

## **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**

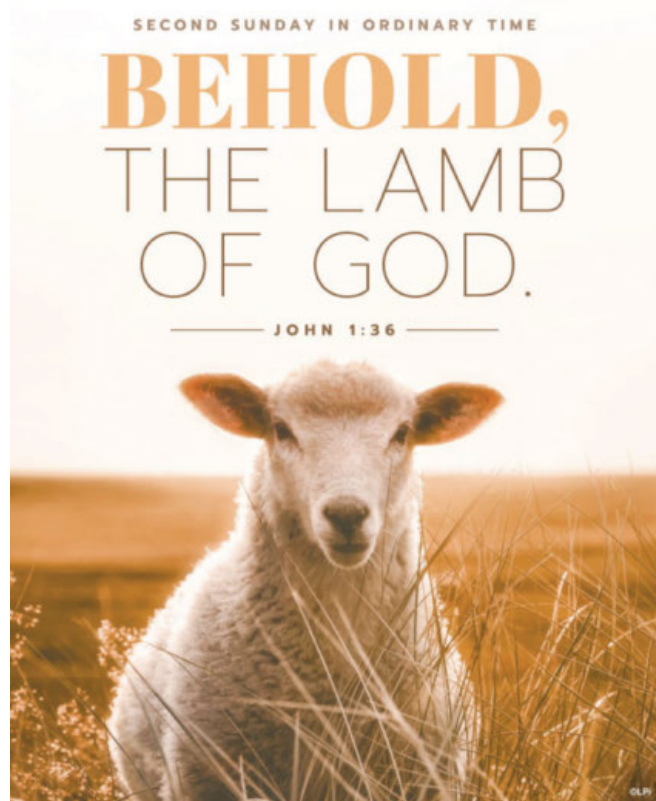
*A Franciscan Family of Faith*

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

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

January 14, 2024

*2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



John was standing with two of his disciples,  
and as he watched Jesus walk by,  
he said, "Behold the Lamb of God."

The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

—John 1:35-37

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

*-Pope Francis*

**Parish Youth Ministry** - Joshua Kay, our new Director of Youth Ministry, introduced himself a few weeks ago during all of the Masses at St. Paul and will do so at Sacred Heart this weekend. The semester break college dinner was held successfully last week. As an insert in today's bulletin is information for our *Life Teen* program for all high school students as well as *Edge*, which is the program for middle school students. I encourage all of our youth to come and see if this is something that you might like. Invite your friends to join you. To the parents of these youth, please encourage your children to participate. In that they rely on you for transportation please make this sacrifice on their behalf and to support our endeavors to reach out and provide programs that will be a help to them in all aspects of their young lives. Mr. Kay can always be contacted at [j.kay@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:j.kay@stpaulkensington.org).

**Saint Paul School Open House** - In conjunction with the beginning of Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, our school will have an Open House for prospective students and their families from 11:00 pm to 1:00 pm. We will begin Catholic Schools Week at the 9:00 am Mass. Please help spread the word and encourage young families to come and see the quality of the education that their child will receive at Saint Paul School.

**Mass Attendance and Winter Weather** - Last weekend was our first snow of the season and the first significant snow in almost two years. In anticipation of the snow on Sunday, many many parishioners who normally attend Mass on Sunday came to the 4 pm Mass on Saturday. It was almost as full as it was on Christmas Eve! That was a good and thoughtful decision on their part. Depending on the timing of storms, that adjustment to your regular schedule might not always be able to be made. So I share this with you as a reminder concerning the obligation to attend Mass when weather conditions make travel hazardous. While the obligation to attend Mass each weekend and Holy Day of Obligation must be taken very seriously the other side of the coin is our use of prudence when the weather or illness might impede our attendance. Canon Law of the Catholic Church (1247) states that on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. However, the law does not expect the impossible nor can the fulfillment of the obligation be overly burdensome or dangerous. So while the Masses will almost always take place at St. Paul because the Friars live next door, and the Mass intention has to be satisfied, that does not mean that you should risk life or injury to attend. This is all the more the case for weekday Masses when there is no obligation to attend. In the case of the Mass at Sacred Heart, should conditions not make it safe for one of the Friars to travel that Mass would be canceled.

If you cannot attend, spend some extra time in personal prayer and/or watch Mass on TV or through our website. Be sure to be prudent and safe in your decisions.

**Thanks!** - As noted above, many came to the 4 pm Mass last Saturday, and while attendance was sparse on Sunday, I do want to thank the altar servers and their parents, Readers, EMHC, ushers, and music ministers who were able to attend and with their assistance all of the Masses carried on normally. I am grateful for your dedication and service and I am certain the Lord is as well.

**†Most Rev. Joachim Giermek, OFM Conv.** - On Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, one of our Franciscan Friars of the Our Lady of the Angels Province, Fr. Joachim Giermek, died peacefully at the age of 80 in Ellicott City, MD after a long illness. Born as Thomas on April 2, 1943 in Buffalo, NY, Fr. Joachim in 2001 was elected the Minister General of the Conventual Franciscan Friars thus becoming the 118<sup>th</sup> successor of St. Francis of Assisi. Just as Pope Francis is the successor of St. Peter, Fr. Joachim was the successor of St. Francis. Fr. Joachim was in his 81<sup>st</sup> year of life, 63<sup>rd</sup> as a Friar, and 55<sup>th</sup> as a priest. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**Moveable Feast Dates** - I know we just finished the Christmas season, but in just one month Lent will begin. Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup> which means that Easter will be March 31<sup>st</sup>, which is about a week earlier than last year. And how is the date for Easter determined? Easter is the first Sunday, after the first full moon, after the first day of spring (the vernal equinox). The earliest Easter can be is March 22 and the latest is April 25. So Easter is on the early side of the calendar this year. We did not have a white Christmas, but will Easter be white?! No, that is not a prediction, just a musing!

**St. Valentine's Day Alert** - As noted above, for those planning to make St. Valentine's Day special with a nice dinner out that evening, please note that February 14<sup>th</sup> this year is also Ash Wednesday and thus a day of fast and abstinence.

**Christmas Collection** - I would like to highlight, acknowledge and give thanks to everyone who made a special monetary gift to the parish through your Christmas offering! The in-pew collection was \$20,027. When the online (\$2,784) and the donations dropped off at the office or sent through the mail (\$9,736) are included the total for the Christmas collection as of Jan 8<sup>th</sup> was \$32,547. These special gifts at Christmas are very important to the parish and are so very much appreciated. **Thank you!! Your generosity is a wonderful testimony of your faith!**

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## INTENTIONS

### The Bread for the Poor will be Offered this week for

†**Clare Barberini** by daughter



†**Patricia R. DeVivo**

†**Maureen B. Liegeot**

†**Steven Francis Sheehy**

*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.*

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).

**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 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, January 13, 2024 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 †**Ciccaglione, †Cosgrove and †Flynn Families**  
by family

Sunday, January 14, 2024 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 †**Nell Misteri** by Al and Carol Simeone

9:00 †**John and †Agnes Marut** by family

9:30 †**Robert James Cote** by Ron and Joan Vancour

10:30 †**Michael Kozak** 10th Anniversary by Priscilla and family

12:00 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**

Monday, January 15, 2024 Weekday

7:00 †**Barbara Cronin** by a friend

5:00 **NO 5PM MASS**

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 Weekday

7:00 †**Christopher Labbadia** by family

8:45 **Robin Reilly** by family

5:00 †**Joe Portal** Birthday Remembrance by wife

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 St. Anthony

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

5:00 †**Stefano Pollastro** by the D'Oca family

Thursday, January 18, 2024 Weekday

7:00 †**Greta Stifel** by Karen Stifel

5:00 †**Maria Lombardo** by Emanuele Lombardo

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

†**Joseph Danko** 3rd Anniversary by wife and family

†**Carolina Liscio** by Luigi and Rosa Mai

†**Kate Boucher Pelosi** Birthday Remembrance  
by Chris and Logan Pelosi

Friday, January 19, 2024 Weekday

7:00 †**Brad Ragaglia, †Gary Verillo and †Arlene Nowik**  
by family

5:00 †**Peter Allen** by friends

Saturday, January 20, 2024 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 †**Kenneth Stokowski** 1st Anniversary by wife and family

Sunday, January 21, 2024 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

9:30 †**Robert Cote** by family friend

10:30 †**John Fitzsimmons** 3rd Anniversary by family

12:00 †**Bogdan and †Christopher Plochocki**  
by wife and mother Anna

**Available Masses for February are listed below.** There are still Masses available on Tuesday at 7am and Thursday at 5pm as well. To reserve a Mass, please call the parish office 860-828-0331, Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.

February 6 *Tuesday* 8:45am

February 14 *Ash Wednesday* 8:45am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm

February 22 *Thursday* 8:45am

February 27 *Tuesday* 8:45am



## PASTOR'S COLUMN (continued)

**Annual End of the Year Donations** - Thank you to all who have already made their Annual End of the Year gift to the parish. Given that our fiscal year does not end until June 30, gifts received until then will go toward this Appeal. However, I would like us to wrap up this appeal before Ash Wednesday. All gifts are important and appreciated so if you have not yet made your gift, please make your gift in the next few weeks. Once again thanks for all that you do to support our parish!

**Free Throw Shooting Contest** - The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual free throw shooting contest this Saturday, January 20th in the school gym at 12:00 Noon. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate. See page 6 for more information.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday** - Monday, January 15 is the MLK Holiday. One Mass will be celebrated Monday at 7 am. The parish office will be closed.

**2023 Contribution Statements** - If you need a statement of your donations for 2023, either return the white card that came with your envelopes, call the Parish Center, or send an email to [j.vancour@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:j.vancour@stpaulkensington.org). The letters will be sent out by January 31.

**Final Thoughts** - The 14 NFL playoff teams are set. The Bills got on a roll and earned the 2<sup>nd</sup> seed in the AFC, while the Jaguars did not get an invite to the dance. Will the stumbling Eagles and Dolphins make it pass the first round? Will the Ravens Super Bowl MVP Joe Flacco do the same for the Browns? Joe Cool will get to play a second game and it would be against the Ravens if the Bills and Chiefs win as is likely the case which would lead to a game in Orchard Park, NY. The 49ers will get another game against the Rams this year in the Divisional Round and Baker Mayfield and Co. will have a ticket to Dallas. Enjoy the games (I am still waiting for a front line starting pitcher) and have a blessed week.



- Fr. Joe

### Parish Collection

Jan. 2-8, 2024

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|---------------|-----------|
| In Church SP  | \$ 4,942  |
| Office        | \$ 2,566  |
| In Church SH  | \$ 335    |
| Online Giving | \$ 4,879  |
| Total         | \$ 12,722 |

## INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY?

Our next Registration Meeting is **Monday, February 12** in the St. Paul Church Hall at 7pm.

Please let us know if you plan to attend:

- Call our Parish Office at 860-828-0331 [or](tel:860-828-0331)
- Email us at [ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org).

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 21, 2024

For readings online, visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/012124.cfm>

**First Reading:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

*Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

**Alleluia:** Mark 1:15

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

*The kingdom of God is at hand.*

*Repent and believe in the Gospel.*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel:** Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

## FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

The Pantry is currently in need of the following items:

*coffee, tea, hot chocolate, soup, oatmeal, pasta, sauce and tomato products, canned chicken, and peanut butter.*

Volunteers will transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and set up for distribution on **Thurs., Jan. 18 at 9:30am**. Volunteers will also help with food distribution on **Fri., Jan. 19 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).

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 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:

<https://bit.ly/3qO2X9J>



You may also email our  
Admissions Director, Kelly Esposito,  
[admissions@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:admissions@stpaulkensington.org).

Join us at Saint Paul School for our

### Open House and Art Show

to kick off Catholic Schools Week.

**Sunday, January 28, 2024**

11:00 am to 1:00 pm



**Saint Paul School**  
is **GROWING GREATNESS!**  
JOIN US AT OUR  
**OPEN HOUSE & ART SHOW**  
**Sunday,**  
**January 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
*Visit our classrooms  
and student art show,  
meet the teachers and  
celebrate the start to  
Catholic Schools Week.  
All are welcome to  
attend!*



**For more information call 860-828-4343 x113  
and visit our website at [ourschool.stpaulkensington.org](https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org)**



Mrs. Lavoie's kindergarten students recently celebrated Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton whose feast day is Jan. 4th. The students learned that Saint Elizabeth was the first American to be made a saint, that she started the first Catholic School in the US and that she founded an order of nuns devoted to teaching.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### WELCOME LINDA!

We welcome Linda Beaudoin as the new Assistant to the Director of Religious Education.

Linda has extensive experience serving as an administrative assistant and executive coordinator from her work in the corporate world. A Berlin resident, Saint Paul parishioner and an alumna of Saint Paul School, she looks forward to serving our religious education families.



### Upcoming Children's Masses

Jan. 28 - 9:00 am

Feb. 4 - 10:30 am

Feb. 18 - 9:00 am

March 17 - 10:30 am

April 21 - 9:00 am

April 28 - 10:30 am

If your child would like to participate in a Children's Mass, please email our Religious Education Office at

[religioused@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:religioused@stpaulkensington.org)

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

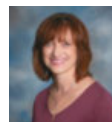
Monday - Thursday 8am - 2pm Phone 860 828-0331

Website: <https://stpaulkensington.org/religious-ed>

 St Paul Parish Religious Ed Berlin CT

Email: [religioused@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:religioused@stpaulkensington.org)

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Robin Veronesi, Director of Religious Education  
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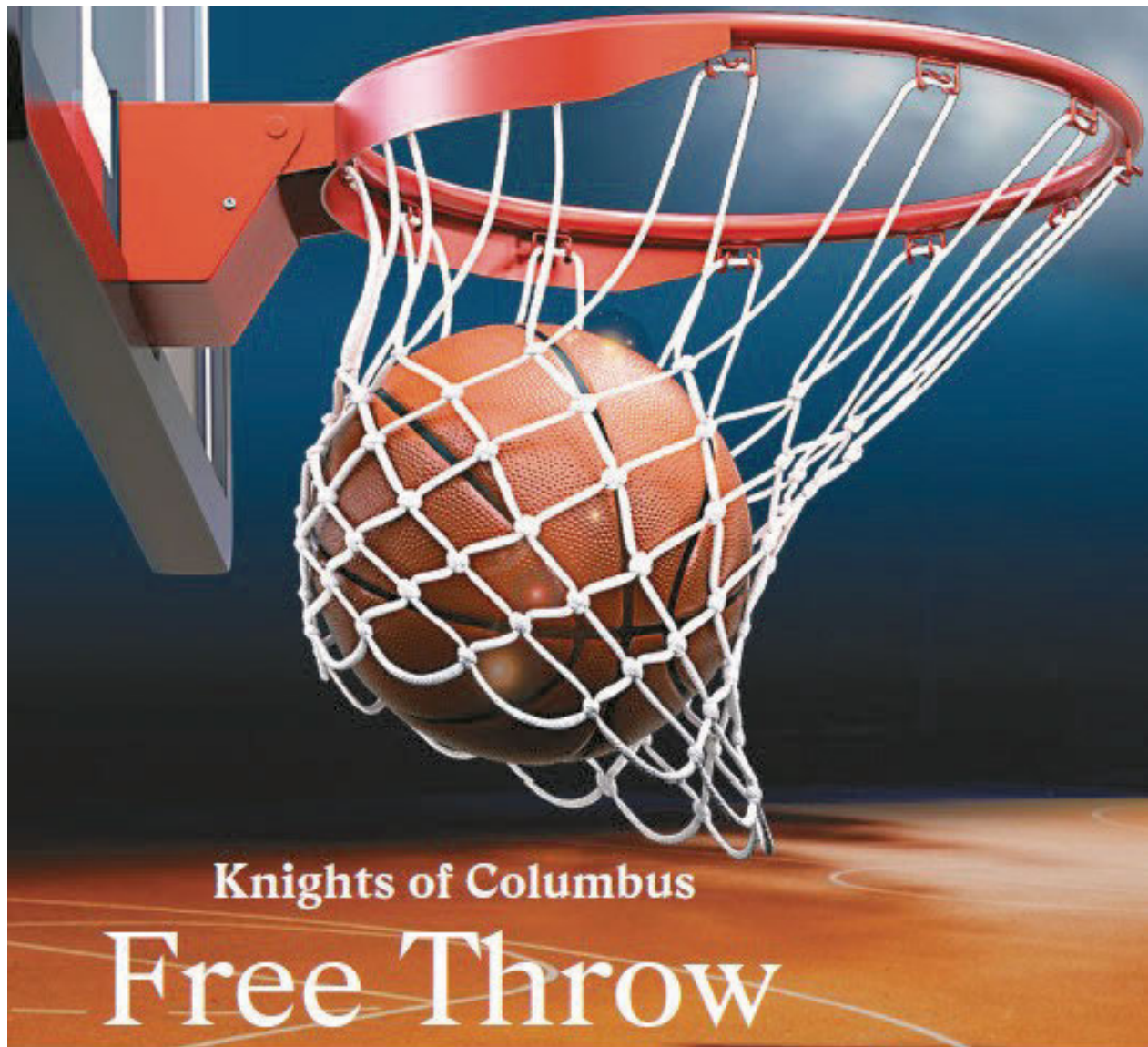
**Save the Date!** Saint Paul School's "Garden Gala" Auction will be held on **Saturday, March 23, 2024** at Casa Mia at the Hawthorne!

The Gala website is now live!

If you or someone you know would like to find out about being a sponsor or making a donation, please share this link: [ourschool.auction/SPSGardenGala2024Auction](https://ourschool.auction/SPSGardenGala2024Auction)







**Knights of Columbus**  
**Free Throw**  
**Championship**

*Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14*

Location: Saint Paul School Gym (461 Alling St., Kensington CT)

Date: Saturday, January 20, 2024 Time: 12:30 pm

Registration  
begins at 12pm!

Sponsor: Knights of Columbus Council #3675

Contact: Mark Chasse 860-944-9293



Please note: Entrants may compete in only one local competition.

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## PARISH PRAYER LIST



### MARCH FOR LIFE 2024!

Representatives from the Archdiocese of Hartford will pilgrimage to our Nation's Capitol on **January 18-19** to take part in the LARGEST annual human rights demonstration in the world, the 51st Annual March for Life.

DON'T MISS IT! To watch the 51st Annual March for Life online, visit <https://marchforlife.org> or scan ➡



Guest speakers will include:

- \* Benjamin Watson, former NFL tight end
- \* Jim Daly, President and CEO of Focus on the Family
- \* Jean Marie Davis, Exec. Director of Branches Pregnancy Resource Center
- \* Aishia Taylor, author of *Navigating the "Impossible": A Survival Guide for Single Moms From Pregnancy Through the First Year of Motherhood*
- \* Dominick Tolentino, Penn State Univ. senior and president of Students for Life Club
- \* Danny Gokey, American Idol finalist (season eight) and three-time Grammy Nominee
- \* and many more!



A national '9 Days for Life' Novena for the protection of human life will be prayed from **January 16-24**.

Please join us in prayer for the protection of all human life. Scan the code or visit: <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>



### DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN—JANUARY 22, 2024

*"shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."*

Please join us on **Monday, January 22** in observation of this special day with penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms and offering up those sacrifices for the protection of all human life. <https://www.respectlife.org/january-22>

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





## LIFE TEEN Life Teen Kick-Off Event!

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!

Thank you to all of the college students who attended the kick-off event for our college ministry on Jan. 4th! Thank you to the Thurston family once again for supporting our Youth Ministry program and for providing a delicious dinner!



## EDGE EDGE Kick-Off Event!

Our Middle School program is also kicking off in January.

All **middle school** students (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!



### Attention College Students & College-Age Parishioners!

If you missed our College Dinner on January 4th and you would like to receive notifications about upcoming events for young adults in our parish, **email our Youth Minister, Josh Kay, at [j.kay@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:j.kay@stpaulkensington.org)** and let him know that you'd like to be added to our email list!

**Register Today!** We are asking all participants in our Youth Ministry program to register before attending your first event. By registering, you will be sure to receive information about all upcoming events and programs. Scan the QR codes above to learn more and to register!



### ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

All children in 4th grade and up who have received their First Communion are invited to join our Altar Server Ministry. Parents, if your child would like to become an Altar Server, please contact Josh Kay at [j.kay@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:j.kay@stpaulkensington.org).

**Please note!** Over the course of the next few weekends, we will be installing our two new altar servers and five new Masters of Ceremony ("MCs"). Please join us in recognizing and thanking these children and young adults for their service to our parish!



### Volunteer with our new Youth Ministry Program!

Our parish is looking for adult volunteers to assist with our Youth Ministry Program. Beginning next weekend, we are launching our new "Life Teen" Program for high school students in grades 9-12. The following weekend, we will launch our "EDGE" Program 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!

To express your interest, please email Josh Kay, Director of Youth Ministry, at [j.kay@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:j.kay@stpaulkensington.org).



## WORD SEARCH

DISCIPLES  
LAMB  
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FOLLOWERS  
ANDREW  
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### MUSIC MINISTRY

Our Music Director, Jeff Batter, will be introducing new Mass settings this month. 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.



**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!



## "HOT STUFF" (and some not-so-hot) FOOD COLLECTION



Our Social Action Ministry is conducting their annual Hot Stuff collection through **February 4th** to benefit the Friendship Center in New Britain. Please support this collection during these cold winter months if your means allow. Thank you!

### Items requested include:

Coffee, Tea, Hot Cocoa, Broth, Hot and Cold Cereal, Soup, Salt and Pepper, Canned Vegetables and a variety of non-perishable juices.

Please contact Joan Baker with any questions at [jmb7000@comcast.net](mailto:jmb7000@comcast.net)

## Angel Tree—Thank You

A Note from our Social Action Ministry:



Once again, the parishioners of St Paul have come through with flying colors! The 2023 Angel Tree collection was a massive success with over 1,000 gifts distributed.

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## THAT MAN IS YOU!

The Spring 2024 Session of TMIY! will begin on **Saturday, February 3!**



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Now's a great time to join or re-join TMIY!

This season will enlighten your mind with spiritual truths that will help transform the world. Our Saturday morning meetings are held in the St. Paul Church Hall. Coffee and breakfast are available at 6:30am, and the program begins at 7:00am. All men are welcome. To learn more, visit <http://www.tmiy.org> or <https://stpaulkensington.org/that-man-is-you> or contact Bud Volz at [budvolz@comcast.net](mailto:budvolz@comcast.net).

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### Morning Offering of St. Therese

O my God! I offer Thee all my actions of this day for the intentions and for the glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I desire to sanctify every beat of my heart, my every thought, my simplest works, by uniting them to Its infinite merits; and I wish to make reparation for my sins by casting them into the furnace of Its Merciful Love.



O my God! I ask of Thee for myself and for those whom I hold dear, the grace to fulfill perfectly Thy Holy Will, to accept for love of Thee the joys and sorrows of this passing life, so that we may one day be united together in heaven for all Eternity. Amen.

### Saturday, January 13

8:30am Confessions  
10:00am **AWAY JV Girls Game**  
10:00am Funeral - +Liegoet  
11:15am **AWAY JVA Boys Game**  
12:00pm 13th of the Month Rosary  
12:30pm **AWAY JVB Boys Game**  
3:00pm Confessions

### Sunday, January 14

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### Monday, January 15

**NO SCHOOL** Parish Office Closed

8:45am NO Parish Staff Meeting  
5:00pm NO Mass  
7:00pm Pastoral Council Mtg. - SPH

### Tuesday, January 16

**NWEA MAP Testing All Week**  
8:30am **MS Spanish midterm exam**  
8:45am **School Mass: Gr. 3-5**  
3:00pm **Boys JVB Bball Practice**  
4:00pm **Holy Hour Adoration**  
4:30pm **Girls JV Bball Practice**  
6:00pm **Girls Varsity Bball Practice**  
6:30pm **Auction Committee Mtg**  
6:30pm **Choir Rehearsal - PC LL**

### Wednesday, January 17

8:30am **MS Science midterm exam**  
3:00pm **Cheer Practice**  
3:15pm **Mock Trial practice**  
3:30pm **Development/Advancement Meeting SC**

4:30pm **Boys JVA Bball Practice**  
6:00pm **Boys Varsity Practice**  
6:00pm **Rosary at Sacred Heart**  
6:00pm **Baptism Prep Lesson PC1**  
6:00pm **Exultations - SPC**

### Thursday, January 18

8:30am **MS LA/Lit midterm exam**  
9:00am **Quilters - SPH**  
11:30am **Funeral +Sheehy SPC**  
3:00pm **Boys JVB Bball Practice**  
3:00pm **Robotics - SPH**  
4:30pm **Girls JV Bball Practice**  
6:00pm **Yearbook Meeting - SC**  
6:00pm **Girls Varsity Bball Practice**  
7:00pm **RCIA - PC-1**

## PARISH CALENDAR



**MLK**  
**Basketball**  
**Tournament**  
**All Weekend!**

### Friday, January 19

11:45am **FoodShare SHC**  
3:00pm **CoEd JVC Red Practice**  
4:30pm **CoEd JVC Gold Practice**  
6:00pm **Away Game - Varsity v St Tim**  
7:30pm **AA Meeting-SPH**

### Saturday, January 20

8:30am Confessions  
9:00am **AWAY JV Girls Game**  
10:00am **Free Throw Contest - Gym**  
10:00am **AWAY JVB Boys Game**  
11:15am **AWAY JVA Boys Game**  
2:00pm **Confirmation sponsor event**

### Sunday, January 21

7:45am **Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 1-SPS**  
10:45am **Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 3-SPS**  
1:15pm **Baptisms**  
6:30pm **Life Teen - SPH**

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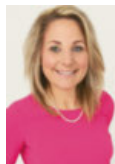
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