

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

July 14, 2024

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

-Pope Francis

Mission Collections - Let's Try This Again - Last week I indicated in this space that the Mission Co-op collection was being moved. That part is still true, just not as far down the road as originally planned. **Now the Mission Co-op collection will happen the weekend of August 3 and 4. The date on the envelopes is July 28. So you can hold onto it until August 3 and 4.** The Franciscan Mission collection will move back to its original slot in the spring of 2025. Should you turn the Mission Co-op envelope in ahead of time, it will still go toward the Mission Co-op collection. The Propagation of the Faith office of the Archdiocese of Hartford has invited the Diocese of Kumbakonam, India to participate in the Mission Cooperative Appeal in our parish this year. If that sounds a bit familiar, that is because the same Diocese was assigned to us last year. More will be shared about the Diocese and the priest who will be coming to ask for our support in the coming weeks.

Evening Mass on Thursday, July 18 - Because of the Concert on the Green (see the next item) **the evening Mass this Thursday, July 18 will be held at 4:30 pm instead of the usual 5:00 pm.** Should the concert be postponed, the Mass will still be held at 4:30 pm this Thursday.

Summer Concert on the Parish Green - Our first Summer Concert on the Parish Green is scheduled for this Thursday, July 18th from 6 to 8 pm. The local band, *Locomotion*, will play from 6:15 to 7:45 pm. **Thanks to the Manafort Family and Manafort Brothers Incorporated this is a free event.** No seating will be provided, so bring your own chair or a blanket. Locomotion will be set up under the gazebo. The 8th graders of Saint Paul School, our local Boy Scout troop, and Upbeat from Berlin High School will have soda, water, snacks and pop corn available for purchase. Unfortunately the ice cream truck had to back out. There will not be any other food available. There will be some port-a-potties for your convenience that will be in the driveway between the school and the Parish Center.

When something like this was first discussed before the pandemic, the idea was to make more use of the Parish Green, but also to have this as something the town could enjoy as well. The Town of Berlin and its leaders liked the idea and have been most helpful and cooperative in the planning process and the logistics to make this work. One of the major logistics is parking. The Town of Berlin Police Department has developed a plan for the event. Visit our website for map that indicates where parking will be allowed and restricted. The neighboring streets will have parking restricted to one side of the street. Alling Street will be closed off in front of the school and church. Both the school and Parish Green parking lots will be fully available. We hope we

will not need it, but the rain date is August 1. Should the weather be an issue, notice will be posted on our website and social media pages (Facebook and Instagram).

Goings and Comings on the Pastoral Council - The June Pastoral Council meeting, a summary of those minutes can be found on page 8, marked the final meeting for two members. It is with great gratitude and high esteem that I thank Roland Baikai and Betty Lasker for their service on the Council. Because of COVID, their terms were actually longer than the norm. All the more I want to thank them for their dedication to attending the full council meetings as well as the sub committees that they served on. Both were ever present and always so helpful in all of the endeavors that the Council undertook. In Betty's case, she also served as Secretary of the Council. This is a tedious and time consuming task, but one that is so important to any organization. Betty always had the notes done promptly, clearly and was able to capture the essence of the subject matter. This was also the final year on the Council for Nancy Timbrell whose terms actually ended last year, but who had an extra year since the by-laws call for an outgoing President to stay on for a year as an *ex officio* member to be a help to the incoming President.



Roland Baikai



Betty Lasker



Nancy Timbrell

Nancy's service to the Council and the parish as a whole was recognized in the spring with her reception of the St. Joseph Volunteer of the Year Medal. Please join me in thanking Betty, Nancy and Roland for their service on the Council.

With these quality people finishing their terms, for the good of the Council and the parish they need to be replaced. While they will be missed, it is good for organizations to bring in new members with their own set of skills and dedication. Please read below to see how you could become one of the new members that the Council is in need of at this time.

Pastoral Council Officers - Also at last month's Pastoral Council meeting officers were elected for the coming year. Mary Corrigan and Bud Volz will continue as President and Vice President respectively. With Betty Lasker going off the Council, Maura Chasse was elected to serve as the Secretary. I am most grateful for their willingness to serve in these leadership positions.

Pastoral Council Seeks New Members - A new year for the Pastoral Council will begin in September and the Council is in the process of looking for new members. Do you have time and talents you could share with your Parish family? This important ministry could use your help.

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INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†**Carol Stankevich** by husband Bernard

†**Hope Lavery** Birthday Remembrance by family

†**Andy Krukar and †Those Lost on TWA Flight 800**
by the Timbrell family

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†**Chuck Pagano, Sr.** 6 Year Anniversary - July 19th by Cheryl



†**Joanne M. Heckman**

†**Carolyn Ann Bosso**

*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.

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.

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, July 13, 2024 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 †**Joseph Borselle** by Josephine and Elaine Borselle

Sunday, July 14, 2024 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 †**James Banasiewicz** by Marcia and Stephen Lechowicz

9:00 †**Pauline Brousseau** Anniversary Remembrance by family

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

10:30 †**Philip Holmes** by his sister

12:00 †**Geraldine Indoe** by Fox family

Monday, July 15, 2024 St. Bonaventure

7:00 †**Ines Tee** by brother

5:00 †**Stephen Choluj** 12 Year Anniversary by daughter Sophia

Tuesday, July 16, 2024 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7:00 †**Carol Stankevich** by husband Bernard

†**Richard and †Catherine Binder** by a friend

†**Fred Peterson** Anniversary and Birthday Remembrance
by his children

†**Piotr Balcerek and family** by Ewa Kozirog

†**George Star** by Ewa Kozirog

5:00 **Living Friars, Family, Friends and**

Benefactors of the Friars

Wednesday, July 17, 2024 Weekday

7:00 †**Lucille Micacci and †Rose & †Vincent Micacci**

by Anthony Micacci

5:00 †**Michael Mangiafico** by Ginny and children

Thursday, July 18, 2024 St. Camillus de Lellis

7:00 †**Juan Feliciano** 5th Anniversary by family

4:30 †**Mary and †Ralph Santilli** Birthday Remembrance
by Theresa and family

†**Eugenio Riccardi** by Emanuele Lombardo

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

John Nappi, Jr. by wife

†**Fred Lewchik** 20th Anniversary by Cindy & Dan Wagner

Friday, July 19, 2024 Weekday

7:00 †**Edith Lagocki** Birthday Remembrance by family

5:00 †**In Honor of St. Elia** by Mia family

Saturday, July 20, 2024 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 †**Joseph and †Verna Fiori** by Fiori family

Sunday, July 21, 2024 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 **Lisa and Bill Richard** 50th Anniversary

9:00 †**Jennifer D'Ambrosio Vernali** 12th Anniversary
by mom, dad and sister Jessica

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

10:30 †**Alfred Callegari** by wife and family

12:00 †**Frank Tamburro, Sr.** Memorial Remembrance

by granddaughter Nancy Witz

Parish Collection

July 2—8, 2024

In Church SP	\$	8,760
Office	\$	1,676
In Church SH	\$	812
Online Giving	\$	5,061
Total	\$	16,309

Who can be on the Parish Council? The Parish Council is open to all registered and practicing members of the Parish, age sixteen or older. You must have a desire to serve the Parish Family, a willingness to work with the Pastor, and the ability to work in a group process through prayer, planning, and consensus. You must also desire to foster the teachings of the Church and have a commitment to attend meetings.

What does the Parish Council do? The Parish Council assesses the needs of the Parish and its members and unifies the faith community, drawing forth the gifts and talents of the parishioners. The Parish Council discerns changes and focuses efforts needed to make the Parish more faithful to the call of God. The Parish Council also establishes goals and priorities to promote the common good of the Parish and makes recommendations to the Pastor on major matters concerning the Parish. Members accomplish this through their attendance at the full Council meetings, but also by serving on two of the sub-committees (Spiritual Life and Worship, Parish and Community Outreach, Youth, Family and Community Life, Evangelization and Faith Formation).

Nomination forms will be available in the bulletin and at the Church entrances in the coming weeks. Do you know someone who might be a good candidate? Is that someone you? Please prayerfully consider participating in this crucial ministry. If you have questions feel free to contact Mary Corrigan at m.corrigan@stpaulkensington.org.

Saint Paul School PT Bookkeeper Position Available -

Saint Paul School has an opening for a part-time (20 hour) School Bookkeeper who will be responsible for handling the day-to day finances of Saint Paul School. Duties and responsibilities will include the accurate processing of school pay-ables and receivables, as well as working with the FACTS management system in the billing and collection of all tuition accounts. The School Bookkeeper will be responsible for the financial administration for various school programs, organizations as well as the financial aid and scholarship programs. Qualified candidates must have experience with full charge bookkeeping, possess an undergraduate degree in accounting or have equivalent experience, at least three years of bookkeeping/account collection related experience preferably in a school, non-profit or church organization, and be able to work effectively with Word, Excel and QuickBooks. See the school or parish web site for the job posting or pick one up in the Parish Center. All inquiries should be made to Deacon Don Philip at deacondon@stpaulkensington.org or by calling the Parish Center 860-828-0331. The deadline for applications is July 24.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: JULY 21, 2024

For readings online, scan or visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/072124.cfm>



First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Alleluia: John 10:27

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Saint Paul School - The new school year will begin on Thursday August 29th. As such, the school continues to accept applications for the 2024-25 school year. For admission information and current school news visit Ourschool.stpaulkensington.org. You can also call the school at 860-828-4343, and speak with Kelly Esposito, our Director of Admissions, who will be happy to introduce you to the many great opportunities that await you and your child at Saint Paul School. Some grades are near capacity and some have a wait list.

Final Thoughts - Masstimes.org is your source for finding a Catholic Church for Mass while you are away. *Happy Motor-ing!* In that I am writing this on the 5th of July, I do not have anything timely to offer here. The MLB All Star game this week is by far the best of these events among the four major



leagues. The game actually provides a reason to watch it! *What did the baseball glove say to the ball?..."Catch ya later!"*

Have a blessed week everyone.

- Fr. Joe

Saint Paul School Job Openings!

- Part Time Bookkeeper
- Part Time Music Teacher

Contact Principal Jill Conaway at
j.conaway@stpaulkensington.org



Visit <https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/employment>
for details and full job descriptions.

Saint Paul Summer Camp is underway. Come join the fun!

Registration is open. Details & registration forms at:

<https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/summer-camp>

SPS is Growing Greatness!

Tuesdays,
Wednesdays and
Thursdays
9:00 - 12:00

SUMMER TOURS OFFERED

- Accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year
- Limited spaces available
- Tour and visit our classrooms, artroom, science lab, library and more!
- Learn what our faith based curriculum can offer your child
- Giveaways

Saint Paul School, 461 Alling St. • Kensington, CT 06037
Phone: 860-828-4343 x113
Email: admissions@stpaulkensington.org
Website: ourschool.stpaulkensington.org

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Now accepting applications for 2024-2025.

Apply/learn more on our admissions page:

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

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



Saint Paul School Kensington CT



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Kelly Esposito

Admissions Director

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VOLUNTEER CATECHIST SPOTLIGHT

Meet Jennifer Carey! This was Jennifer's first year volunteering for St. Paul's Religious Education for grade 5. Jennifer has been a public school teacher for 15 years in the town of Southington.

She has taught STEM/Computers for the past 10 years and 5 years of Special Education.

Jennifer lives with her husband William and their 3 children; Annabelle (11); Bentleigh (6); and Hadley (4).



"Seeing the world through the eyes of a child is the purest joy that anyone can experience-Constance Zimmer" Because of my daughter Annabelle, who is actively involved with reading on Sunday's for our children's masses, she was the one who guided me to grow and mature in a more Christian life. I completed my Religious Education through St. Thomas in Southington and being a catechist has allowed me another way to be involved in my children's lives.

With my three children who are a part of St. Paul's I felt a calling to be a role model to remind them how important God is in our lives with every decision we make. Becoming a catechist is a profoundly rewarding opportunity to make a lasting impact on others' spiritual journeys. My involvement with St. Paul's Religious Education has offered me a fulfilling opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the spiritual development of the younger generation. Most importantly, I can help children develop a stronger sense of self as they grow, including their own faith and values and a greater sense of empathy and compassion in the world we live in."

Classes meet 12 times throughout the year on Sunday mornings beginning in September and running through May. We still have openings for volunteers to teach or co-teach in grades 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 & 9. Substitute teachers are always welcome and needed as well. Training is provided. If you are feeling nudged by the Holy Spirit to join our team, contact Robin or Linda at for more information at 860) 828-1934 or religiously@stpaulkensington.org

REGISTRATION for the 2024-2025 Religious Ed Program for children in GRADES 1-10 will be open from **MONDAY, JULY 15 - WEDNESDAY, JULY 31.**

Classes meet on Sunday mornings.

See Page 7 for more information.

CORE TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Life Teen and EDGE are looking for adult volunteers to join our "CORE Teams" this Summer/Fall. No matter your age, if you have a heart for youth, are willing to share your personal faith journey and you can commit to being present and accompanying our young people, this ministry is for you! To learn more or to volunteer, please email Josh Kay at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org.

Steubenville EAST
Youth Conference
July 26-28, 2024 Springfield MA



LAST CALL!

All high school students (rising high school freshmen through rising college freshmen) are invited and encouraged to attend this fun and unique weekend retreat that includes Chick-fil-A, a service project, a t-shirt & more!

Scan the code or visit
<https://stpaulkensington.org/go-to-steubie>



Parents, Don't let your teen miss out on this special opportunity!

Email Josh Kay with questions: j.kay@stpaulkensington.org.

WORD SEARCH

SUMMONED	JOURNEY	DUST
TWELVE	SANDALS	PREACH
AUTHORITY	WELCOME	REPENTANCE
SPIRITS	LISTEN	ANOINTED
INSTRUCTED		CURED



YOUTH MINISTRY

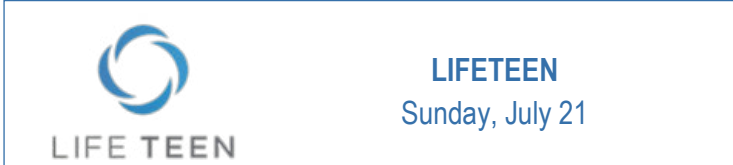


All rising 6th-8th grade students are welcome to join us on Sunday, July 14 from 1:00-2:30 pm in the St. Paul Church Hall to kick-off our short summer semester!



Topic: "Saints of Summer"

This event will look at the life and witness of some of the young saints in our church and how their lives still impact us today. We will also have a special surprise guest! You don't want to miss it! Join us and bring a friend!

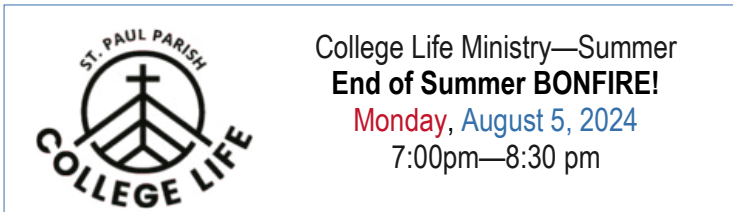


All rising 9th graders through recent high school grads are invited to join us on Sunday evening, July 21 from 6:30-7:15pm in the St. Paul Church Hall.



Topic: Holy "Summer" Habits"

This Life Night will challenge teens to develop habits over the summer that will help them grow deeper in their faith during the restful seasons in their lives. Food, fun, faith and fellowship await! Bring a friend and we will see you there!



Our last College Life event for the summer will be our annual end of summer BBQ & Bonfire on Monday, August 5th from 7:00-8:30pm out on the Parish Green. All young adults ages 18-23 are invited to join us.



Spend one last night around the fire with friends from home and dig into the awesome BBQ cooked up by the friars. We will also have some give-a-ways and a special guest speaker. You won't want to miss it. The event is free but pre-registration is required. Scan the code for more details and to register.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Thank you for attending our July Registration Meeting!

We are happy you have joined
our Franciscan Family of Faith!

~ God Bless ~



INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY?

Our next Registration Meeting is **Monday, August 12** 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.

2024 Berlin Fair

Planning is also underway for the 2024 Berlin Fair which will be held from **Thursday, September 12** through **Sunday, September 15**.



Be a part of this fun community event by helping at our food booths! Our parish hosts two booths, and we need your help!

If you are interested in volunteering, your time and support are most welcome! Please consider signing up for several needed positions before and during the fair.



Click or scan here for the SignUp page.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49A5A628A0F94-50102254-berlin#/>

If you have questions regarding volunteering, please contact Helen deRito at 860-559-5695 (text or leave a message) or derito.aos@snet.net. Thank you!

ITALIAN NIGHT MEETING!

Although temperatures are in the 90's, fall will be here before we know it. With fall comes a host of parish activities, one being our annual Italian Night. An organizational meeting has been scheduled for **Monday, July 22** at 7pm in the Parish Center. If you are interested in helping out, please plan on attending this initial meeting. If you are unable to attend and would like to be involved, please call Betty Lasker 860-992-8390 or Lynn Misteri 860-913-5448.



CONCERT ON THE PARISH GREEN –THIS THURSDAY!

Please note that the evening Mass on **Thursday, July 18** will be held at **4:30 pm** instead of the usual 5:00 pm.

If the concert is postponed due to weather, the evening Mass on July 18 will still be held at 4:30 pm.

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024

SUMMER CONCERT

HOSTED BY
ST. PAUL PARISH
IN COLLABORATION WITH THE TOWN OF BERLIN

MUSIC BY
LOCOMOTION

SPONSORED BY
 Manafort Brothers Incorporated

INTERESTED IN SPONSORING THE SUMMER CONCERT?
DONATIONS CAN BE MADE PAYABLE TO ST. PAUL PARISH
EMAIL QUESTIONS TO BUD VOLZ AT
B.VOLZ@STPAULKENSINGTON.ORG
6:00-8:00PM
FREE, ALL AGES

ST. PAUL PARISH GREEN
461 Alling Street, Berlin, CT 06037
BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIRS & BLANKETS
STREET PARKING
RAIN DATE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024

Visit our website for a map including parking restrictions.

RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2024-2025 Religious Ed Program
MONDAY, JULY 15 through WEDNESDAY JULY 31.

Please follow the link on the parish website under the Religious Ed section, or scan the QR code below.

The Religious Ed Program is for children in Grades 1-10. Grade 3 focuses on the Sacrament of First Communion, and Grades 9/10 focus on the Sacrament of Confirmation.

There are three class sessions, all meet on Sunday mornings. Home School Learning is available for classes other than the Sacrament Classes.

Registration will be OPEN on 7/15

Questions? Email religioused@stpaulkensington.org.



PASTORAL COUNCIL—MEETING MINUTES

The Pastoral Council met on Monday, June 17, 2024. In attendance were Fathers Joe, Michael, and Martin, President Mary Corrigan, Vice-president Bud Volz, Secretary Betty Lasker, Roland Baikai, Maura Chasse, Dwight Davis, Fayne Molloy, Elaine Pavasaris, and Nancy Timbrell. Absent members were Ed Schmitt and Ron Levandowsky.

The election of officers for the 2024-25 season took place with Mary Corrigan and Bud Volz continuing to serve in their current roles as president and vice-president. Maura Chasse was nominated to serve as secretary, replacing Betty Lasker whose term on the council is ending. The members unanimously voted to approve the candidates in those respective positions. The Council recognized Roland Baikai and Betty Lasker as their terms come to an end. Current members were encouraged to submit names of potential parishioners to fill the four vacant positions that will be present in the fall. Nancy Timbrell's time on the Council is also ending following a final year as President emeritus.

Mary Corrigan reported that a good number of people attended the recently held Ministry Fair. Ed Schmitt's effort to invite all parishioners who have registered within the last year proved to be a successful draw for the attendance numbers. Some of these individuals signed up for various ministries; however, as Father Joe indicated, the fair is a chance to plant seeds with parishioners for either some volunteer service or the opportunity to take advantage of what the ministries have to offer.

Mary went on to recap the many achievements of the council this year and thanked all those who worked so hard to make the initiatives such a success. Two questions were asked regarding the status of the rectory at Sacred Heart and the possible consolidation of Masses at the parish. Father Joe indicated that, as of now, the rectory is being used for meeting space and there are no planned changes to the current Mass schedule.

Father Martin reported on the responses received from the *Called by Name* Initiative. Thirty-five viable names were submitted. He indicated that these individuals will be receiving communication from the Archdiocese regarding the potential calling to religious life. He emphasized that this is in no way a binding agreement. It is merely recommending an individual who might have a calling to priesthood or *religious life*.

Father Joe went on to report that the parish has met and gone over the goal set by the Archdiocese for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Although we have met our goal, Father continues to be concerned that the number of donors this year is far less than in the past. In an effort to update the information the parish has for the Helping Hands Ministry, 330 letters were mailed to parishioners who are over 80 years of age. The parish received 95 responses with 24 responding that could use some assistance. Some requested a call or a visit while others

needed help with grocery shopping or yard maintenance. Mark Duplin matched up the Helping Hands volunteers with these parishioners. In addition, the parish received some updated information on our seniors which, as Father indicated, is always important to have.

Each of the four subcommittees of the Pastoral Council, Spiritual Life and Worship, Parish and Community Outreach, Youth, Family and Community Life, and Evangelization and Faith Formation summarized the progress each has made on their respective goals. Details of planned events will be published in the bulletin and on the church website.

Robin Veronesi submitted a written report to the Council where she reported on the number of students receiving their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. She has submitted the schedule for the 2024-25 school year and is in the process of securing speakers for the Confirmation retreats. The children's Masses will resume in the fall. Robin, as the Safe Environment coordinator for the parish, is in the process of completing the annual Parish audit for the Archdiocese.

Jill Conaway submitted a report detailing the enrollment as of June 6, 2024 to be 234 students. Currently there are 263 students registered for the fall; however, inevitably this number changes over the summer, so a final number will not be known until school opens again on August 29th. The current submitted budget has been built around 245 students. The faculty will work this coming year on the self-study required prior to the next site visit from NEAS&C which is scheduled for the 2025-26 school year.

Josh Kay, the Youth Minister for the parish, submitted a written report on the Edge and Life Teen Programs outlining the mission, overview and short-term goals of each program. Both programs began this year in January. Activities for each will also be held throughout the summer. Josh is actively recruiting for more adult volunteers to participate in both the middle school and high school group. Josh also reported on the status of training and participation in the altar server group, adult Confirmation and the newly formed College Ministry.

Father Joe reported that the finances for both the parish and school continue to be in very good shape. The Finance Committee will be meeting in July prior to the budget being submitted to the Archdiocese by August 15th. Father went on to report that the carpet in the church at St. Paul will soon be replaced. Due to the generosity of two parishioners, the full cost will be covered by their donations, thus not affecting the parish's resources. The school has a water pipe on the first floor that will be repaired as well as the fencing around the playground area. The four sets of concrete steps around the school are scheduled to be replaced. Some other work on the exterior of the building is also needed, but initial bid was higher than anticipated. A part of this may be done instead of all of it.

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PARISH PRAYER LIST

If you would like to add someone to our Prayer List OR if you would like to let us know that a name can be removed, call 860-828-0331 or email ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org. Please be sure to ask for permission from the person to be added. Names will be kept on the list for a period of one full month. After one month, we ask that you submit a renewed request. Thank you for helping us keep our Prayer List up to date. The names with an asterisk* have recently been added/updated and will remain on the list through the end of July.

PRAY THE ROSARY All parishioners are encouraged to pray the Holy Rosary and to take advantage of the opportunities we offer to pray the Rosary *together*.

Wednesday evening Rosary at Sacred Heart Church
6:00-6:30pm. Next date: **Wednesday, July 17**



PASTORAL COUNCIL - CONTINUED

The dates of the up and coming Council meetings and New Parishioner Orientations were highlighted. The next meeting of the Pastoral Council is scheduled for September 23rd. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

The closing prayer was offered by Father Martin.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Lasker, Secretary



PRAYER REQUESTS To make a prayer request through our *Daughters of Jairus Prayer Line*, call Terry 860-828-6667 or Pat 860-305-0147 with your confidential request. Please give the first name of the person to be prayed for and the intention.



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ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

FOODSHARE

The Pantry is currently in need of the following items:

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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.

Saturday, July 13

6:30am Men's Group SPH
8:30am Confessions
12:00pm 13th of the Month Rosary
3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, July 14

1:00pm  EDGE

Monday, July 15

8:45am Parish Staff Meeting

Tuesday, July 16

4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration
5:00pm Coach Mark AAU Practice

Wednesday, July 17

6:00pm K of C - SPH
6:00pm Baptism Prep Lesson PC1
6:00pm Rosary - SHC

Thursday, July 18

9:00am Quilters - SPH
5:00pm Coach Mark AAU Practice
4:30pm Mass
6:00pm Summer Concert - PG

Friday, July 19

11:45am FoodShare SHC
7:00pm AA Meeting - SPH

Saturday, July 20

8:30am Confessions
3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, July 21

1:15pm Baptisms
6:30pm Life Teen/Steubenville Parent Mtg - SPH

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY SOCIAL

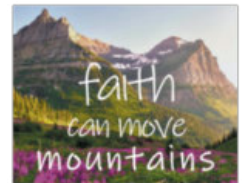
Join us Sunday, July 14 after 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart Church for coffee, conversation, and light refreshments!

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Mass at 4:30pm

WOMEN OF FAITH

Women of Faith gather together to share our faith and grow spiritually in Christ. Join with us through faith, friendship, and fellowship as we support one another.

Our next gathering will be on **Sept. 12** at 7pm in the St. Paul Church Hall. Please join us! Email Cheryl, Lynn or Karen with any questions at womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org.



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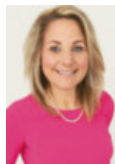
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