

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

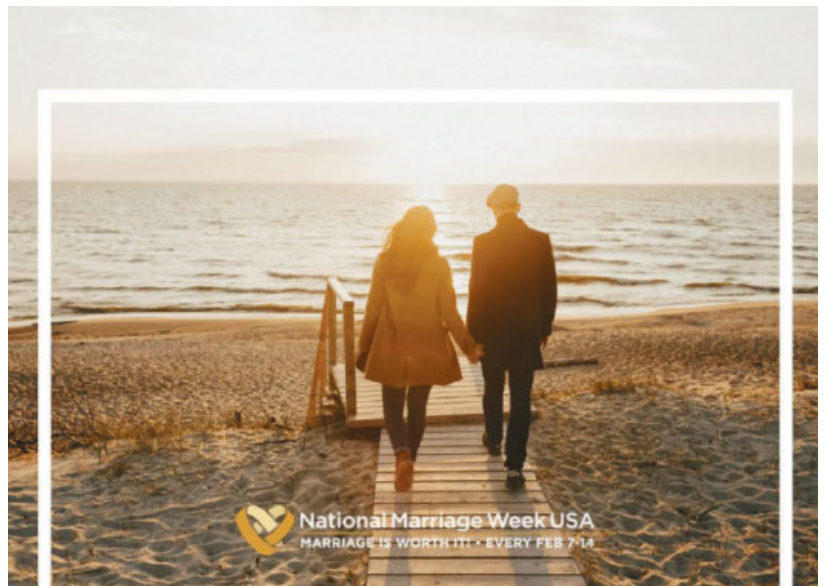
St. Paul Church - 485 Alling St, Kensington CT 06037
Sacred Heart Church - 48 Cottage St, East Berlin CT 06023

February 11, 2024

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Marriage Day

National Marriage Week, Feb. 7-14



**A strong marriage is the
foundation of a strong and
healthy family.**

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

-Pope Francis

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Lent begins this Wednesday, February 14th. Masses on Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at 7 am, 8:45 am (School Mass - ALL are welcome), 12 Noon, 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

A reminder: Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

See page 7 for a full explanation and our entire schedule for Lent.



World Marriage Day - This 2nd Sunday of February, in advance of St. Valentine's Day on Wednesday, is *World Marriage Day*. The day had a grass roots beginning in Louisiana in 1981 as "We Believe in Marriage Day" and was celebrated on St. Valentine's Day. Two years later it was moved to the second Sunday of February and renamed *World Marriage Day*. In 1993 Pope John Paul II imparted his Apostolic Blessings on World Marriage Day.

The covenant of marriage is a promise of spouses to be faithful to each other "for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in sickness, in health" but it is also a sign of God's faithfulness to and never-ending love for every married couple and their families. As Catholics we have all benefitted from the sacred covenant of marriage which is the foundation of our families, of society as a whole, and of the Church. Families are domestic churches where faith and love are shared, nurtured, and deepened. It is the place where each one of us then finds his/her own vocation in life as a single person, priest or religious, or as one who is married. Therefore, we join in prayer for all married couples. May they be strengthened, nourished and sustained by God's love and grace and also by this parish community of St. Paul's. So we pray this prayer to Saint Valentine: *Dear Saint and glorious martyr, teach us to love unselfishly and to find great joy in giving. Enable all married couples to bring out the best in each other. Let them love each other in God, and in God, love each other. Amen.*

Stations of the Cross - Are you familiar with the Stations of the Cross? When was the last time that you took notice of them on the walls of our churches? From the earliest of days, followers of Jesus told the story of his passion, death and resurrection. When pilgrims came to see Jerusalem, they were anxious to see the sites where Jesus had been including the way he took up to Calvary. Following in the footsteps of the Lord along the *Via Crucis* (Way of the Cross) or *Via Dolorosa* (Sorrowful Way), became an important part of the pilgrimage visit. The stations, as we know them today, came about when it was no longer easy or even possible to visit the holy sites.

Lent is a very appropriate time to pray the Stations of the Cross, though they can be prayed any time during the year. By praying the Stations we make a little pilgrimage along the Via Dolorosa being reminded of just how much Jesus went through on his way to Calvary and just how much he loves us. I invite you to join us in praying the Stations during Lent.

Once again this year we will pray the Stations each Friday of Lent at 7 pm at St. Paul Church. The school children come over at 2:00 pm to pray the stations on Friday afternoons Feb. 23, March 1, 8, and 15 and on Thursdays Feb. 15 and March 21. Everyone is most welcome to attend these Stations, just know that they are geared to the children. I encourage you not to pass up these opportunities to contemplate, and enter into the mystery of Jesus' love for you.

Lenten Evenings of Reflections - We will have a three night series of reflections for Lent on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 5, 6 and 7. The speakers this year will be three Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist from Meriden. In this year of the Eucharistic Revival, each Sister will delve into a different focus on the Eucharist. The evening will begin at 6:30 with Mass celebrated by one of the Friars who will offer a brief homily on that day's readings. Following Mass, a Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist will lead that evening's reflection. All are welcome to join us for all or some of the evenings. Each evening's reflection is independent of the others.

Mercy Mondays with Holy Hours - Beginning Feb. 19th the six Mondays during Lent will once again be Mercy Mondays. Confessors will be available from 7 to 8 pm. Pope Francis in his 2016 Lenten Message for the Jubilee Year of Mercy wrote: "God shows himself ever rich in mercy, ever ready to treat his people with deep tenderness and compassion . . ." As priests hearing your confession, we will do our absolute best to be His ministers of that deep tenderness and compassion. In addition, these Mercy Mondays will also be Holy Hours where you can come and spend some time in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord. Come and use the time as you choose. Pray quietly, read some scripture or part of a book, use the time however the Lord leads you to use it. *A reminder that these Mercy Mondays are held throughout the Archdiocese so you can go to most any parish in the Archdiocese and you will find a priest hearing confessions on Monday evenings. It is best to check on the time though with the other parish.*

St. Paul School Auction - The school's annual auction will be held on March 23rd to benefit the school. It is being held at Casa Mia, the former Hawthorne Restaurant, this year. It is a fun event and we know it is for a good cause! See the insert in this bulletin and check out their auction page. Hope to see you there!

INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†**Lisa Andreana** by family

†**Kathleen Manion** by Flora Sittnick

Special Intention by anonymous

Available Masses for March-May are below. To reserve a Mass, please call the office 860-828-0331, M-F 9am-4pm. Please note that there are also additional Masses available on Tuesday at 7:00am and Thursday at 5:00pm.

March 5	Tuesday	8:45am
April 25	Thursday	7:00am
April 29	Monday	7:00am, 5:00pm
April 30	Tuesday	7:00am, 5:00pm
May 1	Wednesday	7:00am
May 9	Thursday	7:00am, 8:45am
May 10	Friday	7:00am
May 13	Monday	7:00am
May 14	Tuesday	8:45am
May 23	Thursday	7:00am
May 28	Tuesday	7:00am
May 31	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.

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, 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**

Monday, February 12, 2024 Weekday

7:00 †**Paula Yolanda Rueda Zuniga**

by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home

5:00 †**Vincent Lewandowski** by family

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 Weekday

7:00 †**Janet Crossman** by St. Paul Ladies' Guild

†**Maria Del Sesto** by Antiovio family

†**Aloysius Kafel, Jr.** by FOF friends

5:00 †**Maryanne Murphy** by a friend

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 Ash Wednesday

7:00 †**Kieran Egan** by Margaret and family

8:45 †**Jonathan Jahn** 1st Anniversary by mom and family

12:00 †**Jeffrey Gable** by mother, Carole

5:00 †**Carolina Liscio** by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mariano

7:00 †**Tadeusz Kupiec** by Lewicki family

Thursday, February 15, 2024 Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 †**Deceased Friars, Family, Friends**

and Benefactors of the Friars

5:00 †**Eugenio Riccardi** by Emanuele Lombardo

†**Lisa Andreana** Birthday Remembrance by family

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

John Nappi, Jr. by wife

†**Jamie Hastings** Birthday Celebration by mom

Friday, February 16, 2024 Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 †**Kathy Harrigan** by Schweigert family

5:00 †**Emily Francalangia** 2 Year Anniversary by family

Saturday, February 17, 2024 First Sunday of Lent

4:00 †**Janet Crossman** by sister Donna Jolly

Sunday, February 18, 2024 First Sunday of Lent

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

9:00 †**Joseph V. Janik** by wife and children

9:30 †**Gary Kelly** by mother

10:30 †**Paul & †Paula Martin and †Joseph Michaud**

by family

12:00 †**Kathleen Manion** by Joan Vancour

Parish Collection

Jan. 30-Feb. 5, 2024

In Church SP	\$ 10,546
Office	\$ 1,810
In Church SH	\$ 675
Online Giving	\$ 5,214
Total	\$ 18,245

Paschal Candle Memorial Available - The preeminent symbol of the Easter season is the Paschal Candle which stands tall in the sanctuary during the Easter Season and then is used primarily at all Baptisms and funeral Masses throughout the year. The cost of the candle for St. Paul Church, including shipping, is \$340. If you would like to make a Memorial Donation in honor of a loved one let me know or contact the Parish Office.

Adult Confirmation Program - Please refer to page 8 of this bulletin for information about our six session Adult Confirmation Program that will begin on March 3rd and is for adult Catholics, 18 years of age and older, who have been baptized and received 1st Holy Communion, but have not been confirmed. Recall that 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. **The deadline to register is February 26th.**

Final Thoughts - Well here we are at the end of another NFL season. The 49ers are vying for their sixth Super Bowl win in what will be attempt number nine. They won the first five they played, but have lost the last two (Baltimore in 2012 and KC four years ago). With a win they will tie the Patriots and Steelers with the most SB wins, but they will not do it. Pitchers and catchers report this week and the Orioles finally got the top of the rotation guy they needed in Corbin Burnes. They are also in the process of being sold which at this point in time seems like a very good thing. *What do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear.* Have a blessed Lent 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](#)
- Email us at ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org.

JOIN US FOR "COFFEE AND"

[Sunday, February 18th](#)

After the 9:00 am Children's Mass!

All are welcome to come downstairs to the St. Paul Church Hall after the 9am Mass on Feb. 18th to enjoy some light refreshments and fellowship!



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

For readings online, visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/021824.cfm>

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

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

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Verse Before the Gospel: Matthew 4:4b

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

A note from our Social Action Ministry:

Thank you to all who donated to our 'Hot Stuff Collection' which ended on February 4th.

Thank You!

We received a substantial number of items, even more than last year, and the goods have been delivered to the Friendship Center in New Britain. As always, the generosity of our St Paul Parishioners is exceptional.

FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

The Pantry is currently in need of the following items:

Protein/granola bars, canned pasta, canned beans, oatmeal, peanut butter, rice and rice sides, and baking items and mixes.

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 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>

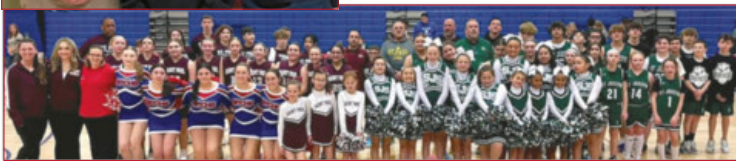


You may also email our
Admissions Director, Kelly Esposito,
admissions@stpaulkensington.org.

Saint Paul School students, teachers and staff had a great Catholic Schools Week! Celebrations included an Art Show, Open House, First Responder Parade, 100th day of school, Bingo game with Mass buddies, alumni visited to read to the preschoolers, a basketball game and celebration at St. Paul Catholic High School and more!!



See more photos on our Facebook & Instagram pages!



One of our second grade students, Ava Krynski, won first place for her age group in the 2023 *Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest* sponsored by the Knights of Columbus CT State Council.

Representatives from the Knights announced her win during morning prayer and presented her with an award and gift card. Congratulations Ava! We are so proud!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

At the February 4th Children's Mass, Fr. Joe talked about the different kinds of prayer and the importance of praying every day. This was based on the Gospel verse: "Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed." If even Jesus took time to talk to his Father each day, Fr. Joe told the children how it's all the more important that we also talk to God, our Father.

Photos (clockwise): Children's choir; Garrett and Annabelle bringing up the offertory gifts; children listening to Fr. Joe's homily, and Annabelle doing the readings.



The next Children's Mass will be Sunday, February 18 at 9:00 am.

If your child would like to participate, please sign them up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49A5A628A0F94-childrens9#/>



GRADE 4-8 CONFESSION The final two confession dates for Grades 4-8 Religious Ed students are:

- Tuesday, February 13 from 6:45-8:00 pm
- Sunday, February 18 from 4:00-5:30 pm.

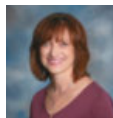
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Monday-Thursday 8am - 2pm

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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 Freeman 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 Lily Harzewski-Burl Lorie Hebert Tom Higgins Evan Hill Pat Jahn Gina Kahn Barbara Killius Evan Kimmel Sylvia Kratka Pam Kulas Wilma Kulas John G. Kunitis, 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 Joe Maxwell Khylee Melius Janet Michaud Robert Mazzaferro Lorraine McCarthy Cathline McKinnon 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	Arlene O'Neill 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 Veley Tom Vest Louise Webb Mary Willametz Thaddeus Wojtusik Mary Ann Watrous Miriam Zacharias Carrie Zangari Eliana Zorrilla Foster Zucchi
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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!



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>.

Matt Birk Video!

Click or scan below to view an inspiring life-supporting video from Matt Birk, Super Bowl champion and 15-year veteran of the National Football League.



Matt is a graduate of Harvard University with a degree in economics. He is now a CEO, author, speaker and much more, as well as a father of eight children.

<https://vimeo.com/903370570>



**ST. PAUL PARISH
LENTEN
DEVOTIONS
2024**



*“Turn away
from sin and
be faithful to
the Gospel”*

Mark 1:15

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS – FEBRUARY 14

7:00am, 8:45am*, 12:00pm, 5:00pm, and 7:00pm

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses

*School Mass—All are welcome

DAILY MASS

Monday to Friday - 7:00am & 5:00pm

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays, 4:00pm Vigil Mass

Sundays, 7:30am, 9:00am, 9:30am*, 10:30am & 12:00pm

*at Sacred Heart Church

Children’s Masses

Sunday, February 18 at 9:00am

Sunday, March 17 at 10:30am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 7:00pm, St. Paul Church

February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, and 22

School Children at St. Paul Church - All are Welcome

Thursday, February 15 at 2:00pm—Grades 3-5

Friday, February 23 at 2:00pm—Grades K-2

Friday, March 1 at 2:00pm—Grades 6-8

Friday, March 8 at 2:00pm—Grades 3-5

Friday, March 15 at 2:00pm—Grades K-2

Thursday, March 21 at 2:00pm—Grades 6-8

Thursday, March 28 at 1:45pm—Living Stations

(8th grade students act out the Stations in the school gym)

CONFESSION

Mondays of Lent

February 19, 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Tuesday of Holy Week, March 26

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Saturdays

8:30am – 9:30am

3:00pm – 4:00pm

HOLY HOUR

Mondays 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Tuesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm

LENTEN EVENING REFLECTIONS

Reflections with a focus on the Eucharist will be presented by the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

March 5, 6, 7

The regular 5pm Mass will NOT be held on these days.

6:30pm - Mass

7:00pm - Reflection

Reception to follow in the Church Hall

All events are at St. Paul Church

unless otherwise noted.

Abstinence and Fasting During Lent

Catholics age 14+ are obliged to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday.

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting means only one full meal is to be eaten. Other food eaten on a Fast Day should not equal a full meal.

WOMEN OF FAITH

All women of the parish are invited to attend the next meeting of our **Women of Faith** group on **Thursday, March 14th** at 7pm in the St. Paul Church Hall.



We gather on the second Thursday of every month. 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.

SCRIPTURE STUDY INFORMATION MEETING

Our Scripture Study group will begin a new session on The Book of Exodus in March, and there will be an Information Meeting on **Tuesday, February 20th** at 7:00 pm in the St. Paul Church Hall. This will be a meeting to present information about the upcoming session. Come learn about our study groups, ask questions, and see if now is the right time for you to participate. All are welcome! Questions? Email Mark Chasse: mchasse1@comcast.net.

Learn how to hear the Word of God speak to you. Join together in Bible study!

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.



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.



TMIY 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: budvolz@comcast.net or 860-681-8355 for more info.

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 j.kay@stpaulkensington.org or call the parish office at 860-828-0331 and ask for Josh or complete our online form: <https://stpaulkensington.org/adult-confirmation-rcia>.

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!

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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**.



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- Alfred Greco Scholarship—student is required to live in Berlin and have father or grandfather who is a Knight.
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Visit the parish website for applications. Deadline **April 1st**.



HONOR ROLL Mercy High School President Alissa DeJonge proudly announces the 2nd Quarter Honor Roll for the 2023-2024 academic year. All of the young women listed below are St. Paul parishioners and/or alumnae of Saint Paul School. Congratulations!



- * Amelia Andruskiewicz, Grade 12, Honors
- * Kaitlin Bertolami, Grade 09, Highest Honors
- * Anna Morrissey, Grade 09, Honors
- * Grace Szeghy, Grade 10, Highest Honors
- * Rose Szeghy, Grade 12, High Honors
- * Alana Talamona, Grade 12, High Honors
- * Mya Talamona, Grade 09, High Honors

YOUTH MINISTRY



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

All middle school 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!*



LifeTeen Night!
Sunday, February 25th

All high school 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.



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ROSARY GROUP Our 13th of the Month Rosary Group meets faithfully at 12 noon in St. Paul Church to pray the Rosary.



The next gathering will be **Tuesday, February 13th**. Please feel free to join them in prayer!



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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? 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"

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Saturday, February 10

- 6:30am TMIY - SPH
- 8:30am Confessions
- 11:00am HOME JVC GOLD Game
- 11:15am Away JV Girls Game
- 11:15am Away JVB Boys 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 Session 1-SPS
- 9:15am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 2-SPS
- 10:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 3-SPS
- 1:00pm EDGE - SPH

Monday, February 12

- 8:45am Parish Staff Meeting
- 3:30pm Spring Conferences
- 4:30pm Boys JVA Practice
- 6:00pm Boys Varsity Practice
- 7:00pm Registration -New Members

Tuesday, February 13

- 12:00pm 13th of the Month Rosary
- 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry SPH
- 3:00pm Boys JVB Practice
- 3:30pm Spring Conferences
- 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 Social Action - SPH

Wednesday, February 14

- Ash Wednesday-See page 7
- 3:00pm Cheer Practice
- 3:15pm Mock Trial practice
- 3:30pm Spring Conferences
- 4:30pm Boys JVA Practice
- 5:45pm HOME Game-Varsity-Corpus
- 6:00pm Rosary at Sacred Heart

Thursday, February 15

- 9:00am Quilters - SPH
- 2:00pm Stations of the Cross: Gr. 3-5
- 3:00pm Boys JVB Practice
- 3:00pm Girl Scouts
- 3:30pm Trimester 2 Conferences
- 4:30pm Girls JV Practice
- 6:00pm Girls Varsity Practice
- 6:30pm KofC 3rd Deg Cncl Mtg
- 6:30pm Blue Mass Mtg - PC2
- 7:00pm RCIA - PC-1

PARISH CALENDAR



Friday, February 16

- 12:30 Dismissal-FacultyPD
- 11:45am FoodShare SHC
- 3:00pm CoEd JVC Red Practice
- 4:30pm CoEd JVC Gold Practice
- 6:00pm AWAY Game Varsity vs St Bridget
- 7:00pm Stations of the Cross - SPC
- 7:30pm AA Meeting - SPH

Saturday, February 17

- 6:30am TMIY - SPH
- 8:30am Confessions
- 9:00am AWAY JVC RED Game
- 11:00am AWAY JVC GOLD Game
- 1:00pm AWAY JV Girls Game
- 3:00pm Confessions
- 4:30pm AWAY JVB Boys Game
- 5:40pm AWAY JVA Boys Game

Sunday, February 18

- 1:15pm Baptisms
- 4:00pm Gr 4-8 Confessions

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