

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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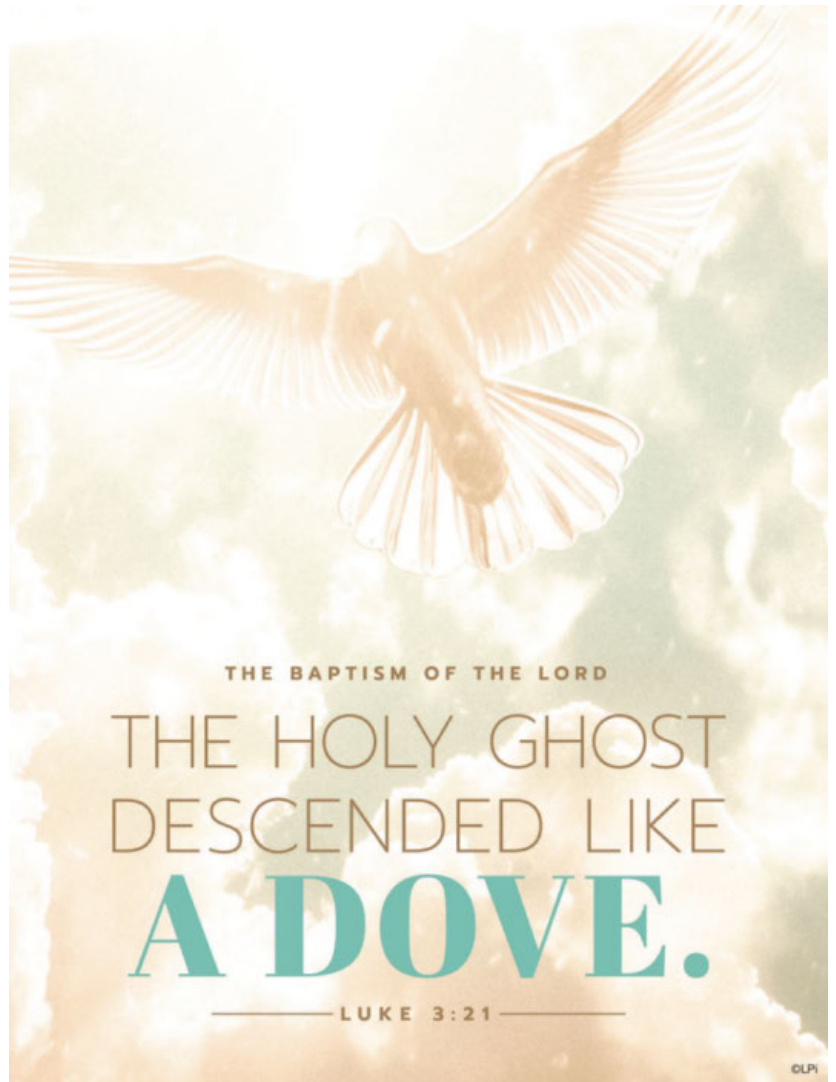
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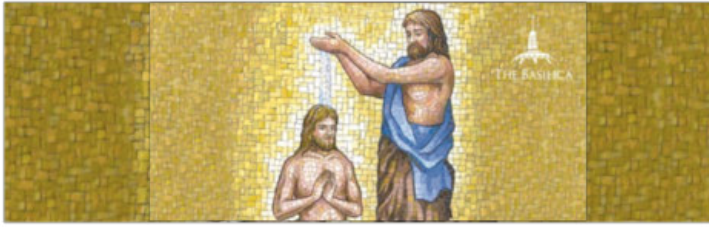
January 12, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord



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

-Pope Francis



The Baptism of the Lord—January 12, 2025

In the liturgical calendar, this feast signifies the end of the Christmas season. The Baptism of the Lord is notable because it marks the beginning of Jesus’ ministry and confirms his identity as the Son of God. This event is documented in all the gospels except John.

The Trinity Displayed in the Baptism of the Lord

The Gospel of Mark describes the event:

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” (Mark 1:9-11)

Christ’s baptism remarkably shows all three Persons of the Trinity at the same time: the Son being baptized, the Holy Spirit descending, and the Father speaking from the heavens. In this event, the Father and the Holy Spirit confirm the deity of Christ, and Jesus submits to his Father’s will.

Why Is Jesus Baptized?

When Jesus comes to John, John hesitates to baptize him. John’s is a baptism of repentance, and Jesus has nothing for which he needs to repent. Why then does Jesus insist on being baptized? By choosing to be baptized, Jesus fulfills all righteousness – preparing himself to be a perfect sacrifice for us. The account in Matthew demonstrates this:

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?” Jesus said to him in reply, “Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed him. (Matthew 3:13-15)

What Does Baptism Mean for Us?

As we reflect on Christ’s baptism, we are reminded of our own baptism. Pope Benedict XVI said on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord:

[Baptism] is communion with the One who conquered death and holds in his hand the keys of life. Belonging to this circle, to God’s family, means being in communion with Christ, who is life and gives eternal love beyond death.

Thanks be to God, who has redeemed us from our sins and given us eternal life through Jesus Christ.

From The Basilica of the National Shrine
<https://www.nationalshrine.org/blog/the-significance-of-the-baptism-of-the-lord/>

A Glance Ahead

- Children’s Mass 9am Sunday, Jan. 12
- Knights Free Throw Contest..... Sunday, Jan. 12
- Life Teen and EDGE Kickoff Sunday, Jan. 12
- 13th of the Month Rosary at Noon.....Monday, Jan. 13
- Registration for New ParishionersMonday, Jan. 13
- Rosary at Sacred Heart Church.....Wednesday, Jan. 15
- Scripture Study Information MeetingThursday, Jan. 16
- Martin Luther King, Jr. DayMonday, Jan. 20
- March for Life, Washington DC..... Friday, Jan. 24
- Saint Paul School Open House Sunday, Jan. 26
- Archbishop Coyne VisitThursday, Jan. 30
- HomeFront Application Deadline Friday, Jan. 31
- Catholic Schools Week.....Jan. 26—Feb.1
- Children’s Rosary at Sacred HeartSaturday, Feb. 1
- Hot Stuff Collection—Last Day Sunday, Feb. 2
- Bible Verse Project –Deadline Monday, Feb. 3
- TMIY! Spring Session BeginsSaturday, Feb. 8
- President’s Day Monday, Feb. 17
- Ash Wednesday Wednesday, March 5
- SPS ‘Kentucky Derby’ Auction..... Saturday, March 15

SPECIAL GUEST

Fr. Anthony Federico, Director of Vocations & Seminarians for the Archdiocese of Hartford, will be speaking at all Masses here at St. Paul Parish next weekend, January 18 & 19.

Fr. Anthony promotes the priesthood throughout the Archdiocese and walks with men who are discerning their vocation. His discernment program focuses on growing in interior freedom and putting together a prayer life in which one can hear the voice of the Lord as he calls us to serve him.



Fr. Federico was ordained to the priesthood in 2019. Before entering the seminary, Father Anthony worked as a sports-writer and editor at ESPN. He is the author of *Joe B.*, a novel which reimagines the Book of Job in modern-day Manhattan, and the co-host of the Practically Catholic podcast, which, along with a young missionary mom, offers the faithful practical advice about living the Catholic faith in everyday life.

INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

Gin's Health by a friend

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†Robert Weber by the Misteri and Magisano families

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.

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.

END OF YEAR DONATION - Thank you again 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 and helps fund the many ministries and programs the parish offers and assists in taking care of our property and buildings. You may recall that the end of the fiscal year for all Archdiocesan entities is now June 30. As a result there is no longer an urgent need to have the Annual End of the Year gifts in by December 31. So if you have not made your gift yet please do so during January. Thank you for your support!

2024 DONATION STATEMENTS - If you have not yet requested a report of your 2024 charitable giving to the parish and you would like one for your tax purposes, either return the white card that came with your November and December envelopes, or call the Parish Center, or send an email to j.vancour@stpaulkensington.org. The statements will be sent out by the end of January.

January Second Collection:

January 26 - Saint Paul School

Due to early printing deadlines, the collection amounts for late Dec '24 and early Jan '25 will be posted here next week.

REMINDER: St. Paul Parishioners have FREE access to great Catholic content through FORMED. To start exploring the movies, programs, e-books, audio content and more, go to <https://formed.org>, select "Sign up as a parishioner", type "St. Paul Kensington CT" or 06037 and follow the prompts to set up your account.

FORMED

Saturday, January 11, 2025 Baptism of the Lord
4:00 **†Ciccaglione, †Cosgrove and †Flynn Families**

by family

Sunday, January 12, 2025 Baptism of the Lord

7:30 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**

9:00 **†John and †Agnes Marut** by Barbara Rival

10:30 **†Frank Magnoli** Birthday Remembrance and

†Ida Magnoli Peterson 6 Year Anniversary

12:00 **†Clara Barberini** by Esther Criniti

Monday, January 13, 2025 St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor

7:00 **†Emery Simkulak and †Dolores Petcavage** by Rich

5:00 **†Jose Portal** by Florinda Portal

Tuesday, January 14, 2025 Weekday

7:00 **†Deceased Friars, Families, Friends**

and Benefactors of the Friars

8:45 **†Maria, †Hieronim and †Vivian Smiarowski**

by Irene and family

5:00 **†Art and †Lillian Piergrossi** by family

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 Weekday

7:00 **†Sr. Jude Urgo** by the 7:00 a.m. Mass group

5:00 **†Michael Mangiafico** by family and children

Thursday, January 16, 2025 Weekday

7:00 **†Christopher Labbadia** Anniversary Remembrance

by parents and family

5:00 **†Marie and †Allen Masonis** by Marie

†Anthony DellaVecchia, Sr. by Lisa and Bill Richards

John Nappi, Jr. by wife

†Maria Lombardo by Emanuele Lombardo

Sr. Alphy Thuruthippally, SD Thanksgiving Mass for Silver

Jubilee by Jaison and Smitha

Friday, January 17, 2025 St. Anthony

7:00 **†Carmen Guzzardi** Birthday Remembrance by family

5:00 **†Patricio Gomes** by Shibani Corcoran and family

Saturday, January 18, 2025 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 **†Ken Stokowski** 2nd Anniversary by family

Sunday, January 19, 2025 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**

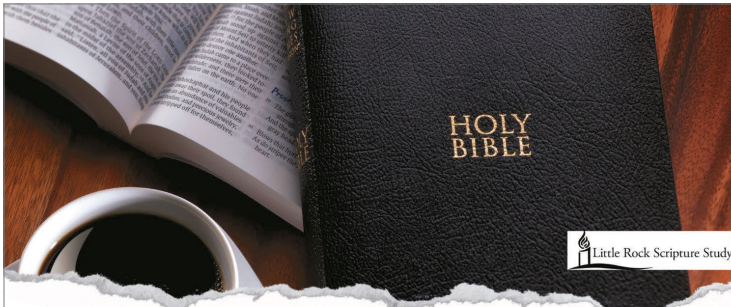
9:00 **†Ryan Palumbo** by Melissa and Dean

10:30 **†Mary Lou Foran** by family

12:00 **†Greta Stifel** by Karen Stifel

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.

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.



Scripture Study Information Meeting

Join us to learn about our upcoming
Spring 2025 Scripture Study!

Study Title: “Women of the Old Testament”

Thursday, January 16, 2025 | 7:00 PM
St. Paul Church Hall



<https://stpaulkensington.org/scripture-study>

The St. Paul Scripture Study Ministry brings together groups of 8-10 people to read, reflect on and pray with the Scriptures so as to better discern the Word of God in our lives.

Our Spring 2025 Scripture Study is titled, “Women of the Old Testament”. In Scripture we encounter God and come to know God’s people. In Part One of this study, will take 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 use the commentary from Little Rock Scripture Study and have access to online summary lectures. We will begin this study in the first week of February, 2025.

Please join us and learn more at an Informational Meeting at the Parish Center on **Thursday, January 16** at 7pm. The readings at Mass take on a whole new perspective as we come to know the books’ authors, their intended audience and the connections between the Old and New Testaments.

Please contact Mark Chasse at mchasse1@comcast.net with any questions or call the Parish Office at 860-828-0331.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Jan. 19, 2025

For readings online, scan or visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/011925.cfm>



First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Alleluia: 2 Thessalonians 2:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servers, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, “Fill the jars with water.” So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, “Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.” So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from — although the servers who had drawn the water knew—, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

Winter Reminder A friendly reminder concerning the obligation to attend Mass when weather conditions make travel hazardous: while the obligation to attend Mass each weekend and Holy Days of Obligation must be taken very seriously,



the other side of the coin is our use of prudence when the weather or illness might impede our attendance. Canon Law of the Catholic Church (1247) states that on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. However, the law does not expect the impossible nor can the fulfillment of the obligation be overly burdensome or dangerous. So while the Masses will almost always take place at St. Paul because the Friars live next door, and the Mass intention has to be satisfied, that does not mean that you should risk life or injury to attend. This is all the more the case for weekday Masses when there is no obligation to attend. All Masses are live streamed on our website.

LADIES' GUILD QUILT RAFFLE

Our St. Paul Ladies' Guild would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets for the Annual 2024 Quilt Raffle that was held in November.



The winners of the quilts were as follows:

Anna Anop	Freddie Soto
Michelle Lavette	Lucian
Karen Henry	Izzy Georgiana

Congratulations!

The Ladies' Guild gives back to our parish and school community through scholarships and other worthwhile projects.

QUILTERS & CRAFTERS GROUP With the holidays over and the new year underway, our St. Paul Quilters & Crafters Group will begin meeting once again on Thursday mornings from 9am-11am in the St. Paul Church Hall. The next gathering will be **Thursday, January 16**. Anyone working on another project or who has a different type of craft is most welcome to join us!. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 860-828-0331.

HELPING HANDS Our Helping Hands Ministry assists our senior parishioners, providing companionship, as well as social and spiritual support. We typically provide help to parishioners 80 and older, and we also assist younger seniors who do not have family, friends or neighbors they can call upon for help. To learn more, contact the parish office, 860-828-0331, or Mark Duplin at 860-977-9931 or mfduplin@outlook.com.



ROSARY GROUP Our 13th of the Month Rosary Group meets faithfully at 12 noon in St. Paul Church to pray the Rosary. The next gathering will be **Monday, January 13th**. Please join them in prayer!



“HOT STUFF” (and some not-so-hot) FOOD COLLECTION



Our Social Action Ministry is conducting their annual 'Hot Stuff' collection **now through Feb. 2nd** to benefit the Friendship Center in New Britain. Please support this collection during these cold winter months if your means allow. Thank you!

Items requested include:

Coffee, Tea, Hot Cocoa, Broth, Hot and Cold Cereal, Soup, Salt and Pepper, Canned Vegetables and a variety of non-perishable juices.

Please contact Joan Baker with any questions at jmb7000@comcast.net

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. For details, visit our website or call the Respect Life Ministry at 203-694-4189.



A national '9 Days for Life' Novena for the protection of human life will be prayed from **January 16-24, 2025**.



Please join in this special prayer for the protection of all human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. For details, scan the code or visit <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>

Free Throw Championship

All boys and girls age 9-14 are invited to participate (free of charge) in the *2025 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship* on **Sunday, January 12, 2025** in the Saint Paul School gym. Registration begins at 4:00 pm. The competition will begin at 4:30 pm.

THIS SUNDAY JAN. 12!



Winners progress through the local and district competitions, culminating in the State Championship. Winners are also presented with an official Knights of Columbus basketball. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent at registration. For more information contact Mark Chasse at 860-944-9293 or mchasse1@comcast.net.

KNIGHTS MEETING

The Monsignor Greylish Knights of Columbus Council #3675 will meet this Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00 pm in the St Paul Church Hall. All men are invited to join us in the Church at 6:15 pm when we will pray the Rosary; this will be followed by a light meal and fellowship with our brothers. Please contact the Grand Knight, Bud Volz, if you have any questions. BudVolz@comcast.net (860) 681-8355





2025 Saint Paul School Auction!

March 15, 2025 at 6pm

Don't miss out on the fun!

Secure your Kentucky Derby Auction tickets online today.

Limited availability!



Open House on **Sunday, January 26** from 11:00 am-1:00 pm.

Visit our classrooms, learn about our curriculum, meet with our dedicated teachers, administration, parents, student ambassadors and board members.



This week:

Confirmation Conversations:

Mon., Jan. 13 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center

First Reconciliation Parent Workshop:

Thurs., Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Old Wing of the church

New Year Idea

We are always on the lookout for good content, and we came across this simple idea that could be a great family activity:

This month, set up an empty jar next to a pad of paper. Each week, jot down a blessing or something for which you are thankful and add it to the jar.

Then, on New Year's Eve 2025, open the jar and together read through all of the blessings you received during the year.



Upcoming Children's Masses:

Sunday, January 12 at 9:00 am

Sunday, February 9 at 10:30 am

Sunday, March 16 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



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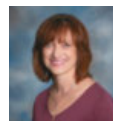
ST. PAUL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Monday-Thursday 8am - 2pm

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

St Paul Parish Religious Ed Berlin CT

Email: religiused@stpaulkensington.org



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



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(860) 828-1934 ext 321



COLLEGE WINTER DINNER

Thank you to all of our young adults who came out for our annual Winter College Dinner on January 2, 2025! Best of luck during your next semester of college! Don't forget to save the dates for our summer College Life Events!

Scan the QR code below to learn more!



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Save the Date for Steubenville EAST 2025!

That's right! St. Paul Life Teen is once again headed to the Steubenville EAST Youth Conference in Springfield, MA. Join all of your friends for this life changing experience from **July 25-27, 2025**.

Registration will begin on **Tuesday, Jan. 21st!** This years theme is: "Consumed".

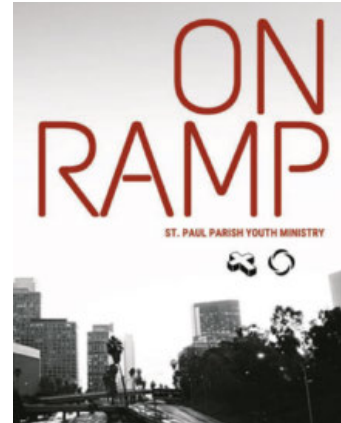
Learn more by scanning the QR Code or visit <https://stpaulkensington.org/go-to-steubie>



Get Ready to kick-off a New Year of Youth Ministry as Life Teen and EDGE are joining forces for a **Kick-Off Celebration Event!**

Mark Your Calendars for **THIS Sunday, January 12** from 6:30-8:00pm in the Parish Hall.

We've got a giant snack bar, games, gift cards, new core members and teens to meet and a time of prayer to kick off the year! Bring a friend and we will see you there!



Middle School Grades 6-8



LIFE TEEN



High School Grades 9-12

ALTAR SERVERS All children who have received their 1st Holy Communion and are in 4th grade or older are invited and encouraged to join our Altar Server Ministry, including middle and high school students! Each server typically serves every other weekend at their preferred Mass time. Parents, if your child would like to join our team of servers, please contact Josh Kay at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org.

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! Email Josh: j.kay@stpaulkensington.org.

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	Deborah Kasper
Nancy Adamowicz	Leonard Kochanowski
Amara Alice	Jonh J. Lynch
Jose Arcia	Mary Jane Lynch
Wendy Blackmar	Lisa Mangiafico
Ernie Bourcier	Fr. Paul Mangiafico
Cheryl Brown	Mehagen McRae
George Bushnell	Janet Michaud
Mark Camilleri	Nancy Motulko
Janet Carroll	Lenny Mulrooney
Doug Clarke	Peter Niro
Roy Cooper	Our Military
Linda Cullen	Emma Pagano
Robert Czerwinski	Judy Pappalardo
Fr. Tony DeFronzo	Nathaniel Picklesimer
Kathleen Deliman	Barbara Rich
Gloria Doyle	Christopher Roddy
William Doyle	Romen Sarkis
Judith Doyle	Brenda Stedman
Alyssa Dutkiewicz	Angelica Szczygla
Bill Filomena	Gabriel Szczygla
Maureen Freeman	Julia Szczygla
Lenore Gourley	Linda Vasquez
Linda Hannold	Scott Veley
Evan Hill	Kathleen Williams
Daniel A. Hurley	Tracey Wilson

The Spring Session of our St. Paul Parish TMIY Men's Group will be held from **February 8 ~ May 3 2025**.



The group meets in the St. Paul Church Hall on **Saturday mornings** with breakfast (optional) at 6:30am and the program beginning at 7:00am.

TMIY! combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. The program honestly addresses pressures & temptations that men face in our modern culture. See the full schedule below and visit our website for more details and to register.

<https://stpaulkensington.org/that-man-is-you>

Questions? Contact Bud Volz at budvolz@comcast.net.



Spring 2025 - The Light of Men

- February 8: The Path of Life
- February 15: A Lamp Unto My Feet
- February 25: The Light of Sacred Scripture
- March 1: The Light for the Lost

Lenten Journey Begins

- March 8: Rediscover the Power
- March 15 The Agony in the Garden
- March 22: The Scourging at the Pillar
- March 29: The Crowning with Thorns
- April 5: The Carrying of the Cross
- April 12: The Crucifixion
- April 19: The Pathway to Paradise

Easter

- April 26: The Hidden Force
- May 3: Evidence for the Resurrection

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**.



Guys—Why not start this New Year off by getting yourself in shape spiritually?

Sponsored by St. Luke's Parish, Southington, this 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.



INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY?

Our next Registration Meeting is [Monday, Jan. 13](#) 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.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Our Women of Faith group will host their next gathering at 7pm on [Thursday, Feb 13](#) in the St. Paul Church Hall. Bring a friend!



Gather with us to share our Faith, Fellowship and Friendship. Questions? Email womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org.

FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

The following items are being requested at this time:

Tuna, beef stew, chili, canned ham or chicken, peanut butter, soups, and beans/lentils.

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, Jan. 16](#) at **9:30am**. Volunteers will also help with distribution on [Friday, Jan. 17](#) 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 Pantry or FoodShare program including volunteering, contact Nancy at 860-601-7866 or n.timbrell@stpaulkensington.org.

THANK YOU for your generous and continued support!

HOMEFRONT 2025

Our Social Action Ministry has begun planning the 2025 HomeFront project.

HomeFront is a community-based home repair program that helps homeowners who are financially unable to maintain their homes. Home repairs are made by sponsoring teams of volunteers at no cost to the recipients, primarily in a one-day effort. Applications are now available for individuals/families who are interested in receiving help maintaining their home. 2025 HomeFront day is the first Saturday of May.

More information and applications can be found at the Parish Office and online using the following code above or this link: <http://www.homefrontprogram.org/drupal7/homeowner-application> Applications will be accepted through the end of January.



PARISH CALENDAR

Sat Jan 11, 2025

- 6:30am TMIY - SPH
- 8:30am Confessions
- 10:00am JVC 3rd Gr HOME Bball Game
- 10:10am Girls JV AWAY Basketball Game
- 11:00am Boys JV4 AWAY Basketball Game
- 11:20am Boys JV5 AWAY Basketball Game
- 11:20am Boys JV6 AWAY Basketball Game
- 12:00pm JVC CoEd 3rd Gr HOME Basketball Game
- 3:00pm Confession

Sun Jan 12, 2025

- 7:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 1 - SPS/SG
- 9:15am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 2 - SPS/SG
- 10:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 3 - SPS/SG
- 3:00pm Friars Epiphany Dinner
- 3:00pm KofC Basketball Free Throw Contest - SG
- 6:30pm Life Teen & EDGE Spring Semester Kick-Off - SPH

Mon Jan 13, 2025 SPS MAP Testing

- 8:45am Parish Staff Meeting
- 12:00pm 13th of the Month Rosary
- 3:00pm Boys JV5 Basketball Practice
- 4:30pm Girls JV Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm Boys JV6 Away Basketball Game
- 6:00pm Boys Varsity Basketball Practice
- 6:30pm Confirmation Conversations
- 7:00pm Registration for New Parish Members

Youth Ministry Spring 2025 KICK OFF EVENT!
Sunday, Jan 12
6:30pm

Tue Jan 14, 2025 SPS MAP Testing, MS Science Mid-term

- 8:45am School Mass Grades K-2
- 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 4:00pm Holy Hour
- 4:30pm Boys JV6 Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm Girls Varsity Basketball Practice
- 6:30pm Adult Choir PCLL
- 6:30pm Evangelization PC1
- 6:30pm School Board Meeting
- 7:00pm Social Action Meeting SPH

Pray the Rosary Wednesday Jan. 15 6:00-6:30pm Sacred Heart Church

Wed Jan 15, 2025 SPS MAP Testing, MS LA/Lit Mid-term

- 3:00pm Boys JV5 Basketball Practice
- 3:15pm Mock Trial Practice
- 4:30pm Girls JV Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm Boys V Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm K of CI Meeting
- 6:00pm Rosary SHC

Thu Jan 16, 2025 SPS MAP Testing

- 9:00am Quilters SPH
- 3:00pm Cheer Practice
- 3:00pm Girl Scouts
- 4:30pm Boys JV6 Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm Exultations SPC
- 6:00pm Girls V Basketball Practice
- 6:30pm RE 1st Rec. Parent Wrkshp
- 6:30pm Spiritual Life Workshop PC2
- 7:00pm RCIA PC1
- 7:00pm Scripture Registration SPH

Fri Jan 17, 2025 SPS MAP Testing

- 12:30 Dismissal. *MLK Tournament*
- 11:45am FoodShare
- 7:00pm AA

Sat Jan 18, 2025

- MLK BBall Tour*
- 6:30am TMIY!
- 8:30am Confessions
- 10:00am JVC 2nd Away Games
- 12:00pm JVC 3rd Away Games
- 12:30pm Boys JV6 Away Games
- 1:40pm Girls JV5 Away Games
- 1:40pm Girls JV Away Games
- 3:00pm Confession

Sun Jan 19, 2025

- MLK BBall Tour*
- 9:00am 1st & 2nd Yr Conf. Class
- 1:15pm Baptisms
- 6:30pm Life Teen

Bible Verse Project

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

Parishioners are invited to submit a favorite Bible Verse or Psalm along with a brief explanation as to why it resonates with them in a special way.



*Your word is
a lamp for my feet,
a light for my path.*

Psalm 119:105

The Women of Faith group plans to create a beautiful booklet that includes all of these verses, psalms and testimonies. The intent for this project is to foster a stronger sense of community in our parish through our relationship with God. The booklets will be distributed to parishioners at no charge.

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

Deadline for all submissions is [February 3, 2025](#).

To submit your favorite verse or psalm, you may email the information to womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org or you may complete our online form using the link/code below. (Hard copies of the form were also included in the bulletin for December 29 and January 5.)

<https://stpaulkensington.org/bibleverseproject>



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