

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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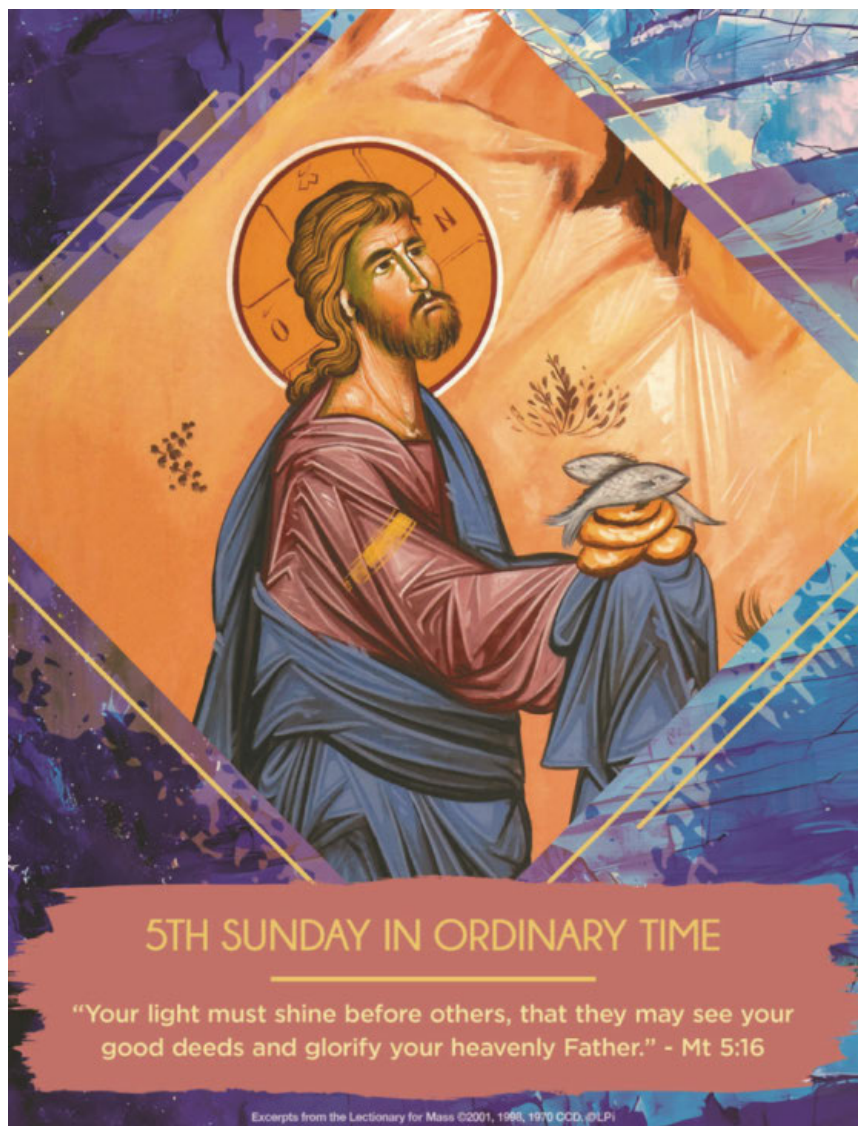
A Franciscan Family of Faith

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

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

February 5, 2023

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

-Pope Francis

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life - Since its institution in 1997 by St. Pope John Paul II, the first Sunday in February celebrates and prays for those women and men who have dedicated themselves to God in a particular way through the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience while living as members of a religious community. By virtue of our Baptisms, all people are called to live a life of holiness. Those who answer God's call to consecrated life as a priest, sister or brother do so in a particular way following in the footsteps of Jesus, but also the founder of their religious community. The Franciscan Friars who serve here at St. Paul's are one example of such a religious community of men. There are also many communities of religious sisters like the Sisters of Mercy, Felician Sisters, Little Sisters of the Poor, Sisters of Mercy, Srs. of St. Joseph, etc. There are literally hundreds of different men and women religious communities. While the spirituality of the founder of the religious community will be different for each group what is common are the three vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. (By the way, that is why there are three knots on the cords that the Friars wear around their waste.) What do the vows mean?

1. *Poverty* is a call to share all goods in common, live a simple life, and depend totally on God.
2. *Chastity* is a call to love and serve God and all God's people, rather than to love one person exclusively in marriage. A life of chastity is a witness and testimony to God's love.
3. *Obedience* is a call to live in community and to surrender one's own will to the will of God. In community, religious are called to listen to their superiors and the voice within to discern God's call for their life.

Inserted in this bulletin is information about the Friars who serve at St. Paul's. Those who might feel the Lord calling them to a vocation as a priest, brother or sister are also encouraged to speak with one of the Friars.

The World Day of Prayer is also a good reminder for all of us to pray that those young men and women who God is calling today to live a life dedicated to him as a sister, brother or priest might respond generously to the Lord's call. It is also a good time to remember the important role that families have in nurturing religious vocations. Overwhelmingly those who respond to the Lord's call speak of the support or affirmation they received from friends, relatives and fellow parishioners. If you sincerely think someone would be a good member of a religious community do not be afraid to share that with them. If they have made their intention known a simple word of encouragement can go a long way. If they have not, but you think that they possess the qualities that are needed just share with them why you think that to be the case. I invite you to pray the following prayer as well.

Prayer for Consecrated Persons and for Vocations to Religious Life

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve you as sisters, brothers and priests. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your call. Continue to call more young women and men to serve you. Fill them with your Spirit so that they will hear and answer your call to service in your Church as a Consecrated Religious. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Seeking New Lectors (Readers) and Eucharistic Ministers

Those who are interested in becoming a Reader or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) the next training session will be Sunday afternoon, February 19th beginning with a light lunch at 1:15 p.m. and ending by 5:30 p.m. Those wishing to be an EMHC or Reader should be at least 17 years old, be Confirmed, and of sufficient Christian maturity with a definite continuing relationship to the parish including regular (weekly) participation in the Eucharist. Those who would like to be a Reader (Lector) should possess the skills necessary for effective oral proclamation which is essential for this ministry. If you are interested in being a EMHC or Reader please contact Fr. Joe or the parish office so that you can fill out a registration form and secure the permission needed to attend the program on February 19th. The deadline to register is Monday, February 11th so that we can plan for food and materials for the day. **All current EMHC and Readers should attend as this will also serve as your renewal of your commissioning in these ministries that the Archdiocese requires every three years.**

Blessing of Throats after Masses This Weekend - February 3rd was the Feast of St. Blaise and as noted last week in this space we will bless throats after all of the Masses this weekend. See last week's bulletin if you need more information about St. Blaise and why we bless throats in association with his feast day.

World Marriage Day - Next Sunday, in that it is the 2nd Sunday in February, is World Marriage Day. The 9:00 a.m. Mass intention will be for all married couples in the parish. We will impart a special blessing for all married couples at all of the Masses next weekend.

What to do with Old Palms? - You may bring your old palms to church the next two weekends so that they can be burnt and used for ashes on Ash Wednesday. Just leave them in the vestibules before coming into the church itself. You may also burn them on your own and put them in your garden or a flower bed, but since the palms are blessed, they should **not** be discarded in the trash.

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INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†Sophie Simcik 25th Anniversary by family

†Ralph Loschiavo
5th Anniversary Remembrance by wife and children

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†Dominic J. DiLorenzo
21st Anniversary by Mrs. Constance DiLorenzo



†Robert A. Montana

†Edward Mosher III

†Richard Allan Rampone

*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.*

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.

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, February 4, 2023 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 **†Richard Luddy** by the Abranski family

Sunday, February 5, 2023 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 **†Paul Miano** by DiMartino and Miano families

9:00 **†Raymond Bechard** 2nd Anniversary by family

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

10:30 **†Pierina and †Valentino Callegari** by family

12:00 **†Domenica Lopreiato**

by daughter Maria Siciliano and family

Monday, February 6, 2023 St. Paul Miki and Companions

7:00 **†Everett Hill** by family

5:00 **†Bornice Family** by Rachel Maltese

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 Weekday

7:00 **†Deceased Members of †Shaheen, †Thayer,**

†Dolon and †Foran Families by family

Paul Banach by mom

8:45 **†Patricia Corrigan** by children

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

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 St. Jerome Emiliani

St. Josephine Bakhita

7:00 **Hubbard and Sylvester Families**

by John G. Hubbard family

5:00 **†Virginia Sasek** by St. Paul Ladies' Guild

Thursday, February 9, 2023 Weekday

7:00 **†Robert Whitcomb**

9th Anniversary by Kristen Murphy and family

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

†Paul Miano by Michele Imossi

John Nappi, Jr. by wife

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

†Gladys and †Stephen Choluj by daughter Sophia

Friday, February 10, 2023 St. Scholastica

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

5:00 **†Sophie Simcik** 25th Anniversary by family

Saturday, February 11, 2023 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 **†Frank, †Mary and †George Cotrona** by family

Sunday, February 12, 2023 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 **†Joseph Tirinzoni** 14th Anniversary by children

9:00 **For All Married Couples**

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

10:30 **†Walter Lagocki** by family

12:00 **†Vincent Lewandowski** by Helen and family

Parish Collection

Jan 24-30, 2023

In Church SP	\$ 7,973
Office	\$ 1,194
In Church SH	\$ 401
Online Giving	\$ 4,103
Total	\$ 13,671

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

February 4/5- Maintenance & Repair

February 18/19- Catholic High Schools of the Archdiocese of Hartford

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

For readings online, visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/021223.cfm>

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Alleluia: cF. Matthew 11:25

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the
kingdom.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; and whoever says to his brother, 'Raga,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny. "You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna. "It was also said, Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce. But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife - unless the

PASTOR'S COLUMN (continued)

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule - For your planning purposes, Masses on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd will be celebrated at 7am, 8:45am (School Mass-ALL are welcome), 12 Noon, 5pm and 7pm. Ashes will be distributed at all of the Masses.

Adult Confirmation Program - Please refer to the information on page 7 of this bulletin for information about our six session Adult Confirmation Program that will begin on March 16th and is for adult Catholics, 18 years of age and older, who have been baptized and received 1st Holy Communion, but have not been confirmed. Recall that those who are asked to be a godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor at Confirmation must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation in order to take on those responsibilities. **The deadline to register is March 6th.**

Final Thoughts - Super Bowl LVII is set with KC back for the third time in four years. KC is 2-2 in the Super Bowl. Mahomes, well that was a truly gutsy performance. They will take on the Eagles who may have won any way, but you have to feel for the 49ers and their fans losing four QBs. Yet again we see the role a dominant line has as the 49ers could



not protect the QB. The Eagles will be trying to even up their 1 - 2 Super Bowl record. Groundhog Day tells us that Spring Training is on the way. Have a good week and keep the faith!

- Fr. Joe

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.



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marriage is unlawful—causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. "Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

**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.

It was a busy week at Saint Paul School!

SPS kicked off Catholic Schools Week with a Winter Ball, Sunday Mass, Open House and Middle School Science Fair!

Visit our
social media
pages to
see more
photos!



SIGN UP

Religious Ed Confessions for Grades 4 -8

Sunday, Feb. 5: 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 7: 6:45-8:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 21: 6:45-8:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 28: 6:45-8:15 p.m.

- Please arrive by 5pm on Sunday, or by 7:45pm on the Tuesday nights.
- There will be about 60 students at each session. Confessions will be heard by Fr. Joe, Fr. Mark (from St. John in Cromwell), Fr. Martin, Fr. Michael, or Fr. Raymond.
- Please sign up using the Sign Up Genius that was emailed to families last week.

Thank you!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

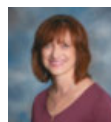
Monday - Thursday 8am - 2pm Phone 860 828-0331

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

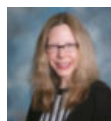
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Amanda Coyle
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Nick Donzello
Bernadette Dumond
Fannie Farrell
Lilia Fernandez
Simon Fitzpatrick
Helen Flannelly
Nancy Fleming
Deb Follett
Maureen Freeman
Rose Garuti
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Jennifer Gionfriddo
Salvatore Gionfriddo
Rosemarie Gionfriddo
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Steven Ripley
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Gabe Szczygla
Julia Szczygla
Luke Szul
Alfred J. Tee
Beverly Veley
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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**, 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.



FOODSHARE

ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

Volunteers will be needed on **Thursday, Feb. 16** 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. 17** 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:
Spaghetti, penne, ziti, mac & cheese, pasta sides, egg noodles, canned pasta, raman, soup noodles and tomato sauce.

WORD SEARCH

SALT
EARTH
TASTELESS
NOTHING
TRAMPLED

CITY
LIGHT
UNDERFOOT
HILLTOP
LAMP

TUB
SHINES
SIGHT
MEN
PRAISE

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Adult Confirmation-Six Session Program begins March 16th

Are you an adult who never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? – If so, St. Paul's Adult Confirmation Program (ACP) will prepare you to be Confirmed in the Spring of 2023. The reception of all of the Sacraments is about helping us journey through this life to life eternal. The Sacrament of Confirmation is a confirming and strengthening of our Baptisms. Through the Sacrament you are sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and Confirmation provides additional graces to help us live out our adult lives as faithful followers of Jesus and strengthens our bond with the Church. *Those who are asked to be a godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor at Confirmation must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation in order to take on those responsibilities. Likewise, those to be married in the Catholic Church should be Confirmed.* St. Paul Parish is implementing this six (6) session ACP so that those adult Catholics who were never Confirmed can be fully initiated in the Catholic faith.

Catholics who are at least 18 years old and have already been baptized and received their 1st Holy Communion may participate in the ACP. If married, you must be in a valid Catholic marriage. If you were married outside the Catholic Church (meaning in a civil ceremony or in a non-Catholic Church without the appropriate permission) and would like to discuss how you can have your marriage recognized in the Church contact one of the Friar-priests and they will be happy to discuss with you your situation. Your preparation for Confirmation can be done simultaneously with the preparation to have your marriage convalidated in the Church, but the convalidation must be concluded before the actual Confirmation ceremony. Generally speaking, this can often be accomplished.

There is no monetary cost for the program. To register, email Dan Tome at d.tome@stpaulkensington.org or call the parish office at 860-828-0331 and ask for Dan or complete our simple online form at <https://stpaulkensington.org/adult-confirmation-rcia> Registration deadline is **March 6**. Once we know how many are interested, we will work out the details of the program. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Dan or one of the Friars. *If you know of a family member or friend who has not been Confirmed, please share this information with them.*

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS 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 attached to the front pew of each wing. The gifts are placed on whichever side of the church that the priest and servers enter from each weekend.

Our St. Paul Parish **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** rehearses on Wednesday evenings in church from 6:00-6:30pm. All are welcome to join! If you would like your child to sing with the choir or if you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Kramer-Tierney 19ckt64@gmail.com



Our **Children's Rosary** group meets at 10am at Sacred Heart Church on the first Saturday of each month. Next date: **March 4th**. All are welcome. To learn more, please contact Cheryl Batter at cherylbattery@att.net.



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.



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.

OUR CRAFTERS & QUILTERS GROUP meets weekly on **Thursday mornings** from 9 to 11am 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 questions: 860-930-0310.



KNITTERS NEEDED Our Social Action Ministry is looking for volunteers to knit youth sized winter hats and scarves 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. 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.

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 for more information and submit a letter of interest and resume to the principal, Mrs. Conaway, at j.conaway@stpaulkensington.org.

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

Calling All Young Adults!

Join other young adults from across the state for a "weekend away" of rest, rejuvenation, and exploring the faith! The Crossroads 4 Christ Young Adult Retreat will take place on March 10th-12th at the Immaculate Conception Center in Putnam, CT. Enjoy inspiring talks, small groups, social time, Mass, Adoration, and opportunities for Confession. Registration opens on February 3rd. Cost: \$150 per person. Open to young adults, ages 18-39. Check out <http://crossroads4christ.org> for more info and registration!

CROSSROADS4CHRIST



Save the Date: **Wednesday, March 22, 2023** for the **Connecticut March for Life** in downtown Hartford. 12pm—Rally at the Capitol. 1pm—March for Life around Bushnell Park. Visit <https://marchforlife.org/connecticut-march-for-life/>

"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

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. We come together once a month to share common threads, journeys in life, difficulties, strengths, sorrows, 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

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

THAT MAN IS YOU!

TMIY! 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 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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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Thomas L. Greylish Council # 3675 will award college scholarships to graduating high school students:

- Alfred Greco Scholarship—student is required to live in Berlin and have father or grandfather who is a Knight.
- Terrence Lescoe Scholarship—student must live in Berlin.

Visit the parish website for applications. Deadline **April 1st**.

The **New Britain Council of Catholic Women** is pleased to offer two, \$1,000 scholarships to either 8th graders planning to attend a Catholic High School or high school seniors planning to attend college.

The Council is only accepting digital applications which can be obtained by emailing a request to the NBCCW at nbcouncilcatholicwomen@gmail.com or to the parish office at ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org. The deadline for submission is May 5th.

The **Robert T. Kenney Scholarship Program** at the American Savings Foundation will award scholarships to over 375 new and renewing students this year. Scholarships are awarded primarily based on financial need. Students can attend a 4-year college/university, 2-year college, or technical/vocational school within the US. Apply online and get more information at <https://www.asfdn.org>

If your child is in **8th grade or high school**, take a look at our nearby Catholic high schools! They offer an excellent education and so much more. Call to schedule a 'shadow' visit for your child, attend an Open House, register for the placement exam, and ask about financial assistance!



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PRAYER VIGIL Commemoration of St. Josephine Bakhita, Patron of Human Trafficking Victims Prayer and Reflection Vigil The Archdiocese of Hartford Human Trafficking Task Force in collaboration with St. Josephine Bakhita Parish will offer a Prayer and Reflection Vigil against Human Trafficking on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 7:00 PM. All are welcome. The event will be held at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 280 Brook St., Rocky Hill. Refreshments to follow.

FRANCISCAN HOME CARE & HOSPICE CARE, a faith-based home health care agency, Meriden, is seeking volunteers for its hospice care program.



Becoming a Franciscan Hospice Care Volunteer is a rewarding opportunity to journey with someone in the latter portion of his/her life. Hospice care volunteers receive 16 hours of training that enables them to be present to others in a very special way supporting the individual and family through a difficult time. There is continuing education and support through monthly meetings as well as social events for the hospice volunteers throughout the year. Volunteers provide a variety of services such as visiting patients, reading, sharing stories, praying or being a quiet presence for the patient as well as clerical support. If you are interested in becoming a Franciscan Hospice Care Volunteer. Contact BJ Raby at 203-238-1441 or braby@franciscanhc.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. Experiences available are: Mar 10-12 in Upton, MA, Jun 23-25 in Huntington, NY. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://www.mectw.org/>.

ADULT LITERACY MINISTRY Enrich your life by spending one hour a week with an adult who needs to learn to read, write, and speak English. An initial interview and orientation will be provided. The Siena Learning Center will supply all the materials. If you are interested please contact Nancy Rodriguez, Director at 860-348-0622. This adult literacy ministry is supported by the Dominican Sisters of Peace.



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 details or to register call 860-677-8519 or visit www.OurLadyofCalvary.net.

Saturday, February 4

- 6:30am TMIY Men's Group SPH
- 8:30am Confessions
- 9:00am HOME JVA/JVB Basketball Games
- 10:00am Children's Rosary
- 10:00am Funeral +Moshier
- 3:00pm Confessions



Sunday, February 5

- 9:00am 1st & 2nd Yr Confirmation classes-SPS
- 9:00am Children's Mass
- 10:30am RCIA - SPH
- 10:30am Baptism instruction-SL
- 1:15pm Baptisms
- 4:00pm Gr. 4-8 Confessions-SPC
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Monday, February 6

- 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, February 7

- 8:45am School Mass Gr K-2
- 3:00pm Drama Club
- 4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration
- 4:30pm Boys JVA Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm HOME Varsity Basketball Games
- 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - PC-LL
- 6:45pm Gr. 4-8 Confessions-SPC
- 7:00pm K of C Leadership Mtg - PC1

Holy Hour
Tuesdays
4-5pm



Wednesday, February 8

- 3:00pm Cheer Practice (Gr 1-8)
- 3:00pm Drama Club SPH
- 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 Council - PC-1
- 7:00pm Social Action SPH



PARISH CALENDAR

Thursday, February 9

- 9:00am Crafters & Quilters SPH
- 3:00pm Girls JV Basketball Practice
- 3:00pm Drama Club - SPH
- 4:30pm Boys JVA Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm Girls Varsity Basketball Practice
- 6:30pm 1st Reconciliation rehearsal-SPC
- 7:00pm RCIA - PC-1
- 7:00pm Women of Faith - Church Hall

Friday, February 10

- Middle School Valentine's Day Dance
- 9:30am Gr 2 trip to CT Science Center
- 3:00pm CoEd JVC Red Basketball Practice
- 4:30pm CoEd JVC Gold Basketball Practice
- 7:30pm AA Meeting - SPH



Saturday, February 11

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

Sunday, February 12

- 7:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 1-SPS
- 9:00am RCIA SPH
- 9:15am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 2-SPS
- 10:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 3-SPS
- 12:00pm Children's Mass

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that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."*

-Sr Lucia of Fatima

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>

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