

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 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

KICKOFF WEEKEND: FEB. 24-25, 2024



2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME

Archdiocese of Hartford

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

-Pope Francis

2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal - The Archbishop's Annual Appeal (AAA), whose theme this year is **Do This in Memory of Me**, begins today. This year's theme was chosen as a way to remind us that it is through our actions that we are living out Jesus' command to love one another, and how His life and ministry inspires us to make our own sacrifices for those in spiritual and material need.

The parishioners of St. Paul have always been very supportive of the AAA. This is evidenced by the 516 parishioners who made gifts and pledges in 2023 totaling \$114,653.64 thereby surpassing our goal of \$108,000 by 6%. *Thank you to all who donated!* While that is very generous, the number of people donating to the AAA overall, and from our parish as well, has been in a bit of a decline, for a few years. To give a little perspective on this consider the chart below.

Year	# of Donors	Amount Given	Average Gift	% decrease in donors since 2018
2018	636	\$118,271	\$186	--
2019	591	\$108,161	\$183	7.1%
2020	594	\$110,722	\$186	6.6%
2021	597	\$128,124	\$215	6.1%
2022	571	\$122,750	\$215	10.2%
2023	516	\$114,653	\$222	18.9%

Since 2018 there are 120 fewer donors per year from our parish which equates to a nearly 19% decrease in donors. Last year for example, 119 people/households who made a gift in 2022 did not make a gift in 2023. That number was offset by 21 parishioners who made a gift to the AAA for the first time ever and another 43 who made a gift in 2023 after not making a gift in 2022 resulting in a net loss of 55 donors. At the same time, the average amount given each year has fluctuated a bit, averaging around \$117,000 per year. Our high was in 2021, but has decreased the last two years. I am not sure if pledge payments to the *Forward With Faith* Campaign has effected what parishioners are giving to the AAA.

As a parish we have many outreaches to the less fortunate that you support very generously throughout the year, including the current Lenten Collection. At the same time, we know that there are far greater needs out there than what we can provide as an individual parish. By combining our generosity with the nearly 30,000 other donors across the Archdiocese, great things can be accomplished in the name of Christ and the Church of Hartford. Nearly 10% of what is raised each year through the AAA is distributed to local charities.

I am happy to say that the Town of Berlin's Food Pantry was the recipient of one of those grants last year in the amount of \$1,750. Our school received \$25,000 in tuition assistance grants.

Our parish goal has been raised this year for the first time since 2017. Our goal for 2024 has been raised from \$108,000 to \$120,000 which at first seems like a lot as it is an 11% increase. However, it is only a 4.6% increase over what was donated last year, and as I mentioned above, we have averaged \$117,000 over the last six years. How can we reach and exceed the new goal?

1. I ask all parishioners who have never made a gift to the AAA to make one this year. *Every gift is important.*
2. I ask that those who have made a gift in the past, but not last year to renew their support this year. If we can regain even half of the 119 donors lost last year that would help so much. *Every gift is important.*
3. I ask everyone who made a gift last year to do so again this year. Your consistency in giving will help make the AAA successful again this year because *every gift is important.*
4. I ask all those who are faithful donors every year to the AAA to consider when was the last time you increased your gift? Could you increase your gift this year by 5%? If you gave a \$100, can you give \$105 this year?
5. Consider making your donation through a pledge with a series of payments before Dec. 31 instead of a one-time gift if that is helpful to you in making a gift.

In the chart above, the column that shows the increase in the average gift size while the number of donors has decreased indicates that it is the smaller donations that have been lost. *So if you think that your gift does not matter, it does. Every gift matters and every gift is important!* All that being said; I know that not everyone can make a gift and that is okay. If that is the case, please offer some extra prayers for the success of the AAA. You should have already received a letter from the Archbishop and if not it will be coming any day. *Thank you again to all who so generously support the AAA!!* It is Jesus who is our example of selfless giving.

1st Confessions - Keep our third graders in your prayers this week as they prepare for their first confessions on Saturday, March 2nd. They have been preparing at home and in class to receive the benefits of Jesus' love and mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The children will come in two groups at 9:30 and 11:00 on Saturday. As a result, we will not be able to have any funerals on March 2nd.

INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†Dino Zovich by Theresa and family

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†Maria Teresa Gionfriddo
 Birthday Remembrance by mom and dad

The Bread for the Poor will be Offered this week for

Special Intention by anonymous



†Lois Gadzik

†Constance Davey

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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY?

Our next Registration Meeting is **Monday, March 11** 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.

Our friars will be happy to visit you or your loved one in the hospital if you kindly send us a request. Call 860-828-0331 or email ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org.

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 24, 2024 Second Sunday of Lent

4:00 †Marie Tirinzoni 5th Anniversary and

†Joseph Tirinzoni 15th Anniversary by children

Sunday, February 25, 2024 Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 †Giuseppe and †Gemma DelSesto by Antonio Del Sesto

9:00 Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish

9:30 †Jessica Kelly 1st Anniversary by Janet Vukas

10:30 †Larry Mangini and †Marie Musso 5th Anniversary
 by family

12:00 †Ralph Loschiavo Anniversary Remembrance
 by wife and children

Monday, February 26, 2024 Lenten Weekday

7:00 †Witold Lasak by Rafalowskich and Domagalow families

5:00 †Dino Zovich Anniversary Remembrance
 by Theresa and family

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 St. Gregory of Narek

7:00 †Georgiana Wyszatyki by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home

†Ann Knell by Thayer and Shaheen families

†Kirstin and †Eloise Krause by Gail and Rich

†Donald and †Virginia Sasek by John G. Hubbard family

†Josephine Mychaskiw by Minor family

8:45 Living and Deceased Members of
the Tabaczynski Family by family

5:00 †Arthur LaBier 16th Anniversary by family

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 Lenten Weekday

7:00 †Sheila Labickas Birthday Remembrance
 by husband and children

5:00 †Raymond Moscaritolo 2nd Anniversary and

†Paul Moscaritolo 5th Anniversary by Lisa

Thursday, February 29, 2024 Lenten Weekday

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

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

†Souls in Purgatory by Emanuele Lombardo

John Nappi, Jr. by wife

†Robert J. Cote by Witz family

†Johanna Davis by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Witz

Friday, March 1, 2024 World Day of Prayer

7:00 †Jane Lubin by St. Paul Ladies' Guild

5:00 †Maureen Liegeot by Theresa Zovich

Saturday, March 2, 2024 Third Sunday of Lent

4:00 †Paul Moscaritolo 5th Anniversary by sister Lisa

Sunday, March 3, 2024 Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 †Frances Jones by Debbie Sooker

9:00 †Steven Chrzanowski by family

9:30 Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish

10:30 †John and †Lucille Faenza Birthday Remembrance
 by Tom and Betty Lasker

12:00 †Greg Plochocki by family

Parish Collection

Feb. 13-19, 2024

In Church SP	\$ 8,958
Office	\$ 2,629
In Church SH	\$ 612
Online Giving	\$ 4,681
Total	\$ 16,880

Rite of Sending Catechumens & Candidate to Continuing Conversion - Last Sunday at the 9:00 am Mass in a Rite of Sending, we formally sent our catechumens, that is those not previously baptized, Hannah Dornfried and Renee Roach to the Cathedral to participate in the Rite of Election conducted by Archbishop Blair. The Rite of Election closes the Period of the Catechumenate. At this rite, upon the testimony of sponsors and catechists and the catechumens' affirmation of their intention to join the Church, the Church makes its "election" of these catechumens to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) to which they will be admitted at the upcoming Easter Vigil on March 30th. In addition, we also sent David Forsythe to the Rite of Calling Candidates (those baptized in another Christian denomination, as is the case for David, or a baptized Catholic who never received any religious instruction). They now begin a Period of Purification and Enlightenment — the final, intense preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation. On the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, the Elect will participate in three scrutinies (rites for self-searching and repentance) and the presentations of the Creed and Lord's Prayer take place. I ask all parishioners to remember Hannah, Renee and David in your prayers this Lent.

Lenten Evenings of Reflection - A reminder that our Lenten Evenings of Reflection will be held next week on March 5, 6 and 7. See the next column for the schedule for the evenings. We are looking forward to the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist leading those reflections. They will be with us next weekend to give a brief preview of their talks.

Mercy Mondays - Confessions are heard every Monday evening during Lent from 7 to 8 pm at St. Paul's. Every parish in the Archdiocese is also offering times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Mondays during Lent. Check with them for time and place.

Stay Here and Pray - In the time after the Last Supper and before Jesus was arrested, he prayed fervently in the Garden of Gethsemane and asked his apostles to do the same. On Mercy Mondays, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar. You can use this time for some quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. So just come and be in the Lord's presence.

Stations of the Cross - The Stations of the Cross will be celebrated this week on Friday at 2:00 pm with the school children, but everyone is welcome to attend. We also have Stations at 7:00 pm on Friday evening. Both the afternoon and evening Stations are held at St. Paul Church.

Final Thoughts - *Where does a winemaker get his gossip? Through the grapevine.* You can consider that part of your Lenten penance! Have a blessed Lent everyone. - Fr. Joe



LENTEN EVENING REFLECTIONS at St. Paul Parish

Tuesday, March 5

6:30pm Mass at St. Paul Church followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:10pm **Sacrament of Love**

Sister Sophia Peters, FSE



7:45pm Litany of the Holy Eucharist and Quiet Prayer

8:10pm Benediction

Wednesday, March 6

6:30pm Mass at St. Paul Church

7:15pm **Eucharistic Process***

Sister Anne Thérèse Yuen, F.S.E.
*in the Saint Paul School Gym



8:10pm Closing Prayer

Thursday, March 7

6:30pm Mass at St. Paul Church

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:10pm **"Lessons from Mary as a Eucharistic Witness"**

Sister Faith Marie



7:45pm Litany of the Holy Eucharist and Quiet Prayer

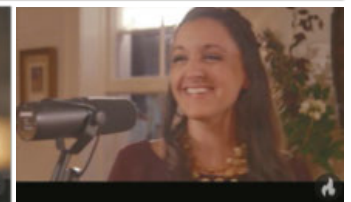
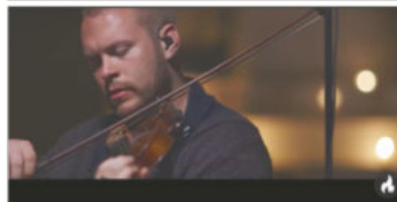
8:10pm Benediction with Reception to follow in the St. Paul Church Hall

See our website for more details!

PARISH MISSION - ST. JOHN'S, CROMWELL

The St. John Parish family in Cromwell invites you to its annual Parish Mission on **Sunday, March 10** at 7 pm and on **Monday, March 11** at 7 pm. The theme is **True Presence**. The Vigil Project, a contemporary Catholic music team, writes and records music that leads people to pray from the heart, beyond mere speech, and to grow in a deeper relationship with the Lord. The two evenings are not concerts; they are two different interactive programs. Each will be followed by a reception. There is no cost, just come and be uplifted!

- St. John's Church <https://saintjohn-cromwell.org>
5 St Johns Court, Cromwell
- The Vigil Project <https://www.thevigilproject.com>



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK, MARCH 3, 2024

For readings online, visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/022524.cfm>

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

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

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Verse Before the Gospel: Cf. John 4:42, 15

*Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.*

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" - For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans. - Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you." At that moment his disciples

Please keep our catechumens, Renee and Hannah, and our candidate, David, in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

The photos below are from the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford after the ceremonies last weekend. Top photo L - R: Renee Roach, Sponsor Lisa Dornfried, Hannah Dornfried, David Forsythe, Sponsor Brooke Barbaro. Bottom photo: Linda Guzzardi, with Renee, Hannah and David.



God
Bless!



returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for? or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done." When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

SAINT PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

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

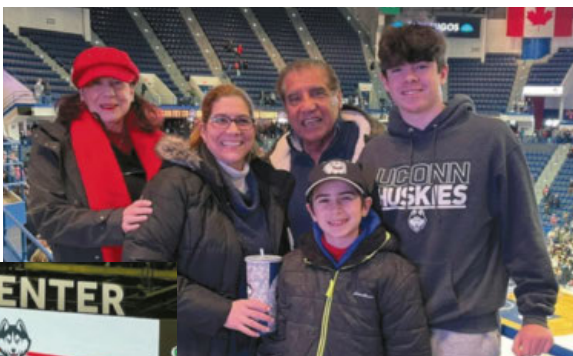
For more information visit our school website
<https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/>
or call 860-828-4343 x113.

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 families had a great time on "Family Day" at the UConn Women's Basketball game last week! There was lots of cheering and enjoying good food, and some great memories were made. We even had our school name on the XL Center Jumbotron! Thanks to all who joined us for this fun event!



Saint Paul School Garden Gala Auction

Join us at Casa Mia at the Hawthorne on **Saturday, March 23rd!** Starting at 6pm and going until 10:30pm, we have an exciting lineup of events!

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

* Online bidding for silent auction items will open to the public on Friday, March 15th, while live auction items will only be available to those attending the auction. Don't miss the chance to bid on a wide variety of amazing items and experiences.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Here are reminders on important dates for upcoming religious education events:

Rehearsal for 3rd Grade, 1st Reconciliation will be on **Sunday, February 25** in the Old Wing of St. Paul Church from 6:00-7:00 pm. Fr. Michael will help the children feel more at ease by walking them step-by-step through the process with a pretend confession and to answer any of their questions. Parents are welcome and encouraged to stay if you are able.

Confession for 9th grade, 1st year Confirmation Students will be on **Tuesday, February 27** from 6:45-8:00 pm. Parents and other siblings are also welcome to go to confession at this time.



CHILDREN'S MASS

The next Children's Mass will be **Sunday, March 17** at 10:30 am.

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

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49A5A628A0F94-childrens9#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49A5A628A0F94-childrens9#/)



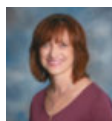
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Monday-Thursday 8am - 2pm

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PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

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.

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!



"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

LENTEN COLLECTION

The 2024 Lenten Collection hosted by our Social Action Ministry is underway and will continue **through March 24**. Please join us in our efforts to help families in need. This Collection will benefit the Prudence Crandall Center and Family Promise (both in New Britain). Please leave all donated items at the church entrances.

PRUDENCE CRANDALL WISH LIST:

- Dish detergent
 - Laundry detergent
 - Maxi pads and mini pads (no tampons)
 - Razors
 - Deodorant
 - Shampoo & conditioner
 - Shower gel or body wash
 - Blankets—twin, full, or queen size
 - Grocery gift cards
 - Stop & Shop
 - Aldi
 - Big Y
 - Target
 - Walmart
- Please put gift cards in an envelope marked "Lenten Collection" and put them in the collection basket or drop off at the Parish Office.

FAMILY PROMISE WISH LIST:

- Body soap
- Body wash
- Dish detergent
- Ladies deodorant
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels

All items must be new, unused, not expired, and in original packaging. Thank you!

Thank you for your unwavering support and generous contributions to Prudence Crandall and Family Promise!

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.



Fr. Martin will lead us in the Stations of the Cross.

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.

THAT MAN IS YOU!

Spring 2024 Session:
Saturdays through April 27

That Man Is You is happening **every Saturday morning** at St. Paul Parish. 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 online at: <https://stpaulkensington.org/that-man-is-you>

Guys, 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.

We start 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 join us at 6:30am for coffee and a light breakfast before the program begins. Contact Bud Volz: budvolz@comcast.net or 860-681-8355 for more info.



ROSARY MAKERS

All are welcome to join our Rosary Makers at their next meeting which will be held on **Monday, March 4th** 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.



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.



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. *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 learn more, email Joshua Kay at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org or call the parish office at 860-828-0331. To register, complete our online form: <https://stpaulkensington.org/adult-confirmation-rcia>.

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. 29** at **9:30am**. Volunteers will also help with food distribution on **Fri., Mar 1** 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 our parish St. Clare Food Pantry or the FoodShare program including volunteering, contact Nancy at 860-601-7866 or n.timbrell@stpaulkensington.org.

From the Center for Catholic Education & Formation:

On behalf of the students, teachers, and staff of the Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford, we extend our deepest gratitude to all who contributed to the 2024 Catholic High School Collection last weekend. Your generosity supports a culture of Catholic faith and academic excellence in our Catholic high school tradition that benefits the entire community.

If you would like to donate, please access the Catholic High School Collection online donation tool by visiting:

<https://www.catholicdaohct.org/catholic-schools/high-school-collection> or use the QR code above.

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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**.



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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**.

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.

- 12:00 p.m. – Rally at Capitol
- 1:00 p.m. – March for Life around Bushnell Park

To learn more, visit <https://marchforlife.org/connecticut>.



YOUTH MINISTRY



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 25** 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 Night

Sunday, March 10th

All **middle school** students in grades 6-8 are welcome to join us on **Sunday, March 10th**, 6:30-8:00pm in the St. Paul Church Hall for our next event.....

"Road Trip" Join us for a night where we introduce the importance of the Eucharist and how it can map our lives every day!

Bring a friend and we hope to see you there!



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, March 2nd** 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.

EXULTATIONS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our St. Paul Parish Children's Choir, Exultations, meets on Wednesday evenings. The choir sings for the Children's Masses and other special occasions. New members are welcome to join our current group! Please contact Cheryl Kramer-Tierney at 19ckt64@gmail.com or sign up on our website.



SAVE THE DATE!

The Knights of Columbus will host their annual Polish Dinner on **Saturday, April 20, 2024!**

Look for more details on our website
And in next week's bulletin!



Saturday, February 24

6:30am TMIY - SPH
 8:30am Confessions
 9:00am HOME JVA and JVB Basketball Games
 9:00am AWAY JVC GOLD Basketball Game
 10:00am AWAY JVC RED Basketball Game
 10:00am Funeral - +Banasiewicz SPC
 3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, February 25

9:00am 1st & 2nd Yr Conf class
 10:30am Special Sacrament prep
 6:00pm 1st Reconciliation rehearsal
 6:30pm Life Teen - SPH

Monday, February 26

8:15am Auction Basket Committee Meeting
 8:45am Parish Staff Meeting
 9:45am Greccio Follow-Up Mtg
 4:30pm Boys JVA Bball Practice
 6:00pm Boys Varsity Practice
 7:00pm Confessions-SPC

Tuesday, February 27

8:45am School Mass: Gr. 3-5
 11:30am Funeral +Gadzik - SPC
 3:00pm Boys JVB Bball Practice
 4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration
 4:30pm Girls JV Bball Practice
 6:00pm Away Game-V v St Tim
 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - PC LL
 6:45pm 1st Yr Conf. Confessions

Wednesday, February 28

3:00pm Cheer Practice
 3:15pm Mock Trial practice
 4:30pm Boys JVA Bball Practice
 6:00pm Boys Varsity Practice
 6:00pm Rosary at Sacred Heart
 6:00pm Exultations - SPC

Thursday, February 29

9:00am Quilters - SPH
 3:00pm Boys JVB Bball Practice
 3:00pm Robotics - SPH
 4:30pm Girls JV Bball Practice
 6:00pm Girls Varsity Bball Practice
 7:00pm RCIA - PC-1

PARISH CALENDAR**Friday, March 1**

9:00am First Friday Calls
 11:45am FoodShare SHC
 2:00pm Stations of the Cross: Gr. 6-8
 3:00pm CoEd JVC Red Basketball Practice
 4:30pm CoEd JVC Gold Basketball Practice
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross - SPC
 7:30pm AA Meeting - SPH

Saturday, March 2

6:30am TMIY - SPH
 8:30am Confessions
 9:30am 1st Reconciliation
 10:00am Children's Rosary SHC
 11:00am First Reconciliation
 3:00pm Confessions
 5:00pm HOME JVC RED Basketball Game
 6:00pm HOME JVC GOLD Basketball Game
 7:00pm HOME JVC GOLD Basketball Game

Sunday, March 3

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

LADIES GUILD NEWS We will not be holding our regular March Meeting on Wednesday March 6th. Instead we are encouraging our members and all ladies of the parish to attend the Lenten Evening Reflections being held on March 5, 6, and 7. See page 4 for the schedule for the Reflection Evenings. The Ladies' Guild will resume our regular meeting schedule in April.

The Camino Way, A Journey for the Soul Tour
April 7, 2024 through April 17, 2024

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NEW BRITAIN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN The NBCCW will hold its kickoff meeting on Thursday, March 21st at 1:00pm at St. Jerome's Church. This meeting will highlight our designated charity, Ukraine support via Catholic Relief Services. There will be a social justice activity focusing on the Principle of Solidarity, CRS Ukraine Emergency Fund. Hope to see you!



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