

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

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St Paul Parish Kensington CT



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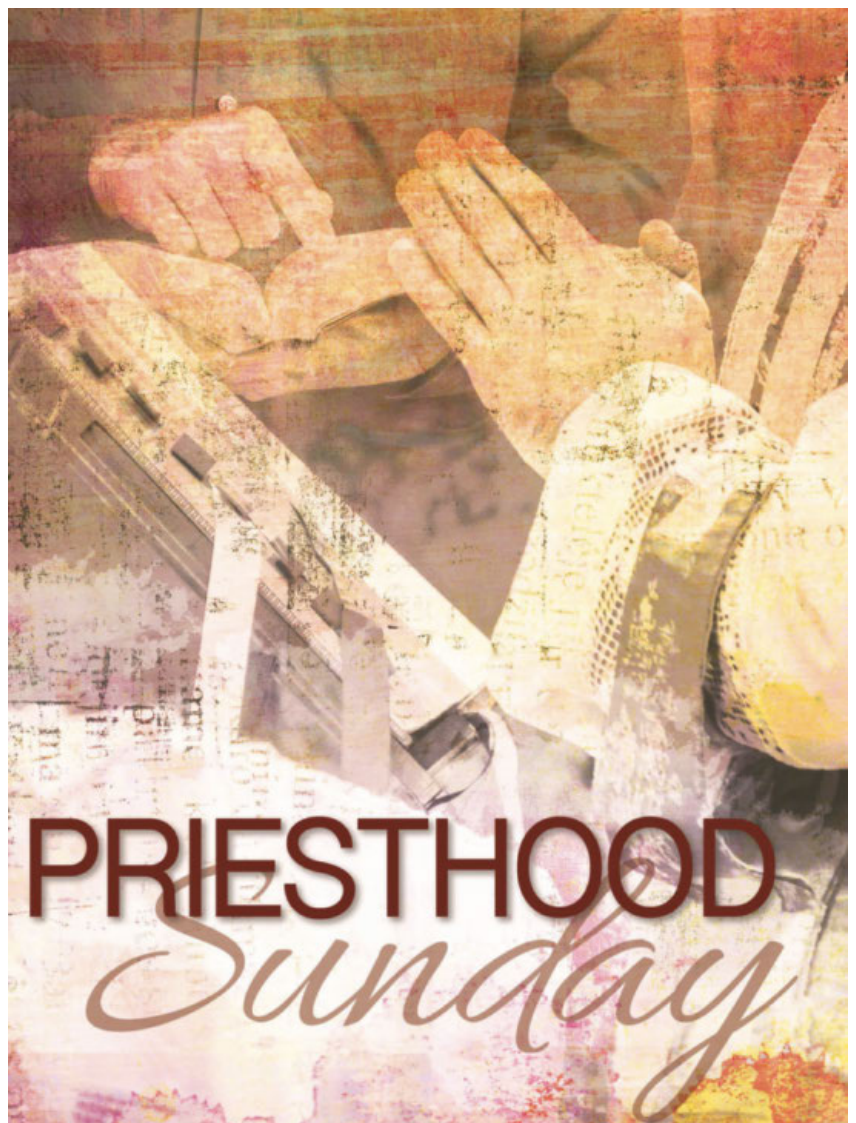
A Franciscan Family of Faith

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

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

September 29, 2024

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

-Pope Francis

A note from the Bulletin Editor

Dear Parishioners,

As Fr. Michael steps into his new role here at St. Paul Parish, you will find that there will be some changes. That is to be expected, of course.

One such change will only affect those of you who read this bulletin, and that change will be to the Pastor's Column that has graced the first page of our weekly bulletin (and usually page 4 as well) for the past six years with Fr. Joe.

While Fr. Joe seemed to enjoy writing his weekly column, as evidenced by the sports commentary and jokes in his 'Final Thoughts', Fr. Michael will not be writing a weekly column. This is due in part to the friars being short-staffed at this time and also simply due to a difference in leadership style.

Having said that, should Fr. Michael have a special message or any information that he would like to share on occasion, it will be posted here on page 1, and if it is a time-sensitive message, it will be emailed. (Please be sure you're on our email list! See below.)

As a side note, this time of change presents opportunities to implement ideas that have been on the back burner for a while, so you may see some other changes to this weekly publication as well.

Please be sure to reach out to me with suggestions, feedback and new ideas. *I am always open to suggestions on how to improve communications within the parish and our community.*

Thank you and God Bless,
Maura Gaffney
Parish Communications Director



To receive our weekly bulletin and/or our monthly newsletter via email, visit <https://stpaulkensington.org/our-bulletin> or scan the QR code, and complete our simple online form.

You may also email mgaffney@stpaulkensington.org.

This weekend, September 29, we celebrate
Priesthood Sunday.

Please remember to pray for our priests, to thank them for all they do for our parish, and to continue praying for vocations to the priesthood.



From a letter the parish staff received recently for Fr. Joe...

*"You were truly one of Our Lord's shepherds on earth....
Thank you, Father Joe, for everything. Rest well."*

-Parishioner, Lorraine M.

**The Pallium Mass for
The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne,**
Archbishop of Hartford, will be celebrated
Monday, October 14, 2024 at 11am

at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut.

If you would like to attend, please contact the Parish Office at 860-828-0331 or visit <https://www.hartfordcathedral.org/pallium>

Congratulations to Diane Funk on receiving the 2024 Saint John Neumann Award!

Each year, the Archdiocese of Hartford hosts a special HOPES (Help Our Parish Educators & Students) dinner to recognize dedicated volunteers who selflessly share their time and talent to improve our Catholic schools. Having worked for our parish and school for over 30 years, Diane now, in retirement, continues to serve our community as a dedicated volunteer. Pictured L to R : Fr. Michael and Diane Funk, along with Fayne Molloy, Julie Scalora and Annalee McGuire (former employees of Saint Paul School.)



INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†**Dino Zovich** by Theresa and family

†**Maria Del Sesto** 2nd Anniversary by Antonio and family

†**Gaetana Oliva**

1st Anniversary Remembrance by Cultrera family

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†**Raymond Rondini** Birthday Remembrance by family

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2025 MASS BOOK - REMINDER

For details about the opening of the 2025 Mass Book, please visit our website at <https://stpaulkensington.org>.

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.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS Those who have made the offering for the intention for each Mass are invited to present the bread and wine during the Offertory for that Mass. To do so, please arrive at least ten minutes before the start time of the Mass, go to the sacristy and let the sacristan know you would like to bring up the gifts. If no one comes forward by that time, others will be invited to present the gifts.

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

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.

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

Monday, September 30, 2024 St. Jerome

7:00 †**Nancy Alfonso** by Marread and Malo Forde

5:00 †**Matthew Kavumpurath** 25th Anniversary
by Joe & Sally Kavumpurath and family

Tuesday, October 1, 2024 St. Therese of the Child Jesus

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

†**Rose Wollman** by St. Paul Ladies' Guild

†**Krystyna Mazur** by Ewa Kozirog

†**John Gabes** by Georgie Cote and family

†**Joseph Zablocki** Birthday by daughter Carole

5:00 †**Dick Percival and John Percival** by Kathy

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 The Holy Guardian Angels

7:00 †**Tom Lasker** by Plochocki family

5:00 †**Dino Zovich** Birthday Remembrance
by Theresa and family

Thursday, October 3, 2024 Weekday

7:00 †**Robert J. Fitzsimmons** by wife Anita and children

7:00 **Transitus Service**

Friday, October 4, 2024 St. Francis of Assisi

7:00 **Emma Pagano** For Health and Development by Cheryl

8:45 †**Raymond Rondini** Birthday Remembrance by family

6:30 **No Intention**

Saturday, October 5, 2024 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 †**Stanley and Jean Gushar** by Christine and Edward Bratina

Sunday, October 6, 2024 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 †**Harry Misteri** 8th Anniversary
by Misteri and Magisano families

9:00 †**Joseph and Maureen Tardif** by Melissa and Dean

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

10:30 †**Zofia Zakrzewska**
by Marta Callan and daughter and family

12:00 †**Joseph Cruanes and Mary C. Aurigemma**
by Ted and Patti Young

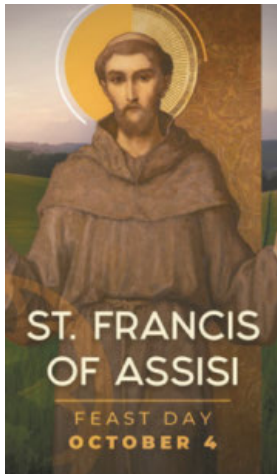
Parish Collection

Sep. 17-23, 2024

In Church SP	\$	7,720
Office	\$	1,863
In Church SH	\$	509
Online Giving	\$	4,775
Total	\$	14,867

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.

FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS WEEKEND



Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi

Friday, October 4, 2024

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

Please make plans to join us!

Transitus Service

Thursday, October 3 at 7:00pm, St. Paul Church

Mass for the Feast of St. Francis

Friday, October 4 at 6:30pm, St. Paul Church

Blessing of Pets

Saturday, October 5 at 1:30pm, church/school parking lot

Friar 4 Miler!

Sunday, October 6 after 12:00pm Mass.

Saint Paul School Open House

Sunday, October 6 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. See page 9!

Transitus Service - On the evening before the Feast of Saint Francis, Franciscans join together to remember the Poor Man from Assisi's passing or transiting from this life to life eternal in what is called a Transitus Service. This reflective prayer service (not a Mass) will be held at St. Paul Church on Thursday, October 3rd at 7:00 pm. It will include music, scripture readings, and readings from the life of Saint Francis including those that recall his death. The service



will last about 45 minutes. All parishioners are invited to join the Friars in remembrance of their Founder's passing onto eternity. *There will NO 5:00 pm Mass on October 3.*

On Friday, October 4, Masses will be held at 7:00 am, 8:45 am*, and 6:30 pm. *There will be no 5:00 pm Mass.*

*School Mass. All are welcome to attend.



Our 3rd Annual St. Paul Parish
Friar 4 Miler and Gathering on the Green

will be held on

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Join us for a fun run, walk, or bike on a 4 mile course of closed roads in the neighborhoods near St. Paul Church!

We will also have games and LIVE MUSIC on the Green!

Registration & Sign In from 11:30 am - 1:15 pm

Registration for Runners, Walkers and Bikers

All Runners, Walkers and Bikers must sign a waiver.

While this is a **FREE** event, participants are encouraged, in the spirit of charity during this "Feast of Saint Francis Weekend" to bring a non-perishable food item for our St. Clare Food Pantry.



Food/Beverage Ticket Sales from 11:30 am - 2:15 pm

Tickets will be sold for \$10 each to provide:

2 slices of pizza, soda or water, and cookies.

Pizza will be delivered at approximately 3:00 pm.

Cash only.

A limited number of t-shirts will be available for purchase.

Friar 4 Miler Starts at 1:30 pm

Friar 4 Miler begins at 1:30! Bikers will start first, followed immediately by Runners and Walkers

Live Music Starts at 2:30 pm!

Not up for exercise? No problem. Come relax on the Parish Green and listen to local young musicians

Kenny Wadinger, Danny Lamoureux and Nick Manzi!

Their band, The Shrubs, will play from 2:30 pm until 3:45 pm.

For Registration, a Course Map, and **ALL THE DETAILS** visit:

<https://stpaulkensington.org/friar-4-miler>

or scan the QR code.



Questions? Contact Maura at
mgaffney@stpaulkensington.org

Our **Culture of Life Ministry** invites you to join us in celebrating all human life during the **40 Days for Life** Campaign. **September 25 through November 2, 2024** 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.



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, and let us know if you have questions or would like to help in our efforts by emailing us at respectlife@stpaulkensington.org.

*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, 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 8 for more about this event!**

*Eucharistic Adoration - St. Paul Church

Monday, October 14 immediately following 7am Mass and continuing for 12 hours. All 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 the QR code, click **here**: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49A5A628A0F94-50599457-40days#/> or drop the form below in the collection basket.

*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

BABY/MATERNITY ITEMS COLLECTION

Our Culture of Life Ministry, as part of the 40 Days for Life campaign, is holding a collection for local pregnancy centers **now through November 2**. 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. 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



Eucharistic Adoration - Monday, Oct. 14 - St. Paul Church

Please sign up for an hour (or more) during our 12 hours of Adoration Through this event, our parish joins in prayerful solidarity with people all over the world in an effort to end abortion, to save the lives of the innocent, and to transform the hearts and minds of those who support the abortion industry.

Name: _____

Phone or email: _____

I will attend from _____ am / pm to _____ am / pm

Midterms are coming and our children have been at school for a few weeks now... therefore it is **COLLEGE CARE-PACKAGE TIME!**



We want to let our college students know how much we love them!

Donations are needed
to fill up the boxes!



It's only with your help that we can send these special packages to our young adults to let them know how much we care about them.

Please drop off all donations



- at the **Parish Office** or
- in the bins located near the **church entrances.**

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF...

SNACKS: Granola Bars, Fruit Snacks, Trail Mix, Candy, Chips, Popcorn

FOOD/BEVERAGES: Ramen Noodles, Easy Mac, Hot Cocoa, Juice Boxes

BAKED GOODS: Individually Wrapped Cookies, Brownies

SUPPLIES: Pens, Pencils, Highlighters, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS: Chapstick, Mini Playdough, Tissues, Stress Balls, etc....

OTHER IDEAS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

TO DONATE, PLEASE COMPLETE THE **SIGN UP** so that we are aware of donations and so we can ensure that our children receive a nice variety of items



Please deliver all donations by **Tuesday, October 22nd** - no later than 3pm.



We will be packing the care packages on **Wednesday, October 23rd** from 6:00-8:00pm in the Saint Paul School gym.



If you would like your college student to receive a care package, please **REGISTER** on our website by **12 noon on Monday, October 21st.**



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Thanks to all of our Middle and High School students who attended our Youth Ministry Kick-off Event last weekend and to all of our adult volunteers! The weather was perfect and there were lots of smiles and laughter.



Parents:
Visit the Youth Ministry page of our website to see the schedule of upcoming events and be sure to register your child!



High School—Life Teen
<https://stpaulkensington.org/lifeteen>

Middle School—EDGE
<https://stpaulkensington.org/edge>



Youth Ministry
"Paint Wars"
Kick-off Event
Sunday,
Sept. 22



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 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.

The next Life Teen event will be:
**Sunday, October 6 from
6:30-8:00pm in the Church Hall.**

The theme for the event is:
"Unlimited Talk & Text"

Every discerning person questions the existence of God. This thought-provoking Life Night equips teens to answer (or begin to answer) this question for themselves by encouraging their faith and gently nudging them toward the truth. In a supportive environment - alongside caring core members - all high school teens in grades 9-12 are invited to join us!



LIFE TEEN



The next EDGE event will be:
**Sunday, October 13 from
1:00-2:30pm in the Church Hall.**

The theme is: *"Single Sheet"*.

The goal of this Edge Night is to help the youth know that God is one in three divine Persons and to teach the youth how to pray to each Person of the Trinity. Each Person of the Holy Trinity has a different role, and we can pray to the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit based on our needs. All middle school teens are invited to this event!



COLLEGE LIFE

We look forward to seeing our college students and college-age young adults at our upcoming 2024-2025 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.



Parents, Be sure to sign up your college student to receive a College Care Package! See page 6!

ALTAR SERVERS Parents: If your child would like to join our team of Altar Servers, please contact Josh Kay at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org. Middle & High School students are encouraged to join this ministry! Altar servers must have received their 1st Holy Communion and be in 4th grade or older. Each server typically serves *every other weekend* at whichever Mass they normally attend with their family.

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	Esther Ouelette
Janet Carroll	Our Military
Doug Clarke	Emma Pagano
Chick Costanzo	Judy Pappalardo
Arlene Cotrona	Ada Payamis
Robert Czerwinski	William Petit, Sr.
Jose Dagna	Nathaniel Picklesimer
Fr. Tony DeFronzio	Michael Richard
Kathleen Deliman	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".

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.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY Our Children's Rosary group meets at **10:00am** at Sacred Heart Church on the first Saturday of each month. Consider joining us on **Saturday, October 5th** as we honor Our Blessed Mother. At this October prayer gathering, a special 40 Days for Life intention will be added to the group's monthly intentions. All are welcome! Please join us to pray along while the children lead us in the Rosary. Questions? Email Cheryl Batter: cherylbatter@att.net.



WOMEN OF FAITH NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 10

Women of Faith will host their next gathering 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! Please email any questions to womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org.

SAINT PAUL SCHOOL (continued)



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.



Tours of the school will take place 1:00-2:30 pm.

A Magic Show will take place in the gym at 2:30 pm
with Magician Matt Matthews.

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



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: OCT. 6, 2024

For readings online, scan or visit
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/100624.cfm>

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Alleluia: 1 John 4:12

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

*If we love one another, God remains in us
and his love is brought to perfection in us.*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. *Continue reading online.*



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The first class for both 1st and 2nd Year Confirmation students is this weekend, Sunday, September 29 from 9:00-10:15 am.

Gr. 1-8 classes kicked off last weekend.

Here are a few pictures:



Students in Erin Georgini and Allison Michael's third grade class are excited to start this special year, preparing to receive their First Reconciliation and First Communion. Erin and Allison are not only co-teachers, but also sisters.



Kayden Santana and Spencer Toussaint are co-teaching one of our 4th grade classes this year. They both attend Berlin High School and went through our Religious Ed program.

What wonderful role models for our younger students!

Kayden and Spencer are two of the six teens who have volunteered to teach Religious Ed this year. Thanks to all of them for answering the Holy Spirit's call to share their gifts.

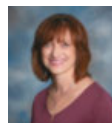
ST. PAUL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

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.

COFFEE WITH VETERANS –October 5th

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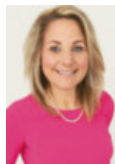
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