

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

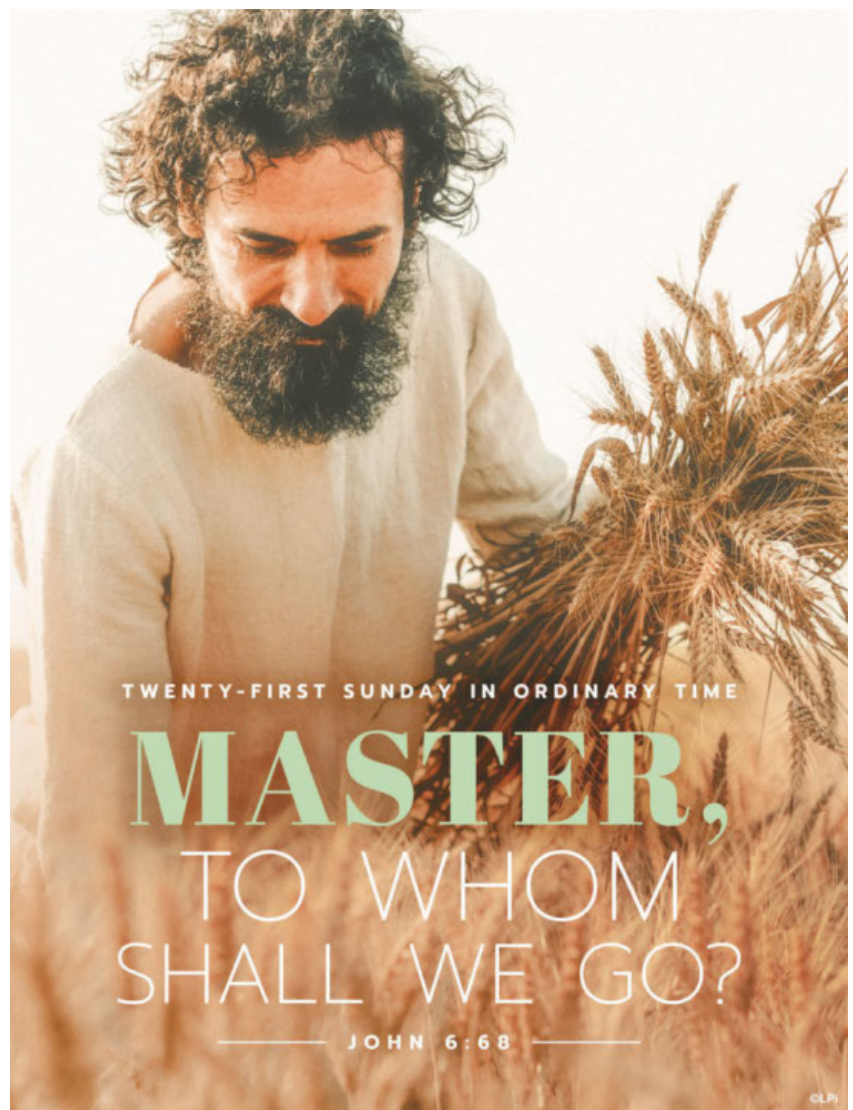
A Franciscan Family of Faith

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

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

August 25, 2024

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

-Pope Francis

Condolences - Please remember in your prayers the soul of Robert Fritz, the father of our Bulletin Coordinator and Publisher, Maura Gaffney, who died on August 17 in New Jersey. May his soul rest in peace and may the Lord's consolation accompany Maura, her siblings, and all who grieve the loss of Bob in their lives just 13 months after they lost their mom.

Are You Someone or Do You Know Someone Who . . . has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Or was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation?

If so, the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA, formerly known as RCIA) is a wonderful opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith. The OCIA sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepares individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, that they have not yet received, at the Easter Vigil on April 19, 2025 so as to grow in their faith and become closer to God.

Maybe you were baptized, but never received First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Maybe you know someone who was baptized in another faith tradition, but has expressed interest in becoming Catholic. Maybe it is someone who has only just begun to think about a life of faith. I encourage all parishioners to think about and pray about someone who you think might be interested in the OCIA program. If you are not sure how to approach the person feel free to speak to one of the Friars.

Adults from all faith traditions or no religious background at all, are welcome to participate. We have some people for the program already. The sessions will be held on Thursdays beginning October 10. For information about the details of the OCIA program please contact Fr. Raymond at 860-828-0331 or email him at frraymond@stpaulkensington.org.

Scripture Study Information Night - The next round of the *Little Rock Scripture Study* group will begin after Labor Day. These small groups of parishioners, of about eight (8) people each, will meet six (6) times this semester wrapping up before Thanksgiving. There are both afternoon and evening sessions. This semester the focus will be on the New Testament Letter to the Hebrews. There is no cost to participate. There is an information meeting this Tuesday, August 27 at 7:00 pm in the St. Paul Church Hall. See page 9 for more information.

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 four (4) new members to replace

those whose terms have expired. Please prayerfully consider being a member of the Pastoral Council. See page 4 for who can be on the Council and what the Council does. Members of the Council will invite parishioners to submit names for membership the weekend of September 7/8. If you have questions contact Mary Corrigan at m.corrigan@stpaulkensington.org.

Berlin Fair - Thanks to those who have already signed up to help the parish operate its two food booths at the Berlin Fair which runs this year from September 12-15. Much more help is needed so if you can volunteer for a shift or two please do so. See page 8 for sign up information.

School Year Starts - Incredibly, the new school year begins this Thursday, August 29th! Let us pray for Mrs. Conaway and the entire faculty and staff that God will bless them throughout this school year so that they will effectively educate our young people in the things of this world, but most importantly in the things of God and his Son Jesus Christ. Let us pray too for all of our school children and their parents that this may be a year of growth and grace. Welcome back everyone!

Fall Bereavement Group Starting Up - Our Bereavement Ministry invites parishioners and others to participate in the Fall 2024 "New Day" Support Group to be held in the St. Paul Church Hall (handicap accessible) on Thursday evenings (6:30-8:00 pm) beginning September 19 through November 7. The program offers a supportive atmosphere of care and understanding for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Brochures with registration information are available at the church entrances and Parish Center. We are blessed to have Jim McDermott lead this ministry for us. If you have questions you may contact him at 860-620-2939.

Adult Confirmation Program - The Adult Confirmation Program is for adult Catholics, 18 years of age and older, who have been baptized and received First Holy Communion, but have not been confirmed. The program will run for six (6) consecutive Sundays beginning September 22nd from 10:15 am to 11:45 am. 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 our parish website <https://stpaulkensington.org> where you will also be able submit the online registration form. You can also email Joshua Kay at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org or call the St. Paul Parish Office at 860-828-0331. The deadline to register for the program is Monday, September 16.

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INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†Florence Suchecki
Birthday Remembrance by her loving family

†Edith Lagocki by family

†Lucia Rucci 1st Anniversary and
†Charles Kahn Birthday Remembrance
by Rosemary Amaio

†Allan Laviana by children, grandchildren and Kathy

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†Deceased Members of the Belmont Family by family

Jim and Doris Roche

69th Wedding Anniversary Celebration by Richard and Joyce Solek



†Robert J. Fritz
(Father of Maura Gaffney)

*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.

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 24, 2024 Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 **†John and †Jeannette Duly**

by Christine and Edward Bratina

Sunday, August 25, 2024 Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:00 **†Mary Rascoe** Anniversary Remembrance

by Mr. and Mrs. Lou Rascoe

9:30 **†Meligonis and †Guite Families** by Bushey family

10:30 **†Paul & †Paula Martin and †Joseph Michaud**

by family

12:00 **†Lois Gadzik** by Diane and Bill Funk

Monday, August 26, 2024 Weekday

7:00 **Christine Tabaczynski** Birthday Celebration

by Tabaczynski family

5:00 **†Connie Quaranta** by the Peck family

Tuesday, August 27, 2024 St. Monica

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

†Beatrice Zappulla by Sandra Julius

†Karl Poglitsch by John and Jeanne Wischenbart

†Sr. Ernestine Krupa by Wendy

†Thomas Lasker by Ed and Gloria Janik

5:00 **†Souls in Purgatory** by Emanuele Lombardo

Wednesday, August 28, 2024 St. Augustine

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

5:00 **†Chris Malz** 1 Year Anniversary by Sophie Choluj

Thursday, August 29, 2024 The Passion of St. John the Baptist

7:00 **†Isaia Tee** by son

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

John Nappi, Jr. by wife

Patti and Fred Ambrozewski by Theresa Bempohl

†Evelyn Szczygla by parents and family

†John Percival by Molly Knapsack and Dottie Nelson

Friday, August 30, 2024 Weekday

7:00 **†Edith Logocki** Anniversary Remembrance by family

5:00 **†Chris DeBlasio** by mom and dad

Saturday, August 31, 2024 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 **†Joseph Frankosky and †Maryanne Chludzienski**

by Christine and Edward Bratina

Sunday, September 1, 2024 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 **†Nell Misteri** 2nd Anniversary

by Misteri and Magisano families

9:00 **†Richard Pampuro** by family

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

10:30 **†Gilda Alberti** by Joan Vancour

12:00 **†Michael Ramsey and †Thomas Ramsey** by family

Parish Collection

Aug 13-19, 2024

In Church SP	\$	8,972
Office	\$	1,007
In Church SH	\$	419
Online Giving	\$	5,007
Total	\$	15,405

Blue Mass - As has been previously announced including through the recent bulletin insert, **our parish will host a Blue Mass on Sunday, September 29th at 1:00 pm in place of the regular 12 Noon Mass that day.** All parishioners are not only welcome to attend, but are encouraged to do so to show support for these men and women who serve our community. Those parishioners who are from police and fire departments outside of Berlin are also invited to participate in this Mass. Elaine Pavasaris is the Chairperson of the Blue Mass committee. She can be contacted at bluemass@stpaulkensington.org. If you would like to help underwrite some of the associated costs (food, programs, flowers, etc.) simply include Blue Mass on the memo line of your check or a note in the envelope with your donation.

Labor Day - On Labor Day, September 2nd, there will be just one Mass at 9 am and the parish office will be closed.

Final Thoughts - Since school starts this week let's try this out: *What do you call Santa's helpers? Subordinate Clauses.* Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day are major barometers for where MLB teams might be headed as is of course what happens in between. Since Independence Day, amongst the contenders the teams playing better are SD, Hou, KC, Twins and Mets. The division leaders are all just above or below .500. NYY have the easiest schedule left with 24 games against teams with losing records including 15 against NL teams. Have a blessed week everyone! - Fr. Joe



ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

FOODSHARE

The Pantry is currently in need of the following items:

Tomato sauce, mayo, frosting, pudding / jello snacks, cereal, oatmeal, hot chocolate, canned fruits and vegetables, canned chicken, rice and rice sides.

Volunteers will transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and set up for distribution on **Thurs., August 29 at 9:30am** and will also help with food distribution on **Fri., August 30 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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: SEPT. 1, 2024

For readings online, scan or visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/090124.cfm>



First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Alleluia: James 1:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Father willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. —For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. — So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

Who can be on the Pastoral Council? The Council is open to all registered and practicing members of the Parish, age sixteen or older. A member 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. Members must also desire to foster the teachings of the Church and have a commitment to attend Council and sub-committee meetings. The Nominating Committee will begin soliciting names during the weekend of Sept. 7/8. Scan for more info.





Saint Paul School Lion Pride Fun Run!

Mark Your Calendars: Our annual Fun Run is happening on September 26th on the Parish Green!

How It Works: We've partnered with Apex to bring an Inspiring program to our students. Through videos, visits, and pledge kits, Apex will motivate our kids to run laps and earn rewards, while learning valuable lessons. Every student gets a free t-shirt and a chance at amazing prizes.

Fun Run Lunch Sponsorship Opportunities: Help make our Fun Run extra special! We're seeking sponsors to provide a school-wide lunch for our participants, hardworking faculty, staff, and volunteers.

Why Sponsor?

1. Gain visibility for your local business.
2. Be part of a fun, community-focused event.
3. Help create great memories for our students, faculty, staff, and volunteers.

Explore Our Sponsorship Levels and Benefits:

Check out the different ways you can support our Fun Run and the types of recognition you'll receive:

<https://auctria.events/FunRunLunchSponsorships>



Questions? Reach out to Denise Nowakowski, Director of Advancement, at (860) 828-4343 Ext. 111 or d.nowakowski@stpaulkensington.org.



We are still in need of a 4th & a 5th grade catechist. If you've received a call from the Holy Spirit, now is the time to answer it as our teacher training sessions are in early September.

Step out in faith and join our amazing team of volunteers!

Contact Robin at religioused@stpaulkensington.org or 860-282-1934 for more information.

Amy G., a religious education coordinator in N.J., wrote the following article, offering responses to reasons why people hesitate to become catechists. It appeared on Joe Paprocki's website "Catechist's Journey" www.catechistsjourney.org. Joe is a National Consultant for Faith Formation at Loyola Press. A few areas have been edited to provide information specific to Saint Paul's religious education program.

"I'm hesitant to become a catechist because..."

"...I don't know if I can handle a group of kids. I don't know if kids will like me."

Everyone is nervous going into a classroom on their first day of teaching (Some of us were nervous for our first several weeks of teaching). The good news is that the children already know how to behave in a classroom from being at school; however, they will sometimes act up. Children thrive when there are clear expectations for their behavior and clear consequences for when they step out of line. If you are friendly, fair, and firm with your students, classroom discipline comes easier.

"...I don't know if I'll be able to answer kids' questions."

Our textbooks are very easy to use and the answers to most questions you will be asked will come from the text. However, sometimes, kids come up with really excellent questions that are not all that easy to answer. There is absolutely nothing wrong with saying, "I don't know, but I'll find out and tell you next time we meet." Then, after class, you can just walk down to the Religious Ed Office and ask us for the answer.

SAINT PAUL SCHOOL

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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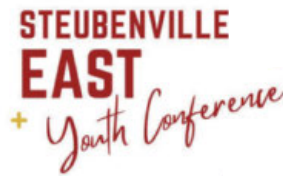
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Steubenville Testimony

By Ellie Henriques



"Steubenville was an amazing experience that was engaging and exciting. The speeches were easy to listen to. Many of them started with funny stories that had the entire audience laughing, yet also gave a clear and meaningful message. I tend to zone out when speeches go on for too long, but I didn't at this conference. I was fully immersed in what each speaker was saying. I personally really enjoyed the Women's Session. For one, it started with music that everyone knew and could sing along to (Taylor Swift's Love Story). For two, Noelle Garcia, the speaker, really connected with everyone and gave us a chance to pray together as a giant group and as small groups of three and four. Another part of the conference that was meaningful was the Eucharistic Adoration. It was beautiful to have time to just be in the presence of God and so inspiring to see all the people who were crying and affected by that moment. It was also meaningful to hear about how people in our small group had realizations about certain things. One of the parts that really hyped the whole area up was the music. On the first night, most of the people didn't know the songs but by Saturday night, everyone knew the words and could get into the moment and enjoy everything. Even the slower songs still got everyone to sing. I didn't even want to go on this retreat, but I am so glad I did because it was an experience like no other and I can't wait to go again next year.



Ellie is a junior at Berlin High School

Life Teen & EDGE Registration Now OPEN for 2024-2025

Registration for our youth ministry programs (Life Teen & EDGE) is now open for 2024-2025. All teens in grades 9-12 are welcome to register for Life Teen. All teens in grades 6-8 are welcome to register for EDGE. By registering for these programs you will also receive a copy of the 2024-2025 schedule for both programs. When you register you will also automatically be added to our email list in order to stay up to date on all things youth ministry. Visit our parish website to learn more about these ministries and to register today!

CORE TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Life Teen and EDGE are looking for adult volunteers to join our "CORE Teams" for the upcoming year. 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mark your calendars!



The 2024-2025 EDGE Fall Kick-Off will be held on **Sunday, September 8 from 1:00-2:30pm out on the Parish Green.**

The theme for the event is:
"Mini Paint Wars"!

All 6-8 grade teens are invited to join us for giant inflatable games, sought after raffle prizes, ice cream, food and a time for prayer. Get all of the info about the kick-off by scanning the QR code! We will see you for the biggest event of the fall!



High Schoolers,
mark your calendars!



The 2024-2025 Life Teen Fall Kick-Off will be held on **Sunday, September 8 from 6:00-7:30pm out on the Parish Green.**

The theme for the event is:
"Paint Wars"!

All 9-12 grade teens are invited to join us for giant inflatable games, sought after raffle prizes, ice cream, food and a time for prayer. Get all of the info about the kick-off by scanning the QR code! We will see you for the biggest event of the fall!



COLLEGE LIFE

Thanks to all who attended our Summer 2024 College Life events!

Please take a minute to scan the QR code to fill out a survey on how we can best serve you for future events!

To join our email list and find out all that's happening, email Josh Kay at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org.



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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, it will remain on the list through the end of September.) *After one month, please renew your request. Thank you for helping us keep our Prayer List up to date.*

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

"...I'm not sure that I have anything to share."

Teaching religion is not just about passing on facts for memorization. In addition to helping the children learn about God, the catechist must help the young people in his or her class to get to know Jesus Christ through His Church; to foster in them a relationship with Jesus. If you're thinking about serving God as a catechist, you probably have a relationship with Our Lord already.

"...I'm not sure that I know just what the Church teaches. I'm afraid I'll say something wrong."

Our textbooks are in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church. That means that everything in our textbooks is in line with what the Church teaches. The key here is never to guess at what the Church teaches. If you don't know, just say, "I'm not sure, let me get back to you" and ask the Religious Ed Office.

"...I don't have any formal training to teach and I've never taught before."

Our texts come with a variety of activities you can use in each lesson and they give you a hand with how to plan lessons. I heard a priest once say, "God doesn't call the qualified; He qualifies the called." At our parish, we qualify those who are called to the ministry of catechesis by holding teaching training at the beginning of the year and providing online training modules.

"...I don't know if I have the time."

Being a catechist is definitely a time commitment. And it's not just the hour that you're here in the classroom. For your time with your students to go well, you need to prepare before you walk into the classroom for at least an hour. Maybe preparing and teaching 12 classes doesn't fit into your schedule right now. There are also opportunities to serve as a teacher's aide or a substitute teacher to get a feel for what this is like.

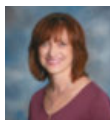
ST. PAUL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Monday-Thursday 8am - 2pm

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BERLIN FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The 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#/>

Volunteer Ticket pick up:

- Saturday, 9/7 from 9am - 11 am
- Wednesday, 9/11 from 5:30 pm - 7 pm
- Thursday, 9/12 from 8 am - 3 pm

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!

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY?

Our next Registration Meeting is **Monday, Sept. 9** 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.

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.

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.

WOMEN OF FAITH KICK OFF MEETING SEPTEMBER 12

Women of Faith will kick off their 4th year at St. Paul's on Thursday, September 12th at 7:00 pm in the St. Paul Church Hall.



We will be discussing the Beatitudes and the impact it can have on our lives.

Please gather with us to share our Faith, Fellowship and Friendship.

Women of Faith meets monthly on Thursday evenings. Please join us and bring a friend!

Should you have any questions, please email Cheryl, Karen or Lynn at womenoffaith@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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SCRIPTURE STUDY—INFORMATIONAL MEETING

An Information/Registration Meeting for our upcoming Fall 2024 Scripture Study program will be held **THIS WEEK** on **Tuesday, August 27 at 7pm** in the St. Paul Church Hall. All are welcome!

Our St. Paul Scripture Study Ministry brings together parishioners in small groups of 8-10 people to read, reflect on and pray with the Scriptures so as to better discern the Word of God in our lives. The groups are involved in two studies each year: one begins in March and the other begins in September. Each study delves into either a book of the Bible or a Biblical theme and entails 5-6 bi-weekly meetings that take place either in the Parish Center or the Sacred Heart Rectory. We follow the curriculum of Little Rock Scripture Study (littlerockscripture.org).

Our next study will be **The Letter to the Hebrews**. This study involves a little reading on your own and participating in small group meetings about twice a month in the parish center **beginning the week of September 9**. Hebrews is more like a sermon than a letter. It reviews the history of Israel to demonstrate how Jesus Christ fulfills and even surpasses all the hopes expressed in the Old Testament. It presents Jesus as the unique High Priest who is simultaneously the one who offers sacrifice to God and is himself the sacrifice. It describes the exaltation of Jesus Christ as superior to all that came before, whether prophet, priest or angel. Jesus is presented as our High Priest whose compassion for us is rooted in his humanity, but whose sacrifice is all sufficient because he is without sin.

Why not join us and learn more at the Informational Meeting at the Parish Center on Tuesday, August 27 at 7pm.

The readings at Mass take on a whole new perspective as we come to know the books' authors, their intended audience and the connections between the Old and New Testaments.

Please contact Mark Chasse at mchasse1@comcast.net with any questions or call the Parish Office at 860-828-0331.

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.

Riunisci la tua famiglia e i tuoi amici ("Gather your family and friends")

Our annual Italian Night dinner is scheduled for **Saturday, November 2nd** following the 4 o'clock Mass. The cocktail hour will begin at 5 pm and dinner will be served at approximately 6:15 pm.

For those who have attended in the past, you'll remember that it's a fun night to spend time with family and friends, enjoy a delicious Italian dinner, and take chances on the many beautiful raffle prizes that never disappoint.

Tickets will go on sale October 1st and can be purchased online or by calling Betty Lasker at (860) 992-8390.

Individual, couples, or tables of 8 or 10 will be available.

If you would like to donate a raffle prize, you may drop it off at the parish center or by contacting Betty or Lynn Misteri at (860) 913-5448.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Saturday, August 24

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

Sunday, August 25

Monday, August 26

8:45am Parish Staff Meeting
4:00pm Wedding
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Tuesday, August 27

9:00am Faculty PD
4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration
7:00pm Scripture Study Info/Registration - SPH

Wednesday, August 28

8:00am Faculty & Staff PD
4:00pm Meet & Greet, School Pics
6:00pm Rosary - SHC

Thursday, August 29

First Day of School Early Dismissal 12:30

9:00am Quilters - SPH

Friday, August 30

11:45am FoodShare SHC
6:30pm Back to School Night - PG
7:00pm AA Meeting - SPH

Saturday, August 31

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

Sunday, September 1

1:30pm Baptisms

PARISH CALENDAR

Rosary

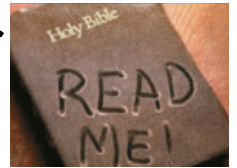
Sacred Heart Church
6:00-6:30 pm

Wednesday, Aug. 28

Children's Rosary

Sacred Heart Church
10:00 am

Saturday, Sept. 7



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT Our Bereavement Ministry invites parishioners and others to participate in the Fall 2024 "New Day" Support Group to be held in the Church Hall (handicap accessible) on Thursday evenings (6:30-8:00 pm) from **Sept. 19 through Nov. 7**. We offer a supportive atmosphere of care and understanding for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Brochures with registration information are available at the church entrances. **Meeting dates: Sept. 19 & 26, Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7.**

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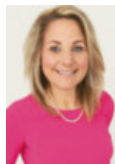
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