

MASS TIMES

St. Paul Church, 485 Alling St., Kensington
Saturday 4pm Vigil

Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 12pm

Sacred Heart Church, 48 Cottage St., E. Berlin
Sunday 9:30am

Weekday Mass at St. Paul Church

Monday-Friday 7am & 5pm

All Masses are live streamed

CONFESSION

Saturdays 8:30am-9:30am and 3:00-4:00pm

HOLY HOUR

Tuesdays 4:00-5:00pm

Baptisms: 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month

Baptismal Instruction: Last Tuesday of the month

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St. Paul Catholic Parish

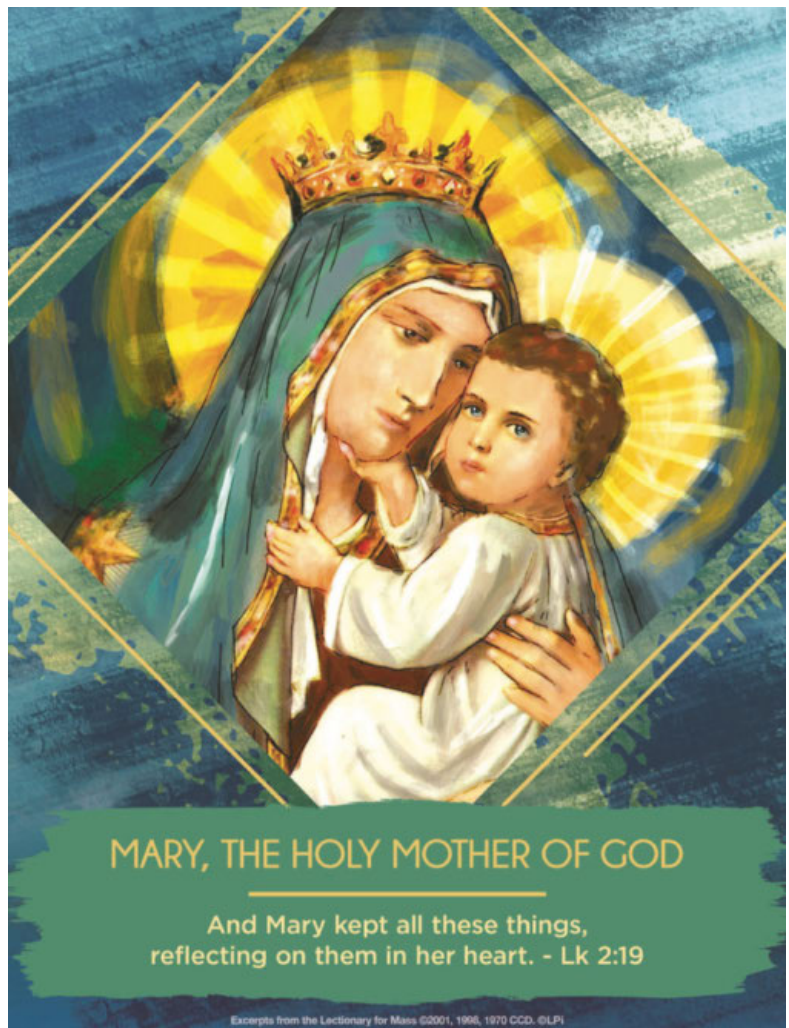
A Franciscan Family of Faith

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

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

January 1, 2023

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

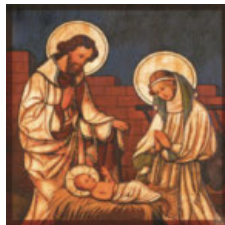


*"Let the Church always be a place of MERCY and HOPE,
where EVERYONE is WELCOMED, LOVED and FORGIVEN."*

-Pope Francis

Early Deadlines - I submitted this week's Pastor's Column before Christmas. As a result, I pray that everything went well and I thank everyone who helped in a myriad of ways.

Christmas Season - While the secular world was done with Christmas on December 26th we were in fact just beginning our celebrations. In these years when Christmas falls on a Sunday, and thus also New Year's Day which we celebrate today as the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, a couple of our other liturgical celebrations get bumped to weekdays. The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is usually the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's. However, this year, there is no Sunday in between Christmas and January 1, so the Feast of the Holy Family was celebrated on December 30th. Nonetheless, we ought not to miss the opportunity to pray in a special way for our own families and for the intercession of the Holy Family for our families. Sometimes the neatness of our manger scenes might just cause us to miss the very real and difficult time they must have had. Joseph and Mary were just two very ordinary people who became quite extraordinary because of their faith and how they allowed God to lead them. Below is a prayer that you might want to use with your family this week and any time. The Feast of the Epiphany is next Sunday and ordinarily the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord would be the following Sunday, but it will get bumped to Monday, January 9th, but more on that next week.



Prayer to the Holy Family for our Families

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

Parish Office Holiday Schedule - The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 2.

Annual End of the Year Appeal Donations - Many thanks to all of the parishioners who have already made their Annual End of Year gift to the parish. Even though December 31st has passed, I ask that if you have not yet made your Annual Gift that you do so to the degree that your means allow. Every gift is important and helps us provide all of the services and ministries that we supply throughout the year. As soon as we get back on track with a regular printing schedule for the bulletin, I will be able to give you a meaningful and current update on how the Annual End of Year Appeal is doing.

Kudos for Greccio and Christmas Concert - On December 18 our Parish Choir led by Jeff Batter, our fledgling Youth Choir, *Exaltations*, led by Cheryl Kramer-Tierney, and a group of students who re-enacted the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem helped set the spirit for our celebration of Christmas. The blend of readings from the Old Testament and the Infancy Narratives from the Gospels along with the musical selections certainly helped all in attendance to begin to recall once again just why this is the most wonderful time of the year. Thank you and congratulations to all of the choir members from the eldest to the youngest! Likewise, thanks to Dan Tome, our Youth Minister, for leading what Franciscans have been doing for 799 years since 1223 when St. Francis organized some people from the town of Greccio in Italy to remember the love and humility of God in being born one like us in Bethlehem. Plans are afoot for a grander rendering of Greccio next year to commemorate its 800th anniversary!

Angel Tree Thank You - Again this year, the Social Action Committee (SAC) of the parish coordinated the Angel Tree. The response from our parishioners was once again overwhelming! In all, over **825** gifts were donated!! So many angels go on the tree in waves and the gifts come in gradually that many do not realize the full impact of this outreach. These gifts were sent to people at the following locations: Ledgecrest and Worthington Manor Nursing Homes, The Friendship Center, Porters Pass Group Home, Klingberg Family Center, Boxes to Boots (formerly Hero Boxes), CCARC (a private, nonprofit (501 (c)3) organization offering an array of services to support adults with intellectual disabilities and their families, and Underground New England. The Angel Tree is a huge undertaking, and so in all of our names, I thank Joan Baker and ALL of the SAC members for their dedication, work, and the commitment of their time to make all of this happen. For the SAC, this is a months-long endeavor with lots of details and coordination. They can always use new volunteers for all of their year-long projects. To join them you can call the parish office or contact Joan Baker at jmb7000@comcast.net. Yet none of this happens without the generosity of you, the donors. May God bless all of the donors as well as those who received the gifts!

INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†Norman Dannahey
 Birthday Remembrance by daughter and family

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†Chase Anderson by mother and family



†Barbara Hackett

†Kathryn LaVette

†Andrew Zuder

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.

Parish Collection Dec 13-19, 2022

In Church SP	\$ 8,104
Office	\$ 2,615
In Church SH	\$ 456
Online Giving	\$ 5,278
Total	\$ 16,453

Due to early printing deadlines, the Offertory totals for Dec 20-26 will be posted in an upcoming bulletin



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,

and all the evil spirits,

who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.



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

Monday, January 2, 2023 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

7:00 **†Mary Budnik** Anniversary Remembrance by family

5:00 **Christmas Novena**

Tuesday, January 3, 2023 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:00 **Christmas Novena**

5:00 **†Carmela DiMaio** by Mr. and Mrs. Vitaliano

Wednesday, January 4, 2023 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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

5:00 **Katherine Heath** Birthday by Kathy Percival

Thursday, January 5, 2023 St. John Neumann

7:00 **†Ann Porcaro** Birthday Remembrance by husband Joseph
8:45

5:00 **†Virginia Sasek** by Theresa Zovich

†Florence Wilk 2 Year Anniversary by the daughters

†Alfred Simon by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Simon

†Maria Lombardo by Emanuele Lombardo

†Kathlyn Veronesi by family

Friday, January 6, 2023 St. Andre Bessett

7:00 **†Raymond Murphy** by son Bill

5:00 **†Souls in Purgatory** by Rachel Maltese

Saturday, January 7, 2023 The Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 **†Pia Blundo** by Tina Sofia

Sunday, January 8, 2023 The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 **†Justin Longo** 7th Anniversary by Vilma Stifel and aunts

9:00 **†Mario D'Amore** 1st Anniversary Remembrance

by Marie and children

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

10:30 **†Lena M. Brown** by niece and family

12:00 **†Aniela Misteri** by Phyllis and Tom

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

Tuesday, January 10th - 8:45am

Friday, January 13th - 7:00am

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

9:30am Sacred Heart

Tuesday, January 24th - 8:45am

Thursday, January 26th - 7:00am

Friday, January 27th - 7:00am

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

Cash Donations to St. Clare Food Pantry - Over the course of the year many people make cash donations to our Food Pantry. Because of that generosity, we were able give gift cards along with the Thanksgiving Food baskets to the Town of Berlin and to each person who came to the Food-share distribution prior to Thanksgiving and Christmas. The value of the Gift Cards that were distributed totaled \$7,875. In addition we were able to purchase 175 hams (about 8 lbs. each) that were included with the food distribution on December 23rd. I am grateful to Big Y who once again helped us on the price as well as being able to procure such a large amount. Altogether more than \$10,000 of your cash donations was used to purchase the hams and gift cards. **We can do these extras because of your generosity.** Thanks to all our parishioners who so faithfully and generously support our St. Clare Food Pantry!! Please never hesitate to let us know of someone who might be in need of help.

Children's Mass - Our next Children's Mass will be Sunday, January 8 at the 9:00 am 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.

2022 Donation Statements - If you have not yet requested a report of your 2022 charitable giving to the parish, and you would like one for your tax purposes, either return the white card that came with your envelopes or call the Parish Center, or send an email to j.vancour@stpaulkensington.org. The statements will be sent out by January 31.

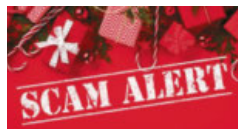
Final Thoughts - I hope everyone had great family celebrations as we continue to celebrate the 12 days of Christmas. With the early printing deadlines it is too early to know which NFL teams will be on the golf course early. Patriot fans are probably still trying to figure out what happened in the Raiders game. Well, the Celtics and Bruins are dominating early on this season. Best wishes for a very blessed, healthy, and happy 2023!! - Fr. Joe



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SCAM ALERT

Dear Parishioners,
This a reminder - sadly necessary - to please be alert for scam emails, texts or phone calls from people who pretend to be Fr. Joe or one of our friars asking for a favor, for gift cards or other financial transactions, or to contact them directly. These are scams. Our friars will never reach out to parishioners directly in this manner. As Fr. Robert used to say, delete the message and say a Hail Mary for the person who sent it. Call the parish office at 860-828-0331 if you have any doubt.



READINGS FOR JANUARY 1, 2023

For this week's readings online, visit <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/010123.cfm>

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

May God bless us in his mercy.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Alleluia: Hebrews 1:1-2

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

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Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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.

FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & 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 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:
Cereal, oatmeal, pancake mixes, pancake syrup, muffin mixes, peanut butter, jelly, preserves, pop tarts, and protein/granola bars.

**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.

COME VISIT US IN JANUARY!

**UPCOMING OPEN HOUSE EVENTS
AT SAINT PAUL SCHOOL:**

Thursday, January 12th—Middle School

Sunday, Jan. 29th—Schoolwide



Discover Catholic Schools!

Visit Our Open Houses

Thursday, January 12, 2023: What to Expect in Middle School 3:15 pm

Sunday, January 29th: Schoolwide Open House 1:00-3:00 pm



Saint Paul School is accepting applications for Preschool through Middle School for the 2023-2024 academic year. Contact Admissions and Marketing Director, Kelly Esposito for more information at 860-828-4343 x113 or admissions@stpaulkensington.org

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Since there were no classes held over Christmas break, here is a snippet of the fun that was had in some of our Religious Ed classes the week before Christmas!



Mrs. Georgini's 4th grade class had fun making nativity scenes! ↑



Mrs. Rutkowski's 1st grade students made beautiful nativity ornaments for their Christmas trees at home!

Mr. Healey's happy 3rd grade class! →



Ms. Mai's 5th grade class and Mr. Uliasz's 6th grade class singing Christmas carols while Mr. Uliasz plays guitar! ←

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

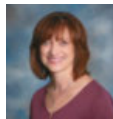
Monday - Thursday 8am - 2pm Phone 860 828-0331

Website: <https://stpaulkensington.org/religious-ed>

St Paul Parish Religious Ed Berlin CT

Email: religioused@stpaulkensington.org

Mailing Address: 467 Alling St, Kensington CT 06037



Robin Veronesi, Director of Religious Education
(860) 828-1934 ext 320



Christina Norton, Administrative Assistant
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Happy New Year from Saint Paul School!

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 Coriveau
 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 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
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 Antoinette Pandolfi
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 Cynthia Paradise
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 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.

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.



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!



PERPETUAL ADORATION

St. John Church in Cromwell, also a Franciscan parish, offers perpetual adoration of the Eucharist in their Chapel of Divine Mercy. You can visit the Chapel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The entrance to the Chapel is from the back parking lot of the Church. For more information visit: <https://saintjohn-cromwell.org>

WORD SEARCH

ANGEL
 EGYPT
 ISRAEL
 AFRAID

JOSEPH
 HEROD
 ARCHELAUS
 GALILEE

DREAM
 MOTHER
 JUDEA
 NAZARETH

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THE HOLY ROSARY

There are many opportunities to pray the Rosary here at St. Paul Parish, including a new Flame of Love Rosary Group.

See the details below, and come pray with us in 2023!



CHILDREN'S ROSARY—JANUARY 7

Our Children's Rosary group meets at 10am at Sacred Heart Church on the first Saturday of each month.

Consider joining us on [Saturday, January 7th](#) as we honor Our Blessed Mother. All are welcome. The children lead the rosary, and others who are present pray along. To learn more, please contact Cheryl Batter at cherylbatter@att.net.



NEW FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY CENACLE

Please join our new Flame of Love Rosary Group to pray the rosary following the 5pm Mass on Tuesdays.

If you are unfamiliar with the Flame of Love Rosary, we will be happy to introduce you to this powerful rosary devotion. Visit <https://flameoflove.us> to learn more.



13TH OF THE MONTH ROSARY GROUP

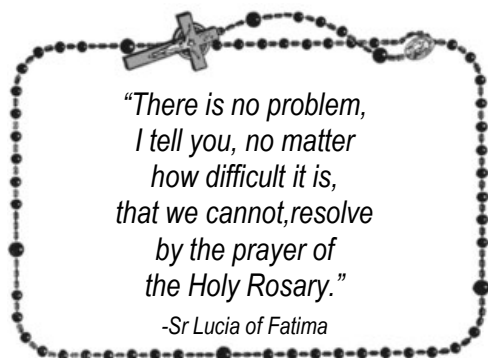
On the 13th of every month, parishioners pray the Rosary at 12pm in St. Paul Church in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

To learn more about Fatima, visit <https://www.bluearmy.com>



ROSARY AT SACRED HEART

Parishioners also gather to pray the Rosary at Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm. All are welcome.



Visit our website for a printable [How to Pray the Rosary Guide](#)

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 down the stairs 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.

Holy Family Passionist Retreat

Center in West Hartford offers a variety of retreats and programs.

Weekend retreats to reconnect, recovery retreats, day or evening of reflection to refresh your spirit, and much more. Learn more about all of the programs offered at Holy Family at <http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org>



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Our Lady of Calvary!

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>





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 Mark and Mary Jane Duplin

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.



Mark and Mary Jane Duplin with their son, Patrick.

On Wednesdays, parishioners from St Paul Parish visit the residents at Ledgecrest Convalescent facility in Kensington and recite the rosary with a group of them. 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. 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).

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.

mfduplin@outlook.com or 860-666-0162



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

If you would like to learn about our Culture of Life Ministry, please email Ashley at respectlife@stpaulkensington.org.



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.





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>



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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

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NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break

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

Sunday, January 1, 2023

- 1:15pm Baptisms

Monday, January 2, 2023

NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break

Parish Office Closed

- 8:45am No Parish Staff Meeting
- 10:00am **Girls JV Basketball Practice**
- 3:00pm **Robotics - SP Church Hall**
- 6:00pm **Boys Varsity Basketball Practice**

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

- 8:45am Parish Staff Meeting
- 3:00pm **Drama Club**
- 4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration
- 4:30pm **Boys JVA Basketball Practice**
- 6:00pm **Girls Varsity Basketball Practice**
- 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - PC-LL
- 7:00pm K of C Leadership Mtg - PC1

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

- 10:00am **Recruitment Committee**
- 3:00pm **Cheer Practice**
- 3:00pm **Drama Club SPH**
- 3:00pm **CSW Committee Meeting**
- 3:15pm **Mock Trial practice**
- 4:30pm **Boys JVB Basketball Practice**
- 6:00pm **Boys Varsity Basketball Practice**
- 6:00pm **Facilities Meeting - SC**
- 6:00pm **Rosary at Sacred Heart**

Thursday, January 5, 2023

- 8:45am **All-School Mass**
- 10:00am **First Thursday Calls**
- 3:00pm **Girls JV Basketball Practice**
- 3:00pm **Drama Club - SL**
- 4:30pm **Boys JVA Basketball Practice**
- 6:00pm **Girls Varsity Basketball Practice**
- 7:00pm **RCIA - PC-1**

PARISH CALENDAR



PARISH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY,
JANUARY 2nd

Holy Hour
Tuesdays
4-5pm



Friday, January 6, 2023

- 9:00am **First Friday Calls**
- 3:00pm **CoEd JVC Red Basketball Practice**
- 4:30pm **CoEd JVC Gold Basketball Practice**
- 6:00pm **HOME Varsity Basketball Games**
- 7:30pm **AA Meeting - SPH**

Saturday, January 7, 2023

- 8:30am Confessions
- 10:00am **Children's Rosary**
- 10:00am **Funeral +Zuder SPC**
- 3:00pm Confessions
- 4:00pm **College Winter Get-Together – SPH**

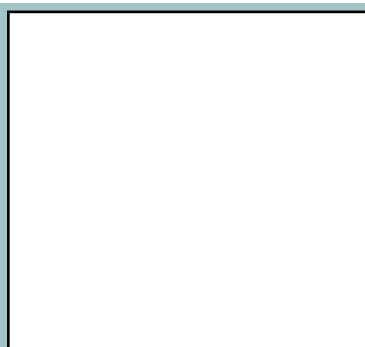
Sunday, January 8, 2023

- 9:00am **2nd Yr Confirmation classes-SPS**
- 9:00am **Children's Mass -Rel Ed/SPS students**
- 11:30am **1st Year Confirmation retreat**
- 2:30pm **1st Year Confirmation retreat-SG**
- 3:00pm **Friar Gathering SPH**

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Matthew 11:28

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