

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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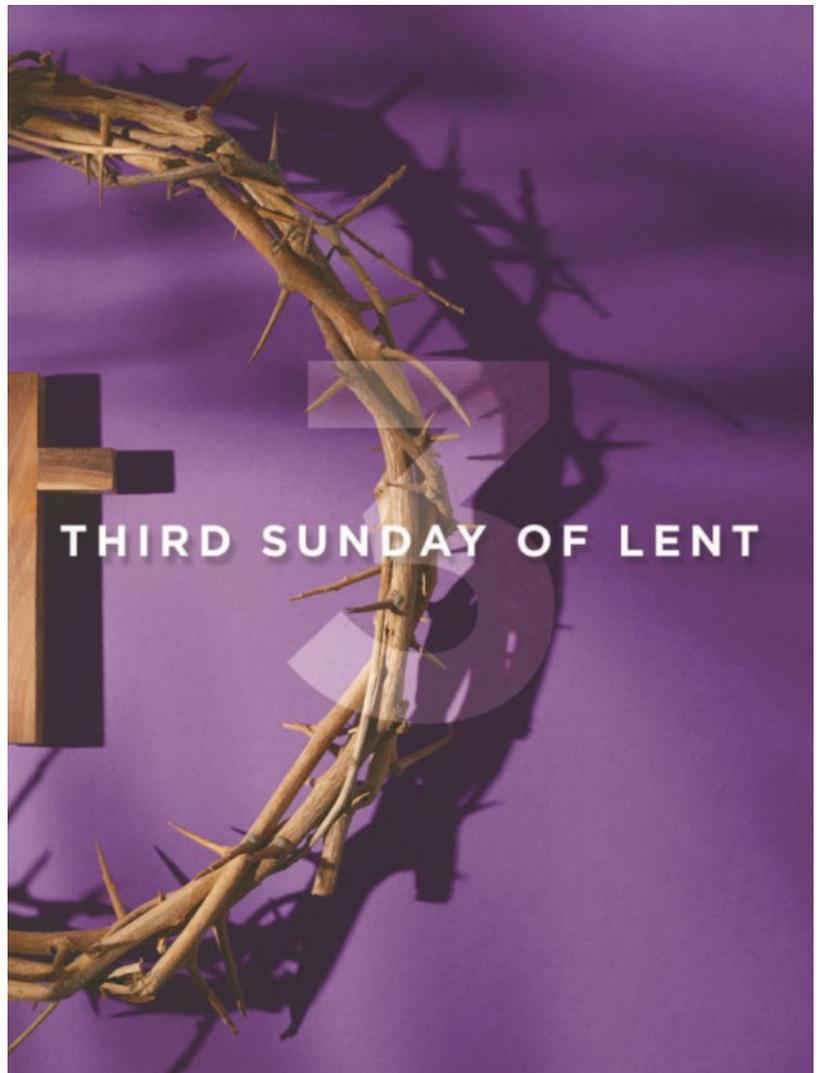
A Franciscan Family of Faith

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

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

March 12, 2023

3rd Sunday of Lent



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

-Pope Francis

Lenten Evening of Reflections - Our Lenten Evenings of Reflection, whose theme is *The Sermon on the Mount and the Lord's Call to Ongoing Conversion* will be held this week, Tuesday through Thursday, March 14, 15 and 16. This is an opportunity to make some time to pray and reflect during the season of Lent. *The usual 5 pm Mass on these days is moved to 6:30 pm.* **The schedule for this week's Evenings of Reflection is:**

- 6:30 pm - Mass
- 7:00 pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 7:10 pm - Reflection and some quiet time
- 7:50 pm - Benediction

All are welcome to join for all or some of the evenings. 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. There will be a coffee and desert reception following the service on Thursday in the church hall.

Scrutinies - Our RCIA candidates, who began their faith journey back in October, are now in the final stage of preparation to receive all or some of the Sacraments of Initiation. Last week I shared with you that on the first Sunday of Lent our three catechumens, Myreon Colon, Jeffrey Kemper and Angelica Rodriguez, were sent forth from our parish in a Rite of Sending to Archbishop Blair where he conducted the Rite of Election for them and all other adults in the Archdiocese who are to be baptized at the Easter Vigil this year. They wrote their names in the Book of the Elect and are now referred to as the Elect. They are now in the final stage of preparation before they receive all of the Sacraments of Initiation on April 8th. Beginning today, on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, the Elect will participate in three scrutinies (rites for self-searching and repentance). On page 6 you can read a little bit more about the scrutinies and the Rite that accompanies each of the scrutinies. While this Rite will only take place at the Mass at which the Elect are in attendance, this week it's the 9 am Mass, all parishioners are asked to keep the Elect in their prayers. Keep Alex Dionne in your prayers too, who as a Candidate from our parish who has already been baptized, will be Confirmed and receive the Eucharist for the first time at the Easter Vigil. In all there were about 250 Elect and Candidates at the Cathedral.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! - Special greetings to all who have some green blood flowing through their veins as the Feast of St. Patrick is celebrated on Friday! As mentioned last weekend, Archbishop Blair has given a **dispensation** from not eating meat on a Friday of Lent for this Friday, March 17th. In providing the dispensation the Archbishop did suggest transferring the day of abstinence to another day this week.



An Old Irish Blessing

May love and laughter light your days,
and warm your heart and home.
May good and faithful friends be yours,
wherever you may roam.
May peace and plenty bless your world
with joy that long endures.
May all life's passing seasons
bring the best to you and yours!

EMHC and Readers - On February 19th Fr. Michael and I joined with about 65 parishioners for an afternoon of reflection and training in their ministries as Readers (Lectors) of which six (6) are new and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) of which eight (8) are new. After lunch the group met as a whole to consider some aspects that are common to their ministries before dividing up for sessions specific to being a Reader or EMHC. We concluded by going up to the church to review the practical aspects of each ministry. While meeting with the EMHC they asked some questions about what to do when communicants come forward to receive communion, but they are concerned that the communicant will drop the host from either their hand or mouth. The Friars also have that concern at times and so in a future item in my column I will offer some thoughts and reminders on this topic. Gloria and Ed Janik coordinated the logistics of the day including arranging for the food and the very nice appearance of the church hall. Al and Carol Simeone provided an abundance (maybe even an over abundance) of homemade cannolis that were so very good. I am grateful all who helped make the afternoon possible. We will hold a formal Commissioning of these new ministers and a re-commissioning of our veteran ministers at all Masses on April 15/16.

Mercy Mondays - A reminder that every Monday during Lent is a Mercy Monday. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for veneration from 7 to 8 pm at St. Paul's and confessions will be heard by all four priests. This is a good time to come and pray and have some quiet time with the Lord. *Each parish in the Archdiocese also has time for confessions on Mondays during Lent. If going to another parish, it is best to call and see what time and in which church since most parishes have multiple worship sites these days.* The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also offered here at St. Paul's every Saturday from 8:30-9:30 am and from 3:00-4:00 pm.

Work in Progress on St. Paul Church Sound System - If things came off as planned, the work on the upgrades to the sound system at St. Paul Church began on Thursday, March 9th. There was no expectation that all of this work would be done by this weekend, March 11 and 12. This will likely be a work in progress for a few weeks as all of the adjustments...

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INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†**Rose DeFrancesco** Birthday Remembrance by family

†**Salvatore Fano** by Theresa and family

†**Weronika and †Eugeniusc Chlastawa**
by son Stanley and family

Doris Birthday Celebration by mom and family

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†**Verne Arthur Logan** by St. Paul's Women of Faith

†**James Sorensen** In Memory by Cliff & Lois White



†**Clara J. Dairgis**

†**Diane F. Kozlowski**

†**Joseph J. Kozlowski**

†**Verne Arthur Logan**
(father of Diane Roncaioli)

†**Donald G. Norton**

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

Parish Collection Feb 28-March 6, 2023	In Church SP	\$ 9,151
	Office	\$ 1,442
	In Church SH	\$ 1,215
	Online Giving	\$ 5,818
	Total	\$ 17,626

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.

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 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

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

10:30 †**Arthur Tabaczynski** 80th Birthday Celebration

by the Tabaczynski family

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

Monday, March 13, 2023 Lenten Weekday

7:00 †**Eugeniusz and †Weronika Chlastawa**

by daughter Sofia

5:00 †**Bigou Rodrigues** by family

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 Lenten Weekday

7:00 †**Vincent Shaheen and †Souls in Purgatory**

by Elise Minor

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

by Anthony Micacci

Emma Pagano For Health and Development by grandma

†**Walt Smoluk** by wife Joyce

8:45 †**Roland Mailloux** by Joe and Angela Gionfriddo

6:30 †**Raymond Lemieux and †Robert Brousseau**

6th Anniversary by family

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 Lenten Weekday

7:00 †**Cecelia Chasse** 10th Year Anniversary

by Mark and Maura Chasse

6:30 †**Salvatore Fano** by Theresa and family

Thursday, March 16, 2023 Lenten Weekday

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

Benefactors of the Friars

6:30 †**Dick Percival** 8th Anniversary by Kathy

†**Helen Slowikowski and †Helen Messina**

by Debbie Slowikowski

†**Rose Messina** by Adeline D'Angelo and family

John Nappi, Jr. by wife

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

Friday, March 17, 2023 St. Patrick

7:00 †**Kieran Egan** by wife and family

5:00 †**Daniel Joseph Pac** by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home

Saturday, March 18, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00 †**Joseph Frankosky and †Maryanne Chlubzienski**

by Christine and Edward Bratina

Sunday, March 19, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**

9:00 †**Hannah McCaig** 1st Anniversary

by husband and daughters

9:30 †**Ann Richotte** by Rosann and Larry Mancini

10:30 †**Joan DiMinno** 4th Anniversary by Joyce and family

12:00 †**Deceased Members of the Tabaczynski Family**

by the Tabaczynski family

2nd Collection for March 18/19: Catholic Relief Services

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK, MARCH 19, 2023

For readings online, visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/031923.cfm>

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Verse Before the Gospel: John 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Gospel: John 9:1-41

*As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent—So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him." So a second time they called the **man** who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know.*

PASTOR'S COLUMN (continued)

are made. This will require them to be present during some upcoming weekend liturgies. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

Ushers and Greeters Meeting - In preparation for Holy Week and Easter, there will be a meeting for all current ushers and greeters and anyone who would like to become an usher or a greeter on Wednesday, March 29 at 6:45 pm in St. Paul Church. Please contact Deacon Don at deacondon@stpaulkensington.org or 413-320-5778 to let us know if you would like to be a Greeter or an Usher at any of the Masses.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection - CRS is an arm of the US Catholic Bishops headquartered in Baltimore that provides aid to the poor and vulnerable. Your support of the CRS Collection next weekend (March 18/19) helps fund organizations here in the U.S. and around the world dedicated to aiding people affected by war and natural disasters, migrants and refugees in need of material and legal assistance and much more. Currently they are providing aid to the people of Syria and Turkey following the recent devastating earthquakes.

Final Thoughts - The inevitable happened with Lamar. Will he find the offer he wants? There are lots of big egos among NFL owners, so it is possible. Well Selection Sunday is here and I have no idea how I will fill out a bracket or two, but it will be fun nonetheless. Do not look now, but Opening Day is just two and half weeks away and the O's open at Fenway. That means Lent is going by quickly as well. Let's keep up our Lenten training. Have a blessed week everyone! - Fr. Joe

One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

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.

For Read Across America Week and Dr. Seuss's Birthday, our students and staff celebrated by reading, sharing their favorite books and novels, dressing up and having special mystery readers.



Thank you to all of the parents who came in to read with us!



Our school auction will be on **March 25th!** The theme is **Wild Wild West** Wanted: Bids for Kids

To purchase tickets, a sponsorship or an ad, visit:
ourschool.auction/2023SPSWildWildWest



Please consider donating a gift card, a new, unused item, your services (hairstylist, mechanic, lawncare, etc) or purchase a sponsorship or ad to make this the best year ever!

email: juliescalora@stpaulkensington.org

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

Below are some photos from our March 5th Children's Mass. All of our volunteers did an excellent job! If you have not yet attended a Children's Mass, please do! Our children are such a blessing to our parish!

Our next Children's Mass will be Sunday, March 26, at 9:00am. If your child is interested in participating, please let us know!



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What are the “Scrutinies”?

These very special rites are celebrated on the middle three Sundays of Lent, at liturgies where the Elect are present. The Elect are those in our midst who are preparing for Baptism. Part of their journey to the font is that they have been received among us, the Rite of Acceptance, and they have been enrolled in the Book of the Elect in the Rite of Election.

Even if these rites are not celebrated at the liturgy we attend, or not celebrated in our parish or congregation at all, it can be wonderful to reflect upon the journey these Elect are making during Lent, as an inspiration and source of renewal for us in our journey.

These are ancient rites and they may, at first, seem strange to us. But they are profoundly rooted in our human experience. We need to examine (scrutinize) how we are, the areas of our lives where we are tempted, or seriously sin - in what we do and what we fail to do. We really need healing and the strength that can come from the support of our sisters and brothers.

Invitation to Silent Prayer

One of the most powerful moments of the Scrutinies is how they begin. After the homily, the Elect are invited to come forward with their sponsors and to kneel down. Then, the whole assembly is invited to pray for them in silence. It is a very solemn moment. This community has cared for these elect for some months now on their journey. We have sent them to reflect more and more deeply on the Word of God, and expressed to them our longing for the day on which they would join us at the table of the Lord. Now we pray for them in this sacred silence, deeply asking God to protect them and heal them in the weeks ahead.

Intercessions for the Elect

We then pray out loud together for the Elect.

Prayer of Exorcism

Then, we pray that they might be freed from the power of the Evil One and protected on their journey.

The Laying On of Hands

In a silent ritual deliberately reminiscent of the rite used for ordination in the Sacrament of Holy Orders, the priest or deacon lays his hands for a brief moment on the head of each of the Elect. It is a solemn act of calling down the Spirit of Jesus to be with them and protect them.

Dismissal of the Elect

The Elect are then sent forth to reflect upon the Word and this powerful gesture of love on the part of this community, that cares for them so deeply, with the love of Christ.

From the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, prepared by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy and the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.



On Sunday, February 26th, individuals seeking to enter the Catholic Church and their sponsors and RCIA team members attended the Rite of Election and Continuing Conversion at St. Joseph Cathedral. Pictured left to right: Linda Guzzardi, Jeffrey Kemper, Myreon Colon, Angelica Rodriguez, Archbishop Leonard Blair, Alexander Dionne, Emilie Vega, and Fr. Joseph Bernicewicz, OFM Conv.

LENTEN COLLECTION Our Social Action Committee's Lenten Collection will continue through **April 2**. 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, unused, 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-the-counter 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 Committee is also accepting gift cards from Walmart and Stop & Shop for The Underground New England, a faith-based initiative dedicated to ending sex trafficking and sexual exploitation throughout Connecticut and New England.

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 Freeman
 Rose Garuti
 Patricia Gebhardt
 Dominic Gionfriddo
 Jennifer Gionfriddo
 Salvatore Gionfriddo
 Rosemarie Gionfriddo
 Liz Goryl-Phillips
 Donna Goulette
 Frank Grandone
 Madison Gray
 Grochal Family
 Pat Haber
 Linda Hannold
 Lily Harzewski-Burl
 Tom Higgins
 Evan Hill
 Pat Jahn
 Barbara Killius
 Evan Kimmel
 Sylvia Kratka
 John G. Kunitis, Sr.
 Mary Lamkins
 Maria Lauria



Mary Leinen
 Laura Lemke
 Connie Lombardi
 Ronald Maldon
 Lisa Mangiafico
 Fr. Paul Mangiafico
 Carol Marold
 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
 Marilyn 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

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.



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.

WORD SEARCH

**SAMARITAN
 JOSEPH
 WATER
 BUCKET**

**SYCHAR
 WELL
 DRINK
 CATTLE**

**JACOB
 WOMAN
 JEW
 HUSBAND**

E	L	T	H	U	S	B	A	D	N
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The **CONNECTICUT 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 in Southington.

Visit <https://rally.co/ct-march-for-life> for details.

All are encouraged to participate in this peaceful gathering to let our legislators know that life should be protected in our state.



Visit: <https://marchforlife.org/connecticut-march-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 respectlife@stpaulkensington.org.

FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & 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 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:

Cereal, oatmeal, pancake mixes, pancake syrup, muffin mixes, peanut butter, jelly, preserves, pop tarts, and protein/granola bars.

**Items in bold are staples that are always needed.*

POLISH DINNER!

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Mstr. 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;

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⇒ American Legion Hall, Berlin

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⇒ \$15/person, pay at the door

⇒ To make reservations, call Darcy 860-916-3958

⇒ BYOB

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 Director of Communications at 860-490-2310 or mconyers@xavierhighschool.org or visit <https://www.xavierhighschool.org>

LENTEN 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 information.

<https://www.catholicdaohct.org/catholic-biblical-school/events>



A Missing Peace Men's Retreat at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center - **March 17-19, 2023** For information visit <https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org> 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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY?

Our next Registration Meeting is **Monday, March 13th** 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.

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.



WOMEN OF FAITH All women of the parish are invited to attend the next meeting of our Women of Faith group on **Thursday, April 13th** at 7pm. Join us as we help each other in Faith, Friendship and Fellowship. Any questions, email womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org.



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 **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.



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.



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



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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 <https://www.asfdn.org>

Franciscan Life Center Enrichment Programs



Dr. Thomas Finn, Clinical Psychologist on staff at the Franciscan Life Center, is presenting two educational enrichment programs in the spring of 2023. **Parenting Classes** - April 12 and 13, from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm - designed to help parents learn techniques to help raise responsible and cooperative children. The class is geared toward parents with children 13 and younger. \$45.00 per person or \$60.00 per couple. **Anxiety Workshops** - May 24 and 31 and June 7, 14, 21, and 28, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Six-week program provides basic tools for managing anxiety including relaxation techniques and improved thinking styles based on the principles of Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy. Participants age 16 and over are welcome. \$50.00 for each session. These events will be held in the San Damiano Room of the Chiara Center, 275 Finch Avenue, Meriden. For more information, please visit flcenter.org or call 203-237-8084.

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.

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: lourdeshrinect@gmail.com.

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
10:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 3-SPS
4:00pm Gr. 4-8 confessions-SPC

Monday, March 13

8:45am Parish Staff Meeting
11:30am Funeral +Rich
12:00pm 13th of the Month Rosary
3:00pm Robotics - SP Church Hall
7:00pm Scripture Study
7:00pm Mercy Monday Confessions - SPC
7:00pm Registration for New Members

Tuesday, March 14

8:45am School Mass: Gr 3-5
1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry SPH
3:00pm Drama Club
3:30pm Scripture Study - PC-1
4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration
6:30pm K of C 3rd Degree Council Meeting - SPH
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - PC-LL
6:30pm Mass
7:00pm Lenten Evening of Reflection SPC

Wednesday, March 15 (Report Cards)

6:00pm Rosary at Sacred Heart
6:00pm Children's choir rehearsal-SPC
6:30pm Mass
7:00pm Scripture Study - PC-1 & Sacred Heart
7:00pm Lenten Evening of Refection SPC

Thursday, March 16

9:00am Quilters SPH
3:00pm Drama Club
3:00pm Girl Scouts
6:00pm Adult Confirmation Class - PC-2

PARISH CALENDAR

Lenten
"Mercy Monday"
7-8pm

Holy Hour
Tuesdays
4-5pm

Thursday, March 16 (continued)

6:30pm Mass
7:00pm RCIA - PC-1
7:00pm Lenten Evening of Reflection SPC



Friday, March 17 (Carnations 8th Gr fundraiser)

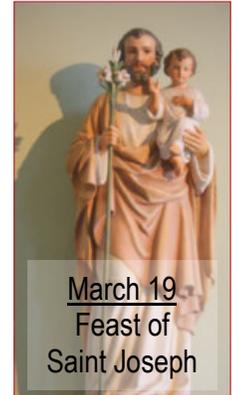
11:45am FoodShare SHC
2:00pm Stations of the Cross: Gr 6-8
7:00pm Stations of the Cross - SPC
7:30pm AA Meeting - SPH

Saturday, March 18

6:30am TMIY Men's Group SPH
8:30am Confessions
9:00am 1st Communion host making
10:30am 1st Communion host making
12:00pm 1st Communion host making
3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, March 19

9:00am RCIA SPH
9:00am 1st & 2nd Yr Conf class-SPS
1:15pm Baptisms



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

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