

## **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**

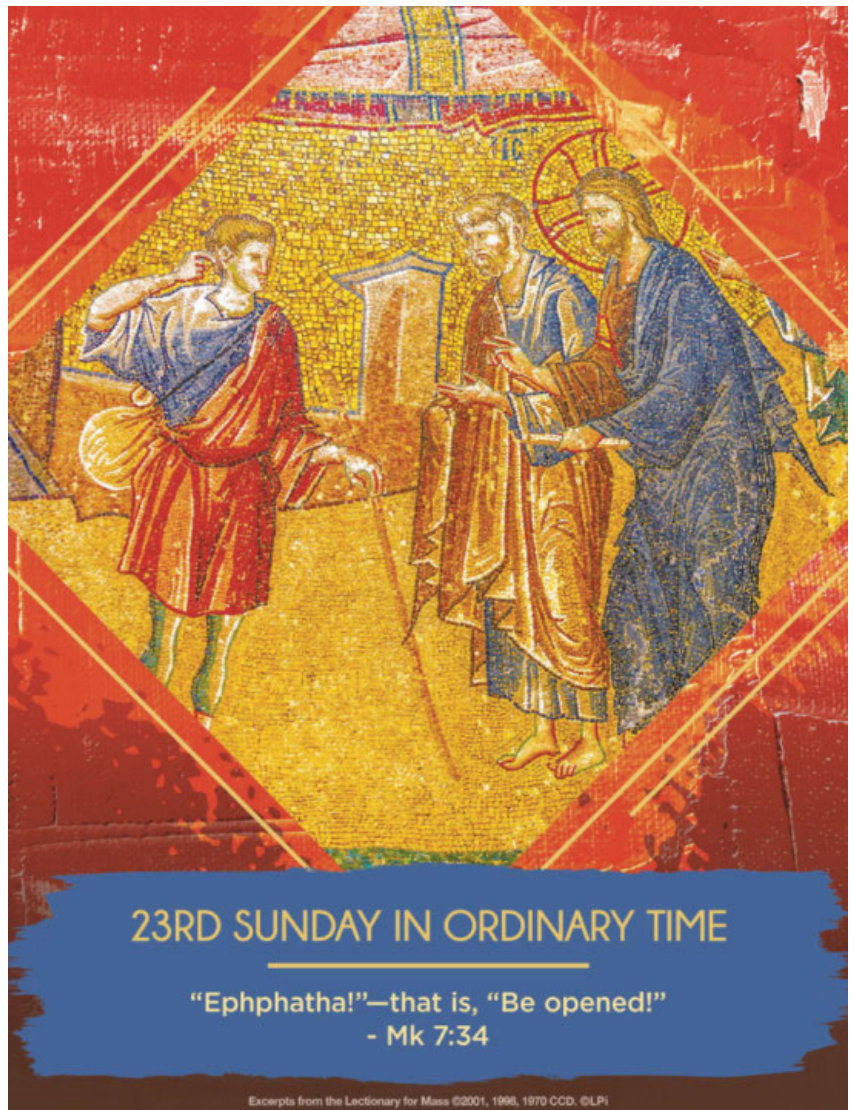
*A Franciscan Family of Faith*

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

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

September 8, 2024

*23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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

*-Pope Francis*

### **Nominations for the Pastoral Council are Needed -**

During Mass this weekend a member of the Pastoral Council will invite you to consider being a member of the Council or to nominate another parishioner who you think would be a good addition to the Council. The by-laws of the Council limit how long a person can serve. In June four (4) members finished their terms and so as a result, the Pastoral Council is now looking to add new members and surface other names for possible membership in the coming years as terms of current members expire. There are also openings on the four committees of the Council. A Nominating Form is included in this bulletin and can be accessed on the parish website as well. All nominations are due by Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please give this your most serious consideration. If you have questions contact Mary Corrigan at [m.corrigan@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:m.corrigan@stpaulkensington.org).

**More Volunteers Still Needed for the Berlin Fair** - Thanks to those who have already signed up to help the parish operate our two food booths at the Berlin Fair which begins this Thursday evening and runs through next Sunday. We still need more help so if you can volunteer for a shift or two please do so. See page 9 for sign up information.

**Prayer on the Anniversary of 9/11** - Loving Father in heaven, we pause to remember the great losses and courageous acts of September 11, 2001. We pray for the 2,977 souls who died that day in New York City, at the Pentagon, and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. We honor and try to emulate those who died while trying to save others. We lift up those who are still affected; families of the victims, police officers, firemen, first responders and all who were involved. We pray for the survivors of September 11th, but who are still scarred physically, spiritually and emotionally. Lord we pray too for the loved ones of those who died. May they not be deterred in their faith and may the evil that has been inflicted on them be overcome by your love. We pray that the light of Christ will overcome all hate and vengeance. Give us the grace to follow you and your Great Commandment of Love and to be your instruments of peace. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**Adult Confirmation Program** - Please see page 8 for information about the six session **Adult Confirmation Program** that begins in just two weeks on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> and is geared toward Catholics who have already been baptized and already received Holy Communion, but have never been Confirmed. To be a godparent or a Confirmation sponsor the person must have been Confirmed. Joshua Kay, our Youth Minister, will lead these sessions.

**2025 Mass Book** - The 2025 Mass Book will open on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 about the three tiers and there will be an insert in next weekend's bulletin.

**Blue Mass September 29 - Our parish will host a Blue Mass on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in place of the regular 12 Noon Mass that day.** All parishioners are encouraged to attend this Mass 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 the insert for how to indicate that you will be attending.

**Friar 4 Miler Walk/Run** - See page 9 for information about the 3rd **Friar 4 Miler Walk/Run** for fun being held on Sunday afternoon October 6<sup>th</sup> after the 12 Noon Mass. The Parish Green will host the start and finish lines. You can also just come for the games, music, and fellowship and wait for those doing the running and walking to return. Instead of it being held in August this year, this event is now part of the weekend when we celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis. Thanks goes out to Maura Gaffney who is chairing this event. She can be contacted at [m.gaffney@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:m.gaffney@stpaulkensington.org).

**Saint Paul School** - Saint Paul School opened its doors to students for the 67<sup>th</sup> time on August 29<sup>th</sup>. The opening enrollment for all grades, Pre K3 - 8, was 257. This is an increase of 23 students, nearly 10%, over last year's closing enrollment of 234. The only grades that are not at or very nearly full are grades 1, 2 and 8. **The school will hold its Fall Open House on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.**

To learn more about our school contact Kelly Esposito, our Director of Admissions, at 860-828-4343, ext. 113 or [k.esposito@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:k.esposito@stpaulkensington.org) and she will be happy to introduce the many great opportunities that await you and your child at Saint Paul School.

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## INTENTIONS

### Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†George and †Patricia Miller by Andrea Fiori Brandl

†Elizabeth Bittner by daughter Mary Ann Imundo

†Charles Drury

Birthday Remembrance by John, Mary Ann and Michael Imundo

†Lorraine Rakowski by St. Paul Rosary Makers

### Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†Matthew Joseph Mattera 8th Anniversary by mom and family

†Robert Fritz by John and Flora Sittnick



†Frank C. Magnoli

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

### Parish Collection

Aug 27-Sep 2, 2024

In Church SP	\$	8,769
Office	\$	1,112
In Church SH	\$	486
Online Giving	\$	4,918
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,285</b>

**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.

### **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, 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

Monday, September 9, 2024 St. Peter Claver

7:00 †Rose Wollman Birthday Remembrance

by Vin and LouAnne Mercadante

5:00 †Souls in Purgatory by Emanuele Lombardo

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 Weekday

7:00 †Jennifer D'Ambrosio Vernali Birthday Remembrance

by mom, dad and sister Jessica

†Kieran Egan by Margaret and family

†Chester Zapor Birthday Remembrance

by Sawyer / Zapor families

†Edith and †Robert Pulito In Memory Of by Nancy Pulito

†Patricia Gebhardt by Roz

8:45 †Tom Lasker by Bill and Diane Funk

5:00 †Henry Bobrowski by Pam and Kevin

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 Weekday

7:00 †Tom Lasker by Fayne Molloy

5:00 †Stefano Pollastro Birthday by Rita family

Thursday, September 12, 2024 The Most Holy Name of Mary

7:00 Living Friars, Family, Friends and Benefactors

of the Friars

5:00 †Eugenio Riccardi by Emanuele Lombardo

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

John Nappi, Jr. by wife

†Joseph Tardif Anniversary Remembrance

by Melissa and Dean

†Wieslawa Boks by Ewa Balcerek

Friday, September 13, 2024 St. John Chrysostom

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

by Anthony Micacci

5:00 †James P. Coleman, Jr. by Anop family

Saturday, September 14, 2024 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 †Edward and †Frances Bratina

by Christine and Edward Bratina

Sunday, September 15, 2024 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 †Dorothy and †Edward Samojla

by John and Ann Frigeri

9:00 †Mark Raynock by Melissa Tardif and Dean Guerrette

9:30 Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish

10:30 †William E. Brown by his niece

12:00 †Mary Rich by Crowley 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](mailto:ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org).

**School Masses** - This past week on September 4, we had our Opening Mass for the new school year. Throughout the school year, mostly on **Tuesdays**, there is a Mass for some or all of the grades. Some times it is a sectional Mass (Grades 6-8), or (3-5) or (K-2) while other weeks it is the whole school. This pattern holds unless there is a special feast, like the Feast of St. Francis or a Holy Day, that week. You will see the Masses listed in the bulletin. I mention this because you are most welcome to attend any of the school Masses. Students are always seated up front in the old wing so take a seat towards the back of the old wing. Intentions for these Masses for the remainder of 2024 were recently added to the Mass Book and some may be available.

**New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & Readers are Needed** - The parish is in need of additional Readers (Lector) and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) to serve in these ministries at Mass. There will be an afternoon of reflection and training for new members of these ministries, beginning with a light lunch, on Sunday, October 13 from 1:15 to 4:00 pm in the St. Paul Church Hall. Candidates for these ministries must meet the qualifications noted below. If you are interested in being an EMHC or Reader, please contact Fr. Joe or the parish office so that you can secure the permission needed to attend the program on October 13.

EMHC are properly formed, instructed and commissioned lay persons who are appointed for a given parish community to aid in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and to the sick and homebound when ordinary ministers of Holy Communion are unavailable.

Readers (Lectors) are lay persons commissioned to proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture at Mass, not including the Gospel. Readers should possess the skills necessary for effective oral proclamation which is essential for this ministry.

**Qualifications for EMHC and Readers:** The Archbishop of Hartford regulates the ministry of EMHC and Readers in collaboration with the pastors of the parishes of the Archdiocese. EMHC and Reader qualifications:

1. Be at least 17 years of age
2. Have received the Sacrament of Confirmation
3. Have a continuing relationship with the parish and regularly participate in the Eucharist (attend Mass each weekend).
4. Strives to live a life consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church
5. If married, are in a valid Catholic marriage
6. Have the Pastor's permission
7. Complete an online Virtus Training session
8. **Readers** must possess the skills needed for effective oral proclamation

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: SEPT. 15, 2024**

For readings online, scan or visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091524.cfm>



**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:5-9a

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

*I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.*

**Second Reading:** James 2:14-18

**Alleluia:** Galatians 6:14

*R. Alleluia, alleluia.*

*May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord through which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.*

*R. Alleluia, alleluia.*

**Gospel:** Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

**EMHC to the Sick and Homebound** - All current EMHC who bring Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound should have received an email or letter about their Afternoon of Renewal for this aspect of being an EMHC also set for Sunday, October 13. If you did not, please contact the Parish Center so that the information can be passed onto you.

**Final Thoughts** - Another parishioner has offered the "joke" of the week: *Did you know it is illegal to laugh out loud in Hawaii - you have to keep it to a low ha.* If NY and BAL finish one two in the AL for best record, the second place team will not only have to play the three game Wild Card series, but if they won that series they would be the visiting team against the number one seeded team in the ALDS. In case the two of them finish tied, the season series winner gets the one seed. The Orioles currently lead the season series 6 - 4 with three games left to play. Parishioners have an array of NFL teams they root for so here is hoping it is a good season. Have a blessed week everyone. - Fr. Joe





## SAINT PAUL SCHOOL

### Fall Open House!

Sunday, October 6 from 1:00-3:00 pm

For Preschool through Grade 7

Learn what our faith-based curriculum can offer your child.

See more Back to School photos on our social media pages!



## 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

860-828-4343 x113

[admissions@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:admissions@stpaulkensington.org)



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



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 this weekend at the September 8 Youth Ministry Paint Wars Kickoff Event from 6:00 - 7:30 pm on the Parish Green. (in the school gym if the weather doesn't cooperate)

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

Below are the dates for the upcoming Parent meetings.  
At least one parent is expected to attend.

Gr. 1-2, 4-8 parent meeting

Choice of Tues., Sept. 17 or Wed. Sept. 18  
from 6:30-7:30 pm in the School Gym

Grade 3 parent meeting

Tues., Sept. 24 from 6:30-7:30 pm in St. Paul Church

Confirmation parent meeting

Thurs., Sept. 26 from 6:30-7:30 pm in St. Paul Church

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

## ST. PAUL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

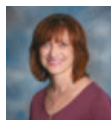
Monday-Thursday 8am - 2pm

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



St Paul Parish Religious Ed Berlin CT

Email: [religioused@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:religioused@stpaulkensington.org)



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Director of Religious Education

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Administrative Assistant

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## NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Training for New Altar Servers will be held on **Thursday, September 19th** at 6:30pm in St. Paul Church.

**Parents:** If your child would like to be part of this special ministry, please contact our Youth Minister, Josh Kay, at [j.kay@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:j.kay@stpaulkensington.org). **Note** that altar servers must have received their First Holy Communion and be in 4th grade or older. Each one of our weekend Masses (see list below) has a 'team' of servers who rotate to serve at that Mass. Each altar server typically serves *every other weekend* at whichever Mass they normally attend with their family.

*St. Paul - Sat. 4pm, Sun. 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12pm*  
*Sacred Heart - Sun. 9:30am*

Consider the following reasons for becoming an altar server!

1. *You learn why we do everything in the Mass.* Sure, swinging the censer (the smelly incense thing) is kind of fun but why is it that we do it? By becoming an altar server you begin to learn these things and it makes all the symbols of the Mass so much more understandable and interesting.
2. *You get fully involved in the Mass and get more out of it.* Very much linked with the last point, when you start to understand why we do something you get so much more from it. More than this though, by serving at the altar you pay more attention to the whole Mass to help you remember where your part fits in. By focusing and understanding what's going on, the Mass can then lead you into a much deeper relationship with God and you feel the impact of Mass far greater!
3. *You make some great friends.* By becoming an altar server you'll be meeting up with many of the same people every time you serve at Mass. With a great range of ages and experiences, you'll meet some fantastic people you'd probably meet nowhere else. As your friendship develops, you'll end up having many friends who all share your faith and this can lead to some brilliant conversations and great memories.

To be continued next week...

-Article from <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk>

## 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

**Middle Schoolers,**  
**Join us THIS Sunday at 1:00!**



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,**  
**Join us THIS Sunday at 6:00!**



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

## Bible Study

Come to the water.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY** Our Fall 2024 Scripture Study begins this week. If you'd like to join one of our groups, contact Mark Chasse today by emailing him at [mchasse1@comcast.net](mailto:mchasse1@comcast.net) or call the parish office. Join us and 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.

*Step out in faith and join this inspiring and rewarding ministry!*



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. See the schedule below and visit our website for more information and to register!



### Fall 2024 Program — "The Light of Men"

Sept. 21: Radiate and Illuminate  
Sept. 28: How to Win the Culture War  
Oct. 5: Envy - The Jaundiced Eye  
Oct. 12: Wrath - And His Six Daughters  
Oct. 19: Pride - The Anti-God  
Oct. 26: Greed - The Root of Evil  
Nov. 2: Lust - A Colossal Distortion  
Nov. 9: Gluttony - The Modern Binge  
Nov. 16: Sloth - The Sluggishness of the Soul  
Nov. 23: Divine Destiny  
Nov. 30: Pray Like a Saint  
Dec. 7: Objective Arguments for God's Existence  
Dec. 14: Subjective Arguments for God's Existence

Presenters include: Dr. Peter Kreeft, world-renowned philosopher, theologian, author and Boston College Professor, Steve Bollman, Founder and President of Catholic media company Paradisus Dei, and many more!

Questions? Contact Bud Volz at [budvolz@comcast.net](mailto:budvolz@comcast.net).

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Introducing Mr. & Mrs. Jake Roberts  
Married August 26, 2024  
Sacred Heart Church



Congratulations and Best Wishes to Kelly and Jake!



## 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 for 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.

**OCIA**  
Order of Christian  
Initiation for Adults

## 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).

## KNIGHTS MUM SALE!

**September 20-22, 2024**

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus  
Msgr. Greylish Council # 3675



St Paul Parish Green

- ⇒ Friday September 20 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm
- ⇒ Saturday September 21 9:00 am - 5:30 pm
- ⇒ Sunday September 22 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Various colors and sizes available. Look for our signs.

Thank You in advance for your support! Proceeds to benefit the Charitable works of the Knights of Columbus.

## 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**.

Note that 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, please contact one of the Friar-priests. 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.

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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860-559-5695 or [derito.aos@snet.net](mailto:derito.aos@snet.net). Thank you!

## 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 Bases, Tenors, Sopranos and Altos. If you fall somewhere in that spectrum, contact Director of Music, Jeff Batter at [jeffbatter@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:jeffbatter@stpaulkensington.org) for more info!

## 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.



## FRIAR 4 MILER!

Save the date for our 3rd Annual Friar 4 Miler Walk/Run/Bike and Gathering on the Green! **Sunday, October 6, 2024** after the 12pm Mass.

If you'd like to help plan this fun event, please contact Maura at [mgaffney@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:mgaffney@stpaulkensington.org). More details and signup info will be posted in next week's bulletin and on our website soon.



**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!



**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>

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT** Our Bereavement Ministry will host Fall 2024 "New Day" Support Group 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.**

## 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/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).



### Sunday, September 8

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

**PARISH CALENDAR**

### Monday, September 9

Fall MAP Testing- all week

8:45am Parish Staff Meeting  
1:00pm Rosary Makers - SPH  
6:00pm Back-to-School Night  
7:00pm Scripture Study  
7:00pm Culture of Life - PCLL  
7:00pm Gr 8 Parents Meeting  
7:00pm Registration New Members

Youth Ministry KICK OFF Events!

### Tuesday, September 10

8:45am School Mass Gr 6-8  
1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry SPH  
3:20pm Fun Run Info Meeting SL  
3:30pm Scripture Study PC1, PC2  
4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration  
6:30pm Spiritual Life Worship-PC1  
6:30pm Adult Choir - PCLL  
7:00pm Social Action Mtg - SPH

### Friday, Sept. 13

**NO SCHOOL Berlin Fair**  
11:45am FoodShare SHC  
12:00pm 13th of the Month Rosary  
7:30pm AA Meeting - SPH

### Wednesday, September 11

3:30pm Vocations Meeting SL  
6:00pm Rosary - SHC  
7:00pm Scripture Study  
7:00pm Knights of Columbus

### Saturday, Sept. 14

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

### Thursday, September 12

9:00am Quilters - SPH  
7:00pm Women of Faith - SPH

### Sunday, Sept. 15

1:15pm Baptisms  
6:30pm Life Teen-SPH

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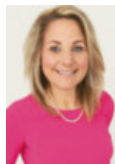
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