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

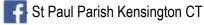
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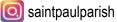
Baptisms: 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month Baptismal Instruction: Last Tuesday of the month

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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

November 26, 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Prayer to Christ the King

Lord, Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King
the beginning and end of all things,
you have made your Church to be a people
that bears witness to the goodness and beauty of your kingdom.
By your Holy Spirit, you have united us as one body,
called to live as one family of God.
Fill our hearts with your grace,
that we would be close to you
by being close to the vulnerable and marginalized.
Give us the patience to share one another's burdens,
and give us the courage to always be friends of the truth.
May we remain with you always. Amen.

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

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Feast of Christ the King - Today, on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas Primas* to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

"Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want in private, but when we enter the public square or the marketplace, we may not speak of anything that relates to our faith. However, the Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly. This solemnity encourages us to celebrate and live out our faith in public.

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe." (USCCB)

When Jesus was before Pilate he was asked if he was a King. Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"... Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b, 36-37). Jesus time and again rejected being an earthly ruler and certainly not an oppressive and dominate ruler. Rather, he mounts the Cross and in one final act demonstrates that he is a Servant King. Let us proclaim privately and publically that Jesus is our King, but let us also act as he did, as people who want to serve rather than be served.

Thank You for Supporting the 40 Days for Life Collection! The response to the collection for pregnancy and baby items to assist women to bring their child to birth was just outstanding once again this year. Ashley Cuomo, Chair of the Culture of Life Ministry, her husband Jason and members of the ministry took the donations to Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center, Carolyn's Place and Birthright of Meriden. The donations included over 40 large shopping bags of clothes, 7,600 diapers, lots and lots of wipes and a variety of many other items. In addition to your many donations the parish also sent checks in the amount of \$350 to each of the centers.

It can sometimes appear that the focus of 40 Days for Life is on the abortion issue only, while its purpose is to hold up the respect for all life, in all its stages, including end of life decisions. The Connecticut State Legislature has in recent years been pushing harder and harder for assisted suicide legislation. The American Medical Association (AMA) at its meeting earlier this month in National Harbor, Maryland reaffirmed its opposition to physician assisted suicide. The AMA's current code reads: "Physician-assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role as healer, would be difficult or impossible to control, and would pose serious societal risks. Instead of engaging in assisted suicide, physicians must aggressively respond to the needs of patients at the end of life." The AMA's code of ethics also states that permitting physicians to engage in assisted suicide — which it defines as a physician providing the means or information for a patient to engage in a life-ending act would "ultimately cause more harm than good." It is clear that it is the intent of members of the CT State Legislature to once again attempt to move forward assisted suicide legislation next year. All human life is sacred and belongs in the hands of God alone.

Ushers and Greeters Meeting - There will be a meeting for all current ushers and greeters and anyone who would like to become an usher or a greeter this Thursday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 pm in St. Paul's Church. If you would like more information about this ministry please contact Deacon Don at deacondon@stpaulkensington.org or 413-320-5778.

Advent is Coming - Advent begins next Sunday and is just 22 days this year since Christmas falls on a Monday. In the subsequent items there are spiritual, charitable, and fellowship events that are planned as we head into the Advent and Christmas seasons. Hopefully you will be able to participate in all or some of them.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - At the beginning of each weekend Mass on the four Sundays of Advent we will light the candles on our Advent Wreath. Once again this year we are inviting parishioners to participate in the lighting of the Advent Wreath. This is open to everyone. We especially encourage families with children to participate. You may sign up online or by stopping in the sacristy before or after a weekend Mass and speak with Ellie, our sacristan. Scroll down on the main page of our website for the sign up link.

Angel Tree - See page 9 for how you can help bring some cheer to a person in need at Christmas. This outreach to the less fortunate is part of the good work of our Social Action Ministry. The gifts will be packed up in just two weeks on Sunday, December 10th so all gifts need to be in by then.

INTENTIONS

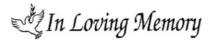
Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†Andrew Rozycki Birthday Remembrance by family

†Connie Brignola Birthday Remembrance by family

†Edith Cullen by Theresa and family

†Michael Hines 4th Anniversary by mother



†Charles E. Doucette †Hope ("Bobbie") Pisko

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

Parish Collection Nov 7-13, 2023

In Church SP	\$ 9,961
Office	\$ 3,006
In Church SH	\$ 350
Online Giving	\$ 5,074
Total	\$ 18,391

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.

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

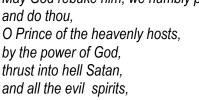


first name of the person to be prayed for and the intention.

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.





and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Saturday, November 25, 2023 Our Lord Jesus Christ,

King of the Universe

4:00 **†Kenneth Stokowski** by Amy and Steve Mauceri Sunday, November 26, 2023 Our Lord Jesus Christ,

King of the Universe

7:30 **†Laurie Zapor** 42nd Anniversary

by Sawyer and Zapor families

9:00 **†Maureen Fritz** by Joan and Ron Vancour

9:30 Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish

10:30 **†Theresa Polaske** 2nd Anniversary by family

12:00 †Deceased Members of the D'Angelo Family

by Tabaczynski family

Monday, November 27, 2023 Weekday

7:00 **†Matthew Zapor** Birthday Remembrance

by Sawyer and Zapor families

5:00 **†Souls in Purgatory** by John and Linda Nappi, Jr.

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 Weekday

7:00 **†Fred Peterson** by Joan Vancour

†Phillip Ouellette by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home

†Kelly D'Aprile Birthday Remembrance

by Cathy Gerent and children

†Joan Trantolo by Minor family

†Anthony P. Manuele by FOSS

8:45 **+Chris Malz** by Sophia Choluj

5:00 **†Edith Cullen** by Theresa and family

Wednesday, November 29, 2023 Weekday

7:00 **†Joseph Janik** by Barbara Rival

5:00 **†Irene and †Stanislaw Zovich** by Theresa and family

Thursday, November 30, 2023 St. Andrew

7:00 †Deceased Friars, Families, Friends and

Benefactors of the Friars

5:00 **+Souls in Purgatory** by Emanuele Lombardo **John Nappi, Jr.** by wife

†Evelyn Szczygla by parents and family

†Daniel N. Pulito Birthday Remembrance by niece Laurie

†Maureen Fritz by Terry Zovich

Friday, December 1, 2023 Weekday

7:00 **†Margaret White** by Jeanne and John Wischenbart

5:00 **†Domenic LoPreiato** by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LoPreiato

Saturday, December 2, 2023 First Sunday of Advent

4:00 **†Dolores F. Nugent** 4th Anniversary and Birthday

by Pat and Jean

Sunday, December 3, 2023 First Sunday of Advent

7:30 **†Chester Stachelek** 11 Year Anniversary by family

9:00 **†Domenic and †Domenica Lopreiato** by children

9:30 Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish

10:30 +Ray Kramer by daughters Cheryl and Donna

12:00 †John, †Vilma, and †Mariann Stifel and

†Justin Longo by Terry Tonina

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.

PASTOR'S COLUMN (continued)

In addition to taking an angel from the tree you can also go online and print an angel. Thank you in advance for once again being so very generous.

Advent Confessions (Mercy Mondays) - So as to prepare ourselves spiritually for the coming of the Lord both at the end of time and at Christmas we will have three Mercy Mondays on December 4, 11 & 18. All four priests will be available to hear confessions those evenings from 7 pm to 8 pm. I remind you that we also hear confessions every Saturday morning from 8:30 to 9:30 am and then again from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. On the Mercy Mondays we will also have Eucharistic Adoration during that time as well. These Holy Hours are in addition to the Tuesday Holy Hours from 4 to 5 pm leading up to Mass at 5 pm.

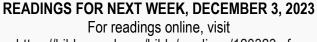
7th Annual Lighting of the Parish Green - The Lighting of the Parish Green will be this coming Saturday, December 2nd following the 4 pm Mass. The form for the Luminaries is on page 6 of the bulletin. So please join in the festivities that will include the walkways lighted with the luminaries, carols, complimentary cookies and hot chocolate, and of course the Lighting of the Green, Manger Scene and the Christmas tree. In order for your luminary to be printed in the program it must be received by November 27. See page 6 for all of the info you need!

Greccio 800 - This year we celebrate the 800th anniversary of the first re-enactment by St. Francis of the first Christmas in the little town of Greccio in Italy. To celebrate this momentous occasion, a group of staff and parishioners having been planning a very special rendition of Greccio on Sunday, December 17th beginning at 4 pm. Live animals and a young parish family will represent the Holy Family and much more. The parish Christmas Concert will also be part of the program that evening. See pages 8 and 9 for details.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Friday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass at 4 pm on Thursday, December 7 and Masses on Friday will be at 7:00 am, 8:45 am, (School Mass - ALL are welcome), 12 pm and 7:00 pm.

Christmas Memorials - Do not be caught off guard, the Christmas Memorials are due by Monday, December 11th to meet printing deadlines for the Christmas bulletin. Please use the envelope that was in your monthly pack. Memorials received after December 11th will appear in a bulletin after Christmas.

Early Final Thoughts – Since the printing deadline for this bulletin was November 16th I have no current sports guips to make; that may be a relief to you! Have a good week everyone! - Fr. Joe



https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/120323.cfm

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7 **Responsorial Psalm**: Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Alleluia: Psalm 85:8 R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

R. Alleluia, alleluia. **Gospel:** Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!"

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY?

Our next Registration Meeting is Monday, December 11 in the St. Paul Church Hall at 7pm. Please let us know if you plan to attend: 860-828-0331 or ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org.

Charity Starts at Home - If you know of a family in the parish or in the neighborhood who is in need of help please let us know. You can put their name and address on a piece of paper and drop it off at the office or put it in the collection basket or mail it in to the parish office.

FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD FAIN MOBILE FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY &

The Pantry is currently in need of the following items: cereal/oatmeal, canned tuna/chicken, soup, pasta or sauce, canned pasta and peanut butter.

Volunteers will transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and set up for distribution on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 9:30am. Volunteers will also help with food distribution on Fri., Dec. 8 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.

Please note: There will be no food distribution on Nov. 24, the Friday after Thanksgiving.

SAINT PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

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:

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You may also email our Admissions Director, Kelly Esposito, admissions@stpaulkensington.org.

Congratulations to the winners of our 2023 Middle School Science Fair! We are very proud of you, and we commend all of our middle school students for their diligence and creativity. It was an impressive display! Thank you, Mrs. Hagist for your time and dedication to the fair and for organizing the award ceremony for our students and their families.



Mrs. Massetti's first grade students and their families donated food to the St. Clare Food Pantry for those in need this Thanksgiving season. The students were all smiles. They are pictured below with Fr. Joe and Mrs. Timbrell.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education December Schedule

Grades 1-8: 12/3 and 12/17 Confirmation: 12/10

We hope all of our Religious Ed families, and the families of Saint Paul School and Parish, had a very blessed Thanksgiving! And remember - Eucharist means Thanksgiving. We can thank our Lord for His blessings, especially for Himself, all year long!

Upcoming Children's Masses

December 3 - 10:30 am December 10 - 9:00 am January 7 - 10:30 am January 28 - 9:00 am

If your child would like to participate in an upcoming Children's Mass, please email us at religioused@stpaulkensington.org



Our **Children's Rosary** group meets at 10am at Sacred Heart Church on the first Saturday of each month. Next gathering is December 2nd. All are welcome. For details, please contact Cheryl Batter at cherylbatter@att.net.

LIGHT THE PARISH ADVENT WREATH!

During Advent, at the beginning of each weekend Mass, we will light the candles on the Advent Wreath at both St. Paul and Sacred Heart Church.

Parishioners are invited participate in this special tradition by lighting the candles before every weekend Mass!



Light a candle for Hope, Faith, Joy, or Peace!

To view the Mass schedule and sign up, click on this link, https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49A5A628A0F94-46009669-lighting#/

or visit our website, or scan this QR code



If you have any questions, please email ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org.





LIGHTING OF THE PARISH GREEN

You are cordially invited to join us at the Seventh Annual Ceremonial Lighting of the Parish Green

Saturday, December 2, 2023 Immediately following the 4:00 pm Mass

For those who wish to honor or remember a loved one, you have the option to purchase a luminary printed with your special message. Purchase your luminary online at https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/lighting-of-the-parish-green or by completing the form below.

Examples:

"In memory of Mary B. Smith" "Peace on Earth" "In Honor of Grandpa Bill"

ORDER YOUR LUMINARY TODAY

Please light a luminary (\$10) for	
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A community celebration will include the Blessing of the Manger, Lighting of the Parish Green, and Christmas Carols along with complimentary hot chocolate and cookies.

- * The event will occur "snow or shine". Please remember to dress warmly!
- * In the event of inclement weather the lights will go on, but festivities may be moved indoors.
- * Proceeds will benefit the Saint Paul Community (school and parish).

Please return this form and payment to the Parish Office, Saint Paul School, or place it in the offertory basket at Mass <u>by Nov. 27, 2023.</u>

Luminary orders that are accepted after the above deadline may not be listed in the printed program.

Luminary orders can also be placed online by scanning this QR code:



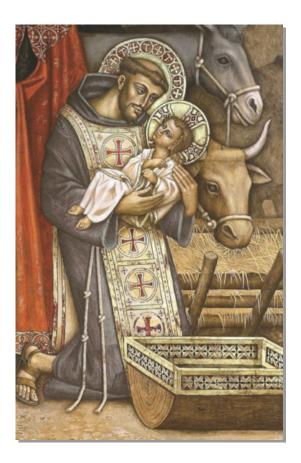


GRECCIO'S 800TH ANNIVERSARY

SPECIAL EVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

4:00 pm-7:30 pm 485 Alling Street, Kensington, Connecticut



On Christmas Eve 1223, in the small village of Greccio, Italy, Saint Francis gathered at midnight with his friars and townsfolk in a mountaintop cave to reenact the scene of Jesus' birth.

As he chanted the Christmas
Gospel, Saint Francis became
so deeply moved by the humility of
God-become-Man that the
Christ Child miraculously appeared
to him on the hay, and Greccio was
transformed into a "New Bethlehem."

Thus began the endearing custom, now a worldwide tradition, of live Nativity pageants, and eventually Christmas cribs with statues.

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE COMMEMORATE THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST LIVE NATIVITY!

St. Paul Parish A Franciscan Family of Faith

See more details on the reverse side.



Bring Baby Jesus a Birthday Present!

Honor Jesus' birth and the poverty of Bethlehem by bringing a non-perishable food item to our Greccio celebration.



Greccio Under the Stars

4:00 pm ~ 4:45 pm

St. Paul Church, Outoors in Front of Old Wing

Living Nativity Scene

Featuring Joseph, Mary and Baby Jesus,
Live Animals, Live Music featuring local performers, and more.
Bring the children for a great family photo op! Remember to dress warm!

Christmas Concert and Pageant

5:00 pm ~ 6:15 pm

St. Paul Church, Old Wing

Children's Nativity Play, Scripture Readings and Narrations, and Musical Performances by:

St. Paul Parish Choir

St. Paul Children's Choir

Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist

Bring your family's nativity "Baby Jesus" for a special blessing.



Reception and Rejoicing!

6:15 pm ~ 7:30 pm

St. Paul Church Hall

Hot Beverages, Cookies and Holiday Treats, Door Prizes, Nativity Slideshow, Crafts for Children, Music and a Special Greccio Keepsake Gift from our Friars!



Parishioners: We invite you to email a close-up photo of your home nativity set, either with or without your family in the photo, to ourphotos@stpaulkensington.org by Sunday, December 10th.

A slideshow featuring all of these unique nativity sets from our parish family will be presented at the Greccio Reception on Sunday, December 17th and on our website.

A Plenary Indulgence has been granted to all the faithful who visit a church entrusted to the pastoral care of the Franciscan Friars and who pray before the nativity scene there. Learn more about this special 800th Greccio Anniversary indulgence online.

https://stpaulkensington.org/greccio-800th



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Bobby Adamowicz Jacob Ahlquist Gilda Alberti **Emilie Albert** John Anderson Jose Arcia Zulma Barbien Lawrence Barker Theresa Baxter Dick Benson Don Benza Wyatt Bernard Sue Besaw Rita Beaulieu Peter Bocompani **David Borselle** Cheryl Brown Nancy Carlson Richard Carlson Silas Cipollone Doug Clarke **Lorraine Clark** Sophie Conti Carol Corriveau Tom Coss Arlene Cotrona Amanda Coyle Janet Crossman Robert Czerwinski Mary Daleski Martin Dagna Ramiro Dagna Uly Dagna Maria DeFazio Fr. Anthony DeFronzo Kathleen Deliman Bill Dobbs Nicole Donzello Nick Donzello Judith Doyle Josefina Fernandez Bill Filomena Simon Fitzpatrick Helen Flannelly Nancy Fleming Deb Follett Michael Frakel Maureen Freemen John Frigeri Janet Galasso Rose Garuti Patricia Gebhardt

Dominic Gionfriddo Jennifer Gionfriddo Salvatore Gionfriddo Rosemarie Gionfriddo Judy Giove Liz Goryl-Phillips Lenore Gourley Frank Grandone **Edward Grapes** Madison Gray **Grochal Family** Linda Hannold Lily Harzewski-Burl Tom Higgins Evan Hill Pat Jahn Gina Kahn Barbara Killius Evan Kimmel Sylvia Kratka Pam Kulas Wilma Kulas John G. Kumitis, Sr. Mary Lamkins Maria Lauria Ray LeClair Mary Leinen Laura Lemke Lorenzo Leone Connie Lombardi Mary Jane Lynch Ronald Maldon Lisa Mangiafico Fr. Paul Mangiafico Carol Marold Jackie Martin Janet Michaud Robert Mazzaferro Lorraine McCarthy Brandi McWade Luis Mendoza Viola Mercadante Janet Michaud Michael Mihalko Tom Modifica Nancy Motulko Cheryl Murphy John Murphy Helen Murphy Robert Namnoum Candace Nguyen

Thomas Norris

Arlene O'Neill

Esther Ouellette Our Military Anna Pac Emma Pagano Judy Pappalardo Cynthia Paradise Ada Payamis John Pink Marilyn Puopolo Lisa Ransom Care Rich Frank Rich Rita Richter Randy Ripley Steven Ripley Carlos Rivera Susana Rodreguez Susy Romero Lillian Rose Ed Rudnick Viola Salonia Joan Schwartz Raul Seipel Guy Simeone Rev. Arkadiusz Skwarek Carolyn Smith Jocelyn Soto Kevin Stanowski James Swiatek Gabe Szczygla Julia Szczygla Luke Szul Alfred J. Tee Andy Timbrell David A. Vandrilla Kathleen Vandrilla Linda Vasquez Beverly Veley **Brian Veley** Scott Veley Tom Vest Louise Webb Mary Willametz Thaddeus Wojtusik Mary Ann Watrous Miriam Zacharias Carrie Zangari Eliana Zorrilla



Foster Zucchi

QUILT RAFFLE! Tickets are now on sale for our Quilters' Group Annual Christmas Quilt Raffle!

Take a chance to win one of FOUR beautiful quilts, made right here in our parish. Each quilt has a unique design. Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend (Nov. 25/26) and next weekend (Dec. 2/3) at St. Paul & Sacred Heart Church.

Tickets are also available online!

Scan the code to the right or click here:

https://www.stpaulkensington.org/guilt-raffle

The drawing will be held Wednesday, December 6. at the Ladies' Guild Christmas Party. Thank you for your support!

ANGEL TREES 2023

All are invited to take an angel (or two) from the Angel Tree to help those in need during the holidays. Simply take an angel, purchase the gift noted on the back, and return the gift, with the Angel attached, by December 10th.



The gifts will be distributed to several organizations this year:

- •A Franciscan mission initiative, organized through our friars with their associate friars in Baltimore, to provide handwarmers and foot-warmers to the homeless.
- •Underground New England, a grass-roots initiative dedicated to ending sex trafficking and exploitation throughout New England. There will be 'baby booties' on the Angel Tree (in addition to angels) for UNE. The gifts noted on the booties will be distributed to three women who are facing crisis pregnancies and who are receiving help from UNE. The organization will give the mothers your gifts by holding 'baby showers' for them. One of the women is carrying twins.
- •Boxes to Boots is a local organization that sends care packages to members of our military who are deployed overseas. Their goal is to 'bring smiles to our soldiers who cannot be home with their families for the holidays.'
- •Local organizations such as the Friendship Center, Klingberg Family Center, Worthington Manor Retirement Center, Ledgecrest Health Care Center, and CCARC.

ONLINE! For those who find it more convenient to print an angel from home rather than take an angel from the Angel Tree in the church, there are two online options:

- 1. Boxes to Boots—Gift Cards.
- 2. Winter Gloves for the Homeless.

Visit the Angel Tree page of our website for all the details!

https://www.stpaulkensington.org/angel-tree

Questions may be directed to Joan Baker, from the Social Action Ministry, at jmb7000@comcast.net.

Saturday, November 25

6:30am TMIY - SPH

8:30am Confessions

3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, November 26

Monday, November 27

8:45am Parish Staff Meeting

4:30pm Boys JVA

6:00pm Boys Varsity

7:00pm Pastoral Council Mtg. - SPH

Tuesday, November 28

8:45am School Mass Gr. 3-5

10:00am Funeral +Bergeron SPC

3:00pm Boys JVB

4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration

4:30pm Girls JV

6:00pm Girls Varsity

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - PC LL

6:30pm Baptism Prep Lesson PC1

7:00pm School Board Meeting - SL

Wednesday, November 29

Greenery-Wreath Pick Up

8:00am Greenery Pick-up - Gazebo

3:00pm Cheer Practice (gr 1-8)

3:15pm Mock Trial practice

4:30pm Boys JVA

6:00pm Boys Varsity

6:00pm Rosary at Sacred Heart

6:00pm Exultations - SPC

Thursday, November 30

9:00am Quilters - SPH

3:00pm Boys JVB

3:00pm Robotics - SPH

4:30pm Girls JV

6:00pm Girls Varsity

6:30pm Usher Meeting - SPC

7:00pm RCIA - PC-1

Friday, December 1

9:00am Missalette Changeover

9:00am First Friday Calls

3:00pm CoEd JVC Red

4:30pm CoEd JVC Gold

5:30pm Drop & Shop, Parents Night

7:30pm AA Meeting - SPH

PARISH CALENDAR



Greenery Pickup November 29 Parish Green 2pm-6pm

Saturday, December 2

Lighting of the Green

6:30am TMIY - SPH 8:30am Confessions

10:00am Children's

Rosary SHC

10:00am Funeral +

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3:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Lighting of the

Green

Sunday, December 3

First Sunday of Advent

7:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed

Session 1

9:15am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed

Session 2

10:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed

Session 3

1:15pm Baptisms

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 - NEW DATE!

Attention Parents! All Children of the parish who are in 4th grade and up who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion are invited to join our Altar Server Ministry!



- * Training for ALL NEW and CURRENT Altar Servers will be on Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30pm in St. Paul Church.
- * Come meet our new Youth Minister, Joshua Kay!

This gathering will offer refresher training for our veteran altar servers, a welcome to all new servers and an introduction to Joshua who will lead this ministry for our youth. New servers, please sign up online at https://stpaulkensington.org/altar-servers.

LIGHTING OF THE GREEN! Parishioners, Don't miss our annual Lighting of the Green event which will be held 'snow or shine' on Saturday, December 2nd after the 4pm Mass! Join us for the Blessing of the Manger, Christmas Caroling, Hot Cocoa and Cookies and of course the Tree Lighting!

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 or scan the code for details and for entry forms.

Deadline is December 3, 2023.



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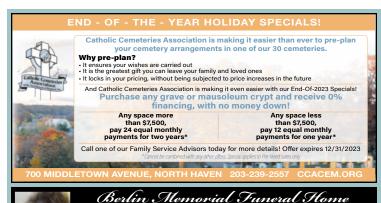
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