

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

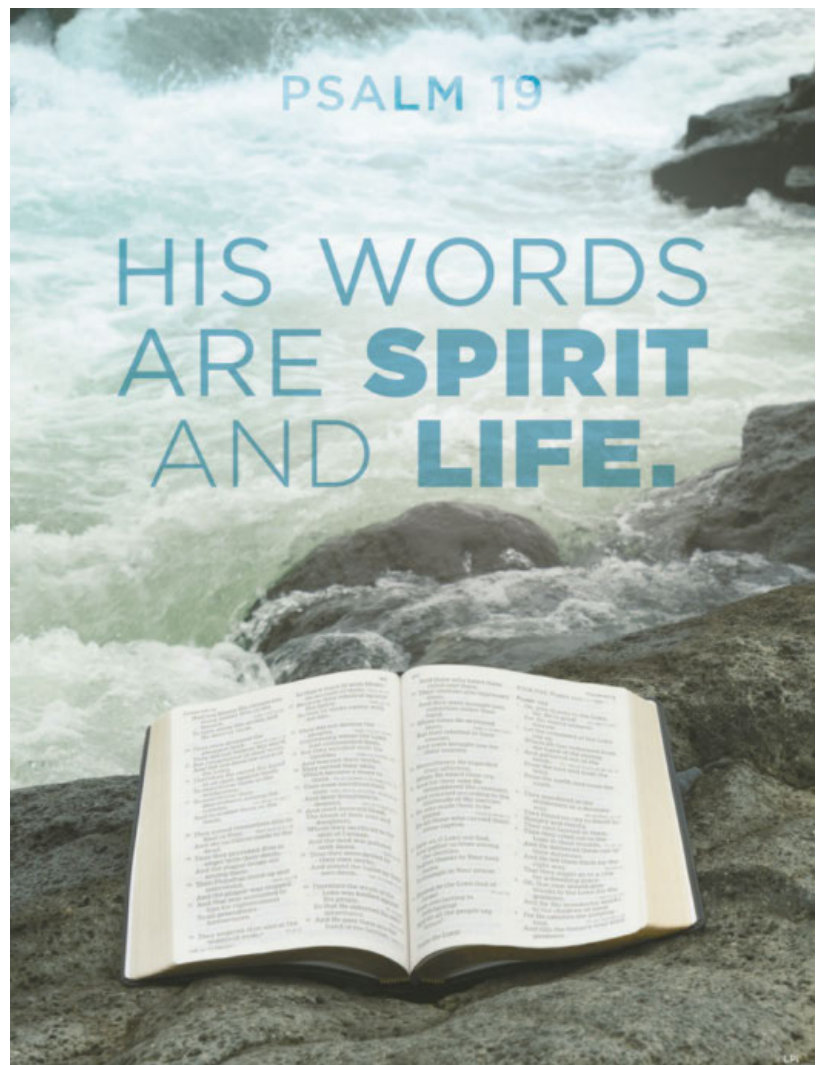
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January 26, 2025

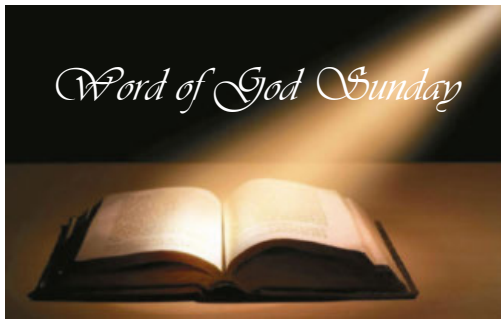
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Word of God Sunday



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

-Pope Francis



Word of God Sunday-January 26th

Pope Francis designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary time as “Sunday of The Word of God” in an apostolic letter in 2019. In his letter, he stated that “the Bible is the book of the people”. “It is God’s Word for each and every one of us---and for all of us together as one Body”. The Pope also stated that this designation will be celebrated all year long because “God’s Word is a priority and a light for our path every day---not just on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time”!

It’s not too late to make your most important New Year’s resolution - to open the Bible and read God’s word. Reading the Bible can sound overwhelming to many of us because it’s such a big book—where do I start? One way is to begin reading chapter 1 of John’s Gospel because it is appropriate for Word of God Sunday.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. (John 1:1-4)

The Apostle John reminds us that Jesus, the only begotten son of God, has existed with God from the beginning of time. In fact, he uses Word as a synonym for Jesus Christ as he begins his Gospel. John knew his readers at the end of the first century would be familiar with ‘Word’ (‘Logos’ in the Greek translation) so he chose ‘Word’ to communicate who Jesus Christ is—the communication of God to humankind. We could not have come to know God as we do today had it not been for His Word.

Another opportunity to become interested in spending more time with God in the Bible comes courtesy of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: On January 26, 2025, in observance of the Sunday of the Word of God, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, through a grant from the American Bible Society, will offer a “Sunday Seminar Series” of six videos about Sacred Scripture in the life of the Church. These videos, available in English and Spanish, will feature some of the Bishops and biblical scholars and will be accompanied by discussion/reflection questions.

A Glance Ahead

- Saint Paul School Open House Sunday, Jan. 26
- Catholic Schools Week.....Jan. 26—Feb. 1
- Archbishop Coyne Visiting.....Thursday, Jan. 30
- HomeFront Application Deadline Friday, Jan. 31
- Children’s Rosary at Sacred HeartSaturday, Feb. 1
- Hot Stuff Collection—Last Day Sunday, Feb. 2
- Blessing of Throats after all Masses Sat/Sun, Feb. 1 & 2
- Feast of Saint Blaise..... Monday, Feb. 3
- TMIY! Spring Session BeginsSaturday, Feb. 8
- Registration for New Parishioners Monday, Feb. 10
- Children’s Mass 10:30am Sunday, Feb. 9
- Sunday Social following 10:30 Mass Sunday, Feb. 9
- 13th of the Month Rosary at Noon..... Thursday, Feb. 13
- President’s Day Monday, Feb. 17
- Ash Wednesday Wednesday, March 5
- Children’s Mass 9am Sunday, March 16
- SPS ‘Kentucky Derby’ Auction..... Saturday, March 15
- Knights Scholarship Deadline..... Tuesday, April 1

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY?

Our next Registration Meeting is [Monday, Feb. 10](#) 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.

The videos will be made available on January 24, 2025 at: <https://catholic.bible/sunday-of-the-word-of-god/>

Through these videos, we hope to bring people into an encounter with Scripture. May God’s people be inspired and challenged to see, understand, and engage with Scripture in a new and prayerful way.



A final way you can engage with God’s Holy Word is by joining one of our small Scripture Study groups here at St. Paul Parish. We will begin our next study, entitled, Women of The Old Testament, in the first week of February. Please contact me by email for more information at mchasse1@comcast.net.

- Mark Chasse

INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

John J. Lynch For Healing by wife Mary Jane



†Nancy Ann Dubay

†Laura L. Kohl

†Jeffrey Nadeau

†James P. Zoppi

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.

PRESENTATION OF 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.

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.

Parish Collection Jan 14-20, 2025	In Church SP	\$	9,408
	Office	\$	2,299
	Online Giving	\$	4,694
	<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>16,401</u>

Upcoming Second Collections:

- January 25/26 - Saint Paul School
- February 8/9 - Monthly Maintenance & Repair
- February 15/16 - Catholic High Schools

Saturday, January 25, 2025 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00 †**Helen Mroczka** 16 Year Anniversary
 by daughters Rosemary and Margaret
Sunday, January 26, 2025 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 †**Angela DeFrancesco** 1st Anniversary
 by Mr. Vincenzo DeFrancesco and family
 9:00 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**
 10:30 †**John Fitzsimmons** by wife and family
 12:00 †**Frank, †Mary and †George Cotrona**
 by Arlene Cotrona

Monday, January 27, 2025 St. Angela Merici
 7:00 †**Suffering Souls in Purgatory** by FOSS
 5:00 †**Peter Liscio** by Mai family
Tuesday, January 28, 2025 St. Thomas Aquinas
 7:00 †**Chuck Pagano, Sr.** by Cheryl
 5:00 †**Kate Pelosi** by son and husband, Logan and Chris

Wednesday, January 29, 2025 Weekday
 7:00 †**Bob and †Lois Gadzik** by Cheryl
 5:00 †**Lynne Baikal** 10th Anniversary by family
Thursday, January 30, 2025 Weekday

7:00 †**Robbie Gadzik** by Cheryl
 8:45 **Deceased Alumni of Saint Paul School**
 5:00 †**Andrew Dobek** by Pam and Kevin
John Nappi, Jr. by wife
 †**Maria Calafiore** by Emanuele Lombardo
 †**Kieran Egan** by Margaret and family
 †**Florence Wilk** 4 Year Anniversary by daughters
Friday, January 31, 2025 St. John Bosco
 7:00 **Emma Pagano** by Cheryl
 5:00 †**Deacon Gerald Poulin and †Mimi Poulin**
 by Lawrie Colite and Cara Santuro

Saturday, February 1, 2025 The Presentation of the Lord
 4:00 †**Robert Ciosek** by wife Joyce and children
Sunday, February 2, 2025 The Presentation of the Lord
 7:30 †**Stephen Choluj** Birthday Remembrance
 by daughter Sophia

9:00 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**
 10:30 †**Michael Kozak** 12th Anniversary by family
 12:00 †**Ralph Loschiavo** by wife and family

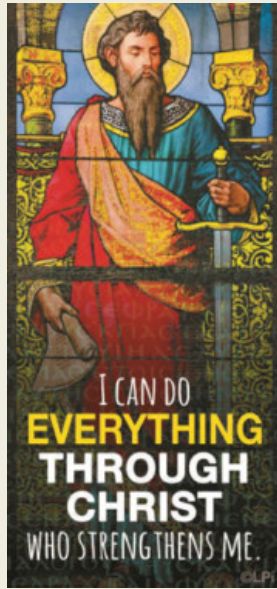
2024 DONATION STATEMENTS - The 2024 charitable donation statements were sent out to all donors this past week. If you haven't received your statement already, you should be receiving it this week. If you have questions, please call the office at 860-828-0331 or email j.vancour@stpaulkensington.org.

Pictured: Joan Vancour and Cheryl Pagano in the Parish Office. Thank you Joan and Cheryl for all that you do!



Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul - January 25

St. Paul the Apostle was the greatest of the early Christian missionaries. He first appears in the Acts of the Apostles under the name of Saul. Saul was raised in the Jewish faith as a Pharisee trained in the strict observance of God's Law. He believed the Law should be obeyed by himself and all Jews. Saul was upset by the early Christian Church, believing that the early Christians had broken away from their Jewish traditions. He actively persecuted the Church in Jerusalem. As the first Christian martyr Stephen was being stoned to death, Saul watched the cloaks of the persecutors (Acts 7:58).



Paul then traveled to Damascus to further persecute early Christians. On the road to Damascus Saul had an encounter with the Risen Jesus Christ (Acts 9:1–19, Galatians 1: 13–14). Jesus asked, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” Paul replied, “Who are you, sir?” Jesus responded, “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting” (Acts 9: 4 – 5). Jesus then sent Saul into Damascus to wait for further instructions. Saul was shaken and blinded by the experience. When a Christian named Ananias came and baptized Saul, his blindness went away. As a result of this encounter Saul became a follower of Christ. He was now convinced that fellowship with the risen Jesus Christ, not the observance of the Law, was all that was needed to receive God's promise of salvation. (Galatians 1:11–12; 3:1–5)

Saul, whose name now became Paul, went to Jerusalem to consult with Peter (Galatians 1: 18). After his first missionary journeys, Paul was called by Jesus to proclaim the Gospel to the Gentiles. He spent the rest of his life journeying on his missions, establishing local churches, and writing to them when he heard of their accomplishments and failures. Paul's letters are the earliest records of the life and history of the early Church. As inspired by the Holy Spirit Paul's letters are part of the Canon of the New Testament. As a record of the happenings in the early Church they are in invaluable record of the expansion of the Christianity.

-<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints>

Upcoming

- o Sunday, February 2 - Presentation of the Lord and World Day of Consecrated Life—*celebrating our priests and religious and all they do for us. Join us in thanking our friars on that Sunday for all they do!*
- o Sunday, February 9
World Marriage Day and 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Feb. 2, 2025

For readings online, scan or visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/020225.cfm>



First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Alleluia: Luke 2:32

A light of revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted -and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The New England Catholic Bible School invites you to visit an in-person or online class. Come sit in on a class from **Jan. 27 - April 30** and see how studying the Bible can change your life! To learn more or to register, call Judy Kostelni, Director, at 860-242-5573 or visit <https://www.NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com>



SAINT PAUL SCHOOL

SPS Open House Sunday, January 26 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.



Join us for a Kentucky Derby-themed auction to support Saint Paul School!

March 15, 2025
6pm

Casa Mia at the Hawthorne

Tickets are limited, get yours today!

Anyone can register to bid, but the Live Auction items are exclusive to event attendees. Preview our exciting Live Auction getaways including the Ultimate Irish Road Trip, Bella Toscana, Kentucky Bourbon Trail, and a Tropical All-Inclusive vacation. Be sure to check the auction website often as new auction items will be added weekly leading up to the event:

https://event.auctria.com/df1b68da-621d-4791-a3ec-4846baf290e0/?blm_aid=25027



Also, we'd love your help! Would you like to be a sponsor or make a donation for our auction? Donations can be anything from a stylish Derby hat to a service that you offer. Every contribution makes a difference and helps make our event even more special. It's for a great cause, and we would be truly grateful for your support!

SAINT PAUL SCHOOL

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



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

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saintpaul.school

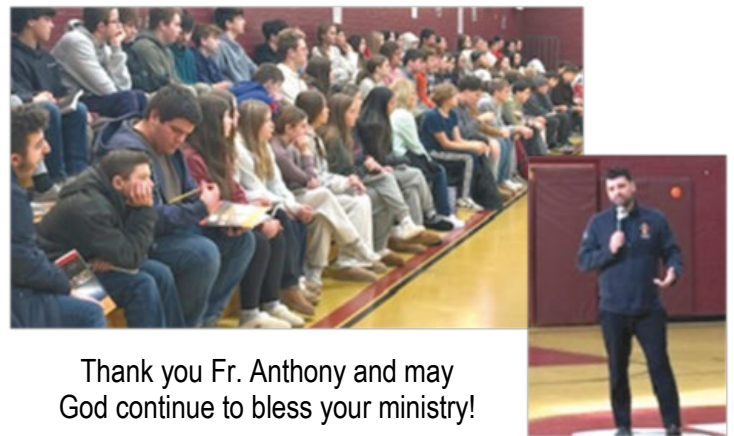


Kelly Esposito
Admissions Director
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

During his visit to our parish last weekend, Fr. Anthony Federico made time between Masses to speak to our Confirmation students during their classes. After sharing about his journey to the priesthood, he talked about how prayer is the key to having a personal relationship with Christ. He challenged the teens to spend the first ten minutes of the morning for the next 30 days in prayer instead of checking their phones and getting caught up on social media. One of the biggest changes they will notice, he said, is a reduction of stress. They will also experience increased confidence once they know their value in God's eyes. He concluded by praying over the teens.



Thank you Fr. Anthony and may God continue to bless your ministry!

Because of Catholic Schools Week related activities in the school, there are no religion classes on Sun., Jan. 26.

Sunday, Feb. 2

1st Year Confirmation classes, 9:00-10:15 am.

2nd Year Confirmation retreat, 2:00-6:00 pm
(at Saint Paul School and Church)

Sunday, Feb. 9

Grade 1-8 classes

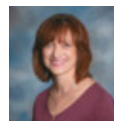
ST. PAUL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Monday-Thursday 8am - 2pm

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

St Paul Parish Religious Ed Berlin CT

Email: religioused@stpaulkensington.org



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Steubenville EAST 2025!

St. Paul Life Teen is once again headed to the Steubenville EAST Youth Conference in Springfield, MA. Join with your friends for this life changing experience - [July 25-27, 2025](#).

Registration is now OPEN!

This year's theme is: "Consumed".

Available spaces will be on a first come, first serve basis, so please sign up as soon as possible! To learn more, scanning the QR Code or visit:

<https://stpaulkensington.org/go-to-steubie>



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Saint Paul School held their annual Martin Luther King Jr. **Basketball Tournament** last weekend. Thank you to all who came out to support our student athletes! It was great to see so many of our high school students! More pics online!



Next Children's Mass: [Sunday, February 9 at 10:30 am](#)

A '**Sunday Social**' will be held in the St. Paul Church Hall on [Sunday February 9th](#) following the 10:30am Children's Mass! Join us for coffee, juice, hot chocolate & breakfast goodies. *Sponsored by our Pastoral Council.*

Next Children's Rosary: [Saturday, February 1](#)

Join us on Saturday, Feb. 1st at 10 am at Sacred Heart Church for our Children's Rosary. The children lead us in the Rosary and all in attendance pray along. Afterwards, we gather in the Sacred Heart Church Hall for refreshments & crafts for the children. All are welcome. Questions? Email cherylbatter@att.net.



LIFE TEEN
Sunday, January 26

LIFE TEEN (Rescheduled from Jan. 19 due to snow.)

All high school teens in grades 9-12 are welcome to join us on [Sunday, January 25](#) from 1:00-2:30pm in the St. Paul Church Hall for our next Life Teen night.

Topic: "Blind Curve". Join your friends and our friends from EDGE middle school youth ministry as we discuss the questions: Are faith and reason mutually exclusive? Should we ever try to understand our faith, or just accept it blindly? This teaching addresses these questions by examining the relationship between faith and reason. The goal of this event is to help teens realize that faith is not opposed to reason and to inspire them to cultivate both as a means to know and love God better. Questions? Email Josh at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org.



EDGE
Sunday, January 26

All middle school teens in grades 6-8 are invited to join us on [Sunday, January 26](#) from 1:00-2:30pm in the St. Paul Church Hall for our next EDGE gathering.

Topic: "Blind Curve". EDGE is excited to extend another welcome to our Life Teen high school youth ministry group and we join forces for a great event! The goal of this event is to help teens realize that faith is not opposed to reason and to inspire them to cultivate both as a means to know and love God better. Questions? Email Josh 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.

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.



The 2025 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition was held in the Saint Paul School Gym on January 12th. *Thank you to all who participated!* Winners will advance to the District Championship. **Congratulations and good luck to the following 2025 Free Throw Championship Winners:** Marc Bayram, Marisa DeVecchis, Anthony Esposito, Nicholas Esposito, Sylvia Vasi. Pictured above with the participants is Mark Chasse, Knights Basketball Chairman.

ATTENTION MEN The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. And we are also men of prayer, Formation, and Fraternity.



The men of Knights of Columbus Council #3675 are excited to share the implementation of “Cor”, a new formation and fraternal opportunity for the men of St. Paul Parish. Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity.



Every week we will join the Men’s Ministry of St. Paul Parish on [Saturday mornings](#) in Church Hall for **That Man Is You!** (TMIY). Come join your brother parishioners for coffee and breakfast at 6:30am followed by prayer and fraternity at 7:00am.

Every month the you are also invited to join us for a **Men's Rosary** in the church at 6:15pm. All Men are welcome to come and pray with us. Our next Rosary will be prayed on [Wednesday, February 19](#).

Also, every year the men of our parish are invited to attend the **Men's Retreat** at Holy Family in West Hartford. The theme for this retreat is *In My Love, Abide*. In these words, Jesus beckons us to remain in his love as the branches remain with the vine for life and sustenance. Information about this upcoming parish retreat on [March 14-16](#) can be found at <https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats>

Please see the parish website for more information about the Knights of Columbus and TMIY. If you have questions, please contact Bud Volz at budvolz@comcast.net or 860-681-8355.

We are so thankful to Fr Anthony Federico for visiting us last weekend! If you missed it, visit the home page of our website where we have posted a link to the 9am Mass. To learn more about Fr. Anthony and the Archdiocese Office of Vocations and Seminarians, visit <https://www.hartfordpriest.com>.



CLOTHING DONATIONS St. Paul Parishioner Nancy Witz is collecting *Used Jackets/Pants for Men/Women and Children* for nearby shelters. If you have any of these items to donate, please contact Nancy at 860-604-2134 for more information. Donations will be accepted through [February 9th](#).

“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.

Contact Joan Baker with questions: jmb7000@comcast.net

TMIY MEN’S GROUP The Spring Session of *That Man Is You!* will be held from **February 8 - May 3 2025**.

The men’s group meets in the St. Paul Church Hall on **Saturday mornings** with breakfast (optional) at 6:30am and the program beginning at 7:00am. The program honestly addresses pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture. It 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.

Visit our website for more info and to register.

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

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



BIBLE VERSE PROJECT!

PARISHIONERS: You are invited to submit your favorite Bible Verse or Psalm along with a brief explanation as to why it resonates with you in a special way. Our Women of Faith group is creating a beautiful booklet that includes all of these verses, psalms and testimonies.

All parishioners are invited to join

in this new project and help foster a stronger sense of community in our parish through our relationship with God. The booklets will be distributed to parishioners at no charge.



For guidelines, forms or information, visit <https://stpaulkensington.org/bibleverseproject>, email womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org or call the parish office.



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

Psalm 119:105

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.



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.



NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK AND ANNIVERSARY MASS AT CATHEDRAL

The Archdiocese of Hartford is celebrating its annual Wedding Anniversary Mass (Feb. 15) in conjunction with the observance of *National Marriage Week* (February 9 – 15), an international event seeking to strengthen marriages in communities and influence the current culture. National Marriage Week is an opportunity for the Catholic Church to focus on and celebrate the vocation to marriage and family life. It is an opportunity for the Catholic faithful to renew and deepen the lived experience of the Sacrament of Marriage – and bear witness to God's call to love.

On **Saturday, February 15**, The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne, Archbishop of Hartford, will be honoring couples celebrating milestone marriage anniversaries:

first and five-year increments from 5 to 60 years, and every year beyond 60 years during 2024–2025. The Marriage Anniversary Mass will be at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford at 4:00 pm. For details or to register, scan the QR code, use the link below, or visit our website.

***Registration closes January 28.**

<https://www.catholicedaohct.org/faith-formation/family-life-ministries/archdiocesan-anniversary-mass>



FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

The following items are being requested at this time:

Juice, canned fruits, cookies, crackers, microwave pop-corn, pop tarts, nuts, peanut butter, jelly, puddings, jello.

Volunteers will transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and set up for distribution on **Thursday, Jan. 30 at 9:30am**. Volunteers will also help with distribution on **Friday, Jan. 31 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!

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

Bobby Adamowicz

Nancy Adamowicz

Amara Alice

Jose Arcia

Wendy Blackmar

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Do you know someone who is going through a difficult time and in need of comfort? Perhaps they are mourning the loss of a loved one, suffering through medical issues or dealing with depression. The St. Paul Prayer Shawl Ministry has a variety of shawls available; they are appropriate for men, women and children. The women in the Ministry knit/crochet these beautiful shawls and include their prayers and good wishes in each one. There is no charge for the shawls but donations are appreciated. If you are interested in getting a shawl, call or text Jeanne Charbonneau at 860-913-9023 or send an email to jcharb21@gmail.com

LADIES' GUILD 2025

The St. Paul Ladies' Guild invites all the women of the parish to our first meeting of 2025 on **Wednesday, February 5** at 6:30 pm in the St. Paul Church Hall. We will enjoy fellowship and a paint board and music activity. We hope to see you there! Our food pantry contribution is soup and crackers.



QUILTERS & CRAFTERS GROUP

Our St. Paul Quilters & Crafters Group meets weekly on Thursday mornings from 9am-11am in the St. Paul Church Hall. The next gathering will be **Thursday, January 30**. 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.

ROSARY MAKERS

All are welcome to join our Rosary Makers at their next meeting on **Monday, February 3** at 1:00pm in the St. Paul Church Hall. Contact Lynn Misteri at 860-913-5448 with any questions or to learn more.



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 code above or this link: <http://www.homefrontprogram.org/drupal7/homeowner-application> **Applications will be accepted through the end of January.**



Sat Jan 25, 2025

6:30am TMIY - SPH
8:30am Confessions
9am Girls JV HOME Game
10am Boys JV4 AWAY Game
10am Funeral +Nadeau Sacred Heart
10:10am Boys JV5 HOME Game
12pm JVC 2nd Gr AWAY Game
1:40pm Boys JV6 HOME Game
2pm JVC 3rd Gr AWAY Game
3pm Confession

PARISH CALENDAR

Pray the Rosary
Wed., Jan. 29
6:00-6:30pm
Sacred Heart Church

Coffee with Veterans
at American Legion
Sat., Feb 1, 9-11am
Info on our website!

Sun Jan 26, 2025 Catholic Schools Week

10am Saint Paul School Coffee & Treats
11am SPS Open House !
1pm EDGE & Life Teen - SPH
2pm Confirmation conversations

Thu Jan 30, 2025

continued
6pm Exultations - SPC
6pm Girls V AWAY Game
7pm RCIA - PC1
7:15pm Boys V AWAY Game

Mon Jan 27, 2025

8:45am Parish Staff Meeting
10am Funeral + Kohl
3pm Boys JV5 Practice
4:30pm Girls JV Practice
6pm Boys Varsity Practice

Fri Jan 31, 2025

11:45am FoodShare SHC
12:30pm B JVB4 Practice
3pm JVC3 Practice
4:30pm JVC2 Practice
6pm Boys JV4 Practice
6pm Boys JVB4 Practice
7pm AA Meeting - SPH

Tue Jan 28, 2025

4pm Holy Hour Adoration
6pm Boys JV6 AWAY Game
6pm Girls V Practice
6:30pm Adult Choir
6:30pm Evangelization - PC1
7:15pm Boys V AWAY Game

Wed Jan 29, 2025

9am Altar Server Rehearsal for CSW Mass
3pm Boys JV5 Practice
3:15pm Mock Trial practice
4:30pm Girls JV Practice
6pm Boys Varsity Practice
6pm Rosary - SHC
7pm Finance Council Mtg - PC2

Sat Feb 1, 2025

6:30am TMIY - SPH
8:30am Confessions
9am Boys JV5 AwayGame
10am Children's Rosary
10:10am G JV AwayGame
11am JVC Away Game
12pm JVC Away Game
3pm Confession
5pm Family Pasta Dinner & Bingo Night

Thu Jan 30, 2025

8:45am School Mass: All School
9am Quilters - SPH
3pm Cheer Practice
4:30pm Boys JV6 Practice

Sun Feb 2, 2025

9am 1st Yr Conf. class
1:30pm Baptisms
2pm 2nd Yr Conf. Retreat

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK! January 26 - February 1

Parents: Consider investing in a Catholic education for your son/daughter! Catholic Schools Week is the perfect time to contact admissions representatives and learn how your child/children can receive an excellent education and *so much more* at Saint Paul School (PreK-8) and at our local Catholic High Schools!! *Ask about financial assistance!*

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