

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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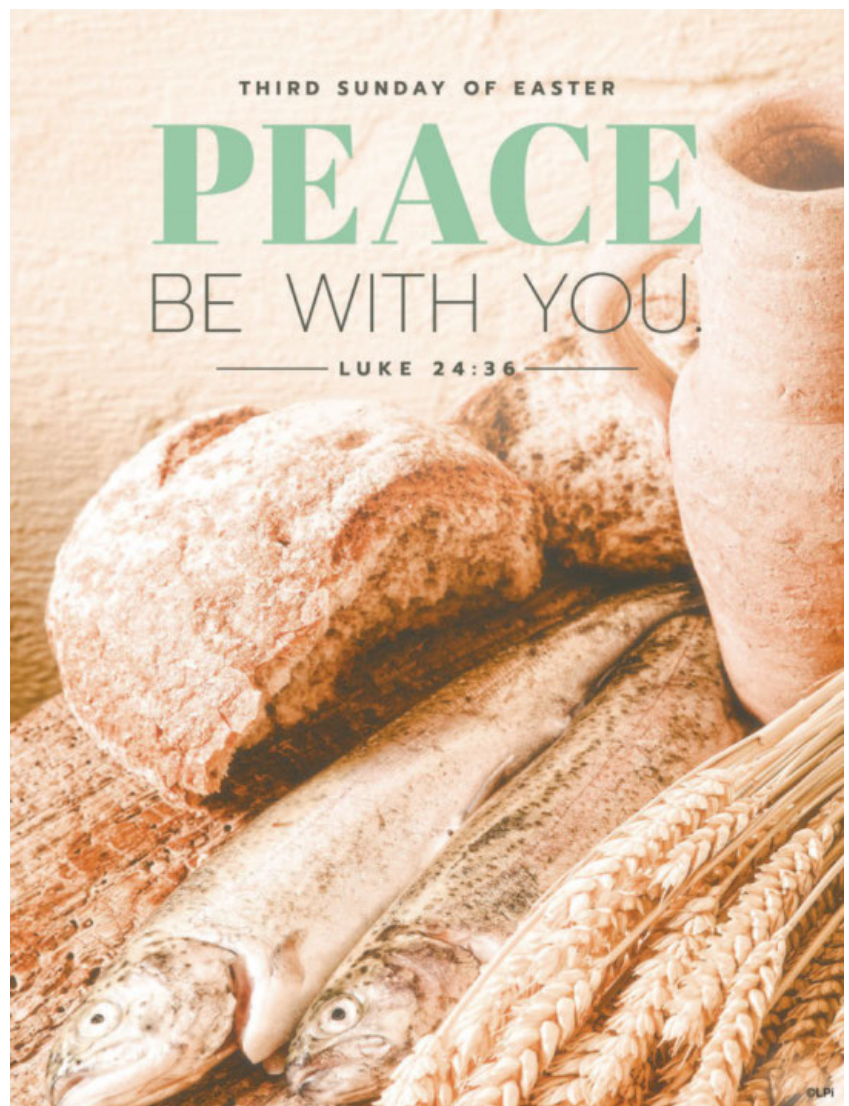
A Franciscan Family of Faith

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

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

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter



FRANCISCAN FRIARS & DEACON



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

-Pope Francis

Confirmations - This coming Saturday, April 20 our 10th graders will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at 11:00 am at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Please pray for them in a particular way this week as they prepare to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. As a result, we will not have any funerals on April 20.

First Holy Communions - On the weekend of May 4/5, our 3rd graders will be receiving their First Holy Communions at the 4:00 pm, 9:00 am and 12 Noon Masses. On the weekend of May 11/12, the First Communion Masses will be at the 4 pm and 10:30 am Masses. In all, there will be 91 children receiving their First Communions. There will be reserved pews at the front of both wings.

End of Life Care through a Catholic Lens - As I wrote last week, there might not be any more gut wrenching, morally challenging, and heart breaking decisions than those that sometimes come at the end of life, whether it be ours or of someone we love or in our role as a health care proxy. To help us with these decisions, our Culture of Life Ministry has invited Sister Catherine Mary Clarke, FSE to speak on next Monday, April 22nd in the St. Paul Church Hall at 6:30 pm to talk about caring for the terminally ill and/or aging loved ones. As a Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist she is a licensed clinical social worker. She is the primary social worker for Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care in Meriden. Her presentation will include an open Question and Answer session. There is no cost and refreshments will be served. If you plan on attending, you are asked to sign up by April 20. See page 9 for the links. You can also sign up by calling the Parish Office at 860-828-0331 or by sending an email to respectlife@stpaulkensington.org. You do not need to do so to attend, but doing so will help us plan for seating and refreshments.

Easter Collection - Once again this year, the donations to the Easter collection have been very generous. To date, while we continue to receive some Easter envelopes in the mail, the Easter collection totals **\$25,592**. This is in addition to the regular Sunday collection for Easter Sunday that was reported last week. Thank you so very much to every one who made an Easter donation to the parish! Your generosity is indeed an appreciation of what God has blessed you with and you give Him glory and honor through these gifts as well. These special gifts at Easter are very important to the parish and are so very much appreciated. **May the Lord bless you always and thank you so very much!!**

Knights of Columbus Polish Dinner - The Knights are holding their annual Polish Dinner this coming Saturday, April 20th in the school gym beginning at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 and

can be purchased in the Parish Office or by contacting Tom Drzata at 860-965-1373 or Tom@WDKinsurance.com. Call by Monday, at the latest, to see if seats are available.

Looking Ahead to the Ministry Fair - At the end of the Easter Season, we will celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost which this year will be on May 18 & 19. As we celebrate the sending of the Holy Spirit, the Pastoral Council is planning to host our annual Ministry Fair that weekend. All of the parish organizations and ministries will have information available and members present to invite parishioners to share the gifts of the Holy Spirit given to them by God with the parish and the wider community. In addition, it is an opportunity to familiarize yourself with how these same programs and ministries can be of service to you. In conjunction with the Ministry Fair, the Knights of Columbus will host a complimentary hot Breakfast on Sunday morning May 19th from 8 am to 1:30 pm. There will also be some food and refreshments after the Vigil Mass on Saturday. More information and details to follow.

Franciscan Mission Association Collection Next Weekend - The first of the three yearly mission collections will be taken up **next** weekend and supports the missions that the Conventual Franciscan Friars conduct in various parts of the world. Please read the insert in the bulletin to learn more about the good work that the Friars are doing to spread the message of the Gospel in many areas of the world. You can also find out more about the work that your donation supports by going to <https://www.franciscanmission.org>. I ask that you be generous in your support of our Franciscan Missionaries next weekend.

HomeFront - This year's HomeFront Day is rapidly approaching on Saturday, May 4. See page 8 for more information. If you have particular skills that would be of help, contact Bob Fischer at fischerwoodworking@snet.net to see how you could lend your skills to this project. Volunteers are also needed to do more general things and that assistance is also greatly needed. To sign up, complete the simple Volunteer form. Links to the online form are on page 8. Hard copies of the form are also located at the church entrances.

Do This In Memory of Me! - As of April 5th, 315 parishioners have pledged or donated \$83,465 to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The average gift thus far is \$264 and we now stand at 69% of our \$120,000 goal. If you have not yet made a gift this year, please do what you can. **Every gift matters, and every gift is important, because of the people who are helped. Thank you very much to those who have already made a gift!**

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INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†**Mary Jane McDermott** 26th Anniversary by Jim and Maureen
Lois For Speedy Recovery and Healing by Carol

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†**Joseph Sak** by wife
 †**Gerald Lavery** Birthday Remembrance by family



†**Gilda Alberti**
 †**Lawrence Keith Anderson**
 †**Regina St. Jarre**
 †**Charles W. Warner**

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.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS 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. To do so, please arrive at least ten minutes before the start time of the Mass, go to the sacristy and let the sacristan know you would like to bring up the gifts. If no one comes forward by that time, others will be invited to present the gifts.

Parish Collection April 2-8, 2024	In Church SP	\$ 8,137
	Office	\$ 1,303
	In Church SH	\$ 447
	Online Giving	\$ 5,006
	Total	\$ 14,893

Second Collection April 20/21: Franciscan Mission Association

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, April 13, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter
 4:00 †**Fabio Birritta** Birthday Remembrance by mom and dad
Sunday, April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter
 7:30 **Tim and Eileen Thurston** 40th Wedding Anniversary
 9:00 †**Carl Rival** by wife
 9:30 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**
 10:30 †**Robert Ciosek** 4 Year Anniversary by Joyce and family
 12:00 †**Mary and †Ralph Santilli** by Theresa and family
Monday, April 15, 2024 Easter Weekday
 7:00 †**Mary Cook** by family
 5:00 †**Thomas, †Dorothy, †Michael and †Vincent Durante**
 by Roz and family

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 Easter Weekday
 7:00 †**Pietro and †Florina Mazzonna** by Maria DeFazio
 †**Christopher Labbadia** Birthday Remembrance by family
 †**Vincent and †Gail Shaheen** by family
Greene and Parkin Families by John G. Hubbard family
 †**Dinh Ho and †Ut Nguyen** by family
 8:45 †**Barbara Camilleri** by daughter Karen
 5:00 †**Mary Jane McDermott** 27th Anniversary
 by Jim and Maureen

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 Easter Weekday
 7:00 **Living Friars, Family, Friends and**
Benefactors of the Friars
 5:00 †**Joseph Sak** Wedding Anniversary Remembrance
 by wife and family

Thursday, April 18, 2024 Easter Weekday
 7:00 †**Kieran Egan** by Margaret and family
 5:00 †**Ted Boryczki** 29th Anniversary and
 †**Gerry Boryczki** 27th Anniversary
 by Coppa and Boryczki families
 †**Eugenio Riccardi** by Emanuele Lombardo
 †**Souls in Purgatory** by John and Linda Nappi, Jr.
 †**Souls in Purgatory** by Emanuele Lombardo
John Nappi, Jr. by wife

Friday, April 19, 2024 Easter Weekday
 7:00 †**Lucille Micacci** Birthday Remembrance and
 †**Rose & †Vincent Micacci** by Anthony Micacci
 5:00 †**Edward Mosher** by family

Saturday, April 20, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter
 4:00 †**Rena and †Arthur Barillaro** by Fiori family
Sunday, April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter
 7:30 †**Rena Monahan** 2nd Anniversary by Lynn Misteri
 9:00 †**Al Rascoe** Anniversary Remembrance
 by Mr. and Mrs. Lou Rascoe

9:30 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**
 10:30 †**Marie Tirinzoni** Birthday Remembrance by children
 12:00 †**Rosalie Urbanowicz** Birthday Remembrance
 by Gerald Witz, grandson

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.

Lenten Collection Thank You! - During the six weeks of Lent through the work of our Social Action Ministry and the generosity of you, the parishioners of St. Paul Parish, the many people served by Family Promise and Prudence Crandall Center were the beneficiaries of so many donations. Your donations filled several SUVs. In addition, \$860 in gift cards were also donated to the two organizations. This is in addition to the over 130 Easter Bags that the Religious Education families donated for children served by the Klingberg Family Centers. Thank you to Joan Baker and all who are Social Action Ministry volunteers, including Pat Kalentowski who gives leadership to the Lenten Collection, and all of the parishioners who made donations. May God bless our almsgiving efforts on behalf of the less fortunate.

Support our Bulletin Advertisers - The cost of printing the bulletin continues to be covered by the generosity of our advertisers at no cost to the parish. When you are looking for a service provider, check out our loyal bulletin advertisers. Let them know that you saw their ad in the bulletin. Thank you very much to all of our advertisers!

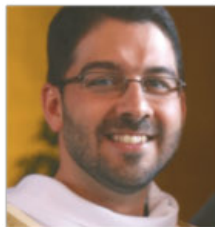
Final Thoughts - Well, UConn came very close to having both the Men and Ladies teams in their respective championship game. To say that the Men dominated the tournament would be an understatement. In these days of NIL and portals just keeping a team together is a challenge enough let alone back-to-back rings. While in Baltimore the weather did not allow me to catch an O's game, but I went west to Pittsburgh and PNC Park to see them play the Pirates last Sunday.



Beautiful ball park (my first time there), beautiful sunny day, but not so for the ending of the game for the visitors. *What did the fish say that swam into a concrete wall? Dam!* Have a good and blessed week. - Fr. Joe

VOCATIONS DIRECTOR VISIT

Fr. Emanuel Vasconcelos, OFM Conv., ("Fr. Manny") the Vocations Director for the Franciscan friars who serve our parish, will be with us on April 26-28. He will speak at all of the Masses and will also visit the students at Saint Paul School.



If any young men would like to speak with Fr. Manny, please call the Parish Office or contact one of our friars. Fr. Manny and any of our friars would be happy to speak with you.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

APRIL 21, 2024

For readings online, scan or visit <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/042124.cfm>



First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Alleluia: John 10:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

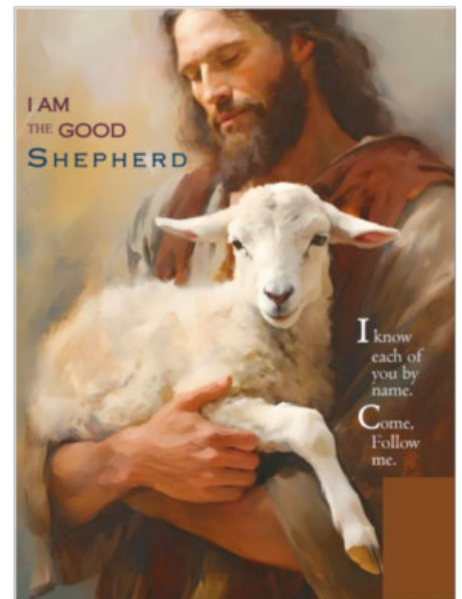
CAN YOU HEAR ME?

Next weekend, April 20/21, we will celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations and 'Good Shepherd Sunday'.

Listen closely to the voice of the Good Shepherd in your life.

To the young men in our parish family, is the Good Shepherd calling you to serve His flock through the priesthood or as a Franciscan friar?

To the young women in our parish, is He calling you to be of service as a religious sister?



SAINT PAUL SCHOOL

Our last Open House of the year will be held on
Monday, April 22, 2024 between 9-11 am.
Come see all that SPS has to offer!



There is Something Greater Here!

Saint Paul School Open House

Monday, April 22, 2024 prospective families are welcome to tour between 9:00-11:00 am. All are welcome to attend. Visit our Scholastic Book Fair to purchase books and view projects from our Middle School Travel Faire.



Saint Paul School is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 academic year and spaces are limited! Contact Kelly Esposito, Admissions and Marketing Director at 860-828-4343 x113 or admissions@stpaulkensington.org



The 35th Annual **SPS Golf Open** will be held on **Monday June 10th** at Timberlin Golf Course in Berlin!
8:30am Registration. 10am Shotgun Start.

For all of the details, tickets, registration and more, visit <https://ourschool.support/SPS35thGolfOpen>



The planning committee will meet on **Thursday April 18** at 6 pm in the school.

To join the committee, visit: <https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/join-a-committee>

Any questions may be directed to Denise Nowakowski at d.nowakowski@stpaulkensington.org.

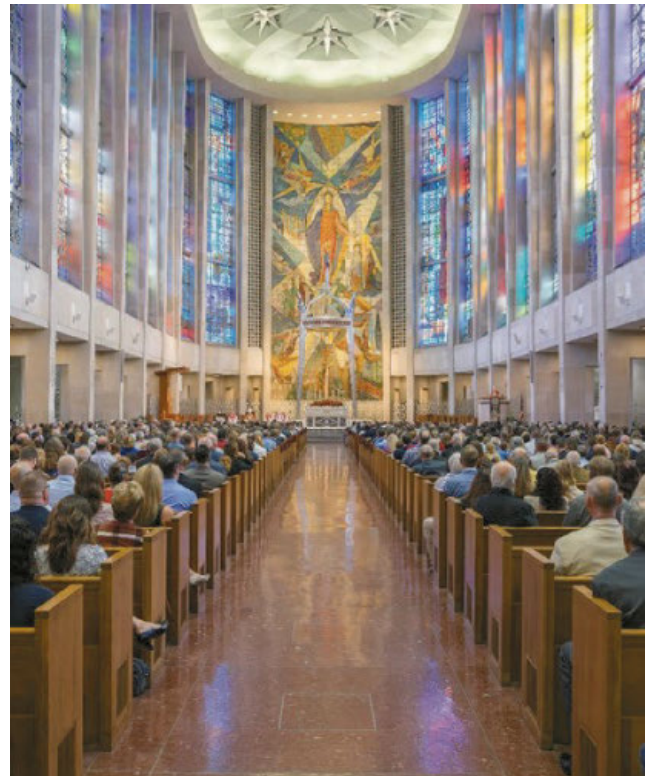
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Confirmandi are one week away from receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 20, 2024 at 10 am at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford.

Please keep them in your prayers, specifically that they continue to faithfully practice and deepen their Catholic faith. Fr. Joe, Fr. Michael and Fr. Martin will all be in attendance.

St. Paul is one of multiple parishes that will be present. This will be the first time many of the teens and their families will be at the Cathedral. Not only is the mother church of the Archdiocese of Hartford a grand and beautiful location, it reminds us that we are part of a universal church.

If you have never been to the Cathedral, it is worth a trip to 140 Farmington Avenue in Hartford. Learn more online at <https://www.hartfordcathedral.org>. For an online 3D tour click here: <https://www.hartfordcathedral.org/3d-cathedral-tour.html>



SAINT PAUL SCHOOL

Now accepting applications for 2024-2025.

Apply/learn more on our admissions page:

<https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/admissions>

Website: <https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/>

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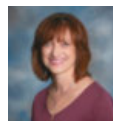
ST. PAUL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Monday-Thursday 8am - 2pm

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

St Paul Parish Religious Ed Berlin CT

Email: religioused@stpaulkensington.org



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Director of Religious Education
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Thank You!

Heartfelt thanks to all who supported Saint Paul School's 2024 Garden Gala Auction! The generous sponsorships and donations have made a significant impact on our school community. In addition, we sincerely appreciate the dedication, hard work, and commitment to the success of our auction by the members of the Garden Gala Team.

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Special thanks to the Friars, our faculty, Aaron Hairston, Bill DiCicco, Emily Armetta, Caleb Uliasz and the parents who helped contribute to our success: Audrey Mirante, Patty Bourque, Nicole Cassetta, and Anne Moskal.

STEUBENVILLE EAST Youth Conference

JULY 26-28, 2024

Join your friends from St. Paul's and thousands of other teens from the northeast for this life-changing weekend!

Steubenville EAST Youth Conference | July 26-28, 2024

All high school students, from rising HS freshmen through rising COLLEGE freshmen, are invited and encouraged to attend this retreat that includes Chick-fil-A, a service project, a t-shirt and more! Registration is open!

The event will be held in Springfield, MA at the MassMutual Center. To learn more, scan the QR code or visit us at <https://stpaulkensington.org/go-to-steubie>

Contact Josh Kay, Youth Minister, at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org if you are interested in attending.

Space is limited. **Register today!**



CHILDREN'S MASS

The next Children's Mass will be on **Sunday, May 19** at 10:30 am.

All children are invited to participate in any of the following roles:

- * Greeter
- * Lector
- * Prayers of the Faithful
- * Gift Bearer

Parents, to sign up your child, scan the QR code or use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49A5A628A0F94-childrens9#/>



June 17—August 9. Ages 3-13. All are welcome!
<https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/summer-camp>

YOUTH MINISTRY



LifeTeen!
Sunday, April 21

All high school students in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for our next LifeTeen Night on **Sunday, April 21st** from 6:30-8:00pm in the St. Paul Church Hall.

Topic: "Go Fish!"

This night will help teens understand the call to be a disciple and what it means to live the Gospel message.

Join us and bring a friend!



EDGE
Sunday, May 19

All middle school students in grades 6-8 are welcome to join us on **Sunday, May 19th**, from 1:00 - 2:30pm in the St. Paul Church Hall for our next event.

Topic: "New Destination"

Join us for a night on the effects of the Eucharist. How does our reception of the Eucharist change us?

Bring a friend and find out! See you there!



Contact Josh with any questions about our Youth Ministry Events!



ST. PAUL PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY

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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.

THAT MAN IS YOU! *Guys, It's never too late to join our TMIY Men's Group.*



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 meet at 7am every Saturday **through April 27** to discuss a different topic. Attend any session that interests you. Details at: <https://stpaulkensington.org/that-man-is-you>. or contact Bud Volz: budvolz@comcast.net 860-681-8355.

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

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!



HOMEFRONT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

HomeFront is a program that provides free repairs to low-income homeowners, enabling them to remain in their homes. Volunteers work with professionals to repair, paint, and improve property conditions.



HomeFront 2024 is **Saturday, May 4th**. All volunteers, age 14 and older, are enthusiastically welcomed. You may work the entire day (7:30 am to 5pm) or any window of time that your schedule allows. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Consider being a part of our 2024 HomeFront team! *Many hands make light work!* Whether you are a skilled professional experienced in carpentry, electrical, plumbing, etc. or if you are able to help with everyday tasks such as yard cleanup, please join us!

To sign up today, scan the QR code or visit <https://stpaulkensington.org/homefront>



Questions? Contact Diane 860-716-9410 or Lynn 860-913-5448. *Skilled professionals: If you have any specific or technical questions, email Bob Fischer at fischerwoodworking@snet.net

POLISH DINNER!

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

*Last Call!
Get Your Tix
by Monday!*



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: Parish Office 860-828-0331 or Tom Drzata 860-965-1373 or Tom@WDKinsurance.com.

Join us for a fun night out and help support the charitable causes of the Knights of Columbus Council #3675.

PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE

Do you know someone who is going through a difficult time and in need of comfort? Perhaps they are mourning the loss of a loved one, suffering through medical issues or dealing with depression?

The St. Paul Prayer Shawl Ministry has a variety of shawls available that would be appropriate for men, women and children. The women in the Prayer Shawl Ministry knit or crochet these beautiful shawls and include their prayers and good wishes in each one.

There is no charge for the shawls, but donations are appreciated.

If you are interested in getting a shawl, please contact Jeanne Charbonneau: 860-913-9023 or jcharb21@gmail.com.



NBCCW The New Britain Council of Catholic Women will hold its next meeting on **April 26**, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel. The meeting will be at 1pm at St. Jerome Church in New Britain. Note that this is a Friday, rather than the usual meeting day of Thursday. The special event will include a reflection by Deacon Alan and the culmination of the Novena to Our Lady of Good Counsel. A fair-trade pop-up store with proceeds benefiting the Council's Ukraine Charity Fund will follow the meeting. Please bring a friend.



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.



Welcome New Parishioners!

Thank you for attending our April Registration Meeting. Welcome to our Franciscan Family of Faith.

~ God Bless ~



INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY?

Our next Registration Meeting is **Monday, May 13** at 7pm in the St. Paul Church Hall at 7pm. Please let us know if you plan to attend. Call the Parish Office at 860-828-0331 or email us at ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org.

CULTURE OF LIFE MINISTRY - Special Event

End of Life Care through a Catholic Lens All are welcome to join us for this presentation by Sister Catherine Mary Clarke of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. The event will be held on **Monday, April 22, 2024** beginning at 6:30 pm in the St. Paul Church Hall.

Sister Catherine Mary Clarke, FSE, will speak about caring for terminally ill and/or aging loved ones.

Topics discussed will include Church-approved pain management measures, nutritional considerations, what the Church says about medically assisted suicide and why, and much more!

There will be a Q&A with Sister Catherine Mary immediately following this event. Light refreshments will be provided.

All are welcome! This is a great event for teens and young adults to attend as well, especially those considering a career in the medical field.

Please RSVP to attend as this event as it will help us plan for seating and refreshments. Thank you. Scan the QR code or visit <https://stpaulkensington.org/end-of-life-and-hospice>.



ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE



The Pantry is currently in need of the following items:
Spaghetti, penne, ziti, mac & cheese, pasta sides, egg noodles, canned pasta, raman, soup noodles, tomato sauce.

Volunteers will transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and set up for distribution on **Thurs., April 25 at 9:30am**. Volunteers will also help with food distribution on **Fri., April 26 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.



All women from St. Paul Parish are invited to a **Women's Retreat** at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford: **May 31-June 2, 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/themed-retreats> for details or to register or call 860.760.9705. As always, Holy Family's payment policy is "More if you can, less if you can't"

Courage Support The Archdiocese offers a Courage Support Group. *Courage International* is a Catholic network of confidential support groups for men and women who experience same-sex attraction and seek to live chaste lives in Christ. *EnCourage* is an apostolate which provides pastoral care for families and friends of people who experience same-sex attractions and/or gender discordance. Archdiocese of Hartford: Inquire about our local Courage chapter at Fr.gutierrez@aohct.org or call 860-224-2411 and our local EnCourage chapter: frairairmj@yahoo.com or 860-828-0331.

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, April 13

- 6:30am TMIY - SPH
- 8:30am Confessions
- 1:00pm Mass - 30th Anniversary Monthly Rosary Group-SPC
- 3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, April 14

- 10:15am Adult Confirmation - PC-2
- 2:00pm Life Teen - Off Site

Monday, April 15

- 8:45am Parish Staff Meeting
- 11:30am Funeral +St Jarre SPC
- 7:00pm Pastoral Council Mtg. - SPH
- 7:00pm Scripture Study - PC-1 & PC-2

Tuesday, April 16

- 8:30am Spring Portraits
- 8:45am School Mass: Gr. 3-5
- 3:30pm Varsity Soccer Practice
- 3:30pm Scripture Study - PC
- 4:00pm Bill's Fam. Ave Pizza
- 4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration
- 5:00pm Coach Mark AAU
- 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm School Board Mtg-SL

Wednesday, April 17

- 6:00pm Rosary - SHC
- 6:00pm Baptism Prep
- 6:00pm Exultations
- 6:30pm Youth, Family, Community Life Mtg SPH
- 7:00pm Finance Inv. Mtg-PC2
- 7:00pm Scripture Study-SH

Thursday, April 18

- 8:45am K-2 to Playhouse on Park
- 9:00am Gr 4 to Mystic Aquarium
- 9:00am Quilters - SPH
- 3:00pm Robotics - SPH
- 3:30pm Varsity Soccer Practice
- 5:00pm Coach Mark AAU Practice
- 6:30pm Bereavement-SPH (Rear)
- 6:30pm Blue Mass Mth- SPH
- 7:00pm RCIA - PC-1

Friday, April 19

- 9:00am High Touch-High Tech K-2
- 7:30pm AA Mtg SPH

Saturday, April 20

- 6:30am TMIY - SPH
- 8:30am Confessions
- 10:00am Confirmation - Cathedral of St. Joseph
- 3:00pm Confessions
- 5:30pm Polish Dinner

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- 5:30pm Polish Dinner

Sunday, April 21

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



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