

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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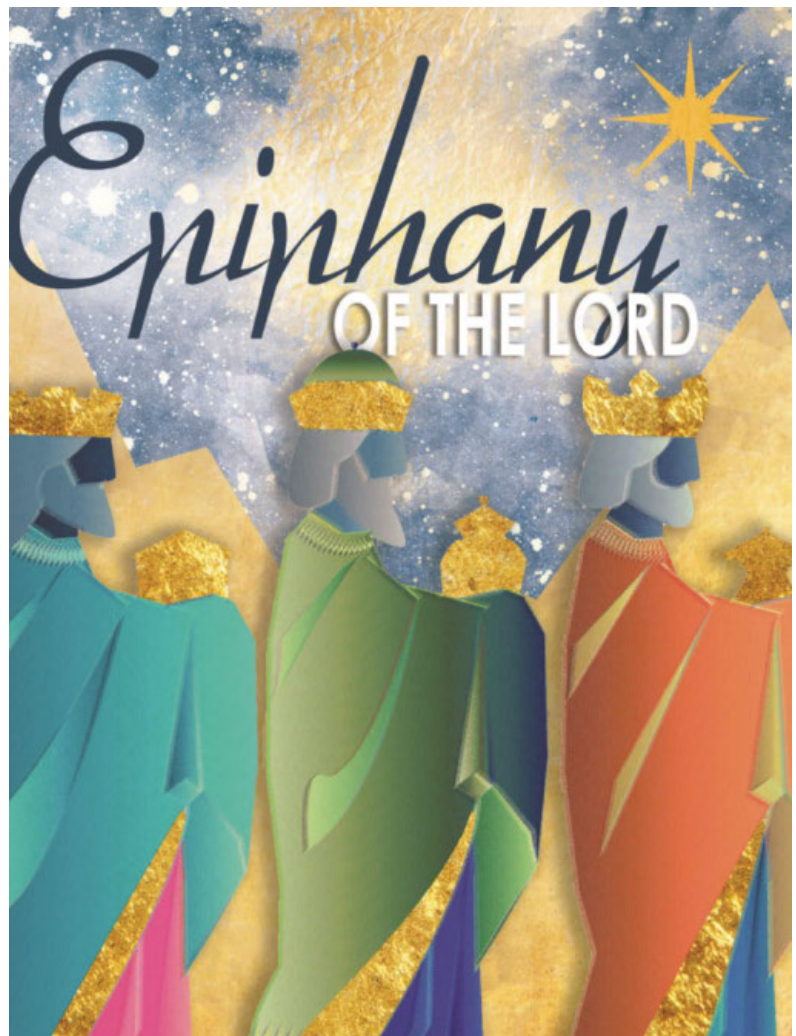
A Franciscan Family of Faith

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

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

January 8, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord



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

-Pope Francis

Pope Benedict XVI - On New Year's Eve, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI was called home to the Lord in the 95th year of his life after having served His Lord and Savior as a priest for 71 years, a bishop for 45 years, a cardinal for 27 years, pope for nearly 8 years and pope emeritus for nearly 10 years. I invite you to pray the prayer that follows for the repose of the soul of Pope Benedict XVI.

Father, eternal shepherd, hear the prayers of your people for your servant Benedict, who governed your Church with love. In your mercy, bring him with the flock once entrusted to his care to the reward you have promised your faithful servants.

May he who faithfully administered the mysteries of your forgiveness and love on earth, rejoice with you for ever in heaven. In your wise and loving care, you made your servant teacher of all your Church. He did the work of Christ on earth.

May your Son welcome him into eternal glory. May your servant whom you appointed high priest of your flock be counted now among the priests in the life of your kingdom.

Give your servant the reward of eternal happiness and let your mercy win for us the gift of your life and love. We entrust your servant to your mercy with faith and confidence. In the human family he was an instrument of your peace and love.

May he rejoice in those gifts for ever with your saints.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Epiphany and the Christmas Season - Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word epiphany comes from the Greek and means "to reveal" or make manifest or show. God makes known to us that Jesus is His son. Our Feast today celebrates the manifestation of Jesus to the three Magi as related in St. Matthew's Gospel. However, Epiphany originally celebrated four different events: the Baptism of the Lord; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the Nativity of Christ; and the visitation of the Magi. Each of these is a revelation of God to us: At Jesus' Baptism (which we will celebrate this year on Monday), the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard declaring, 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Jesus' divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Jesus' divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—the other nations of the earth.

Baptism of the Lord - As I mentioned last week because Christmas fell on a Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Family got bumped to a weekday, December 30th, and the other feast affected is the Baptism of the Lord. Normally, the Sunday after the Feast of the Epiphany is the Baptism of the Lord, but this year it will be celebrated tomorrow. When you come to church next weekend we will be back to ordinary time and the Christmas season will be finished. The Feast of the Baptism

of the Lord is a good moment for all of us to consider anew the meaning of our baptisms and our call to be disciples and followers of the Lord. For those who can be more active it is a good moment to consider how God might be calling you to use your gifts and talents for the benefit of His people both in the context of parish ministries as well as in the broader community. Maybe it is something for you to pray over this week.

Veteran and New Lectors (Readers) and Eucharistic Ministers

We will hold an afternoon of reflection and training for all current Readers (Lectors) and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) and those who would like to join these ministries on Sunday, February 19 from 1:15 to 5:00 p.m. Because of COVID it has been three years since we had an updating for our current ministers. I hope that more parishioners will answer the Lord's call to serve Him and the parish through these ministries. See page 7 for the qualifications and more information about the schedule for the day.

Thank You for Helping!! - The Christmas Masses were very well attended with over 2,000 people present. While it was bitterly cold and windy, that is all it was, especially compared to other parts of the country. These special celebrations always require extra hands to make it all work and parishioners willing to modify their schedules to help us out. Thanks to all who served as Ushers and Greeters, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC), and as altar servers.

Special thanks to all of our ministers of music, including the choir, led by Jeff Batter and all of our regular cantors. Jeff did so while flying back and forth from California as his stepfather was in the last days of his earthly life. Cheryl Kramer-Tierney led our fledgling youth choir. Deacon Don helped to coordinate our Ushers and Greeters. Thanks to Jeff Batter who does the same with Lectors and Gloria Janik who does so for the EMHC for assuring that everyone is in place for all of the Masses. The good work was done with the help of all of these leaders, but none of it happens if there are not fellow parishioners who are willing to serve. Thank you to each and every person who helped in any way to help us give glory and honor to God and celebrate the new born Savior's birth!!

Thanks to the Christmas Decorators - Thanks to Fr. Raymond who once again coordinated the decorating at St. Paul's with the able help of Bill DiCicco, Patrick Walsh and Emily Armetta who did the bulk of the grunt work in bringing everything out and setting it up. Special thanks to Pam Bobrowski, Donna Bordonaro, Andrea Fiori Brandl and Judy Novak who helped make it all just right! Mary Corrigan, Georgie Cote, Noah Lacaillade, Nancy Timbrell and Fr. Martin did the same at Sacred Heart Church. Parishioners and visitors alike always have so many compliments to pay on how beautiful our churches are. Enjoy the decorations today as they will be down next week.

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INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†**Mario D'Amore** by Marie and children

†**Patrick Dunne** by Emilie Albert and family

†**Clara Barberini** Anniversary Remembrance by daughter Esther

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†**Justin Longo** 7th Anniversary by Stifel family



†**Paul Doeblor**
(Jeff Batter's step-father)

†**Joel Patrick Cyr**

†**Vilma Stifel**

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 20-26, 2022

In Church SP	\$ 9,452
Office	\$ 3,712
In Church SH	\$ 578
Online Giving	\$ 6,121
Total	\$ 19,863

Parish Collection Dec 27, 2022- Jan 2, 2023

In Church SP	\$ 6,926
Office	\$ 3,778
In Church SH	\$ 514
Online Giving	\$ 4,796
Total	\$ 16,014

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, 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 Stifel family

9:00 †**Mario D'Amore** 1st Year Anniversary by Marie & 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

Monday, January 9, 2023 The Baptism of the Lord

7:00 **Living and †Deceased Members of the Minor, Shaheen and Thayer Families** by family

5:00 †**Richard Luddy** by Tom and Betty Lasker

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 First Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 †**Marcie Lanteigne** by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home

†**Gerald Vanty** by Linda and family

†**Lucille Micacci and †Rose & †Vincent Micacci**

by Anthony Micacci

Marc Williams for Healing by Rosemary Amaio

8:45 †**Paul Doeblor**

5:00 †**Adelina Zuniga and Family** by a friend

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 Weekday

7:00 †**Joan Siering** by Judith Earley

5:00 †**Maria Listro** by Tina Angeli

Thursday, January 12, 2023 Weekday

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

Benefactors of the Friars

5:00 †**John Slowikowski** Birthday Remembrance

by Debbie Slowikowski

†**Messina and †D'Angelo families**

Birthday Remembrances by Adeline D'Angelo

†**Paul Miano** by DiMartino and Miano families

†**Sebastiano Formica** by bother and sister

†**Rosa Gaetano and †Tony Sisti** by Lucia and Tony

Friday, January 13, 2023 St. Hilary

7:00 †**Emery Simkulak and †Dolores Petcavage**

by Rich and Joanne

5:00 †**Michael Mangiafico** by Ginny

Saturday, January 14, 2023 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 **Deceased members of the †Ciccaglione,**

†Cosgrove and †Flynn families by families

Sunday, January 15, 2023 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 †**Christopher James Labbadia** by the Labbadia family

9:00 †**Michael Hines** 15th Anniversary by wife and family

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

10:30 †**Ilda Peterson** 5th Anniversary

by children and grandchildren

12:00 †**John and †Richard Carroll** by the Carroll family

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!

Thank you from the Friars - In the name of all of the Friars, thank you very much for the kind remembrances of food, libations, gift certificates, and most especially your prayers and well wishes for Christmas. We are all blessed to minister here and thank you for all of your many kindnesses!

Christmas Collection- I would like to highlight, acknowledge and give thanks to everyone who made a special monetary gift to the parish through your Christmas offering! The in-pew collection was (\$21,695.25). When the online donations (\$1,890) and the donations dropped off at the office or sent through the mail (\$9,753) are included, the total for the Christmas collection, as of Jan. 2, is \$33,338.25. These special gifts at Christmas are very important to the parish and are so very much appreciated. Your generosity is a wonderful testimony of your faith!

Annual End of the Year Donations - As of January 2nd, 367 families or individuals have donated \$73,832 to Annual End of the Year Giving Appeal for the Parish. The average gift thus far is \$201. While we are running about 40 donors behind last year on the same date, we are a couple hundred dollars ahead. Even though we are now into 2023, all gifts are important, and so if you have not yet made your gift please consider what you can do. Once again thanks for all that you do to support our parish!

2022 Contribution Statements - If you need a statement of your donations for 2022 either return the white card that came with your envelopes, call the parish office, or send an email to j.vancour@stpaulkensington.org. The letters will be sent by January 31.

St. Paul School Open House - In conjunction with the beginning of Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 29th our school will have an Open House for prospective students. We will begin Catholic Schools Week at the 9 a.m. Mass. There will be an Open House from 1:00 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Middle School Science Fair will also be displayed at the same time in the gym. Please help spread the word and encourage young families to come and see the quality of the education that their child will receive at Saint Paul School.

Final Thoughts - With Bill's safety Damar Hamlin suffering cardiac arrest during the MNF game, there is more uncertainty going into the final weekend as I write this. Prayers go out for the young man and job well done to those who treated him on the field and got his heart pumping again. Giants fans are happy and Jets fans are once again on the outside looking in. The Patriots just need a win and are in while the Steelers need help. While the Ravens are in the playoffs, being there for very long is not likely at all especially without being able to win the division. Have a blessed week everyone! - Fr. Joe



READINGS FOR JANUARY 8, 2023

For this week's readings online, visit <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/010823.cfm>

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Alleluia: Matthew 2:2

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.



**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.

NEW LOCKERS were installed throughout Saint Paul School over the Christmas holiday! Funding for this important school-improvement project was provided by:

- ⇒ The Maximilian E. & Marion O. Hoffman Foundation,
- ⇒ The Tinty Foundation, and
- ⇒ The William and Alice Mortensen Foundation.

We are so thankful for the generous support our school has received from these charitable foundations! A big thank you also to Ellen Bertolami, one of our dedicated school parents, whose skilled grant writing efforts made this possible!



Happy New Year from Saint Paul School!

Mrs. Lavoie's Kindergarten class celebrated the new year by setting goals such as learning how to count to 100, being a kind friend, helping mom and dad with their chores, and much more.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

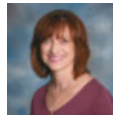
Monday - Thursday 8am - 2pm Phone 860 828-0331

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
(860) 828-1934 ext 321



- Grade 1-8 classes will meet Sunday, January 22, at their regularly scheduled times.
- 1st & 2nd year Confirmation classes will also meet Sunday, January 22, from **1:00 - 2:15 p.m.** This change of time is for *this Sunday ONLY*.
- We just received our Confirmation date from the Archdiocese! The Confirmation ceremony will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford on Saturday, May 6 at 10 a.m.

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



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 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.



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 and the intention.



ROSARY AT SACRED HEART

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



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. Please join us on Friday, January 13th at 12pm.

"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

Visit our website for a printable *How to Pray the Rosary Guide*

WORD SEARCH

**BETHLEHEM
EAST
INFANT
KING**

**STAR
HOMAGE
LEADER
DATE**

**CHILD
DELIGHT
GOLD
MYRRH**

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LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

St. Paul Parish is currently inviting parishioners to consider serving as a Reader or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) at Mass. There will be a day of reflection and training session for new members of these ministries on **Sunday, February 19** from 1:15 to 5:15 pm in the St. Paul Church Hall. Those currently serving in these ministries will participate in this program as well. Candidates for these ministries must meet the qualifications noted below. If you are interested in being an EMHC or Reader, please contact Fr. Joe or the parish office so that you can secure the permission needed to attend the program on February 19th.

EMHC are properly formed, instructed and commissioned lay persons who are appointed for a given parish community to aid in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and to the sick and homebound when ordinary ministers of Holy Communion are unavailable.

Readers (Lectors) are lay persons commissioned to proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture at Mass, not including the Gospel. Readers should possess the skills necessary for effective oral proclamation which is essential for this ministry.

Qualifications for EMHC and Readers: The Archbishop of Hartford regulates the ministry of EMHC and Readers in collaboration with the pastors of the parishes of the Archdiocese. EMHC and Readers are to meet the following qualifications:

1. Be at least 17 years of age
2. Have received the Sacrament of Confirmation
3. Have a continuing relationship with the parish and regularly participate in the Eucharist, that is attend Mass each week-end.
4. Strives to live a life consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church
5. If married, are in a valid Catholic marriage
6. Have the Pastor's permission
7. Complete an online Virtus Training session
8. Readers must possess the skills needed for effective oral proclamation



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>

FORMED St. Paul Parishioners have FREE access to great digital content through FORMED! Visit <https://formed.org> to create an account and start enjoying movies, programs, and more instantly. To create a new account, go to formed.org, select "Sign up as a parishioner", type in "St. Paul Kensington CT" and follow the simple prompts to set up your account.

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.



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. Questions? Call Cheryl 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.

QUILTERS GROUP The first meeting of 2023 will be held on **Thursday, January 12**. Meetings will be held on a weekly basis from 9 to 11 a.m. downstairs in the St. Paul Church Hall.

The President of the Ladies' Guild will attend this January meeting, and plans for the future will be discussed.

Men's Retreat Renew yourself spiritually, strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and create lasting and supporting friendships within your church communities. Our Lady of Calvary Retreat House, Farmington **January 26-29**. For more information contact Paul Kulas, Director 860-919-6486; John Coleman, Co-Director 860-384-9427 or Peter Kulas, Co-Director 203-490-7766. Sponsoring Parish – St. Luke Parish at St. Dominic Church. www.actsct.org



H 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.



Blessing of Homes

The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord is traditionally a time when homes are blessed.

What follows is a ceremony and blessing that you can use in your own homes.

1. Start with a Christmas Carol
2. Read from the Bible about the visit of the Magi in Matthew 2: 1 - 12.
3. Then the leader prays: The three Wise Men Casper, Melchior, and Balthazar journeyed to Bethlehem to find the Christ Child, and followed the star of God's Son, who became man. May the peace of Christ rest in our home. May our home be a dwelling of the Lord's mercy, love, joy, peace, and forgiveness. May all who enter our home experience Jesus Christ in all that we say and do throughout this New Year. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
4. A member of the family marks the doorpost of the primary entry points of the house with chalk - 20+C+M+B+23.
5. Close the ceremony with another Christmas Carol.

The meaning of the doorpost markings 20+C+M+B+23

The letters are the initials of the traditional names of the three Magi: Casper, Melchior, and Balthazar. These letters also abbreviate the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." And of course, the beginning and ending numbers are the year. If you would like one of the Friars to come to bless your house, call the parish office to set that up or contact one of us directly.

Available Masses for Jan/Feb 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 26 - 7:00am and 8:45am
- Tuesday, January 31 - 7:00am and 8:45am
- Wednesday, February 1 - 7:00am
- Monday, February 6 - 7:00am
- Tuesday, February 7 - 8:45am
- Tuesday, February 14 - 8:45am
- Friday, February 17 - 7:00am
- Tuesday, February 21 - 7:00am
- Wednesday, February 22 - 7:00am, 8:45am, 12 noon, 7:00pm
- Thursday, February 23 - 7:00am
- Friday, February 24 - 7:00am
- Monday, February 27 - 7:00am
- Tuesday, February 28 - 7:00am



ST. PAUL WOMEN OF FAITH GROUP

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, our difficulties, strengths, sorrows and attributes, and how our faith helps us get through it all.

"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."

Come and experience how the Women of Faith group can influence your life journey!



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

The next meeting will be **Thursday, January 12** at 7pm in the St. Paul Church Hall.



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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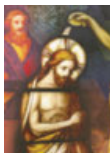
Volunteers will be needed on **Thursday, Jan. 19** at **9:30am** to transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and to set up for distribution. Volunteers are also needed on **Friday, Jan. 20** at **11am** at Sacred Heart Church to help with distribution. For transportation to FoodShare at Sacred Heart, 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:

Canned veggies, fruits, applesauce, cranberry sauce, tomato products, canned pasta, chili, tuna, chicken, ham, pork & beans, beans/lentils, and soup.



BAPTISM OF THE LORD—JANUARY 9TH

Excerpt from The Baptism of the Lord: From The Jordan To Life In The Spirit from CatholicLink
<https://catholic-link.org/feast-baptism-our-lord>

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains how there are five fruits of Baptism in paragraphs 1262-1274. As the Baptized, we can look at these “fruits” and “graces” to recommit ourselves to the core of our lives, that is, becoming, being, and living as authentic disciples of Jesus Christ.

The 5 Fruits Of Baptism

1. *In Baptism, all sin (both original and personal) is forgiven.*

After Baptism, committed mortal, serious sins must be confessed. Through Baptism, we “put on Christ” (Gal 3:27) and choose His way. Does our “white garment” remain clean? Do we wrestle with temptation and seek to persevere in holiness? Do our lives reflect the sanctity and purity of Jesus Christ?

2. *Baptism makes us a new creature, that is, a Child of God, member of Christ (and co-heir with Him), and a temple of the Holy Spirit.* If our Baptism has made us new, are we choosing to live and walk as temples of the Holy Spirit in the light of Christ? As a “new creature,” we’re given the gift of grace, participation in the life of God (CCC 1997). We are given the virtues of faith, hope, and love, the ability to live in the Holy Spirit, and the ability to grow in goodness. Do we choose to live as an “old creature,” or as a Child of God, who is created, redeemed, and sanctified by Jesus?

3. *Baptism makes us members of the Body of Christ, the Church.*

No longer are we alone, but we are united to Jesus and His People, a Body that transcends time, place, and nation. Through Baptism, we become “priests” to offer our sufferings, vocations, work, families, and friendships to God. We become “prophets” to proclaim the Word of God by our lives, words, and deeds. We become “kings” to lead others to Jesus, to truly love (be charitable), and provide for those in need. How can we recommit our-

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*If you should have any questions, please contact
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selves to living as Jesus’ priests, prophets, and kings?

4. *Baptism brings us into communion with Christians.* Through Baptism, we share a bond of unity with all those who bear the name Christian, including those who are not yet in full communion with Jesus’ Catholic Church. Mindful of this, we can pray for greater Christian unity; that all of Jesus’ disciples might be fully united in His true Church as one flock with one shepherd. How do we recognize our common bonds with fellow Christians? Do we sincerely live the Catholic life to witness the Gospel and foster greater communion in Jesus’ Church?

5. *Baptism configures us to Christ, claims us as Christ’s own, and indelibly marks us.* Once we are Baptized, we receive an indelible spiritual mark, a “character” on our soul. This seal of the Christian life can never be erased, even if or when falling into sin. Do we strive to proclaim Jesus Christ as our God, our Lord, and our Savior? We have been marked as His forever. Do we believe in Him, all He has revealed, and all that the Church poses for our belief? Do we long for Heaven as our ultimate happiness and trust in Christ’s promises to attain it? Do we love God above all things and love our neighbor as ourself for love of God?

Jesus’ public ministry didn’t stop at the waters of the Jordan. Rather, he moved from the waters into His public ministry.... He preached the Gospel of the Kingdom, cured disease among all people, cast out demons, taught the truth, and brought unity (in the truth) to a divided people in a very specific time.

Like Jesus, on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, we are reminded that we too truly are called to recommit ourselves to our Christian identity. We are called to move from the water to life in the Spirit each and every day of our lives.

Saturday, January 7

- 8:30am Confessions
- 10:00am Children's Rosary
- 10:00am Funeral +Zuder SPC
- 3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, January 8

- 9:00am 2nd Yr Confirmation classes
- 9:00am Children's Mass
- 2:30pm 1st Year Confirmation retreat
- 3:00pm Friar Gathering

Monday, January 9

- 8:45am Parish Staff Meeting
- 3:00pm Girls JV Basketball Practice
- 3:00pm Robotics - SP Church Hall
- 4:30pm Boys JVB Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm Boys Varsity Basketball Practice
- 7:00pm Registration for New Members

Tuesday, January 10

- 8:45am School Mass: Gr K-2
- 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 3:00pm Drama Club
- 4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration
- 4:30pm Boys JVA Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm Girls Varsity Basketball Practice
- 6:30pm K of C 3rd Degree Council Meeting
- 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 11

- 3:00pm Cheer Practice
- 3:00pm Drama Club
- 3:15pm Mock Trial practice
- 3:30pm Development Committee
- 4:30pm Boys JVB Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm Boys Varsity Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm Rosary at Sacred Heart
- 7:00pm Social Action

PARISH CALENDAR

Holy Hour
Tuesdays
4-5pm



Thursday, January 12

- 9:00am Quilters
- 3:00pm Girls JV Basketball Practice
- 3:00pm Drama Club
- 3:15pm What to Expect in Middle School for Grade 5 Families & Students
- 4:30pm Boys JVA Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm Girls Varsity Basketball Practice
- 7:00pm RCIA
- 7:00pm Women of Faith - Church Hall

Friday, January 13

- 12:00pm 13th of the Month Rosary
- 3:00pm CoEd JVC Red Basketball Practice
- 4:30pm CoEd JVC Gold Basketball Practice
- 7:30pm AA Meeting

Saturday, January 14

- 8:30am Confessions
- 11:30am Funeral +Cyr SHC
- 3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, January 15

- 1:15pm Baptisms



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The 50th annual March for Life will take place on **Friday, January 20** in Washington DC. The Opening Mass of the National Prayer Vigil for Life can be viewed live on **Thursday, January 19** at 5:00pm. Visit usccb.org/national-prayer-events-for-life for information.



A national '9 Days for Life' novena for the protection of human life will be prayed from **January 19-27**.

Please join us in prayer and help save the lives of innocent babies. <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>

 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>.

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



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