

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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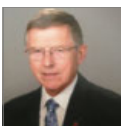
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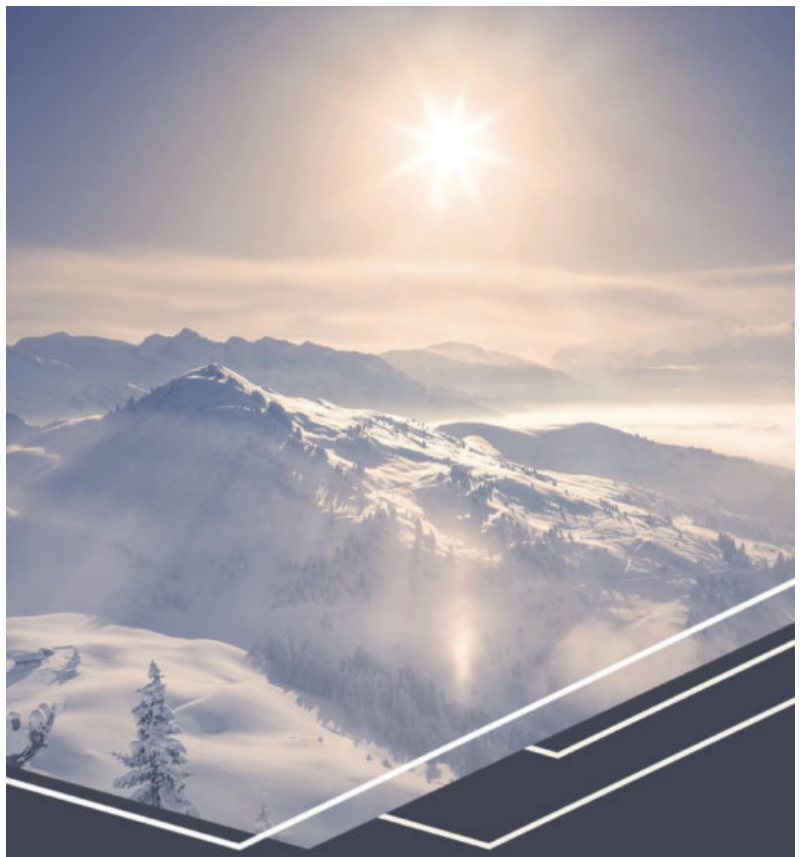
A Franciscan Family of Faith

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

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

January 28, 2024

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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!"—Mark 1:23-25

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

-Pope Francis

Catholic Schools Week & Saint Paul School Open House:

Catholic Schools Week begins today with the 9:00 am Mass where students will fill some of the liturgical roles. Also, a student will speak briefly after Communion at each of the Masses. The school will hold an Open House from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Encourage others to come and check out Saint Paul School. Even though the school was opened 66 years ago, the school has been kept up to date and modern with the tools that the students of today need as they are prepare to go onto high school. Students receive personalized attention in the classroom in a safe and caring atmosphere. Most importantly, though, they receive a Catholic education where our Catholic/Christian values are reinforced in school.

Saint Paul School 2nd Collection - This weekend there is a 2nd collection in support of Saint Paul School. This is a local collection and so ALL of the proceeds go directly to our school. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Save the Dates - Our Parish Lenten Evening of Reflections will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening, March 5 - 7. Three sisters from the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist in Meriden will lead the Reflections. Each of the three sisters will lead a different evening. In this Eucharistic Revival year, the talks will have a Eucharistic theme. Mass those evenings will be at 6:30 pm followed by the talks. A complete schedule will come later.

Annual End of the Year Donations - Since my last update a few weeks ago, another 36 donors have made gifts totaling \$4,166. So as of January 22nd, 380 donors have made their Annual End of the Year gift to the Parish which to date totals \$78,699!! The average gift is \$207. As of the same date last year, there are 15 fewer donors with the total is just over \$200 ahead of last year. Thank you very much to all who have made a gift!! It is not too late to make a gift, so please consider doing so if your means allow. *ALL gifts are important and appreciated.* The Donor Honor Roll will be published in the February 18 bulletin.

Cash Donations to St. Clare Food Pantry - Over the course of the year, more than a few people make cash donations to our Food Pantry. Because of this generosity we were able to distribute additional food beyond what was donated by those who bring food to the pantry. Those contributions continue to be very generous. The St. Clare volunteers purchased over \$2,000 worth of various basic food staples to supplement the weekly donations. This was needed because of the increased number of people coming every other week for food. The bi-weekly average is around 125 with some weeks even exceeding that number. In addition to the regular food staples, with the help of Big Y, we were able to purchase 180 turkey breasts before Thanksgiving and a similar number of hams

prior to Christmas. The combined cost of the turkey breasts and hams was over \$5,600. The other way that we make use of your generosity is through the distribution of gift cards. Before, during and after the holidays, \$8,750 in gift cards will have been distributed. So altogether more than \$16,000 of your cash donations was used to purchase the food and gift cards. Additional food will be purchased in the coming weeks to supplement your food donations. We can do these extras because of your generosity. Thanks to all our parishioners who so faithfully and generously support our St. Clare Food Pantry!! Please never hesitate to let us know of someone who might be in need of help.

Dates Set for Confirmation and 1st Communion - Three years ago Archbishop Blair decided that ALL Confirmations in the Archdiocese would be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph going forward. This year our 10th graders will be Confirmed on Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 am. There will be students from other parishes at that same Confirmation at the Cathedral. Prior to COVID, our 1st Holy Communion candidates received for the first time at one of the weekend Masses. After having done this in separate Masses on a Saturday morning or afternoon the last three years, the students will once again receive their 1st Holy Communion at a regular weekend liturgy on the weekends of May 4/5 and May 11/12.

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center - The Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford offers many opportunities for retreats during the year. They have given me a \$325 voucher for any man who has never made a retreat there. Call or send me an email and I will pass it on to you.

What to do with Old Palms? - You may bring your old palms to church the next two weekends so that they can be burnt and used for ashes on Ash Wednesday. Just leave them in the vestibules before coming into the church itself. You may also burn them on your own and put them in your garden or a flower bed, but since the palms are blessed, they should **not** be discarded in the trash.

Ash Wednesday Schedule - For your planning purposes, Masses on Ash Wednesday, February 14th will be celebrated at 7 am, 8:45 am (School Mass - ALL are welcome), 12 Noon, 5 pm and 7 pm. Ashes will be distributed at all of the Masses.

Helping Hands - A couple weeks ago we sent out letters to over 300 parishioners who have reached their 80th birthday informing them about our *Helping Hands Ministry* which provides support to our senior citizens, some of whom are alone or homebound or separated from their loved ones. *Helping Hands* does this by assisting with some of their needs like making a run to the pharmacy or some grocery shopping.

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INTENTIONS

A Blessed Mother Candle will burn this week for

†**Andrew Dobek** by Pam and Kevin



†**Charles J. Bertagna**

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.

Available Masses for Feb./March are below. To reserve a Mass, please call the office 860-828-0331, M-F 9am-4pm.

February 14	Ash Wednesday	8:45am
February 22	Thursday	8:45am
February 27	Tuesday	8:45am
March 3	Sunday	10:30am, 9:30am SH
March 5	Tuesday	8:45am
March 12	Tuesday	8:45am, 5:00pm
March 13	Wednesday	7:00am, 5:00pm
March 14	Thursday	7:00am
March 20	Wednesday	7:00am
March 22	Friday	7:00am
March 24	Palm Sunday	7:30am, 9:30am SH
March 25	Monday	5:00pm
March 26	Tuesday	8:45am
March 27	Wednesday	5:00pm
March 31	Easter Sunday	12:15pm, 9:30am SH

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.

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 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

Monday, January 29, 2024 Weekday

7:00 †**Robert Banasiewicz** Anniversary Remembrance by wife

5:00 †**Lynne Baikal** 9th Anniversary by family

Tuesday, January 30, 2024 Weekday

7:00 †**Kieran Egan** Birthday Remembrance

by Margaret and family

†**Lucille Micacci and †Rose & †Vincent Micacci**

by Anthony Micacci

Teresa Szacka For Heath and Strength

by daughters Dorota and Alicja

†**Adele S. Hubbard** 15 Year Remembrance

by John G. Hubbard family

8:45 †**Carmela DiMaio** Birthday Remembrance by sister Rosa

5:00 †**Robert E. Morrissey** 30th Anniversary

by Bob, Jodi and Sarah Morrissey

Wednesday, January 31, 2024 St. John Bosco

7:00 †**Havelevitch and †Cyr Families** by family

5:00 †**Joseph Polletta** by Koichi and Carolyn

Thursday, February 1, 2024 Weekday

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

5:00 †**Doris and †Salvatore LaRosa**

by Lucia, Tony and family

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

John Nappi, Jr. by wife

†**Stephen Choluj** Birthday Remembrance

by daughter Sophia

†**Kathlyn Veronesi** by family

Friday, February 2, 2024 The Presentation of the Lord

7:00 †**Gerald Vanty** by Linda and family

5:00 †**Anthony Bavasso** by family friend

Saturday, February 3, 2024 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 †**Rejeanne Lemieux** by family

Sunday, February 4, 2024 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 †**Joseph Janik** by Terry Tonina

9:00 †**John and †Lorraine Lynch** by family

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

10:30 †**Ray Dorsey** Birthday Remembrance by Teresa

12:00 †**Richard J. Paskiewicz** by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Witz

Parish Collection

Jan. 16-22, 2024

In Church SP	\$	7,619
Office	\$	2,010
In Church SH	\$	380
Online Giving	\$	4,137
Total	\$	14,146

On a more basic level the Helping Hands volunteers make contact with these parishioners by checking in on them with a phone call or an occasional visit. Sending the letters to those 80 and above is arbitrary, so if you think a parishioner under 80 should receive one of these letters please contact Joan in the parish office at j.vancour@stpaulkensington.org or 860-828-0331 or and we will send them a letter too.

Feast of Saint Blaise - Saturday, February 3rd is the Feast of Saint Blaise. We will bless throats after all of the Masses next weekend. So why do we do this? Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, a city in present day Turkey, in the fourth century. Before being martyred in the year 316, he is said to have healed a boy who was choking. Since the eighth century, Saint Blaise has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. We pray in a special way today for protection from afflictions of the throat and from other illnesses. The blessing of Saint Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.

2023 Donation Statements - The 2023 Donation Statements were mailed out last week to all who requested one and you should have received them by now. If you would still like a 2023 Donation Statement then either return the white card that was included with your Nov/Dec envelopes, or contact the office: j.vancour@stpaulkensington.org or 860-828-0331. Thanks to everyone for supporting our parish, especially those who do so very faithfully every week.

Final Thoughts - Two of my rooting interests won last week and two did not. I hope I get the AFC one right this week. There is a diversity of rooting interests in this parish, but I have not encountered any Lions fans. Is there anyone out



there? Until someone throws a rotten tomato at me, I am going to try this out in FT for awhile. *Why did the teddy bear say no to dessert? Because he was stuffed.* Have a blessed week everyone! - Fr. Joe

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](mailto:j.vancour@stpaulkensington.org)
- Email us at ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org.

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

For readings online, visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/020424.cfm>

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Alleluia: Matthew 8:17

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

"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

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 students and staff had the opportunity to go live with Renee DiNino from The River 105.9 to promote Catholic Schools Week and our upcoming Open House and Art Show and to share all that our school has to offer families! Click/scan below to read more and listen to our interview:

<https://theriver1059.iheart.com/featured/community-access/content/2024-01-17-catholic-school-week-is-coming-to-st-pauls/>



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting the annual Free Throw Contest at Saint Paul School last weekend.

Thanks also to all of the young people who participated and congratulations to the winners! Such a fun afternoon!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This past weekend, Confirmation Candidates and their sponsors participated in an event led by Fr. Joe and Saint Paul School History and Religion teacher John Grant. It included a slideshow which highlighted each of the saints the candidates chose as their Confirmation name and a quote explaining why they chose that person. Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors also spent time discussing some of the joys and challenges in their life/faith journey; what it means to choose/be chosen as a Sponsor; and ways each could connect and share their faith together prior to receiving the Confirmation Sacrament in April. The day ended with each participant receiving the Beautiful Eucharist booklet and attendance at the 4:00 pm mass.

Many thanks to Anne Henriques, parent of one of our Confirmandi, who created the Saint slideshow. Anne also created the Nativity slideshow for our 800th Anniversary Greccio event in December.



Above, Mr. Grant talks to students about the saints.
Visit our website to see the Saint slideshow!

Parents, Contact us if your child would like to participate in an upcoming Children's Mass! Here's the schedule:

- 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

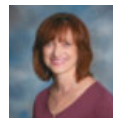
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Monday-Thursday 8am - 2pm

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PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

PRAYER LIST If you would like to **add** someone to our Prayer List or to let us know that a name can be **removed**, please call 860-828-0331 or email ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org. Please be sure to ask for permission from the person to be added to the list. Thank you.

PRAYER LINE

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.



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!



ROSARY MAKERS

All are welcome to join our Rosary Makers at their next meeting which will be held on **Monday, February 5th** at 1:00pm in the St. Paul Church Hall.

Contact Lynn Misteri at 860-913-5448 with any questions or to learn more about this ministry.



WOMEN OF FAITH

All women of the parish are invited to attend the next meeting of our **Women of Faith** group on **Thursday, February 8th** at 7pm.



Come meet new friends and enjoy our conversations!
Join us as we support one another in **Faith, Friendship and Fellowship**. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org.

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YOUTH MINISTRY



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!

Info!
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Free Throw Champions

Seven boys and girls from Berlin, New Britain and Middletown, ages 9-13, were named local champions of the 2024 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship and have earned the right to compete at the district level.



Msgr., Thomas L. Greylish Council, #3675 at St. Paul Parish sponsored the local competition held at Saint Paul School on January 20th. All youths ages 9-14 were eligible to compete.

- Age nine champion - boys: Maxwell Brochu
- Age ten champion - boys: Jax Ding
- Age eleven champion - girls: Kylie Fraello
- Age eleven champion - boys: Andrew Soto
- Age twelve champion - girls: A'leah LaFrance
- Age twelve champion - boys: Trystan Steczkowski
- Age thirteen champion - boys: Jack Kelly

Each of these winners will compete in district competitions to be held in February with an eye toward moving on to the state championship in March. Congratulations and good luck!



Knights of Columbus Council #3675 in Berlin is one of 16,000 councils that make up the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Founded in 1882 to assist working-class and immigrant Catholics in the U.S., today the approximately two million members of the Knights put their faith into action through a broad range of charitable causes locally, nationally and internationally with financial contributions and hands-on service.

To learn more, contact Mark Chasse 860-944-9293.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY—FEBRUARY 3

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



Consider joining us on **Saturday, February 3rd** 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.



LifeTeen Night Sunday, February 4th

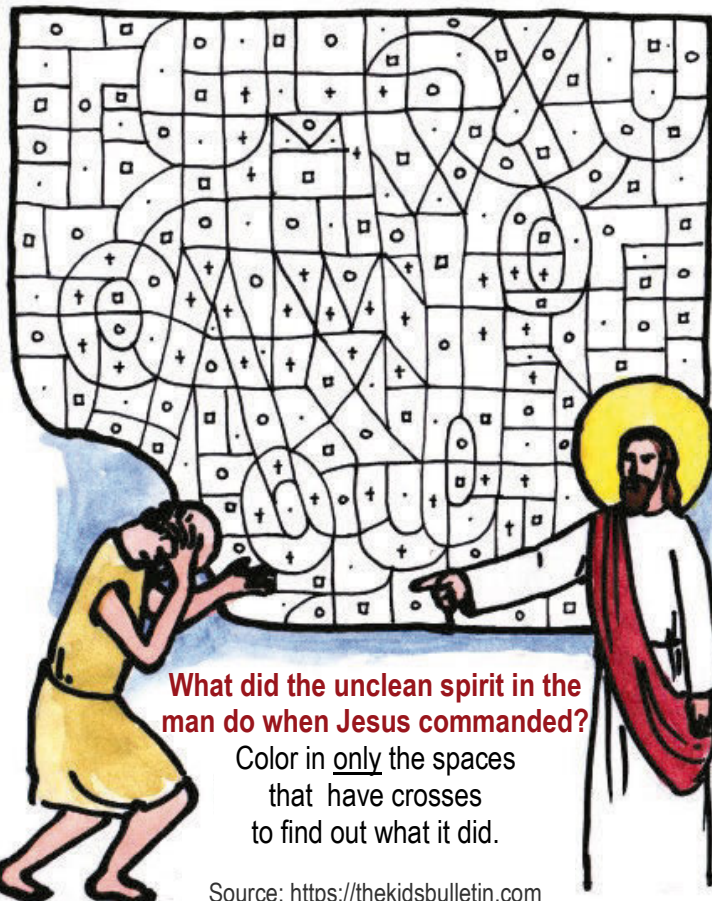
All **high school** students in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for our next LifeTeen Night on **February 4th**, 6:30-8:00pm in the St. Paul Church Hall.

Join us and *bring a friend!*

Topic: "Retro" This night will present how God's original plan for humanity, as reflected in creation, was lost to original sin and how sin impacts our lives today.



KIDS' CORNER



What did the unclean spirit in the man do when Jesus commanded?

Color in only the spaces
that have crosses
to find out what it did.

Source: <https://thekidsbulletin.com>

LADIES' GUILD JANUARY MEETING

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend the first Ladies' Guild meeting of the new year. Come spend the evening in fellowship and crafting as we learn to make a lovely necklace.

We hope to see you on
Wednesday February 7th
at 6:30 pm in the St. Paul Church Hall.

Food item donation is peanut butter and jelly.

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 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>



Save the Date
CT March for Life!
Wednesday, March 20, 2024

**CONNECTICUT
MARCH FOR LIFE**

The March will be held at the grounds of the Connecticut State Capitol, 210 Capitol Ave in Hartford. The event starts with a rally at 12pm. The march around Bushnell park begins at 1pm. To learn more, visit <https://marchforlife.org/onnnecticut>.

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.

THAT MAN IS YOU!
Spring 2024 Session
begins Saturday, February 3!



This season brings more dynamic speakers to the stage to present "Thy Kingdom Come." Now is a great time to join or re-join TMIY! 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 attend. To learn more, visit <http://www.tmiy.org>, <https://stpaulkensington.org/that-man-is-you> or contact Bud Volz at budvolz@comcast.net.

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@stpaulkensington.org or call her at 860-463-9193.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Parents, if you are considering Catholic High School for your 7th/8th grader, or considering a transfer for your current high school student, contact an Admissions representatives today to learn how your child can receive an excellent Catholic education and so much more! Ask about financial assistance!



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*St. Paul, Bristol <https://spchs.com>



*Xavier, Middletown <https://www.xavierhighschool.org>

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

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 which can be obtained by emailing a request to nbcouncilcatholicwomen@gmail.com. The deadline for submission is **May 4th**.



"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

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The **Knights of Columbus** Msgr. 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**.

Come to the Open House and Art Show at Saint Paul School this weekend!

Sunday, January 28 from 11am to 1pm

For more information, call 860-828-4343 x 113 or visit <https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/>



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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!

Come visit a class any time between **January 22 – May 1st**!

For more information, call 860-242-5573 or visit:

www.NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com.



A Men's Retreat will be offered at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford, **March 15-17, 2024**.

The retreat theme "Only Say the Word..." is based on the belief that God can – and will – heal us, and all of creation. We will ask: where is healing needed, in us and in our world? And how can we, the very Body of Christ, help to bring about that healing with our unique gifts and talents? Come explore these ideas with our retreat community and the Holy Family retreat team. Visit <https://holyfamilyretreat.org> for details or to register. Please contact Ted Jastrzebski with any questions at 860-760-9705 or tjastrzebski@holyfamilyretreat.org. Holy Family's payment policy is "More if you can, less if you can't"

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>.

Saturday, January 27

8:30am Confessions
10:00am **AWAY JV Girls Game**
10:00am **AWAY JVB Boys Game**
11:30am Funeral +Bertagna SPC
1:30pm **AWAY JVA Boys Game**
3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, January 28

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

Monday, January 29

8:45am Parish Staff Meeting
9:00am **First Responder Parade**
4:30pm **Boys JVA Practice**
6:00pm **Boys Varsity Practice**

Tuesday, January 30

8:45am **School Mass**
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**
7:00pm **School Board Meeting-SL**

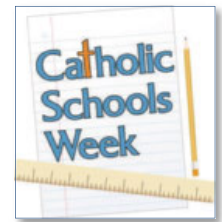
Wednesday, January 31

3:00pm **Cheer Practice (gr 1-8)**
3:15pm **Mock Trial practice**
4:30pm **Boys JVA Practice**
6:00pm **HOME Game-V v St Mary**
6:00pm **Rosary at Sacred Heart**
6:00pm **Exultations - SPC**
7:00pm **Finance Cncl Mtg-PC-1**

Thursday, February 1

9:00am **Quilters - SPH**
10:00am **First Thursday Calls**
3:00pm **Boys JVB Practice**
3:00pm **Robotics - SPH**
4:30pm **Girls JV Practice**
6:00pm **Girls Varsity Practice**
7:00pm **RCIA - PC-1**

PARISH CALENDAR



Friday, February 2

9:00am 1st Friday Calls
11:45am **FoodShare SHC**
3:00pm **CoEd JVC Red Practice**
4:30pm **CoEd JVC Gold Practice**
6:00pm **HOME Game-V vs St Gabriel/ St Joseph**
7:30pm **AA Mtg-SPH**

Saturday, February 3

6:30am **TMIY - SPH**
8:30am **Confessions**
9:00am **Home JVA and JVB Games**
10:00am **Children's Rosary SHC**
3:00pm **Confessions**
Sunday, February 4
9:00am **Confirmation classes-SPS**
1:30pm **Baptisms**
6:30pm **Life Teen-SPH**



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