

## **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*

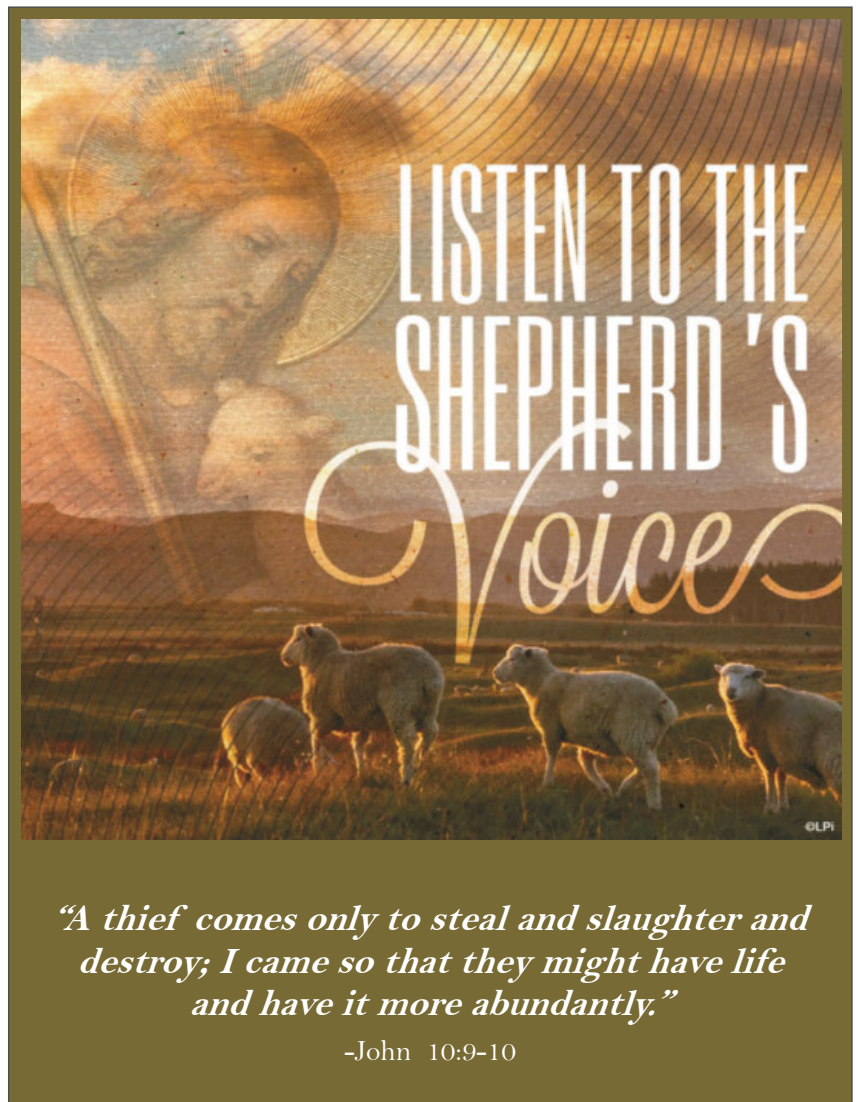
St. Paul Church - 485 Alling St, Kensington CT 06037

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

April 30, 2023

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*Good Shepherd Sunday*



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

*-Pope Francis*

**Month of May** - Tomorrow begins the Month of May, arguably the most pleasant month of the year. It is a time for many sacramental celebrations including those I mention in the next item. Many a bride (and groom) has chosen May for the month of their wedding, those April showers, or even last Sunday's downpours, do indeed bring May flowers. Our faith celebrates this fairest month of the year by honoring the fairest Lady of them all, Mary, our Blessed Mother.

The practice of dedicating the Month of May to honor Mary can be traced back as far as the 13th century and very clearly to the 18th century in Rome where the practice gained traction through the efforts of the Jesuits. In 1965 Pope Paul VI wrote a very short encyclical entitled in English, "The Month of May". In the first paragraph he wrote: "The month of May is... a month which the piety of the faithful has long [been] dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne."

There are many prayers and devotions to Mary including the rosary. See our website and the upcoming *Epistle* newsletter for ideas on incorporating the rosary into your prayer life. You can also make use of this prayer as well. *Loving Mother of the Redeemer, gate of heaven, star of the sea, assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again. To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator, yet remained a virgin after as before. You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting, have pity on us poor sinners.*

**Confirmation and 1<sup>st</sup> Communions** - This coming Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. our 10th graders will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. The following Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will receive their 1<sup>st</sup> Communions at two Masses (10:30 am and 1:00 pm). Please pray for all of them as they receive another one of the Sacraments of Initiation. Because of these celebrations we will not be able to have any funerals on May 6 and May 13.

**Speaker on End of Life Decisions and Assisted Suicide** - On Monday May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm in the **St. Paul Church Hall**, the Culture of Life Ministry of our parish will be hosting a presentation by Peter Wolfgang, Executive Director of the Family Institute of CT, who will be speaking on the topic of Assisted Suicide, both from a moral and ethical perspective. We often think of the Culture of Life as pertaining to the unborn; however, the sanctity of the lives of those nearing or contemplating the end of their lives is of equal importance. Dr. Wolfgang will clarify for us the various meanings of assisted suicide, the dangers and impact of its legalization on both physical and mental health decision making, and our responsibility to be both knowledgeable and vocal in our opposition to

the practice. **You do not need to register to attend. For more information you can call the Parish Office or contact Ashley Cuomo at [respectlife@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:respectlife@stpaulkensington.org).** All parishioners and members of our larger community are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Easter Collection** - The generosity of the parishioners of St. Paul's continues to shine through these challenging times. To date, while we continue to receive some Easter envelopes in the mail, the Easter collection totals **\$24,103**. This is in addition to the regular Sunday collection that was reported last week. Thank you so very much to every one who made an Easter donation to the parish! Your generosity is indeed an appreciation of what God has blessed you with and you give him glory and honor through your gifts. May the Lord bless you always and thank you so very much!!

**Archbishop's Annual Appeal (AAA)** - As of April 24<sup>th</sup> 340 parishioners have pledged or donated \$75,277 to the AAA, *His Sacrifice, and ours!* with the average gift being \$221. This is 69% of our \$108,000 goal and 61% our parish total last year which was \$122,750. If you have not yet made your gift this year, please do so. I especially encourage those who have not given in the past or for awhile to make a gift this year. Remember all gifts, no matter the amount, will help provide for the needs of our less fortunate sisters and brothers in Christ. *Thank you for your generosity.*

**Mother's Day Memorials** - With Mother's Day in just two weeks, please note that all Mother's Day memorials must be received by this Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> to be included in the Mother's Day (May 14) bulletin. These Memorials can also be submitted online. Memorials received after May 5 will be printed in a subsequent bulletin.

**National Day of Prayer** - Established by Congress and signed into law by President Truman in 1952, there has since been a National Day of Prayer. In 1988 President Reagan established the National Day of Prayer as the first Thursday in May. Thus this Thursday, May 4 is the National Day of Prayer this year. Here in the Town of Berlin there will be a public gathering for the National Day of Prayer at the Veterans Memorial near Stop and Shop at 6 pm.

**HomeFront** - Once again this year our Social Action Committee will participate in a HomeFront project that assists in repairs to a house in the local community. This one day effort will take place on Saturday, May 13. See page 6 for details about some of the particular skills needed for some of the work that will be done. Bob Fischer coordinates this part of the work. You can contact him at [fischerwoodworking@snet.net](mailto:fischerwoodworking@snet.net) to see how you could lend your skills to this project. Volunteers are also needed to do more general things and that assistance is also greatly appreciated. See page 6 for more information.

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## INTENTIONS

### Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†**Mary Rich** by Irene Kramer



†**Diana Allario**

†**Catherine C. Barrett**

†**Daniel J. Fagan**

*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.*

**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).

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>.



### INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY?

Our next Registration Meeting is **Monday, May 8th** 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 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, April 29, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Easter  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

4:00 †**Anne Gay** Birthday Remembrance by family

Sunday, April 30, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Easter  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

7:30 **Richard and Marie Narus** 50th Wedding Anniversary

9:00 †**Marie Tirinzoni** Birthday Remembrance by children

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

10:30 †**Tony and †Josephine Cabrera**  
by Patti and Ted Young

12:00 †**Marcella Carroll** by Carroll family

Monday, May 1, 2023 St. Joseph the Worker

7:00 †**Verne Arthur Logan** by Lynn Misteri

5:00 †**Angela Angileri** 2nd Anniversary by Josephine Angileri

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 St. Athanasius

7:00 †**Richard and †Catherine Binder** by a friend

†**Hector Luis Colon** by Rita Mai

8:45 †**Algert Gaidimaskas** by Joe Pohlmann

5:00 †**Deceased Members of the Corcoran Family** by family  
Wednesday, May 3, 2023 Sts. Phillip and James

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

5:00 †**Dominic Colamussi** Birthday Remembrance  
by Vincent and daughter Lou Anne Mercadante

Thursday, May 4, 2023 National Day of Prayer

7:00 **Living Friars, Families, Friends and**  
**Benefactors of the Friars**

5:00 †**Anna G. Sheehan** by daughter

†**Janis Francalangia** 2 Year Anniversary  
by Francalangia family

†**Mother Carmela Aprile** by Emanuele Lombardo

**John Nappi, Jr.** by wife

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

Friday, May 5, 2023 Easter Weekday

7:00 †**Ralph Muli** 3rd Anniversary by wife

5:00 †**June Norton** June 4th Anniversary Birthday Remembrance  
and †**Scott Norton** by Don Norton and Sherry Abbaddo

Saturday, May 6, 2023 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 †**John and †Jeanette Duly**  
by Christine and Edward Bratina

Sunday, May 7, 2023 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 †**Joseph and †Clara Matczak** by Evelyn Nogiec

9:00 †**Shirley Gurski** Anniversary Remembrance by family

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

10:30 †**Estelle Perry** by Grace Callegari

12:00 †**Domenica Lopreiato**  
by daughter Maria Siciliano and family

### Parish Collection April 18-24, 2023

In Church SP	\$	7,509
Office	\$	2,706
In Church SH	\$	429
Online Giving	\$	5,159
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,802</b>



## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK, MAY 7, 2023

For readings online, visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/050723.cfm>

**First Reading:** Acts 6:1-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

*Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 2:4-9

**Alleluia:** John 14:6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

*I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel:** John 14:1-12

*Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."*

## TWO 'COFFEE AND' GATHERINGS!

The St. Paul Parish Council is sponsoring two "Coffee And" gatherings for parishioners:



- **After the 10:30am** Children's Mass on **Sunday, April 30th** in the St. Paul Church Hall. Please come downstairs after Mass and join us for light refreshments and fellowship.
- **After the 9:30am** Mass at Sacred Heart Church on **Sunday, May 7th**. Please join us in the Sacred Heart Church Hall downstairs.

**All are welcome! We hope to see you there!**

## PASTOR'S COLUMN (continued)

**St. Paul School Golf Tournament Moves to June** - St. Paul School has changed the time of year for its annual golf tournament from the fall to the beginning of summer. As a result, our school's 34th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at Stanley Golf Course in New Britain and begins with a shotgun start at 11:00 am. This is the school's second largest fund raiser of the year after the auction. See page 7 for details and how you can be part of its success.

**Final Thoughts** - We will see who made an impact in the NFL draft. The Rays have had a tremendous April, but their schedule is decidedly more difficult in May as is the Oriole's schedule. Let's see what things look like on Memorial Day. The Panther's win in Game 2 might propel the Bruins all the way to the Cup though at least one Ranger fan thinks otherwise. Have a blessed week and month of May! - Fr. Joe



## Easter Memorials 2023



*Remembering our loved ones as we celebrate  
the Resurrection of Our Lord*

### Intention

### Donor

Intention of Donor	Battaglia
Bresch, Schwartzmann, and Calcaterra Families	Bresch
Mortensen & Cote Families	Cote
Anna Drag, Janina Gut, Young Soorhce, Zofia Pastuza	Drag
Anna Drag, Janina Gut, Young Soorhee, Zofia Pastuza	Drag
Laura Roy McGrath, Deanna Fields Garrison	Fields
Ciccaglione Family	Flynn
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Intention of Donor	Letendre
Margaret & John Nugent, Anna & Peter Lombardi, Dolores Nugent, Guy P. Lombardi, Helen Guertin	Lombardi
Intention of Donor	Perna
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Pulcini & Anop Family	Pulcini
Myrta Negron	Sein
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Intention of Donor	Veronesi

*These names were included in the Easter Memorial intentions but were submitted after the printing deadline for the Easter (April 9) bulletin.*

**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).



Pictured above are our 4th grade students along with members of the Berlin chapter of the Kiwanis Club. Each year the Kiwanis Club distributes tree saplings to our 4th graders. Thank you Kiwanis Club!

Spring Golf Club has started at Timberlin Golf course!



Our Student Council recently hosted an Easter Egg hunt! All students paired up with their "Mass buddies" to find eggs on the Parish Green. So fun!



Our final Religious Ed. classes for this year were held last Sunday, and we would like to express our most sincere gratitude to ALL of our incredible, dedicated volunteer teachers and office staff. THANK YOU for sharing your faith, gifts, and time with our 500-plus St. Paul Parish students!!!



Please keep our 10th grade Confirmation students in your prayers as they prepare to be Confirmed next Sunday, May 6, at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford. Come Holy Spirit!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

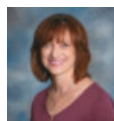
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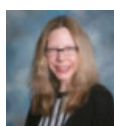
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## 2023 HOMEFRONT - MAY 13th

### SKILLED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! \*

HomeFront is a volunteer-driven program that provides free repairs to low-income homeowners thus enabling them to remain in their homes.



Volunteers work with professionals to repair, paint, and improve property conditions.

This year's project will take place in New Britain on [Saturday, May 13th](#).

**There is a great need for skilled professionals to help with the following home repairs:**

- Window installation
- Deck railing installation
- LVT (vinyl flooring) installation
- Wall and Sheetrock rebuild (bathroom/closet).
- Deck painters
- Interior painting

The types of repairs that volunteers will tackle this year include: [kitchen floor](#), [wall repairs](#), [replace two windows](#); including possible bay, [insulate attic](#), [smoke detectors](#) & [fire extinguisher](#), [extensive yard work](#), [old furniture & trees](#), [repair deck](#), and [paint front stoop](#).

(Since no Berlin residents met HomeFront's criteria this year, the family who will be helped is in New Britain.)

*In the teachings of Jesus we find a model that shows us how we should treat others as if they were Christ in disguise. Through charitable actions we can help our neighbors with their physical needs. You have the opportunity to be Christ in Action by participating in HomeFront 2023.*

**All volunteers age 14 and older are enthusiastically welcomed.** You can plan to work the entire day (begins at 7:30 am) or any window of time that works in your day. Lunch and snacks are provided.

Please consider being a part of the St. Paul Parish team!

To sign up online, visit <https://stpaulkensington.org/homefront>

Participation forms are also available at all church doors. You may call Diane (860-716-9410) or Lynn (860-913-5448) if you have questions.

\*Skilled professionals: If you are interested in volunteering and have any specific or technical questions, please email Bob Fischer at [fischerwoodworking@snet.net](mailto:fischerwoodworking@snet.net)



## ASSISTED SUICIDE: — COMING FOR CONNECTICUT?

THIS  
WEEK!

Join the St. Paul Parish Culture of Life Ministry  
In the St. Paul [Church Hall](#) at 6:30 pm on [Monday, May 1](#)  
for a live presentation by Peter Wolfgang, Executive Director  
of The Family Institute of Connecticut.

Refreshments will be served.  
Please use the QR code to register.

For more information, contact  
[respectlife@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:respectlife@stpaulkensington.org) or  
[ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org).



## LADIES' GUILD

All ladies of the parish are invited to the next Ladies' Guild meeting on [Wednesday, May 3rd](#) where we will gather in friendship to pray the Rosary together and then enjoy an ice cream social. We hope to see you there in the St. Paul Church Hall at 6:30 pm.



Donation item for the food bank: Cereal

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 call Barbara with any questions: 860-930-0310.

**OUR PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1pm in the St. Paul Church Hall. The next meeting will be on [May 9](#). 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 are welcome. Call Mary at 860-828-5478.





HAIL MARY, Full of Grace,  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit  
of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now,  
and at the hour of death. Amen.

### MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE ON THE GREEN

The Knights of Columbus Msgr. Thomas L. Greylish Council #3675 will host a Mother's Day Flower Sale on the St. Paul Parish Green over **Mother's Day Weekend, May 13/14**.

- **Saturday, May 13** - 8:30am to 5:30pm
- **Sunday, May 14** - 8:30am to 2:30pm



Thank you in advance for your support!

*Proceeds will support Scholarships and other charitable groups within St. Paul Parish and the Town of Berlin.*

### Saint Paul School 34th Annual Golf Open

- **Friday, June 16th, 2023**
- Stanley Golf Course in New Britain
- \$170 per golfer (price remains the same as last year)
- Registration begins at 9:30 am. Driving Range is Open with a Shotgun Start at 11 am



← QR code for online Player Registration and Sponsorship Opportunities!

## FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

The Pantry is currently in need of the following items:

*Tomato sauce, mayo, frosting, pudding/jello snacks, **cereal, oatmeal, hot chocolate, canned chicken, rice and rice sides, canned fruits & vegetables.***

*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, May 11 at 9:30am**. Volunteers will also help with food distribution on **Friday, May 12 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).

### Saturday, April 29

#### Spring Scholastic Book Fair

- 8:30am Confessions
- 10:00am Funeral +Kozlowski SHC
- 10:00am Wedding Fazzino/Makles SPC
- 3:00pm Confessions

### Sunday, April 30

- 10:30am Mass-Children's Mass
- 11:30am Coffee And – SP Church Hall



### Monday, May 1

#### Teacher Appreciation Week

- 8:45am Parish Staff Meeting
- 11:00am Funeral Home Svc +Fagan
- 3:00pm Culture of Life SPH
- 3:30pm **Varsity Soccer Practice - Percival Field**
- 7:00pm Scripture Study - PC-1, PC-2 & PC-LL

### Tuesday, May 2

- 8:45am **School Mass: Gr 3-5**
- 3:00pm **Show rehearsal - BHS**
- 3:30pm Scripture Study - PC1
- 4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration
- 6:00pm **Coach Mark AAU Basketball Practice**
- 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - PC-LL
- 7:00pm K of C Leadership Mtg - PC1

Holy Hour  
Tuesdays  
4-5pm

### Wednesday, May 3

#### Staff appreciation lunch

- 12:30pm **Early Dismissal - Faculty Meeting**
- 3:00pm **Show rehearsal - BHS**
- 3:30pm **Varsity Soccer Practice - Percival Field**
- 3:30pm **Spring Golf Club - Timberlin Golf Course**
- 6:00pm Rosary at Sacred Heart
- 6:30pm Ladies Guild SPH
- 7:00pm Scripture Study - PC-1 & Sacred Heart

### Thursday, May 4

#### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

- 9:00am Quilters SPH
- 10:00am First Thursday Calls
- 3:00pm **Dress rehearsal - Wizard of Oz**
- 6:00pm **Coach Mark AAU Basketball Practice**
- 6:00pm Adult Confirmation - Copy Rm
- 6:30pm Bereavement Group - SPH
- 7:00pm RCIA - PC1



May 5th & 6th!



### Friday, May 5

- 9:00am First Friday Calls
- 3:00pm **Cast & Crew Berlin HS**
- 7:00pm **The Wizard of Oz Berlin HS**
- 7:30pm AA Meeting - SPH

See our website about the  
First Saturday Devotion

### Saturday, May 6

- 8:30am Confessions
- 10:00am **Confirmation at Cathedral of St. Joseph**
- 10:00am Children's Rosary at Sacred Heart
- 2:00pm **The Wizard of Oz BHS**
- 3:00pm Confessions



### Sunday, May 7

- 1:15pm Baptisms



## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER—MAY 4th

The National Day of Prayer Event in Berlin will be held on [Thursday, May 4, 2023](#), 6pm to 7 pm at the Veterans Memorial Park Gazebo, across from Stop & Shop.



The national theme for this year is:

*"Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much". James 5:16b*

Please join us as we pray for our Nation, specifically for the Seven Centers of Influence in our nation: Government, Military/First Responders, Media-Arts, Business, Education, Church and Family. Deputy Mayor Charles Paonessa will read the Government's Proclamation. As Christians this is a powerful opportunity to pray in the Name of Jesus Christ in the public square for our nation. If anyone is interested in leading one of the prayers of the Seven Centers of Influence, please contact Maryann Lexius, 2023 NDP Local coordinator at [Isaiah55-6@comcast.net](mailto:Isaiah55-6@comcast.net). For more information about the National Day of Prayer, visit [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org)

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: [lourdeshshrine@gmail.com](mailto:lourdeshshrine@gmail.com). for info.

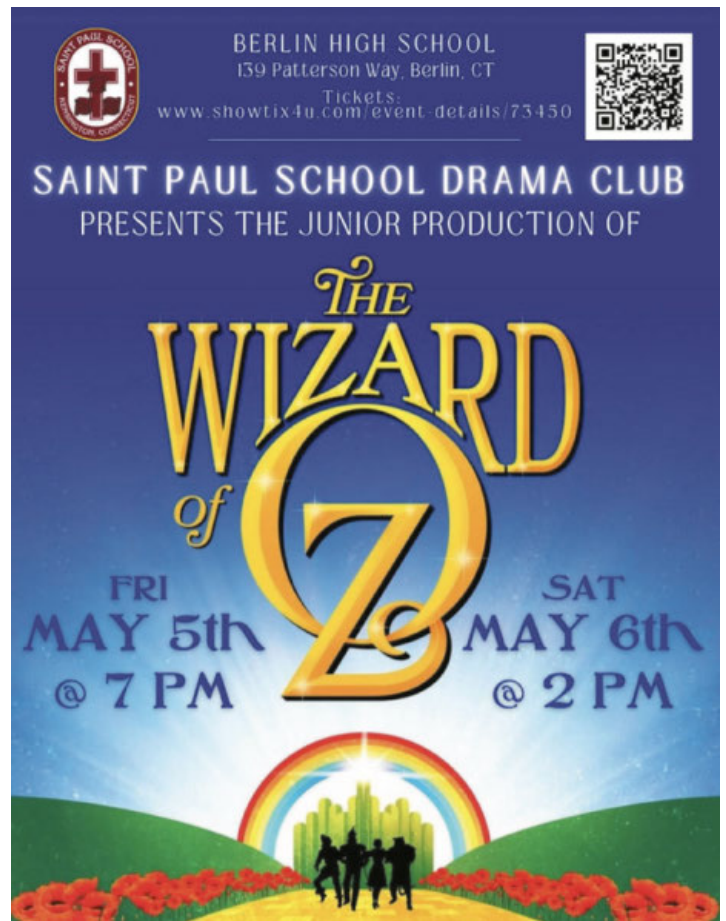
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**WOMEN OF FAITH** All women of the parish are invited to attend the next Women of Faith gathering on **Thursday, May 11th** at 7pm in the St. Paul Church Hall. Fr. Martin will be leading us in praying the Rosary.



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

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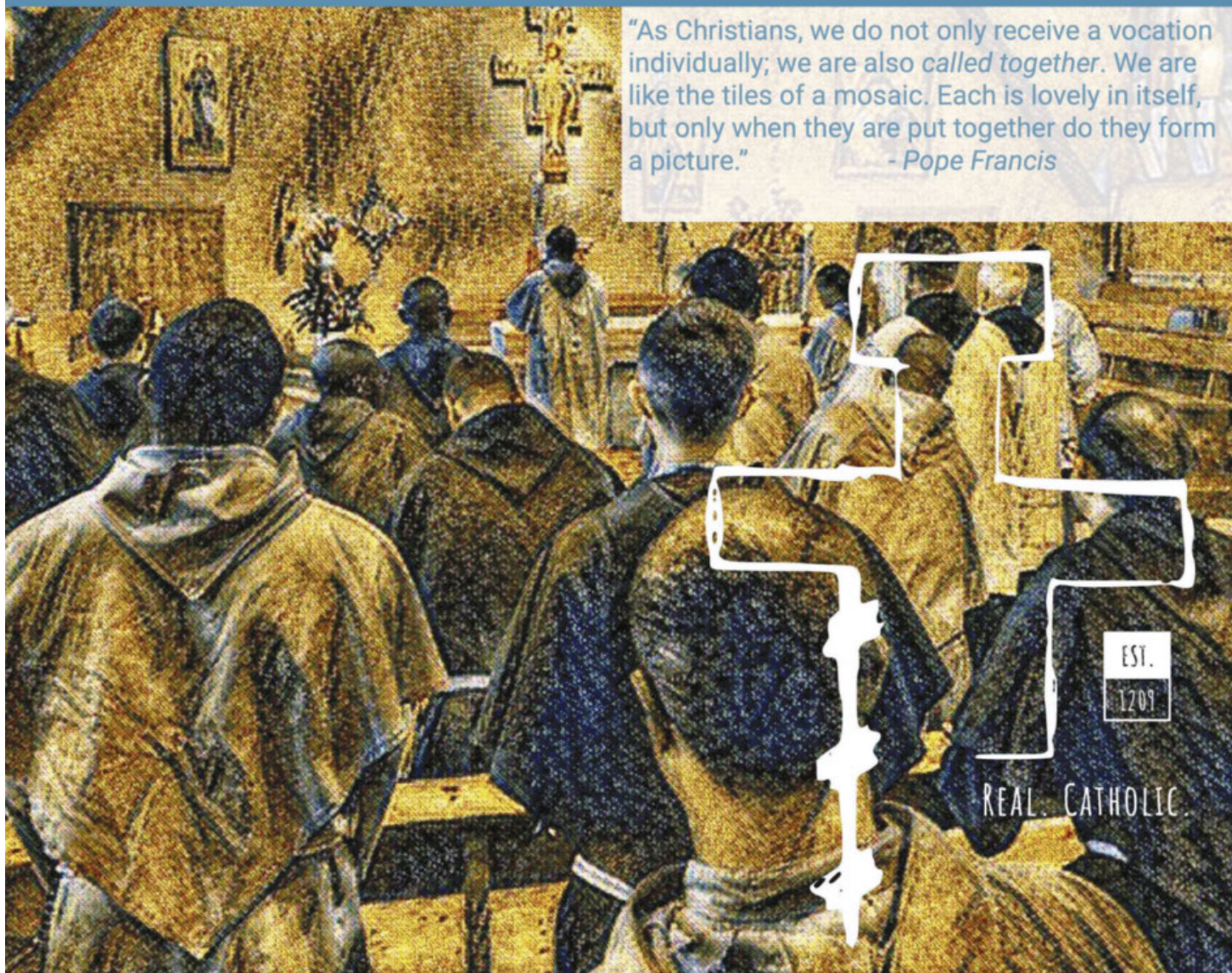
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