

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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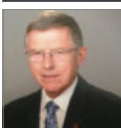
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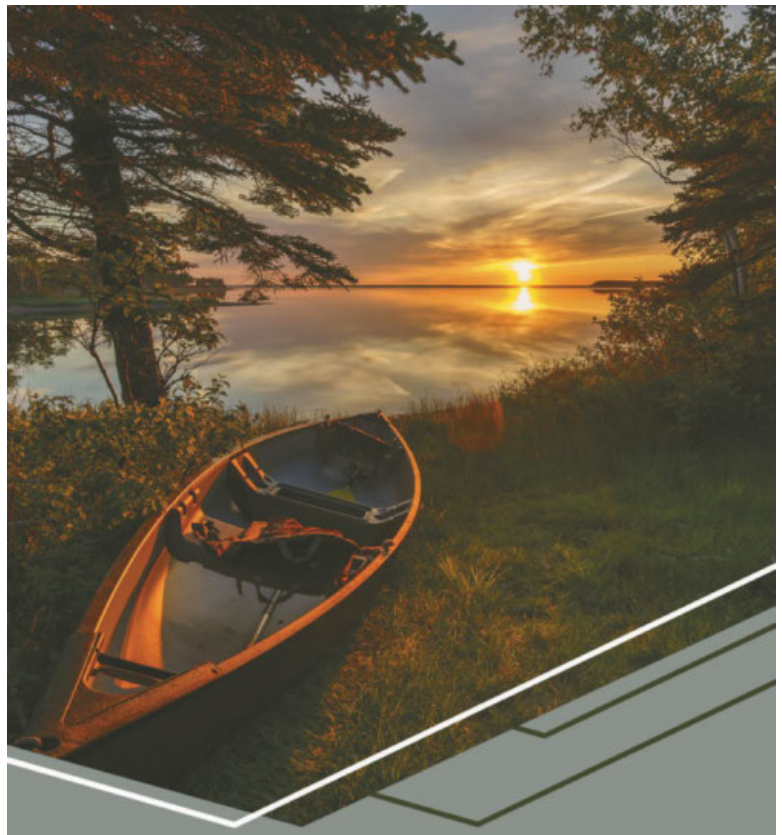
A Franciscan Family of Faith

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

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

January 21, 2024

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.—Mark 1:19-20

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

-Pope Francis

Sunday of the Word of God - "When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel" (GIRM, no. 29).

In 2019 Pope Francis instituted the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (today) as "Word of God Sunday" to highlight and bring to the forefront of our minds the importance to know, study and reflect on Sacred Scripture, the Old and New Testaments, the Word of God. In many ways it is complimentary to *Corpus Christi* Sunday when we highlight the centrality of the Eucharist. St. Jerome, the great biblical scholar said, "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."

One of the more routine, and maybe least thought about gestures that we do at Mass, is as the Gospel is introduced by the Deacon or Priest. He says, "A reading from the Holy Gospel according to _____, and we say "Glory to you, O Lord." While we say those words we also make three (3) signs of the Cross with our thumb on our forehead, lips, and heart (chest). Quietly to ourselves we are to say: **May the Word of the Lord be on my mind, on my lips, and in my heart.** But why do we do this? We are not to be passive in hearing the word of God. I am called to engage it with my mind, profess it with my lips, and allow it to mold my heart to be like the Lord's which means I allow the word of God to influence my will and thus my actions, attitudes, etc.

So what can we do to help ourselves to allow the word of God at Sunday Mass to have that kind of effect in our life? As simple as it might sound, it begins with listening, listening attentively. We can help ourselves listen by doing what Pope John Paul II suggested in his Instruction *Dies Domini* (The Lord's Day) concerning the Sunday readings: those who take part in the Eucharist should reflect beforehand upon the word of God which will be proclaimed. He adds that if we do not, "it is difficult for the liturgical proclamation of the word of God alone to produce the fruit we might expect" (no. 40). You can do that by making an effort to read that week's scripture readings BEFORE coming to Mass. Some parishioners have personal subscriptions to *Magnificat*, or *The Word Among Us*, or other similar publications, but the readings are also available online for free. I think the most convenient sight is <https://bible.usccb.org> which brings you to each day's readings. By doing this, it is a bit like tilling the soil in your garden before you plant some seeds. In this case, you prepare your soul to receive the Word of God.

Having heard the word of God through attentive listening we then might be in a better place to allow the Word to influence our actions and give us more confidence to share it with others.

Do you feel the Lord calling you to learn even a little bit more? Then I encourage you to join our **Scripture Study Group** which has about 50 to 60 active participants that meet in smaller groups of about eight people or so. Last fall, they finished their study and reflection on the first part of the Book of Exodus and in early March will begin a brief four session study on the second part of the Book of Exodus that will wrap up on April 25. Mark Chasse, who gives leadership to the Scripture Study Group can always be contacted for more information at mchasse1@comcast.net.

National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

- In all Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 is to 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. Much like Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, we are called to observe this day with penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. So treat this Monday like you would Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by fasting and having only one full meal and two smaller ones, or donate to a place that supports women who bring their unborn children to birth and offer up those sacrifices for the defense of all human life from womb to tomb.

The Connecticut March for Life will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 in Hartford. There will be a rally at the Capitol at Noon followed by the March for Life around Bushnell Park. More information on the CT March for Life can be found at <https://marchforlife.org/connecticut/>.

His Sacrifice, and ours! - The 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, *His Sacrifice, and ours!*, concluded on December 31. The total pledges and donations from 516 St. Paul parishioners in 2023 was \$114,653.64!! This was 106% of our parish goal of \$108,000! Archbishop Blair recently wrote to express his gratitude. "I am writing to congratulate you and the parishioners of St. Paul Parish for your generous support of the 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The parish has responded to the call to be part of *His Sacrifice, and ours!* in a very gratifying way and has exceeded its goal... Please communicate my heartfelt gratitude to your parishioners for their generous response, and be assured of my prayers and best wished for you and for everyone at St. Paul Parish. May God grant you a blessed 2024."

An examination of the results tell us that the average gift was \$222. I offer a special nod to the 21 parishioners who made a gift to the Appeal for the first time and to the 56 who renewed their giving last year after not making a gift in 2022.

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INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candle will burn this week for

†Ronald Lindgren 1st Anniversary by family

†Alice (wife), **†Michael** (son),

†Raymond and **†Richard** (brothers) and **†Juanita** (sister)
by Donald Hall



†Beverly A. Symonaitis

†Sr. Mary Jude Urgo, CSJ

†Most Rev. Joachim Giermek, OFM Conv

*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.

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 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 †Greg Plochocki**
by wife and mother Anna

Monday, January 22, 2024 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children

7:00 **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**

5:00 **†Vilma Stifel** by sister Irene and family

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 St. Vincent

7:00 **†Ronald Lindgren** 1st Anniversary by family

†Matthew Zapor 44th Anniversary

by Sawyer/Zapor families

8:45 **†Maria, †Hieronim and †Vivan Smiarowski**

by daughter/sister Irene

5:00 **†Lanze Spears** by family friend

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 St. Frances de Sales

7:00 **John and Ann Frigeri**

39th Wedding Anniversary Vow Renewal

5:00 **†Kay Stark** 1st Anniversary by Michele Vancour

Thursday, January 25, 2024 The Conversion of St. Paul

7:00 **†Helen Mrocza** 15th Anniversary

by daughters Rosemary and Margaret

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

†Larry Jahn 1st Anniversary by wife Pat

†Priscilla Luth by Nancy Testori

†Maria Calafiore by Emanuele Lombardo

†Souls in Purgatory by Emanuele Lombardo

Friday, January 26, 2024 St. Timothy and Saint Titus

7:00 **†Judy Reeve** by Melissa and Dean Tardif

5:00 **†Kathy Harrigan** by Paul and Diane Schweigert

Saturday, January 27, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 **†Ann Zesk** by St. Paul Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sunday, January 28, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 **†Jerry Gacek** by Misteri family

9:00 **†Richard Paskiewicz** by Dolores Callegher

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

10:30 **†Robert and †Barbara Cronin** by Marie and Jamie Miller

12:00 **†Edward Mosher** 1st Anniversary by family

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

February 22 *Thursday* 8:45am

February 27 *Tuesday* 8:45am

PASTOR'S COLUMN (continued)

At the same time, 119 parishioners who made a gift in 2022 did not do so last year. Overall as a parish we had 42 less donors and our over total was down about \$8,000. Situations in life are always changing so this type of fluctuation is to be expected. The bottom line is that you, the parishioners of St. Paul's Parish, were very generous once again last year!! Overall the 2023 AAA raised over \$9,254,000, an increase of about \$110,000 over last year, toward its goal of \$10 million. **Thank you to everyone who made a donation and may the Lord bless you for your generosity!**

Saint Paul School Open House - In conjunction with the beginning of Catholic Schools Week next Sunday, our school will have an Open House for prospective students and their families on January 28th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. 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.

Final Thoughts - Are you feeling a little chilly this week? Spring Training starts in less than a month. Wild Card Weekend produced mainly lopsided wins by all of the division winners, except Dallas, no tears here even though I picked the Cowboys. In the only close game, the Lions proved me wrong as did the Texans. Now the Ravens host them. I am all in favor of lopsided wins by the higher seed this week as



well, but in the NFL the patterns seem to change. I am rooting for the Ravens, Bills, Packers, and Lions. That does not mean that is who I think will win. Have a blessed week everyone! - Fr. Joe

Parish Collection

Jan. 9-15, 2024

In Church SP	\$ 9,382
Office	\$ 3,373
In Church SH	\$ 793
Online Giving	\$ 5,021
Total	\$ 18,569

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
- Email us at 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. We would love to have you join us!



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 28, 2024

For readings online, visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/012824.cfm>

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Alleluia: Matthew 4:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

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.



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., Feb. 1 at 9:30am**. Volunteers will also help with food distribution on **Fri., Feb. 2 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.

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.



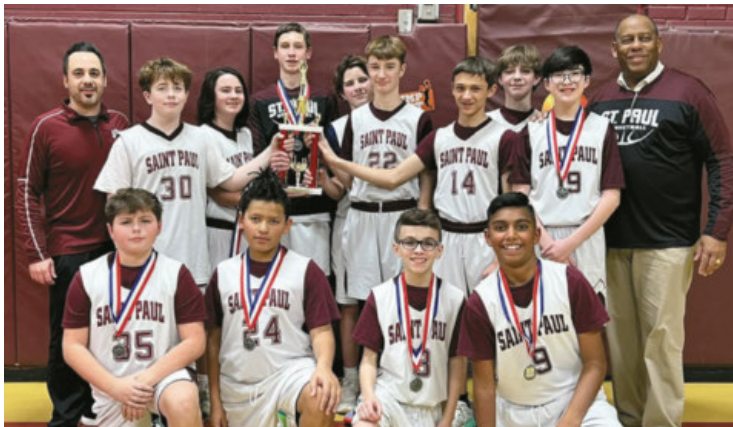
Saint Paul School
is **GROWING GREATNESS!**
JOIN US AT OUR
OPEN HOUSE & ART SHOW

Sunday,
January 28th
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!*



SPS hosted its annual MLK Basketball Tournament last weekend. The event is always a fan favorite, and this year did not disappoint with 16 teams from 10 different schools participating. Special thanks to Athletic Director, Joe Esposito, and to Stacy King from the Booster Club! Many thanks also to the SPS coaches, cheerleaders, parents, alumni, parishioners and religious ed students for volunteering their time! Congrats to our Varsity Boys for taking second place! Go Lions!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

As we come to the halfway point for this year's confirmation candidates, we are truly proud of the growth and commitment we see in these outstanding young adults. By now, they have chosen their Patron Saint name.

The candidates each wrote an essay stating why they chose their Saint. Saint Sebastian clearly stands out for many of our athletic candidates. Whether it be skiing, baking, gardening, working with wood, broadcasting, or engineering, each candidate found a Patron Saint to represent them.

Other candidates choose to honor a family member with their name choice.

A sponsor event was held this weekend in the Church Hall. Fr. Joe addressed the sponsors about their ongoing roles in the teen's lives. John Grant, Middle School teacher of Religion and History at Saint Paul School, also addressed the confirmation candidates. He highlighted some of the saints, as they are role models that accompany us on our faith journey. After an activity with the entire group, the session ended with attendance at the 4 pm vigil Mass where participants were recognized and blessed.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

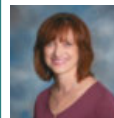
Monday-Thursday 8am - 2pm

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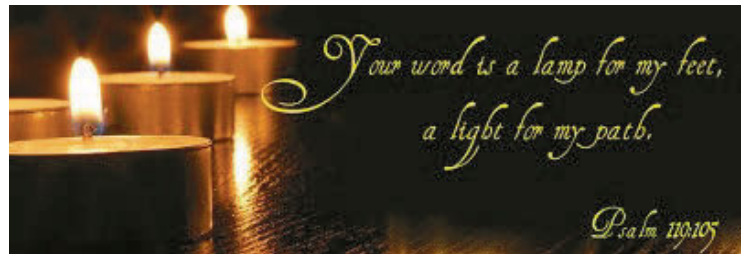


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PARISH PRAYER LIST

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



Word of God Sunday-January 21st

Pope Francis designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary time as "Sunday of The Word of God" in an apostolic letter in 2019. In his letter, he stated that "the Bible is the book of the people". "It is God's Word for each and every one of us--and for all of us together as one Body". The Pope also stated that this designation will be celebrated all year long because "God's Word is a priority and a light for our path every day---not just on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time"!

It's not too late to make your most important New Year's resolution-to open the Bible and read God's word. Reading the Bible can sound overwhelming to many of us because it's such a big book—where do I start? I propose that we begin with chapter 1 of John's Gospel because it is appropriate for Word of God Sunday.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. (John 1:1-4)

The Apostle John reminds us that Jesus, the only begotten son of God, has existed with God from the beginning of time. In fact he uses Word as a synonym for Jesus Christ as he begins his Gospel. John knew his readers, at the end of the first century, would be familiar with the Word or Logos in the Greek translation so he chose Word to communicate who Jesus Christ is—the communication of God to humankind. We could not have come to know God as we do today had it not been for His Word. That Word, Jesus Christ, was—and is—God's Word to us.

Our scripture study groups will continue studying The Book of Exodus, Part 2 in March. Sharing and reflecting on the scriptures in small groups of around 8 people is the hallmark of our study program here at St. Paul's. There will be articles in the bulletin in February and an informational meeting on February 20th, so stay tuned to learn more. In the meantime I encourage you to spend time in the Bible and see how God reveals himself to you.

Happy reading and stay healthy!

Mark Chasse



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!



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!



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.

College Students & College-Age Parishioners!

If you would like to receive notifications about upcoming events for young adults in our parish, please **email our Youth Minister, Josh Kay**, at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org and let him know that you'd like to be added to our email list!

Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed!

Our parish is looking for volunteers to assist with our Youth Ministry Program. We are launching our new "Life Teen" Program for high school (grades 9-12) and a new "EDGE" Program for middle school students (grades 6-8). 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.

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

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 inquire about being a sponsor or making a donation, please share this link: ourschool.auction/SPSGardenGala2024Auction or visit the school's auction page for details: <https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/2024-garden-gala>

In preparing for the Garden Gala Auction, Saint Paul School's Auction Committee is actively seeking items to ensure the success of this event. They have shared a wish list below. The items on this list would tie in nicely with the Spring Garden Gala Theme and would greatly benefit the cause.

Your support in providing any of these items would be very much appreciated and would add to the success of our parish school's auction fundraiser!

1. Tickets to Yankees, Red Sox, UConn games, etc.
2. Outdoor grill
3. Tailgating items: portable grills, folding chairs, sports team-themed gear, etc.
4. Concert or event tickets at Mohegan Sun Arena
5. Tickets to local music venues
6. Outdoor shed
7. Camping items: tents, sleeping bags, equipment, etc.
8. Hiking items: boots, backpacks, trekking poles, etc.
9. Donations for weekend trips or vacation packages
10. If you have any unique items to donate, please let us know!



Questions? Email Denise Nowakowski: d.nowakowski@stpaulkensington.org

<https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/2024-garden-gala>

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Thomas L. Greylish Council # 3675
will award college scholarships to graduating
high school students:



- Alfred Greco Scholarship—student is required to live in Berlin and have father or grandfather who is a Knight.
- Terrence Lescoe Scholarship—student must live in Berlin.

Visit the parish website for applications. Deadline **April 1st**.

The **New Britain Council of Catholic Women** is pleased to offer two, \$1,000 scholarships to either 8th graders planning to attend a Catholic High School or high school seniors planning to attend college. The Council is only accepting digital applications and these can be obtained by emailing a request to nbcouncilcatholicwomen@gmail.com. The deadline for submission is **May 4th**.

St. Paul Catholic High School, Bristol, will host an Open House on **Saturday, January 27**.

Visit <https://spchs.com/openhouse> to schedule a tour. *Appointments begin at 10am.*



If you or someone you know has a prospective student looking to attend St. Paul in the 2024/2025 school year, this is the open house you'll want to visit. All tours are by appointment and each family will take a guided tour around the campus building.

Questions? Call Chelsea Mone '10;
Director of Admissions at 860.584.0911
ext. 434 or email cmone@spchs.com.



Young Catholic Professionals

Central CT will host their 1st
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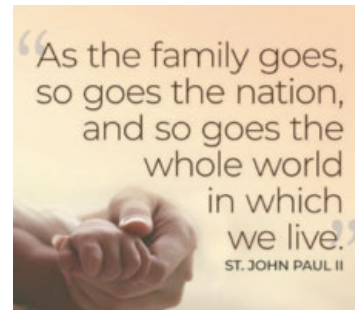
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DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN—JANUARY 22, 2024

"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>



Save the Date for the CT March for Life!

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

<https://marchforlife.org/connecticut>

Our Culture of Life Ministry strives to help build a culture that cherishes and protects *every human life*. If you would like to get involved or learn more about our Culture of Life Ministry, please contact Ashley at respectlife@stpaulkensington.org.



Rachel's Vineyard Weekends for Healing After Abortion

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **March 8-10, 2024** in Litchfield, CT. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030 or mlaffin@prolifeministry.org or visit <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org>.

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Help Us Honor Our First Responders!

St. Paul Parish is planning to host a Blue Mass on [Sunday, September 29, 2024](#), at 12 Noon.

A Blue Mass is celebrated for those in the field of public safety including police officers, firefighters, EMS personnel, and all first responders. The name includes the color "blue" to represent the uniform color that is predominately worn by many public safety personnel. The Blue Mass is also an opportunity to remember and honor those who have died in the line of duty. It is a time-honored way to show gratitude to our first responders and their families. In order for the plans for this Blue Mass to happen and to make the celebration both meaningful and memorable, we need parishioners who would be willing to serve on a very important planning committee. We need your help! If you are interested in serving on this committee or have further questions, please contact Elaine Pavasaris bluemass@stpaulensington.org or call her at 860-463-9193.

"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



MUSIC MINISTRY

Our Music Director, Jeff Batter, is introducing new Mass settings this month. To listen and/or to learn the revised music (for *Holy, We Proclaim Your Death, Save Us, Amen*), please visit our New Music page: <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.

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.



Open House at NECBS

The New England Catholic Biblical School invites you to come visit an in-person or virtual class to see how studying all 73 books of the Bible can change your life!

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Courage Support The Archdiocese offers a Courage Support Group. *Courage International* is a Catholic network of confidential support groups for men and women who experience same-sex attraction and seek to live chaste lives in Christ. *EnCourage* is an apostolate which provides pastoral care for families and friends of people who experience same-sex attractions and/or gender discordance. Archdiocese of Hartford: Inquire about our local Courage chapter at Fr.gutierrez@aohct.org or call 860-224-2411 and our local EnCourage chapter: frarairmj@yahoo.com or 860-828-0331.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For details, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit <https://wwmectw.org/>. Upcoming dates:

- January 26-28, 2024 in Derby Line, VT
- February 8-March 21, 2024, Virtual (evenings 2x week)
- February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY

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Saturday, January 20

8:30am Confessions
9:00am **AWAY JV Girls Basketball Game**
10:00am K of C Basketball Free Throw Contest - Gym
10:00am **AWAY JVB Boys Basketball Game**
11:15am **AWAY JVA Boys Basketball Game**
2:00pm Confirmation sponsor event-SG/SPC/SPH
3:00pm Confessions

PARISH CALENDAR



Sunday, January 21

7:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 1-SPS
9:15am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 2-SPS
10:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 3-SPS
1:15pm Baptisms
6:30pm Life Teen - SPH



Monday, January 22 (NWEA MAP Testing All Week)

8:45am Parish Staff Meeting
10:00am Funeral +Symonaitis
4:30pm **Boys JVA Practice**
6:00pm **Boys Varsity Practice**

Tuesday, January 23

8:45am School Mass: Gr. 6-8
1:00pm Nominating Committee Mtg
3:00pm **Boys JVB Practice**
4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration
4:30pm **Girls JV Practice**
6:00pm **Girls Varsity Practice**
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - PC LL

Wednesday, January 24

8:30am MS Math midterm exam
3:00pm Cheer Practice
3:15pm Mock Trial practice
4:30pm **Boys JVA Practice**
6:00pm **Boys Varsity Practice**
6:00pm Rosary at Sacred Heart
6:00pm Exultations - SPC
7:00pm Finance Inv. Mtg. - PC-1

Thursday, January 25

8:30am MS SS/History midterm
9:00am Quilters - SPH
3:00pm **Boys JVB Practice**
3:00pm Robotics - SPH
4:30pm **Girls JV Practice**
6:00pm **HOME-Varsity vs St James**
6:30pm Convalidation - SPC
7:00pm RCIA - PC-1

Friday, January 26

Winter Ball-time TBD
7:30pm AA Mtg-SPH

Saturday, January 27

8:30am Confessions
10:00am **AWAY JV Girls Game**
10:00am **AWAY JVB Boys Game**
1:30pm **AWAY JVA Boys Game**
3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, January 28

Catholic Schools Week
10:00am SPS
Open House & Art Fair
6:30pm **EDGE - SPH**



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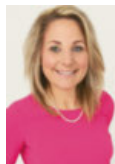
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