

## **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**

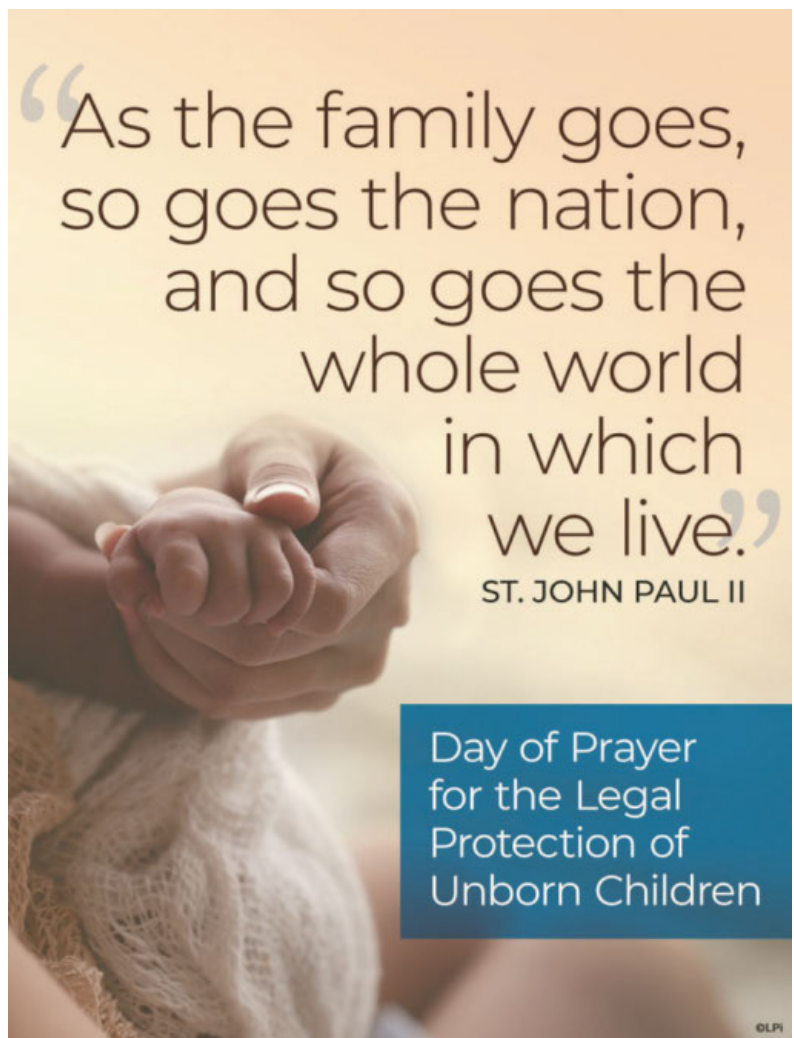
*A Franciscan Family of Faith*

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

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

January 22, 2023

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

*-Pope Francis*

**National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children** - Fifty years ago on January 22, 1973 the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

On June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, returning the matter to state legislatures. While the Dobbs decision ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, in many instances state and federal laws are still hostile to pre-born children. That is very much the situation in Connecticut and so great prayer and advocacy is still very much needed.

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday like it does this year) is to be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. Much like Ash Wednesday and Good Friday we are called to observe this day with penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. So treat this Monday like you would Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by fasting and having only one full meal and two smaller ones, or donate to a place that supports women who bring their unborn children to birth and offer up those sacrifices for the defense of all human life from womb to tomb.

The Connecticut March for Life will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 in Hartford. With the Dobbs decision, efforts for the protection of pre-born life are being focused locally. "Our message of love for unborn children and their mothers will be heard by every member of the legislature as they come to Hartford that day during the legislative session." There will be a rally at the Capitol at Noon followed by the March for Life around Bushnell Park. More information on the CT March for Life can be found at [www.marchforlife.org/connecticut-march-for-life](http://www.marchforlife.org/connecticut-march-for-life).

**The Word of God Sunday** - "When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel" (GIRM, no. 29).

In 2019 Pope Francis instituted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (today) as "Word of God Sunday" to highlight and bring to the forefront of our minds the importance to know, study and reflect on Sacred Scripture, the Old and New Testaments, the Word of God. St. Jerome, the great biblical scholar said, "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."

We can encounter or engage Sacred Scripture in different ways. The most obvious is at each Mass. The structure of the Mass is divided into the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist. It is in the first part that we hear the Word of God proclaimed. Pope John Paul II suggested in his Instruction *Dies Domini (The Lord's Day)* concerning the Sunday readings: those who take part in the Eucharist should reflect beforehand upon the word of God which will be proclaimed. He adds that if we do not, "it is difficult for the liturgical proclamation of the word of God alone to produce the fruit we might expect" (no. 40). You can do that by making an effort to read that week's scripture readings BEFORE coming to Mass. Some parishioners have personal subscriptions to *Magnificat*, or *The Word Among Us*, or other similar publications, but the readings are also available online for free. I think the most convenient site is [www.usccb.org/readings/](http://www.usccb.org/readings/) which brings you to each day's readings. (A link to this site is also posted on the home page of our parish website.) By doing this, it is a bit like tilling the soil in your garden before you plant some seeds. In this case, you prepare your soul to receive the Word of God. Beginning with today's bulletin, the readings for the FOLLOWING Sunday will be listed.

Another great way to engage The Word of God is to join our parish Scripture Study Group. Their next series of meetings will begin the week of March 12 and will meet for five (5) sessions concluding in mid-May. There will not be any sessions Holy Week or Easter Week. In these sessions they will delve into the second half of the Book of Genesis. You need not have participated in the sessions that covered the first half of the Book of Genesis to join these sessions. More information will follow in the coming weeks, but you and always contact Mark Chasse, who gives leadership to the Scripture Study Group, for more information at [mchasse1@comcast.net](mailto:mchasse1@comcast.net).

**Stronger Together** - The 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal (AAA), *Stronger Together*, concluded on December 31. The total pledges and donations from 571 St. Paul parishioners in 2022 was \$122,750.61!! This was 113% of our parish goal of \$108,000! The average gift was \$215. I offer a special nod to the 30 parishioners who made a gift to the AAA for the first time and to the 57 who renewed their giving last year after not making a gift in 2021. At the same time, 103 parishioners who made a gift in 2021 did not last year. Situations in life are always changing so this type of fluctuation is to be expected. The bottom line is that you, the parishioners of St. Paul Parish, were very generous once again last year!! Overall the 2022 AAA raised over \$9,141,000 toward its goal of \$10 million. **Thank you to everyone who made a donation and may the Lord bless you for your generosity!**

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## INTENTIONS

### Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†**Maria and †Hieronim Smiarowski**  
by daughter Irene and family

### Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†**Joseph Sak** by wife Dorothy Sak



†**Armen Bayram**

†**Walter Joseph Gorski**

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

### INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY?

Our next Registration Meeting is **Monday, February 14th**  
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](mailto:ourchurch@stpaulkensington.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. Call the parish office at 860-828-0331  
or email [ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org).

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

### **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 21, 2023 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 †**Michael Kozak** 10th Anniversary  
by Priscilla Kozak and family

Sunday, January 22, 2023 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 †**Maryann Dorsey** by Paul Kristopik

9:00 †**Pila Gagliardi** by Santina and Sebastian Urciullo

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

10:30 †**Antonio Bertoldo** by daughters

12:00 †**Joseph Sak** by wife Dorothy Sak

Monday, January 23, 2023 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of  
Unborn Children

7:00 †**Paul Miano** by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home

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

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 St. Francis de Sales

7:00 †**Virginia Sasek** by John G. Hubbard family

8:45 †**Kathryn LaVette** by Ed and Kathy Ryan

5:00 †**Mary Mengual** by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 The Conversion of St. Paul

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

5:00 †**Helen Mrocza** 41st Anniversary  
by daughters Rosemary and Margaret

Thursday, January 26, 2023 St. Timothy and St. Titus

7:00 †**Remigiusz Martula** by family

5:00 †**Antonio Cobuzzi** by the Mai family

†**Souls in Purgatory** by Emanuele Lombardo

†**Sebastiano Formica** by Santina and Sebby Urciullo

**John Nappi, Jr.** by wife

**Miriam Zacharias** For Health by Sophia Choluj

Friday, January 27, 2023 St. Angela Merici

7:00 †**John and †Agnes Marut** by family

5:00 †**Domenica Lopreiato** by Domenic Lopreiato

Saturday, January 28, 2023 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 †**Corrado Burgio** 1st Anniversary by wife and family

Sunday, January 29, 2023 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 †**Robert Banasiewicz, Sr.** by wife

9:00 †**Donald St. Jarre** 10th Anniversary by wife and children

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

10:30 †**John Fitzsimmons** 2nd Anniversary by wife and children

12:00 †**Lynne Baikal** 8th Anniversary by family



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inbox every week, please complete our simple  
online form at <https://stpaulkensington.org/our-bulletin>.

### Parish Collection

Jan 10-16, 2023

In Church SP	\$ 6,921
Office	\$ 1,808
In Church SH	\$ 678
Online Giving	\$ 5,269
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,676</b>



### Catholic Schools Week & Saint Paul School Open House:

Catholic Schools Week is next week. We will start our celebration at the 9 a.m. Mass next Sunday and the school will have an Open House from 1 to 3 p.m. Encourage others to come and check out Saint Paul School. Even though the school was opened 64 years ago, the school has been kept up to date and modern with the tools that the students of today need as they are prepare to go onto high school. Students receive personalized attention in the classroom in a safe and caring atmosphere. Most importantly, though, they receive a Catholic education where our Catholic/Christian values are reinforced in school.

**Social Action Committee & St. Clare Food Pantry** - The parish, through your generosity, was able to help many people with food for the holidays. The need for food for those who rely on the bi-weekly food distribution though continues. During these winter months the Social Action Committee also helps the Friendship Center in New Britain. See page 8 for the **"Hot Stuff and Some Not So Hot"** items that are needed at this time of year. The Hot Stuff collection will run through February 19. May the Lord inspire and bless you for whatever you can do.

**Final Thoughts** - The start of Spring Training is less than a month away. It is a nice thought even in a year when old man winter has hardly made an appearance. Wild Card Weekend provided some good games and now they play for the opportunity to be in the Conference Championship games. The



picks are tougher this weekend. My loyalties are with the Bills and Giants the rest of the way so I will take both of them as well as KC and Dallas. Have a blessed week everyone! - Fr. Joe

**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.

- Tuesday, January 31 - 7:00am and 8:45am
- Wednesday, February 1 - 7:00am
- Tuesday, February 7 - 8:45am
- Tuesday, February 14 - 8:45am
- Tuesday, February 21 - 7:00am
- Wednesday, February 22 - 8:45am and 7:00pm (Ash Wednesday)
- Thursday, February 23 - 7:00am
- Monday, February 27 - 7:00am
- Tuesday, February 28 - 7:00am

### READINGS FOR JANUARY 22, 2023

For this week's readings online, visit <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/012223.cfm>

**First Reading:** Isaiah 8:23-9:3

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

**Alleluia:** Matthew 4:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel:** Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: *Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.* From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

*\*Readings for January 29, 2023 - see page 9.*

**JOB OPPORTUNITY** Saint Paul School is seeking a full-time Director of Advancement (D.A.). The D.A. is responsible for planning and implementing a comprehensive program of development including the cultivation of alumni/constituent relations and overseeing the execution of all fund raising programs, both school-wide and through the Home & School Association. The D.A. reports to the school principal and serves to collaborate with the pastor, School Board, and Director of Marketing. Visit [ourschool.stpaulkensington.org](https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org) for more information and submit a letter of interest and resume to the principal, Mrs. Conaway, at [j.conaway@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:j.conaway@stpaulkensington.org).

## SAINT PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

### SAINT PAUL SCHOOL NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

For more information visit our school website

<https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/>

or call 860-828-4343 x113.

To download an application, click on this link:

<https://bit.ly/3qO2X9J>



You may also email our  
Admissions Director, Kelly Esposito,  
[admissions@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:admissions@stpaulkensington.org).

**Discover Catholic Schools**  
Saint Paul School welcomes you  
to our Open House on  
Sunday, January 29, 2023  
from 1:00-3:00 pm.

**For more information call 860-828-4343 x113  
and visit our website [ourschool.stpaulkensington.org](https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org)**

Stop by our Open House on January 29! Science Fair projects created by our Middle School students will be on display. Check out our Makerspace, our STEM activities, our Robotics team and much more!

**Congratulations** to our Girls Varsity basketball team for finishing 2nd in our MLK Tournament last weekend! We are so proud of you!

Thank you to all of our coaches, parents, students, and alumni for all of your efforts that help make this event successful. Thanks also to Athletic Director Joe Esposito and Maintenance staff, Bill, Patrick, and Emily, for all of your hard work. This tournament is wonderful event for our school and community and is an important fundraiser for our Athletic program!



## RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

We are happy to announce the dates of our upcoming Children's Masses! Mark your calendars, and let us know if your child would like to participate!

### CHILDREN'S MASSES—WINTER/SPRING 2023

Feb. 5 - 9:00 a.m.

Feb. 12 - Noon

March 5 - 10:30 a.m.

March 26 - 9:00 a.m.

April 16 - 9:00 a.m.

April 23 - 10:30 a.m.

May 7 - Noon

May 21 - 10:30 a.m.



Also, please keep our 3rd and 10th graders in your prayers as they prepare to receive their 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation this spring!

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

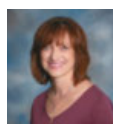
Monday - Thursday 8am - 2pm Phone 860 828-0331

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John Anderson  
Elaine Andrews  
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Donna Baranowski  
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Olivia Belfonti  
Wyatt Bernard  
Peter Bocompani  
David Borselle  
Cheryl Brown  
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  
Michael Frakel  
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  
Frank Grandone  
Madison Gray  
Grochal Family  
Pat Haber  
Linda Hannold  
Lily Harzewski-Burl  
Tom Higgins  
Evan Hill  
Pat Jahn  
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Evan Kimmel  
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Robert Mazzaferro  
Lorraine McCarthy  
Brandi McWade  
Luis Mendoza  
Viola Mercadante  
Michael Mihalko  
Tom Modifica  
Evelyn Modzelewski  
Sam and Esther Motta  
Nancy Motulko  
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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  
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Brian Veley  
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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

GALILEE  
NAPHTALI  
SIMON  
JAMES

CAPERNAUM  
JORDAN  
PETER  
ZEBEDEE

ZEBULUN  
ISAIAH  
ANDREW  
JOHN

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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

## Men's Retreat - LAST CALL!

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 details 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](http://www.actsct.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](https://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](mailto: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 **February 14**. 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.

**CRAFTERS & QUILTERS** Our Quilters Group meets weekly on **Thursday mornings** from 9 to 11 a.m. in the St. Paul Church Hall. Anyone working on another project or who has a different type of craft (origami, jewelry, scrapbook, genealogy, etc.) is welcome to join us!. Please call Barbara with any questions: 860-930-0310.



**WOMAN'S RETREAT** *All Creation Is Groaning in Labor Pains, Even Until Now* (Romans 8:22) St. Paul reminds us that the pain we experience is the very place where hope is born. How do we allow the difficulties and darkness to lead us to a new way of being? Our Lady of Calvary Retreat House in Farmington invites women from St. Paul Parish to a weekend retreat on **March 10-12**. "Together we can ponder this question as we enter into a deeper listening to God's voice in our heart and in the reflections of one another." For more information or to register please call 860-677-8519 or visit [www.OurLadyofCalvary.net](http://www.OurLadyofCalvary.net).

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Reminder: We have resumed the practice of having parishioners present the bread and wine during the Offertory.

Those who have made the offering for the intention for each Mass are invited to present the gifts for that Mass. If they would like to do so, they should arrive at least ten minutes before the scheduled start time of the Mass and go to the sacristy to let the sacristan know that you would like to bring up the gifts. (If no one comes forward by that time, other parishioners will be invited to bring up the gifts for that Mass.) The exception will be the Children's Masses where students will always bring up the gifts.

The bread and wine are placed on the shelf that is attached to the left front pew of each wing. The gifts are placed on whichever side of the church that the priest and servers enter from each weekend.

Pictured at right: Students bringing up the gifts at the Children's Mass in December.



## "HOT STUFF" (and some not-so-hot) FOOD COLLECTION



Our Social Action Ministry is conducting their annual Hot Stuff collection through **February 19** to benefit the Friendship Center in New Britain. Please support this collection during these cold winter months if your means allow.

### Items requested include:

Coffee, Tea, Hot Cocoa, Broth, Hot and Cold Cereal, Soup, Salt and Pepper, Canned Vegetables and a variety of non-perishable juices

Please contact Joan Baker with any questions at [jmb7000@comcast.net](mailto:jmb7000@comcast.net)

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops launched a **National Eucharistic Revival** in June 2022 which will continue through 2025. "Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist." To learn more, visit <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org>

## WOMEN OF FAITH GROUP

*Our parish Women of Faith group aims to support and affirm our faith as Catholic women in today's changing times.*



Women of Faith is a place where women of the parish come together once a month to share common threads, journeys in life, 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, email us at: [womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org)



The next meeting will be **Thursday, February 9** at 7pm in the St. Paul Church Hall.

## THAT MAN IS YOU!

TMİY! All Things New Men's Group **new** 13 week season **January—April 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 Saturdays at 6:30 AM in the St Paul Church Hall. All men are welcome. To learn more, visit the TMİY website at <http://www.tmiy.org> or visit our parish TMİY page at <https://stpaulkensington.org/that-man-is-you>

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## TUESDAY AFTERNOON ADORATION

Our parish offers Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday afternoon from 4-5pm in St. Paul Church

**PERPETUAL ADORATION** St. John Church in Cromwell, also a Franciscan parish, offers Perpetual Adoration 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. Visit <https://saintjohn-cromwell.org>



## READINGS FOR JANUARY 29, 2023

For this week's readings online, visit  
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/012923.cfm>

**First Reading:** Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10  
*Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs*

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

**Alleluia:** Matthew 5:12a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."



## St. Paul Parish Ladies' Guild "Game Night"

Wednesday, February 1st

Please join us! We will have an evening of fun and games!

Bring a card or board game to share or  
join with others to play or learn a game.

Hope to see you on **February 1st at 6:30 pm**  
in the St. Paul Church Hall!

*Donation item: Jello/pudding/canned fruit*

*A great prayer for life is urgently needed,  
a prayer which will rise up throughout the world.  
Through special initiatives and in daily prayer,  
may an impassioned plea rise to God,  
the Creator and lover of life,  
from every Christian community,  
from every group and association,  
from every family and  
from the heart of every believer.  
Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae*

## DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN—JANUARY 23, 2023

*"shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full  
restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of  
penance for violations to the dignity of the human person  
committed through acts of abortion."*

Please join us on **Monday, January 23** in observation of this special day with penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms and offering up those sacrifices for the protection of all human life. <https://www.respectlife.org/january-22>



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—even if you missed the first few days!—for the protection of all human life. The prayers can be found at:  
<https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>

Additional pro-life resources:

- Family Institute of CT: <http://www.ctfamily.org/>
- USCCB Respect Life: <https://www.respectlife.org>
- Pro-Life Arguments Explained:  
<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/pro-life-arguments-explained-part-1/>

If you would like to learn about our Culture of Life Ministry, please email Ashley at [respectlife@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:respectlife@stpaulkensington.org).

## FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

Volunteers will be needed on **Thursday, Feb. 2 at 9:30am** to transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and to set up for distribution. Volunteers are also needed on **Friday, Feb. 3 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](mailto:n.timbrell@stpaulkensington.org).

*Thank you to all who continue to support this ministry!*

The Pantry is currently in need of the following items:  
*Tuna, beef stew, chili, canned ham or chicken, peanut butter, soups, and beans/lentils.*

**Saturday, January 21**

6:30am TMIY Men's Group - SPH  
 8:30am Confessions  
 12:00pm K of C Basketball Free Throw Contest - Gym  
 3:00pm Confessions

**Sunday, January 22**

7:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 1-SPS  
 9:00am RCIA SPH  
 9:15am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 2-SPS  
 10:30am Children's Mass  
 10:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 3-SPS  
 1:00pm 1st & 2nd Yr Confirmation classes-SPS  
 4:00pm EDGE YG Meeting

**Monday, January 23**

MS History mid-term  
 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

**Tuesday, January 24**

8:45am School Mass: Gr 6-8  
 12:30pm Early Dismissal  
 4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration  
 4:30pm Boys JVA Basketball Practice  
 6:00pm Girls Varsity Basketball Practice  
 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, January 25**

MS Math mid-term  
 3:00pm Cheer Practice  
 3:00pm Drama Club  
 3:15pm Mock Trial practice  
 4:30pm Boys JVB Basketball Practice  
 6:00pm Boys Varsity Basketball Practice  
 6:00pm Rosary at Sacred Heart  
 6:00pm Children's choir rehearsal-SPC  
 7:00pm Finance Investment Committee - PC-1

**Thursday, January 26**

9:00am Quilters - SPH  
 3:00pm Girls JV Basketball Practice  
 3:00pm Drama Club  
 4:30pm Boys JVA Basketball Practice

**PARISH CALENDAR**

Holy Hour  
 Tuesdays  
 4-5pm

**Thursday, January 26 (continued)**

6:00pm Girls Varsity Basketball Practice  
 6:30pm Snow date: 1st Reconciliation Parent Session-SPC  
 7:00pm RCIA - PC-1

**Friday, January 27**

3:00pm CoEd JVC Red Basketball Practice  
 4:30pm CoEd JVC Gold Basketball Practice  
 6:00pm Winter Ball/Someone Special Dance  
 7:30pm AA Meeting - SPH

**Saturday, January 28**

Science Fair Set-Up  
 6:30am TMIY Men's Group SPH  
 8:30am Confessions  
 3:00pm Confessions

**Sunday, January 29**

Catholic Schools Week / Middle School Science Fair  
 9:00am CSW Mass  
 10:30am RCIA SPH  
 1:00pm Open House: Pre K- Gr 8 for Catholic Schools Week  
 7:00pm Men's Holy Hour SPC

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