

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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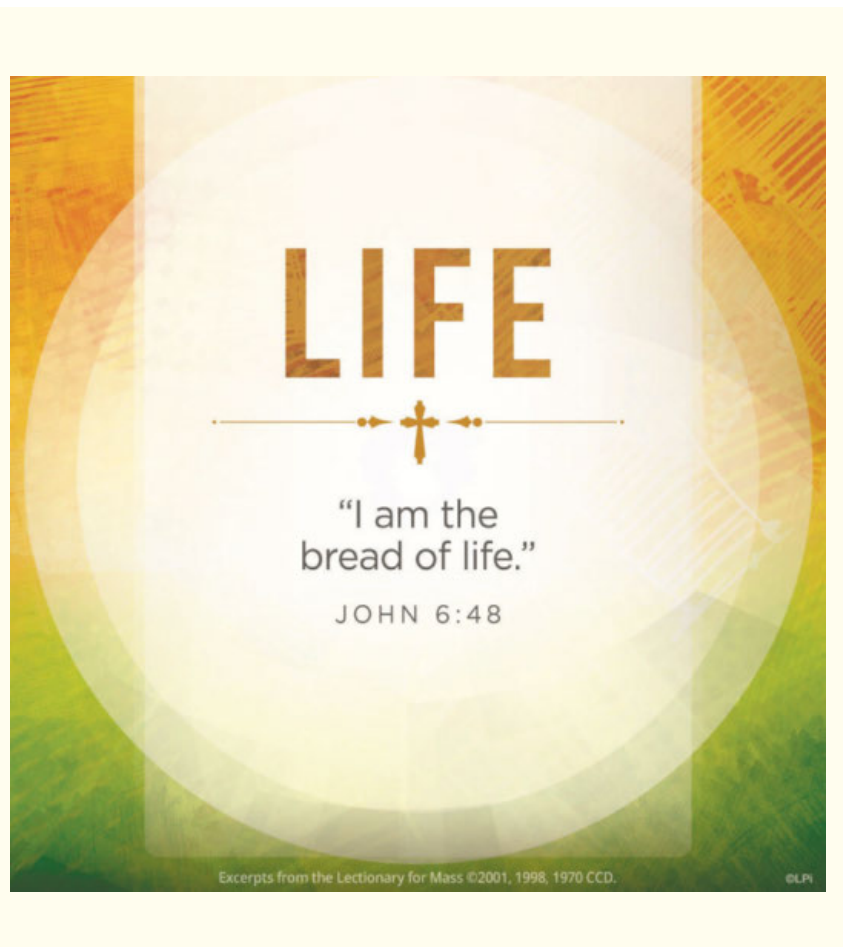
A Franciscan Family of Faith

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

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

August 11, 2024

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

-Pope Francis

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Fr. Joe is on vacation. The Pastor's Column will resume upon his return. In the meantime, we would not want you to miss out on the (bad) jokes he includes in his Final Thoughts every week. So.... *A priest, a pastor, and a rabbit walk into a bar. The rabbit takes a look around and says, "I think I'm a typo."*

St. Clare of Assisi

Feast day, August 11

It is said that her mother was apprehensive about Clare's birth and went on pilgrimage to pray for her safe delivery. While she was at prayer one day, she heard the words: "O Lady, do not be afraid for you will joyfully bring forth a clear light that will illumine the world." The word for clear in Italian is chiara; hence the name Clare, or "bright one."

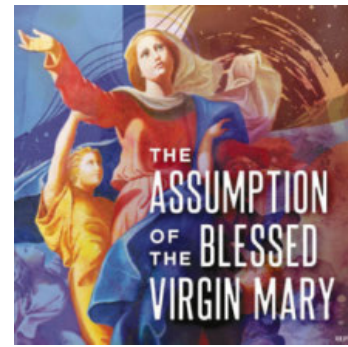
St. Clare was born into a noble and privileged family in Assisi, and from her earliest years she was renowned in the city for her goodness, generosity, compassion for the poor, and devotion to prayer. Although her family hoped to have her marry well and secure a worldly fortune and position, Clare was fascinated by the preaching of a young man in Assisi who had renounced his father's wealth, lived among the poor, and was proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a passion and conviction that far outshone the preaching and example of the local clergy. Francis of Assisi looked like a beggar but was filled with joy, and his words struck a deep chord in her heart as she witnessed the effect of his example in the city.

On Palm Sunday 1212... she silently fled from her home and met St. Francis in the valley below Assisi, where he welcomed her as the first woman to embrace his newly formed Gospel community. Clare exchanged her fine clothes for the clothes of the poor and professed obedience to Francis in the little chapel where Francis and his brothers were living near Assisi, Our Lady of the Angels.

She defied the intentions of her family and the religious culture of the period to begin a new foundation of religious women dedicated to following the Gospel in absolute poverty, without property as a means of support but relying on the care of the brothers and trust in God. Clare would become known as the cofounder of the Franciscan movement and the foundress of the Second Order, known as the Poor Clares.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/>

All are invited to donate a food item to our St. Clare Food Pantry in honor of Saint Clare's Feast Day. See page 4.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 15 ~ Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass

Wednesday, August 14 at 5:00 pm

Holy Day Masses

Thursday, August 15th at 7:00 am, 12 Noon and 7:00 pm

All Masses are at St. Paul Church

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates the Blessed Mother's entrance into heavenly glory. The Catechism explains that Mary "was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body" (CCC, 974).

Mary's Assumption into heaven reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. We prepare in hope for our own passage into eternal life by the choices we make today. When we choose to love and follow God in our daily lives, we strengthen our relationship with Him, and this relationship is the true meaning of heaven: "To live in heaven is 'to be with Christ'" (CCC, 1025).

We can see how, throughout her life, the Blessed Mother continually chose to go deeper into her relationship with God. She modeled how to value and respect His precious gift of human life, from the moment of conception to its natural end. In the Annunciation, through her "yes," Mary witnessed to the undeniable humanity of pre-born children as she conceived and carried the Christ child in her womb. After the Annunciation, having learned that her cousin Elizabeth was with child, she went in haste to her aid.

Our Blessed Mother shows us how the way we live today can prepare us, in hope, to also enter into heavenly glory at the end of our lives. Are we open to God's precious gift of new life? How do we support pregnant mothers and parents? Do we prioritize showing our love to those who are ill or aging? Do we care for them in a way that respects God's gift of life?

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

<https://www.respectlife.org>

INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

Tom Higgins For Healing by John and Mary Jane Lynch

†Robyn Morse by Cheryl



†William Tata

†Henry Robert Mailhot

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.

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.

Parish Collection

July 30—Aug 5, 2024

In Church SP	\$	7,762
Office	\$	2,833
In Church SH	\$	462
Online Giving	\$	6,463
Total	\$	17,520

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 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

Monday, August 12, 2024 St. Jane Frances de Chantal

7:00 **†Gerald Olejnik** 1st Year by Rich

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

Tuesday, August 13, 2024 St. Pontian and Hippolytus

7:00 **†Richard and †Catherine Binder** by a friend

†Danuta, †Zbigniew and †Rafal Lewandowski

by Ewa Kozirog

†Bea Zappulla by St. Paul Ladie's Guild

†Rejeanne Regan by friend Joe

†Robert Carrier by Ginny and family

5:00 **†Nancy Giattino** by Rachela Maltese

Wednesday, August 14, 2024 St. Maximilian Kolbe

Vigil of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 **Living Friars, Family, Friends and**

Benefactors of the Friars

5:00 **†Daniel Sirois** by Flo Sirois

Thursday, August 15, 2024 The Assumption of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

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

by Anthony Micacci

12:00 **†Kieran Egan** by Margaret Egan

7:00 **†Barbara Messina and †Paul F. Messina**

by Debbie Slowikowski

Friday, August 16, 2024 St. Stephen of Hungary

7:00 **†Havelevitch Family** by family

5:00 **†Vincenzo Lococo** by Anna Lococo family

Saturday, August 17, 2024 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 **†Richard Fiori** by Fiori family

Sunday, August 18, 2024 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**

9:00 **†Carmen Guzzardi** 3rd Anniversary

by wife Linda and family

9:30 **†Maureen Liegeot** by Gaffney family

10:30 **†Lorenzo Leone** by Michelle Leone

12:00 **†John Downes** by Gaffney family

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.

Called to Serve Moms in Need

Our Blessed Mother models a profound witness to love and life in the Gospel account of the Visitation. Luke's Gospel tells us that, when Mary learns that her cousin Elizabeth is pregnant, she travels to the hill country "in haste" (Lk 1:39). Despite being unexpectedly pregnant herself, Mary responds to this news with urgency.

She embarks on a long and perhaps difficult journey to be with her cousin during her time of need, bearing Christ to her as He lay quietly hidden in Mary's womb. And, although Jesus is veiled from view, when Mary first arrives John the Baptist leaps for joy in Elizabeth's womb, recognizing the presence of Christ (Lk 1:44). Mary, with Jesus, spends the next three months at Elizabeth's side.

The witness of our Blessed Mother invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child.

Following Mary's example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children. How can we, like the Blessed Mother, lovingly support mothers in welcoming and caring for God's gift of life?

Throughout the whole of Scripture, Mary's words are few. Yet, in her sacred encounter with Elizabeth, a powerful declaration pours from her lips. Mary proclaims to all generations that the Lord lifts up the lowly, fills the hungry with good things, and remembers his promise of mercy from age to age (Lk 1:46-56). In both word and deed, Mary speaks a message of hope—not only to Elizabeth, but also to every mother in need and to each of us.

Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to make haste to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone. By doing so, we too can bear Christ within us and help others experience His presence.

Inspired by the Blessed Mother's example and guided by the Holy Spirit, may we offer Christ's presence and love to mothers in their time of need through our faithful service and support.

<https://www.respectlife.org/called-to-serve-reflection>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: AUGUST 11, 2024

For readings online, scan or visit

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



First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

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

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Alleluia: John 6:56

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowds: "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." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

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 and tomato sauce.

Volunteers will transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and set up for distribution on **Thurs., August 15 at 9:30am** and 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, please contact Nancy at 860-601-7866 or n.timbrell@stpaulkensington.org.

Job Openings at Saint Paul School

Part Time Bookkeeper Position



Our parish school has an opening for a part-time (20-25 hours/week) Bookkeeper who will be responsible for the financial oversight of various school programs, organizations, and tuition management. Duties and responsibilities will include the accurate processing of all payables and receivables, timesheets, and working with the FACTS Student Information System for tuition, fee, and financial aid processing. The Bookkeeper will be working directly with the Parish Administrator and School Principal. Qualified candidates must:

- possess an undergraduate degree in accounting or have equivalent experience
- at least three years of bookkeeping/account collection
- be proficient in QuickBooks Online, Word, and Excel

Preference will be given to those who have experience with non-profit agencies, schools and/or church organizations.

Apply through Indeed or by sending a cover letter & resume to Deacon Don Philip at deacondon@stpaulkensington.org or call the Saint Paul Parish Center at 860-828-0331.

Part Time Office Assistant

Saint Paul School is looking for part time office help for 15 hours/week. Please contact Principal Jill Conaway at j.conaway@stpaulkensington.org if interested.

SPS Families MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our Annual **Meet and Greet** on **Wednesday, August 28th** from 4-6 pm.

First day of school is Thursday, August 29th.
We can't wait to see you!



A heartfelt THANK YOU to all families who registered by the deadline!

We will accept late registrations for:

Session 1 (7:45-8:45 a.m.) &
Session 3 (10:45-11:45 a.m.).

Session 2 classes (9:15-10:15 a.m.) are full.
Homeschooling is an option for Gr. 1-2, 4-8.

We still need volunteers to teach/co-teach in grades 4, 5 & 8.

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 for information.

Here are the class dates for the year:

Gr. 1-8 Schedule

Sept. 22
Oct. 6
Oct. 20
Nov. 3
Nov. 17
Dec. 15
Jan. 12
Feb. 9
March 2
March 16
March 30
April 6

Confirmation Schedule

Sept. 8 - Kickoff event with Youth Ministry 6:00-7:30 pm

Class dates
(9:00-10:15 am):

Sept. 29
Oct. 13
Oct. 27
Nov. 10
Nov. 24
Dec. 8
Jan. 5
Jan. 19
Feb. 2
Feb. 23
March 9
March 23

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/>



Saint Paul School Kensington CT



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Kelly Esposito

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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



Robin Veronesi

Director of Religious Education

(860) 828-1934 ext 320



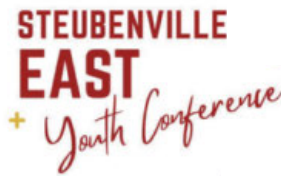
Linda Beaudoin

Administrative Assistant

(860) 828-1934 ext 321

Steubenville Testimony

By Kaitlin Bertolami



Hi my name is Kaitlin Bertolami and this weekend I got to experience a Steubenville Conference for the first time. I really didn't know what to expect going into it, I thought it was going to be boring and just going to church everyday, however I could not have been more wrong. Each day there were different speakers, activities, the opportunity to go to confession, mass everyday, different ways to meet new people, and live music. The atmosphere there was really inspiring and you never felt ashamed or embarrassed to worship or sing out loud. One of my favorite parts about this trip was adoration. I have been to adoration before, however this time I felt more connected and was deeply focused on the Eucharist alone. It was also inspiring to look around and see others have extremely meaningful responses similar to mine because it is just something that I have never experienced before. The group of friends that I made and was with most of the trip really made the experience as well because we had so many fun memories and laughs together.



This trip really helped me strengthen my relationship with God as well as give me an experience I will never forget."

Kaitlin is a sophomore at Mercy High School

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, email Josh: j.kay@stpaulkensington.org.

YOUNG ADULTS Find out about opportunities to network, meet other young adults, and grow in faith through these organizations in our area!

Young Catholic Professionals

provides opportunities to network and connect with young adult Catholic professionals from all over Central CT. E-mail info@ycpccentralconnecticut.org for info.



Frassati is a fellowship of young adult Catholics in their 20's and 30's who desire to gather together to worship the Lord, grow in their faith, serve those in need, and build bonds of authentic friendship. Frassati New Haven hosts activities throughout the year. For more information, email info@frassatinewhaven.org.



YOUTH MINISTRY

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!



LIFETEEN Thank you to all those who came out to our Life Teen Events this past Spring and Summer! Enjoy a few more weeks off before we kick-off the fall semester on September 8th! More information about the kick-off event and the entire fall schedule will be available in a week or two! God Bless!



LIFETEEN BONFIRE NIGHT—AUGUST 4TH

COLLEGE LIFE We had such a wonderful time in community with and praying with our young adults this summer!



Stay tuned for more college life events throughout the fall and into the winter break! If you would like to be added to the email list, email Josh Kay: j.kay@stpaulkensington.org.



COLLEGE BBQ & BONFIRE NIGHT—AUGUST 5TH

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!

SUNDAY SOCIAL

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

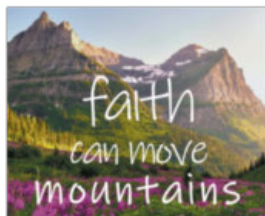


Join us **Sunday, August 18*** after 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart for coffee, conversation, and light refreshments!

*Note date change. The gathering will be on 8/18, not 8/11.

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.

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 14**

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, September 7**



ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Six Session Program Begins **September 22, 2024**.

Are you an adult Catholic who never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? If so, St. Paul's Adult Confirmation Program (ACP) will prepare you to be Confirmed in the Fall of 2024. The reception of all of the Sacraments is about helping us journey through this life to life eternal. The Sacrament of Confirmation is a confirming and strengthening of our Baptism. Through the Sacrament you are sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and Confirmation provides additional graces to help us live out our adult lives as faithful followers of Jesus and strengthens our bond with the Church. 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.

Who is eligible? Catholics who are at least 18 years old and have already been baptized and received their 1st Holy Communion may participate. If married, you must be in a valid Catholic marriage. If you were married outside the Catholic Church (meaning in a civil ceremony or in a non-Catholic Church without the appropriate permission) and would like to discuss how you can have your marriage recognized in the Church, contact one of the Friar-priests and they will be happy to discuss with you your situation. Your preparation for Confirmation can be done simultaneously with the preparation to have your marriage convalidated in the Church, but the convalidation must be concluded before the Confirmation ceremony. Generally speaking, this can often be accomplished.

When will the program be held? Sunday mornings at the Parish Center from Sept. 22 through Oct. 27.

What do the sessions entail? Each session will offer instruction on a particular topic through a variety of means, as well as time for reflection, prayer and a time for questions.

What Information must I supply? You must complete a registration form and provide proof of your Baptism and 1st Holy Communion if you received those sacraments at a parish other than St. Paul's. If you are married you also need to provide proof of the marriage.

When and Where Would I be Confirmed? The Archdiocese of Hartford will schedule an Adult Confirmation Ceremony for a date in November at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.

Who will lead the program? Josh Kay, our Director of Youth Ministry and Adult Catechesis, will lead the sessions.

What is the cost? Just your time and participation. There is no monetary cost.

How do I register? Complete our simple online form or send an email to Josh Kay at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org or call the parish office at 860-828-0331.

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.



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.* The names below have recently been added/updated and will remain through the end of August. *Thank you for helping us keep our Prayer List up to date.*

Bobby Adamowicz	Krystie Luczynski
Amara Alice	Jay Lyons
Jose Arcia	Lisa Mangiafico
John Blankenship	Fr. Paul Mangiafico
Cheryl Brown	Enza Mariano
Mark Camilleri	Zbigniew Mazurek
Janet Carroll	Donald Michaud
Doug Clarke	Janet Michaud
Stephanie Costanzo	Corinne Millerd
Chick Costanzo	Nancy Motulko
Arlene Cotrona	Lenny Mulrooney
Robert Czerwinski	Bob Namnoun
Donzello Family	Peter Niro
Judith Doyle	Our Military
Alyssa Dutkiewicz	Emma Pagano
Marc Egri	Judy Pappalardo
Josefina Fernandez	Greg Parker
Bill Filomena	Ada Payamis
Maureen Freeman	David Peters
Carol Gasper	Nathaniel Picklesimer
Lenore Gourley	Agostino Prisco
Gary Graboski	Christopher Roddy
Linda Hannold	Susy Romero
Tom Higgins	John Russo
Evan Hill	Romen Sarkis
Gina Kahn	Raul Seipel
Deborah Kasper	Rev. Arkadiusz Skwarek
Leonard Kochanowski	Kevin Stanowski
Mary Lamkins	Angelica Szczygla
Roy Lamkins	Gabriel Szczygla
Vinny Lanteri	Julia Szczygla
Arlene LaRosa-Cristini	Alfred Tee
Maria Lauria	Linda Vasquez
John LeBron	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.

SCRIPTURE STUDY—INFORMATION MEETING

An Information/Registration Meeting for our upcoming Fall 2024 Scripture Study program will be held on **Tuesday, August 27** at 7pm in the St. Paul Church Hall. Save the date and look for more details in next week's bulletin!

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!



REMINDER: St. Paul Parishioners have **FORMED** FREE access to great content through **FORMED**! To start exploring all of the movies, programs, e-books, audio content and more, go to <https://formed.org>, select "Sign up as a parishioner", type "St. Paul Kensington CT" or 06037 and follow the prompts to set up your account



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.

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington has announced the theme for their the new retreat season and has released dates for the upcoming fall retreats and programs.

I Have Called you Friends - As poet and author John O'Donohue has written, "Friendship is the nature of God."

Indeed, God desires our friendship and our ability to live life to the fullest. So, it is no surprise that friendships are at the very heart of our happiness and joy, and our friendships and relationships, as vessels of love, have the capacity to bring us into deeper communion with God, ourselves, and all of creation.

Come away and be refreshed and renewed in God's unconditional love and friendship. Experience more deeply that you are God's beloved one in whom God delights and rejoices. (Isaiah 62: 4).



For dates and details about OLC's many retreat options, visit <https://www.ourladyofcalvary.net> or call 860-677-8519.

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Themed Retreats

Women - Sept. 20-22, 2024

Men - Sept. 27-29, 2024

Holy Family invites you delve into a life of prayer and discover how to sustain a sacred connection to God through Christ.

Special Event -Contemplative Program on Thomas Merton

Saturday, September 21, 2024, 3:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Douglas Hertler

Dinner and a movie are always nice, but how about a one-man play followed by dinner and spiritual (and real) desserts! Join us for a very special evening as Douglas Hertler shares his powerful and highly acclaimed story of faith, identity, and vocation. Journey with Doug's life-changing encounter with Thomas Merton through his book, *No Man Is an Island*. As Doug explores what happens when he was confronted with a question he couldn't answer, you're invited to ponder similar questions in your own life. Doug's 85-minute performance will be followed by dinner and then dessert, where you'll enjoy a time of deeper conversation, questions, and reflections with Doug. Offering: \$75, includes dinner. Scholarships are available, please contact Mike Smoolca at cce@holyfamilyretreat.org for more information.



Special Fundraiser for Haiti

Thursday, August 22, 2024, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Holy Family Music Ministers.

Free-will offerings will be collected for Fr. Rick and the St. Luke's Foundation in Haiti. The music will include classical, popular, and Broadway music and will be a wonderful chance to experience the great talent of some of Holy Family's music ministers.

To learn more about Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford, and for detailed information about the events above and more, visit <https://holyfamilyretreat.org> or call 860.521.0440

Visit the **Spiritual Growth** page of our website for links to inspiring podcasts, online Bible readings and reflections as well as nearby retreats, online retreats and meditations, and more!



Scan the QR code or visit <https://stpaulkensington.org/retreatsandresources>



ST. PAUL LADIES' GUILD

If you are looking for a women's organization that supports faith with service and fellowship, you will find it with St. Paul Ladies' Guild. You will encounter fellowship at its monthly meetings at which service projects are discussed, programs which support your faith and provide entertainment are enjoyed, and refreshments are served.

The first Ladies' Guild meeting of the season will be held on **Wednesday, September 4, at 6:00 pm** in the St. Paul Church Hall. There is an annual membership fee of \$15. Come with an appetite to enjoy the Welcome Back Tea and enjoy fellowship with your friends.

If you have any questions, you may call Diane Roncaioli, president, at 860-716-9410.



BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

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HEALING MASS –SHRINE OF DIVINE MERCY

The Mother of Divine Mercy Prayer Group invites you to a Healing Mass on the **last Thursday of each month** at 7:00 pm at the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge MA. (GPS address is 11 Pine Street, Stockbridge). Upcoming dates: **Aug. 29, Sept. 26, Oct. 31.**



Visit <https://www.shrineofdivinemeracy.org> for details.

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 ← 

Monday, August 12

8:45am NO Parish Staff Meeting
10:00am Funeral + Tata
7:00pm Registration for New Members - SPH

Tuesday, August 13

12:00pm 13th of the Month Rosary
1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry SPH
4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration
5:00pm **Coach Mark AAU Practice**

Wednesday, August 14

5:00pm Mass – Vigil Mass
6:00pm Rosary - SHC
7:00pm Knights of Columbus - PC1

Thursday, August 15

Holy Day - Assumption
7:00am Mass
9:00am Quilters - SPH
12:00pm Mass SPC
5:00pm **Coach Mark AAU Practice**
7:00pm Mass

Friday, August 16

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

Saturday, August 17

6:30am TMIY - SPH
8:30am Confessions
3:00pm Confession

Sunday, August 18

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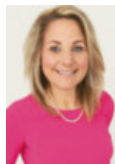
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