

## **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**

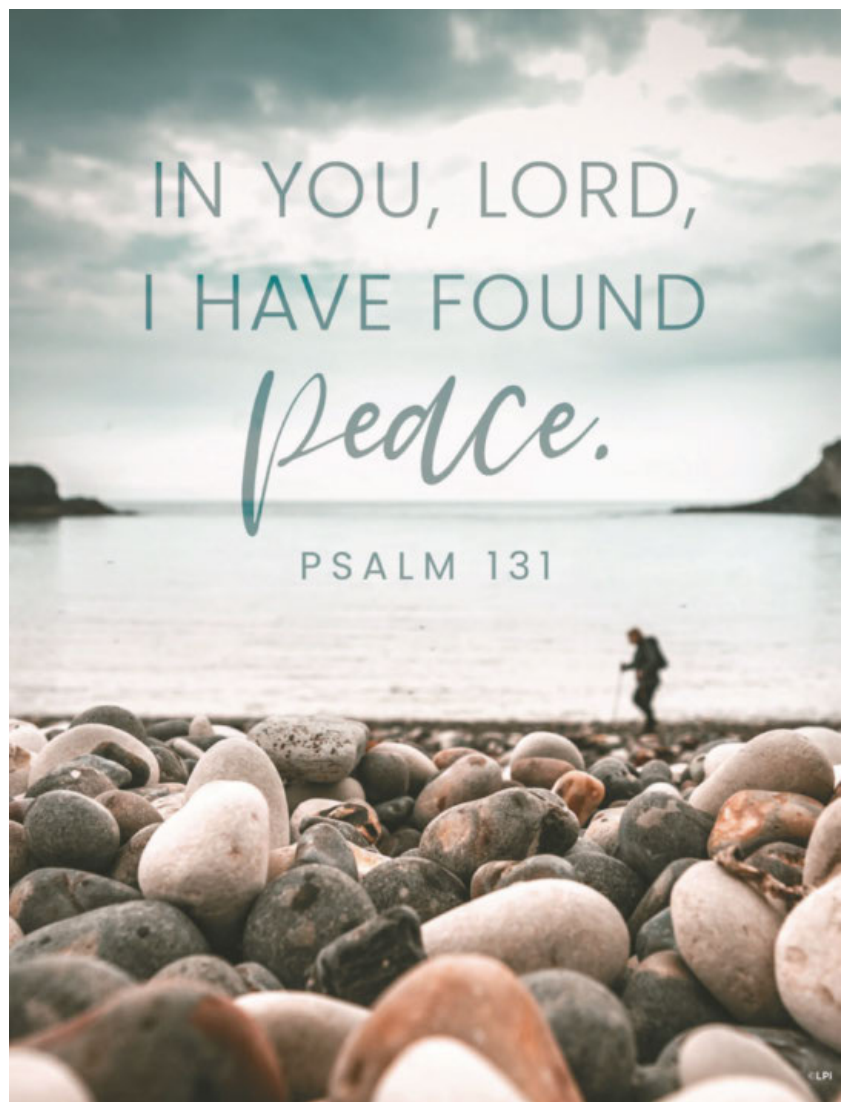
*A Franciscan Family of Faith*

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

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

November 5, 2023

*31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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

*-Pope Francis*

**Welcome Archbishop Coyne!** - We are very happy that Coadjutor Archbishop Christopher James Coyne is with us this weekend to celebrate the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday as he begins to get to know the Archdiocese. In addition to what has already been published in this space see page 4 for some more information about Archbishop Coyne who will eventually succeed Archbishop Blair as the Archbishop of Hartford.

**Anointing of the Sick This Weekend** - The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated after all Masses this weekend. Mass will take place as usual and then after the closing hymn is finished (the Altar Servers will process out without the celebrant) those wishing to stay and receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will move to the front of the **new wing** (at Sacred Heart just come to the front of church) and be seated in EVERY OTHER row so that the priests can easily come to you for the laying on of hands and the actual anointing with the Oil of the Sick which will take place on your foreheads and the palm of your hands.

**Access the Sound System at St. Paul's Through Your Mobile Phone** - With the upgrades that we have made to the sound system at St. Paul's, you can now use your mobile phone to pick up what is coming through the sound system through an app on your mobile phone. For those who have Bluetooth-capable hearing aids or who use earbuds, follow these steps to hear the sound system through your phone.

**STEP 1:** When you come into the church at St. Paul's go to **Settings** on your phone and from **wifi** select *SP Guest* and enter this Password: **WifiForGuest!**

**STEP 2:** Download the **WaveCAST** app from the Apple App Store for iOS devices including an iPhone or download the **WaveCAST** app from the Google Play Store for Android devices.

**STEP 3:** Open the **WaveCAST** app and select **ST PAUL HEARING ASSIST** and audio should start automatically through your phone when the sound system is in use. Use your phone's volume controls to adjust the volume level.

**Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Schedules** - I share this well in advance for your planning purposes for your family Christmas gatherings. Since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, there will be an adjustment to the weekend Mass schedule on Dec. 23 & 24. The Sunday Vigil Mass on December 23rd will be held as usual at 4:00 pm. The December 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday morning Mass schedule will consist of just three Masses at St. Paul Church at 7:30am, 9:00am and 10:30am. On the morning of Dec. 24, there will not be a Mass at Sacred Heart Church nor a 12 Noon Mass at St. Paul. On Christmas Eve in the evening, three Masses will be celebrated at St. Paul's at 4:00pm, 6:00pm & 10:00pm.

On Christmas Day at St. Paul, Masses will be celebrated at 8:00am, 10:00am and 12 Noon. Mass will also be celebrated on Christmas Day at Sacred Heart at 9:30am.

**Part-Time Office Position Available** - The parish is looking to hire a part-time Administrative Assistant for the Religious Education Office. This person assists the Director of Religious Education and is responsible for providing secretarial and other related services. Click here or go to the parish website for a full job description. If you are interested, send a letter of interest to Robin Veronesi at [r.veronesi@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:r.veronesi@stpaulkensington.org) or call the Religious Education Office at 860-828-1934. The deadline to apply is November 15.

**Trunk 'O Treat and College Care Package Thank Yous!** - At last weekend's Masses at St. Paul's, all of the Care Packages for our collegians were before the altar and they were blessed at the end of the 12 Noon Mass. Thanks to everyone whose generosity allowed us to send out nearly 100 of these packages. The packing process was a well oiled machine as a good group of parishioners were assisted by numerous confirmandi. A big thank you goes out to the Thurston family for their ongoing commitment to this project. Likewise, lots of kids came for Trunk 'O Treat last Saturday on a night that was just perfect weather wise. Your candy donations were passed out to kids in an array of costumes! A good time was had by all including those who came and decorated their trunks so nicely. The postponement by a week because of rain last weekend and the huge town event earlier in the day may have resulted in less decorated trunks. Nonetheless, a good time was had by all. The families who brought children to Trick or Treat were asked to bring food for St. Clare Food Pantry and they were quite generous.

**Election Day is Tuesday (Nov. 7)** - "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" (US Bishops document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* (FC) # 13). In off year elections sometimes citizens might not pay as much attention to Election Day, but as any good politician knows, the adage "all politics is local", is true. We have an obligation to the society that we live in to make it the best it can be. Polls are open on Tuesday from 6am. to 8pm. Exercising the right to vote is important, so take the time to do so on Tuesday.

**Veterans Day** - Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day. The holiday is observed on Friday so the Parish Offices will be closed on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> and there will be one Mass at 7am on Friday. Saint Paul School is open on Friday. The Town of Berlin's Veterans Day commemoration will be at 11am. (of course) on Saturday at the Veterans Memorial Park.

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## INTENTIONS

### Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†**James Lavery** Birthday Remembrance by family

†**Gaetana Oliva** by Beatrice Zappulla



†**Barbara Cronin**

*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, November 13** in the St. Paul Church Hall at 7pm. Please let us know if you plan to attend: 860-828-0331 or [ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org).

**Reminder:** those who have made the offering for the intention for each Mass are invited to present the bread and wine during the Offertory for that Mass. If they would like to do so, they should arrive at least ten minutes before the scheduled start time of the Mass and go to the sacristy to let the sacristan know that you would like to bring up the gifts. If no one comes forward by that time, others will be invited to bring up the gifts for that Mass.

**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).

### **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, November 4, 2023 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 †**All Soul's Novena**

Sunday, November 5, 2023 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 †**All Soul's Novena**

9:00 †**Philip and †Paul Holmes** by family

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

10:30 †**Linda Sorrentino** 2nd Anniversary by family

12:00 †**Domenic and †Domenica Lopreiato** by children

Monday, November 6, 2023 Weekday

7:00 †**All Souls' Novena**

5:00 †**Linda Fiori** 11th Anniversary by Fiori family

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 Weekday

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

†**Laurie Zapor** Birthday Remembrance

by Sawyer and Zapor families

†**Domenic LoPreiato** by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LoPreiato

**John and Jeanne Wischenbart**

50th Wedding Anniversary by Mary Fournier

†**Joseph Janik** by Al and Carol Simeone

8:45 †**Edwin and †Pamela Szymanoski** by Rita

5:00 †**All Souls' Novena**

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 Weekday

7:00 †**All Souls' Novena**

6:30 †**Deceased of Ladies Guild Memorial Mass**

Thursday, November 9, 2023 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:00 †**All Souls' Novena**

5:00 †**Irene Lewchik** 2nd Anniversary by daughter

†**Souls in Purgatory** by Rachel Maltese

†**Eugenio Ricciardi** by Emanuele Lombardo

**John Nappi, Jr.** by wife

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

Friday, November 10, 2023 Veterans Day - St. Leo the Great

7:00 †**All Souls' Novena**

5:00 **NO 5PM MASS**

Saturday, November 11, 2023 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 †**Ken Stokowski** Birthday Remembrance by Frauendorf family and Alphonse Daddio

Sunday, November 12, 2023 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:00 †**Deceased Members**

**Knights of Columbus Council 3674**

9:30 †**All Souls' Novena**

10:30 †**Paul Holmes** by aunt Grace

12:00 †**Eleanor Salonia** 14th Anniversary by family

**Parish Collection**  
Oct. 24-30, 2023

In Church SP	\$	7,534
Office	\$	3,106
In Church SH	\$	503
Online Giving	\$	4,753
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,806</b>



**Berlin Fair Wrap Up** - The Berlin Fair had great weather again this year. The consensus though was that attendance was down, especially on Sunday. Once again dozens of parishioners put in lots of time and effort over the four days to make it a great success for the parish. Thank you to each of you, the long time veterans as well as the new volunteers this year!

For most of us we think of the Fair as a few days in September, but for those who give leadership to this endeavor it is not just the weekend, but all of the work that goes into it before and after the Fair opens and closes. There are lots of meetings and a lot of prep work for the buildings as well ordering and prepping of food and everything else in between. Please join me in offering a personal word of gratitude to those who gave leadership once again to this year's Berlin Fair: Amy Audette, Andrea Cofrancesco, Helen DeRito, Linda Stickel, Eileen Thurston, Nancy Timbrell, and Ewa Whiteside. They do an incredible job for an event that is labor intensive. Thanks also to all who supported them in these efforts by stopping by the booths to buy some food and drink. As Mr. Food says, "Oooh it tastes so good!"

The gross income from the two booths was \$45,908.50 while the expenses to operate both booths totaled \$22,353.56. The net profit was \$23,554.94, which is an increase of about \$950 over last year. Let us give thanks to the Lord for the blessings he has shared with us from the success of the Berlin Fair and for all of the volunteers who made it happen and our many patrons!!

**Final Thoughts** -As I write this, the Rangers lead in the WS



3 - 1 and have yet to lose throughout the playoffs on the road and won the one needed game at home. So if they swept all their road games they are WS champions. If not, they have two shots to win it at home. The NFL season is at the halfway point and other than the Eagles no truly dominant team. Have a blessed week. - Fr. Joe

## "COFFEE AND"



Our Pastoral Council will host "Coffee And" gatherings on the following dates:

- Sacred Heart Church Hall after the 9:30am Mass on **November 12th.**
- St. Paul Church Hall after the 10:30 am Children's Mass on **November 19th.**

\*Please note there is no Coffee And on Sunday, Dec. 10. The Knights will host Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 10th!

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

For readings online, visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/111223.cfm>

**First Reading:** Wisdom 6:12-16

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**Alleluia:** Matthew 24:42a, 44

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Stay awake and be ready!*

*For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

## WELCOME TO ST. PAUL!

The Archdiocese of Hartford welcomed The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne as Coadjutor Archbishop of Hartford at a Solemn Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph on October 9, 2023.



Archbishop Coyne is an uncle to 11 nieces and nephews. Through the gift of his extended family, he's additionally blessed with the love and goodness of many aunts, uncles and cousins. A product of public education in his hometown, Archbishop Coyne graduated from Woburn High School in 1976, while working through both high school and college as a dishwasher, sporting goods salesman, lifeguard and musician. After college he worked full time as a bartender for two years before entering the seminary. Archbishop Coyne is a lifelong Patriots, Celtics and Bruins fan, a Maine beach bum and hopes to return soon as an avid skier and golfer.

<https://archdioceseofhartford.org/meet-coadjutor-archbishop-christopher-j-coyne/>

**SAINT PAUL SCHOOL  
NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS  
FOR THE 2024-2025 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 school community had a great time last week celebrating Halloween with a costume parade, Boo Bash, Middle School Dance and Trunk or Treat!



♥ Students with their "Mass Buddies" at the Boo Bash ↑



Here is an overview of what our Confirmation students are learning this morning:

**Grade 9 - Who is Jesus?**

Opening Prayer: Jesus, you have said, "I am the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:6). We ask you for the strength to follow you, the wisdom to know you, and the grace to live the life you wish to share with us. We want to know you. Open our hearts and minds to all that you want to show us about yourself in our time together.

*After their video lessons, in their small-group discussions, students will discuss who Jesus is, the evidence for Jesus, and why Jesus came to us.*



**Grade 10 - "Are you talking to me?" (Getting to Know God Through Prayer)**

For today's opening prayer, students are reminded that "since prayer is a simple conversation with God, being able to pray informally, from the heart, is very important." This morning students will take turns thanking Jesus for one or two things, and asking Jesus for one or two things that he or she or a loved one needs.



*After their video lessons, in their small-group discussions, students will discuss what prayer is, how to pray, and what happens when we pray.*





## PASTORAL COUNCIL—OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

The Pastoral Council met on Monday, October 23, 2023. In attendance were Fathers Joe and Martin, Mary Corrigan, Bud Volz, Betty Lasker, Roland Baikal, Maura Chasse, Dwight Davis, Ron Levandowsky, Fayne Malloy, Ed Schmitt, Nancy Timbrell and Jill Conaway.

Council members received updates on previously held and future activities within the parish. The Eucharistic Revival with Steve Angrisano was very positively received by parishioners, the Confirmation students, and students in our school. Father Joe hopes to be able to offer more of this type of activity.

Jill Conaway, principal of St. Paul's School, presented a report highlighting the September enrollment numbers. As of September, there were a total of 238 students in PK3 to grade 8. There is an ongoing outreach through social media and news outlets in an effort to increase enrollment in grades 1 to 8. Currently school families with siblings in the upper grades are being afforded priority for preschool and Kindergarten slots. The Pre-K3 and Kindergarten classes for next year have waiting lists.

Jill went on to acknowledge the new hires this year as well as reiterating the generous donations the school has recently received. These donations resulted in the school being outfitted with all new classroom furniture, the resurfacing of the playground, new cafeteria tables and upgraded technology in some classrooms.

Up and coming events include the Parishioner Appreciation Social on October 29th, Italian Night on November 4th, Anointing of the Sick following each of the Masses on November 4th and 5th, a Coffee And after the next Children's Mass on Nov. 19th, Memorial Masses for the parish, Ladies Guild, Knights of Columbus and the school, Greccio, lighting of the parish green, and Breakfast with Santa, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Father Joe announced that each family in the parish will be receiving, by mail, a schedule of the Masses and activities throughout the Advent and Christmas season as well as a letter explaining the parish's end of the year appeal.

Nancy Timbrell reported on St. Clare's Food Pantry and the increased number of families that it is currently serving. Through the generosity of food and monetary donations from parishioners, over 150 individuals/families have benefited from the ministry. This Thanksgiving the parish is sponsoring 30 families in town with the fixings for a traditional holiday dinner. As a result of the generous monetary donations that have been made, each recipient will also receive a \$25 gift card that can be used to purchase items of their choosing.

The Social Action Committee will once again be putting 800 angels on our Angel Trees. There will also be 50 "sox" on the tree with the opportunity to donate items that will help support New England Underground that assists those escaping the tyranny of trafficking.

Robin Veronesi submitted a written report to the council highlighting that there are currently 572 students enrolled in the Religious Education Program. This is the highest number the parish has had since the 2019-20 school year (pre-COVID). Robin recently attended the National Community of Catholic Leaders Convocation. Participants worked together to develop practical strategies and approaches to shape catechesis in parish communities that address the challenges faced today and to provide a foundation for the future.

Each of the four sub-committees of the Pastoral Council, Spiritual Life and Worship, Parish & Community Outreach, Youth, Family and Community Life, and Evangelization and Faith Formation, gave a quick summary of their accomplishments and action plans for the up and coming year. Details of planned events will be published in the bulletin.

Each of the Adult Faith Formation Groups, the Scripture Study, Adult Confirmation and RCIA, the Men's Groups and Women of Faith are up and running with active participation by many parishioners.

Father Joe indicated that the Finance Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 25th at which time they will receive the first quarter fiscal report of the parish. The parish continues to be in excellent financial shape with income and expenses within our proposed and actual budgets.

Father continued by sharing that approximately \$45,900 was grossed at this year's Berlin Fair. Expenses are totaling within the \$22,000 to \$23,000 range placing our profit margin at over \$20,000, within the budget projections. Final numbers are still being tabulated.

The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 27th in the church hall. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Betty Lasker  
Pastoral Council Secretary

## FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

The Pantry is currently in need of the following items:  
*Instant potatoes, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes/yams, pie crusts/fillings, flour, misc. baking items.*

Volunteers will transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and set up for distribution on [Thursday, Nov. 9](#) at **9:30am**. Volunteers will also help with food distribution on [Fri., Nov. 10](#) 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).

## Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus was amazed by the generosity of the parishioners at St Paul Parish. During our collection last weekend for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, your contributions added nearly \$2,600 to what we previously obtained the week before at Stop and Shop. Thank you so much for your support of this charity and for your ongoing support of the work being done by the Knights of Columbus. We could not accomplish all that we do without YOU!

Bud Volz, Grand Knight



## POSTER CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus will once again sponsor their "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest!



The contest has three age divisions:

- Age 5-7 (K-2)
- Age 8-10 (Grades 3-5)
- Age 11-14 (Grade 6-8)

Visit our website for details and for entry forms.

Deadline is December 3, 2023.

## SAVE THE DATE

The Knights of Columbus will host their annual Breakfast with Santa in the Saint Paul School gym on Sunday, December 10th! Save the date and start making your list! More details coming soon.



## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING!

Training for new Altar Servers will take place on **Thursday, November 16** at 6:30pm in St. Paul Church.

All Children of the parish who are in 4th grade and up who have been Baptized and received 1st Communion are invited to join our Altar Server Ministry!



Sign up online at <https://stpaulkensington.org/altar-servers>.

## SAVE THE DATES!



- \* **Lighting of the Green**  
Saturday, December 2

*Luminary information is on our website and will be posted in next week's bulletin!*

- \* **800th Anniversary Greccio Special Event!**  
Sunday, December 17

*Plans are underway for this very special evening! Live nativity, Christmas concert, children's nativity play, and so much more! Details will be posted soon.*



## All Souls' Day Intentions 2023

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord*

### Intention

### Donor

Skip Blankenburg, Marge Mals,  
Blankenburg & Mals Families ..... Blankenburg  
Salvatore Cultrera, Maria Cultrera,  
Paolino Iliva, Gaetana Oliva,  
Conrad Oliva, Richard Oliva..... Cultrera, Jr.  
Alfred Callegari ..... Funk  
King & Mangan Families ..... King  
Vincent Lewandowski,  
Christopher Perrone ..... Lewandowski  
Intention of the Donor ..... Lynch  
Ferdinand & Josephine Mercier,  
Theo Race,  
Donald & Dorothy Race..... Race  
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Marie Sabia, Anthony Monick, Sr.,  
Robert Michaels,  
Richard Maccharoli, Niki Gosselin,  
Timothy Robinson,  
Molly & Robert Swirsky,  
Janet Field, Lynn Nugent ..... Sabia, Jr.  
Intention of the Donor ..... Szafranski  
Lucia Ferenc,  
Kazimierz Ferenc, Kac Ferenc, Jr.,  
Joyce McVeigh, John Miller,  
Janina Winiarski,  
Kazimierz Winiarski ..... Winiarski  
All Souls ..... Yaksta

*All Souls Intentions were posted in last week's bulletin (10/29/23). The names above are included in the list of All Souls intentions but were received after the printing deadline for last week's bulletin.*



### LADIES' GUILD MEMORIAL MASS

The ladies of the parish are invited to a Memorial Mass for the deceased members of the Guild on Wednesday November 8 at 6:30 pm.

Refreshments and a presentation by Father Martin on the 800th anniversary of the Greco Nativity will follow in the church hall. *Food pantry donation: canned goods*

### QUILT RAFFLE!

It's that time of year!

The St. Paul Quilters will be holding their annual Christmas Raffle with ticket sales opening next weekend, Nov. 11/12.



Each year our Quilters Group makes a special Christmas Quilt along with some other seasonal items. Since many parishioners purchased tickets in the past hoping to win the ONE Christmas quilt, the Quilters decided to make FOUR CHRISTMAS QUILTS this year for the raffle. Each quilt has a unique design. Tickets will be sold after all Masses including Sacred Heart in East Berlin on the following dates:

November 11/12

November 18/19

November 25/26 and

December 2/3.

Tickets will also be available online. The Raffle drawing will be conducted on Wednesday, December 6. at the Ladies' Guild Christmas Party. Thank you for your support!

### ROSARY MAKERS

Our Rosary Makers Ministry is starting up again, and the first gathering will be held on **Monday, November 6** at 1pm in the St. Paul Church Hall.



All are welcome to join this special ministry. Please contact Lynn Misteri (860) 913-5448 with any questions.

### KNITTERS NEEDED



Our Social Action Trafficking Ministry has received a request from Underground New England for volunteers to knit youth-sized winter hats & scarves for children ages 10-17. There is yarn available at the church. Finished items can be placed in the bins located downstairs near the elevator at St. Paul Church. Visit <https://theundergroundne.org> for details about Underground NE, a faith-based, non-profit dedicated to ending sex trafficking and sexual exploitation in CT and beyond.

**NBCCW HOLIDAY LUNCH** The New Britain Council of Catholic Women will hold its Holiday lunch on Thursday, Nov. 30 at 1pm at St. Jerome's in New Britain. The catered lunch will cost \$20. Please RSVP to Sylvia or Stasia Rulkowski at 860-225-6185. A headcount is needed by Nov. 16th. Feel free to bring a friend. Optional grab bag.

### BABY QUILTS FOR SALE

Our parish Quilting Group has made several lovely baby quilts. There are various sizes; crib, car seat, or carriage and they are available for sale. Please contact Dottie at 860-558-8770 if you are interested in purchasing one of the hand-made items. Dottie will be happy to answer any questions you may have.



### St. Paul Ladies' Guild Christmas Banquet

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

St. Paul Church Hall

Social Hour 5:30-6:30pm Buffet Dinner 6:30pm

Cost \$25.00 per person

Wear your favorite ugly Christmas sweater or something red or green!  
Receive a raffle ticket for every pair of socks you donate.  
Socks to benefit the Friendship Center.

Please tear off and submit this form with your payment by November 22. Drop off in church basket or at the Parish Center.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ I would like a ride to the Christmas Banquet.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ I will bring a gift for the door prizes.



## PARISH PRAYER LIST

Bobby Adamowicz	Patricia Gebhardt	Thomas Norris
Jacob Ahlquist	Dominic Gionfriddo	Arlene O'Neill
Gilda Alberti	Jennifer Gionfriddo	Esther Ouellette
Emilie Albert	Salvatore Gionfriddo	Our Military
John Anderson	Rosemarie Gionfriddo	Anna Pac
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All women of the parish are invited to attend the next **Women of Faith** gathering on **Thursday, November 9** at 7pm.

Join us in the St. Paul Church Hall as we support one another in **Faith, Friendship and Fellowship**. Should you have any questions, please email [womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org).



If you are interested in volunteering with our **Helping Hands** ministry which assists with the concerns of our senior parishioners, we would love to have you join us. Please contact Mark Duplin at 860-666-0162 or [mfduplin@outlook.com](mailto:mfduplin@outlook.com).



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.

**Saturday, November 4**

6:30am TMIY - SPH  
 8:00am Cross Country Meet - Middle School State Championships  
 8:30am Confessions  
 10:00am Children's Rosary SHC  
 3:00pm Confessions  
 4:00pm Mass-1st Communion A  
 5:00pm 40 Days for Life Laying of Flowers @ Memorial - Green  
 5:30pm Italian Night Event - Gym

**Sunday, November 5**

9:00am 1st & 2nd Yr Confirmation classes-SPS  
 1:30pm Baptisms

**Monday, November 6**

8:45am Parish Staff Meeting  
 1:00pm Rosary Makers - SPH  
 4:30pm Boys JVA Basketball  
 6:00pm Boys Varsity Practice  
 6:30pm Confirmation Conversations  
 7:00pm Scripture Study

**Tuesday, November 7**

12:30 Dismissal - Faculty PD  
 8:45am School Mass Gr. 3-5  
 3:00pm Boys JVB Basketball  
 3:30pm Scripture Study - PC-1  
 4:00pm Bill's Farmington Ave Pizza  
 4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration  
 4:30pm Girls JVB Basketball  
 6:00pm Girls Varsity Basketball  
 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - PC LL  
 6:30pm School Board Facilities mtg

**Wednesday, November 8**

3:00pm Cheer Practice (gr 1-8)  
 3:15pm Mock Trial practice  
 4:30pm Boys JVA Basketball  
 5:00pm NO Mass  
 6:00pm Boys Varsity Practice  
 6:00pm Rosary at Sacred Heart  
 6:00pm Exultations - SPC  
 6:30pm Ladies Guild Memorial Mass - SPC & SPH  
 7:00pm Scripture Study  
 7:00pm K of C Leadership Mtg

**Thursday, November 9**

9:00am Quilters - SPH  
 9:20am Gr 5-8 to SPCHS for production  
 3:00pm Help-A-Robot Day- Library  
 3:00pm Boys JVB Basketball Practice

**PARISH CALENDAR****Thursday, November 9**

4:30pm Girls JVB Basketball  
 6:00pm Girls V Basketball  
 7:00pm RCIA

7:00pm Women of Faith

**Friday, November 10**

Church Office Closed  
 8:10am Veteran's Ceremony  
 8:30am Northwest Catholic Visits Middle School

11:45am FoodShare SHC

3:00pm CoEd JVC Red Basketball Practice

4:30pm CoEd JVC Gold Basketball Practice

5:00pm NO Mass

6:30pm Convalidation Rehearsal SPC

7:30pm AA Meeting - SPH

**Saturday, November 11**

NO FUNERALS

6:30am TMIY - SPH

8:30am Confessions

11:00am Convalidation - Balamaci SPC

3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Mass-1st Comm. A

**Sunday, November 12**

Middle School Science Fair

7:00am RELIGIOUS ED-SG

7:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed

9:15am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed

10:00am K of C Coffee And

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