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

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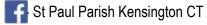
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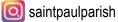
Baptisms: 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month Baptismal Instruction: Last Tuesday of the month

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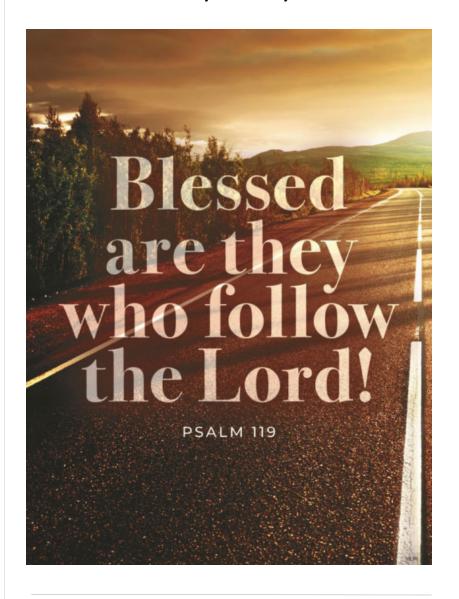
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A Franciscan Family of Faith

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

> February 12, 2023 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

World Marriage Day - This 2nd Sunday of February is World Marriage Day and is part of World Marriage Week which ends on St. Valentine's Day on Tuesday. As part of World Marriage Week, the website foryourmarriage.org offers reflections for an at home "retreat" for married couples. The following excerpt speaks of marriage being Eucharistic. "To be Eucharistic in marriage means that we are called to love our spouse as Christ loves us... This is the weight of our words in marriage when we promise to be true to our beloved in good times and in bad, in health and in sickness, in times of wealth and in times of poverty. We should be willing to die to ourselves, for them, every day for the rest of our life! ... True joy is found in a life that is shared and poured out with love to others. This sacrificial love is at the heart of Eucharistic giving. The more both spouses intentionally give to each other, the deeper their marital love grows, and also the ability to endure difficult struggles in life together."

"Being Eucharistic in our married life, means that we desire to take up our cross daily and live out Christ's example of love toward our spouse. It means that we intentionally strive every day to understand the needs of our beloved and work hard at helping them meet those needs. It also means being, inwardly and outwardly, thankful for the gift of our spouse and for the ways they, in return, feed us. Being Eucharistic in our actions requires us to not only understand what our spouse needs, but also to be willing to make sacrifices in order for them to meet those needs."

May all married couples be strengthened, nourished and sustained by God's love and grace, especially in the Eucharist each week. We pray for them as they strive to model their marriage on Jesus' sacrificial love.

Marriage Prayer - Lord, help us to remember when we first met and the strong love that grew between us. Help us love in practical ways so that nothing can divide us. May our words be kind and our thoughts gracious. May we remain humble enough to ask for forgiveness and wise enough to freely give. Amen.

Lent Begins February 22 - With Lent just 11 days away, now is a good time to begin to prepare ourselves for the holy season. Pope Francis at the end of his 2016 Lenten Message said: "Let us not waste this season of Lent, so favorable a time for conversion!" Last year he said, "we will do well to reflect on Saint Paul's exhortation to the Galatians: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all" (Gal. 6:9-10). In order not to waste Lent, consider developing a plan to make best use of this time so that we do not become weary of trying to do good. Pope Francis also said in his message last year: "Let us not grow tired of praying. Jesus taught us to "pray always without

becoming weary" (Lk. 18:1). We need to pray because we need God. Thinking that we need nothing other than ourselves is a dangerous illusion." The Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday appears below. This weekend each parishioner will receive a personal copy of a booklet entitled the *Lenten Companion*. I hope that you will find it to be a helpful aid to assist your prayer and spiritual reflection during Lent.

The Church always places before us three tried and true ways (prayer, fasting, and almsgiving) to help us grow in holiness. The most difficult part of this sometimes is what should I "give up" for Lent. Continuing the notion proposed above that a little planning might help us make better use of this season of Lent I offer a few thoughts about what to "give up."

Sometimes we retreat to the same things every year without giving much thought to what this "penance" is supposed to accomplish in us. "Let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives. May the corporal fasting to which Lent calls us fortify our spirit for the battle against sin." Pope Francis in these words connects our fasting with trying to rid us of sin. Is there a nagging sin in your life that you would like to or know you should do away with? Link the penance to the sin or bad habit or addiction that you need to be freed from. The Holy Father proposed that "one of these is addiction to the digital media, which impoverishes human relationships." Are you wasting too much time on your various devices and not enough quality time with family and friends? Could some prayer time replace time on our devices?

Commit yourself to not wasting the time of Lent. Use these next 11 days to put together the first draft and eventually a final plan of how not to waste the time that we will be given this Lent. The plan for each will be different, but what is common is that we have our own plan and be ready to begin using it on Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday (February 22nd) Mass Schedule - Masses on Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at 7:00 a.m., 8:45 a.m. (School Mass - ALL are welcome), 12 Noon, 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Ashes will be distributed at all of the Masses.

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center - The Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford offers many opportunities for retreats during the year. They have given me a \$325 voucher for any <u>man</u> who has never made a retreat there. Call or send me an email and I will pass it on to you.

Annual End of the Year Donations - Included in this week's bulletin is a listing of all who have made a gift to the parish's Annual (End of the Year) Appeal. As of February 5th this honor roll includes 402 parishioners who have made donations totaling \$79,557!! The average gift is \$198. If you still have the intention of making a gift they can be made at any time.

INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†Linda Imundo Gregory

Birthday Remembrance by John, Mary Ann and Michael Imundo

†Messina and D'Angelo Families

by Adeline D'Angelo and family

†Lisa Andreana Birthday Remembrance by family

†Alice Hall In Memory by husband Donald Hall

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†Ronald Schmitt 8 Year Remembrance by Ann



Happy National Marriage Week to all of our married parishioners. Visit https://www.foryourmarriage.org for Daily Marriage Tips, interesting articles and resources, and much more.

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 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

Monday, February 13, 2023 Weekday

7:00 Living Friars, Families, Friends and

Benefactors of the Friars

5:00 **†Cirila Gomes** by family

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 Sts. Cyril and Methodius

7:00 **†Kieran Egan** by wife Margaret and children

†Souls in Purgatory by anonymous

Alex Gujda 18 Year Birthday Celebration by family

†Ines Tee by brother

†Matthew Zapor 3rd Anniversary

by Sawyer and Zapor families

8:45

5:00 **+Jack Gebhardt** by Joan and Michele

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 Weekday

7:00 †Lucille Micacci and †Rose & †Vincent Micacci

by Anthony Micacci

5:00 **†Jose Portal** by wife and children

Thursday, February 16, 2023 Weekday

7:00 Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

5:00 **†David W. Kimmel** Birthday Remembrance

by wife and family

†Emilia Francalangia 1st Year Anniversary by family

†Eugenio Ricciardi by Emanuele Lombardo

†Jeffrey Gable by mom Carole

John Nappi, Jr. by wife

Friday, February 17, 2023 Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

7:00 **†Kathryn LaVette** by St. Paul Prayer Shawl Ministry

5:00 **†Stefan Chojnowski** by Margaret Gorecki

Saturday, February 18, 2023 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 **†Michael J. Sokolowski** by the Cormier family

Sunday, February 19, 2023 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 **†Mary Curry** 1st Anniversary by the Guzzardi family

9:00 **†Joseph V. Janik** by family

9:30 Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish

10:30 **†Maryann and †Raymond Dorsey** by Ron

12:00 Lori Pietraszewski Birthday Celebration

by Tabaczynski family

Parish Collection Jan 31-Feb 6, 2023

In Church SP	\$ 7,973
Office	\$ 3,039
In Church SH	\$ 401
Online Giving	\$ 5,380
Total	\$ 16,793

2nd Collection February 18/19: Catholic High Schools of the Archdiocese of Hartford

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 19, 2023

For readings online, visit https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/021923.cfm

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthans 3:16-23

Alleluia: 1 John 2:5 R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. "You have heard that it was said. You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

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 Food-Share including volunteering, contact Nancy at 860-601-7866 or n.timbrell@stpaulkensington.org.

Thank you to all who continue to support this ministry!

The Pantry is currently in need of the following items: Tomato sauce, mayo, frosting, pudding/jello snacks, cereal, oatmeal, hot chocolate, canned fruits and vegetables, canned chicken, rice and rice sides.

*Items in bold are staples that are always needed.

PASTOR'S COLUMN (continued)

The generosity of so many is so very helpful to the parish so that we can continue our wide array of ministries to so many people in the parish. So once again thanks for all that you do to support our parish!

Final Thoughts - Well here we are at Super Bowl LVII. Trying to figure out who is going to win? Consider these tidbits: During the regular season, KC scored 496 points while Philly tallied 477. The Chiefs allowed 369 points while the Eagles let up 344. In the regular season, Philadelphia led the NFL with 70 sacks; and who was second, the Chiefs of course, with 55. The Eagles are the home team and will wear green. The white wearing Chiefs hope to join the 36 of 56 Super Bowl winning teams who wore white. These two cities faced off in the 1980 World Series as the Phillies beat the Royals in



six games. My last pick takes KC. I hope you have good numbers in your squares! Pitchers and catchers report this week! Don't forget to put some time into your game plan for Lent this week. Enjoy the game and have a blessed week. - Fr. Joe

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY?

Our next Registration Meeting is **Monday**, <u>February 14th</u> 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.



Happy Saint Valentine's Day—February 14th!

According to a tradition, St. Valentine risked his life to marry couples in a Christian way during the time of persecution. He finally gave his life in martyrdom, which is the ultimate manifestation of love. The love of this holy priest for Jesus Christ and for defending the Sacrament of Matrimony inspires us to raise human love to the heights of the divine love for which we were created. Christians should take advantage of this feast to recover the Christian meaning of love and marriage in the light of Christ.

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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.

As part of Catholic Schools Week last week, Saint Paul School held a parade for



First Responders. We also welcomed alumni from St. Paul Catholic High School to read to the preschool students.



The high school students enjoyed visiting with their former middle school teachers.

Winners of the annual Middle School Science Fair were also announced. Congratulations to the winners (pictured below).



Thank you to Fr. Martin for being with us on the

Feast of Saint Blaise for the Blessing of Throats!





RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

It is a blessing to our entire parish when St. Paul's children serve at a Children's Mass. Thank you to all of our families whose children have volunteered! Here are some photos from the Sunday, Feb. 5 Children's Mass. Fr. Martin used a flashlight to illustrate: "Our good deeds, our good actions, are the light of the world. They lighten a dark situation, and the song [the opening hymn] and the Gospel said that the dark situations are the hungry, are those who don't have good clothes, those who are sad; all of those are like sad situations, and so when we go out of our way and do a good deed, what do we do? We break up the darkness!"



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St Paul Parish Religious Ed Berlin CT Email: religioused@stpaulkensington.org

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



Christina Norton, Administrative Assistant (860) 828-1934 ext 321

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 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 Freemen 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 Barbara Killius Evan Kimmel Sylvia Kratka

John G. Kumitis, Sr.

Mary Lamkins

Maria Lauria Mary Leinen Laura Lemke Connie Lombardi Ronald Maldon Lisa Mangiafico Fr. Paul Mangiafico Carol Marold Jackie Martin Robert Mazzaferro Lorraine McCarthy Brandi McWade Luis Mendoza Viola Mercadante Michael Mihalko Tom Modifica Evelyn Modzelewski 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 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 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

PRAYER LIST UPDATE

Please let us know if your name or the name of a loved one can be removed from our Parish Prayer List. We are happy to keep as many people on the list as needed. However, sometimes people simply forget to call us to let us know that a name can be removed.

If you would like to add someone to our Prayer List or to let us know that someone can be removed, please call the parish office 860-828-0331 (Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm) or email us at ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org.

Please be sure to ask for permission from the person whose name you would like to add to the list

"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

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.

WORD SEARCH

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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 Friarpriests 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 cherylbatter@att.net.

Our **HELPING HANDS** volunteers address the concerns of our senior parishioners. If you are interested in joining this ministry, we'd love to have you join us. Please contact Mark Duplin: 860-666-0162 or mfduplin@outlook.com.





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 <u>hats</u> 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 Feb/March 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.

- Wednesday, February 22 8:45am (Ash Wednesday)
- Thursday, February 23 7:00am
- Tuesday, March 14 8:45am
- Sunday, March 19 7:30am or 9:30am
- Tuesday, March 21 8:45am
- Wednesday, March 22 7:00am
- Thursday, March 23 7:00am
- Sunday, March 26 7:30am or 9:30am
- Monday, March 27 7:00am
- Tuesday, March 28 7:00am or 8:45am
- Wednesday, March 29 7:00am

About the ST. PAUL PARISH CHOIR:

We have a secret, in that many of us are <u>not</u> professional trained singers, but we work and learn together and somehow, we end up making a joyful noise!



With Lent and the Easter Season upon us, now would be the perfect time to start singing and practicing with our choir as we prepare for the Holy Season.

Contact jeffbatter@stpaulkensington.org for details.

Calling All Young Adults! Join other young adults from

CROSSROADS4CHRIST

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!

"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 imb7000@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: womenofffaith@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 <u>new</u> 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

Contact our core team for more information.

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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 <u>8th grade or high school</u>, 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!







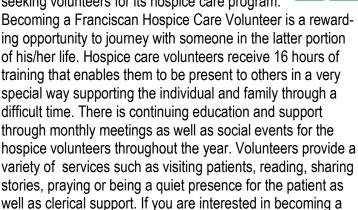




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FRANCISCAN HOME CARE & HOSPICE CARE, a faith-based home health care agency, Meriden, is seeking volunteers for its hospice care program.



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://wwmectw.org/.

Franciscan Hospice Care Volunteer. Contact BJ Raby at

203-238-1441 or braby@franciscanhc.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.



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TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Faith Vos Winkel, MSW
Victim Assistance Coordinator
860-541-6475
faith.voswinkel@aohct.org

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the <u>Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults</u>. This document is also available online at <u>www.archdioceseofhartford.org</u>. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to: State of CT Department of Children and Families Care-line

1-800-842-2288

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to the:

State of CT Connecticut Department of Developmental Services

AID Division for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities

1-844-878-8923

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:

State of CT Department of Social Services

Division of Protective Services for Elders

1-888-385-4225

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.



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 Visit https://marchforlife.org/connecticut-march-for-life/

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

SCRIPTURE STUDY AT ST. PAUL PARISH!

How would you like to join one of our small groups and study a part of the Bible?

You've probably thought about it, especially after hearing one of the readings during Mass that caught your interest. Well, it's easy, spiritually invigorating and fun. Our study groups have been involved in scripture study at St. Paul for 12 years, and we'd love to have you join us. We have it organized well and utilize the commentaries and study guides from Little Rock Scripture Study Program. Check them out at http://www.littlerockscripture.org

Our next study will be **The Book of Genesis (part 2)**. This study involves a little reading on your own and participating in 5 small group meetings twice a month in the parish center beginning the week of March 13.

A study of the book of Genesis is an invitation not only to contemplate the creation story, but to remember the Israelites our ancestors in faith. Part Two of this study covers Genesis chapters 25-50 and moves us forward from the time of Abraham to the unfolding of his family in the stories of Isaac and Jacob. Each participant will receive a study guide with commentary and thought provoking questions. We will also have access to summary lectures on-line.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS AND HOW DO I SIGN UP?: There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2023 in the Church Hall at 7:00 pm to learn the details, ask questions and register. See the flyer in this bulletin. Go to littlerockscripture.org for resources and information on studying the Bible.

We hope you will take the next step to build your relationship with God and study along with us.

BIRTHRIGHT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Birthright is an emergency pregnancy center offering free pregnancy tests and caring and practical support. Our guiding principle: It is the RIGHT of every pregnant woman to give BIRTH and the RIGHT of every child to be BORN. Birthright volunteers have served in Connecticut since 1972. Thousands of expectant mothers have received the help they need to bring their babies into the world.! There are seven Birthright chapters in our state. Please call 1-800-550-4900 for the Birthright nearest you. Training is provided. Spanish speaking volunteers are especially needed. Thank you.



LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

All parishioners are invited consider serving as a Reader or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) at Mass. There will be a day of reflection

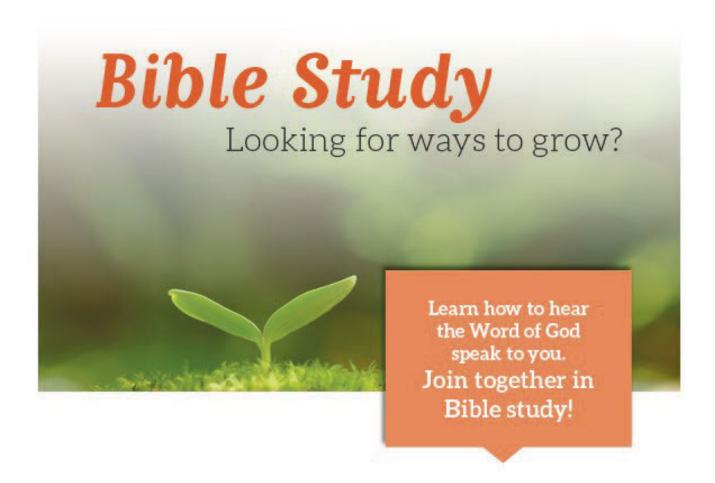
and training session for new members of these ministries on Sunday, February 19 from 1:15 to 5:15 pm in the St. Paul Church Hall. Those currently serving in these ministries will participate in this program as well. Candidates for these ministries must meet the qualifications noted below. If you are 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: 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 (attend Mass each weekend).
- 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



DATES Thursday, March 2, 2023 TIME 7:00 PM

This is a meeting to present information about this Scripture Study

PLACE Church Hall-----All are invited to attend

CONTACT Mark Chasse at mchasse1@comcast.net with any questions

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<u>ASH WEDNESDAY MASS – FEBRUARY 22</u>

7:00am, 8:45am*, 12:00pm, 5:00pm, and 7:00pm
Ashes will be distributed at all Masses

*School Mass—All are welcome

DAILY MASS

Monday to Friday - 7:00am & 5:00pm

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays, 4:00pm Vigil Mass Sundays, 7:30am, 9:00am, 9:30am*, 10:30am & 12:00pm *at Sacred Heart Church

Children's Masses

Sunday, March 5 at 10:30am Sunday, March 26 at 9:00am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 7:00pm February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7

School Children - All are Welcome

Friday, February 24 at 2:00pm—Grades 6-8 Friday, March 3 at 2:00pm—Grades 3-5 Friday, March 10 at 2:00pm—Grades K-2 Friday, March 17 at 2:00pm—Grades 6-8

Friday, March 31 at 2:00pm—Grades 3-5

Thursday, April 6—Living Stations of the Cross at 1:45pm (8th grade students act out the Stations in the school gym)

CONFESSION

Mondays of Lent February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3 7:00pm – 8:00pm

> Tuesday of Holy Week, April 4 7:00pm – 8:00pm

> > Saturdays 8:30am – 9:30am 3:00pm – 4:00pm

HOLY HOUR

Mondays 7:00pm - 8:00pm Tuesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm

LENTEN EVENING REFLECTIONS

The Sermon on the Mount and the Lord's Call to Ongoing Conversion Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday March 14, 15, 16

The regular 5pm Mass will NOT be held on these days.

6:30pm - Mass 7:00pm - Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 7:15pm - Reflection and some quiet time 7:50pm - Benediction

All events are at St. Paul Church unless otherwise noted.

Abstinence and Fasting During Lent

Catholics age 14+ are obliged to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday.

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting means only one full meal is to be eaten. Other food eaten on a Fast Day should not equal a full meal.

CONFESSION

(take this with you ... it's really okay)



BEFORE YOU GO

Examine your conscience, that is, reflect on what sins you've committed. To guide you, just Google "examination of conscience" and you'll find resources to help you. It's even all right to make a list to bring with you if that helps.



INTRODUCTION

When you come before the priest, begin by making the Sign of the Cross (praying the words out loud), and continue by saying, "Bless me, Father, I have sinned. It has been (how long) since my last confession. These are my sins..."



CONFESSION

List the sins you've committed that came to mind during your examination of conscience. Don't be too general ("I haven't been a good person"), but a lot of detail isn't necessary (you don't need to tell the whole story of how a sin came about). If you're not sure if something is a sin, ask the priest. This isn't counseling, so unless you ask, the priest likely won't give you advice. He'll just move on to ...



PENANCE

The priest will suggest something for you to do or pray as a response to God's mercy. You'll have to remember what this is and do it after the confession is over, so pay attention.



ACT OF CONTRITION

The priest will then ask you to pray out loud your "Act of Contrition," to demonstrate your sorrow for your sins: "My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy."



ABSOLUTION

Don't get up to leave after that prayer, because the best part is yet to come: The priest will extend his hands in your direction and he will pray the Prayer of Absolution: "God, the Father of Mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son, has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins. Through the ministry of the Church, may God grant you pardon and peace. And I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." You respond: "Amen."



CONCLUSION

The priest will then likely say something like, "God has freed you from your sin. Go in Peace." To which you can respond: "Thanks be to God." Don't forget to do your penance. If it is saying certain prayers, it's best to do it right away in the church before you forget.





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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

Monday, February 13

8:45am Parish Staff Meeting

12:00pm 13th of the Month Rosary

3:00pm Girls JV Basketball Practice

3:00pm Robotics - SP Church Hall

4:30pm Boys JVB Basketball Practice

6:00pm Boys Varsity Basketball Practice

6:30pm Snow date: 1st Reconciliation rehearsal-SPC

7:00pm Registration for New Members

Tuesday, February 14

8:45am School Mass: Gr 3-5

1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry SPH

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 - PC-LL

Wednesday, February 15

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

Thursday, February 16

9:00am Quilters SPH

3:00pm Girls JV Basketball Practice

3:00pm Drama Club

PARISH CALENDAR

Holy Hour

Tuesdays

4-5pm

3:00pm Girl Scouts

4:30pm Boys JVA Basketball Practice

6:00pm Girls Varsity Basketball Practice

7:00pm RCIA - PC-1

Friday, February 17

NO SCHOOL - Teacher PD

11:45am FoodShare SHC

3:00pm CoEd JVC Red Basketball Practice

4:30pm CoEd JVC Gold Basketball Practice

7:30pm AA Meeting - SPH

Saturday, February 18

6:30am TMIY Men's Group SPH

8:30am Confessions

11:30am Memorial Mass + Morrissey

3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, February 19

9:00am RCIA SPH

9:00am 1st & 2nd Yr Confirmation classes-SPS

1:15pm Eucharist Minister/Lector Mtg SPC & SPH

1:15pm Baptisms

TUESDAY AFTERNOON ADORATION

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



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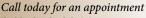
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