

## 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

Baptism Instruction: 3rd Wednesday 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

December 31, 2023

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*



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

*-Pope Francis*

**Early Deadlines** - I submitted this week's Pastor's Column before Christmas. As a result, I pray that everything went well and I thank everyone who helped in a myriad of ways.

**Feast of the Holy Family** - Unless Christmas falls on a Sunday, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph on the Sunday after Christmas. Yes they were holy, but let's not forget that they were fully human. Let not the sentimentality of beautiful statues and renderings of the scene in Bethlehem take away the difficulties they had. They were no different than any other family of their day. Joseph worked to provide for his wife and child. Mary tended to caring for Joseph and Jesus and passed the practices and prayers of the Jewish faith onto Jesus. They had some big problems to deal with including fleeing to Egypt to escape the ruthless hand of King Herod, losing Jesus on a trip to Jerusalem, Mary seeing Joseph die, and her son Crucified. Yet most of their life was filled with the ordinary and routine. All of the little stuff of life. In his homily at the close of the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia in September of 2015 Pope Francis pointed out that it is in the daily living of life that families grow in holiness. Here is part of what he said.

*Faith opens a "window" to the presence and working of the Spirit. It shows us that, like happiness, holiness is always tied to little gestures. "Whoever gives you a cup of water in my name will not go unrewarded", says Jesus (cf. Mk 9:41).*

*These little gestures are those we learn at home, in the family; they get lost amid all the other things we do, yet they do make each day different. They are the quiet things done by mothers and grandmothers, by fathers and grandfathers, by children. They are little signs of tenderness, affection and compassion. Like the warm supper we look forward to at night, the early lunch awaiting someone who gets up early to go to work.*

*Homely gestures. Like a blessing before we go to bed, or a hug after we return from a hard day's work. Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to become faith.*

On this Feast of the Holy Family let us pray for the grace to remember that "love is shown in little things" and not to underestimate just how important those little things are. It is in the practicing of faith, hope, and love in small things that we learn how to deal with the harder things of life. May Jesus, Mary, and Joseph bless our families.

**Prayer to the Holy Family for our Families**

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** - This feast of Mary falls on January 1<sup>st</sup> and is a Holy Day of Obligation except when it falls on a Monday or Saturday. Therefore, since it is not a Holy Day this year there will NOT be a Vigil Mass on New Year's Eve. Masses on January 1 will at 8 am and 10:30 am Both Masses are at St. Paul Church.

**Holiday Office Hours** - The Parish Center will re-open on Tuesday, January 2.

**Greccio 800 Thank You** - At the first staff meeting of 2023, we reviewed all that had occurred during Advent and Christmas of 2022. Looking ahead to 2023, we knew that it would be the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Francis' first re-enactment of the Lord's birth in the town of Greccio in Italy. With that in mind, I asked Fr. Martin if he would like to head up the planning of that celebration. He agreed; and boy did he pull out all of the stops! Almost weekly meetings with a core group of parish staff that included Jeff Batter, Maura Gaffney and Robin Veronesi culminated in a wonderful celebration on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The outside portion was simple, but poignant as Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus (Annie, Jay and William Fazzino) were watched over by a miniature horse named Jake, some chickens, and a goat. A chilly light rain became a heavy rain and some lamented the poor weather. Actually, the weather was a helpful reminder of the poor conditions under which our Savior was born. One of the reasons Francis had the townspeople re-enact the birth was so that could feel in their bodies what it was like the night of the dear Savior's birth.

As Francis enlisted the help of the townspeople of Greccio, a great array of our parishioners and townspeople willingly helped Fr. Martin and the Committee make this event such a wonderful celebration. Special thanks to Jeff Batter and our Parish Choir, Cheryl Kramer-Tierney and our Youth Choir, *Exultations*, and the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist choir from Meriden. The children who reenacted the Lord's birth all did a great job. Thanks too, to their parents for allowing them to take part in something so special and meaningful. There were literally dozens of people who helped in different ways.

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## INTENTIONS

### Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

**Chick Constanzo** for health by family

†**Mario D'Amore** 2nd Anniversary by Marie and family

†**Estelle M. Perry** 1st Anniversary by sister and family

**Brian Peterson** for health by family

### Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†**Angel Figueroa** Birthday Remembrance by family

†**Peter Lavery** 19th Anniversary by family

†**Joseph Sak** by family



†**Jane Lubin**

*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.*

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.



**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, December 30, 2023 The Holy Family  
of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

4:00 †**Fabio Birritta** 22nd Anniversary by mommy and daddy

Sunday, December 31, 2023 The Holy Family

of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30 †**Lenore DellaVecchia** by Lisa and Bill Richards

9:00 **Christmas Novena**

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

10:30 †**Ted and †Mary Young, Sr.** by Young family

12:00 †**Peter Lavery** 19th Anniversary by family

Monday, January 1, 2024 Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

8:00 **Christmas Novena**

10:30 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

7:00 **Christmas Novena**

5:00 †**Gale Shaheen** by Theresa and family

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:00 †**Estelle M. Perry** by sister and family

5:00 †**Gladys Choluj** 15 Year Anniversary by daughter Sophia

Thursday, January 4, 2024 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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

8:45 †**Florence Wilk** 3 Year Anniversary by daughters

5:00 †**Catherine Heath** Birthday Remembrance

by Kathy Percival

†**Rita Waluk** Birthday Remembrance by Greg and Clarice

†**Joseph Sak** by wife and family

†**Mario D'Amore** 2nd Anniversary by Marie and family

†**Holy Souls in Purgatory** by Sandra Feliciano

Friday, January 5, 2024 Saint John Neumann

7:00 †**Mary Budnik** Anniversary Remembrance by family

5:00 †**Helen M. Morrissey** 1st Anniversary by Bob, Jodi and Sarah Morrissey

Saturday, January 6, 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 †**Raymond Kramer** by grandchildren Michael and Katie

Sunday, January 7, 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord

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

9:00 †**Kathy Manion** by Bill and Diane Funk

9:30 †**Mary Aurigemma** by Larry and Rosann Mancini

10:30 †**Lena Brown** by her neice

12:00 †**Tom Ramsey** by a friend

### **NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

New Year's Eve – Sunday, December 31 *No Vigil Mass.*

New Year's Day – Monday, January 1

Masses at St. Paul Church 8:00 am and 10:30 am ONLY

**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).

*Due to early deadlines, the Collection amounts for Dec. 12-18 and Dec. 19-25 will be published in an upcoming bulletin.*

The 300 - 400 people who attended had so many nice things to say about the evening. Thanks again to Fr. Martin, the Greccio Committee and each and every person who helped us celebrate this significant anniversary of the first Greccio. Let us go humbly before our own Nativity scenes and marvel about God's humility and do our best to be humble before God and each other.

**College Winter Break Dinner** - With our new Director of Youth Ministry in place, we will once again hold a dinner for our collegians who are home on break and all of those who are of college age whether they are in college or not. The dinner is scheduled for this Thursday, January 4th at 6 pm See page 8 for more information. If you now a college age parishioner who did not receive an invite, please contact Joshua Kay by calling the office at 860-828-0331, ext. 326 or by sending him an e-mail at [j.kay@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:j.kay@stpaulkensington.org) with the name and contact information of the collegian and we will be sure that she or he is invited.

**Annual Giving - End of Year Donation** - Thank you to everyone who has already made their Annual End of the Year gift to the parish. The parish relies on these donations as part of our budgeted income and helps fund the many ministries and programs the parish offers and assists in taking care of our property and buildings. You may recall that the Archdiocese changed the end of the fiscal year for all archdiocesan entities to June 30, which I think was a good move. As a result there is no longer an urgent need to have the Annual End of the Year gifts in by December 31. So if you have not made your gift yet please do so during January. Thank you for your support!

**2023 Donation Statements** - If you have not yet requested a report of your 2023 charitable giving to the parish and you would like one for your tax purposes either return the white card that came with your November and December envelopes, or call the Parish Center, or send an email to [j.vancour@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:j.vancour@stpaulkensington.org). The statements will be sent out by the end of January.

**Final Thoughts** - The deadline for this bulletin was December 19 so I have no sports quips. If all goes as planned I will be coming back from Baltimore on New Year's Day. I hope that you continue to celebrate the wondrous things our God has done for you throughout these 12 days of Christmas. Best wishes for a very blessed, healthy, and happy 2024! - Fr. Joe



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 7, 2024

For readings online, visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/010724.cfm>

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.

*Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

**Alleluia:** Matthew 2:2

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

*We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

*Behold, I make all things new.*

Revelation 21:5

*Happy New Year!*

**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).

Thank you to all of our Religious Education students who participated in our Greccio 800th Anniversary celebration! From the members of the Exultations Children's Choir, to the cast members in the Nativity Play, to our Confirmation student volunteers who welcomed guests, handed out programs and vigil candles, and provided extra hands to the committee and adult volunteers, thank you all!



**SAVE THE DATE!**

Saint Paul School will host an  
**Open House and Art Show**  
to kick off Catholic Schools Week.

**Sunday, January 28, 2024**

**11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

*All are welcome to attend!*

Visit <https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/open-house-information>

Catholic Schools Week will take place  
from January 28 to February 3, 2024.

**JOB OPENING** St. Paul Parish is looking to hire a part-time Administrative Assistant for the Religious Education Office who can work 24 hours per week. This person assists the Director of Religious Education and is responsible for providing secretarial and other related services.

Candidates must have excellent computer skills in Microsoft Office, database systems and Google applications. Strong organizational skills, a high level of productivity and the ability to work both independently and collaboratively with others are also required.

To request a copy of the full job description or to send a letter of interest and resume, contact Robin Veronesi at [r.veronesi@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:r.veronesi@stpaulkensington.org) or call the Religious Education Office at 860-828-1934.

Thanks again to all who did so much to prepare for and to help behind the scenes for our Greccio 800th celebration! *There were many more helpers who are not pictured here!*



Dwayne LaFrance, Tim Oakes, and Tom Letendre



Ashley LaFrance and Jake



Theo Gujda



Members of the Theatre Guild of Berlin



David Perkins, Charlie Henriques, Caleb Uliasz, Emily Armetta



Bob Fischer and the Fox Family created this beautiful manger!

**INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY?**

Our next Registration Meeting is [Monday, January 8](#) 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).

**HELPING HANDS MINISTRY** If you would like to volunteer with our Helping Hands Ministry, or if you would like to learn more about this ministry which assists with the concerns of our senior parishioners, please contact Mark Duplin at 860-666-0162 or [mfduplin@outlook.com](mailto:mfduplin@outlook.com). We would love to have you join us!



**CHILDREN'S ROSARY—JANUARY 6**

Our Children's Rosary group meets at **10am** at Sacred Heart Church on the first Saturday of each month.



Consider joining us on [Saturday, January 6th](#) as we honor Our Blessed Mother. All are welcome. The children lead the rosary, and others who are present pray along. To learn more, please contact Cheryl Batter at [cherylbatter@att.net](mailto:cherylbatter@att.net).

**ROSARY GROUP** Our 13th of the Month Rosary Group meets faithfully at 12 noon in St. Paul Church to pray the Rosary. The next gathering will be [Saturday, January 13th](#). Please join them in prayer!



“There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.”  
-Sr Lucia of Fatima

**Upcoming Children's Masses**

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

If your child would like to participate in a Children's Mass, please email us at [religioused@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:religioused@stpaulkensington.org)

**AVAILABLE MASSES** The following February 2024 dates are available for Mass Intentions. If you would like to book a Mass, please call the Parish Office at 860-828-0331.

- February 6 ..... Tuesday ..... 8:45 am
- February 14 .... Wednesday . 8:45 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm
- February 18 .... Sunday ..... 7:30 am, 9:30 am Sacred Heart
- February 22 .... Thursday ..... 8:45 am
- February 23 .... Friday ..... 7:00 am
- February 25 .... Sunday ..... 9:00 am, 12:00 pm
- February 27 .... Tuesday ..... 8:45 am

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

Bobby Adamowicz	Jennifer Gionfriddo	Anna Pac
Jacob Ahlquist	Salvatore Gionfriddo	Emma Pagano
Gilda Alberti	Rosemarie Gionfriddo	Judy Pappalardo
Emilie Albert	Judy Giove	Cynthia Paradise
John Anderson	Liz Goryl-Phillips	Ada Payamis
Jose Arcia	Lenore Gourley	Marilyn Puopolo
Zulma Barbien	Edward Grapes	Lisa Ransom
Lawrence Barker	Madison Gray	Care Rich
Theresa Baxter	Grochal Family	Frank Rich
Dick Benson	Linda Hannold	Rita Richter
Don Benza	Lily Harzewski-Burl	Randy Ripley
Wyatt Bernard	Tom Higgins	Steven Ripley
Sue Besaw	Evan Hill	Carlos Rivera
Rita Beaulieu	Pat Jahn	Susana Rodreguez
Peter Bocompani	Gina Kahn	Susy Romero
David Borselle	Barbara Killius	Lillian Rose
Cheryl Brown	Evan Kimmel	Ed Rudnick
Nancy Carlson	Sylvia Kratka	Viola Salonia
Richard Carlson	Pam Kulas	Joan Schwartz
Silas Cipollone	Wilma Kulas	Raul Seipel
Doug Clarke	John G. Kunitis, Sr.	Guy Simeone
Lorraine Clark	Mary Lamkins	Rev. Arkadiusz
Sophie Conti	Maria Lauria	Skwarek
Carol Corriveau	Ray LeClair	Carolyn Smith
Tom Coss	Mary Leinen	Jocelyn Soto
Arlene Cotrona	Laura Lemke	Kevin Stanowski
Amanda Coyle	Lorenzo Leone	James Swiatek
Janet Crossman	Connie Lombardi	Angelica Szczygla
Robert Czerwinski	Mary Jane Lynch	Gabe Szczygla
Mary Daleski	Ronald Maldon	Julia Szczygla
Martin Dagna	Lisa Mangiafico	Luke Szul
Ramiro Dagna	Fr. Paul Mangiafico	Alfred J. Tee
Uly Dagna	Carol Marold	David A. Vandrilla
Maria DeFazio	Jackie Martin	Kathleen Vandrilla
Fr. Anthony	Janet Michaud	Linda Vasquez
DeFronzo	Robert Mazzaferro	Beverly Veley
Kathleen Deliman	Lorraine McCarthy	Brian Veley
Bill Dobbs	Brandi McWade	Scott Veley
Nicole Donzello	Luis Mendoza	Tom Vest
Nick Donzello	Viola Mercadante	Louise Webb
Judith Doyle	Janet Michaud	Mary Willametz
Josefina Fernandez	Michael Mihalko	Thaddeus Wojtusik
Bill Filomena	Tom Modifica	Mary Ann Watrous
Simon Fitzpatrick	Nancy Motulko	Miriam Zacharias
Helen Flannelly	Cheryl Murphy	Carrie Zangari
Nancy Fleming	John Murphy	Eliana Zorrilla
Deb Follett	Helen Murphy	Foster Zucchi
Michael Frakel	Robert Namnoum	
Maureen Freeman	Candace Nguyen	
Janet Galasso	Thomas Norris	
Rose Garuti	Arlene O'Neill	
Patricia Gebhardt	Esther Ouellette	
Dominic Gionfriddo	Our Military	



Annie, Jay and baby William Fazzino

See more photos from our Greccio 800th Anniversary on our website and social media pages! A recording of the event and our Nativity Slideshow are also posted on our website.



**ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS AND ALL COLLEGE-AGE PARISHIONERS!**

Our Youth Ministry program is hosting a **COLLEGE DINNER** for all of our college students and college-age young adults!



It will be held on **Thursday, January 4th** at 6:00pm in the St. Paul Church Hall.

Mark your calendars and spread the word!

**Please RSVP on our website** so we can be sure to have enough food! Bring a friend & meet our new Youth Minister!



**ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY** Parents, if your child would like to join our team of Altar Servers, please contact our Youth Minister, Joshua Kay at [j.kay@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:j.kay@stpaulkensington.org).



Current altar server parents: If your child missed the training in December and you have any questions, please reach out to Josh. Thank you!

**Life Teen Kick-Off Event & Spring Schedule Confirmed!**

We are excited to announce that we have official dates for the spring semester for our new Life Teen program! **All high school students** in grades 9-12 are welcome to join us on **Sunday, January 21st** in the St. Paul Church Hall from 6:30-8:00pm, for our 2024 Spring Semester Kick-Off! Games, prizes, fellowship, food are all part of this awesome event. Invite your friends; we will see you there!



**EDGE Kick-Off Event & Spring Schedule Confirmed!**

Our Middle School program, EDGE, is also kicking off in January. All **students in grades 6-8** are welcome to join us on **Sunday, January 28th**, in the St. Paul Church Hall from 6:30-8:00pm for the launch of this awesome program!



**Please Make Sure to Register for Youth Ministry!**

We are asking all participants in our Youth Ministry programs (Life Teen & EDGE) to register before attending your first event! By registering, this will allow us to be able to update you with information about upcoming events and programs. Scan the QR code below to learn more and to register!

**EDGE  
Middle School**



**LIFETEEN  
High School**



**Interested in Volunteering with our new Youth Ministry?**

Our parish is looking for adult volunteers who are passionate about working with young people! Beginning in January 2024 we are launching our new Youth Programs: "Life Teen" for high school students in grades 9-12 and "EDGE" for middle school students in grades 6-8. No matter your age, state in life or background, if you have a desire to help grow the future of our church, volunteering with our youth ministry programs is for you! Please email Youth Minister Josh Kay, at [j.kay@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:j.kay@stpaulkensington.org) to express your interest



*The Knights of Columbus Msgr. Thomas L Greylish Council # 3675 is hosting their annual*



**Basketball Free Throw Contest!**

**Saturday, January 20, 2024**

Saint Paul School Gym  
461 Alling Street, Berlin CT

Registration starts at 12:00 pm



**All boys and girls ages 9 to 14** are invited to participate in this competition!

Winners progress through Local, District & State competition.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

Questions? Please contact Mark Chasse



## MARCH FOR LIFE 2024!

Join the Archdiocese of Hartford Respect Life Ministry as we pilgrimage to our Nation's Capitol to witness to the beauty and dignity of every human person. Be a part of the LARGEST annual human rights demonstration in the world. [January 18-19, 2024](#) in Washington, D.C.



Visit our website or see the flyers in the church for details. Cost is \$125 per person for bus transportation and breakfast at hotel. Payment due by January 5, 2024 and no refunds after this date. Hotel costs and other meals are not included. \*Note that a block of hotel rooms is being held for our group at the Hilton Arlington National Landing.

Call Respect Life Ministry at (203)694-4189 or (203)213-5079 for guidelines in making reservations and to obtain the group code. See the home page of our website for all the details!

## MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

Our Music Director, Jeff Batter, will be introducing new Mass settings after Christmas. To listen and/or to learn the revised music ahead of time (for *Holy, We Proclaim Your Death, Save Us, Amen*), please visit the New Music page of our website: <https://www.stpaulkensington.org/new-music-at-st-paul-church>  
The new settings are from the "Mass of St. Mary Magdalene" written by Sarah Hart.



REMINDER! St. Paul Parishioners have FREE access to great content through FORMED! Go to <https://formed.org>, select

"Sign up as a parishioner", type "St. Paul Kensington CT" and follow the simple prompts to set up your account

## FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

The Pantry is currently in need of the following items:  
*soup, canned beans, canned pasta, boxed pasta, canned tomato products/sauce, oatmeal, canned chicken/tuna, granola bars/snacks, & baking products/mixes.*

Volunteers will transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and set up for distribution on [Thurs., Jan. 4](#) at **9:30am**. Volunteers will also help with food distribution on [Fri., Jan. 5](#) at **11am** at Sacred Heart Church. For transportation to FoodShare at Sacred Heart, call the Berlin Senior Center at 860-828-7006. For information about 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).



## Christmas Intentions 2023

<u>Intention</u>	<u>Donor</u>
<i>Baccaro, Biskup, Sokolowski Families ....</i>	<i>Baccaro</i>
<i>Brochu and Patzke Families,</i>	
<i>Rejeanne Brochu.....</i>	<i>Brochu</i>
<i>Richard Burkhart,</i>	
<i>Anne &amp; Bruno Zarotney.....</i>	<i>Burkhart</i>
<i>Clarke and VanSickle Families.....</i>	<i>Clarke</i>
<i>Leon Supinski, Lorenzo deRito,</i>	
<i>Florence deRito.....</i>	<i>deRito</i>
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8:30am Confessions

3:00pm Confessions

**Sunday, December 31**

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**Monday, January 1, 2024**

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8:00am Mass

10:30am Mass

**Tuesday, January 2, 2024**

3:00pm **Boys JVB Basketball**

4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration

4:30pm **Girls JV Basketball**

6:00pm **Girls Varsity Basketball**

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - PC LL

7:00pm Parish Community Outreach - PC2

7:00pm K of C Leadership Mtg - PC1

**Wednesday, January 3, 2024**

3:00pm **Cheer Practice**

3:15pm **Mock Trial practice**

4:30pm **Boys JVA Basketball**

6:00pm **Boys Varsity Basketball**

6:00pm Rosary at Sacred Heart

6:00pm Exultations - SPC

**Thursday, January 4, 2024**

8:45am **School Mass: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

9:00am Quilters - SPH

10:00am First Thursday Calls

3:00pm **Boys JVB Basketball**

4:00pm Spiritual Life & Worship Committee - PC2

4:30pm **Girls JV Basketball**

6:00pm College Dinner - SPC/SPH

6:00pm **Girls Varsity Basketball**

7:00pm RCIA - PC-1

**Friday, January 5, 2024**

9:00am First Friday Calls

11:45am FoodShare SHC

3:00pm **CoEd JVC Red Basketball**

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7:30pm AA Meeting - SPH

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**Saturday, January 6, 2024**

8:30am Confessions

10:00am Children's Rosary

3:00pm Confessions

**Sunday, January 7, 2024**

9:00am **Confirmation classes**

12:00pm Friars - SPH

1:15pm Baptisms

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