

## **MASS TIMES**

**St. Paul Church**, 485 Alling St., Kensington  
Saturday 4pm Vigil

Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 12pm

**Sacred Heart Church**, 48 Cottage St., E. Berlin  
Sunday 9:30am

## **Weekday Mass at St. Paul Church**

Monday-Friday 7am & 5pm

All Masses are live streamed

## **CONFESSION**

Saturdays 8:30am-9:30am and 3:00-4:00pm

## **HOLY HOUR**

Tuesdays 4:00-5:00pm

Baptisms: 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month

Baptismal Instruction: Last Tuesday of the month

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# St. Paul Catholic Parish

*A Franciscan Family of Faith*

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

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

April 2, 2023



PALM  
SUNDAY



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

*-Pope Francis*

**Holy Week** - The Church's Liturgies of the last three days of Holy Week, known as the Sacred Triduum, are the touch stone of our faith. They reveal fully God's love for us through the Paschal Mystery that is the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. These are also days for us to show how deeply committed we are to Christ. Through our active participation in the beauty and uniqueness of the Church's Liturgies of these three days we embark on a spiritual pilgrimage. I invite you to join together for these most beautiful and solemn liturgies.

**Chrism Mass** - In addition to the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil Liturgies, another Holy Week Liturgy that you may be less familiar with is the Chrism Mass. In Rome and in every (arch)diocese throughout the world, the local bishop, will celebrate the Chrism Mass. Traditionally the Chrism Mass was held in the morning on Holy Thursday. While that is still the case in some places, more often it is held earlier during Holy Week for practical reasons. In the Archdiocese of Hartford, Archbishop Leonard Blair will celebrate the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. All are welcome to attend. Our St. Paul middle school students will be in attendance.

The Chrism Mass gathers the faithful of the diocese at their mother church with their shepherd at which time the three oils used during the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders are blessed or consecrated, in the case of the Chrism, and then distributed to all of the parishes in the diocese. Since the bishop is the only minister in the diocese who may consecrate chrism, this Mass highlights his ministry and our union with him. While he will not be able to baptize and confirm every person in the diocese, nonetheless he will be symbolically present in the Chrism which the priests and deacons will use. When the oils are brought back to the parish they are placed in dignified containers and stored near the baptismal font in an ambry. At St. Paul the ambry is on the pillar near the statue of Mary.

In recent years, the Chrism Mass has also acknowledged the ministry of priests since it was at the Last Supper that Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Holy Orders. The priests renew their commitment of service at the Chrism Mass. Please pray for your priests currently assigned here and all those who have served at Sacred Heart and St. Paul in the past.

**Holy Thursday** - At this evening Mass, which begins at 7pm, we celebrate the Lord's Last Supper and Jesus' institution of two Sacraments, Eucharist and Holy Orders. Intertwined deeply in the meaning of both of these Sacraments is Jesus' great mandate, that as He had washed the feet of the Apostles, so too were they to do. We are all called to serve rather than be served. This liturgy includes a re-enactment of the washing of feet of the Apostles. The oils that were blessed

and consecrated at the Chrism Mass will be brought up in procession. Following the meal, Jesus went off to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray and took three apostles with himself. At the end of our Holy Thursday Liturgy, we will process with the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose. You are invited to remain and pray in adoration and thanksgiving before the Blessed Sacrament so as to meditate on this extraordinary and incomparable mystery of love. At St. Paul we shall keep company with the Lord until 10pm when we will pray Night Prayer together which will take about 5 minutes.

On **Good Friday**, the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion will begin at 3:00pm. The Liturgy this day is so very different. The altar was stripped bare after the Mass of the Last Supper, and the tabernacle is empty. The Good Friday Liturgy has three parts beginning with the Liturgy of the Word which includes the account of the Passion from St. John's Gospel and concludes with petitions for all believers and non-believers. Then in the 2<sup>nd</sup> part all are invited to venerate the Cross, the extraordinary symbol of divine mercy. The Cross of Christ is lifted up before the world as a banner of hope for all who in faith welcome its mystery into their lives. In the last part Holy Communion is distributed from hosts consecrated the night before since no Masses are celebrated on Good Friday. At 7:00pm **Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated at St. Paul Church.

On **Holy Saturday**, the Church vigilantly watches silently at the tomb and reflects on the death of the Lord and the pain, loneliness and discouragement that so often accompany death. We think of Mary who saw her son crucified and buried.

On Holy Saturday night during the solemn Easter Vigil, "the mother of all vigils", which begins at 8pm, the silence will be broken and the mood changes with the joyful song, "Exsultet, "Rejoice!" The Easter Vigil begins in darkness; a fire is lit and blessed; the Paschal Candle is marked and lit; tapers are lit and passed and we will pass from darkness into light. Once again the victory of Light over darkness, of Life over death, will be proclaimed and the Church will rejoice in meeting her Risen Lord. Christ's triumph over death will be proclaimed and the promise of everlasting life springs eternal. During the Easter Vigil Myreon Colon, Jeffrey Kemper and Angelica Rodriguez, who have been in our RCIA program since October, will receive all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion) while Alexander Dionne, who has also been in the RCIA program, will receive the Sacraments Confirmation and Holy Communion. In addition, the following students will receive one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation: Anaiya Colon (4 years old) Gavin Douglas (Grade 2) and Lyliaanna McBriarty (Grade 3) will be baptized; Tyler Ciaffaglione (Grade 7) will be baptized and receive his 1<sup>st</sup> Communion...

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## INTENTIONS

### Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†**Francesca Galagi** Anniversary Remembrance by her children

†**Mary Formica** by loving family

†**Louis Legnani** Birthday Remembrance

†**Fannie Legnani** Anniversary Remembrance  
by daughter Lorraine

### A Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for

†**Mary Rich** by Debbie and Foster Zucchi



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.

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

**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](mailto:ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org).

### INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY?

Our next Registration Meeting is **Monday, April 10th** in the St. Paul Church Hall (downstairs) at 7pm. Please let us know if you plan to attend. Call 860-828-0331 or email [ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org).

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>.



### **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, April 1, 2023 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
4:00 **Robert and Allison Poulin**  
30th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
7:30 †**Lucille Micacci** Birthday Remembrance  
by husband Anthony

9:00 †**Angela Marie Poletta** by Vancour family

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

10:30 †**Helen M. Gervais** 1st Year Anniversary  
by Pisarski and Ciancimino families

12:00 †**Julie Boninsegna** 1st Year Anniversary  
by the DeFrancesco family

Monday, April 3, 2023 Monday of Holy Week

7:00 †**Robert J. Fitzsimmons** by wife Anita and children

5:00 †**Jeanne Marie Bilodeau Higgins**  
Birthday Remembrance by family

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 †**David Cudmore and †Peg Machnicki** by neighbors

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

†**Ines Tee** by brother

**Chasse and †Belmont Families**

by Doris and Rich Chasse

†**Walt Smoluk** by wife Joyce

5:00 †**Charles Kahn** 1st Anniversary by wife

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 Wednesday of Holy Week

7:00 †**James A. Perry, Jr. and †Richard G. Perry**  
Anniversary by sister

5:00 †**Michael Zarotney** 1st Year Anniversary  
by Linda and Joe Cimadon

Thursday, April 6, 2023 Holy Thursday-Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 **NO 7AM MASS**

7:00 **Intention of Celebrant**

Friday, April 7, 2023 Good Friday -The Passion of the Lord

**NO MASSES**

3:00 **The Passion of the Lord**

Saturday, April 8, 2023 Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

8:00 **No Intention**

Sunday, April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:00 †**Edwin and †Pamela Szymanoski** by Rita

8:45 †**Florence DiMauro** 4th Anniversary by her daughter

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

10:30 †**Fabio Birritta** Birthday Remembrance  
by mommy and daddy

12:15 **Easter Novena**

**Parish Collection**  
March 21-27, 2023

In Church SP	\$ 9,536
Office	\$ 2,225
In Church SH	\$ 484
Online Giving	\$ 4,680
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 16,925</b>

2nd Collection for April 6/7: Good Friday Holy Land

Cody Douglas (Grade 6) will receive his 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Troy Johnson (Grade 3) will make his Profession of Faith and become a member of the Catholic Church. Please remember all of them in your prayers this week as they prepare to receive these sacraments.

**Confessions** - In these last days before Easter, confessions will be heard on Monday, April 3 (our final Mercy Monday) and Tuesday, April 4 from 7pm to 8pm. The last scheduled confessions before Easter will be on Good Friday from 12:30pm until 2:00pm. *Confessions will **not** be heard on Holy Saturday.*

**Parish Center Easter Schedule** - The Parish Center will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday and will re-open on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

**Living Stations of the Cross** - Our school children will enact "The Living Stations of the Cross" on Holy Thursday at 1:30pm in the Parish Green parking lot. Parishioners are welcome to attend. Seating is not provided. If the weather is inclement, the Stations will be held in the school gym.

**Holy Land Collection** - This is a world wide collection whose purpose is to help protect and preserve the sacred places and shrines in the Holy Land. Since 1333, Franciscan Friars have been staffing and maintaining these sacred sites and serving the pastoral needs of the minority Christian community who live there as well as the thousands who visit to deepen their spiritual lives. This collection will be taken up on Good Friday.

**Święconka - The Blessing of the Easter Baskets** - With roots dating back to the early history of Poland *święconka* is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions on Holy Saturday. As Lent ends, along with its various disciplines including fasting, baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to be blessed on Holy Saturday. Easter baskets will be blessed in St. Paul Church at 1:00, 1:30 & 2:00 pm. The main foods blessed are an egg which is broken and shared by all on Easter Sunday morning, and a lamb molded of butter or pastry. This butter-lamb and blessed Easter egg have a place of honor on the Easter table. The foods in the baskets have a symbolic meaning: eggs - symbolize life and Christ's resurrection; bread - symbolic of Jesus, The Bread of Life; lamb - represents Christ, the Lamb of God; salt - represents purification; horseradish - symbolic of the bitter sacrifice of Christ; ham - symbolic of great joy and abundance. Of course you do not need to be Polish or Slavic to participate in this custom. This is a wonderful tradition to keep, or start, and to teach our children about these Easter baskets as well.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK, APRIL 9, 2023**

For readings online, visit  
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/040923.cfm>

**First Reading:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

**Second Reading:** Col 3:1-4

**Alleluia:** cf. 1 Cor 5:7

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;  
 let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel:** Jn 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

**Polish Night** - The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Polish Night on Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5pm. See page 8 for more information. The proceeds benefit their scholarship programs.

**Ministry Fair** - Our annual Ministry Fair will be held the weekend of June 3 & 4. Save the date for now and more information will follow.

**Final Thoughts** - There is nothing more important this week than coming to church for the Holy Week Services and going to confession if you have not yet done so. Let us be drawn ever more deeply into the celebration of these most wonderful things that Jesus has done for us. Have a very Blessed Holy Week. - Fr. Joe



## SAINT PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

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

For more information visit our school website

<https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/>  
or call 860-828-4343 x113.

To download an application, click on this link:

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



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

Our 27th Annual Auction fundraiser was held last weekend. **Thank you to all** who helped make this “Wild Wild West” themed event a success - Julie Scalora and the auction committee, parent volunteers, staff members, alumni and religious education students. Thank you to Eric Hummel, auctioneer, for sharing your talent and for all of your support! Thanks also to Michael’s Catering in New Britain for a delicious dinner and Dairy Queen in Kensington for the yummy dessert! Thank you to our sponsors and advertisers for supporting this event!



We have one addition to the Honor Roll list that was posted in last week’s bulletin. Congratulations again to one and all. Keep up the great work!

#### Grade Seven

Honors:

Gabriel Puskarz



## RELIGIOUS ED NEWS



Fr. Martin held the children’s Mass on March 26! Our next Children’s Mass will be on **Sunday, April 16**, at 9am. If your child would like to participate, please let us know!

If you have not yet attended a Children’s Mass, please do!



A big thank you to the many families who donated Easter bags for The Underground New England as a Family Faith Activity or Confirmation Service Event. A total of 112 bags were collected! These bags will go to the children of victims and survivors of sex trafficking and exploitation in Connecticut.



Thank  
You!



## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Thank you for attending our March Registration Meeting.  
We are happy you've joined our family of faith!  
~ God Bless ~



## SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY

The Underground Committee of the Social Action Ministry would like to thank everyone who participated in the Easter Bag collection. Through your generosity, The Underground New England will receive 112 Easter Bags. These special donations are greatly appreciated. Wishing all of you a blessed and happy Easter!



**LENTEN COLLECTION** Our Social Action Ministry's Lenten Collection will continue [through April 2](#). Please join us in our efforts to help families in crisis and in need. Please leave items at the church entrances. *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.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL—FEBRUARY MEETING

The Pastoral Council met on Monday, February 20, 2023. All current members of the council were present as well as guests Ashley Cuomo, head of the Culture of Life Ministry, Dan Tome, youth minister of the parish and Deacon Julio. The opening prayer was offered by Father Martin. Father Joe introduced and welcomed the newest member of the council and new trustee of the parish, Maura Chasse. Maura is a retired attorney with a vast knowledge of diocesan protocols and corporate law. She and her husband, Mark, are active participants in the parish. She will bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to her new positions.

Ashley Cuomo gave a detailed description of the activities completed and planned for the future for the Culture of Life Ministry. Dan Tome offered a summary of the activities in which he is responsible as well as up and coming events. Jill Conaway, principal of the school, offered a written report citing a stable enrollment as well as the current initiatives with which the school is involved. Our school continues to be a vibrant, economically stable environment in which to educate our children. Robin Veronesi also offered a written report detailing the religious education program and the many activities in which she is involved.

The annual Ministry Fair will be held June 3 and 4th. This is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to learn more about the varied and numerous ministries offered at St. Paul's. Father Joe reviewed the Lenten schedule and cited the numerous opportunities for parishioners to celebrate the season.

Deacon Julio presented a detailed summary of the finances, assets, and liabilities, of the parish including the church and the school. An approved balanced budget was reviewed and passed by the Finance Committee at their February 8th meeting. This budget included the following capital repair projects: the network upgrade throughout the campus, removing and resetting the roof tiles on the bell tower, resurfacing the parish green parking lot and power washing and pointing as needed on the church. Due to the generosity of our parishioners, both the church and school continue to be on sound financial ground.

Ed Schmitt updated the council on the work of the Technology Advisory Committee including the evaluation of our present technology and the steps that are being taken to address the deficiencies identified. This investment will result in improved technological experiences for our students, the parish office staff and the various ministries throughout the parish.

President Nancy Timbrell reported on the activities of the Social Action Ministry including The Underground, Homefront and St. Clare's Food Pantry. Father Michael updated the group on the various Evangelization and Adult Faith Formation groups within the parish. Father Michael offered the closing prayer. The next council meeting is scheduled for April 17th at 7 pm in the St. Paul Church hall. Parishioners are invited to attend.

## CULTURE OF LIFE MINISTRY

Members of our Culture of Life Ministry attended the CT March for Life in Hartford last week. Thank you all for representing our parish and for your dedication to the protection of all human life from conception to natural death.



### “Assisted Suicide Coming for Connecticut?”



Join the St. Paul Culture of Life Ministry for a live presentation by Peter Wolfgang, Executive Director of The Family Institute of CT on [Monday, May 1st](#) at 6:30pm in the school gym.



← Use this code to register.



Consider joining us as we strive to build a culture that cherishes and protects every human life.

If you would like to get involved or learn more about our Culture of Life Ministry, please contact Ashley Cuomo at [respectlife@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:respectlife@stpaulkensington.org).

## 2023 Holy Week and Easter Schedules

### Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week - April 3, 4 & 5

**Mass at St. Paul:** - 7:00 am & 5:00 pm

**Adoration:** Monday, April 3, 7 to 8 pm  
Tuesday, April 4, 4 to 5 pm

### Sacred Triduum - April 6 - 8

#### Holy Thursday - April 6

8:00 am Morning Prayer

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration until 10pm with Night Prayer

#### Good Friday - April 7

*Parish Office Closed. Office re-opens on Tuesday, April 11*

8:00 am Morning Prayer

12:30 pm Confessions until 2pm

3:00 pm Good Friday Service

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

#### Holy Saturday - April 8

8:00 am Morning Prayer

1:00 pm Blessing of Food (St. Paul Church)

1:30 pm Blessing of Food (St. Paul Church)

2:00 pm Blessing of Food (St. Paul Church)

#### Easter Vigil - April 8

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

*Blessing of Fire, Lighting of the Paschal Candle, Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist)*

#### Easter Sunday - April 9\* (Read Carefully)

*\*Mass Times at St. Paul are not at the usual times.*

**Mass at St. Paul:** 7:00, 8:45, 10:30am & 12:15pm

**Mass at Sacred Heart:** 9:30 am

#### Confessions

**Saturdays:** 8:30 to 9:30 am & 3:00 to 4:00 pm

**All Mondays during Lent:** 7:00 to 8:00 pm

**Tuesday of Holy Week:** 7:00 to 8:00 pm

**Good Friday:** 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm

*Confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday.*

## WOMEN OF FAITH

All women of the parish are invited to attend the next Women of Faith gathering on [Thursday, April 13th](#) at 7pm in the St. Paul Church Hall.



Join us in Faith, Friendship and Fellowship. Please email [womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org) with any questions.

## LADIES' GUILD NEWS

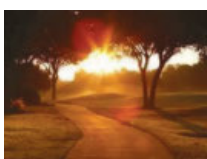
The St. Paul Ladies' Guild will sponsor a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino on **Tuesday April 25**. The bus will leave at 8:30am and return at 4:30pm. Cost is \$28. All parishioners are welcome. For information or to reserve a seat, please contact Pam at 860-828-1024 or Barbara at 860 828 5632.

All ladies of the parish are invited to join the Ladies' Guild on **Wednesday, April 12** for an evening focusing on health and wellness. Janice Hirschberg-Wise, OTRL,CLT from Radiant Journey will present the "Balance Without Fear" program. We hope to see you at 6:30 in the Parish Hall.

Food Pantry donation is juice.

Our Crafters and 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 is welcome to join us!. Please caall Barbara with any questions: 860-930-0310.

## SPRING 2023 BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP



St. Paul Parish invites parishioners and others to participate in the 2023 Spring "New Day" Support Group. Gatherings will be held in the St. Paul Church Hall (basement—wheelchair accessible) on

Thursday evenings from 6:30–8:00 pm from **April 20– June 1**. The program offers a supportive atmosphere of care and understanding for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Registration brochures are available at the church entrances.



## Franciscan Sports Banquet and Silent Auction

The former head basketball coach at Duke University, Coach K, will be in our "court" at the 37th Annual Franciscan Sports Banquet and Silent Auction, **Tuesday, June 6, 2023**, at the Aqua Turf Club. He and his wife, Mickie are receiving the St. Francis and St. Clare Awards for their commitment and dedication to Christian value and achievements in athletics. Proceeds benefit the Franciscan Life Center and Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care. For tickets, sponsorships and more, visit <https://flcenter.org> or call 203-237-8084. Cost: \$75.

## Franciscan Life Center Enrichment Programs

**Parenting Classes** - **April 12 & 13**, 7:00pm until 8:30pm.

Learn techniques to help raise responsible and cooperative children. The class is geared toward parents with children 13 and younger. \$45 per person or \$60 per couple.

**Anxiety Workshops** - **May 24 & 31 and June 7, 14, 21, & 28**, 7:00pm to 8:30pm. 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+ are welcome. \$50 per session.

For more information, visit [flcenter.org](http://flcenter.org) or call 203-237-8084.

## POLISH DINNER!

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

**Saturday April 15**

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 available through;

Tom Drzata 860-965-1373

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.

## A note from our Youth Minister:

I am excited to share that we are going to a new retreat this summer, *Assisi by the Chesapeake*. This retreat takes place the weekend of **July 21-23** and is only \$25 plus travel costs to attend. The retreat takes place in North East, Maryland. This is a huge discount from normal weekend long retreats. The one we went to last year cost \$300 to attend. The retreat is run by the Franciscans and all meals and lodging is taken care of by them. It promises to be a fun and meaningful retreat. It is open to those 13-18 years old. To sign up, send me an email at [d.tome@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:d.tome@stpaulkensington.org) and I will send you the link to register. There are limited spaces available so please sign up asap if you are interested. I look forward to hearing from you.—Dan Tome

The **Grotto Gift Shop** at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10:30 to 4:00 and Sunday, 11:30 to 4:00. New items are in stock... Baptismal, First Communion, Confirmation gifts, medals, rosaries etc. Call 860-567-0891 or email: [lourdesshrinct@gmail.com](mailto:lourdesshrinct@gmail.com). for info.

**Good Friday Retreat** at Our Lady of Calvary. Take time to pray and reflect on this special day. Retreat includes the Commemoration of the Passion, the Stations of the Cross, time for prayer, and live music. Includes lunch. Freewill Offering. Visit <https://www.ourladyofcalvary.net>.

## 2023 SPS Summer Camp

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You may also contact our Summer Camp Director, Jennifer Bradley, at [summercamp@sptaulkensington.org](mailto:summercamp@sptaulkensington.org)





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## FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

The Pantry is currently in need of the following items:

**Tuna, beef stew, chili, canned ham or chicken, peanut butter, soups, and beans/lentils.**

*Items in bold print are staples needed all the time.*

Volunteers will transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and set up for distribution on **Thursday, April 13 at 9:30am**. Volunteers will also help with food distribution on **Friday, April 14 at 11am** at Sacred Heart Church.

For transportation to FoodShare at Sacred Heart, call the Berlin Senior Center 860-828-7006.

For information regarding the St. Clare Food Pantry or FoodShare program including volunteering, contact Nancy at 860-601-7866 or [n.timbrell@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:n.timbrell@stpaulkensington.org).

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**Saturday, April 1**

6:30am TMIY Men's Group SPH  
8:30am Confessions  
10:00am Children's Rosary  
3:00pm Confessions



**PARISH  
CALENDAR**

**Sunday, April 2**

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

**Monday, April 3**

8:45am Parish Staff Meeting  
7:00pm Mercy Monday Confession SPC

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**Tuesday, April 4**

11:00am **Chrism Mass at the Cathedral Gr 6-8**  
3:00pm **Drama Club**  
4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration  
6:00pm **Coach Mark AAU Basketball Practice**  
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - PC-LL  
7:00pm Confessions - SPC  
7:00pm K of C Leadership Mtg - PC1

Holy Hour  
Tuesdays  
4-5pm

**Wednesday, April 5**

8:45am **Field trip: Gr 5 to Welte Hall NB Symphony**  
6:00pm Rosary at Sacred Heart  
6:00pm Children's choir rehearsal-SPC  
6:30pm Altar Server practice for Holy Thursday

**Thursday, April 6** Holy Thursday

7:00am NO 7am Mass  
8:00am Morning Prayer  
1:45pm **Living Stations of the Cross**  
3:00pm **Drama Club - SG**  
6:00pm **Coach Mark AAU Basketball Practice**  
7:00pm RCIA - PC-1  
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday, April 7** Good Friday

**NO SCHOOL** Parish Office Closed  
7:00am NO 7am Mass  
8:00am Morning Prayer - SPC  
12:30pm Confession SPC  
2:00pm Good Friday Altar Server Practice  
3:00pm Good Friday Service - SPC  
7:00pm Stations of the Cross - SPC  
7:30pm NO AA Meeting - SPH

**Saturday, April 8** Holy Saturday

6:30am TMIY Men's Group SPH  
8:00am Morning Prayer - SPC  
8:30am No Confessions  
10:30am Easter Vigil Practice (RCIA and Altar Servers)  
1:00pm Blessing of Food SPC  
1:30pm Blessing of Food SPC  
2:00pm Blessing of Food SPC  
3:00pm NO Confessions  
8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass  
**Sunday, April 9**  
7:00am Mass  
8:45am Mass  
9:30am Mass - Sacred Heart  
10:30am Mass  
12:15pm Mass

**ST. PAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

SPCHS will host a special Spring Open House on **Monday, April 3** at 6:30 pm. All 7th grade, 8th grade and transfer students are welcome! For details visit <https://spchs.com/openhouse/>

**MERCY HIGH SCHOOL Pre-HSPT Entrance Exam**

The High School Placement Test is the test Mercy requires for acceptance and placement. The Pre-HSPT practice exam gives current 7th graders an opportunity to prepare for the HSPT. The exam for the Class of 2028 is scheduled for **Saturday, April 29** at 8:30 am.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

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. Deadline is **May 5**. Visit our parish website for details.



**COLLEGE FAIR** Xavier and Mercy High Schools will hold a College Fair on **Wednesday, April 5**, from 6-7:30 pm at Xavier in Middletown. Students (grades 9-12) and their families are invited. For more information, contact Matthew Conyers at 860-490-2310 or [mconyers@xavierhighschool.org](mailto:mconyers@xavierhighschool.org) or visit <https://www.xavierhighschool.org>

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