

## 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


## PARISH OFFICE

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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 8, 2024

*Second Sunday of Advent*



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

*-Pope Francis*

**Mercy Mondays - Confessions Prior to Christmas**

*"Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive."*  
 -Misericordiae Vultus

On Mondays, December 16 and December 23, confessors will be available from 7 pm to 8 pm in St. Paul Church. In addition, our regular confession schedule is Saturday morning from 8:30 am to 9:30 am and Saturday afternoon from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. On the 'Mercy Mondays' we will have Eucharistic Adoration during that time as well.

During Advent, come and experience the forgiveness that God offers you and the joy of getting a fresh start.

**End-of-the-Year Appeal**

As previously mentioned, all registered parishioners will receive our annual end-of-the-year appeal letter from Fr. Michael in the mail. Thank you to everyone who has already made their Annual End of the Year gift. Our parish relies on these donations as part of our budgeted income. They help fund the many ministries and programs the parish offers and also help 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!



**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Monday, December 9

**Mass Schedule**

7:00am, 8:45am, 12:00pm and 7:00pm

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. The letter from Archbishop Coyne, which is posted on our website, explains the reason for the dispensation and also strongly urges all Catholics to attend Mass on this holy day. Please join us on December 9th to honor Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States.



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

**A Glance Ahead**

- 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**
- Children's Mass at 9:00 am..... Sunday, Dec. 8**
- Breakfast with Santa ..... Sunday, Dec. 8**
- Feast of the Immaculate Conception .... Monday, Dec. 9**
- Registration for New Parishioners ..... Monday, Dec. 9**
- Rosary at Sacred Heart Church..... Wednesday, Dec. 11**  
Join us to pray the Rosary from 6:00-6:30pm
- 13th of the Month Rosary at 12pm ..... Friday, Dec. 13**
- Greccio Concert & Pageant ..... Sunday, Dec. 15**
- Angel Tree Project - Deadline ..... Dec. 15**  
Please drop off all gifts by 1pm on Dec. 15
- Mercy Monday from 7-8pm ..... Monday, Dec. 16**  
Confession and Adoration
- Rosary at Sacred Heart Church..... Wednesday, Dec. 18**
- Mercy Monday from 7-8pm ..... Monday, Dec. 23**  
Confession and Adoration
- Merry Christmas! ..... Wednesday, Dec. 25**
- Parish Office Closed ..... Dec. 24-25**
- Solemnity of Mary Mother of God ... Wednesday, Jan. 1**
- Children's Rosary at Sacred Heart..... Saturday, Jan. 4**
- Knights Free Throw Contest..... Sunday, Jan. 12**
- March for Life, Washington DC ..... Friday, Jan. 24**
- Catholic Schools Week ..... Jan. 26—Feb.1**

<b>Parish Collection</b> Nov. 19-25, 2024	In Church SP	\$ 9,563
	Office	\$ 1,022
	Online Giving	\$ 5,255
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,840</b>

**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.*



## INTENTIONS

### Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†**Chester Stachelek** Anniversary by family

†**Vicente Carbonell** by wife and family

†**Maria Cultrera** by Cultrera family

†**Stephanie Costanzo** Rest In Peace by friend Lois

### Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†**Constance M. DiLorenzo**

2 Year Anniversary by Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Gionfriddo

†**Salvatore Cultrera** by Cultrera family

†**Annette Park** by St. Paul Women of Faith

†**Robert Norton** 1st Anniversary by wife Chi-Chi and family



†**Michael Cass**

†**Timothy D'Addabbo**

†**Gina Kahn**

†**Stacia Rugens**

*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.*

**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.)

**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, 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

Monday, December 9, 2024 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 †**Dougherty and †DeBlasio Families**

by Arlene and Bill DeBlasio

8:45 †**Fr. Joseph Whittel** by daughter Karen

12:00 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**

7:00 †**Chris Malz** Birthday Remembrance by Sophia Choluj

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 Our Lady of Loreto

7:00 †**Maria Verrillo** by husband Peter

†**Charles Charamut** Birthday by Rebecca Charamut-Cass

†**Walter and †Edith Lagocki** by family

†**Edward Hawrylik** by wife Carole

†**Cynthia Gurski** by Barbara Rival

5:00 †**Fredrica Walsh** Birthday Remembrance

by daughter Teresa

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 St. Damasus I, Pope

7:00 †**Michael Kelleher** by John G. Hubbard family

5:00 †**Amedeo Francalangia** Birthday by family

Thursday, December 12, 2024 Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 **Living Friars, Family, Friends and**

**Benefactors of the Friars**

5:00 †**Ken Stokowski** Birthday Remembrance

by wife and family

†**Eugenio Riccardi** by Emanuele Lombardo

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

**John Nappi, Jr.** by wife

†**Charles McDonald** by Mia O'Daniell

Friday, December 13, 2024 St. Lucy

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

by Anthony Micacci

5:00 †**Bernardo Casano** by Rachela Maltese

Saturday, December 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 †**Daniel Mahoney** by Mahoney family

Sunday, December 15, 2024 Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 †**Deceased Members of**

†**Navarro and †Roscoe Families** by family

9:00 †**Carole Gardino-Volz** 6th Anniversary

by husband and family

10:30 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**

12:00 †**Fabio Birritta** Anniversary Remembrance

by mom and dad

**HOSPITAL VISITS** Our friars will be happy to visit you or your loved one in the hospital if you kindly send a request. Call 860-828-0331 or email [ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org).

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Dec. 15, 2024

For readings online, scan or visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/121524.cfm>



**First Reading:** Zephaniah 3:14-18a

**Responsorial Psalm:** Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6.

*Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*

**Second Reading:** Philippians 4:4-7

**Alleluia:** Isaiah 61:1 (cited in Lk 4:18)

*R. Alleluia, alleluia.*

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.*

*R. Alleluia, alleluia.*

**Gospel:** Luke 3:10-18

*The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.*

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

## 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](mailto:mfduplin@outlook.com).



## Scripture Study Update

Our Scripture Study groups recently completed the Letter to the Hebrews. We had 52 parishioners participate within five study groups from September through mid-November.



Letter to the Hebrews celebrates the greatness of Jesus as the Son of God and as the great high priest. The letter goes back to the Old Testament to show how Jesus was the full revelation of the messianic prophecies and psalms. This eloquent letter was written by an unnamed author to encourage recently converted Jewish-Christians to endure in their faith in the face of persecution which they were up against in the first century.

Our next study will be a "themed study" entitled, "Women of the Old Testament". In Scripture, we encounter God and come to know God's people.

Women in the Old Testament, Part One, will take us on a journey through Israel's beginnings, Israel's captivity and freedom, and Israel's tribal period from the perspective of the earliest women of salvation history, such as Sarah, Deborah, and Ruth.

In Women in the Old Testament, Part Two, we will explore stories of women of the Bible such as Judith and Esther, whose complexities and gifts broke stereotypes and continue to reveal God to us.

Participants will use the commentary from Little Rock Scripture Study



and have access to online summary lectures. We will begin this study the first week of February, 2025. There will be an information/registration meeting in the church hall in January at which interested parishioners can learn all the details. Stay tuned to more information ahead in the Parish Bulletin.

Our Scripture Study groups designated volunteer readers, and they read the entire Letter to the Hebrews with Fr. Michael on November 19th.



## 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](mailto: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. Greylish Council of the Knights of Columbus



## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

At the beginning of each weekend Mass, we will light the candles on our Advent Wreath and parishioners are invited 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#/>

## WORD SEARCH

TIBERIUS  
PILATE  
JUDEA  
HEROD

PHILIP  
ITURAEA  
LYSANIAS  
ABILENE

ANNAS  
CAIAPHAS  
JOHN  
ISAIAH

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## SAINT PAUL SCHOOL

Congratulations to the newly-elected members of the 2024-2025 Student Council!

President: Yogev Yerushalmy (Grade 8)  
Vice President: Vihaan Iyer (Grade 8)  
Treasurer: Peter Pace (Grade 7)  
Secretary: Theo Gujda (Grade 6)



Representatives:

Grade 8: Anthony Esposito, Cody Douglas  
Grade 7: Olivia Mokhiber, Carter Butler-Czarnota, Maddy Morant  
Grade 6: Osher Yerushalmy, Anthony Gospodarczyk, Hubert Raczkowski  
Grade 5: Santino Nesci, Ved Patel, Nicole Pace, Emilk Kaczynski



Our Kindergarten class is holding their Annual **Mitten Tree Drive**, collecting mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves for those in need this winter. Please help fill the tree, located in our school lobby, with these much-needed items for both children and adults. Donations will be given to Prudence Crandall Center in New Britain. Deadline is **December 18**. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Students in Mrs. Rutkowski's 2nd & 3rd grade classes made Advent wreaths as part of their Nov. 17 class.



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 on page 5.

Reminder: Upcoming Children's Masses

Sunday, December 8 at 9:00 am

Sunday, January 12 at 9:00 am

### 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  
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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: [religiused@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:religiused@stpaulkensington.org)



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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](mailto:j.kay@stpaulkensington.org)  
 or scan/click below



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

**YCP - Ice Skating in West Hartford.**

Come join Young Catholic Professionals Central CT for **A Night on the Ice!** **Saturday, December 14th.** Whether You're an ice skating pro or it's your first time on the ice, come join us as we start the winter season with a night on the ice in West Hartford! Cost \$15 per person. YCP members skate for free as a thank you for supporting our chapter. We look forward to meeting you there!



Veterans Memorial Ice Rink  
 56 Buena Vista Rd, West Hartford, CT  
 Saturday, December 14, 6:30-8:30 pm

All professionals from 18-39 are welcome!  
 E-mail [info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org](mailto:info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org) to learn more. RSVP via QR code or this link:



[https://ycp.glueup.com/event/a-night-on-the-ice-125852/?pk\\_campaign=widget-event-list](https://ycp.glueup.com/event/a-night-on-the-ice-125852/?pk_campaign=widget-event-list)

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!**



Thanks to all of the amazing teens who came out for our 2024 Fall Semester events! God is doing wonderful things with our Life Teen group, and we cannot wait for what is in store in 2025!



We wish all of our high school teens and their families a blessed and joyful Advent and Christmas!



Save the date for our  
 2025 Spring Semester Kick-off:  
**Sunday, January 12, 2025** from 6:30-8:00pm



Photos are from our Life Teen Advent Christmas Party on 12/1.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Christmas Party for Council #3675 will be on Wednesday, [December 18, 2024](#) in the St. Paul Church Hall.

The evening will begin at 6:00 pm for cocktails and appetizers. Dinner will be served at 6:45pm.

All Brother Knights are welcome to attend with a guest. There is no cost for this event. Please RSVP by emailing Tom Drzata at [tom@wdkinsurance.com](mailto:tom@wdkinsurance.com) or Bud Volz at [budvolz@comcast.net](mailto:budvolz@comcast.net) and let us know if you will attend alone or with a guest.



## 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](mailto: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, Jan. 30 ~ Sunday, Feb. 2, 2025](#).

Sponsored by St. Luke's Parish, Southington, the retreat will be held at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington. Take advantage of this opportunity to renew yourself spiritually, strengthen your faith, and create lasting friendships. To learn more, scan the code or visit <https://actsct.org>. Questions? Call Ed Como: 860-841-7151.



## FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

The following items are being requested at this time:

*Cereal, oatmeal, pancake mixes, pancake syrup, muffin mixes, peanut butter, jelly, preserves, pop tarts, protein/granola bars.*

*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 19](#) at **9:30am**. Volunteers will also help with food distribution on [Friday, Dec. 20](#) at **11am** at Sacred Heart Church.

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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org). Please be sure to ask for permission from the person to be added. Names will be kept on the list for a period of one full month. (If you submit a name in 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

Nancy Adamowicz

Fred Alkas, Sr.

Amara Alice

Jose Arcia

Ernie Bourcier

Cheryl Brown

George Bushnell

Norma Cacchilo

Mark Camilleri

Janet Carroll

Doug Clarke

Roy Cooper

Susan Corso

Arlene Cotrona

Linda Cullen

Robert Czerwinski

Jose Dagna

Fr. Tony DeFronzio

Kathleen Deliman

Alyssa Dutkiewicz

Josefina Fernandez

Bill Filomena

Maureen Freeman

Jennifer Gonzalez

Lenore Gourley

Linda Hannold

Tom Higgins

Evan Hill

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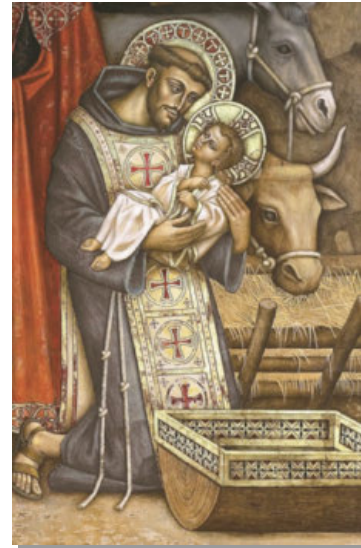
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## St. Clare Food Pantry Receives Donation

The Rotary Club of Kensington-Berlin joined Liberty Bank to Raise Funds at Thanksgiving once again this year.

Members of the Berlin Community along with Kensington Berlin Rotarians raised \$1,895 for the 2024 Thanksgiving Drive, and a 25% match from the Liberty Bank Foundation resulted in a total amount of \$2,369 being donated to the St Clare Food Pantry and the Town of Berlin Food Pantry.



## PARISH CALENDAR

### Saturday, December 7

6:30am TMIY - SPH  
 8:30am Confessions  
 9:00am **Girls JV AWAY Bball Game**  
 9:45am Funeral +D'Addabbo SPC  
 10:00am Children's Rosary SHC  
 11:30am Funeral +Rampone  
 3:00pm Confession  
 5:00pm Tree Lighting



### Sunday, December 8

7:00am K of C Breakfast w/Santa  
 9:00am **1st & 2nd Yr Conf. class**  
 1:00pm EDGE - SPH  
 3:00pm Greccio Rehearsal  
 7:00pm Men's Holy Hour



### Monday, December 9

7:00am Mass  
 8:45am **School Mass**  
 8:45am Parish Staff Meeting  
 12:00pm Mass - SPC  
 3:00pm **Boys JVB5 Bball Practice**  
 4:30pm **Girls JVB Bball Practice**  
 6:00pm **Boys Varsity Bball Practice**  
 7:00pm Mass  
 7:00pm Registration New Members



### Tuesday, December 10

10:00am Finance Team - PC1  
 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry SPH  
 4:00pm **SPS Night at Bill's Pizza**  
 4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration  
 4:30pm **Boys JVA Bball Practice**  
 6:00pm **Girls Varsity Bball Practice**  
 6:30pm Adult Choir - PCLL  
 7:00pm Social Action Mtg - SPH

### Wednesday, December 11

10:00am **Advancement Donor Cards**  
 1:00pm SPS Choir Rehearsal - SPC  
 3:00pm **Boys JVB5 Bball Practice**  
 4:30pm **Girls JVB Bball Practice**  
 6:00pm **Boys Varsity Bball Practice**  
 6:00pm Rosary - SHC  
 6:30pm Special Sacrament mtg-PC1  
 7:00pm Knights of Columbus - SPH

### Thursday, December 12

8:45am **PreK-K Christmas Concert**  
 9:00am Quilters - SPH  
 6:00pm Exultations - PC basement  
 6:30pm **Grades 1-5 Christmas Concert**  
 6:30pm School Christmas Concert  
 7:00pm RCIA - PC1  
 7:00pm Women of Faith - SPH

### Friday, December 13

**\$1 PJ Day for CCMC**  
 12:00pm 13th of the Month Rosary  
 3:00pm **CoEd JVC3 Bball Practice**  
 4:30pm **CoEd JVC2 Bball Practice**  
 6:00pm **Family Christmas Movie Night**  
 6:00pm **Boys JVB4 Bball Practice**  
 7:00pm AA Meeting - SPH

### Saturday, December 14

6:30am TMIY - SPH  
 8:30am Confessions  
 9:00am **Girls JV AWAY Bball Game**  
 11:20am **Boys JV5 AWAY Bball Game**  
 11:20am **Boys JV6 AWAY Bball Game**  
 3:00pm Confession

### Sunday, December 15

7:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 1  
 8:30am Angel Tree sort - SPH  
 9:15am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 2  
 10:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 3  
 12:00pm Greccio Setup SPH

1:15pm Baptisms  
 4:00pm **Greccio Concert & Pageant**

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