

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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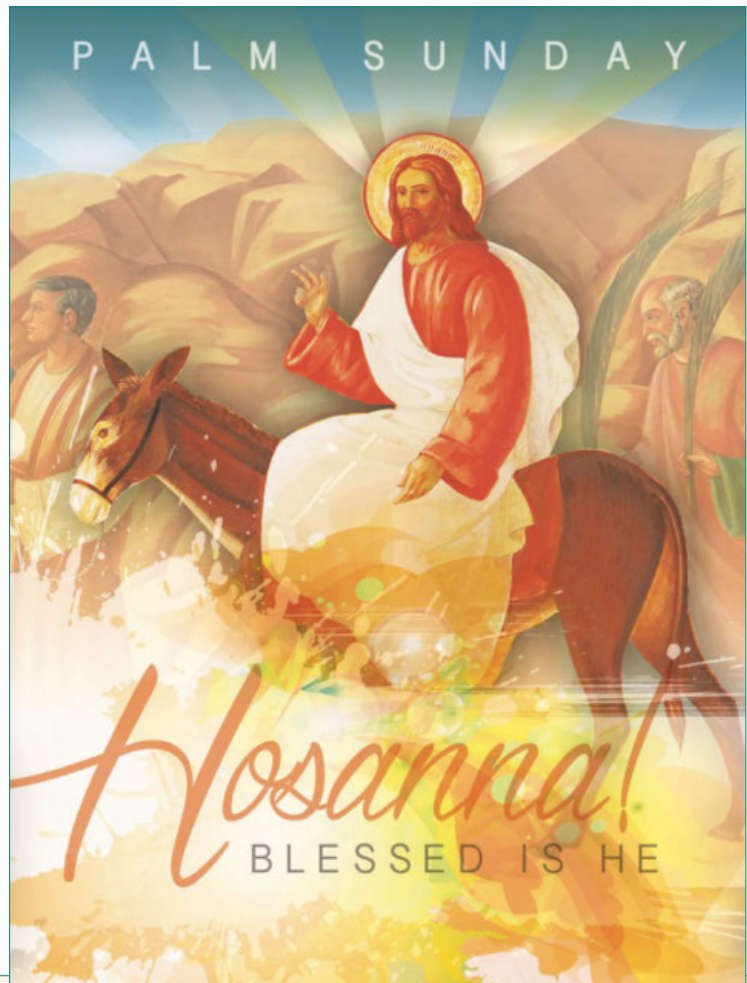
A Franciscan Family of Faith

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

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

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday



So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it.
And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road,
and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.

- Mark 11:7-8

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

-Pope Francis

Holy Week - The Church's Liturgies of the last three days of Holy Week, known as the Sacred Triduum, are the touch stone of our faith. They reveal fully God's love for us through the Paschal Mystery, that is the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. These are also days for us to show how deeply committed we are to Christ. Through our active participation in the beauty and uniqueness of the Church's Liturgies this week we embark on a spiritual pilgrimage. For those who are less familiar with these liturgies I have included an overview below. **The Holy Week schedule is on page 5.** I invite you to come and pray so as to enter into the deepest mysteries of our faith.



Chrism Mass - In Rome and in every (arch)diocese throughout the world, the local bishop, will celebrate the Chrism Mass. Traditionally the Chrism Mass was held in the morning on Holy Thursday. While that is still the case in some places, more often it is held earlier during Holy Week for practical reasons. Here in Hartford, Archbishop Leonard Blair will celebrate the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 26th at 11:00 am at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. All are welcome to attend. Our St. Paul middle school students will be in attendance.

The Chrism Mass gathers the faithful of the diocese at their mother church with their shepherd at which time the three oils used during the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders are blessed or consecrated, in the case of the Chrism, and then distributed to all of the parishes in the diocese. Since the bishop is the only minister in the diocese who may consecrate chrism, this Mass highlights his ministry and our union with him. While he will not be able to baptize and confirm every person in the diocese, nonetheless he will be symbolically present in the Chrism which the priests and deacons will use. When the oils are brought back to the parish they are placed in dignified containers and stored near the baptismal font in an ambry. At St. Paul the ambry is on the pillar near the statue of Mary.

In recent years, the Chrism Mass has also acknowledged the ministry of priests since it was at the Last Supper that Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Holy Orders. The priests renew

their commitment of service at the Chrism Mass. Please pray for your priests currently assigned here and all those who have served at Sacred Heart and St. Paul in the past.

Holy Thursday - The first thing to notice this night is that when you enter church the tabernacle will be empty and will remain that way until after Communion at the Easter Vigil. At this evening Mass, which begins at 7 pm, we celebrate the Lord's Last Supper and Jesus' institution of two Sacraments, Eucharist and Holy Orders. Intertwined deeply in the meaning of both of these Sacraments is Jesus' great mandate, that as He had washed the feet of the Apostles so too were they to do. This liturgy includes a re-enactment of the washing of feet of the Apostles. We are all called to serve rather than be served. The oils that were blessed and consecrated at the Chrism Mass will be brought up in procession. Following the meal Jesus went off to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray and took three apostles with himself. At the end of our Holy Thursday Liturgy we will process with the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose which will be the altar below the statue of Mary. You are invited to remain and pray in adoration and thanksgiving before the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 pm when we will pray Night Prayer together which will take about five minutes.

On **Good Friday** the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion will take place at 3:00 pm. The church is so different this day. Altars have all been stripped bare, the tabernacle is empty. The liturgy this day has three parts, the first being the Liturgy of the Word which includes the account of the Passion from Saint John's Gospel and concludes with petitions for all believers and non-believers. Then in the 2nd part of the Liturgy we will be invited to venerate the Cross, the extraordinary symbol of divine mercy. On this day the Cross of Christ is lifted before the world as a banner of hope for all, who in faith welcome its mystery into their lives. In the last part of the Good Friday Liturgy Holy Communion is then distributed from hosts consecrated the night before since no Masses are celebrated on Good Friday. At 7:00 pm **Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated at St. Paul Church.

On **Holy Saturday**, the Church vigilantly watches silently at the tomb and reflects on the death of the Lord and the pain, loneliness and discouragement that so often accompany death. We think of Mary who saw her son crucified and buried.

On Holy Saturday night during the solemn Easter Vigil, which begins at 8 pm, "the mother of all vigils" the silence will be broken and the mood changes with the joyful song, "Exsultet, "Rejoice!" The Easter Vigil begins in darkness; a fire is lit and blessed; the Paschal Candle is marked and lit; tapers are lit and passed and we will transition from darkness into light.

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INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†Lena Brown by her niece
Sandi Tinti by Cliff and Lois White

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†Daniel Cunha by Lynn Misteri



†Bro. Gerald Seipp, OFM Conv

†Henry J. Piaskowski

†Constance Buxton

†Patricia Morrissey

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, April 8** in the St. Paul Church Hall at 7pm.

Please let us know if you plan to attend:

- Call our Parish Office at 860-828-0331 [or](mailto:ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org)
- Email us at ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org.

TO REQUEST A LOW GLUTEN HOST Please arrive for Mass about 10 minutes early, go to the sacristy and let them know you need a low gluten host. Sit near the front of the new wing. Before Communion, look for a Eucharistic Minister to come forward with a consecrated host for you.

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

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, March 23, 2024 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
4:00 †Robert Fiori by Fiori family

Sunday, March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
7:30 **Living and †Deceased Members of the Tabaczynski Family** by family

9:00 †Deceased Members of the Tabaczynski Family by Tabaczynski family

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

10:30 †Joseph Sak Birthday Remembrance by wife and family

12:00 †Donald Spilka by Doug and Deb Sanders

Monday, March 25, 2024 Monday of Holy Week

7:00 †Olga McLoughlin by Pat Muli

5:00 †Anthony DellaVecchia, Sr. by Lisa and Bill Richards

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 Tuesday of Holy Week

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

5:00 †Vincenzo Lococo and †Isabella Rubino

by Anna Lococo and family

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 Wednesday of Holy Week

7:00 †Jan, †Paulina and †Wiktor Waleszczyk

by Chlus family

5:00 †Anthony DellaVecchia, Jr. by Lisa and Bill Richards

Thursday, March 28, 2024 Holy Thursday

7:00 **NO MASS**

7:00 **Mass of the Lord's Supper** - Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, March 29, 2024 Passion of the Lord - Good Friday

3:00 **Passion - No Intention**

Saturday, March 30, 2024 Easter Vigil - Holy Saturday

8:00 **No Intention**

Sunday, March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday- Resurrection of the Lord

7:00 †Maureen Liegeot by Mary Beth and Larry Anderson

8:45 **Easter Novena**

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

10:30 †Mario D'Amore Birthday Remembrance

by Marie and family

12:15 **Living and †Deceased Members**

of the Tabaczynski Family by family

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.

Parish Collection

March 12-18, 2024

In Church SP	\$	8,246
Office	\$	2,095
In Church SH	\$	591
Online Giving	\$	4,517
Total	\$	15,449

Once again the victory of Light over darkness, of Life over death, will be proclaimed and the Church will rejoice in meeting her Risen Lord. Christ's triumph over death will be proclaimed and the promise of everlasting life springs eternal. During the Easter Vigil Hannah Dornfried and Renee Roach, who have been in our RCIA program since October, will receive all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion) while David Forsythe, who has also been in the RCIA program, will receive the Sacraments Confirmation and Holy Communion. In addition, the following students will receive one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation: Jaxon (Grade 2), Cameron (1), and Kaiden Legget as well as Madison Sommer (2) will be baptized; Elijah Charette, son of Renee Roach mentioned above, (4) will be baptized and receive his 1st Communion as will Osher (5) and Yogez (7) Yerushalmy; Nicole Rios Escobar (6), Jim Gajewski (6), and Brandon Post (5) will receive their 1st Communions. Please remember all of them in prayer this week as they prepare to receive these sacraments.

Confessions - Confessions will be heard this week on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 pm and on Good Friday from 10:30 to 11:30 am and from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. *Confessions will not be heard on Holy Thursday or Holy Saturday.*

Parish Center Easter Schedule - The Parish Center will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday and will re-open on Tuesday, April 2nd at 9 am.

Living Stations of the Cross - Our school children will enact "The Living Stations of the Cross" on Holy Thursday at 1:45 pm in the Parish Green parking lot. Parishioners are welcome to attend. Seating is not provided, so bring a folding chair. If inclement weather, Stations will be held in the gym.

Holy Land Collection - This is a world wide collection whose purpose is to help protect and preserve the sacred places and shrines in the Holy Land. Since 1333 Franciscan Friars have been staffing and maintaining these sacred sites and serving the pastoral needs of the minority Christian community who live there as well as the thousands who visit to deepen their spiritual lives. This collection will be taken up on Good Friday.

Święconka - The Blessing of the Easter Baskets - With roots dating back to the early history of Poland *święconka* is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions on Holy Saturday. As Lent ends, along with its various disciplines including fasting, baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. **Easter baskets will be blessed at St. Paul's at 9:30 am (Parish Green Gazebo, or in the school gym if the weather is bad), and 1 & 2 pm (St. Paul Church).** The main foods blessed are an egg which is shared by all on Easter morning, and a lamb molded of butter or pastry.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:
MARCH 31, 2024**

For readings online, scan or visit
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/033124.cfm>



First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Alleluia: Cf. 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us then feast with joy in the Lord.*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

This butter-lamb and blessed Easter egg have a place of honor on the Easter table. The foods in the baskets have a symbolic meaning: eggs - symbolize life and Christ's resurrection; bread - symbolic of Jesus, The Bread of Life; lamb - represents Christ, the Lamb of God; salt - represents purification; horseradish - symbolic of the bitter sacrifice of Christ; ham - symbolic of great joy and abundance. Of course you do not need to be Polish or Slavic to participate in this custom. This is a wonderful tradition to keep, or start, and to teach our children about these Easter baskets as well.

Do This in Memory of Me! - As of March 15, 230 parishioners have made donations and pledges totaling \$57,745 towards this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal which is 48% of our \$120,000 goal. **Please remember all gifts, no matter the amount, are important and helpful!**

Final Thoughts - There is nothing more important this week than coming to church for the Holy Week Services and going to confession if you have not yet done so. Have a very Blessed Holy Week. - Fr. Joe



2024 Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week

March 25, 26 & 27

Mass at St. Paul at 7:00 am & 5:00 pm

Monday, March 25

7:00 to 8:00 pm Confession and Adoration

Tuesday, March 26

4:00 to 5:00 pm Adoration

7:00 to 8:00 pm Confession and Adoration

Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday - March 28

8:00 am Morning Prayer

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration until 10pm with Night Prayer

Good Friday - March 29

Parish Office Closed.

Office re-opens on Tuesday, April 2

8:00 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am Confessions until 11:30 am

3:00 pm Good Friday Service

4:30 pm Confessions until 5:30 pm

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - March 30

8:00 am Morning Prayer

9:30 am Blessing of Food (Parish Green or School Gym)

1:00 pm Blessing of Food (St. Paul Church)

2:00 pm Blessing of Food (St. Paul Church)

Confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday.

Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 30

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

*Blessing of Fire, Lighting of the Paschal Candle,
Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation
(Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist)*

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31*

**Note—Mass Times at St. Paul are not at the usual times.*

Mass at St. Paul: 7:00, 8:45, 10:30am & 12:15pm

Mass at Sacred Heart: 9:30 am

He is not here.
He has risen!

Luke 24:6



Confession and "Easter Duty" Catholics beyond the age of discretion are obliged to confess all mortal sins at least once a year and are recommended to do the same with venial sins (Canons 989 & 988.2). All Catholics are also obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year and specifically during Easter time ("Easter Duty"), that is between the Feasts of Easter (March 31) and Pentecost (May 19). (Canon 920).

"Whose sins you forgive they are forgiven them."

John 20:23

Confession to a Priest

Q. One of my friends asked me why I have to go to a priest to confess my sins when God already knows what I've done. Why can't I go to Him directly?

The first thing to consider is whether or not it is good to go directly to God when we confess our sins. This is most certainly a good idea. In fact, it has always been recommended as a good daily practice just before bed. So I definitely recommend that you examine your day each night and thank God for the good things and ask forgiveness for any sins. Going directly to God each night will undoubtedly help you to grow closer to Him.

As Catholics, we also believe that it is essential to regularly confess our sins to God through the ministry of priests. In other words, we believe that when we go to confession and confess our sins we are actually seeking God's forgiveness, not the priest's. The priest stands as the minister of this wonderful gift of forgiveness.

So why do we do this? For one simple reason. Because we believe it's what God wants. You might recall in John's Gospel, Chapter 20, that Jesus bestowed the Holy Spirit upon his first bishops, the Apostles, and told them, "Whose sins you forgive they are forgiven them." Why would Jesus give the Apostles such an incredible ability if He did not want them to use it? Most certainly He had something important in mind when He said this. Jesus' words and actions always have great significance. By commissioning His Apostles to go and forgive sins we understand that this is the ordinary way that Jesus wants to bestow His forgiveness upon us all. And He did not intend this only for them. Rather, we can see in the Acts of the Apostles and from the earliest times of the Church that this sacred power was passed on from these first Apostles to others. It was passed on to new bishops as well as to those who assisted the bishops in the early Church, the priests.

So it's essential that we, as followers of Jesus, be open to His gift of forgiveness in the way that He chooses to give it to us. Since He is the source of forgiveness, He can choose how to give that gift to us.

-from "Confession to a Priest" at <https://mycatholic.life>

Did you miss our March 11th Open House?

You can still schedule a tour to visit us at Saint Paul School!
 We are accepting applications in Pre-K4 and Grades 1-7.
 Waitlists have started for Pre-K3 and Kindergarten.
 *Limited spaces are available in Pre-K4.

Call to schedule a tour with our Admissions and Marketing Director, Kelly Esposito, and hear from some of our newest Student Ambassadors. They would love to share what our wonderful school has to offer for you and your family.

There is something greater here at Saint Paul School!

2024 Saint Paul Summer Camp is Open to the Public!
 June 17th - August 9th
 Ages 3-13. All Are Welcome Full day and half day weeks available, as well as single day registration.

Sports, Arts & Crafts, Activities on our Parish Green, Water Activities, Games, Dairy Queen Treats and More!

Learn More at:
ourschool.stpaulkensington.org
summercamp@stpaulkensington.org
 860-828-4343

The Host Making workshop for our Religious Ed and Saint Paul School 3rd graders took place on Saturday, May 16. Sister Anne Therese of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist from the Franciscan Life Center in Meriden guided the students in making hosts while also explaining why Jesus chose to come to us in the humble form of bread. She was assisted by Sophie, a recent college graduate from Michigan who is in the first phase of formation to discern if she is called to religious life. What made the experience even more meaningful is that these are the hosts that they'll receive at their 1st Communion.



Sr. Anne Therese and Sophie explain the stages of making flour, starting with the grain of wheat.



The children helped stir the batter and cut out the hosts.



Sr. Anne Therese demonstrating the 100+ year old host making machine.

SAINT PAUL SCHOOL
 Now accepting applications for 2024-2025.
 Apply/learn more on our admissions page:
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EASTER BAG COLLECTION

During Lent, our Social Action Ministry sponsored a special Easter Bag Collection. Students in our Religious Ed program and their families responded very generously to this initiative, donating over 130 Easter Bags which will be distributed to the children served by the Klingberg Family Centers, based in New Britain. The colorful gift bags included items such as candy, notebooks, coloring books, pens, crayons, colored pencils, stuffed bunnies, spring themed socks, nail polish, and puzzles. Thank you to all who took advantage of this Lenten almsgiving opportunity!



Founded in 1903, Klingberg Family Centers is a private, non-profit multi-service agency providing help to thousands of persons across Connecticut each year. Their goal is to extend hope and healing to children and families whose lives have been traumatized by abuse and/or neglect in its various forms, severe family problems and mental health issues. Through an array of group care, special education, foster care and community programs, children and parents are given the encouragement and skills they need to function more effectively at home, in school and in their community.



CHILDREN'S MASS The next Children's Mass will be **Sunday, April 21** at 9:00 am.

If your child would like to participate, please sign them up! Scan the code or click here:

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



YOUTH MINISTRY



EDGE

→ **Sunday, April 7th***
*Note the date change!

All middle school students in grades 6-8 are welcome to join us on **Sunday, April 7th, 1:00-2:30pm** in the St. Paul Church Hall for our next event.

Topic: "Point of Interest"

Join us for a night all about the focal point of the mass; the Eucharist! We will explore how the mass came to be and why we still celebrate it every day!



Bring a friend, and we hope to see you there!



LifeTeen!

Sunday, April 14th

All high school students in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for our next St. Paul LifeTeen Event: "**Create and Inspire**" on **Sunday, April 14** from **2:00-4:00pm** at the Art Studio of Connecticut. Join us and bring a friend!

High School Students: This event is an opportunity to paint a piece of art, inspired by our Catholic faith with your friends.

Join us at the Art Studio of Connecticut for a day of painting, faith, friends and food.

The cost is just \$5. You must register to attend. Scan the QR Code or visit <https://stpaulkensington.org/lifeteen> for more information or to register. We hope to see you there!



Steubenville EAST Youth Conference!

July 26-28, 2024



Calling all high schoolers! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love.

Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville EAST to be illuminated in the light of Christ. **All rising high school freshmen through rising college freshmen** are invited and encouraged to attend this retreat with our group that includes chick-fil-a, a service project, a t-shirt and more!



Registration is now open! The event will be held at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA. Learn more at <https://stpaulkensington.org/go-to-steubie> and contact Josh Kay at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org if you are interested in attending. Hurry, register today as spaces are limited!

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. 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 generous donations!

WORD SEARCH

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Why Confession?

"Priests, despite the fact that they are imperfect themselves, have the spiritual power of Jesus to actually speak His words of forgiveness to others. Therefore, when a priest says, "I absolve you" we must hear Jesus Himself, as the human face of God, saying those same words to us.... On a psychological level, I, as a priest, have seen so many people benefit from actually hearing those words spoken from my mouth. So many times I have seen people come into the confessional scared and ashamed, and walk out freed and at peace."



Excerpt from "Why Confession?" at <https://mycatholic.life>

Morning Offering

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father. Amen.

POLISH DINNER!

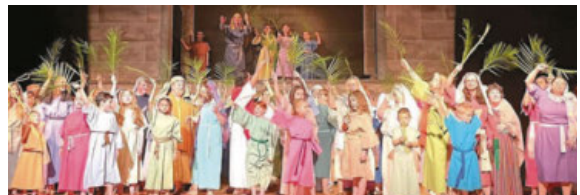
Saturday, April 20, 2024
Saint Paul School Gym
5:00 - 8:00 pm



Tickets are \$25 per person. Tables of 6, 8 or 10 can be reserved. Authentic Polish Cuisine from Michael's Catering. BYOB

- Tickets available through:
- Tom Drzata 860-965-1373
 - Bud Volz 860-681-8355
 - Tom Sullivan 860-505-8128
 - Parish Office 860-828-0331

Get your tickets early as last year was sold out!
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #3675



46th Annual Passion Play
Southington's St. Luke's Parish
Tuesday 3/26/24 at 7pm
Wednesday 3/27/24 at 7pm



Tickets are free. Donations appreciated!
Note: The show includes strobe lights, loud noises, whipping, and crucifixion scenes - not recommended for children under five or those who may be afraid. <https://www.stlukect.org>

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Bobby Adamowicz	Rose Garuti	Thomas Norris
Jacob Ahlquist	Dominic Gionfriddo	Arlene O'Neill
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HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Our Helping Hands Ministry assists with the concerns of our senior parishioners. If you would like to volunteer or learn more about this ministry, please contact Mark Duplin at 860-666-0162 or mfduplin@outlook.com. We would love to have you join us!



SPRING 2024 BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

St. Paul Parish invites parishioners and others to participate in the 2024 Spring "New Day" Support Group. Gatherings will be held in the St. Paul Church Hall (basement—wheelchair accessible) on Thursday evenings, 6:30–8:00 pm from [April 11– May 23](#). The program offers a supportive atmosphere of care and understanding for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Registration brochures are available at the church entrances.



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.



BLUE MASS—SAVE THE DATE!

A Blue Mass will be celebrated on [Sunday, September 29, 2024](#) at St. Paul Church. This Mass is an opportunity for our St. Paul Parish family to show gratitude to first responders and their families.



September 29th is traditionally the feast day of St. Michael the Archangel, the patron saint of police officers, firefighters, paramedics, EMTs and all those who work in dangerous conditions.

All are welcome to attend the Mass which will honor those who are actively serving as police, fire and EMS personnel, as well as those who are retired from active service, their family members, friends and supporters. We will also remember those who died in the line of duty.

A reception will follow the Mass. More details coming soon! Questions can be directed to bluemass@stpaulkensington.org.

Saturday, March 23

6:30am TMIY - SPH
8:30am Confessions
11:30am Funeral +Piaskowski
3:00pm Confessions
5:30pm School Auction - Gym

Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday

9:00am 1st & 2nd Yr Confirmation classes-SPS

Monday, March 25

8:45am Parish Staff Meeting
11:00am Funeral Home Svc +Buxton
6:00pm Boys Varsity Party
7:00pm Mercy Monday

Tuesday, March 26

11:00am Chrism Mass-Cathedral
4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Confessions - SPC

Wednesday, March 27

6:00pm Rosary - SHC
6:00pm Exultations - SPC
6:30pm Altar Server Practice for Holy Thurs)

Thursday, March 28

7:00am NO Mass
8:00am Morning Prayer - SPC
1:45pm Living Stations of the Cross -Green/Gym
7:00pm RCIA - PC-1
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 29

No School
Parish Office Closed
8:00am Morning Prayer - SPC
10:30am Confession - SPC
11:45am FoodShare SHC
2:00pm Altar Server Practice
3:00pm Good Friday Service
3:00pm The Passion of the Lord
4:30pm Confessions
7:00pm Stations of the Cross
7:30pm NO AA Meeting

PARISH CALENDAR



Saturday, March 30

6:30am TMIY - SPH
8:00am Morning Prayer - St Paul Green
9:30am Blessing of Food Parish Green or Gym
10:00am Altar Servers Practice - SPC
10:00am Candidate Practice for Easter Vigil Service- SPC
1:00pm Blessing of Food - SPC
2:00pm Blessing of Food - SPC
8:00pm Mass- Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31

7:00am Mass
8:45am Mass
9:30am Mass - SHC
10:30am Mass
12:15pm Mass

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



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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.

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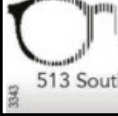
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