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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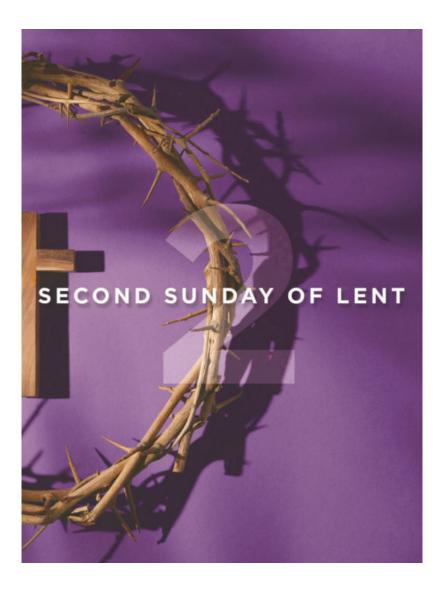
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+ St. Paul Catholic Parish

A Franciscan Family of Faith

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

March 5, 2023 2nd Sunday of Lent



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

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Lenten Evenings of Reflection - A reminder that our Lenten Evenings of Reflection, whose theme is "The Sermon on the Mount and the Lord's Call to Ongoing Conversion", will be held next week on March 14, 15 and 16. See page 7 for the schedule for those evenings. All are welcome to join for all or some of the evenings. While the theme centers on the Sermon on the Mount, each evening's reflection is independent of the other as is each day's Mass. One of the Friars will celebrate the Mass and give a brief homily on that day's readings and another Friar will then lead each evening's reflection. At the end of the last evening there will be a social in the Church Hall on the eve of the Feast of St. Patrick.

Lent and Almsgiving - Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the three pillars of our Lenten practices. Like fasting and prayer, there are many different ways for us to practice almsgiving. Locally, as a parish, we have our ongoing collections for our St. Clare's Food Pantry see page 7 for the items that are currently needed. In addition, our Social Action Ministry kicked off its Lenten Collection on Ash Wednesday. Once again this year the Lenten Collection is supporting the Prudence Crandall Center, Family Promise of Central CT and Underground New England (UGNE) which is a faithbased initiative working to end sex trafficking and sexual exploitation. UGNE provides prevention tools and awareness, but also directly supports victims and survivors during a period of transition in their lives. This collection is not food, but other basic necessities that are needed. See the article on page 8 for more information. There are posters and containers at the entrances where you can drop off your donations at both worship sites.

Last week we listened to Archbishop Blair's homily and the importance of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, *His Sacrifice, and ours.* We as a parish have a very important role in providing for needs that extend beyond our parish and which the Archdiocese is better equipped to provide than we are. Please be as generous as you were last year in your support, and a bit more if you can, and if you have not made a donation to the AAA in the past I encourage you to do so this year.

Lastly, we will also be asked to help those in need on the national and international level. There will be a second collection on March 18/19 for **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**. The CRS Mission "promotes human development by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing peaceful and just societies." CRS always responds to large natural disasters and that is currently the case in Turkey and Syria. "CRS will support emergency relief efforts led by local partners in both Syria and Turkey with Caritas Internationalis, Caritas Syria in Aleppo and Lattakia—where extensive damage has been reported—and other local partners. Already in Turkey, Caritas Internationalis, in coordination with authorities, is bringing displaced people to safe, open spaces and distributing hot meals and clothing."

Paschal Candle Memorial Available - The preeminent symbol of the Easter season is the Paschal Candle which stands tall in the sanctuary during the Easter Season and then is used primarily at all Baptisms and funeral Masses throughout the year. We do not purchase a new Paschal Candle for Sacred Heart Church every year since its use is much more limited, but our current one at SH has become puny looking. If you would like to make a Memorial Donation in honor of a loved one for the Paschal Candle for use at Sacred Heart Church, contact the Parish Office. The cost of the candle this year is \$150. Months ago a parishioner asked about making a memorial gift for the St. Paul Paschal Candle and so that one is already taken.

1st Confessions Coming Up - Keep our third graders in your prayers this week as they prepare for their first confessions on Saturday, March 11th. They have been preparing at home and in class to receive the benefits of Jesus' love and mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The children will come in two groups at 9:30 and 11:00 on Saturday. As a result we will not be able to have any funerals on March 12th.

Confirmation Students - Our 2nd year Confirmation candidates had their retreat last Sunday in preparation for their Confirmation on May 6th at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. Their sponsors joined them for the last part of the day which concluded with time to talk among themselves and for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Their sponsors will be accompanying them and praying for them especially in this time leading up to their Confirmation. But, I also ask that each of us also prays for them as well. We know well the challenges they face in the world of today and so let us pray for them and for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon them.

Rite of Sending Catechumens and Candidates to Continuing Conversion - Last Sunday at the 9:00 am Mass in a Rite of Sending, we formally sent our catechumens Myreon Colon, Jeffrey Kemper and Angelica Rodriguez to the Cathedral to participate in the Rite of Election conducted by Archbishop Blair. The Rite of Election closes the Period of the Catechumenate. At this rite, upon the testimony of sponsors and catechists and the catechumens' affirmation of their intention to join the Church, the Church makes its "election" of these catechumens to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) to which they will be admitted at the upcoming Easter Vigil on April 8th. In addition, we also sent Alexander Dionne to the Rite of Calling Candidates (those baptized in another Christian denomination or a baptized Catholic who never received any religious instruction as is the case for Alex). Continued on page 4

INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†Estelle A. Perry 22nd Anniversary by daughter

†Ray Kramer by daughter Donna

†Claire Samojedny by sister Frances Samojedny

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†Francis E. Gentile Birthday Remembrance by wife, children and grandchildren

+Edward Mosher, III by St. Paul's Women of Faith

†Daniel Cunha by Lynn Misteri

In Loving Memory

+Clara Bakaj **†**Jessica Kelly **†**Joseph D. Severino

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.

To receive the St. Paul Parish bulletin in your email inbox every week, please complete our simple online form at https://stpaulkensington.org/our-bulletin.

Reminder: Our friars will be happy to visit you or your loved one in the hospital if you kindly send us a request. Call 860-828-0331 or email ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org.

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.

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, March 4, 2023 Second Sunday of Lent 4:00 **+Marie Tirinzoni** 4th Anniversary by children Sunday, March 5, 2023 Second Sunday of Lent 7:30 +Elizabeth Lackey by Ed and Gloria 9:00 Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish 9:30 **†Maureen Guite** by friends of Maureen 10:30 **+Paul Miano** by the Corrigan family 12:00 **†Domenica Lopreiato** by daughter Maria Siciliano and family Monday, March 6, 2023 Lenten Weekday 7:00 **†Joan Siering** by Judith Earley 5:00 **†Domenica Lopreiato** by Domenic Lopreiato Tuesday, March 7, 2023 Sts. Perpetua and Felicity Minor and Shaheen Families Birthday Blessings 7:00 by Elise Minor +Chuck Pagano, Sr. Special Anniversary Remembrance by wife **†Paul Miano** by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Earley **+Ronald Lindgren** Birthday Remembrance by family +Richard L. Fiori by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home 8:45 **†Theresa Fellows** by R. and G. Krause 5:00 **†Amaro Gomes** by family Wednesday, March 8, 2023 St. John of God 7:00 **+Barbara Zapor** Birthday Remembrance by Sawyer and Zapor families 5:00 **†Helen Percival** Birthday Remembrance by Kathy Percival Thursday, March 9, 2023 St. Frances of Rome 7:00 **†Estelle A. Perry** 22nd Anniversary by daughter and family 5:00 **†Maria Lombardo** by Emanuele Lombardo John Nappi, Jr. by wife **+Souls in Purgatory** by John and Linda Nappi, Jr. **†Vilma Stifel** by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home +Stanislaw Kolesinski by daughter and family Friday, March 10, 2023 Lenten Weekday 7:00 +Gerald Vanty by Linda and family 5:00 +Dominic J. Colamussi 10 Year Anniversary and **†Rosemarie Peck** by Vincent and Lou Anne Mercadante Saturday, March 11, 2023 Third Sunday of Lent 4:00 **+Marina Zovich** by Theresa and family Sunday, March 12, 2023 Third Sunday of Lent 7:30 **†Helen Sikorowicz** 25th Anniversary by Carol Ciaffaglione 9:00 **†Maria Verrillo** by husband **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish** 9:30 10:30 Arthur Tabaczynski 80th Birthday Celebration by the Tabaczynski family

12:00 **†Peter and †Kathleen Koziatek** by Mary Jane DuPont

Parish Collection Feb 21-27, 2023

In Church SP	\$ 8,790
Office	\$ 2,302
In Church SH	\$ 613
<u>Online Giving</u>	\$ 5,333
Total	\$ 17,038

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK, MARCH 12, 2023 For readings online, visit

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/031223.cfm

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romams 5:1-2, 5-8

Verse Before the Gospel: Cf. John 4:42, 15 Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" — For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.— Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink, 'you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her. "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him. "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saving. 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him. "Sir. I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming. and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth: and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you." At that moment his

PASTOR'S COLUMN (continued)

They now begin a Period of Purification and Enlightenment the final, intense preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation. On the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, the catechumens will participate in three scrutinies (rites for self-searching and repentance) and the presentations of the Creed and Lord's Prayer take place. I ask all parishioners to remember Myreon, Jeffrey, Angelica and Alex in your prayers.

St. Patrick's Day and a Friday of Lent - In that St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday this year, Archbishop Blair offered this statement: *"I formally dispense those for whom this is an especially joyful celebration from the Lenten obligation to abstain from meat that day. Inasmuch as fasting is a spiritual good, meant, in the words of the Catechism, "to help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart," I encourage them to choose another day during that week on which to transfer the Lenten abstinence."*

Final Thoughts - March is here and so the Madness will soon begin. The tournament never seems to disappoint.

Spring training games are already showing a quickened pace. The game might become "watchable" again. Let's bear down on our lenten practices. Have a blessed week. - Fr. Joe



disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat," But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saving is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done." When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

SAINT PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

SAINT PAUL SCHOOL NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR For more information visit our school website <u>https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/</u> or call 860-828-4343 x113. To download an application, click on this link: <u>https://bit.ly/3qO2X9J</u>



You may also email our Admissions Director, Kelly Esposito, admissions@stpaulkensington.org.



Thank you Fr. Martin for visiting our PreK classroom on Ash Wednesday! One of our current Kindergarten students recently shared her retro Saint Paul School jacket which has been in her family for many years; her dad, grandmother, uncle and cousins all attended Saint Paul School!

Our school auction will be on March 25th!



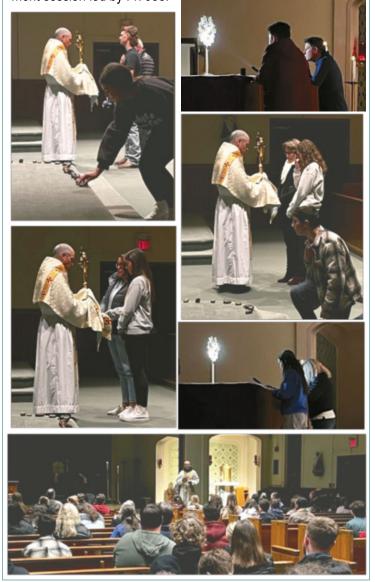
S40 PER PERSON INCLUDES BEER, WINE AND DINNER TO PURCHASE TICKETS, A SPONSORSHIP, OR AN AD, PLEASE VISIT: ourschool.auction/2023SPSWildWildWest



Please consider donating a gift card, a new, unused item, your services (hairdresser, mechanic, lawncare, etc) or purchase a sponsorship or ad to make this the best year ever! email: juliescalora@stpaulkensington.org

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

Our 10th graders attended their 2nd year Confirmation Retreat on February 26 here at St. Paul. It was truly a blessed time! A huge thank you to our grade 10 catechists and helpers who volunteered to lead small group talks - Todd Cusano (who was also a speaker), Micaela Fitzsimmons, Suzy Gujda (who was also a speaker), Milena Miele, Bob Fischer, John Norton, and Denise Nowakowski; Stephanie Spinetti who provided us with her beautiful voice during Eucharistic adoration; Fr. Joe and Fr. Michael; and Dan Tome, our Youth Minister, who helped organize the event. As part of the retreat, the confirmand's sponsors joined the students at the end of the retreat for Eucharistic adoration after they enjoyed dinner and an enrichment session led by Fr. Joe.



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

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Bobby Adamowicz Jacob Ahlquist Gilda Alberti John Anderson Elaine Andrews Jose Arcia Donna Baranowski Zulma Barbien Olivia Belfonti Wvatt 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** Ada Payamis John Pink Marilvn Puopolo 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** Mary Ann Watrous Miriam Zacharias Carrie Zangari Foster Zucchi

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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.

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 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!. Call Barbara with any questions: 860-930-0310.

ST. PAUL PARISH CHOIR: 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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY? Our next Registration Meeting is Monday, <u>March 13th</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.

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The next study, The Book of Genesis (part two) will begin the week of March 13, 2023 and consist of 5 biweekly meetings plus the wrap-up lecture with Fr. Michael. If you missed our Information Meeting last week (March 2) and would like to participate in the Spring Scripture Study, email Mark Chasse at mchasse1@comcast.net.

Available Masses for March/April are listed below. To reserve a Mass, please call the parish office 860-828-0331, Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm.

- Monday, March 27 7:00am
- Tuesday, March 28 8:45am
- Tuesday, April 18 8:45am



OUR PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1pm in the St. Paul Church Hall. The next meeting is March 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.

ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PAN MOBILE FOODSHARE

Volunteers will be needed on Thursday, March 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, March 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:

Juice, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, iced tea, and other miscellaneous beverages. Low salt / No salt items have also been requested.

*Items in bold are staples that are always needed.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR EVENINGS OF LENTEN REFLECTIONS

The Sermon on the Mount and the Lord's Call to Ongoing Conversion

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday March 14, 15, 16

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

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

POLISH DINNER!

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Msgr. Thomas L. Greylish Council #3675



- Saturday April 15 in the Saint Paul School Gym
- ◊ 5:00-8:00pm
- ♦ Tickets are \$25.00 per person
- ◊ Tables of 6, 8, 10 can be reserved
- ◊ Catered by Michael's Catering, BYOB
- ◊ Authentic Polish Cuisine

Tickets are available through; 860-965-1373 Tom Drzata Ray Kalentkowski 860-828-8248 Tom Sullivan 860-505-8128 Parish Center 860-828-0331

Get your tickets early as last year was sold out! Limited take-out available.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER!

Fundraiser for the American Legion in Berlin



\Rightarrow Friday, March 17th

- ⇒American Legion Hall, Berlin
- ⇒6:00-8:00pm
- \Rightarrow \$15/person, pay at the door
- \Rightarrow To make reservations, call Darcy 860-916-3958
- ⇒BYOB

WOMEN OF FAITH All women of the parish are invited to attend the next meeting of our Women of Faith group on Thursday, March 9th at 7pm.



Fr. Martin will be leading us in Stations of the Cross in the St. Paul Church Hall. Our Women of Faith group gathers on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Join us as we help each other in Faith, Friendship and Fellowship. Any questions, please email <u>womenofffaith@stpaulkensington.org</u>.

The **CT MARCH FOR LIFE** will take place on Wednesday, March 22 at 12 Noon, preceded by Mass offered by Archbishop Blair at the Cathedral of



Saint Joseph at 9:30am. A bus is available at St. Dominic Church in Southington. Visit <u>https://rally.co/ct-march-for-life</u> for details. All are encouraged to participate in this peaceful gathering to let our legislators know that life should be protected in CT. <u>https://marchforlife.org/connecticut-march-for-life/</u>

40 DAYS FOR LIFE ProLife New Haven is holding a 40-day, non-stop prayer vigil outside Planned Parenthood of Southern New England (New Haven) through April 2. Scan the QR code or visit our parish website for



details. Join this peaceful and educational presence for Life.

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

The 2023 **Archbishop's Annual Appeal** is now underway in our parish. Our goal is to engage our entire parish family in this year's Appeal and to pray for the



success of the Appeal, both here in our parish and across the three counties of the Archdiocese. If you would like to make a gift, please mail in your pledge card. You may also visit <u>https://www.archdioceseofhartford.org</u> or call the Appeal Office at (800) 781-2550. All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <u>https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/</u>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements

Adult Confirmation-Program begins March 16 - Adults who never received the Sacrament of Confirmation and who would like to be Confirmed in the Spring of 2023 are invited to participate in our six week Adult Confirmation Program (ACP) Registration deadline is March 6. To register call the parish office 860-828-0331 or complete our simple online form at <u>https://</u> <u>stpaulkensington.org/adult-confirmation-rcia</u>. The Social Action Committee's **LENTEN COLLECTION** will continue through **April 2**, **2023**. Please join us in our efforts to help families in crisis and in need by donating to Prudence Crandall or Family Promise. Please leave items at the church entrances. ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW, UN-USED, NOT EXPIRED, AND IN ORIGINAL PACKAGING.

PRUDENCE CRANDALL WISH LIST: laundry detergent, twin sheets and comforters, standard size pillows, towels (bath, hand, and face), baby wipes and diaper cream, toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap, dish soap, over-thecounter medicine, (ibuprofen, cold and flu, allergy, etc.) shower curtains, bath mats, toilet bowl cleaner & brushes, men's, women's and children's underwear, flatware. Gift cards are also appreciated: Stop & Shop, Aldi, Big Y, Target, and Walmart. (Please put gift cards in an envelope marked Lenten Collection and drop in the collection basket at church or leave them at the parish office.)

FAMILY PROMISE WISH LIST: shampoo. conditioner, bath soap (regular, unscented, sensitive skin), deodorant, body lotion/cream, cocoa butter, Vaseline, hair products, toothbrushes, paper towels, toilet paper, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets, Clorox/Lysol wipes, bleach, cleaning supplies. THE UNDERGROUND NEW ENGLAND: The Social Action Committee is also accepting gift cards from Walmart and Stop & Shop for The Underground New England, a faith-based initiative dedicated to ending sex

England, a faith-based initiative dedicated to ending sex trafficking and sexual exploitation throughout Connecticut and New England.

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. The Siena Learning Center will supply all the materials. If you are interested contact Nancy Rodriguez, Director at 860-348-0622. This adult literacy ministry is supported by the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

A Missing Peace Men's Retreat at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center - March 17-19, 2023 For information visit <u>https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org</u> or call 860.760.9705. Learn more about this retreat as a gift to yourself - a way to step aside from everyday concerns to relax and care for your soul.

Calling All Young Adults! Join other young adults from

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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. Cost: \$150 per person. Open to young adults, ages 18-39. Check out <u>http://crossroads4christ.org</u>. 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

The Grotto Gift Shop at the **Shrine of Lourdes** in Litchfield, 50 Montfort Rd., Rte. 118, Litchfield is now open Tuesday to Saturday, 10:30 to 4:00 and Sunday, 11:30 to 4:00. New Spring items are in stock and there is a large selection of outdoor statuary as well as Baptismal, First Communion, Confirmation gifts plus medals, rosaries and gifts for all occasions. For further information, call 860-567-0891 during regular business hours or email: <u>lourdesshrinect@gmail.com</u>.

Spiritual Highlights of Italy Tour May 23 - June 3, 2023 Land starting at \$1799 per person based on double occupancy. An \$850 deposit per person is needed to reserve your space. On this inspirational tour, you'll have the opportunity to visit the Catholic icons of Rome, such as the four major Basilicas, the Scala Sancta and the Papal summer residence of Castel Gandolfo; learn about some of Italy's beloved Saints including St. Pio of Pietrelcina, admire the timeless beauty of the Basilicas of St. Francis in Assisi, and more. Call **Catholic Cruises** and Tours at 860-399-1785 for details

WOMEN'S RETREAT Our Lady of Calvary Retreat in Farmington is hosting a retreat weekend for women of St. Paul Parish on March 10-12, 2023. How do we allow difficulties and darkness to lead us to a new way of being? 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 visit <u>https://www.OurLadyofCalvary.net</u>. or call 860-677-8519.



LENTEN SCRIPTURE RETREAT

A Lenten Scripture Retreat titled *Unlocking the Power of Praying the Psalms* led by Fr. Frank Matera will be held at St. Dominic Church in Southington on Saturday, March 25th from

8:45am-2:15pm. Seeking how to pray more intentionally this Lenten season? Click on the link below or scan the QR code for more information.

https://www.catholicedaohct.org/catholic-biblical-school/events



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Visit the parish website for details!

The **Knights of Columbus** will award college scholarships to graduating high school students. Deadline April 1st. The **New Britain Council of Catholic Women** will offer two,

scholarships to 8th graders planning to attend Catholic High School or high school seniors planning to attend college. Submission deadline is May 5th.

The **Robert T. Kenney Scholarship Program** offers scholarships for 4-year college, 2-year college, or technical/ vocational school. See details at <u>https://www.asfdn.org</u>

COLLEGE FAIR Xavier and Mercy High Schools will hold a special College Fair on Wednesday, April 5, from 6-7:30 pm at Xavier in Middletown. Over 100 college representatives will be in attendance for the night. Students (grades 9-12) and their families are invited. For more information, please contact Matthew Conyers, Xavier High School Director of Communications at 860-490-2310 or mconyers@xavierhighschool.org or visit <u>https://www.xavierhighschool.org</u>

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL President Alissa DeJonge proudly announces the 2nd Quarter Honor Roll for Mercy High School. Congratulations to the students below who are Saint Paul School alumna and/or St. Paul Parishioners!

Seniors Abigayle DeVivo - High Honors Juniors

Amelia Andruskiewicz - Highest Honors Rose Szeghy - Honors

Freshwomen Grace Szeghy - Highest Honors

Congratulations!

THAT MAN IS YOU! Our *TMIY!* Men's Group spring season is underway and will continue through April. It's not too late to join! 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 <u>AM</u> in the St Paul Church Hall. All men are welcome. To learn more, visit <u>http://www.tmiy.org</u> or <u>https://stpaulkensington.org/that-man-is-you</u>

Contact our core team for more information. Rick Dighello - <u>rdighello1@sbcglobal.net</u> 860-655-0714 Frank Ciarcia - <u>frank@crcchrome.com</u> 860-655-1414 Bud Volz - <u>budvolz@comcast.net</u> 860-681-8355 Corey Whiteside - <u>coreyswhiteside@att.net</u> 860-719-7021 Adam Zangari - <u>adamzangari@yahoo.com</u> 860-829-7991



Thursday, March 9 (continued) 2:00pm The NED show assembly 3:00pm Drama Club - SPH 3:00pm Girls JV Basketball Practice 4:30pm Boys JVA Basketball Practice 6:00pm Girls Varsity Basketball Practice 7:00pm Women of Faith - Church Hall Friday, March 10 2:00pm Stations of the Cross: Gr K-2 3:00pm CoEd JVC Red Basketball Practice 4:30pm CoEd JVC Gold Basketball Practice 7:00pm Stations of the Cross - SPC 7:30pm AA Meeting - SPH Saturday, March 11 6:30am TMIY Men's Group SPH 8:30am Confessions 9:30am 1st Reconciliation A 11:00am 1st Reconciliation B 3:00pm Confessions Sunday, March 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





2023 SPS Summer Camp Registration is now OPEN! Scan the QR code for registration forms or for more information. You



may also contact our Summer Camp Director, Jennifer Bradley, at summercamp@sptaulkensington.org

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