

## **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**

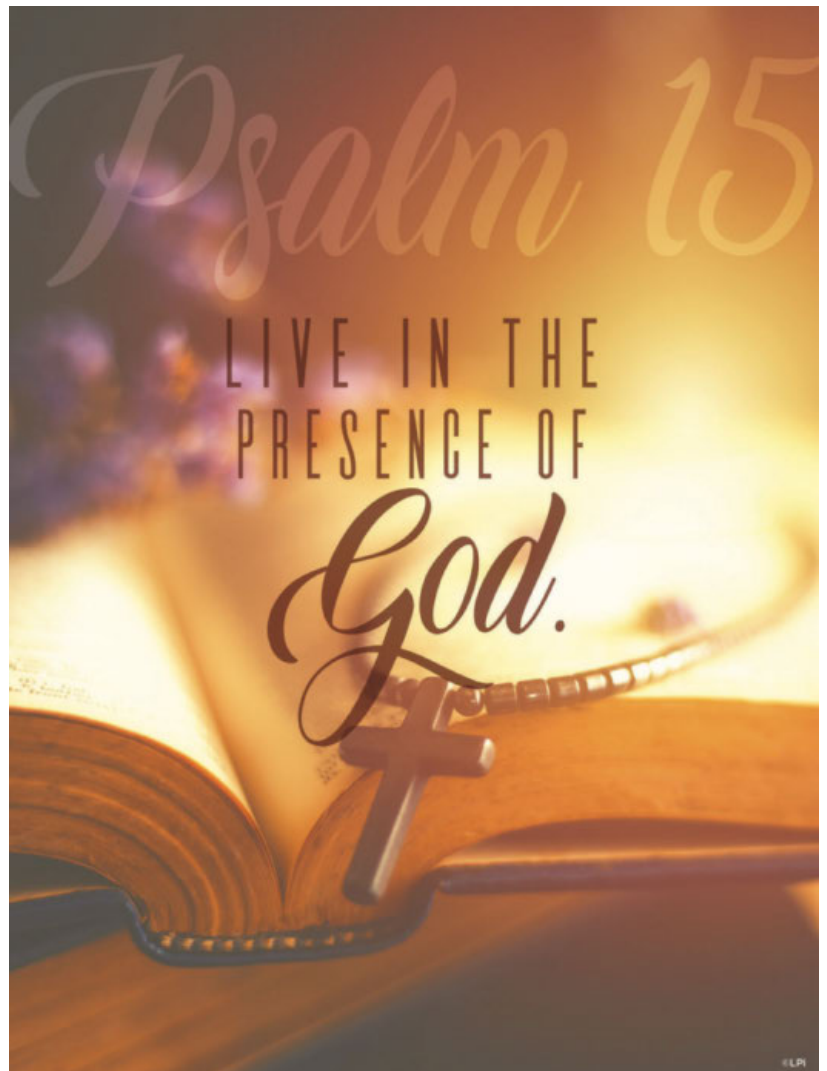
*A Franciscan Family of Faith*

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

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

September 1, 2024

*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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

*-Pope Francis*

## Labor Day September 2<sup>nd</sup>



On Monday there will be one Mass at 9 am and the Parish Center will be closed. Pope Benedict XVI in his 2009 encyclical *Caritas in Veritate* (*Charity in Truth*) reminds us that “economic systems should work for people, rather than people serving the system.” Yet workers too must reflect on their duties and responsibilities to business owners since it is through their investment and

risks taken, that workers are employed. Before we enjoy the last holiday of the summer let us take a moment to bow our heads in prayer.

*Lord, on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking employment, and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere. We ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see, but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all. Amen.*

**Pastoral Council Seeks New Members** - A new year for the Pastoral Council will begin this month 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 Pastoral Council will invite parishioners to submit names for membership next weekend. If you have questions contact Mary Corrigan at [m.corrigan@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:m.corrigan@stpaulkensington.org).

**Youth Ministry Fall Kick Off Event** - Next Sunday, both our Middle School group EDGE, and Life Teen, our high school group, will get the fall semester underway in a big way on the Parish Green. Both Life Teen and EDGE events will happen on the same day, just at different times. The event, entitled “Paint Wars,” will include giant inflatables, dry paint powder games, sought after raffle prizes, food, ice cream, and of course an opportunity for prayer! See the insert today for more info as well as on our website. Parents, I ask that you support our Youth Ministry Program by encouraging your children to participate and of course offering them rides to and from the event. Joshua Kay, our Youth Minister, can always be contacted at [j.kay@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:j.kay@stpaulkensington.org). Another way you can support our Youth Ministry Program is by being one of Josh’s assistants for either of the two programs. Your help can go along way to help our youth grow and mature in their faith and in life.

**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 9 for sign up information.

**2025 Mass Book** - On Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, the 2025 Mass Book will open. As we have done successfully the last four years, we will use a tiered approach for the opening of the 2025 Mass Book. More detailed information can be found on our website and there will be an insert in the Sept. 15 bulletin.

**Blue Mass September 29** - Our parish will host a **Blue Mass on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bluemass@stpaulkensington.org). There will be a reception after the Mass and the committee needs an idea of how many will attend so please see page 8 for how to indicate that you will be attending.

**Parish Programs Back Up and Running** - Summer, at least from the meteorological perspective, with the turn of the page of the calendar to September has passed by once again. The advent of September brings many parish programs and ministries going full throttle once again. See the following items for programs that might be of assistance to you and help you grow in your faith and make or deepen friendships within our parish family.

**That Man is You** - All men are welcome to participate in this extraordinary program. The group meets on Saturdays at 7am wrapping up around 8:15am. Two 13-week sessions are held each year with the fall session beginning September 21<sup>st</sup>. For more information about TMIY see page 9. **I also encourage the men of the parish to attend the CT Catholic Men’s Conference on Saturday, September 21 at Northwest Catholic High School.** See page 7 for more information.

**Women of Faith** - The St. Paul Women of Faith group seeks to support and affirm the Faith of Catholic women in today’s world. Through Friendship, Faith, and Fellowship, they support each other in their roles as mothers, wives, daughters, sisters and friends. All women are invited to gather together to share our Faith and grow spiritually in Christ. Meetings are usually held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month with the first one this year coming on September 12<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall at 7:00 pm. For more information email [womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org) or call the Parish Office at 860-828-0331. *Continued page 4*

## INTENTIONS

### Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†**Joan Manning** by St. Paul Women of Faith

†**Helen Kurnik** 1st Year Anniversary by family

### Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†**Lawrence J. Fagan** 1st Anniversary September 3rd by family

### Sacred Heart Candle will burn this week for

**Debbie Beleza** For Health by family

### 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](mailto:ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:mfduplin@outlook.com). We would love to have you join us!



### **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 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

Monday, September 2, 2024 Labor Day  
9:00 †**Tracy and †Jean Wieczorek** Anniversary Remembrance  
by Arlene and Bill DeBlasio

5:00 **NO 5PM MASS**

Tuesday, September 3, 2024 St. Gregory the Great  
7:00 †**Robert J. Fitzsimmons** by wife Anita and children  
†**Dieter Pawlak** by sister  
†**Ann Gormely** by Derek S. Petroka  
†**Patricia Gebhardt** by Lynn and Cheryl  
†**Rose Wollman** by Tina Angeli

5:00 †**Lois Gadzik** by Roz

Wednesday, September 4, 2024 Weekday  
7:00 †**Stanley Mroczka** 42nd Anniversary  
by daughters Rosemary and Margaret

8:45

5:00 †**Lynne Baikal** Birthday Remembrance by family

Thursday, September 5, 2024 Weekday  
7:00 †**Gerald and †Anthony Vanty** by Linda Vanty

5:00 †**Maria Lombardo** by Emanuele Lombardo  
†**Souls in Purgatory** by John and Linda Nappi, Jr.  
**John Nappi, Jr.** by wife  
†**Lois Gadzik** by Fayne Malloy  
†**Giuseppe Magisano** by Lynn Misteri

Friday, September 6, 2024 Weekday  
7:00 †**David Cyr and †Brad Ragaglia** by friend

5:00 †**Mary Louise Doherty** 16th Anniversary and  
**Robert Doherty** For Healing by mother Ida Procaccini and family

Saturday, September 7, 2024 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 †**Frank, †Mary and †George Cotrona** by family

Sunday, September 8, 2024 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:30 †**Lorraine Rakowski** by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Witz

9:00 †**Patricia A. Lynch** by family

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

10:30 †**Ceil Simeone Biscoglio** 9th Anniversary  
by mom, dad and family

12:00 †**Bernard Gaffney** by Gaffney family

### Parish Collection

Aug 20-26, 2024

In Church SP	\$	8,605
Office	\$	1,709
In Church SH	\$	935
Online Giving	\$	4,672
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,381</b>



**Fall Bereavement Group** - 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 Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 pm beginning September 19 and finishing up on November 7. 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 Faith Formation** - Please see page 8 for information about the **Adult Confirmation Program** that begins on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> and is geared toward Catholics who have already been baptized and already receive Holy Communion, but have never been Confirmed. In order to be a godparent or a Confirmation sponsor, the person must have been Confirmed.

**The second adult Faith Formation Program is the OCIA, formerly known as RCIA.** This journey of faith is designed for those who are exploring the Catholic faith for the first time as well as for Catholics who are trying to deepen their sacramental life in the Church. The OCIA sessions will be held on Thursdays beginning on October 10 and will culminate at the Easter Vigil on April 19, 2025. Adults from all faith traditions, or no religious background at all, are welcome to participate. There are five people signed up at this time. For information see page 8 and contact Fr. Raymond at 860-828-0331 or email him at [rraymond@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:rraymond@stpaulkensington.org).

**Diaconate Program** - Last year you will recall that one of our parishioners, Francis Volz, aka Bud, was accepted as an Aspirant into the Permanent Diaconate Program for the Archdiocese of Hartford. With his acceptance, Bud began a five year formation program toward becoming a Permanent Deacon. He is one of 15 men in this class, and Bud and all of the others have moved on to the second year of the program. His second year begins this week with a concentration in Sacred Scripture beginning with the Old Testament. Please keep Bud in your prayers as he continues his formation.

**Sidewalk** - You may have noticed that as part of the towns' storm drains, road, and curbing repairs, the grass strip along Peck Street on the side of the church was replaced with concrete as part of that work. I think this is to our benefit and will make parking along Peck Street easier with all concrete especially in rain and snow. A couple curb cuts are also being added along Grove Hill to make it easier when vehicles need access to our property. The re-paving work on the streets immediately around the church and school is scheduled to be done later this month.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: SEPT. 8, 2024

For readings online, scan or visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/090824.cfm>



**First Reading:** Isaiah 35:4-7a

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

*Praise the Lord, my soul!*

**Second Reading:** James 2:1-5

**Alleluia:** Cf. Matthew 4:23

*R. Alleluia, alleluia.*

*Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.*

*R. Alleluia, alleluia.*

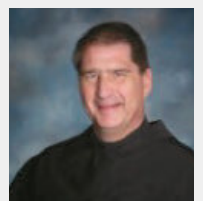
**Gospel:** Mark 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!" — And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

**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.



**Final Thoughts** - I am thinking people have had enough of my one liners, so here is one that a parishioner submitted. *What did the lettuce say to the celery? Stop stalking me!* The Ravens get the privilege of visiting the reigning NFL champion Chiefs this Thursday for game 1 of the 272 game NFL schedule. It is okay in my thinking, better them now than in the middle of the season, plus you get a few extra days before game 2. After the Raiders at home, off to Dallas and home to the Bills; so after week 4 a lot will be known about the Ravens. AL East and Central and NL West will go down to the last weekend. Enjoy the Labor Day holiday and have a blessed week! - Fr. Joe





### 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](mailto:d.nowakowski@stpaulkensington.org).



We are happy to report that all of our Religious Education teaching vacancies are now filled! Thanks to those who stepped out in faith last weekend after our pulpit plea. We will recognize all 45 catechists on Catechetical Sunday in late September.

**Classes start on Sunday, September 22 for Grades 1-8**

This is also the date for the first Children's Mass at 9:00 am.

First year Confirmation students will begin their year at the September 8 Youth Ministry Paint Wars Fall Kickoff Event 6:00 - 7:30 pm on the Parish Green.

(if weather doesn't cooperate—it will be in the school gym)

**The first class for both  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation students  
is on Sunday, September 29.**

Teacher training meetings are next week at 6:30 pm in the Saint Paul School library:  
Tuesday, September 3 for Grade 3  
Wednesday, September 4 for Grades 1-2, 4-8  
Thursday, September 5 for Confirmation

Please keep all of our students and catechists in your prayers as we begin a new year.

### 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



saintpaul.school



#### Kelly Esposito

Admissions Director

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### ST. PAUL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Monday-Thursday 8am - 2pm

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



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## NEW ALTAR SERVER COMMISSIONING

A Commissioning ceremony for two new altar servers was held on August 18, 2024 at the 10:30am Mass. Pictured below (L to R) are Fr. Martin, Gabriel Puskarz (Master of Ceremonies) and our new servers Ronan Buckley and Osher Yerushalmy. Also pictured in bottom photo is Jeshua Matthew Thank you Gabe, Ronan, Buckley and Jeshua for volunteering to serve in this important ministry! God Bless.



## 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 you will receive a copy of the 2024-2025 schedule and will be added to our email list in order to stay up to date on all things youth ministry. Visit our website to learn more 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](mailto: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](mailto:j.kay@stpaulkensington.org).



Follow us on Instagram!  
[saintpaulparish\\_youth](https://www.instagram.com/saintpaulparish_youth)

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

Bobby Adamowicz	Maria Lauria
Nancy Adamowicz	Mary Jane Lynch
Fred Alkas, Sr.	Lisa Mangiafico
Amara Alice	Fr. Paul Mangiafico
Jose Arcia	Enza Mariano
Cheryl Brown	Nancy Motulko
Mark Camilleri	Lenny Mulrooney
Janet Carroll	Bob Namnoum
Arlene Cotrona	Our Military
Robert Czerwinski	Peter Niro
Fr. Tony DeFronzio	Emma Pagano
Donzello Family	Judy Pappalardo
Alyssa Dutkiewicz	William Petit, Sr.
Romen Farkis	Suzy Romero
Josephina Fernandez	John Russo
Bill Filomena	Raul Seipel
Lenore Gourley	Angelica Szczygla
Linda Hannold	Gabriel Szczygla
Tom Higgins	Julia Szczygla
Evan Hill	Alfred Tee
Gina Kahn	David Vandrilla
Deborah Kasper	Kathleen Vandrilla
Leonard Kochanowski	Linda Vasquez
Vinny Lanteri	Scott Veley
	Tracey Wilson

## Bible Study

Come to the water.

### SCRIPTURE STUDY Join our Fall 2024 Scripture Study!

Discover how the readings at Mass can 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. If you missed Information Meeting last week, contact Mark Chasse today to find out how you can join this inspiring and rewarding ministry. You may email him at [mchasse1@comcast.net](mailto:mchasse1@comcast.net) or call the parish office.

The next Scripture Study will be **The Letter to the Hebrews**. It involves both 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 reviews the history of Israel to demonstrate how Jesus Christ fulfills and surpasses all the hopes expressed in the Old Testament. It presents Jesus as the 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. (We follow the curriculum of Little Rock Scripture Study: [littlerockscripture.org](http://littlerockscripture.org).)

**THAT MAN IS YOU!** The Fall Session of our St. Paul Parish TMIY Men's Group will be held from September 21 through December 14, 2024. The group meets in the St. Paul Church Hall on Saturday mornings with breakfast (optional) at 6:30am and the program beginning at 7:00am. TMIY! combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. The program honestly addresses pressures & temptations that men face in our modern culture. More information will be posted in upcoming bulletins and on our parish website.



**MEN'S CONFERENCE—SEPT. 21** The CT Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at Northwest Catholic High School in West Hartford. Theme: *The Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell*. The event includes: Mass, Eucharist Procession, Adoration, Confession, Exhibitors, Speakers, LUNCH included and a Gift bag on entry. Info & tickets at <https://www.ctcatholicmen.org>

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—MUM SALE

On September 20-22 the Knights will be selling Mums on Parish Green. More details next week.







**BLUE MASS 9/29/24** St. Paul Parish is hosting a Blue Mass on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 1:00pm to show gratitude to our first responders. A reception will be held in the St. Paul Church Hall following the Mass. In order to get an accurate count for the caterer, we are asking everyone who plans on attending the reception to [RSVP by September 13](#). Scan the QR Code, emailing [bluemass@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:bluemass@stpaulkensington.org) or call 860 828 0331.

Also, **please send in photos** of your first responders, active, retired or deceased for the slideshow which will be shown at the reception following the Mass. Email photos to [bluemass@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:bluemass@stpaulkensington.org) by September 13.



- ⇒ Did you know that September 29 is the feast day of Saint Michael the Archangel?
- ⇒ September 29, 2024 is also the 90th anniversary of the first Blue Mass held in the U.S. at St. Patrick Church in Washington DC on September 29, 1934.

Please show your support and prayers for our first responders by attending this very special Blue Mass.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

OCIA  
Order of Christian  
Initiation for 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 [rraymond@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:rraymond@stpaulkensington.org).

More details are also available on our website.

**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.](#)

## 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 and have already been baptized and received 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 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.](#)

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](mailto: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. Join us and bring a friend! Should you have any questions, please email [womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org).

**ROSARY MAKERS** All are welcome to join our Rosary Makers at their next meeting on **Monday, September 9th** at 1:00pm in the St. Paul Church Hall.



Contact Lynn Misteri at 860-913-5448 with any questions or to learn more about this ministry.

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## JOIN THE CHOIR!

The St. Paul Parish Choir is welcoming new singers! We have some nice music planned for the upcoming Greccio, and would like some additional voices.



We are seeking Basses, Tenors, Sopranos and Altos. If you fall somewhere in that spectrum, please contact our Director of Music, Jeff Batter at [jeffbatter@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:jeffbatter@stpaulkensington.org) for more information.

## 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!

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

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

## ST. PAUL LADIES' GUILD

St. Paul Ladies' Guild is a women's organization that supports faith with service and friendship. At the Guild's monthly meetings, programs that provide entertainment and which support your faith are enjoyed, service projects are decided, and refreshments are served.

The first meeting of the season will be held on Wednesday, September 4, at 6:00 pm in the St. Paul Church Hall. Come with an appetite to enjoy the Welcome Back Tea and enjoy fellowship with your friends.

There is an annual membership fee of \$15.

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



## ITALIAN NIGHT MEETING

The next meeting for the Italian Night Committee is scheduled for **Thursday, September 19th** at 7pm in the Parish Center. Our Italian Night Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, November 2nd. If you would like to join the committee, please contact Betty at (860) 992-8390.



## ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE



The Pantry is currently in need of the following items:

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

Volunteers will transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and set up for distribution on **Thurs., Sept. 12 at 9:30am** and will also help with food distribution on **Fri., Sept. 13 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 FoodShare including volunteering, please contact Nancy at 860-601-7866 or [n.timbrell@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:n.timbrell@stpaulkensington.org).

## Saturday, August 31

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

## Sunday, September 1

1:30pm Baptisms

## Monday, September 2

**NO SCHOOL - Labor Day** Parish Office Closed

8:45am NO Parish Staff Meeting  
9:00am Mass  
5:00pm NO Mass

## Tuesday, September 3

4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration  
6:00pm **Gala Team Meeting**  
6:30pm **Gr. 3 catechist mtg**  
6:30pm Adult Choir - PCLL  
7:00pm K of C Leadership Mtg

## Wednesday, September 4

8:45am **School Mass**  
3:30pm **Adv./Dev. Committee Mtg**  
6:00pm Ladies Guild Mtg - SPH  
6:00pm Rosary - SHC  
6:30pm **Gr 1-2,4-8 catechist mtg**

## Thursday, September 5

9:00am Quilters - SPH  
10:00am First Thursday Calls  
11:30am Funeral - +Fliss  
6:00pm **Social for SPS Parents**  
6:30pm **Conf. catechist mtg**  
6:30pm Blue Mass Mtg SPH

## PARISH CALENDAR

## Friday, September 6

9:00am First Friday Calls  
7:30pm AA Meeting - SPH

## Saturday, September 7

6:30am TMIY - SPH  
8:30am Confessions  
10:00am Children's Rosary SHC  
3:00pm Confession

## Sunday, September 8

1:00pm **EDGE Fall Semester Kick-Off**  
6:00pm **Life Teen Fall Semester Kick-Off**

**COFFEE WITH VETERANS** Coffee with Veterans will be held on the **1st Saturday of each month** from 9am-11am at the American Legion Post 68 Hall, 154 Porters Pass in Berlin. Veterans, come enjoy free coffee, hot breakfast and good conversations. If you need a ride, please contact Mo Jordan at 860-268-8969 or [americanlegionauxpost68@gmail.com](mailto:americanlegionauxpost68@gmail.com).

## YOUNG WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT Sept. 27-29

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