

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

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm #860 828-0331

Email: ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org

Mailing Address:

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St Paul Parish Kensington CT



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St. Paul Catholic Parish

A Franciscan Family of Faith

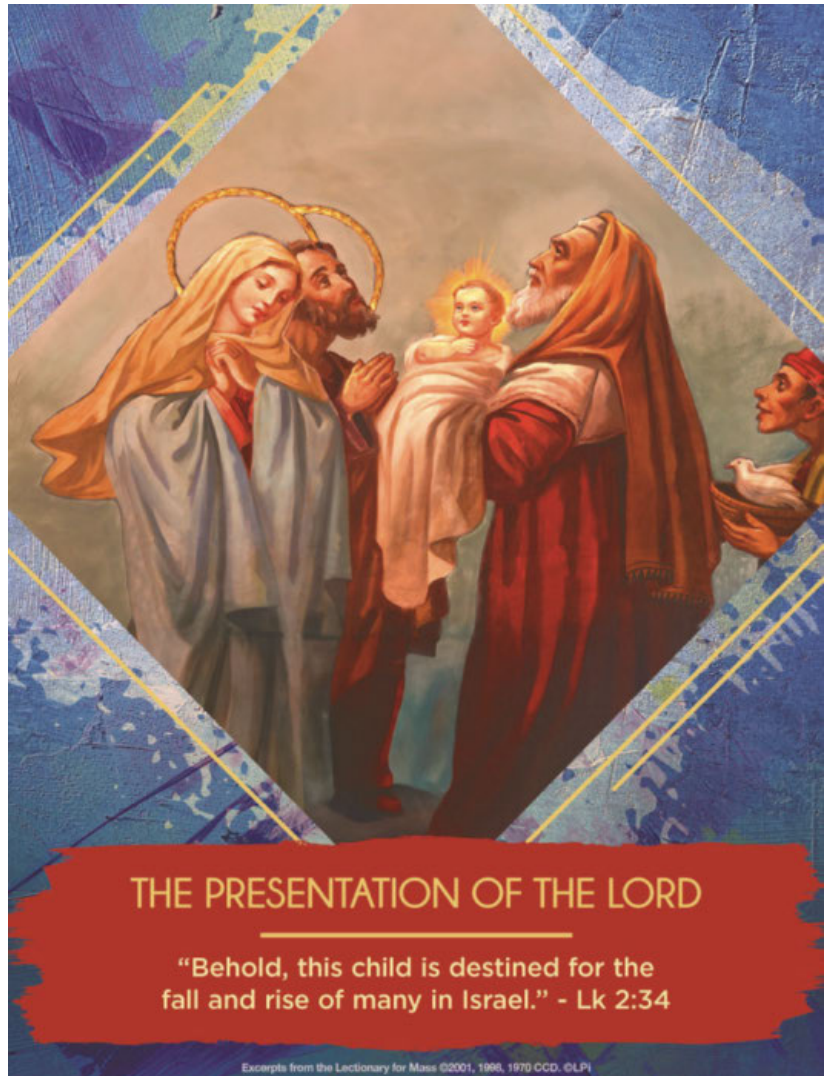
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February 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

World Day for Consecrated Life



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

-Pope Francis

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE - Sunday, Feb. 2

As the Church celebrates World Day for Consecrated Life this weekend, please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank our friars on their special day! May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



Prayer for Consecrated Persons and for Vocations to Religious Life

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve you as sisters, brothers and priests. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your call. Continue to call more young women and men to serve you. Fill them with your Spirit so that they will hear and answer your call to service in your Church as a Consecrated Religious. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Saint Blaise - February 3

The Blessing of Throats will take place after all Masses this weekend. Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, a city in present day Turkey, in the fourth century. Before being martyred in the year 316, he is said to have healed a boy who was choking. Since the eighth century, Saint Blaise has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. During the weekend closest to his feast day, we pray in a special way for protection from afflictions of the throat and from other illnesses. The blessing of Saint Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. Saint Blaise, pray for us.



JOB OPPORTUNITY!

Parish Office Assistant. Full Time. See page 5 for details.

A Glance Ahead

- Children's Rosary at Sacred Heart Saturday, 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 Begins Saturday, Feb. 8
- World Marriage Day..... Sunday, Feb. 9
- Children's Mass 10:30am Sunday, Feb. 9
- Sunday Social after 10:30am Mass Sunday, Feb. 9
- Registration for New Parishioners Monday, Feb. 10
- 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

Welcome Patrick!

Please join us in welcoming our new Parish Manager, Patrick Hyjek.

Patrick has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Central Connecticut State University and has worked as an Accountant at Athena Healthcare Systems for the past seven years. Prior to working at Athena, he was the Assistant Controller for the Locals8 restaurant group based out of Hartford. Patrick lives in Plainville with his wife and two young children. Welcome Patrick!

Our outgoing Parish Manager, Julio Maturana, officially retired at the end of 2024. We wish Julio all the best as he moves on to the next chapter. Gracias Julio!



Thanks to Fr. Michael and Patrick Hyjek for pausing their meeting at the Parish Office for a quick photo!

INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†**Dominic J. DiLorenzo** 23 Year Anniversary
by Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Gionfriddo



†**Shirley Boccuzzi**

†**Janet Rose Hodge-Burke**

†**Anthony Salvatore LaRosa**

†**Theresa Pulcini**

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.

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.



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** Anniversary Remembrance and
†**Daniel York** 1st Anniversary by wife and family

Monday, February 3, 2025 Weekday, Saint Blaise
7:00 †**Robert J. Fitzsimmons** by wife Anita and children

5:00 †**Rejeanne Lemieux** by family

Tuesday, February 4, 2025 Weekday
7:00 †**Charles Warner** Birthday Remembrance by wife
†**Deceased Members of Newton Family** by Tim Newton
†**Hubbard and +Sylvester Families**
by John G. Hubbard family

†**Jamie Lynn Kavarsky** by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home
†**Bobby Adamowicz** For Health by mom

8:45 †**Elizabeth A. Hope** by Joseph Maciora

5:00 †**Teresa Fellows** by R and G

Wednesday, February 5, 2025 St. Agatha
7:00 †**Gerald Vanty** by Linda and family

5:00 †**Barnice Family** by Rachela Maltese

Thursday, February 6, 2025 St. Paul Miki and Companions
7:00 †**Mary T. Rampone** by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home

5:00 †**Joseph F. Scheyd** by Rita and family
†**John Nappi, Jr.** by wife
†**Angela Spada DeFrancesco** 1 Year Anniversary
by the Tuccitto family

†**Maria Lombardo** by Emanuele Lombardo
†**Richard Fiori** by the Fiori family

Friday, February 7, 2025 Weekday
7:00 †**Maciora, †Mik and †Jacobs Families**
by Joseph Maciora

5:00 †**Mark S. Raynock** 1st Year Anniversary by family

Saturday, February 8, 2025 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 †**John Percival** 1st Anniversary by family

Sunday, February 9, 2025 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**

9:00 **Married Couples**

10:30 †**Valentino and †Pierina Callegari** by family

12:00 †**John Bartalotta** by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Witz

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| Parish Collection Jan 21-27, 2025 | In Church SP | \$ 8,726 |
| | Office | \$ 2,395 |
| | Online Giving | \$ 4,666 |
| | Total | \$ 15,787 |

Upcoming Second Collections:

February 8/9 - Monthly Maintenance & Repair
February 15/16 - Catholic High Schools

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

We also celebrate, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on Sunday, February 2nd. Here is a brief refresher about this feast day from simplycatholic.com

"Under Mosaic law found in the Old Testament Book of Leviticus, a Jewish woman who gave birth to a child was considered unclean (see 12:1-8). The mother of a newborn could not routinely go out into public and had to avoid all things sacred, including the Temple. If her child was a male, this exclusion lasted for 40 days. If the child was female, the period lasted 80 days. This was a ceremonial seclusion and not the result of sin or some kind of wrongdoing on the part of the mother.



At the end of the 40 or 80 days the woman presented herself at the Temple to be purified. If the baby was her firstborn male child, the infant was brought along to the Temple to be dedicated to the Lord. The law in Exodus specifies that the first male child belongs to God (see 13:2-16). This law is a tribute to God for His sparing the firstborn Israelite males during the time of the Exodus from Egypt. The firstborn Egyptian male children, of course, were not spared.

The mother's purification ritual obliged her to bring, or purchase at the Temple, a lamb and a turtledove as sacrificial offerings. The lamb was offered in thanksgiving to God for the successful birth of the child; the turtledove was a sin offering. Families that could not afford a lamb could bring two pigeons or two turtledoves. After these animals were sacrificed, the Temple priest prayed over the woman and she could once again resume her normal role or status.

Mary, the ever spotless Mother of God, certainly did not have to comply with this ritual, but did so to honor God and observe all the rules handed down by Moses. She was the holiest of all women, but she still submitted to the humbling requirements of the law. She remained at home for 40 days, denied herself all association with sacred things and on the day required walked the five miles from Bethlehem to the Temple in Jerusalem. Arriving at the Temple, Mary likely stood in line and waited her turn to see the priest.



Full article can be found at:
<https://www.simplycatholic.com/the-feast-of-the-presentation>

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.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Feb. 9, 2025

For readings online, scan or visit
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/020925.cfm>



First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Alleluia: Matthew 4:19

Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, through a grant from the American Bible Society, is offering a "**Sunday Seminar Series**" of six videos about Sacred Scripture in the life of the Church. The videos feature some of the Bishops and biblical scholars and are accompanied by discussion/reflection questions. Click/scan below to view the six videos!

The videos were created to bring people into an encounter with Scripture. Be inspired and challenged to see, understand, and engage with Scripture in a new and prayerful way!

<https://catholic.bible/sunday-of-the-word-of-god/>



The **New England Catholic Bible School** invites you to visit an in-person or online class. Come sit in on a class, any time 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.NewEnglandCatholicBibleSchool.com>



JOB POSTING

St. Paul Parish Administrative Assistant
Full Time 40 hours/M-F

St. Paul Parish is seeking applications for the position of Administrative Assistant. The Parish Administrative Assistant plays an important role in supporting the Parish Manager and Pastor with administrative duties across the parish. The individual will handle day-to-day office operations and manage office communication with parishioners and staff. The position requires excellent organizational skills, attention to detail and the ability to maintain confidentiality while working in a faith-based environment.

The Parish Administrative Assistant reports directly to the Parish Manager. The Parish Administrative Assistant recognizes the importance of maintaining open lines of communication with other members of the parish staff and working as part of an Administrative Team.

Position Requirements:

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- Knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Church and its mission
- Good working knowledge of Microsoft Word, and Excel
- Possess a high level of communication skills both orally and in writing
- Possess excellent interpersonal skills to work effectively with the parish leadership, staff, parishioners, committee members and volunteers.

This is a full-time position with benefits.

To request a copy of the full job description or to submit a cover letter and resume please email p.hyjek@stpaulkensington.org by **February 15, 2025**. He can also be contacted at 860-828-0331, extension 304.

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**.

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.



February 8: International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking



February 8th is the feast day of Saint Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of victims of human trafficking.

Bakhita was born in 1869 in a small village in Darfur. As a child, she was kidnapped and sold into slavery in the Sudan where she endured torture and beating at the hands of multiple owners.

Eventually Bakhita found herself serving as a caretaker for a young girl at a school in Venice, Italy run by the Canossian Sisters. She became intrigued by the Catholic faith and felt called to learn more about the Church. She was eventually baptized by the name Josephine Margaret and was also eventually declared a free woman by the Italian courts as slavery had become illegal in both Italy and Sudan. Bakhita, which means “fortunate” in Arabic, entered the Canossian Sisters where she served for 45 years dedicating her life to sharing her testament of deliverance and to comforting the poor and suffering. Saint Josephine was beatified in 1992 and canonized shortly after on October 2000 by Pope John Paul II. She is the first person to be canonized from Sudan and is the patron saint of the country.

On **February 8**, please pray for an end to human trafficking and also pray for all survivors of this affront to human dignity. National hotline: 1-888-373-7888

The **2025 CT MARCH FOR LIFE** will be held on **Wednesday, March 19** in Hartford. A noon rally at the Capitol will be followed by the March for Life around Bushnell Park.



Save the date and plan to join members of our parish and people from all across the state to stand up and support the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.



For all the details, visit our website or scan or click here: <https://marchforlife.org/connecticut/>. More information will also be posted in next week’s bulletin. To learn more about our Culture of Life Ministry here at St. Paul Parish, please email respectlife@stpaulkensington.org.

CT CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

The Connecticut Catholic Conference is the public policy office of the Catholic Church in CT. To receive Action Alerts and Newsletters from the CT Catholic Public Affairs Conference throughout the current legislative session (Jan. 8-June 4), visit <https://ctcatholic.org>



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>



EDGE
Sunday, February 9

All middle school teens in grades 6-8 are invited to join us on [Sunday, Feb. 9](#) from 1:00-2:30pm in the St. Paul Church Hall.



Topic: "Pinned Conversation"

The goal of this EDGE event is to encourage middle school youth to place their trust in God in all circumstances, by looking at the 1st Commandment. Because it is **Super Bowl Sunday**, we will also be having some awesome super bowl themed snacks and activities! Grab a friend and we will see you there! Questions? Email our Youth Minister Josh at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org.

ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2025

The **Knights of Columbus** Msgr. Greylish Council # 3675 will award college scholarships to graduating high school students:



- * Alfred Greco Scholarship—student is required to live in Berlin and have father or grandfather who is a Knight.
- * Terrence Lescoe Scholarship—student must live in Berlin.

Visit the parish website for details and applications. Deadline [April 1st](#).



LIFE TEEN
Sunday, February 16

LIFE TEEN

All high school teens in grades 9-12 are welcome to join us on [Sunday, Feb. 16](#), 6:30-8:00pm in the St. Paul Church Hall.



Topic: "Route 73"

"Catholics don't read the Bible." Justified or not, this stigma has become commonplace amongst Christians. Many teens don't use the Bible because they don't even know the basics of how to navigate it. In this Life Night, we hope to give our teens the tools they need to approach the Bible so they can be confident exploring it on their own. Questions? Email our Youth Minister Josh at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org.

YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

"How to Manage Stress and Anxiety" Panel Discussion

Are you a young adult who is feeling stressed and anxious about your work? Are you feeling burnt out? Would you like to know what a healthy mental health lifestyle should look like from a Catholic perspective?



Join YCP's next Executive Panel Discussion with Dr. Thomas Finn, Sr. Amaris Salata, FSE and Sr. Catherine Mary Clarke, FSE- psychologists and social workers from the Franciscan Life Center for a discussion around mental health and how to manage stress and anxiety in the workplace and in life from the perspective of our Catholic Faith. The Panel Discussion will be on [Thursday, February 13](#) from 7-9 pm in New Haven. The YCP team looks forward to meeting you there!

5 Hillhouse Ave, New Haven. Open to all professionals from 18-39. To RSVP, scan the code or click the link below. Email info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org with any questions.



<https://ycp.glueup.com/event/managing-stress-and-anxiety-in-the-workplace-131356/>



Save the dates for our 2025 Summer College Life Events! Spanning May-August all young adults, ages 18-23, are welcome and encouraged to attend these events. May 20th -Welcome Home Bonfire!

Whether you have been to a College Life event or not, we have everything from bonfire and cookouts to brunch, open gyms and prayer. And whether you will have completed your first year of college, your last, or are now in the workforce, we invite all young adults, ages 18-23 to attend these events. Scan the QR code to save the dates for these summer events! Questions? Email Josh at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org.





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!

Preview our exciting Live Auction getaways including: The Ultimate Irish Road Trip, Bella Toscana, Kentucky Bourbon Trail, and a Tropical All-Inclusive vacation. While anyone can bid on our Online Auction items (registration required), the Live Auction items are exclusive to event attendees.

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



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. We would be truly grateful for your support!



Our 2nd Year Confirmation retreat takes place this Sunday, February 2 from 2:00-6:00 pm in the Saint Paul School Gym and St. Paul Church.

Led by our Youth Minister, Josh Kay, the retreat includes small group discussions, activities, Eucharistic Adoration, and of course plenty of food.

Please keep the teens in your prayers as they complete the final months of preparation.

As part of the Religious Ed program, students in Gr. 4-8 must go to Confession at least once a year. This month, the following dates have been set aside for the students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

A sign up link was emailed to all parents.

Tuesday, Feb. 4 from 6:45-8:15 pm

Monday, Feb. 10 from 6:45-8:15 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 18 from 6:45-8:15 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 25 from 6:45-8:15 pm

The next Children's Mass is on Feb. 9 at 10:30 a.m.

It will be followed by a 'Sunday Social' in the St. Paul Church Hall (downstairs).

Sponsored by our Pastoral Council.

Join us for coffee, juice, hot chocolate & breakfast goodies!

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

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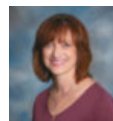
ST. PAUL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

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NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK & ANNIVERSARY MASS

National Marriage Week, [February 7-14](#), 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, 2025](#), 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 Saint Joseph in Hartford at 4:00 pm. Click/scan for the Cathedral’s Livestream page. <https://www.hartfordcathedral.org/livestream.html>



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.



Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path.
Psalm 119:105



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

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.

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

MARRIAGE RESOURCES

Whether you are just starting out in marriage or have fifty years under your belt, the advice, real life stories, and Church teaching at the *For Your Marriage* online resource can help strengthen and bless your marriage. *For Your Marriage* helps couples at all stages of life to understand and live God’s plan for happy, holy marriages by providing educational and spiritual resources. As we prepare to celebrate National Marriage Week, take a look at the helpful resources offered at *For Your Marriage*! Visit <https://www.foryourmarriage.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.

FOODSHARE

ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

The following items are being requested at this time:

Juice, canned fruits, cookies, crackers, microwave popcorn, 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, Feb. 13 at 9:30am](#). Volunteers will also help with distribution on [Friday, Feb. 14 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!



For more than 50 years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter has helped over 3.5 million couples in almost 100 countries unlock the power of their relationships with new ways to do the “I do” The Marriage Encounter experience helps you listen, share, and connect more deeply. There’s no group discussion. It’s just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Nine in ten couples who participate in a Marriage Encounter experience recognize a long-lasting positive effect on their lives. For details and a schedule of upcoming weekends in our area, visit <https://www.wmmema.org> or call 978-870-5646.

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

Ernie Bourcier

Cheryl Brown

George Bushnell

Mark Camilleri

Janet Carroll

Doug Clarke

Roy Cooper

Arlene Cotrona

Linda Cullen

Fr. Tony DeFronzo

Kathleen Deliman

Gloria Doyle

William Doyle

Judith Doyle

Alyssa Dutkiewicz

Josefina Fernandez

Bill Filomena

Maureen Freeman

Lenore Gourley

Linda Hannold

Evan Hill

Daniel A. Hurley

Deborah Kasper

Leonard Kochanowski

Maria Lauria

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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, February 6**. 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.



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.



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.

View our Parish Calendar online at:
<https://stpaulkensington.org/parish-calendar>

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



Our Social Action Ministry's annual 'Hot Stuff' collection will conclude on **Feb. 2nd**. Thank you for your support of this collection which benefits the Friendship Center in New Britain during these cold winter months! Requested items:

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

ROSARY Join us to pray the Rosary on Wednesday evenings at Sacred Heart Church from 6:00-6:30pm. Next date: **Wednesday, February 5**



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