

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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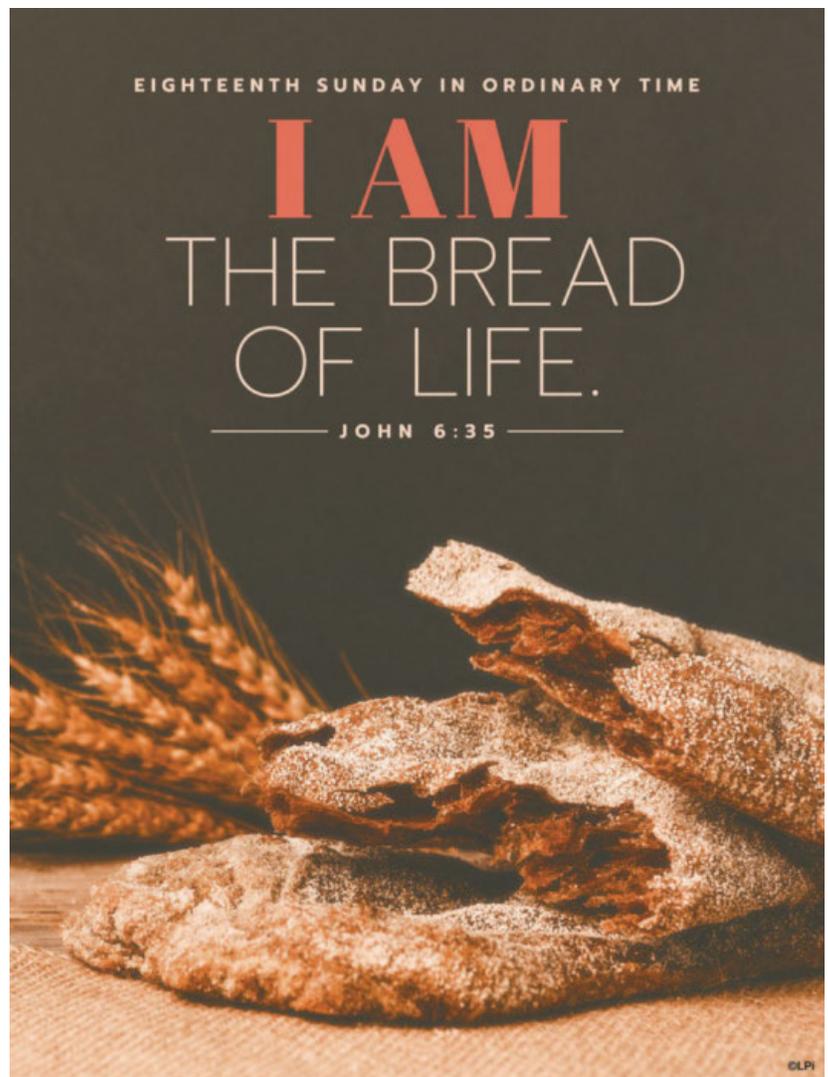
A Franciscan Family of Faith

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

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

August 4, 2024

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Goodbye to Friar Vincent - How time flies! Just a few short weeks ago, we welcomed Friar Vincent Ouly for his summer assignment amidst us. It was a pleasure to have him with us, but this will be the last weekend that he will be here as he heads back to Silver Spring, MD on August 10th to continue his formation as a Franciscan Friar and his studies on the way to being ordained a priest one day, with the help of God's grace. The folks at the 10:30 am and 12 Noon Masses today will get to hear his singing voice for the first time. In these few short weeks, he has gained some experience visiting the nursing homes and going on sick calls with the Friars and some of our Eucharistic Ministers. At the other end of the spectrum of life he has been praying and playing with the young summer campers as well as assisting Cheryl Tierney with the music program she does with them. He has been up bright and early with the Men's Group, assisted at a food distribution, attended staff meetings (maybe his favorite, then again maybe not), sat in on meetings with family members in preparation for the funeral Mass or service of a loved one and then attended and participated in those funerals. He led Evening Prayer during our weekly Holy Hours and also joined the various groups who pray the rosary each week. As noted in another item below, he helped chaperone the Steubenville East Conference as well as Assisi on the Chesapeake the



weekend prior. He also participated in our friary life and heard our stories and we his. I think he spoiled us a bit as we will have to get back to emptying the dishwasher ourselves! Please keep Friar Vincent in your prayers as he continues to discern his path forward with the Friars and as he continues

his studies. We hope that he will be able to come and visit us again. Thank you Friar Vincent and Peace and All Good!

Mission Co-op Collection Today - Please give a warm St. Paul welcome to Fr. M.S. Selva Raj of the Diocese of Kumbakonam, India. He will share with us the needs of his Diocese and how we can support the work of the priests, religious sisters and brothers, and the lay faithful themselves. See last weekend's bulletin for much more information. Thank you in advance for your support!

Little Sisters of the Poor - The Little Sisters of the Poor from Enfield will be outside after the Masses this weekend requesting your support for their ministries. **If you want to support the Little Sisters of the Poor, and I certainly hope that you will, all donations for them will have to be given to them directly at the exits of the church as you leave Mass.** I know that we can be confident that the good Sisters will see that your donations are put to good use.

Religious Education Registration and Catechists Needed Information has been sent to all currently enrolled families and those whom our census indicates have school age children. The deadline to register for this year's classes was this past week on July 31st. If your family has not received that information see page 9. **After August 8th, a \$10 late fee will be assessed.** Our Religious Ed staff has much planning to do to prepare for the coming year, so please register your children as soon as possible. **We are in need of four (4) more catechists in grades 1, 4 and 5.** Might the Lord be calling you to share our faith with our children? See page 5 to let us know of your interest.

Feast of the Assumption - Looking ahead to next week, Thursday, August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into heaven. It is a Holy Day of Obligation meaning that attendance at Mass is required. There will be a Vigil Mass on Wednesday, August 14th at 5 pm. On the feast itself on Thursday, August 15th there will be three (3) Masses at 7 am, 12 Noon and 7 pm. The later time at 7 pm is to accommodate those, who because of work, cannot attend the other Masses.

Feast of St. Clare - Patron of our Food Pantry - If next Sunday, August 11th, were not a Sunday, it would be the Feast of St. Clare, the patron saint of our Food Pantry. The summer is usually a slower time for donations to our food pantry with many away on vacation. The price of food these days only makes this more challenging for donors and also of course for those in need. Just one item per family would be a big boost to the pantry this time of year. At the most recent distribution food was given to about 140 people. Food can also be dropped off any day at the elevator door entrance until 7 pm. See page 6 for more info about our St. Clare Food Pantry and how you can help. So in honor of St. Clare, I ask everyone to do their best to bring some food for the less fortunate next weekend.

Steubenville East - Last weekend 13 of our high school and college age parishioners attended the Steubenville East Youth Conference at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield, MA. The event, hosted by *Life Teen*, gathered together about 2,000 young people for engaging talks, music, exciting activities, Mass, Adoration, and opportunities for Confession. Bishop Byrne of the Diocese of Springfield was present for some of the events and presided at the Closing Mass on Sunday. There was a lot of positive feedback from the group that attended. They will gather on the Parish Green on Sunday, August 4th, to discuss their experience with some food and a bonfire. Special thanks to our Youth Minister, Josh Kay, for coordinating all of the details and for assuring that all went smoothly.

INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†**Jimmy McDermott** 34th Anniversary by dad and Maureen

†**Jill Verret** by family

†**Christopher Rozycki**

Birthday Remembrance by Teresa Rozycki

†**Joseph, †Anne and †Conrad Ferrante**

by Thomas & Patricia Amenta, Linda Rogers and Nancy Salzillo

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†**Barry Fairwood** by Women of Faith

†**Tom Lasker** by Theresa Zovich

Gina Kahn For Healing by sister Rosemary

†**Evelyn Modzelewski**

Birthday Remembrance by sister Mary Jane and John Lynch



†**Tony Bizier**

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.

Parish Collection amounts are shown on page 8.

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, August 3, 2024 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 †**Greg Ciccaglione** 5th Anniversary by family

Sunday, August 4, 2024 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 †**Barry Fairwood** 6 Month Anniversary by Terry Tonina

9:00 †**Mary Piatek** Birthday Remembrance by family

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

10:30 †**Lois Gadzik** by Joan Vancour

12:00 †**Eugenia Czapla** by husband Edward

Monday, August 5, 2024 The Dedication of the

Basilica of St. Mary Major

7:00 †**Lyn Laudenberger** by Nora McRoberts

5:00 †**Ken Stokowski** 35th Wedding Anniversary Remembrance
by wife Maureen

Tuesday, August 6, 2024 The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:00 †**Deceased Friars, Family, Friends and Benefactors of the Friars**

5:00 †**Florence Peck** by the Peck family

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 St. Sixtus II and Companions;
St. Cajetan

7:00 †**Stanley Budnik and †Henry Gurski**

Anniversary Remembrance by family

5:00 †**Robert Angelo** by Ginny and family

Thursday, August 8, 2024 St. Dominic

7:00 †**Isaia Tee** by son

5:00 †**Edith Cullen** by Theresa and family

†**Maria Lombardo** by Emanuele Lombardo

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

John Nappi, Jr. by wife

†**Bob Callahan** Birthday Remembrance by family

Friday, August 9, 2024 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

7:00 †**Gerald Vanty** by Linda and family

5:00 †**Jimmy McDermott** 34th Anniversary

by dad and Maureen

Saturday, August 10, 2024 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 †**Robert and †Mary McGurgan** by McGurgan family

Sunday, August 11, 2024 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 †**Harry P. Misteri** 4th Anniversary

by Misteri and Magisano families

9:00 †**Deceased Members of the Noworyta Family**

by the Tabaczynski family

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

10:30 †**Bob Betterini** Birthday Remembrance

by Joanne and Kate

12:00 †**Angeline Manduke Spena** Memorial Remembrance

by Tamburro children

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.

Likewise, a big thank you to Friar Vincent, Maura Gaffney, Suzy Gujda and Bud Volz who went along as chaperones. Due to your regular generosity the parish was able to cover about 40% of each participant's costs for this event. The proceeds from the Italian Night Dinner this year will help cover some of these and other Youth Ministry expenses in the coming year. See page 7 for more information about how the Steubenville Conference went this year.



Looking Ahead - Here are some dates and events to keep in mind now that we are in August. More information will follow in the coming weeks for all of these events. To volunteer or to seek information sooner just contact the Parish Center.

- *First Day of School* - Thursday, August 29
- *Berlin Fair* - September 12-15 (Volunteers needed)
- *Adult Confirmation Program begins* - September 22
- *Catechetical Sunday* - September 22
- *Blue Mass* - September 29 (12 Noon Mass is moved to 1:00 pm this day)
- *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* - Sessions will begin October 10 (See page 8.)
- *Volunteer Appreciation Day* - Sunday, October 27 from 1 pm to 4 pm in the school gym
- *Italian Night Dinner* - Saturday, November 2
- *Parish Memorial Mass* - Tuesday, November 5 at 7 pm.

Adult Confirmation Program - We are offering a six (6) session Adult Confirmation Program for adult Catholics, 18 years of age and older, who have been baptized and received 1st Holy Communion, but have not been confirmed. *Those who are asked to be a godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor at Confirmation must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation in order to take on those responsibilities. Likewise, those to be married in the Catholic Church should be Confirmed.* The program will run for six (6) consecutive Sundays beginning September 22nd from 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. This allows the participant to attend Mass either before or after the session. Those who complete the program would receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, November 6th at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. To find out more about the program go to <https://www.stpaulkensington.org> where you will be able submit the on line registration form.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: AUGUST 11, 2024

For readings online, scan or visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/081124.cfm>



First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30—5:2

Alleluia: John 6:51

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: John 6:41-51

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven," and they said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: They shall all be taught by God. Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

You can also email Joshua Kay at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org or call the Parish Office at 860-828-0331. **The deadline to register is Monday, September 9.**

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Final Thoughts - *Why do basketball players love doughnuts?* Going out of town, remember www.Masstimes.org to find a Catholic Church and their Mass times. I will be headed to Baltimore this week for a meeting as well as some time to see family and doctors. This column will also take a pause. The MLB trade deadline has passed; there were no blockbuster acquisitions by the AL East teams. Overall the Oriole starters and bullpen are probably improved, at least on paper. *Why, of course, because they can dunk them.* Have a blessed week everyone! - Fr. Joe



TEACHING POSITION AVAILABLE

Saint Paul School is seeking highly qualified applicants for the position of Fifth Grade Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must hold an elementary certification or working towards appropriate certification and be very strong in the teaching of core academic subjects. Preference is given to practicing Catholic applicants, but is not required to be considered. Please forward a letter of interest and resume to Principal Jill Conaway at j.conaway@stpaulkensington.org.



VOLUNTEER CATECHIST SPOTLIGHT

Meet **Chris Pelosi**. This year marks Chris' fifth year as a volunteer and he will teach 5th grade. He lives in Berlin with his son Logan and is a Superior Court Judge.

Teaching in the Religious Education program allows me to share my faith with others and helps them to grow in their relationship with God and deepen their understanding of religious teachings.



I was raised Catholic, and my religious upbringing taught me the values that I hold most sacred—those being kindness, forgiveness, and being of service to those less fortunate and to my community. As a parent of a 10-year-old son, I want to instill the same sense of community and commitment to learning in my son that shaped my upbringing. As a catechist, I have the opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives of our young students. Equally important, I hope to inspire an appreciation of the moral values inherent in our Catholic faith and inspire them to want to learn and be curious about our rich religious and cultural beliefs.

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, 4, & 5. 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

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Now accepting applications for 2024-2025.

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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: religiously@stpaulkensington.org



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Berlin Fair Volunteers Needed

The 2024 Berlin Fair 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!

PRAY THE ROSARY We encourage all of our parishioners to pray the Holy Rosary and to take advantage of the many opportunities we offer to pray the Rosary together.

Wednesday evening Rosary at Sacred Heart Church
6:00-6:30pm. Next date: **Wednesday, August 7**

13th of the Month Rosary Group at St. Paul Church
12:00 pm. Next date: **Tuesday, August 13**

Children's Rosary at Sacred Heart Church
10:00 am. Next date: **Saturday, August 3**



SUNDAY SOCIAL

Social gatherings will be held monthly on Sunday mornings at Sacred Heart Church.

Join us **Sunday, August 12** after 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart for coffee, conversation, and light refreshments!



ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE



The Pantry is currently in need of the following items:

Tuna, beef stew, chili, canned ham or chicken, peanut butter, soups, and beans/lentils.

Volunteers will transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and set up for distribution on **Thurs., August 15** at **9:30am**. Volunteers will also help with food distribution on **Fri., August 16** at **11am** at Sacred Heart Church.

For transportation to FoodShare at Sacred Heart, call the Berlin Senior Center at 860-828-7006.

For information about our parish St. Clare Food Pantry or the FoodShare program including volunteering, contact Nancy at 860-601-7866 or n.timbrell@stpaulkensington.org.



LITTLE SISTERS of the POOR

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This weekend, **August 3/4**, the Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting our parish. The collection taken for them will be exclusively for the care of the elderly poor who reside with them at St. Joseph's Residence in Enfield. The Little Sisters of the Poor have been serving the needs of the elderly poor in Connecticut and Western Massachusetts for over 150 years. They are most grateful for your generosity. Learn more on their website:

<https://www.littlesistersofthepoor.org>



MISSION COLLECTION - DIOCESE OF KUMBakonam

This weekend, **August 3/4**, we welcome Fr. M.S. Selva Raj, Mission Director, who will speak to us about the missionary activities and challenges of the Diocese of Kumbakonam, India. Our second collection next weekend will be for the missionary endeavors of that Diocese. Due to acute poverty of 65% of the Catholics, all the mission projects are 80% dependent on the annual mission appeal funds, for the pastoral, educational, medical, and socio-economic emancipation of the marginalized and poor converts.

Your Christ-like intervention and sacrifice of:-

- \$20 will feed a poor child or an orphan for a month (\$200 annually).
- \$50 will enable a single mother or widow feed her family of 3 for a month.
- \$100 for monthly pay for a catechist.
- \$250 will provide 4 goats to maintain a family of four.
- \$500 will educate a physically challenged child (annually).
- \$600 will pay the bill for healthcare & family maintenance of a leprosy patient for a year.
- \$900 will provide a grocery store, and employment to feed a family of 10 with elderly parents and grandparents
- \$700 will fix the roof of a poor man's hut.
- \$800 will provide a cow to feed an entire family of 5 or more.
- \$1000 for treatment and rehabilitation of a leper.
- \$2000 to sponsor a seminarian for a year.
- \$6000 for a home for a family.
- \$25000 will build a mission chapel.

The collection is next weekend. All checks should be made payable to St Paul Church. If sent in separately, indicate Mission Co-op on the memo line. Your support of the mission work of the Church is appreciated.

Steubenville Testimony

By Julia Gujda

The world today is filled with distractions and pulls our attention to our schedules, phones, and comparisons. If we don't keep our focus on God, he can often fall to the bottom of our schedules. Kids like us can easily put our friends, hobbies, and other things before time with God.

When school ends and summer is finally here, we are free. My brothers went to Steubenville two years ago and said they had a great time, so when my mom brought up the opportunity this year for me, I reached out to my friend and figured we could do it together. Neither of us knew what to expect, and honestly I was a little hesitant. I didn't know what I was going to do for a whole weekend for church. There was no going back now. I already committed. The only thing I could do was to go in with an open mind and be thankful that I could bring a friend along. I figured it was a time to grow in faith and meet



Steubenville 2024 attendees (L-R):
Julia, Kaitlin, Bud, Becca & Molly

new people, so how bad could it be? Little did I know this would be a weekend of faithful friendships made, deep reflections and connections made with our group, and most importantly a new view on my faith and need for God's presence in my life. We danced, sang songs, praised God, played corn hole, met new teen friends, and truly realized God deserved to be on the top of my list. Now it was in my hands to make this happen.

I left the weekend feeling refreshed and I now look at my life from a totally different point of view. Being able to pray with my friends, pray over my friends, and experience the presence of Jesus working in my life, is something I'll never forget or regret. I couldn't help but think about how everyone needs time like this. Time that serves as a reminder of God's love, our role in our faith, and seeking God in all we do is so necessary, but now that we've left, it is time to live our faith intentionally. I learned that practicing my faith and praising God isn't just going to church and saying my daily prayers. It is about inviting God to every moment in my life. Our relationship with God is like two sides of a door. On one side we stand, with a door knob on our side. On the other side, God stands waiting for us to open the door for he doesn't have a door knob and only we can let Him in. God doesn't force himself upon us, for it is ultimately up to us to let Him into our love and bring His love and mercy in our lives. It is about sharing His love with other people and helping them to know His love and truth. We are so focused on who we want to be, and what we want to do in our lives, but none of it matters if God isn't

**STEBENVILLE
EAST**
+ Youth Conference

YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFETEEN, SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

All rising 9th graders through recent high school grads are invited to join us on [Sunday, August 4th](#) from [6:30-8:00pm](#) on the Parish Green.

Topic: Bonfire & Blessings. This social event will give teens an opportunity to catch up from the recent Steubenville East Youth Conference, bring new friends and have time to sit around the fire and grow in fellowship and faith. Bring a friend!



COLLEGE LIFE—BBQ & BONFIRE! MONDAY, AUGUST 5

Our last College Life event for the summer will be our end of summer BBQ & Bonfire on [Monday, August 5](#) from [7:00-8:30pm](#) on the Parish Green. All young adults ages 18-23 are invited to join us. Spend a night around the fire with friends 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 registration is required. Scan the code for more details and to register.



EDGE, SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

All rising 6th-8th grade students are welcome to join us on [Sunday, August 11](#) from [1:00-2:30pm](#) on the Parish Green to wrap up our summer semester!

Topic: Olympic Game Day. In honor of the 2024 Summer Olympic games, EDGE will have their own Olympic Game Day. Join us for a lot of fun and learn how sports help us prepare for our journey to heaven. Join us and bring a friend!



present in those choices. My biggest take away from Steubenville is that no matter what I plan for myself, I don't want to nor can I do any of it without God by my side. Now I know I always have a group I can turn to besides my family to make sure I am keeping God as my main focus. Faith is a personal journey, but we need to journey in faith with others. The world teaches us to focus on ourselves, but God wants us to focus on growing together in His love. Attending Steubenville and Life Teen are the roads that connect to the path God calls us to. I am already looking forward to next year's Steubenville conference. However, now I will be looking for everyday opportunities to keep me close to Him and not let my weekend at Steubenville go to waste. See more photos on our website!



Julia is a rising sophomore at St. Paul Catholic HS

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.



Parish Collection
July 23—29, 2024

In Church SP	\$	8,368
Office	\$	1,394
In Church SH	\$	404
Online Giving	\$	5,443
Total	\$	15,609

MONTHLY PARISH PRAYER LIST

If you would like to add someone to our Monthly Prayer List OR if you would like to let us know that a name can be removed, please call us at 860-828-0331 or email us at 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. (If you submit a name in August, the name will remain on the list through the end of September.)

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 below have recently been added/updated and will remain on the list through the end of August.

Amara Alice	John LeBron
Jose Arcia	Krystie Luczynski
John Blankenship	Jay Lyons
Cheryl Brown	Lisa Mangiafico
Mark Camilleri	Fr. Paul Mangiafico
Janet Carroll	Zbigniew Mazurek
Doug Clarke	Donald Michaud
Stephanie Costanzo	Corinne Millerd
Chick Costanzo	Lenny Mulrooney
Arlene Cotrona	Peter Niro
Robert Czerwinski	Our Military
Judith Doyle	Emma Pagano
Alyssa Dutkiewicz	Judy Pappalardo
Marc Egri	Greg Parker
Bill Filomena	Ada Payamis
Maureen Freeman	David Peters
Carol Gasper	Nathaniel Picklesimer
Lenore Gourley	Agostino Prisco
Gary Graboski	Christopher Roddy
Linda Hannold	Romen Sarkis
Tom Higgins	Rev. Arkadiusz Skwarek
Evan Hill	Kevin Stanowski
Gina Kahn	Angelica Szczygla
Deborah Kasper	Gabriel Szczygla
Leonard Kochanowski	Julia Szczygla
Mary Lamkins	William Tata
Roy Lamkins	Linda Vasquez
Arlene LaRosa-Cristini	Scott Veley

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.

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!



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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- Has someone you know expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Do you know someone who was baptized Catholic but who never received the Sacraments of 1st Communion and Confirmation?
- Do either of these situations describe you?

St. Paul Parish offers an opportunity for anyone who is interested to come together in a small group to learn more about our Catholic faith. RCIA sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church while preparing individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, & Eucharist during the Easter season. **You are invited and are most welcome** to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

Meetings are typically held once a week in the evening, **beginning October 10**. Contact Fr. Raymond for more info: 860-828-0332 or frraymond@stpaulkensington.org. More details are also available on our website.

Dear Father Benicewicz,

Thank you very much for the most generous contribution of \$3,000.000 toward the sponsorship pledge of the St. Paul Parish team. We are so grateful that you have helped to improve the quality of life for many neighbors in need....



On behalf of all the members of our community who will feel the impact of your donation, we cannot thank you enough. In 1988, those involved with launching HomeFront could not have dreamed of the 3,200 homeowners that our volunteers have been able to help over the years, thanks to support such as yours. You continue to inspire us to deepen the impact of our mission for those most in need.

Our deepest thanks goes out to you, Father Benicewicz, and all at St. Paul's for this most generous gift. Impressively, this was St. Paul's 19th year of working with us, and it was yet another triumph for a local family in need. Thank you for promoting this work. Wishing you a summer full of blessings.

With best wishes,
Sean C. O'Brien
Executive Director

BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS



Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy testing, friendship, and practical support. Our guiding principle: It is the RIGHT of every pregnant woman to give BIRTH and the RIGHT of every child to be BORN. Birthright volunteers have served in CT since 1972. Thousands of expectant mothers have received the help they need to bring their babies into the world! There are seven Birthright chapters in our state. Please call 1-800-550-4900 for Birthright locations. Training is provided. Birthright is also in need of gently worn maternity clothes and baby clothing.



YCP Networking Happy Hour New Haven

Young Catholic Professionals Central CT will be hosting a Summer Networking Happy Hour at East Rock Brewing Company in New Haven on **Thursday, August 8** from 7-9pm. Come network and connect with young adult Catholic professionals from all over Central CT. The first 15 people to register online will receive a free drink ticket. We look forward to meeting you there!

Where: East Rock Brewing Company,
285 Nicoll ST, Suite 103 New Haven
When: Thurs, August 8th from 7 - 9 pm
Who: All professionals from 18-39.



RSVP via QR code or
<https://ycp.glueup.com/event/networking-happy-hour-114561/>
E-mail info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org to learn more.

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RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

Our Registration Deadline for the 2024-2025 Religious Ed Program was July 31st.

Register by August 8, 2024 to avoid late fees!

Contact our Religious Ed staff, as soon as possible, if you would like to enroll your child.

Our 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.



<https://stpaulkensington.org/registration-2024-2025-1>

Questions? Email religioused@stpaulkensington.org.



PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, August 3

- 8:30am Confessions
- 10:00am Children's Rosary SHC
- 3:00pm Confession



Sunday, August 4

- 1:30pm Baptisms
- 6:30pm Teen Life/Post Steubenville Bonfire



Monday, August 5

- 8:45am NO Parish Staff Meeting
- 1:00pm Rosary Makers - SPH
- 5:00pm College Life - Bonfire & Cookout - PG
- 7:00pm Culture of Life - PC1



Tuesday, August 6

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

Wednesday, August 7

- 6:00pm Rosary - SHC



Thursday, August 8

- 9:00am Quilters - SPH
- 5:00pm Coach Mark AAU Practice

Friday, August 9

- Last day of SP Summer Camp
- 7:00pm AA Meeting - SPH

Saturday, August 10

- 6:30am TMIY - SPH
- 6:30am Men's Group - SPH
- 8:30am Confessions
- 3:00pm Confession

Sunday, August 11
1:00pm Edge - SPG



FRANCISCAN GOLF CLASSIC - August 12

The Franciscan Life Center is hosting its annual Golf Classic on **Monday, August 12, 2024** at Wallingford Country Club.

To register, donate or learn more, visit <https://flcenter.org/event/franciscan-golf-classic-4/>



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WOMEN OF FAITH

All ladies of the parish are welcome to gather with us to share our faith and grow spiritually in Christ.



Women of Faith meets monthly, with a short break over the summer. Join with us through faith, friendship, and fellowship as we support one another. Our next gathering will be **September 12** at 7pm in the St. Paul Church Hall. Please join us!

Email any questions to womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org.

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