#### **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**

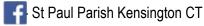
Tuesdays 4:00-5:00pm

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

February 4, 2024

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

Mark 1:23-25

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

#### **PASTOR'S COLUMN**

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life - Since its institution in 1997 by St. Pope John Paul II, the first Sunday in February celebrates and prays for those women and men who have dedicated themselves to God in a particular way through the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience while living as members of a religious community. By virtue of our Baptisms, all people are called to a live a life of holiness. Those who answer God's call to consecrated life as a priest, sister or brother do so in a particular way following in the footsteps of Jesus, but also following the founder of the religious



community. The Franciscan Friars who serve here at St. Paul's are one example of such a religious community of men. There are also many communities of religious sisters like the Sisters of Mercy, Felician Sisters, Little Sisters of the Poor. Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. etc.

There are literally hundreds of different men's and women's religious communities. While the spirituality of the founder of the religious community will be different for each group, what is common are the three vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. (By the way, that is why there are three knots on the cords that the Friars wear around their waste.) What do the vows mean?

- 1. Poverty is a call to share all goods in common, live a simple life, and depend totally on God.
- 2. Chastity is a call to love and serve God and all God's people, rather than to love one person exclusively in marriage. A life of chastity is a witness and testimony to God's love.
- 3. Obedience is a call to live in community and to surrender one's own will to the will of God. In community, religious are called to listen to their superiors and the voice within to discern God's call for their life.

Our Lady of the Angels Province Franciscan Friars Conventual Vocation Directors:



Friars Nicholas Romeo & Emanuel Vasconcelos, OFM Conv. vocations@olaprovince.org

# Prayer for Consecrated Persons and for Vocations to Religious Life

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve you as sisters, brothers and priests. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your call. Continue to call more young women and men to serve you. Fill them with your Spirit so that they will hear and answer your call to service in your Church as a Consecrated Religious. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Lent Begins February 14 -** With Lent just 10 days away, now is a good time to begin to prepare ourselves for the holy season. Pope Francis in his 2022 Lenten Message said: "we will do well to reflect on Saint Paul's exhortation to the Galatians: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all" (Gal. 6:9-10). Sometimes our Lenten practices revolve around giving something up which I will comment on below. But what if part of our Lenten practice was not to give up something, but to do some good. The more that good is directed toward an actual person the better it might be. Pope Francis also said in his message last year: "Let us not grow tired of praying. Jesus taught us to "pray always without becoming weary" (Lk. 18:1). We need to pray because we need God. Thinking that we need nothing other than ourselves is a dangerous illusion." The Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday appears below. Prior to Ash Wednesday, you should receive a letter with an insert that has our full Lenten schedule. Once again this year each parishioner will receive a personal copy of a booklet entitled the Lenten Companion. I hope that you will find it to be a helpful aid to assist your prayer and spiritual reflection during Lent.

Now a few thoughts on what to "give up" this Lent. Sometimes we retreat to the same things every year without giving much thought to what this "penance" is supposed to accomplish in us. "Let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives. May the corporal fasting to which Lent calls us fortify our spirit for the battle against sin." Pope Francis in these words connects our fasting with trying to rid us of sin. Is there a nagging sin in your life that you would like to or know you should do away with? Link the penance to the sin or bad habit or addiction that you need to be freed from. The Holy Father proposed that "one of these is addiction to the digital media, which impoverishes human relationships." Are you wasting too much time on your various devices and not enough quality time with family and friends?

#### **INTENTIONS**

#### Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

**†Dominic J. DiLorenzo** 22 Year Anniversary by Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Gionfriddo with love



**†Robert B. Ames †Angela DeFrancesco †Fr. Nevin Hammond, OFM Conv. †Keith Martin** †Donald A. Sasek. Sr. **†Richard John Wass** (brother of William Wass)

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.

March 5	Tuesday	8:45am
March 13	Wednesday	7:00am
March 14	Thursday	7:00am
March 20	Wednesday	7:00am
March 22	Friday	7:00am

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, 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 Monday, February 5, 2024 St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Living Friars, Families, Friends and

#### **Benefactors of the Friars**

5:00 **†Harry and †Aniela Misteri** by Chlus family

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 St. Paul Miki and Companions

7:00 **†Lois Ustanowski** by St. Paul Ladies Guild

**†Robert J. Cote** by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home

**†Joseph Briganti** by Mr.and Mrs. Roy A. Earley

**†Joseph F. Scheyd** 4th Anniversary by Rita and family

**Hubbard and Sylvester Families** 

by John G. Hubbard family

8:45 **†Normand P. MacNeil** by Minor family

5:00 **†Lillian and †Art Piergrossi** by family

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 Weekday

7:00 **+Gail Ann Sheehan** by Larry and Rosann Mancini

5:00 **†Bornice Family** by Rachela Maltese

Thursday, February 8, 2024 St. Jerome Emiliani;

St. Josephine Bakhita

7:00 **†Vincent and †Gail (Thayer) Shaheen** by family

5:00 **†Richard Fiori** by family

**†Maria Lombardo** by Emanuele Lombardo

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

**†John A. Padelli** by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home John Nappi, Jr. by wife

Friday, February 9, 2024 Weekday

7:00 **†Edgar and †Anne Donlon Thayer** by family

5:00 **+Kathy Stimac** 21st Anniversary by family

Saturday, February 10, 2024 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 **†Patricia Corrigan** by children

Sunday, February 11, 2024 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 **+Walter Lagocki** Birthday Remembrance by family

9:00 Intention for Married Couples

9:30 **†Robert Cote** by Rosann and Larry Mancini

10:30 **+Valentino and +Pierina Callegari** by family

12:00 Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish

## **Parish Collection**

Jan. 23-29, 2024

In Church SP	\$ 7,498
Office	\$ 1,516
In Church SH	\$ 306
Online Giving	\$ 4,575
Total	\$ 13,895

#### **PASTOR'S COLUMN (continued)**

Could time on our devices be replaced with prayer?

Lent is a valuable and treasured time for us. What am I trying to accomplish, with the help of God's grace, in my life this Lent with God? Use the next week and a half to develop a plan for yourself. Be specific, put some meat on it, but keep it simple and do not make it overwhelming. Commit yourself to making the best possible use of this Lent.

Ash Wednesday (February 14th) Mass Schedule - Masses on Ash Wednesday 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.

Saint Paul School Collection - There was a mix up in collecting at the 10:30 Mass last week. So if for that reason, or any other, you were not able to put an envelope in for Saint Paul School, it can be put into any collection or go online and make a donation to the school. Thanks for supporting our school!

What to do with Old Palms? - Your old palms can be left in the vestibules before coming into the church itself. They will be burned and used on Ash Wednesday. You may also burn them yourself and put them in your garden or a flower bed, but since the palms are blessed, they should **not** be discarded in the trash.

**Adult Confirmation Program -** We are offering a six session Adult Confirmation Program for adult Catholics, 18 years of age and older, who have been baptized and received 1st Holy Communion, but have not been confirmed. Those who are asked to be a godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor at Confirmation must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation in order to take on those responsibilities. Likewise, those to be married in the Catholic Church should be Confirmed. The program will run for six (6) Sundays: March 3, 10 & 17 and April 7, 14 and 21 from 10:15 am to 11:45 am. This allows the participants to attend Mass either before or after the session. Those who complete the program would receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 14th at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. To find out more about the program go to our website where you will also be able submit the online registration form. You can also email Joshua Kay at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org or call the parish office at 860-828-0331. The deadline to register is Monday, Feb. 26.

Annual End of the Year Appeal Wrapping Up - While donations that come in until June 30 will count towards the 2023 Annual EOY Appeal, we will put an unofficial close on it next Sunday and publish the Honor Roll of Donors in the February 18 bulletin. If you have not yet made a gift please do what you can. Thanks to everyone who already made their gift!

#### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 11, 2024**

For readings online, visit https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/021124.cfm

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

Alleluia: Luke 7:16 R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A great prophet has arisen in our midst, God has visited his people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia. **Gospel:** Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

"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

#### 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.

Final Thoughts - To the Ravens I say, run the ball. In no game this season did they run the ball less than 24 times, and many games more than 30 times; for some reason last week, just 16 times. To the Lions, kick the FGs. The points are important, but so is not letting the other guys think they are back in the game. So we will have a repeat of Super



Bowl LIV. Probably sour grapes, but now it will be a stress less Super Bowl. A parishioner did ID themselves as a "renewed" Lions fan. What do you call a steak that's been knighted by the queen? Sir Loin. Have a blessed week everyone. - Fr. Joe

#### SAINT PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

#### SAINT PAUL SCHOOL NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

For more information visit our school website <a href="https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/">https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/</a> 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 kicked off Catholic Schools Week with our Second Annual Winter Ball. Special thanks to our talented and fun DJ, SPS parent Aaron Hairston! Families danced the night away!

SPS continued the celebration with students, parents, alumni, and board members joining together at Mass and at our Open House and Art Show. Thank to you all of the students who spoke so wonderfully at Mass! Thank you also to Art Teacher, Mrs. Lindsey, for hosting a beautiful Art Show! We were thrilled to have had a successful Open House and enjoyed meeting with current and new families. We have so much to be proud of at Saint Paul School!









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 visit the school's auction page for details:



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

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

The first of three Enrichment Sessions for the parents of our third graders who will receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion this year will be held on Thursday February 8, 6:30-7:45 pm in the old wing of St. Paul Church.

Parents will be notified should weather postpone the session. Snow date: Thursday February 15, 2024.

As part of the Religious Education program, students receive the sacrament of reconciliation (confession)

once each year. The first two of four scheduled confession nights for students in **grades 4-8** are:

- → Monday, Feb 5 and→ Tuesday, February 6.
- → Tuesday, February 6.

Both sessions are from 6:45 - 8:15 pm. To register for one of these dates, please go to the SignUp page!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49A5A628A0F94-47447627-2024#/

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

- Feb. 18 9:00 am
- March 17 10:30 am
- April 21 9:00 am
- April 28 10:30 am



At the Children's Mass on Jan. 28, Fr. Martin talked about the authority of Jesus over bad spirits.

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

Monday-Thursday 8am - 2pm

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

St Paul Parish Religious Ed Berlin CT

Email: religioused@stpaulkensington.org



Robin Veronesi Director of Religious Education (860) 828-1934 ext 320



Linda Beaudoin Administrative Assistant (860) 828-1934 ext 321



#### **PARISH PRAYER LIST**

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

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

**Thomas Norris** 

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

Arlene O'Neill

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



in the St. Paul Church Hall.

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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#### **PASTORAL COUNCIL - JANUARY MEETING MINUTES**

The Pastoral Council met on Monday, January 15, 2024. In attendance were Fathers Joe, Michael, and Martin, Mary Corrigan, Bud Volz, Betty Lasker, Roland Baikal, Maura Chasse, Dwight Davis, Ron Levandowsky, Fayne Malloy, Elaine Pavasaris, Ed Schmitt and Nancy Timbrell.

Mary Corrigan reported on the school auction which is scheduled for March 23, 2024 at Casa Mia Restaurant. Tickets will be available at a cost of \$40 per person. There will be an Open House on January 28th from 11 am to 1 pm at the school to kick off Catholic Schools Week. She went on to report that 40 parishioners attended the recently held Coffee And at Sacred Heart. The next Coffee And at St. Paul's will be on Sunday, February 18th after the Children's Mass at 9 am.

Father Joe expressed his appreciation for the impressive amount of parishioner participation in parish activities, particularly Greccio, and the Christmas Masses. He added that he is always amazed at the financial support that the parishioners provide to both the parish and out reach programs. He specifically mentioned, among others, the donations to the St. Clare's Food Pantry, the Angel Tree, the Hot Stuff and Lenten collections. Father went on to report on the Lenten activities that are planned include Mercy Mondays and the Lenten Reflection Series scheduled for March 5, 6, and 7th. A letter will be sent to parishioners outlining all the scheduled Lenten activities along with a schedule of the Easter Mass celebrations. Father also reported that a letter will be sent to each parishioner 80 and older regarding the Helping Hands Ministry. Our elder parishioners will be given the opportunity to sign up for various types of help that the parishioners in this ministry offer.

Father Martin reported on the Archdiocese's new initiative to promote vocations. A committee of 2-5 parishioners will be formed to participate in workshops that will focus on the promotion of vocations in our parish. Details regarding the time commitment and future activities will be forthcoming as information is disseminated from the Archdiocese.

Elaine Pavasaris reported that a Blue Mass for first responders is scheduled for Sunday, September 29, 2024 at the 12 noon Mass. A committee will be formed to plan this recognition celebration.

Each of the four sub-committees of the Pastoral Council, Spiritual Life and Worship, Parish and Community Outreach, Youth, Family and Community Life, and Evangelization and Faith Formation, gave a quick summary of their accomplishments, action plans, and progress thus far and for the coming year. Details of planned events will be published in the bulletin.

Robin Veronesi presented a written report to the council. She highlighted the hiring of Linda Beaudoin as the new administrative assistant in the Religious Education Program as well as the Confirmation Sponsor/Student event planned for Saturday, January 20th.

Fathers Michael and Martin reported that the men's and women's groups are either starting back up or are continuing to regularly meet. Details regarding participation in any of these groups can be found in the bulletin.

Father Joe reported that the parish and school continue to be in excellent financial shape. The annual End of the Year Appeal has, to date, netted over \$78,000. The parish goal for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal was \$108,000 and the donations from parishioners exceeded \$114,000. The parish has received the December distribution from the Forward with Faith Campaign. This amounted to a bit over \$42,000 which is earmarked for the renovations of the parish center.

The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 22nd in the church basement. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Lasker, Secretary

# JOIN US FOR "COFFEE AND" Sunday, February 18th

After the 9:00 am Children's Mass!



Please come downstairs to the St. Paul Church Hall after Mass and enjoy some light refreshments and fellowship!

#### "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



#### **LADIES' GUILD MEETING**

February 7th

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 Wednesday, February 7th at 6:30 pm in the St. Paul Church Hall.

Food item donation is peanut butter and jelly.



#### THAT MAN IS YOU!

Spring 2024 Session: Feb 3—April 27

That Man Is You is happening every Saturday morning in St. Paul Parish. It is never too late for you to join us. Each week we discuss a different topic with good Christian men, and you are welcome to attend any session that interests you. A full list of speakers and topics can be found on our website: https://stpaulkensington.org/that-man-is-you

That Man Is You may also be the perfect activity for you this Lent. Don't just give up eating dessert this Lent. Take some time to deepen your understanding of what it means to follow Christ and how to share that experience with your family



and friends. The men who come to TMIY will tell you how the presentations and the discussions have brought them closer to God. And TMIY has built some great friendships too. That Man Is You starts at 7am every Saturday in the St. Paul Church Hall with a 30 minute video presentation followed by 30 minutes of discussion. You are welcome to arrive at 6:30am to join us for coffee and a light breakfast before the program begins. Why do we do this so early? We do not want you to miss time with your family. Chances are you will be home before some of them are out of bed.

Many men will set their alarm on a Saturday morning to make a tee time or go fishing. This Lent, set your alarm to attend TMIY! Come and see why this program has been so successful at our parish for the past 5 years. Contact Bud Volz: <a href="mailto:budvolz@comcast.net">budvolz@comcast.net</a> or 860-681-8355 for more info.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The February meeting of the Msgr. Greylish Knights of Columbus Council 3675 will take place on Thursday, February 15 at 7:00pm in the St. Paul Church Hall. (The meeting night was changed due to Ash Wednesday.) Prior to this meeting, at 6:00pm, a Faith Program will be presented featuring a video from the highly-acclaimed *Into the Breach* series. A light meal will be provided. All brother Knights are encouraged to attend.

February 8: International Day of Prayer and Awareness
Against Human Trafficking February 8th is the feast day of



St. Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of victims of human trafficking. As a child, St. Bakhita was kidnapped and sold into slavery. Once freed, she became a nun and dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance and to comforting the poor and suffering. On February 8, please pray for an

end to human trafficking and also pray for all survivors of this affront to human dignity. National hotline: 1-888-373-7888

#### Adult Confirmation-Program—Spring 2024

Are you an adult who never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? If so, our Adult Confirmation Program (ACP) will prepare you to be Confirmed in the Spring of 2024. The reception of all of the Sacraments is about helping us journey through this life to life eternal. The Sacrament of Confirmation is a confirming and strengthening of our Baptisms. Through the Sacrament you are sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and Confirmation provides additional graces to help us live out our adult lives as faithful followers of Jesus and strengthens our bond with the Church. Those who are asked to be a godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor at Confirmation must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation in order to take on those responsibilities. Likewise, those to be married in the Catholic Church should be Confirmed. We are implementing this six session ACP so that adult Catholics who were never Confirmed can be fully initiated in the Catholic faith.

Catholics who are at least 18 years old and have already been baptized and received their 1st Holy Communion may participate in the ACP. If married, you must be in a valid Catholic marriage. If married outside the Catholic Church (meaning in a civil ceremony or in a non-Catholic Church without the appropriate permission) and would like to discuss how you can have your marriage recognized in the Church, contact one of the Friar-priests and they will be happy to discuss your situation with you. Your preparation for Confirmation can be done simultaneously with preparation to have your marriage convalidated in the Church, but the convalidation must be concluded before the Confirmation ceremony. Generally speaking, this can often be accomplished.

This six week ACP program, begins on March 3, 2024. Sessions will be held on Sunday mornings, 10:15-11:45am. Registration deadline is Monday, February 26.

There is no monetary cost for the program. To register, email Joshua Kay at <u>j.kay@stpaulkensington.org</u> or call the parish office at 860-828-0331 and ask for Josh or complete our online form: <a href="https://stpaulkensington.org/adult-confirmation-rcia">https://stpaulkensington.org/adult-confirmation-rcia</a>.

If you have questions, please contact Josh or one of the Friars. If you know of a family member or friend who has not been Confirmed, please share this information with them!

**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!



\*East Catholic, Manchester <a href="http://www.echs.com">http://www.echs.com</a>



\*Mercy, Middletown http://www.mercyhigh.com



\*Northwest, W. Hartford https://www.northwestcatholic.org



\*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 <a href="mailto:nbcouncilcatholicwomen@gmail.com">nbcouncilcatholicwomen@gmail.com</a>. The deadline for submission is May 4th.

#### 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.

# 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. 15 at **9:30am**. Volunteers will also help with food distribution on Fri., Feb. 16 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 Food-Share program including volunteering, contact Nancy at 860-601-7866 or n.timbrell@stpaulkensington.org.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY



LifeTeen Night!
Sunday, February 4th

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





EDGE Pre-Super-Bowl Party!
Sunday, February 11th

All <u>middle school</u> students in grades 6-8 are welcome to join us on Sunday, Feb. 11th, 1:00pm-2:30pm

in the St. Paul Church Hall for our next event, a Pre-Super Bowl Party!









Join us before the Super Bowl as we dive into how faith and sports are related and enjoy some snacks before the big game. Bring a friend and we hope to see you there!

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#### Save the Date

CT March for Life!

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

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/connecticut.

#### Rachel's Vineyard Weekends for Healing After Abortion

Those suffering from an abortion are invited to experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend, March 8-10 in Litchfield. Participation is totally confidential. Come experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Men and women of all ages have attended past retreats. The fee is \$175 for meals, private room and materials. Financial assistance available. Contact Marie at 203-631-9030 or mlaffin@prolifeministry.org or visit https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.



A Men's Retreat will be offered at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in Word... 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? 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"



#### **COFFEE WITH VETERANS**

Veterans, Come enjoy free coffee, hot breakfast, good conversations!

American Legion Post 68 Canteen's 'Coffee with Veterans' events are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9am-11am at 154 Porters Pass, Berlin. Next date: Feb. 10th. If you need a ride, contact Mo Jordan at 860-268-8969 or americanlegionauxpost68@gmail.com. Guest and spouses are welcome!

#### Saturday, February 3

6:30am TMIY - SPH

8:30am Confessions

9:00am Home JVA and JVB Games

9:00am AWAY JVC RED Game

10:00am AWAY JVC GOLD Game

10:00am Children's Rosary SHC

10:00am Funeral +DeFrancesco SPC

1:00pm Funeral Home Svc - +Sasek

3:00pm Confessions

#### Sunday, February 4

9:00am Confirmation classes-SPS

6:30pm Life Teen - SPH

#### Monday, February 5

8:45am Parish Staff Meeting

1:00pm Rosary Makers - SPH

4:30pm Boys JVA Practice

6:15pm Away Game - V vs St Mary

6:45pm Gr. 4-8 Confessions-SPC

7:00pm Evangelization. & Faith Form.

#### Tuesday, February 6

8:45am School Mass: Gr. K-2

3:00pm Boys JVB Practice

4:00pm Bill's Farm. Ave Pizza fundraiser

4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration

4:30pm Girls JV Practice

6:00pm Girls Varsity Practice

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - PC LL

6:45pm Gr. 4-8 Confessions - SPC

7:00pm K of C Leadrshp Mtg - PC1

#### Wednesday, February 7

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

6:30pm Ladies Guild SPH

#### Thursday, February 8

9:00am Quilters - SPH

1:30pm Finance Comm. Mtg - PC1

3:00pm Boys JVB Practice

3:00pm Girl Scouts

3:00pm Robotics - SPH

4:30pm Girls JV Practice

1:00pm EDGE - SPH



**PARISH CALENDAR** 

C) LIFE TEEN

Sunday, Feb. 4

630pm!

Thursday, February 8

6:00pm HOME Game -

(continued)

# 7:30pm AA Meeting-SPH

Saturday, February 10

6:30am TMIY - SPH

8:30am Confessions

11:00am HOME JVC GOLD Game

11:15am Away JV Girls

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Game

11:45am Funeral Home Svc - +Martin

12:00pm HOME JVC RED Game

12:30pm Away JVA Boys Game

3:00pm Confessions

#### Sunday, February 11

7:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed

9:15am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed

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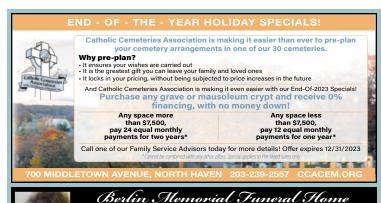
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