

MASS TIMES

St. Paul Church

485 Alling St., Kensington, CT 06037

Saturday 4pm Vigil

Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 12pm

Sacred Heart Church

48 Cottage St., E. Berlin, CT 06023

Sunday 9:30am

Weekday Mass at St. Paul Church

Monday-Friday 7am & 5pm

All Masses at St. Paul Church 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

PARISH OFFICE

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm #860 828-0331

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St Paul Parish Kensington CT



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St. Paul Catholic Parish

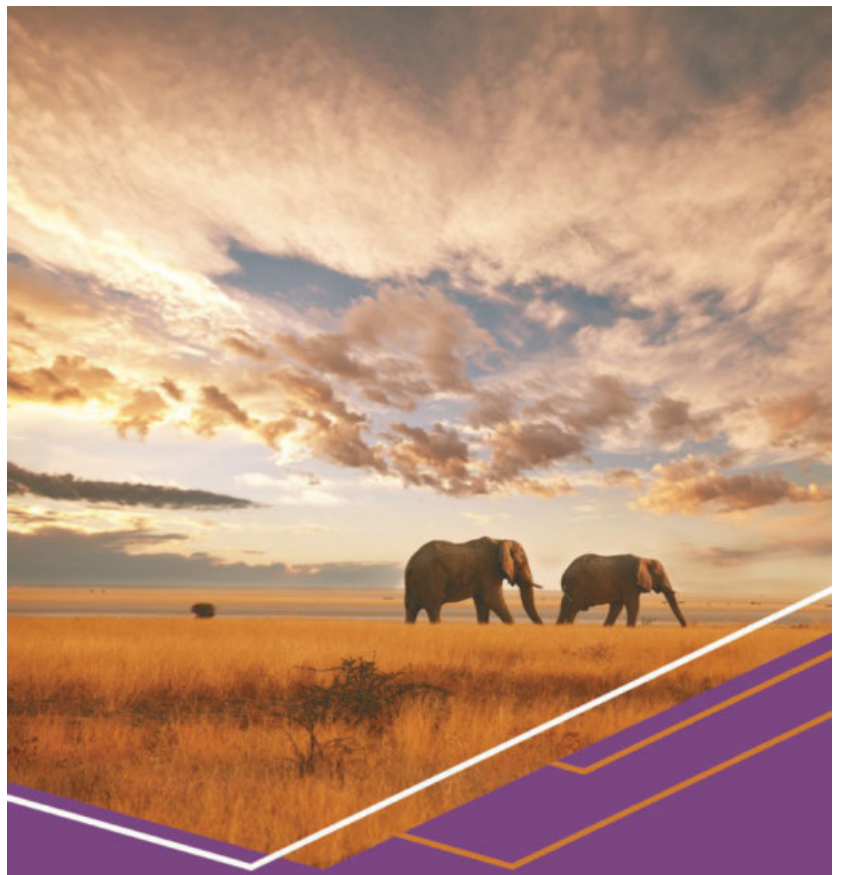
A Franciscan Family of Faith

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

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

September 22, 2024

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." -Mark 9:35-37

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

-Pope Francis

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne, Archbishop of Hartford, recently announced the following appointment:

Rev. Michael Englert, OFM, Conv., to Administrator of Saint Paul Parish, Kensington, effective September 10, 2024.

This appointment was made in coordination with Fr. Michael Heine, OFM Conv., Minister Provincial of the Our Lady of the Angels Province of Franciscan Friars Conventual.

As Fr. Michael explained at Mass last weekend, he views his new role as Administrator as being much like an "interim head coach".

'Head Coach Fr. Michael' has the following message for you, the members of our parish family:

"I am happily yours for as long as our Lord wants me."

Please continue to pray for Fr. Joseph, for the repose of his soul and consolation of his family and loved ones, and for our parish and friars as we begin a new chapter here at St. Paul. May God continue to bless our Franciscan family of faith.

Parish Collection

Sep. 10-16, 2024

In Church SP	\$	7,712
Office	\$	2,321
In Church SH	\$	450
Online Giving	\$	2,580
Total	\$	13,063

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY?

Our next Registration Meeting is **Monday, Oct. 14** 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.



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 contact information on page 6.

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, September 21

K of C MUM Sale - PG

6:30am TMIY - SPH

8:30am Confessions

11:30am Funeral +Stregowski

3:00pm Confession

Sunday, September 22

K of C MUM Sale - PG

7:00am Rel Ed - SG

7:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 1- SPS/SG

9:15am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 2 - SPS/SG

10:15am Adult Confirmation Class - PC2

10:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 3 - SPS/SG

12:00pm Youth Ministry Kick-off- SG (Rain Option Only)

1:00pm EDGE Fall Semester Kick-Off - PG

3:30pm Life Teen Fall Semester Kick-Off - PG

Monday, September 23

Fall MAP Testing—All Week

8:30am 8th Grade Retreat

8:45am Parish Staff Meeting

10:00am Funeral +Potanka SHC

Tuesday, September 24

8:45am School Mass: Gr 6-8

4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration

6:30pm RE & SPS Gr. 3 Parent meeting - SPC

6:30pm Adult Choir - PCLL

6:30pm RE & SPS Gr. 3 Parent meeting - SPC

Wednesday, September 25

12:30 Dismissal

11:30am Funeral +Balavender SPC

5:00pm Mass (40 days for Life begins)

6:00pm Rosary - SHC

Thursday, September 26

Lion Pride Fun Run

9:00am Quilters - SPH

6:30pm Bereavement Support - SPH (back half)

6:30pm RE Confirmation parent meeting - SPC

6:30pm Blue Mass Committee SPH

6:30pm RE Confirmation parent meeting - SPC

7:00pm RCIA - PC1

Friday, September 27

11:45am FoodShare SHC

7:30pm AA Meeting - SPH

Saturday, September 28

Gym Set-Up for Blue Mass - SG

Blue Mass - set up SPH

6:30am TMIY - SPH

8:30am Confessions

3:00pm Confession

Sunday, September 29

Gym Reception for Blue Mass - SG

9:00am 1st & 2nd Yr
Confirmation
class-SPS

10:15am Adult Confirmation Class - PC2

12:00pm Baptism - SHC

1:00pm Blue Mass - SPC



INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

- †**Mafalda Maria Santangelo** by St. Paul Women of Faith
- †**Joseph Pandolfo** Birthday Remembrance by Dolores Pandolfo
- †**George Basarab** 55th Anniversary by wife Arlene



†**Ronald L. Cox, Jr.**

†**Peter L Dalena**

†**Charlotte Potanka**

†**Elva G. Stregowski**

†**Terri-Lynn Tomasi**

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.

TO REQUEST A LOW GLUTEN HOST Please arrive for Mass about 10 minutes early, go to the sacristy and let them know you need a low gluten host. Sit near the front of the new wing. Before Communion, look for a Eucharistic Minister to come forward with a consecrated host for you.

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 21, 2024 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Catechetical Sunday

4:00 †**Elizabeth and †Charles Anderson** by Arlene
Sunday, September 22, 2024 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Catechetical Sunday

7:30 †**Sophie Sikorowicz** 14th Anniversary by Carol Ciafflione
 9:00 **Teachers and Catachists**
 9:30 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**
 10:30 **Diane and Bill Funk** 50th Wedding Anniversary
 12:00 †**Dominic Tamburro** Birthday Remembrance and
Nancy and Gerry Witz - 44th Wedding Anniversary
 by Nancy and Gerry Witz

Monday, September 23, 2024 St. Paul of Pietrelcina

7:00 **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**
 5:00 †**Rejeanne Regan** Birthday Remembrance
 by Carol Goldberger

Tuesday, September 24, 2024 Weekday

7:00 †**Stanley Mroczka, Jr.** 18 Year Anniversary
 by sisters Rosemary and Margaret
 †**Joseph Briganti** by Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Earley
 †**Robert Carrier** by friend Joe
 †**Rose Wollman** by Melissa Pack
 †**Joseph F. Scheyd** by Rita and family

8:45 **Bobby Adamowicz** Birthday Celebration by mom
 5:00 †**Mary Pelkey** Birthday Remembrance by Greg and Clarice

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 Weekday

7:00 †**John and †Adele Hubbard** Wedding Anniversary
 Remembrance by John G. Hubbard family
 5:00 †**Daniel Sirois** Birthday Remembrance by Flo Sirois
Thursday, September 26, 2024 Sts. Cosmas and Damian
 7:00 †**June Casso** by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home
 5:00 †**Carmella Di'Maio** by Mia family
 †**Edward Mosher** by family
 †**Souls in Purgatory** by John and Linda Nappi, Jr.
John Nappi, Jr. by wife
 †**George Garrity** by Anita and Larry Billman

Friday, September 27, 2024 St. Vincent de Paul

7:00 **Ewa Kozirog and Kasia Lemelin** For Health
 by Ewa Kozirog
 5:00 †**Guy Lombardi** Wedding Remembrance by Pat and family

Saturday, September 28, 2024 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 †**Maureen Liegeot** by St. Paul Women of Faith
Sunday, September 29, 2024 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 †**Thomas Niedzwiecki** Remembrance by Griffith family
 9:00 †**Maria Del Sesto** 2nd Anniversary Remembrance
 by Antonio Del Sesto and family

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

10:30 †**Raymond Kavarsky** by wife and family
 1:00 †**Adele Marino** by Albino and Carol Simeone

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.

REMINDER

The Pastoral Council Nominating Committee is currently soliciting nominees to join the St. Paul Pastoral Council. The Committee is seeking four new members to replace those whose terms have recently expired.

The Pastoral Council is open to all registered and practicing members of the Parish, age 16 or older. A member must have a desire to serve the Parish Family, a willingness to work with the Pastor/Administrator, 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.

A Nominating Form can be obtained on the parish website or in the parish office. **All nominations are due by Monday, September 23.**

<https://stpaulkensington.org/pastoral-council>



The nominating Form allows you to nominate yourself or someone you feel would be a worthy candidate.

After a series of informational sessions hosted by the Nominating Committee for qualified nominees in early October, a final list of Nominees will be presented to the Pastoral Council for approval in mid-October. By mid-November, the new Council will be seated and officers will be selected.

If you have any questions please contact the Nominating Committee Chair, Nancy Timbrell at 860-601-7866 or n.timbrell@stpaulkensington.org.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: SEPT. 29, 2024

For readings online, scan or visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/092924.cfm>



First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

Alleluia: Cf. John 17:17b, 17a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Your word, O Lord, is truth; consecrate us in the truth.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"

2025 MASS BOOK

For details about the opening of the 2025 Mass Book, please refer to the insert in last week's bulletin or visit our website.

At this time 'Tier A' is open for the following wedding and death anniversaries only:

- Those celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 55th, 60th, etc. wedding anniversary in 2025
- The occasion of the 1st anniversary of the death of a loved one. (One Mass intention only. Note that the date of the Mass does not have to be the actual death anniversary.)

The donation for the stipend must be submitted at the time the Mass is reserved. If the donation is not received by October 4, the date will be released.

Tier B will open on Tuesday, October 8th. Due to the large number of Mass intention requests, there are limitations in place during this period. Please visit our website or call the parish office at 860-828-0331 for details.

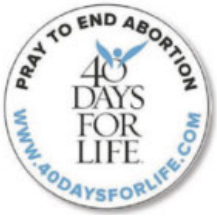
WOMEN OF FAITH NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 10

Women of Faith will kick off their 4th year at St. Paul's on **Thursday, October 10th** 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.



Our **Culture of Life Ministry** invites you to join us in celebrating all human life, especially during the **40 Days for Life** Campaign which runs from our Opening Mass on Wednesday, September 25 through Sunday, November 3.

During this most important time, we ask you to pray with us for the unborn and their parents, to join us in the Stations of the Cross and the Rosary, and to help us in our collection of much needed baby items for mothers in need.

Our Catholic faith teaches us that all human life, from the moment of conception, is sacred and must be protected from all harm. Never has your support and your voice for the unborn and for pregnant mothers been more critical. Please help us to support God's children who cannot yet speak for themselves.

Please see the list of activities and collection needs below, and let us know if you have questions or would like to help in our efforts by emailing us at respectlife@stpaulkensington.org.

*Opening Mass

Wednesday, September 25 5pm at St. Paul Church

*Children's Rosary

Saturday, October 5 10am at Sacred Heart Church
Children of all ages and parents are welcome to join the monthly Children's Rosary Group. A *40 Days for Life* intention will be added to the group's monthly intentions.

*Stations of the Cross

Friday, October 11 5:45pm immediately following 5pm Mass on the Parish Green. (If raining, Stations will be inside the church.)

*Rosary on the Green

Saturday, October 12 at 12:00 pm at the Prayer Garden on the Parish Green. This Rosary will be united with the annual Public Square Rosary Rally which will be held throughout the world on the same day. [See page 7 for more about this event!](#)

*Eucharistic Adoration

Monday, October 14 immediately following 7am Mass and continuing for 12 hours. Parishioners are invited to sign up for as many 1-hour intervals as desired. The final hour of Adoration will be from 6:30-7:30pm. To sign up, visit our website, scan, or click: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49A5A628A0F94-50599457-40days#/>



**Closing Mass and

Laying of Flowers at the Memorial to the Unborn

Saturday, November 2 4:00pm Vigil Mass Intercessions will be specific to the 40 Days for Life campaign. Flowers will be placed at the Memorial to the Unborn immediately following Mass.

CULTURE OF LIFE MINISTRY

Our Culture of Life Ministry, as part of the 40 Days for Life campaign, is holding a collection for local pregnancy centers from **September 25 through November 2** for Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center (Torrington), Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Care Center (Waterbury), & Birthright (Meriden).

Please see the list below for specific items that are being requested. Items can be left in the Pak-N-Plays at the church entrances. If you have any questions, contact Fayne at respectlife@stpaulkensington.org. **Thank you!**



Birthright (Meriden)

- * New/unworn newborn and 0-3 month clothing, also 2T-4T boys and girls, socks
- * Burp cloths
- * Receiving blankets, car seat blankets
- * Bibs (cloth or silicone)
- * Crib sheets (fitted)
- * Nursing bras and nursing pads
- * New bottles, Pacifiers
- * New hooded towels/washcloths
- * Baby soap/lotion/Desitin
- * Infant sweaters/jackets for winter, baby hats
- * Diapers all sizes
- * Breast milk Storage bags



Carolyn's Place (Waterbury)

- * Diapers (size 4-6 and preemie)
- * Baby wipes
- * Infant bathtubs and toiletries
- * Reusable shopping bags
- * Crib sheets (fitted)
- * Clothing (Newborn -2T especially) neutral colors
- * Baby books/board books
- * Bassinets
- * Backpack Diaper Bags



Two Hearts (Torrington)

- * Baby food
- * Baby cereal
- * Diapers (any size)
- * Baby wipes
- * Baby toiletries (soap, lotion, diaper cream)
- * Toddler clothing (18 mos. - 4T)
- * Toddler socks (2T-4T)
- * Strollers
- * Pack-n-plays
- * Bassinets



2024 Lion Pride Fun Run

Saint Paul School's Apex leadership and fundraising program is underway. This two-week program promotes leadership, character, and fitness among our students and ends with an exciting Fun Run on the Parish Green, September 26. Everyone is welcome to attend and cheer on our students on Thurs., Sept 26 starting at 9 am.



Donations will enhance our classrooms and library with resources, books, and for the general support of our school's operating costs. A percentage will also help establish the Fr. Joe Memorial Scholarship, honoring his legacy.

You can make a donation to support our school online or by mail. Our students will have their own web pages for donations. If you don't know a specific student, you can follow the steps below to contribute.

To give, please follow these steps:

1. Scan the QR code
2. Select "Make a Pledge"
3. Choose the "Flat Donation" option



Thank you to our current sponsors and donors! We are truly grateful for the generous support.

Platinum Level (\$600): Evjen Agency
Gold Level (\$300): Richard Harris of CCG Real Estate
 Mary and Rick Healey
Silver Level (\$150): Schaller Subaru
 Pane Enterprises Inc.
 Angelina & Maddox Dow
Donors: Nancy DePalma
 Bill and Rosemary Farrell
 Anna Sajdlowski

<https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/fun-run-sponsors-and-donors>

Please email or call Denise Nowakowski with any questions at d.nowakowski@stpaulkensington.org or (860) 828-4343.



Classes for Gr. 1-8 begin this Sunday, September 22. This is also the date for the first Children's Mass at 9:00 am.

The 1st Year Confirmation students kick off the year this Sunday afternoon at the Youth Ministry "Paint Wars" event from 3:30-5:00 pm.

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

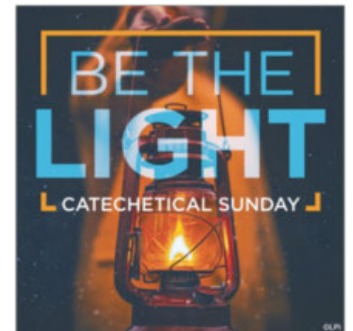
Below are the dates for the upcoming Parent meetings. At least one parent is expected to attend.

Grade 3 parent meeting:
 Tuesday, September 24
 6:30-7:30 pm in St. Paul Church

Confirmation parent meeting:
 Thursday, September 26
 6:30-7:30 pm in St. Paul Church

Our parish will celebrate *Catechetical Sunday* this weekend at all Masses (September 21/22).

Please join us as we pray for and show appreciation for all of our catechists for the 2024-2025 Religious Education program.



SAINT PAUL SCHOOL

Apply/learn more on our admissions page:
<https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/admissions>



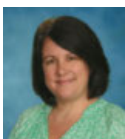
Website: <https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/>



Saint Paul School Kensington CT



[saintpaul.school](https://www.instagram.com/saintpaul.school)



Kelly Esposito
 Admissions Director
 860-828-4343 x113
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ST. PAUL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Monday-Thursday 8am - 2pm

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



St Paul Parish Religious Ed Berlin CT

Email: religioused@stpaulkensington.org



Robin Veronesi
 Director of Religious Education
 (860) 828-1934 ext 320



Linda Beaudoin
 Administrative Assistant
 (860) 828-1934 ext 321

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 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	Mary Jane Lynch
Nancy Adamowicz	Lisa Mangiafico
Fred Alkas, Sr.	Fr. Paul Mangiafico
Amara Alice	Enza Mariano
John Anderson	Nancy Motulko
Jose Arcia	Lenny Mulrooney
Ernie Bourcier	Bob Namnoum
Cheryl Brown	Peter Niro
Mark Camilleri	Our Military
Janet Carroll	Emma Pagano
Doug Clarke	Judy Pappalardo
Chick Costanzo	Ada Payamis
Arlene Cotrona	William Petit, Sr.
Robert Czerwinski	Nathaniel Picklesimer
Jose Dagna	Michael Richard
Fr. Tony DeFronzio	Christopher Roddy
Donzello Family	Suzy Romero
Maureen Freeman	John Russo
Alyssa Dutkiewicz	Romen Sarkis
Josephina Fernandez	Raul Seipel
Bill Filomena	Kevin Stanowski
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
Maria Lauria	Kathleen Williams
John LeBron	Tracey Wilson

Please join us to PRAY THE ROSARY IN THE 'PUBLIC SQUARE'

Every year, our Culture of Life Ministry invites parishioners to pray the Rosary together on the Parish Green for an end to abortion and to promote the dignity of all human life.

In addition, for many consecutive years here at St. Paul, parishioners have gathered outdoors to pray for America and for the world in a "Public Square Rosary Rally".

(Initially held at Paper Goods Pond, the Rosary Rally has been held on our Parish Green for the past several years.)

This year, these two beautiful events will be combined.

**Please join us to PRAY THE ROSARY
Saturday, October 12 at 12:00pm on the Parish Green**

*Join us to pray for America,
to pray for peace in the world,
and to pray for a culture that
promotes the teaching that
all life is sacred, from
conception to natural death.*



The Rosary Rally is part of an international movement.
*People all across the US and around the world will be
praying together with us on October 12th.*

*All are welcome and encouraged to come pray with us.
For those who do not know how to pray the Rosary,
instructions will be provided.*

*"Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer."
-Saint Louis de Montfort*

Questions? Contact Liz Goryl-Phillips at 860-936-5569.

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**. 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.



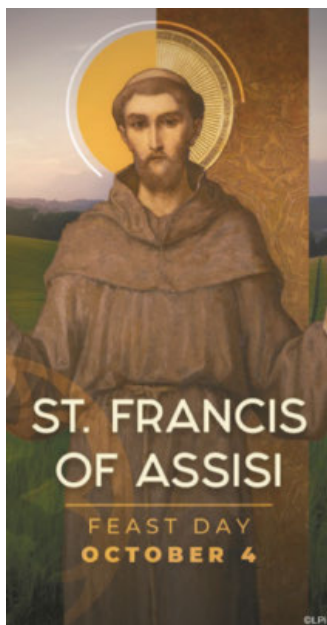
TMIY! combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. The program honestly addresses pressures & temptations that men face in our modern culture. Scan the code to see the full schedule, get all the details, to and register!



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.

FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS WEEKEND



The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi is
Friday, October 4, 2024.

There are several events planned around this special
feast day at our Franciscan parish.

Please plan to join us!

Thursday, October 3

Transitus Service at 7:00pm, St. Paul Church

Friday, October 4

Mass for the Feast of St. Francis at 6:30pm, St. Paul Church

Saturday, October 5

Blessing of Pets at 1:30pm, St. Paul Parking Lot

Sunday, October 6

Friar 4 Miler beginning after 12:00pm Mass
See below!

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 12pm Mass.

The event will include a fun walk, run, or bike
on closed roads in the neighborhoods near
St. Paul Church, games on the Green and LIVE MUSIC!

For registration and all the details visit
<https://stpaulkensington.org/friar-4-miler>
Or scan the QR code.

If you'd like to join the planning
committee, contact Maura at
mgaffney@stpaulkensington.org



YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle Schoolers:

The 2024-2025 EDGE
Fall Kick-Off Event is THIS weekend
**Sunday, September 22 from
1:00-2:30pm on the Parish Green.**



The theme 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:

The 2024-2025 Life Teen
Fall Kick-Off is THIS weekend
**Sunday, September 22 from
3:30-5:00pm 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!
We look forward to seeing you at our
upcoming 2024-2025 events.



Please take a minute to scan the
QR code to fill out a survey on how
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Kay at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org.



YOUTH MINISTRY 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 jour-
ney and you can commit to being present and accompanying
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Many thanks to all who volunteered at the Berlin Fair!

We are blessed to have so many amazing volunteers in our parish family. An update and a formal note of appreciation will be shared soon. See more photos on our social media.



ITALIAN NIGHT

Our Italian Night Dinner is scheduled for **Saturday, November 2nd**.

The Italian Night Committee is actively seeking donations for the raffle baskets and prizes that make up a significant amount of funds raised from the evening. This year, all proceeds will help to fund the initiatives of our youth ministry program. Donations may be dropped off at the parish center or by calling Betty Lasker at (860) 992-8390 or Lynn Misteri at (860) 913-5448.

Tickets will go on sale October 1st. Individual tickets or tables of 8 or 10 may be purchased by calling Betty. If you would like to join the committee, contact Betty at (860) 992-8390.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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- 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?

Our parish offers an opportunity for anyone interested to come together in a small group to learn more about our Catholic faith. OCIA sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church while preparing individuals for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and 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**. For more information, visit our website or contact Fr. Raymond: 860-828-0332 or fraymond@stpaulkensington.org.

ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

LAST CALL!

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 or call the parish office at 860-828-0331.

LADIES' GUILD MEETING

The St Paul Ladies' Guild is a woman's Organization that supports faith, service, and friendship.

The Guild meets monthly with programs that provide entertainment and opportunities for social interaction and which support of our faith. During the meetings, service projects are discussed and decided on. There is an annual membership fee of \$15. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, October 2** at 6:30pm in the St. Paul Church Hall. Entertainment will be provided by East Chicago Joe who will regale us with songs from Sinatra, Bennett, and more. *Food Pantry contribution this month: pasta/sauce.*



LADIES' GUILD FUNDRAISER

The Ladies' Guild will hold their first fund raiser of the year with Boscov's department store on **Tuesday October 22**. Purchase a 'Friends Helping Friends' shopping pass for \$5.00:and enjoy a 25% discount shopping pass to be used all day on Tues., October 22 from 8am to 11pm, both online and in-store. With the purchase of this shopping pass, you will also have a chance to win a \$100 Boscov's Gift Card.



Shopping passes will be available at all Masses during the weekend of October 5th and 6th.

100% of your \$5.00 donation will be used by the Ladies' Guild to support charitable opportunities throughout the year.

Questions? Please call Janet at 860-828-1160.

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!



BLUE MASS 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.

Last call for photos! **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 today.



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

For more information scan the QR Code, email bluemass@stpaulkensington.org or call 860 828 0331.

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.



If you have questions or want to join the choir, please contact Jeff Batter at jeffbatter@stpaulkensington.org.

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. 26 at 9:30am** and will also help with food distribution on **Fri., Sept. 27 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.

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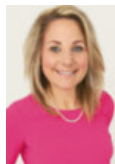
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