

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

(The 9:30am Sunday Mass has been suspended)

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

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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

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent



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

-Pope Francis

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULES

Please note that the Mass Schedule for the Christmas and New Year holy days will be mailed soon to all registered parishioners. The schedule is also posted on our website.



END OF YEAR APPEAL

Also being mailed to all registered parishioners is our annual end-of-the-year appeal letter from Fr. Michael. Thank you to everyone who has already made their Annual End of the Year gift to the parish. The parish relies on these donations as part of our budgeted income. They help fund the many ministries and programs the parish offers and assists in taking care of our property and buildings. If you can make your gift before December 31 that would be great, but if not, please make it when you can. Thank you most graciously for your support!

Immaculate Conception—Monday, December 9

Archbishop Christopher Coyne has granted a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary to all the faithful present in the Archdiocese of Hartford on December 9 of this year.

A letter from the Archbishop to the Archdiocese regarding this holy day is posted on our website. The letter explains the reason for the dispensation and also reads, in part, "That having been said, I strongly urge all Catholics to attend Mass on that day to honor the Blessed Mother and her Immaculate Conception and to see their attendance at Mass as a privilege, a privilege to join in the liturgies of the Church on such a beautiful day of celebration. Each of us has freely taken on the discipline of the church in matters of belief and practice, one of which is the duty to celebrate Mass on particular Solemnities of the Church. I hope that all of us do so because we want to and not just because we are "obligated.""

Please plan to join us on December 9th to honor Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States. Mass will be at 7am, 8:45am, 12pm and 7pm.

Pope Pius IX. "We declare, pronounce and define that the doctrine which asserts that the Blessed Virgin Mary, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, was preserved free from every stain of original sin is a doctrine revealed by God and, for this reason, must be firmly and constantly believed by all the faithful."



A Glance Ahead

- First Sunday of Advent Sunday, Dec. 1**
- Rosary at Sacred Heart Church..... Wednesday, Dec. 4**
Join us to pray the Rosary from 6:00-6:30pm
- Children’s Rosary at 10:00 am Saturday, Dec. 7**
Parents, Bring your little ones and pray the Rosary with us. Afterwards, we have refreshments & crafts for the children.
- Lighting of the Green Saturday, Dec. 7**
See page 8 for details and to order your luminaries!
- Children’s Mass at 9:00 am..... Sunday, Dec. 8**
- Breakfast with Santa Sunday, Dec. 8**
- Feast of the Immaculate Conception Monday, Dec. 9**
Mass at 7am, 8:45am*, 12pm and 7pm
*School Mass. All are welcome.
- Rosary at Sacred Heart Church..... Wednesday, Dec. 9**
Join us to pray the Rosary from 6:00-6:30pm
- Registration for New Parishioners Monday, Dec. 9**
- 13th of the Month Rosary at 12pm Friday, Dec. 13**
- Greccio Concert & Pageant Sunday, Dec. 15**
- Angel Tree Project through Dec. 15**
Please drop off all gifts by 1pm on Dec. 15
- Mercy Monday from 7-8pm Monday, Dec. 16**
Confession and quiet prayer
- Mercy Monday from 7-8pm Monday, Dec. 23**
Confession and quiet prayer
- Christmas Day! Wednesday, Dec. 25**
- Parish Office Closed Dec. 24-26**
- Solemnity of Mary Mother of God ... Wednesday, Jan. 1**

Parish Collection	
Nov. 12-18, 2024	

In Church SP	\$	10,468
Office	\$	953
Online Giving	\$	4,489
Total	\$	15,910

Please note that the offertory envelope for the Immaculate Conception is dated December 8, 2024, however, the holy day is celebrated on Monday, December 9, 2024.

Due to early printing deadlines ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Parish Collection information for Nov. 19-25 will be posted in next week’s bulletin.

INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†**Walter Lagocki** by family

Amara Alice Health and Development by Auntie Lois

Dr. Bill Speedy Recovery by White family

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†**Charles McDonald** 1st Anniversary by wife Pat Rzewnicki

The Bread for the Poor will be Offered this week for

†**Clara Matczak** by Evelyn Nogiec



†**Virginia E. Rao**

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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY?

Our next Registration Meeting is **Monday, Dec..9** at 7pm in the St. Paul Church Hall (downstairs). Please let us know if you plan to attend. Call the Parish Office at 860-828-0331 or email us at ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org.

JOB OPENING St. Paul Parish is seeking applications for the position of Parish Manager to oversee the finances, physical plant, and Human Resource functions of St. Paul Parish and School. To request a copy of the job description or to submit a cover letter and resume, please email Deacon Don Philip at deacondon@stpaulkensington.org. He can also be contacted at 860-828-0331. The deadline has been extended to Monday, Dec. 2. A complete job description can also be found on our website.

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.

Saturday, November 30, 2024 First Sunday of Advent

4:00 †**Dolores Nugent** 5th Anniversary and Birthday Remembrance by sisters Jean and Pat

Sunday, December 1, 2024 First Sunday of Advent

7:30 †**Patricia DiBenedetto** by family

9:00 †**Deceased Members of the Giachello Family** by Tabaczynski family

10:30 †**Evelyn Modzelewski** by Roberta Lugli

12:00 †**Ted and †Mary Young, Sr.** by Young and Kurpiewski families

Monday, December 2, 2024 Advent Weekday

7:00 †**Deceased Friars, Family, Friends and Benefactors of the Friars**

5:00 †**Tadeusz, †Krystyna and †Renata Garczynski** by Ewa Kozirog

Tuesday, December 3, 2024 St. Francis Xavier

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

†**Maria Calafiore** by Emanuele Lombardo

†**Cindy Gurski** by Barbara Simpson

†**Fr. Joseph Benicewicz** by Monday morning group

Marian Z. Blessing for Health by Sophia Choluj

8:45 †**Fr. Joseph Benicewicz** by Tabaczynski family

5:00 †**Steven Chrzanowski** by family

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 St. John Damascene

7:00 †**Fr. Joseph Benicewicz** by Tom & Marlene Drzata, Judy & John McCormack, Jackie Timko

5:00 †**Charles McDonald** 1st Anniversary by Mia O'Daniell

Thursday, December 5, 2024 Advent Wednesday

7:00 †**Tom Lasker** by Cheryl

5:00 †**Gerald Vanty** by Linda and family

†**Maria Lombardo** by Emanuele Lombardo

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

John Nappi, Jr. by wife

†**Evelyn Szczygla** by parents and family

Friday, December 6, 2024 St. Nicholas

7:00 †**Walter Lagocki** Anniversary Remembrance by family

5:00 †**Maria Rosa Rossitto** 20th Anniversary by family

Saturday, December 7, 2024 Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 †**Lewis Gay** by family

Sunday, December 8, 2024 Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 †**Chester Stachelek** Anniversary by family

9:00 †**Raymond Kramer** 2nd Anniversary by wife Irene and children

10:30 †**Camilleri and †Cyr Families** by Karen Cyr

12:00 †**Vicente Carbonell** by wife and family

Mass Intentions If you would like to have a Mass offered for someone or for a special intention, please call the Parish Office at 860-828-0331. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9am-4pm. (Check holiday schedule for closings.)

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.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Dec. 8, 2024

For readings online, scan or visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/120824.cfm>



First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Alleluia: Luke 3:4, 6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Berlin Fair Wrap Up - Although Advent has arrived, we would like to go back to September for a moment to be sure that we say and official Thank You to all of our parishioners who volunteered their time and effort this year to make the 2024 Berlin Fair a successful endeavor for our parish!

The annual Fair requires a great deal of work, especially for those who lead in managing our two food booths. That work pays off in many ways, not only financially, but socially and spiritually as well. The work of our many volunteers, both young and old, helps to build a stronger sense of community and fosters an active culture of selfless service and charity in our parish and in our town.

We are thankful to all who took the time to help in our food booths and again, to our Berlin Fair Committee members who spent many additional hours preparing for the event ahead of time and cleaning up afterwards: Amy Audette, Andrea Cofrancesco, Helen DeRito, Linda Stickel, Eileen Thurston, Nancy Timbrell, and Ewa Whiteside. They always do an incredible job!

The gross income from the two booths was \$54,225.91 while the expenses to operate both booths totaled \$25,032.90. The net profit was \$29,193.01, which is an increase of about \$5,638 over last year. It is worth noting that this year was the first time we accepted credit card payments at the Fair which helped to increase sales.

Thanks to the Lord for the blessings he has shared with us from the success of this year's Berlin Fair and for all of the volunteers and patrons who made it happen.

FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

The following items are being requested at this time:

Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Juices and Miscellaneous Drinks.

In addition, the following staples are always needed: Cereal/Oatmeal, Tuna/Chicken, Peanut Butter, Soup, Canned Fruit & Veggies, Pasta, Sauce, Canned Beans, Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate, Protein/Breakfast Bars and Baking Items (Flour, Sugar, Cake & Brownie mixes)

Volunteers will transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and set up for distribution on **Thursday, Dec 5 at 9:30am**. Volunteers will also help with food distribution on **Friday, Dec. 6 at 11am** at Sacred Heart Church.

For transportation to FoodShare at Sacred Heart, call the Berlin Senior Center 860-828-7006. For information regarding the St. Clare Food Pantry or FoodShare program including volunteering, contact Nancy at 860-601-7866 or n.timbrell@stpaulkensington.org.

THE EPISTLE ONLINE If you are not receiving our monthly parish e-newsletter, be sure to sign up today! *The Epistle Online* is sent to your email at the start of each month and includes all the latest news and photos from our busy parish, faith-based content related to upcoming holy days, news from the archdiocese, and so much more. Click here to sign up: <https://www.stpaulkensington.org/our-bulletin>.

HELPING HANDS

Our Helping Hands ministry assists our senior parishioners, providing companionship, as well as social and spiritual support. Although we typically provide help to parishioners 80 years of age and older, **we also assist younger seniors who do not have family, friends or close neighbors they can call upon for help.** We have a wonderful, caring group of volunteers just waiting for an opportunity to offer a 'helping hand'.



To learn more, call the parish office, 860-828-0331, or Mark Duplin at 860-977-9931 or mfduplin@outlook.com.

ANGEL TREE 2024

Our annual Angel Tree is up in St. Paul Church!

All are invited to take an Angel (or two) from the tree, purchase the gift noted on the back of the Angel, and return the wrapped gift, with Angel attached, by **December 15th at 1:00pm.**



(Please note this is a hard deadline.)

The gifts will be distributed to the following organizations:

- **A Franciscan mission initiative**, organized through our friars with their associate friars in Baltimore, to provide hand-warmers, foot-warmers and winter socks to the homeless.
- **Underground New England**, a grass-roots initiative dedicated to ending sex trafficking and exploitation throughout New England.
- **Hero Boxes**, a local organization that sends care packages to members of our military who are deployed overseas. Their goal is to 'bring smiles to our soldiers who cannot be home with their families for the holidays.' (formerly 'Boxes to Boots')
- **Local organizations**: Friendship Center, Klingberg Family Center, Worthington Manor Retirement Center, Ledgecrest Health Care Center, and Porter's Pass Group Home.

For those who find it more convenient to print an angel from home rather than take one from the Angel Tree in the church, there are **TWO ONLINE OPTIONS:**

1. GIFT CARDS FOR HERO BOXES

To support Hero Boxes through our Angel Tree:

- * Visit our website, or scan the QR code, or visit <https://stpaulkensington.org/angel-tree>
- * Print and cut out the Hero Boxes angel
- * Purchase \$25 Amazon gift card(s)
- * Drop off both the angel & the gift card(s) to the Angel Tree in church or to the Parish Office. (No need to wrap. You may drop them off using a gift bag, envelope, etc.)



2. WINTER SOCKS & WARMERS FOR THE HOMELESS.

- * Visit our website, or scan the QR code, or visit <https://stpaulkensington.org/angel-tree>
- * Print and cut out the Winter Socks/Warmers angel
- * Purchase Winter Socks for Men or Women, Adult Size Medium and Large and/or Hand/Foot Warmers
- * Drop off the angel & the UNWRAPPED socks/warmers to the Angel Tree in church or Parish Office.



Questions may be directed to Joan Baker, from the Social Action Ministry, at jmb7000@comcast.net.

THANK YOU in advance for your support!

Please join us for our annual

Breakfast with Santa!

Saint Paul School gymnasium

Sunday, December 8th
8:30am to Noon



Visit with Santa, take pictures and enjoy fun activities!
Free will donations accepted

Sponsored by The Msgr. Thomas L. Greylich
Council of the Knights of Columbus



2024 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POSTER CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus will once again sponsor their "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest!

The contest has three age divisions:

- Age 5-7 (K-2)
- Age 8-10 (Grades 3-5)
- Age 11-14 (Grade 6-8)



Visit our parish website for details and entry forms. **Deadline is December 2, 2024.**



WORD SEARCH

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SAINT PAUL SCHOOL

Saint Paul School gives back to the community! Students in Preschool through Grade 8 collected food items to stuff the cruiser of Officer Clark from the Berlin Police Department. (Officer Clark is the husband of our 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Clark.) All donations will be given to The Berlin Food Pantry.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In addition to learning about Abraham, the First Graders in Mrs. Sullivan's and Mrs. Stanek's class made "Get well" and "Brighten your day" cards for Ledgecrest residents to spread God's love by doing good deeds. The class is also practicing the Our Father by doing "Our Father Hopscotch".



All of our Religious Ed families are invited and encouraged to sign up to light the Advent Wreath at one of the weekend Masses during Advent! See the signup link in the column to the left.

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Advent begins this weekend

Nov. 30/Dec. 1.

At the beginning of each weekend Mass, we will light the candles on our Advent Wreath. Once again this year we are inviting parishioners to participate in the lighting of the Wreath. This is open to everyone. We especially encourage families with children to participate.



To sign up, please visit our parish website or scan/click here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49A5A628A0F94-53238508-2024#/>

Reminder: Upcoming Children's Masses

Sunday, December 8 at 9:00 am

Sunday, January 12 at 9:00 am

ST. PAUL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Monday-Thursday 8am - 2pm

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

St Paul Parish Religious Ed Berlin CT

Email: religoued@stpaulkensington.org



Robin Veronesi

Director of Religious Education

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College Students and College Age Young Adults
Winter Dinner - Thursday, Jan. 2!
RSVP to Josh Kay at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org
or scan/click below



<https://stpaulkensington.org/college-dinner-winter-break-2024>

HONOR ROLL The following St. Paul Parishioners and/or Alumni of Saint Paul School received academic honors for the 1st Quarter of the 2024-2025 school year. Keep up the great work! Congratulations!

Mercy High School

Kaitlin Bertolami - Grade 10 - High Honors
Ruby Kuselias - Grade 9 - High Honors
Anna Morrissey - Grade 10 - Honors
Grace Szeghy - Grade 11 - Highest Honors
Emery Tarry - Grade 9 - Honors



Xavier High School

Wyatt Bajorski—Honors
Carter Tarry—Honors
William Weber—High Honors



The next Life Teen event will be:
Sunday, December 1
6:30-8:00pm in the Church Hall.



Theme: "Advent Christmas Party"

As we prepare for the Christmas season, join us for an Advent Christmas party. We will have a tacky sweater contest, a gingerbread house decorating competition and other games. Prizes, holiday treats and ice cream await all who attend! **All high school students in grades 9-12 are welcome to join us! Bring a friend and we will see you there!**



The next EDGE event will be:
Sunday, December 8
1:00-2:30pm in the Church Hall.



Theme: "The First Christmas"

As we prepare for the Christmas season, join us for an Advent Christmas party. What was the first Christmas like compared to today? Find out along with a tacky sweater contest, a gingerbread house decorating competition and other games. Prizes, holiday treats and ice cream await all who attend! **All middle school students in grades 6-8 are welcome to join us!**



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.

YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Life Teen & EDGE are looking for adult volunteers to join our "CORE Teams".

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.

LIGHTING OF THE PARISH GREEN

You are cordially invited to join us at the
Eighth Annual

Ceremonial Lighting of the Parish Green Saturday, December 7, 2024

Immediately following the 4:00 pm Mass



This community celebration will include the Blessing of the Manger, Lighting of the Parish Green, and Christmas Carols along with complimentary hot chocolate and cookies.

The event will take place “snow or shine”.
Please remember to dress warmly!

In case of inclement weather, the lights will go on,
but festivities may be moved indoors.

For those who wish to honor or remember a loved one
by purchasing a luminary, you may complete your
purchase online using the link/code below.

Luminaries will be printed with the name
of your loved one or with your special message.

Online Luminary Order Form:

<https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/lighting-of-the-parish-green>



Paper copies of the luminary order form are also
available at the church entrances and were included in
the November 17 & 24 bulletins.

Please submit your Luminary order
by Dec. 2, 2024.

*Luminary orders that are accepted after this deadline
may not be listed in the printed program.*

Proceeds will benefit the Saint Paul Community
(school and parish).

BIBLE VERSE PROJECT

Our Women of Faith group is launching a new and exciting
project for the St. Paul Parish community.

We are asking parishioners to submit a meaningful Bible
verse or psalm that resonates with them in a special way and
to explain why. We plan to create a booklet to put them in for
distribution to our parish. Our intent for this project is to feel
connected to others through our relationship with God.

Submissions are completely voluntary.

Guidelines:

1. Use standard translation for the Bible verse or psalm
2. Reflection should be limited to 200 words
3. All submissions are subject to review
4. Please include first name and age

Please email your submission by February 3, 2025 to:
womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org or online at
<https://stpaulkensington.org/bibleverseproject>.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Our Women of Faith group will host their
next gathering at 7pm on **Thursday, Dec. 12**
in the St. Paul Church Hall.



Gather with us to share our Faith, Fellowship and Friendship.
We meet monthly on Thursday evenings. Join us and bring a
friend! Questions? Email womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2025

The 2025 March for Life will be held on
January 23-24, 2025 in Washington DC.



**Join the Archdiocese of Hartford's
pilgrimage to our nation's capitol** to witness to the dignity
of every human person. Cost \$120 per person. Students \$75.

Thursday, Jan. 23

Meet at Franciscan Life Center in Meriden at 6am.

Breakfast and Lunch en route. Check in at hotel.

Vigil Mass at 5pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of
the Immaculate Conception (Bus at 3:45pm)

Friday, Jan. 24

Mass at 8am at hotel followed by breakfast with speaker.

12pm Speakers at National Mall. (Bus at 11:15am.)

March to US Capitol and Supreme Court.

Bus departs for CT at 5pm.

Payment due by **Jan. 9**. Hotel cost and other meals are not
included in the cost of the pilgrimage. A block of rooms is
being held for our group at the Washington Plaza. Reserve by
Dec. 24 for the discounted rate! Call the Respect Life Ministry
at 203-694-4189 for reservation info and to obtain the group
code. **All of the details are also posted on our parish website.**

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.



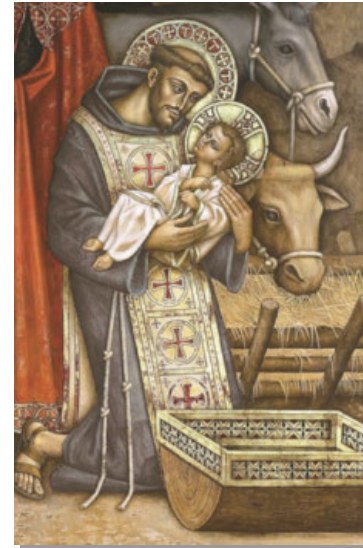
MONTHLY PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

Bobby Adamowicz	Maria Lauria
Nancy Adamowicz	Mary Jane Lynch
Fred Alkas, Sr.	Lisa Mangiafico
Amara Alice	Fr. Paul Mangiafico
John Anderson	Enza Mariano
Jose Arcia	Janet Michaud
Cheryl Brown	Rosemary Mordarski
George Bushnell	Nancy Motulko
Norma Cacchilo	Lenny Mulrooney
Mark Camilleri	Bob Namnoum
Janet Carroll	Peter Niro
Pearl Casey	Mira Grace Noviasky
Doug Clarke	Esther Ouelette
Roy Cooper	Our Military
Susan Corso	Emma Pagano
Arlene Cotrona	Judy Pappalardo
Linda Cullen	Ada Payamis
Robert Czerwinski	William Petit, Sr.
Jose Dagna	Nathaniel Picklesimer
Jodi Day	Christopher Roddy
Fr. Tony DeFronzio	Suzy Romero
Kathleen Deliman	John Russo
Donzello Family	Romen Sarkis
Alyssa Dutkiewicz	Raul Seipel
Josefina Fernandez	Kevin Stanowski
Bill Filomena	Brenda Steadman
Jennifer Gonzalez	Angelica Szczygla
Lenore Gourley	Gabriel Szczygla
Linda Hannold	Julia Szczygla
Tom Higgins	Alfred Tee
Evan Hill	David Vandrilla
Gina Kahn	Kathleen Vandrilla
Deborah Kasper	Linda Vasquez
Leonard Kochanowski	Scott Veley
Vinny Lanteri	Tracey Wilson
Arlene Larosa-Cristino	Miriam Z

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
THE LORD'S NATIVITY AT ST. PAUL PARISH
GRECCIO
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND CONCERT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

4:00 pm-7:30 pm



Greccio Under the Stars

4:00 pm ~ 4:45 pm

St. Paul Church, Outdoors in Front of Old Wing

Living Nativity Scene

*Featuring Joseph, Mary and Baby Jesus,
Live Animals, Music and more.*

(This is a great family photo op! Dress warm!)

Christmas Concert and Pageant

5:00 pm ~ 6:15 pm

St. Paul Church, Old Wing

Children's Nativity Play

Scripture Readings and Narrations

Musical Performances by:

St. Paul Parish Choir

St. Paul Children's Choir

Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist

Bring your family's nativity "Baby Jesus"
for a special blessing

Reception

6:15 pm ~ 7:30 pm

St. Paul Church Hall

Hot Beverages, Cookies and Holiday Treats,
and more!

ROSARY at ST. PAUL Join us to pray the Rosary!




Wednesday evening Rosary at Sacred Heart Church
6:00-6:30pm. Next date: [Wednesday, December 4](#)

13th of the Month Rosary Group at St. Paul Church
12:00 pm. Next date: [Friday, December 13](#)

Children's Rosary at Sacred Heart Church
10:00 am. Next date: [Saturday, December 7](#)
Afterwards, we gather in the Sacred Heart Church Hall for refreshments & crafts for the children. Please join us!



 **KNITTERS NEEDED** Volunteers are invited to knit winter hats & scarves once again this year. This year's hats and scarves will go to the Franciscan Center of Baltimore where our Franciscan friars minister to the poor and homeless population. There is yarn available at the church. Finished items can be placed in the bins located downstairs near the elevator at St. Paul Church. Contact Cheryl with any questions at c.pagano@stpaulkensington.org.

MEN'S HOLY HOUR and ADORATION—Dec. 8

ALL men (and mature teens) are welcome to attend a Men's Holy Hour on [Sunday, Dec. 8](#) at 7:00pm. Fr. Michael will lead us in Prayer and Adoration in St Paul Church. Contact BudVolz@comcast.net if you have any questions.

MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

All men of the parish are invited to attend an "ACTS" Men's Retreat Weekend from [Thursday, January 30 through Sunday, February 2, 2025](#).



The retreat (which would make a great Christmas present!) is sponsored by St. Luke's Parish in Southington and will be held at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington.

Guys, take advantage of this opportunity to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith, and to create lasting friendships. To learn more, scan the QR code or visit <https://actsct.org>



Questions? Contact Ed Como, our parish ACTS retreat coordinator: 860-841-7151.

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, November 30

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

Sunday, December 1

- 1:15pm Baptism - SPC
- 6:30pm Life Teen - SPH



Monday, December 2

- 8:45am Parish Staff Meeting
- 1:00pm Confessions Gr 4-8
- 1:00pm Rosary Makers - SPH
- 3:00pm **Boys JVB5 Bball Practice**
- 3:30pm Wedding Rehearsal
- 4:30pm **Girls JVB Bball Practice**
- 6:00pm **Boys Varsity Bball Practice**

Tuesday, December 3

- 8:45am **School Mass: K-2 St Francis Xavier**
- 9:00am **Field Trip: MS to Science Center**
- 10:00am Finance Team - PC1
- 4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration

- 4:30pm **Boys JVA Bball Practice**
- 6:00pm **Girls Varsity Bball Practice**
- 6:30pm Adult Choir - PCLL

Wednesday, December 4

- Children's Christmas Shopping Fair**
- 2:00pm Wedding - Cassetta/Rawlins
- 3:00pm **Boys JVB5 Bball Practice**
- 4:30pm **Girls JVB Bball Practice**
- 6:00pm Ladies Guild Mtg/Banquet - SPH
- 6:00pm **Boys Varsity Bball Practice**
- 6:00pm Rosary - SHC
- 6:30pm Special Sacrament mtg-PC1

Thursday, December 5

- 10:00am First Thursday Calls
- 10:00am **Advancement Donor Cards**
- 3:00pm **Cheer Practice**
- 4:30pm **Boys JVA Bball Practice**
- 5:30pm Staff Christmas Party - SPH
- 6:00pm **Girls Varsity Bball Practice**
- 6:00pm Exultations - SPC (old wing)
- 6:30pm Greccio play rehearsal-SPC
- 7:00pm RCIA - PC1

Friday, December 6 SPS 12:30 Dismissal

- 8:30am SPS Choir Rehearsal - SPC
- 9:00am First Friday Calls
- 11:45am FoodShare SHC
- 3:00pm **CoEd JVC3 Bball Practice**
- 4:30pm **CoEd JVC2 Bball Practice**
- 6:00pm **Boys JVB4 Bball Practice**
- 7:00pm AA Meeting - SPH

Saturday, December 7

- 6:30am TMIY - SPH
- 8:30am Confessions
- 10:00am Children's Rosary SHC
- 11:30am Funeral +Rampone
- 3:00pm Confession
- 5:00pm Tree Lighting - PG

Sunday, December 8

- 7:00am K of C Breakfast w/Santa SG
- 9:00am **1st & 2nd Yr Confirmation class**
- 1:00pm EDGE - SPH
- 7:00pm Men's Holy Hour - SPC



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