

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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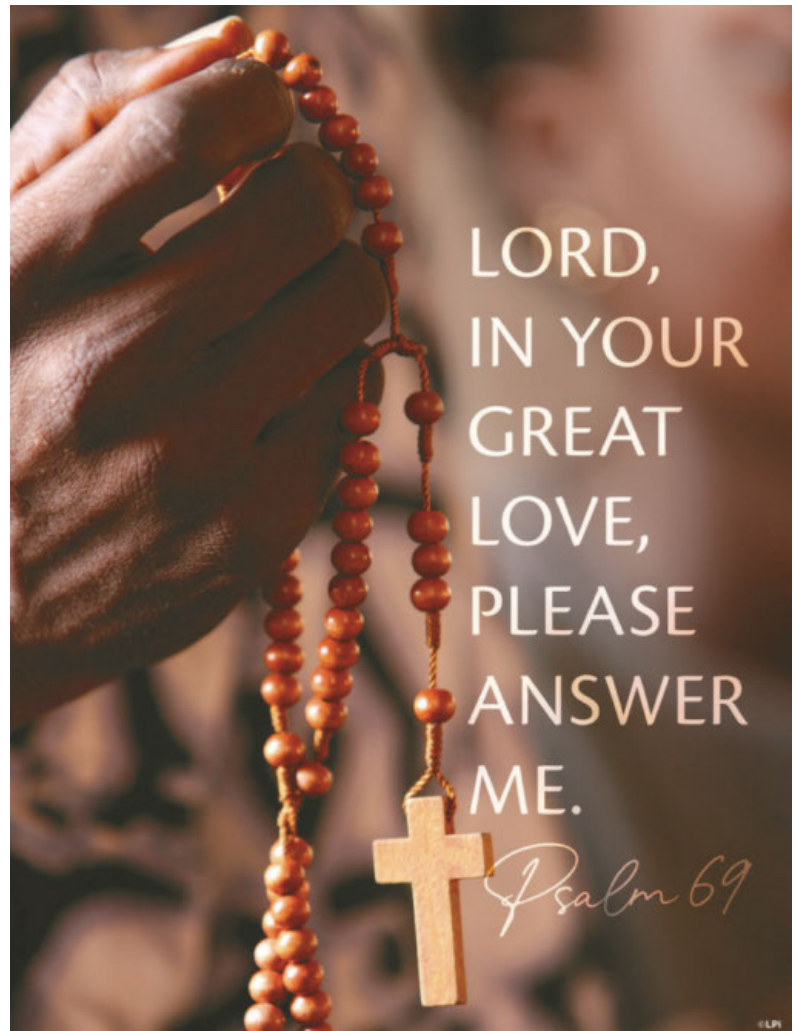
A Franciscan Family of Faith

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

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

June 25, 2023

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

-Pope Francis

Parish Mass and Picnic - For those who read the bulletin online on Friday mornings when it gets posted, I hope to see you at the Parish Mass and Picnic on Saturday. Bring a lawn chair for Mass if you are able.

June 29 - Parish Feast Day - A reminder and an invite to join in the celebration of the feast day of the parish this Thursday, June 29 when the Church celebrates the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. This is an important day each year in the life of the parish. So I invite you to come to the evening Mass that day which will be held at 6:15 pm with the hope that this time will allow more people to attend. So as to add a bit of festivity to the celebration, the Parish Council will have some food and an Ice Cream Social on the Parish Green to which everyone is invited. Bring the kids and grand kids too! Hopefully it will be a pleasant summer's evening, it was perfect last year, and we will be able to enjoy each other's company and a nice summer treat! If you are an early bird, the 7 am morning Mass will be held as usual. The "1st Friday Breakfast Crew" will provide breakfast in the church hall following the Mass. So come for Jesus in the Eucharist and pray for our parish and enjoy either breakfast or ice cream with your fellow parishioners. Of course, nothing says you could not come for both!!

Where to go to Mass while on vacation? - There is a good website to find a Catholic Church and their Mass times while on vacation. Just go to masstimes.org and put in the zip code or City and State and a list of parishes and their Mass times will come up. It is probably a good idea to double check with a call to the parish to make sure that a change has not been made. How very important it is for us and our families that we keep our priorities in place and teach our children to do the same, especially when it might not be convenient. Our actions speak so much louder than our words.

Independence Day Schedule - The parish offices will be closed on both Monday and Tuesday July 3rd and 4th in celebration of Independence Day. The Mass schedule for July 3rd will be as normal. On July 4th there will be just one Mass on at 9 am and there will be no Holy Hour at 4 pm.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal (AAA) - The AAA recently sent out a letter signed by me asking those who have not yet given to this year's AAA, *His Sacrifice, and Ours*, to make a gift if you can. I encourage all who have not yet made their gift this year to please do so. If you have never participated in the AAA before, I especially invite you 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. As you are making payments on your *Forward With Faith* capital campaign gift, please also do what you can for the people served through the AAA. With your help we can reach our parish goal of \$108,000 and hopefully surpass our

total last year of over \$122,000. Thanks to the hundreds of parishioners who have already made a gift. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Forward With Faith - Last summer and fall, the parish participated in the *Forward With Faith* capital campaign that was conducted by the Hartford Bishops Foundation (HBF). You may recall that we had a parish goal of \$975,000 set by the Archdiocese and our total donations and pledges was \$1,094,668! The HBF covered all of the costs related to the campaign and we were to receive 50% of all donations up to the goal and then 80% of every dollar after the goal. The HBF pays to the parish its portion of the pledges paid twice a year in June and December. We received our first payment this month in the amount of \$128,332.68 which is 50% of the amount paid by parishioners up until December 2022. These funds will be used to pay for all of the items in the parish case statement beginning with the new sound system. We are actively planning an updating of our live streaming. A full account of these expenditures will be provided to you. Thank you to everyone who participated in the FWF campaign!

Parish Raffle - Thank you to those who have already returned the raffle tickets. If for some reason you did not receive them in the mail, you can give a call to the office and we can send them to you or you can go on line to our parish website and purchase the tickets. You can also pay for the tickets that were sent to you on the parish website. **All checks should be made out to St. Paul's and tickets should be returned to St. Paul's.** You can return tickets using the return envelope by mail, or you can drop them off at the office, or in the collection basket. More tickets are available in the office for purchase or if you would like to sell some to family and friends. In addition to the \$30,000 first prize, there are another 22 prizes totaling an additional \$38,000 for a total of \$68,000. The initial returns are positive with 787 tickets sold as of June 20th which is 35% of last year's total when 2,229 tickets were bought. Good luck to all and thanks to the 197 parishioners who have already purchased tickets.

Final Thoughts - At about this time last year, I wrote this: "As I write this the Yankees are 50-18 If they just play .500 baseball they win 97." After such a hot start they actually only went 49-45 the rest of the way and won 99, 20 less than the 119 that they were on the pace to win. The Rays are currently 51-25 on a pace to win 109. Where will they end up in



October? Only the Rangers are scoring more runs than the Rays. No team has a wider disparity in their home and away records though (31-8 at home and 20-17 on the road) than the Rays. Have a great and blessed week everyone! - Fr. Joe

INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†**Anna Zuk** by Zuk family

†**Nick Zuk** by Zuk family

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†**Mary Rich** by Irene Kramer and daughters

†**Martin, †Rosemarie and †Frank Infante** by family



†**Andrea Schoech**

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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY?

Our next Registration Meeting is **Monday, July 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.

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>.



TO REQUEST A LOW GLUTEN HOST Please arrive for Mass about 10 minutes early, go to the sacristy and let them know you need a low gluten host. Sit near the front of the new wing. Before Communion, look for a Eucharistic Minister to come forward with a consecrated host for you.

Saint Michael the Archangel,

Defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,

thrust into hell Satan,

and all the evil spirits,

who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.



Saturday, June 24, 2023 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 **Father's Day Novena**

Sunday, June 25, 2023 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 †**Andrew Sikorowicz** Anniversary Remembrance
by Carol Ciaffaglione

9:00 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**

9:30 **Father's Day Novena**

10:30 †**Joseph R. Tardif** by Melissa Tardif

12:00 †**Philoman McKechnie** by family

Monday, June 26, 2023 Weekday

7:00 **Father's Day Novena**

5:00 †**Patricio Gomes** by family

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 St. Cyril of Alexandria

7:00 †**Joseph Briganti** by Josephine and Elaine Borselle

†**Richard and †Catherine Binder** by a friend

†**Danuta, †Zbigniew, and †Rafal Lewandowski**

by Ewa

Sebastian Wysocki Birthday and Good Health

by grandma

†**Lois Kucharczyk** 10 Year Anniversary by family

5:00 **John Nappi, Jr.** by wife

Wednesday, June 28, 2023 St. Irenaeus

7:00 †**James Corrigan** by children

5:00 †**Amaro Gomes** by family

Thursday, June 29, 2023 Sts. Peter and Paul

7:00 †**Domenica and †Domenic Lopreiato** by children

6:15 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**

Friday, June 30, 2023 The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

7:00 †**Dinh Ho and †Ut Nguyen** by family

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

Saturday, July 1, 2023 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 †**Margaret and †John Nugent**

by daughters Pat and Jean

Sunday, July 2, 2023 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:00 †**Deceased Members of the Jarzynka Family**

by the Tabaczynski family

9:30 †**Helen Konefal Blois** by L. Adamowicz

10:30 †**Maureen Tardif** 1st Anniversary by family

12:00 †**Maureen Tardif** 1st Anniversary by family friend

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.

Parish Collection June 13-19, 2023

In Church SP	\$	7,595
Office	\$	1,680
In Church SH	\$	579
Online Giving	\$	5,084
Total	\$	14,938

Second collection June 25 - Peter's Pence Collection

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK, JULY 2, 2023

For readings online, visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/070223.cfm>

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Alleluia: 1 Peter 2:9

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

June is the Month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Humility

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. —Luke 14:11

The Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus can be found here:
<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/litany-sacred-heart-jesus>



FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Join us to celebrate the feast day of our patron, Saint Paul, on **Thursday, June 29th!**

Following the regular 7am Mass, the "First Friday" breakfast crew will provide time for fellowship and a delicious breakfast.

The evening Mass will be at 6:15pm instead of 5:00pm.

After the 6:15pm Mass, we will gather on the Parish Green where a variety of subs will be available, and you can make your own ice cream sundaes. Bring the kids and grandkids!

Come celebrate with us!

All are welcome!



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 fruits & vegetables, canned chicken, rice and rice sides.***

*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, July 6 at 9:30am**. Volunteers will also help with food distribution on **Friday, July 7 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.

SUMMER OPEN HOUSE
Monday, July 10, 2023
6:00-7:30 pm

JOIN US FOR...

- School Tours
- Arts and Crafts
- Ice Cream Treats
- Giveaways

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461 Alling St.
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The poster features a blue and yellow color scheme with a sun icon, photos of children, and a list of activities. The Saint Paul School logo is at the bottom left.

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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.



Saint Paul School
Academic Honor Roll
Trimester 3 2022-2023

Grade Eight

High Honors:

Kaitlin Bertolami
Julia Gujda
Elijah Hairston
Joanna Jarombek
Alexandra
Kuszaj-Zalewski
Abigail Mullison
Katherine Parulski
Conrad Yakimishan
Valerie Yakimishan

Honors:

Wyatt Barjorski
Kiley Bohn
Alexis Bourque
Olivia Carlson
Camryn Fraello
Sienna Liebler
Anna Morrissey

Grade Seven

High Honors:

William Chyra
Tyler Ebrahimi
John Kelly
Ruby Kuselias
Kaily Lesny
Emery Tarry
Honors:
Dylan Gunning
Christopher Harper
Rachel Hart
Chase King
Gabriel Puskarz
Simon Szymanowski

Grade Six

High Honors:

Cody Douglas
Anthony Esposito
Vihaan Iyer
Maana Patel
Kayla You
Honors:
Malachi Felton
Luca Kaczynski
Kira Sorensen
Marco Tine

Congratulations!
Keep up the great work.

2023 SPS Summer Camp Registration is OPEN!



Scan the QR code for
registration forms or
for more information.



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

We were thrilled to able to honor our beloved catechists by saying, "Gracias!" for all that they do with a fiesta on the Parish Green featuring delicious tacos from mobile caterers Spot on Tacos!



If you are interested in becoming a
catechist, please email us at
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for information on joining our
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as a teacher, co-teacher, or substitute.



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- 3rd Prize: **\$8,000**
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- 4th ~ 23rd Prize: **\$1,000**
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Raffle will be drawn **Saturday, August 12, 2023** at 8:00pm.

To purchase tickets online, visit:
<https://stpaulkensington.org/parish-raffle>

The drawing can be viewed live at www.parishraffle.com.

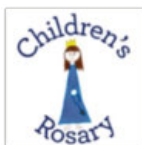
If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 860-828-0331 or ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Thank you for attending our June Registration Meeting. We are happy you've joined our Franciscan Family of Faith. God Bless!



CHILDREN'S ROSARY Our Children's Rosary Group meets on the first Saturday of every month at 10am at Sacred Heart Church in East Berlin. Please join us for our next gathering on July 1st. For more information on the Children's Rosary, please contact Cheryl Batter, cherylbatter@att.net.



COLD STUFF COLLECTION

It's time for our Social Action Ministry's "Cold Stuff" collection!
Now through **JUNE 25th!**



Our Social Action Ministry is collecting **BEVERAGE ITEMS** (all kinds of juice, iced tea, lemonade, and bottled water) for the Friendship Center in New Britain to help get them through the hot summer months. If you can make a donation, please leave it in the lobby near the elevator in St. Paul Church. Thank you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Saint Luke Parish in Southington is hosting a Vacation Bible School from **July 10-14**, 9am to 12noon. The Vacation Bible School is for grades Pre-K through 5. (Child must be able to use bathroom independently.) The theme is Outer Space and the program is centered on Christ being the Light of the world. VBS is a fun weeklong camp dedicated to sharing our Faith through participating in fun activities, including Bible stories, music, crafts, games, and snacks. Registration is \$20 for the entire week (cash or check only). All volunteers are VIRTUS trained. For more information or to register your child, visit <https://saintdominicchurch.com/faith-formation/vacation-bible-school> Questions? Contact Adam Zangari, a St. Paul parishioner and Director of Religious Education at St. Luke Parish, at Adam@stlukect.org. Space is limited!



Saturday, June 24

- 8:30am Confessions
- 3:00pm Confessions
- 4:00pm Outdoor 4pm Mass - Parish Green
- 5:00pm Parish Picnic - Parish Green

Sunday, June 25

- 1:00pm Picnic Rain Date

Monday, June 26

- 8:45am Parish Staff Meeting
- 6:30pm **AAU BBall Bohn**
- 7:00pm Faith Formation Committee - PC1

Tuesday, June 27

- 4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration
- 6:00pm **Coach Mark AAU Basketball Practice**
- 6:30pm Baptism Prep Lesson PC1

Wednesday, June 28

- 6:00pm Breakfast Set Up - SPH
- 6:00pm Rosary at Sacred Heart

Thursday, June 29 Feast of SS. Peter & Paul

- 7:30am Breakfast - SPH
- 4:00pm Wedding Rehearsal
- 6:00pm **Coach Mark AAU Basketball Practice**
- 6:15pm Mass
- 7:15pm Ice Cream Social - Parish Green (SPH if raining)

Friday, June 30

- 2:00pm Wedding - Formica/Cirinna
- 7:30pm **Movie on the Parish Green**
- 7:30pm AA Meeting - SPH

Saturday, July 1

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

Sunday, July 2

- 1:15pm Baptisms

PARISH CALENDAR

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Tuesdays
4-5pm





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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 PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY purchases yarn and knits or crochets prayer shawls to give to individuals who may be homebound, ill or in need of comfort, to let them know that God's love always surrounds. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from **September to June**. New members are welcome! If you'd like to join us when we start up again on September 12, please call Mary at 860-828-5478.



CHILDREN'S MASS SUMMER SCHEDULE

- July 16 – 9 am
- July 23 – 10:30 am
- August 13 – 9 am
- August 27 – 10:30 am



WORD SEARCH

AFRAID	WHISPERS	SPARROWS
CLEAR	KILL	PENNY
DARK	SOUL	HEAD
DAYLIGHT	DESTROY	HUNDREDS

T	G	H	I	L	D	A	Y	I	A
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