barberini and Criniti Families by family

†Chase Anderson by mother and family

†Fabio Birritta 21st Anniversary by mommy and dad



†Daniel W. Mahoney

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.

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

TO REQUEST A LOW GLUTEN HOST Please arrive for Mass about 10 minutes early, go to the sacristy and let them know you need a low gluten host. Sit near the front of the new wing. Before Communion, look for a Eucharistic Minister to come forward with a consecrated host for you.

Saint Michael the Archangel,

Defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts,

by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan.

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and all the evil spirits,

who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.



Saturday, December 24, 2022 The Nativity of the Lord - Vigil

4:00 Celebrant's Intentions

6:00 Celebrant's Intentions

10:00 Celebrant's Intentions

Sunday, December 25, 2022 The Nativity of the Lord

7:30 **NO MASS**

9:00 Celebrant's Intentions

9:30 Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish

10:30 Celebrant's Intentions

12:00 Christmas Novena

Monday, December 26, 2022 St. Stephen

7:00 Christmas Novena

5:00 **NO 5PM MASS**

Tuesday, December 27, 2022 St. John

7:00 **NO 7AM MASS**

5:00 Christmas Novena

Wednesday, December 28, 2022 The Holy Innocents

7:00 Christmas Novena

5:00 NO 5PM MASS

Thursday, December 29, 2022 Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7:00 Christmas Novena

5:00 **NO 5PM MASS**

Friday, December 30, 2022 The Holy Family

7:00 Christmas Novena

5:00 **NO 5PM MASS**

Saturday, December 31, 2022 The Holy Family

New Year's Eve

4:00 **†Peter Lavery** 18 Year Anniversary by family

Sunday, January 1, 2023 Solemnity of Mary

7:30 Christmas Novena

9:00 **†Maryann Dorsey** by Bill and Teri George

9:30 Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish

10:30 **†Paul Miano** by family

12:00 **†Mike Ramsey** by a friend

Available Masses for January are listed below. There are still Masses available on Tuesday at 7am and Thursday at 5pm as well. To reserve a Mass, please call the parish office 860-828-0331, M-F 9am-4pm.

Thursday, January 5th - 8:45am

Sunday, January 8th - 9:00am St. Paul or

9:30am Sacred Heart

Tuesday, January 10th - 8:45am

Friday, January 13th - 7:00am

Friday, January 19th - 7:00am

Sunday, January 22nd - 12:00pm St. Paul or

9:30am Sacred Heart

Tuesday, January 24th - 7:00am and 8:45am

Thursday, January 26th - 7:00am

Friday, January 27th - 7:00am

Tuesday, January 31st - 7:00am and 8:45am

PASTOR'S COLUMN (continued)

Thank You Knights! – Also on Sunday, December 11 our local council of the Knights of Columbus held Breakfast with Santa in the school gym. They provided a very nice hot breakfast and lots of donuts too! The activities for the children and of course Santa completed a great morning. The Knights offered this at no charge, but are appreciative of the free will offerings that parishioners made. Thank you one and all for making the whole morning special both at Mass and at the breakfast!!

Final Thoughts - I will be spending the week in Baltimore to visit with my sister, her family and my sister-in-law and her family. I hope that your time with family and friends during



these holidays truly make it the best time of the year. Have a Blessed Christmas, and may these 12 days of Christmas be a time of great joy rejoicing in just how much God loves you.
- Fr. Joe

Parish Collection Dec 6-12, 2022

In Church SP	\$ 8,164
Office	\$ 2,620
In Church SH	\$ 596
Online Giving	\$ 5,764
Total	\$ 17,144

Due to early printing deadlines, the Offertory totals for Dec 13-19 will be posted in an upcoming bulletin

UPCOMING HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

<u>Christmas Week Daily Masses—December 26 - 30</u> Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - 7:00am ONLY Tuesday - 5:00pm preceded by Holy Hour at 4:00pm (All at St. Paul Church)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God—Sunday, January 1 (Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday, December 31

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass at St. Paul Church at 4:00pm Sunday, January 1

Mass at St. Paul Church at 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 12 Noon

Mass at Sacred Heart Church – 9:30am

Feast of the Epiphany - Sunday, January 8

Saturday. January 7

Vigil Mass at St. Paul Church at 4:00pm

Sunday, January 8

Mass at St. Paul Church at 7:30am, 9:00am 10:30am & 12 Noon

Mass at Sacred Heart Church at 9:30am

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 25. 2022

(Midnight Mass readings)
For this week's readings online, visit
https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122522.cfm

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Second Reading: Timothy 2:11-14

Alleluia: Luke 2:10-11

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I proclaim to you good news of great joy: today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea. to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."



O' Come Let Us Hdore Him

SAINT PAUL SCHOOL NEWS



Ms. Domika's third grade class did a beautiful job with their Nativity play!!





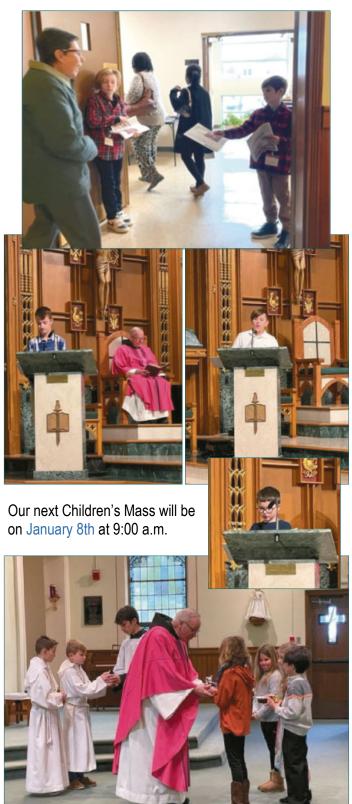




The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord." -Luke 2:10-11

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

Our second Children's Mass of the year took place on Sunday, Dec. 11, at the 9am Mass. We are so happy to report that, once again, it went wonderfully! Students from our Religious Ed program and Saint Paul School participate in these Children's Masses in various roles, and all parishioners are welcome to attend!



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 Bernadette Dumond Fannie Farrell Lilia Fernandez Simon Fitzpatrick Helen Flannelly Nancy Fleming Deb Follett Maureen Freemen 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. Kumitis, Sr. Mary Lamkins

Maria Lauria

Mary Leinen

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 Morrissev 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 Woitusik Molly Yardley Mary Ann Watrous Miriam Zacharias Carrie Zangari

Laura Lemke

Connie Lombardi

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY—JANUARY 7

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, January 7th as we hon-



or Our Blessed Mother. All are welcome. The children lead the rosary, and others present pray along. To learn more, please contact Cheryl Batter at cherylbatter@att.net.

"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

CHRISTMAS TREE

DECORATIONS

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

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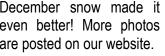
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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA - The Knights of Columbus Msgr. Thomas L. Greylish Council, #3675 held their annual Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 11th. Our second Children's Mass of the year was held on the 11th as well which made for a very special Gaudete Sunday. A little bit of

> December snow made it even better! More photos are posted on our website.









Below (L to R) are a few members of the Knights of Columbus Msgr. Greylish Council #3675: Tom Drzata, Bob Veronesi, Bud Volz, Dan Wagner, Dave Doherty, Adam Zangari... and Santa.



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.

ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & FOODSHARE MOBILE FOODSHARE

Volunteers will be needed on Thursday, Jan. 5 at 9:30am to transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and to set up for distribution. Volunteers are also needed on Friday, Jan. 6 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 Food-Share 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: Cereal, oatmeal, pancake mixes, pancake syrup, muffin mixes, peanut butter, jelly, preserves, pop tarts, and protein/granola bars.



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.

A note from Mary Jane and Mark Duplin:

We are very lucky to be part of St Paul Parish where all of our parish ministries are very active. Some ministries are very visible and can be witnessed very readily. Others are more 'behind the scenes' and are less visible on a day-to-day basis, but the good that is done by any single



Mark and Mary Jane Duplin with their son, Patrick.

ministry is of equal value as any other.

St. Paul parishioners and Friars provide a number of social and spiritual benefits to hospitals and facilities outside our parish campus. Sometimes a few ministries join together 'behind the scenes' to do our Lord's work.

A beautiful example of this is our parish presence at the Ledgecrest Convalescent facility right here in Kensington. Generally, the residents will be there for the remainder of their lives. Occasionally, short-term rehabilitation is provided and resolves medical issues that allow a person to return home, but that is the exception to the rule. Most residents there are quite elderly, with little or no family around, and can no longer manage the basic critical tasks of their daily lives. They rely on the nurses and aides to help them with their most basic care. Most also welcome some beneficial and upbeat contact with others outside the facility staff.

On Wednesdays, parishioners from St Paul Parish visit the residents there and recite the rosary with a group of them. It's part social and part spiritual. The folks love the various colored rosaries that are available for their use. This is part of the scope of our Helping Hands Ministry, as well as our Culture of Life ministry.

On Sundays, a group of parishioners visits Ledgecrest, and goes room-to-room socializing with residents and distributing Holy Communion to the Catholics. It is a wonderful thing to be able to bring the Blessed Sacrament to others in need of it and to give them some 'outside' contact for news about the town, the parish, and other things. The residents also receive a copy of the weekly parish bulletin - parishioner or not - and they love thumbing through the pages and seeing the pictures and events of our parish. This Sunday activity brings together efforts of our Eucharistic Ministry, Helping Hands Ministry, and Culture of Life Ministry.

The total time spent in these activities is minimal (30-45 minutes for the Rosary, and 2 hours for the Sunday visiting).

Welcome New Parishioners and Friends!

Thank you for attending our December Registration meeting.

We are happy your are members of our Family of Faith!

~ God Bless ~



INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY? 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!



The 50th annual March for Life will take place on Friday, January 20, 2023 in Washington DC.

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

If you would like to participate in these activities, please contact Mark or Mary-Jane Duplin. We are active in all three ministries and would welcome you.

Email: mfduplin@outlook.com Phone: 860-666-0162





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: womenofffaith@stpaulkensington.org

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

How to Get Heavenly Help in the New Year

Article from Aleteia.org by Kathleen N. Hattrup -published on 12/31/19 Link: https://aleteia.org/2019/12/31/how-to-get-heavenly-help-in-2020-try-this-method-to-recruit-a-special-patron-saint/

A growing tradition in some Catholic circles involves picking a saint as part of Christmas or New Year's festivities. The randomly chosen patron is asked to watch over us for the coming year, and we are given the chance to get to know one of our heavenly friends better.

It's a great tradition, and one that deserves expanding.

Here's how this could be done:

The Saints Name Generator:
 This internet site created by Jenifer Fulwiler enables you to be randomly assigned a saint at the click of a button.



Find it here: saintsnamegenerator.com

- •Get a stack of holy cards ... Divide them like a deck of cards and pick the one on top.
- •If you have a copy of Butler's Lives of the Saints, or some other saint book/series with a large selection of saints, open it randomly and select the saint of the page that opens.

Is this a superstitious way to pick a patron saint? Well, it's not as if there's a "wrong pick." No matter who you get, he or she is sure to look down on you with love from Heaven, and is willing to intercede on your behalf.

And anyway, remember how the replacement for Judas Iscariot was chosen?

So they [the remaining Apostles] proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles. Acts 1:23-26

Here's another idea. Consider a couple of the virtues you would most like (or most need) to grow in this year. Then ask the Holy Spirit to help you find or remember a saint who either really struggled or really excelled at that virtue. In this way, you can specifically put their witness to work in your life

There are thousands and thousands of saints — and they come from every possible type of background and situation, bringing every possible type of personality, strength, and weakness to their love for the Lord. There's one — nay, many more than one — who will make you stop and say, "Gosh, he or she is a lot like me." Find that person and put them to work on your behalf.

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- 4:00pm Mass (Vigil)
- 6:00pm Mass (Vigil)
- 10:00pm Mass (Vigil)

Sunday, December 25

- 9:00am Mass
- 9:30am Mass Sacred Heart
- 10:30am Mass
- 12:00pm Mass

Monday, December 26

- Parish Office Closed
- 7:00am 7am Mass
- 8:45am NO Parish Staff Meeting
- 4:30pm Boys JVB Basketball
- 5:00pm NO 5pm Mass
- 6:00pm Boys Varsity Basketball

Tuesday, December 27

- 10:00am Girls JV Basketball
- 4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration
- 4:30pm Boys JVA Basketball
- 5:00pm 5pm Mass
- 6:00pm Girls Varsity Basketball
- 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal PC-LL

Wednesday, December 28

- 7:00am 7am Mass
- 10:00am Girls JV Basketball
- 3:00pm Cheer Practice
- 4:30pm Boys JVB Basketball
- 5:00pm NO 5 PM Mass
- 6:00pm Boys Varsity Basketball
- 6:00pm Rosary at Sacred Heart

Thursday, December 29

- 7:00am 7am Mass
- 10:00am Girls JV Basketball
- 4:30pm Boys JVA Basketball
- 5:00pm NO 5pm Mass
- 6:00pm Girls Varsity Basketball
- 7:00pm RCIA PC-1

PARISH CALENDAR



No School December 26-30 Christmas Break

> Holy Hour Tuesdays 4-5pm

Friday, December 30

- 7:00am 7am Mass
- 3:00pm CoEd JVC Red Basketball
- 4:30pm CoEd JVC Gold Basketball
- 5:00pm NO 5pm Mass
- 7:30pm AA Meeting SPH

Saturday, December 31

- 8:30am Confessions
- 3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, January 1, 2023

- 7:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 1
- 9:15am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 2
- 10:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 3
- 1:15pm Baptisms



Sunday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation

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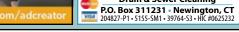
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