

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

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St Paul Parish Kensington CT



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St. Paul Catholic Parish

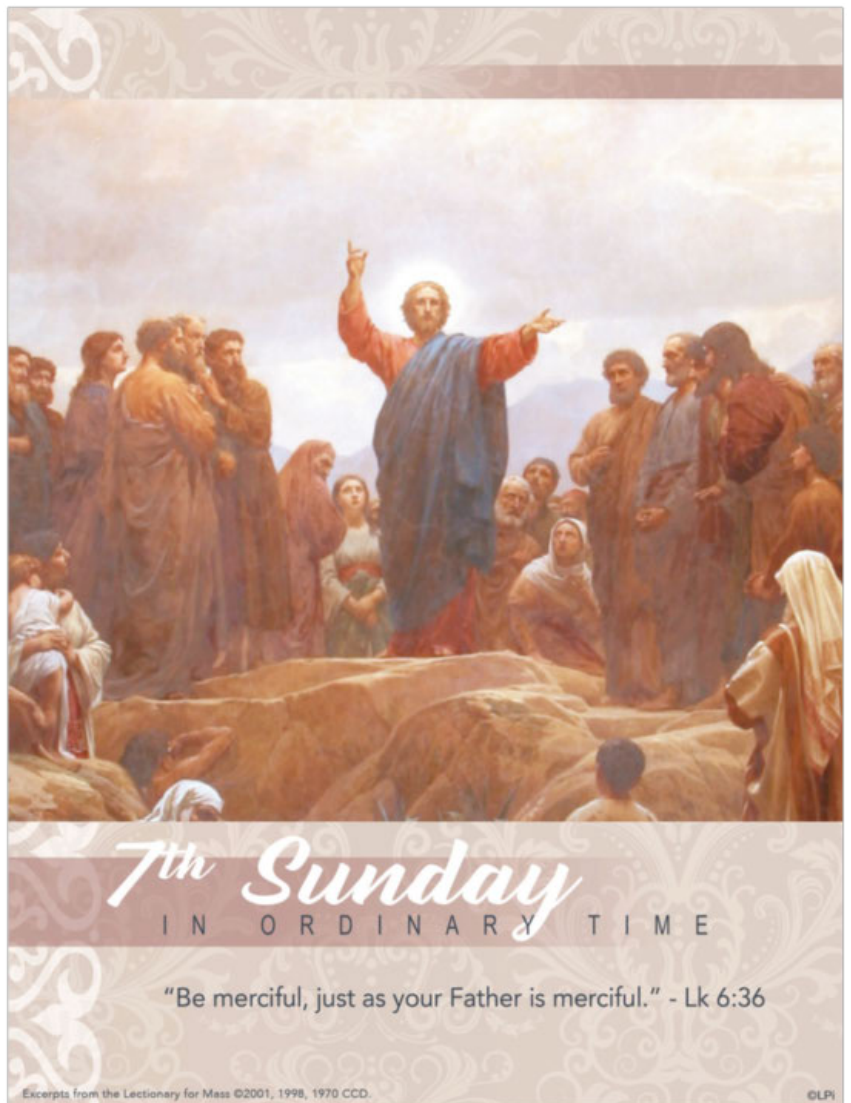
A Franciscan Family of Faith

St. Paul Church - 485 Alling St, Kensington CT 06037

Sacred Heart Church - 48 Cottage St, East Berlin CT 06023

February 23, 2025

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

-Pope Francis

A Message from Fr. Michael

Thank you to the “old” Parish Trustee, and welcome to the ‘new’ Parish Lay Trustee

Each year the Archdiocese of Hartford requires the pastor to appoint two lay trustees for the parish. The appointments are then approved by the Archbishop and the Vicar General of the Archdiocese. Each parish is designated as a corporation in the State and the State of Connecticut requires term limits so that the total number of consecutive annual appointments for a Trustee should not exceed five.

Since way back to the Pastorate of Fr. Mark Curesky, through the Pastorates of Fr Robert Schlageter and Fr. Joseph, Ed Janik has faithfully served as one of our Parish Trustees. I want to thank Ed, ever young in spirit, on behalf of the whole parish for his consistent yes to the Lord and to the Friars who called on him to take on this role for so many years. (Ed you do not look worse for the wear!)



Diane Funk who is quite a familiar face here at St. Paul as a faithful parishioner, an alumna of Saint Paul School, and past Parish/School Business Manager, is the “new” Lay Trustee. I am very grateful to Diane for her ready “yes”. Welcome Diane.



Maura Chasse has agreed to be reappointed for another year as the other Parish Trustee. Our Parish Trustees are charged with reviewing the official financial paperwork of the parish and to make sure that the pastor employs a budget to run the parish. The Lay Trustees, who are members of the Parish Finance Council, attest to the fact that the pastor has followed the instructions of the archdiocese and completed the fiscal documents which they and the other members of the Finance Council then sign prior to their submission to the Archdiocese. In addition, one of the lay trustees is an ex-officio member of the Pastoral Council, to which Maura Chasse has agreed to be.



Upcoming Pastoral Council Meeting dates:

- o Monday, Feb. 24
- o Thursday, March 20
- o Monday, May 5
- o Monday, June 16 (Annual Meeting - Election of Officers)

A Glance Ahead

TMIY! Men’s Group Saturday, March 1
 Children’s Rosary at Sacred Heart Saturday, March. 1
 2025 Archbishops Annual Appeal Kickoff..... March 1/2
 Deadline for Bible Verse Project.....Monday, March 3
Ash Wednesday Wednesday, March 5
 Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 9
 First Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 9
 Registration for New ParishionersMonday, March 10
 Ladies’ Guild—special guest Wednesday, March 12
 13th of the Month Rosary at Noon..... Thursday, March 13
 SPS ‘Kentucky Derby’ Auction..... Saturday, March 15
 Children’s Mass at 9am Sunday, March 16
 The Annunciation of the Lord.....Tuesday, March 25
 Knights Scholarship Deadline..... Tuesday, April 1

What does the Parish Council do?

The Parish Council assesses the needs of the Parish and its members and unifies the faith community, drawing forth the gifts and talents of the parishioners.

The Parish Council discerns changes and focuses efforts needed to make the Parish more faithful to the call of God. The Parish Council also establishes goals and priorities to promote the common good of the Parish and makes recommendations to the Pastor on major matters concerning the Parish. Members accomplish this through their attendance at the full Council meetings and also by serving on two of the following sub-committees: *Spiritual Life and Worship, Parish and Community Outreach, Youth, Family and Community Life, and Evangelization and Faith Formation.*

Officers

Mary Corrigan, President
 Francis (Bud) Volz, Vice President
 Maura Chasse, Secretary

Members

Todd Casano
 Laurie Dauphin
 Dwight Davis
 Nancy DePalma
 Ronald Levandowsky
 Fayne Molloy
 Elaine Pavasaris
 Ed Schmitt

INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†**Dino Zovich** 12th Anniversary by Theresa and family

†**Raymond Moscaritolo** 3 Year Anniversary **and**

†**Paul Moscaritolo** 6 Year Anniversary
by Lisa

†**Jill (Jennie) Laviana** 8 Year Anniversary Remembrance
by Linda Laviana ad family

†**Jeffrey Gable** by mother

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†**Maria Teresa Gionfriddo**

Birthday Remembrance by mom and dad with love



†**Arlene LaRosa Cristino**

†**Carol D'Angelone**

†**Fernand Tardif**

†**Silvie Tardif**

*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.*

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.

Saturday, February 22, 2025 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 †**Chester Stachelek** Birthday Remembrance by family

Sunday, February 23, 2025 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 †**Guisepppe Magisano** 1st Year Anniversary

by Magisano family

9:00 †**Florence DiMauro** Birthday Remembrance

by daughter Amy

10:30 †**Francesca Galati** Anniversary Remembrance

by children

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

Monday, February 24, 2025 Weekday

7:00 †**John Kozak** by a friend

5:00 †**Eileen Burn** by Lisa and Bill Richards

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 Weekday

7:00 †**Giuseppe and †Gemma Del Sesto**

by Antonio Del Sesto

†**Edward Brajczewski** by Gnrk (Areno)

†**Larry and †Jonathan Jahn** by wife and mother

†**Jamie Lynn Kavarsky** by Oppel and Malyszko families

†**Pamela Carey** by Paul Kristopik

8:45 **Students and Staff of Saint Paul School**

5:00 †**Barbara Palumbuzio** by Theresa and Rachel

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 Weekday

7:00 **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**

5:00 †**Dino Zovich** 12th Anniversary by Theresa and family

Thursday, February 27, 2025 St. Gregory of Narek

7:00 †**Czeslaw Simko** by Halina and Witold Lotko

5:00 †**Arthur LaBier** 17 Years by family

John Nappi, Jr by wife

†**Souls in Purgatory** by Emanuele Lombardo

†**Sheila Labickas** Birthday Remembrance by family

†**Corinda Rocco** by Stepenski family

Friday, February 28, 2025 Weekday

7:00 †**Jean Simkulak** Birthday Remembrance

by Rich and Joanne

5:00 †**Irena and †Mieczyslaw Brzozowski**

by Irene and Stanley Chlastawa

Saturday, March 1, 2025 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 †**Fr. Joseph Benicewicz** Birthday Remembrance

by Ron and Joan Vancour

Sunday, March 2, 2025 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 †**Lenore Della Vecchia** by Lisa and Bill Richards

9:00 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**

10:30 †**Fr. Joseph Benicewicz** 6 Month Anniversary

by St. Paul Parish Council

12:00 †**Raymond Moscaritolo** 3 Year Anniversary **and**

†**Paul Moscaritolo** 6 Year Anniversary by Lisa

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.



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 5, 2025
All Masses are at St. Paul Church

7:00 am, 8:45 am *, 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm

*8:45 am School Mass. All are welcome.
Please sit in the New Wing or in the rear of the Old Wing



Thank you from the Coordinators of our Food Pantry

Thanks to the efforts of the staff and students at Saint Paul School, our St. Clare Food Pantry is well stocked and ready for distribution. Over 2,000 food items were recently collected at the school for our pantry! Your efforts and consideration are so appreciated. A note was placed in each bag last week, acknowledging that the food being distributed was through the generosity of our St. Paul School and Parish community.



The school collection was held during Catholic Schools Week, and it involved a friendly competition to see which class could collect the most for the food pantry. Middle school teacher Mr. Grant and his 8th grade students created a home-made bar graph to keep a tally of donations from each grade level. The 8th grade students and their families donated 1,069 items. Thank you again to all who joined this effort to assist our neighbors in need.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: March 2, 2025

For readings online, scan or visit
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/030225.cfm>



First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Alleluia: Philippians 2:15d, 16a

*Shine like lights in the world
as you hold on to the word of life.*

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye. "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

Parish Collection
Feb 11-17, 2025

In Church SP	\$	4,388
Office	\$	5,880
Online Giving	\$	4,336
Total	\$	14,604

Upcoming Second Collections:

Mar 2 - Maintenance & Repairs

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY?

Our next Registration Meeting is **Monday, March. 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 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal will kick off next weekend.

A video about the AAA will be shown prior to all Masses next weekend, March 1/2.

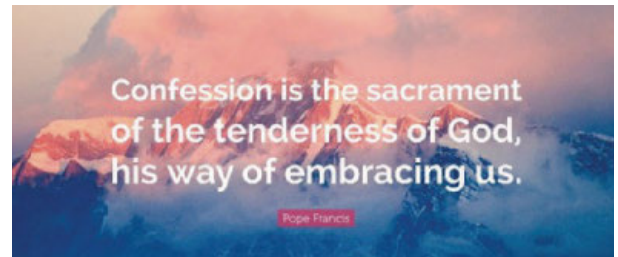
SAINT PAUL SCHOOL

As the basketball season starts to wind down, Saint Paul School recently hosted 'Senior Night' for all of their 8th grade student athletes. Many thanks to the coaches, parents, family members, students, staff, alumni and ALL who helped make this a special event for our basketball and cheer teams.



Go Lions!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



As our the third graders prepare for their First Reconciliation, the 4th-8th graders are also receiving this sacrament.

Confession is a required part of our faith formation program and dedicated nights are provided each year to our students.

This week:

Sunday, Feb. 23

Confirmation classes at 9:00 am in the school

Monday, Feb. 24 & Tuesday, Feb. 25

Gr. 4-8 Confessions at 6:45 pm in the church.

Coming in March:

Sunday, March 2

Gr. 1-8 classes in the school

Tuesday, March 4

First Reconciliation rehearsal for third graders
at 6:30 pm in the church

Saturday, March 8


First Reconciliation ceremony at 9:30 am and 11:00 am.
Students were assigned to a time by class. Contact your child's teacher or the Religious Ed office if you are unsure of the time.

"Sin in our lives is like having roadblocks on our path with God. When the road we are traveling is blocked, we either have a difficult time going by the blockages, or we take a detour on another road. When we receive any of the sacraments, we receive grace. Grace is help from God to live our lives more closely united to Him." [blessedcatholicmom.com]

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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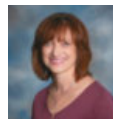
ST. PAUL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Monday-Thursday 8am - 2pm

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

 St Paul Parish Religious Ed Berlin CT

Email: religioused@stpaulkensington.org



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



Linda Beaudoin
Administrative Assistant
(860) 828-1934 ext 321



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

Bobby Adamowicz	Mary Jane Lynch
Nancy Adamowicz	Lisa Mangiafico
Amara Alice	Fr. Paul Mangiafico
Jose Arcia	Zbigniew Mazurek
Wendy Blackmar	Mehagen McRae
Ernie Bourcier	Janet Michaud
Cheryl Brown	Nancy Motulko
George Bushnell	Lenny Mulrooney
Norma Cacchillo	Dotti Nelson
Mark Camilleri	Peter Niro
Janet Carroll	Our Military
Doug Clarke	Emma Pagano
Roy Cooper	Judy Pappalardo
Arlene Cotrona	Nathaniel Picklesimer
Linda Cullen	Joan Pinney
Fr. Tony DeFronzo	Barbara Rich
Kathleen Deliman	Christopher Roddy
Gloria Doyle	Susana Romero
William Doyle	Shirley Sansone
Judith Doyle	Romen Sarkis
Alyssa Dutkiewicz	Raul Seipel
Josefina Fernandez	Elizabeth Smulski
Bill Filomena	Brenda Stedman
Maureen Freeman	Angelica Szczygla
Lenore Gourley	Gabriel Szczygla
Linda Hannold	Julia Szczygla
Evan Hill	Al Tee
Daniel A. Hurley	Katherine Vandrilla
Deborah Kasper	Linda Vasquez
Leonard Kochanowski	Scott Veley
John LaPenna	Kathleen Williams
Maria Lauria	Tracey Wilson
Jonh J. Lynch	

Adult Confirmation-Program—Spring 2025

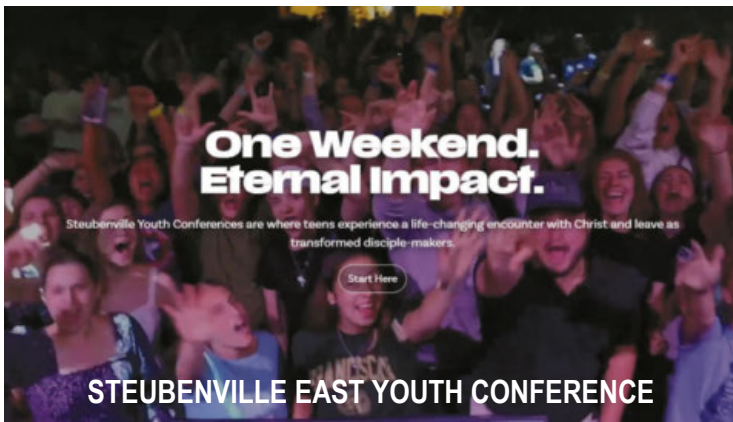
Are you an adult who never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? If so, our Adult Confirmation Program (ACP) will prepare you to be Confirmed in the Spring of 2025. The reception of all of the Sacraments is about helping us journey through this life to life eternal. The Sacrament of Confirmation is a confirming and strengthening of our Baptisms. Through the Sacrament you are sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and Confirmation provides additional graces to help us live out our adult lives as faithful followers of Jesus and strengthens our bond with the Church. *Those who are asked to be a godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor at Confirmation must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation in order to take on those responsibilities.* Likewise, those to be married in the Catholic Church should be Confirmed. We are implementing this six session ACP so that adult Catholics who were never Confirmed can be fully initiated in the Catholic faith.

Catholics who are at least 18 years old and have already been baptized and received their 1st Holy Communion may participate in the ACP. If married, you must be in a valid Catholic marriage. If married outside the Catholic Church (meaning in a civil ceremony or in a non-Catholic Church without the appropriate permission) and would like to discuss how you can have your marriage recognized in the Church, contact one of the Friar-priests and they will be happy to discuss your situation with you. Your preparation for Confirmation can be done simultaneously with preparation to have your marriage convalidated in the Church, but the convalidation must be concluded before the Confirmation ceremony. Generally speaking, this can often be accomplished.

This six week ACP program, begins on **March 2, 2025**. Sessions will be held on **Sunday mornings, 10:15-11:45am**. **Registration deadline is Monday, February 24.**

There is no monetary cost for the program. To register, email Joshua Kay at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org or call the parish office at 860-828-0331 and ask for Josh or complete our online form: <https://stpaulkensington.org/adult-confirmation-ocia>.

If you have questions, please contact Josh or one of the Friars. If you know of a family member or friend who has not been Confirmed and who would like to do so, please share this information with them!



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. **Sign up today!**, To learn more, scan the QR Code or visit: <https://stpaulkensington.org/go-to-steubie>



ALTAR SERVERS There will be a training session for all new altar servers in the spring! Parents, now is a great time to encourage your child to serve in this important ministry. All children who have received their 1st Holy Communion and are in 4th grade or older are invited to join. *Middle and high school students are encouraged to participate in this ministry as well!* Each server typically serves every other weekend at their preferred Mass time. If your child would like to join, please contact Josh Kay 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](#).



EDGE and Life Teen were rescheduled due to the snow/ice last weekend. Hoping the weather cooperates this weekend!



LIFE TEEN

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Sunday, February 23

All high school teens in grades 9-12 are welcome to join us on [Sunday, Feb. 23](#), 1:00-2:30pm 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 Josh at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org.



EDGE

EDGE
Sunday, February 23

All middle school teens in grades 6-8 are invited to join us on [Sunday, Feb. 23](#), 1:00-2:30pm in the St. Paul Church Hall. (This is a makeup for the postponed event on 2/9/25)

Topic: "Route 73". "Catholics don't read the Bible." Justified or not, this stigma has is commonplace amongst Christians. Many don't use the Bible because they don't even know the basics of how to navigate it. In this EDGE event, 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 j.kay@stpaulkensington.org.



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.



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 Patrick Hyjek at p.hyjek@stpaulkensington.org. He can also be contacted at 860-828-0331, extension 304.

LADIES' GUILD - SPECIAL GUEST

The St. Paul Ladies' Guild invites all ladies of the parish to join us on **Wednesday, March 12** at 6:30 pm in the St. Paul Church Hall (downstairs) as we host Julie Fitts Ritter, Executive Director of the Padre Pio Foundation, in Cromwell, CT.



Saint Padre Pio

Julie will share information about the Padre Pio Foundation which, since 1977, has worked to spread devotion to Saint Pio, to assist in the preservation of places dear to Padre Pio, to support religious vocations, and to perform spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Food pantry contribution:
Coffee, Tea, Beverages

"Always humble yourself lovingly before God and man, because God speaks to those who are truly humble of heart, and He enriches them with His gifts. - Padre Pio"



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.

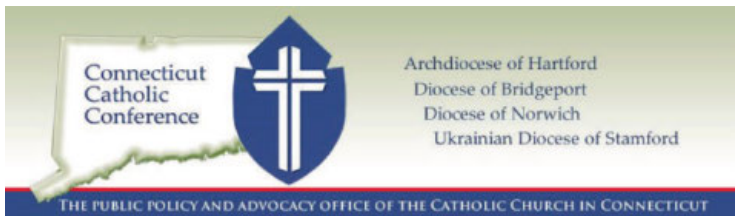


Speakers at the Rally (12pm at the Capitol) will include:



Christopher Healy, Executive Director of the CT Catholic Conference. Mr. Healy has had a successful career in media, public policy and grass roots organization. A native of New York, he graduated from The Gunnery School in Washington, CT and earned a Liberal Arts Degree from Denison University.

For more details, visit our website, scan above or click here: <https://marchforlife.org/connecticut/>. 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 the monthly newsletters from the CT Catholic Public Affairs Conference (PAC) throughout the current legislative session (Jan. 8-June 4), visit <https://ctcatholic.org>



WEEKLY ROSARY AT SACRED HEART

Join us to pray the Rosary on Wednesday evenings at Sacred Heart Church from 6:00-6:30pm.

Next date: **Wednesday, February 26**





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ADMISSION**
2025-2026 Academic Year

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Parents: Consider investing in a Catholic education for your son/daughter! 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!](#)

***East Catholic**, Manchester <http://www.echs.com>

***Mercy**, Middletown <http://www.mercyhigh.com>

***Northwest**, W. Hartford <https://www.northwestcatholic.org>

***St. Paul**, Bristol <https://spchs.com>

***Xavier**, Middletown <https://www.xavierhighschool.org>



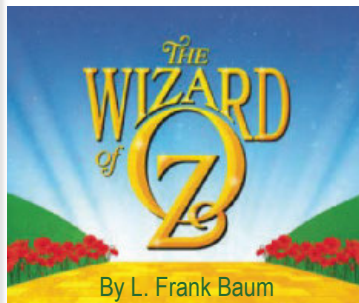
St. Paul Catholic High School Performing Arts group is selling Palm Sunday Crosses to raise funds for the next performance; Tarzan, which will take place April 4, 5 and 6.



The crosses are approximately 22 inches tall and 18 inches wide and come with a bow and a stick to place in the ground. Crosses are \$15 each and orders are due by 3/4/25. To place an order please provide your name, phone number, address, how many crosses you wish

to purchase and cash or check made out to SPCHS Drama and in the memo write "crosses". Orders can be dropped off at the school office. Delivery by 4/13. Questions? Visit spchs.com or call the school at 860-584-0911 or email Sarah at stpauldrama2024@gmail.com.

Berlin High School Music & Theatre Arts Department Presents



Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Feb. 28 @ 7pm
March 1 @ 1pm and 7pm
March 2 @ 1pm

Adults \$20, Seniors \$18
K-12 Students \$15

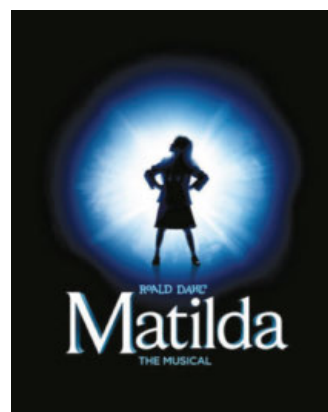
Come support our
Religious Ed students,
EDGE/LifeTeen members,
Altar Servers, and Alumni
of Saint Paul School who
are part of this production!

Ava Barbagallo
Marina Borselle
Tyler Ciaffaglione
Daniel Coccozza
Angelina DeJackome
Nathan DeJackome
Joanna Jarombek
Abby Jurgen
Thomas Kiernan
Katalana LaVallee
Elyse Niemiec
Meghan Snyder
Emily Tessier
Aubrielle Uliasz
Avery Wethje

Get your tickets today at
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Mercy High School & Xavier High School present Matilda!



Friday, Saturday, Sunday

March 7 @ 7pm
March 8 @ 7pm
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COR - Men's Ministry

Come spend some time with our Lord Jesus, present on the altar, at the next Men's Holy Hour and Adoration:
Sunday, February 23 at 7:00pm.



Fr. Michael will lead us in Prayer and Adoration in St Paul Church. ALL men (and mature teens) are welcome to attend. Bring your Rosary beads and a friend.

TMIY! MEN'S GROUP

The Spring Session of *That Man Is You!*

is underway and will continue through May 3rd. This men's group meets in the St. Paul Church Hall every **Saturday morning** with breakfast (optional) at 6:30am and the program beginning at 7:00am.



The TMIY program 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. For information visit <https://stpaulkensington.org/that-man-is-you>

MEN'S RETREAT All men of our parish are invited to attend the 2025 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. Detailed information about this upcoming parish retreat on **March 14-16** can be found at <https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats>. If you have questions, please contact Bud Volz at budvolz@comcast.net or 860-681-8355.



COFFEE WITH VETERANS

The American Legion hosts "Coffee with Veterans" on the first Saturday of each month at the American Legion Post 68 Hall. Veterans, Come enjoy free coffee, hot breakfast and good conversations. Feel free to bring one guest. If you need a ride, contact Mo Jordan at 860-268-8969. **Sat., March 1**, 9-11am.



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.



Thank you from our Social Action Ministry

Thank you to all who donated to our "Hot Stuff" collection which ended on February 2nd. All of your donations were collected right here at our St. Clare Food Pantry by staff members from the Friendship Center in New Britain. Your generosity will directly benefit those who come to the Friendship Center for assistance.



MARRIAGE RESOURCES

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.

Take a look at the helpful resources offered at <https://www.foryourmarriage.org>

Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

Luke 6:27,36-38: "*Jesus said, to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. Be merciful, just as your father is merciful. Stop Judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you, a good measure and overflowing. For the measure which you measure will in return be measured out to you.*"



Learn to listen and communicate better with your spouse. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME.org). It can help you in your communication, teach you many skills, and also help you to grow in intimacy and in faith with one another. Some of the dates to sign up are:

- o March 21-23, 2025 in Burlington, VT
- o April 25-27, 2025 in East Sandwich, MA

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://www.mectw.org/>.

PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE

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

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 27**. 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.

What to do with Old Palms? -

If you have old palms from past Palm Sundays, you can leave them in the vestibules of St. Paul Church. The old palms will be burned and used on Ash Wednesday. You may also burn the old palms yourself and put them in your garden or a flower bed, but since the palms are blessed, they should not be discarded in the trash.



ROSARY MAKERS

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



CHILDREN'S ROSARY

Join us on Saturday, **March 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.

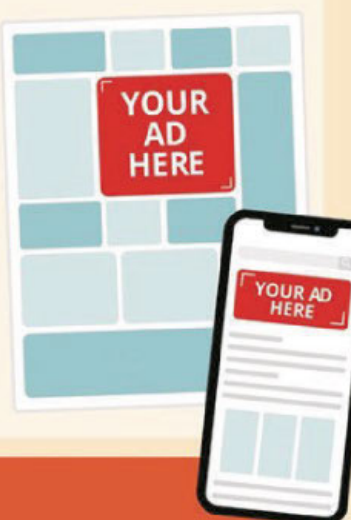


AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Mary Hoffman from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be here at our St. Paul Parish Office to secure new ads for our parish in the coming weeks. Support of the business community helps our parish thrive! Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad. Your participation helps make our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

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The following items are being requested at this time:

Tomato sauce, mayo, frosting, pudding/jello snacks, cereal, oatmeal, hot chocolate, canned fruits & vegetables, canned chicken, rice and rice sides.

Volunteers will transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and set up for distribution on **Thursday, Feb. 27 at 9:30am**. Volunteers will also help with distribution on **Friday, Feb. 28 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.

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.



WOMEN OF FAITH

Our Women of Faith group will host their next gathering at 7pm on **Thursday, March 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.

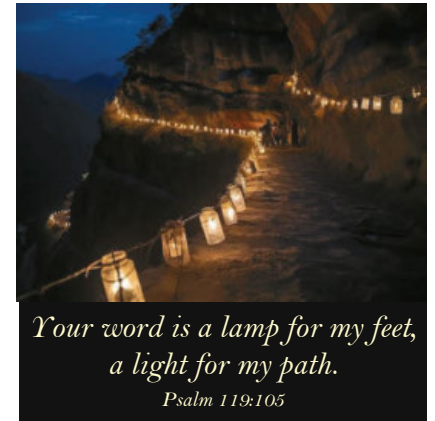
BIBLE VERSE PROJECT Our Women of Faith group is launching a new and exciting project for our St. Paul Parish community. **We are asking parishioners to submit a favorite Bible Verse or Psalm along with a brief explanation as to why it resonates with them in a special way.** They plan to create a beautiful 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 **March 3, 2025**. Submit your information by:

- o Email womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org or
- o Complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.
- o Complete our online form at <https://stpaulkensington.org/bibleverseproject>.

Submissions are completely voluntary. If you have any questions, please email womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org.



Last Call
Final deadline March 3rd!

First and Last Name: _____ Age: _____

Email or phone: _____

Your name as you would like it to appear in the booklet: _____

For example, "Tom S." or "T.S.". If this is left blank, the booklet will indicate "anonymous" for your submission.

Bible Verse or Psalm: _____

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

Why this verse/psalm is meaningful to you: _____

_____ Use additional paper if necessary.

**ST. PAUL PARISH
LENTEN
DEVOTIONS
2025**



*“Turn away
from sin and
be faithful to
the Gospel”*

DAILY MASS

Monday to Friday - 7:00am & 5:00pm

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays, 4:00pm Vigil Mass
Sundays, 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 12:00pm
at St. Paul Church

Children's Masses

Sunday, March 16 at 9:00am
Sunday, April 6 at 10:30am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 7:00pm

St. Paul Church

March 7, 14, 21, 28 April 4, 11 and 18

Stations with Saint Paul School Students - All are Welcome

St. Paul Church

Friday, March 7 at 2:00pm—Grade 5

Friday, March 14 at 2:00pm—Grades K-2

Friday, March 21 at 2:00pm—Grades 6-8

Thursday, March 27 at 2:00pm—Grades 3-5

Friday, April 4 at 2:00pm—Grades 6-8

Saint Paul School Gym

Thursday, April 10 at 1:45pm—Living Stations
(8th grade students act out the Stations)

CONFESSION

Mondays of Lent

March 10, 17, 24, 31 April 7, 14
7:00pm – 8:00pm

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 15
7:00pm – 8:00pm

Saturdays
8:30am – 9:30am
3:00pm – 4:00pm

HOLY HOUR

Mondays 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Tuesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm

LENTEN EVENING REFLECTIONS

*On each of the five Wednesdays during Lent,
our friars will host evenings of reflection that will include
video presentations, discussions and prayer.*

*The final Wednesday of Lent, we will host a special guest
who will give a presentation on the Shroud of Turin.*

Wednesdays of Lent
March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9
St. Paul Church
7:00pm - Reflection

More details will be posted in the bulletin and online.

All events are at St. Paul Church unless otherwise noted.

Abstinence and Fasting During Lent

Catholics age 14+ are obliged to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday.

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting means only one full meal is to be eaten. Other food eaten on a Fast Day should not equal a full meal.

A GUIDE TO CONFESSION

(take this with you ... it's really okay)



BEFORE YOU GO

Examine your conscience, that is, reflect on what sins you've committed. To guide you, just Google "examination of conscience" and you'll find resources to help you. It's even all right to make a list to bring with you if that helps.



INTRODUCTION

When you come before the priest, begin by making the Sign of the Cross (praying the words out loud), and continue by saying, "Bless me, Father, I have sinned. It has been (how long) since my last confession. These are my sins..."



CONFESSION

List the sins you've committed that came to mind during your examination of conscience. Don't be too general ("I haven't been a good person"), but a lot of detail isn't necessary (you don't need to tell the whole story of how a sin came about). If you're not sure if something is a sin, ask the priest. This isn't counseling, so unless you ask, the priest likely won't give you advice. He'll just move on to ...



PENANCE

The priest will suggest something for you to do or pray as a response to God's mercy. You'll have to remember what this is and do it after the confession is over, so pay attention.



ACT OF CONTRITION

The priest will then ask you to pray out loud your "Act of Contrition," to demonstrate your sorrow for your sins: "My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy."



ABSOLUTION

Don't get up to leave after that prayer, because the best part is yet to come: The priest will extend his hands in your direction and he will pray the Prayer of Absolution: "God, the Father of Mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son, has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins. Through the ministry of the Church, may God grant you pardon and peace. And I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." You respond: "Amen."



CONCLUSION

The priest will then likely say something like, "God has freed you from your sin. Go in Peace." To which you can respond: "Thanks be to God." Don't forget to do your penance. If it is saying certain prayers, it's best to do it right away in the church before you forget.

Thank You to all who contributed to our 2024 Year-End St. Paul Parish Appeal

Dear Parishioners,

Peace and All Good!

Thank you for your gift to our parish 2024 Annual Giving Appeal. The parishioners of St. Paul Parish have once again this year been generous in so many ways. In the past months, parishioners have extensively supported the collections for the pregnancy centers, college care packages, Trunk 'O Treat, the Thanksgiving food baskets and ongoing support of the St. Clare's Food Pantry as well. All of this was topped off with over one thousand Christmas gifts as part of the Angel Tree project. WOW!

Your gift to the parish's Annual Appeal helps ensure that we are able to provide a wide array of ministries and spiritual support while also taking care of the parish's temporal needs. With this gift, you continue the proud and generous legacy of St. Paul Parish. Since its founding in 1878, St. Paul parishioners have been good stewards by taking care of what has been provided for them by our predecessors and looking ahead to the needs of the next generation of parishioners.

So once again, I thank you for your generosity to the 2024 Annual Giving Appeal and for your ongoing weekly support as well. I pray that 2025 will be a year filled with many blessings for you, especially the grace you need to draw closer to the Lord.

May you also be blessed with good health and much peace and joy.

Gratefully,

Fr. Michael Englert, OFM Conv.

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ALPHA PROGRAM LEADS OTHERS ENCOUNTER CHRIST

- Story by Joe Pisani

When she was a student at St. John the Evangelist School in Long Island, N.Y., Diane Dinehart knew her Catechism inside out. But it took some time for her to develop a personal relationship with Jesus.

Today, as pastoral associate of St. Paul VI Parish in Hamden, she is working to help people have an encounter with Jesus through a program called Alpha, designed for those who are “looking for something more” on their spiritual journey.

“We’re trying to help people have a deeper relationship with Jesus that’s personal, which is what I was missing when I was growing up,” says Dinehart, coordinator of the program. “I didn’t understand that part, and I think Catholics in general don’t understand it.”

The 12-week course, with 90-minute sessions, has been a mainstay at the parish and has been taken by 30 million people worldwide. The series explores life and the Christian faith, with talks, videos and small-group discussions designed to engage and inspire conversation and foster personal growth in the basics of Christianity. The sessions are typically preceded by breakfast or dinners with fellowship.

“Alpha has something for everyone,” Dinehart says. “Even though it was designed for people who wouldn’t describe themselves as churchgoers, it attracts cradle Catholics. It awakens something in you, and it gives you something you never had before.”

During the sessions, participants consider questions like, “Who is Jesus?” “What is faith?” and “Does God heal?” Almost 500 people have been through the parish program since it began five years ago.

Midway through the course, there is a time-away segment, which is an opportunity for prayer.

“This lets them learn about the Holy Spirit and come away really on fire,” Dinehart says. “For a lot of Catholics, it’s a whole new experience because they have the opportunity to be prayed over and experience healing and peace.”

The parish priests, deacons, pastoral associates and ministry leaders of St. Paul VI Parish, which includes Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Blessed Sacrament, St. Rita and Ascension churches, have completed the program.

“Alpha has been such a success because we are blessed with so many people who are dedicated to the program,” Dinehart says, crediting the volunteers, the hospitality committee, support staff, group leaders and those who pray for the participants.

Gina, a participant says Alpha has helped me renew my faith in Jesus while learning new ways to pray.

Jerry, who participated in a previous course, says he signed up for Alpha because he was been looking for ways to renew and grow his faith in Jesus Christ.

This year, sixth graders in religious education are participating in a new youth Alpha program in the parish, along with their parents who are doing an adult version.

For more information about the Alpha program and the schedule, contact Dinehart at the parish office at 203.248.0141 or visit hamden catholic.org.



Upcoming Events



03/6 - 04/17 THURSDAYS 6:30PM
LENTEN SCRIPTURE SERIES
 SS. Isidore and Maria Parish, St. Augustine Church, 55 Hopewell Rd, South Glastonbury

This FREE transformative series is designed to deepen your understanding of each Sunday reading during Lent. We'll examine the author's intended message, the relationship between the weekly readings, and their meaning for today's spiritual life. For more information or to register, please visit www.isidoreandmaria.org/lentenscriptures2025.



03/9 SUNDAY 3PM
SIGNS OF HOPE LENTEN SERVICE
 Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect St, Wethersfield

Join Christ the King Parish in this service, led by Rev. Nicholas Melo, honoring Pope Francis' Jubilee Year of Hope, designated as a time for renewal as "Pilgrims of Hope." Created by parishioner Nancy Kiely, who holds a Master's in moral theology, the service features prayers linked to the eight pillars of the Jubilee Year, music by the church choir, and personal stories from eight pilgrims of hope sharing experiences on peace, life, poverty, illness, incarceration, youth, migration, and the elderly. Fellowship will follow in Father Crawford Hall.



03/7 - 04/4 FRIDAYS 5:30PM
FRIDAY FISH FRY
 Our Lady of the Assumption, Church Hall, 81 Center Rd, Woodbridge

Woodbridge Knights are serving fish fry dinners on three Fridays this Lent (March 7, March 21, and April 4). The cost is \$15 for fish and chips, \$7 for grilled cheese/gluten free option and French fries.

Proceeds will support charity and parish needs including: OLOA Teen Mission Trip (March 7) Vocations support for local Seminarians and Postulants (March 21) "Build-a-Bed" event in June (April 4).

Please support these worthy causes while observing your Lenten obligations and enjoying our wonderful OLOA community. If you wish to help with setting up, cooking, serving, or cleaning up, contact **Bill Fortin** (text: 203-565-4533, email: wfort2000@yahoo.com).



03/19 WEDNESDAY 10:30AM
MASS FOR THE CT MARCH FOR LIFE
 Cathedral of Saint Joseph, 140 Farmington Ave, Hartford

Join us for Mass at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph before the Connecticut March for Life! After Mass, head to the rally at 210 Capitol Ave, Hartford at noon, followed by the 1 PM march.

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 Text & Workbook Cost: \$27.00

Location & Times:
10am Tuesday Mornings - St. Teresa of Avila Church - Woodbury
6:30pm Tuesday Evenings - St. Teresa of Avila Church - Woodbury
9am Wednesday Mornings - Church of the Nativity - Bethlehem

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To register or for more information scan/click the QR Code above, call parish office at 203-263-2008 or email: princeofpeace@aohct.org.





Kentucky Derby Auction

Saint Paul School

Event Highlights

- **Date & Time:** March 15, 6 PM
- **Location:** Casa Mia at the Hawthorne
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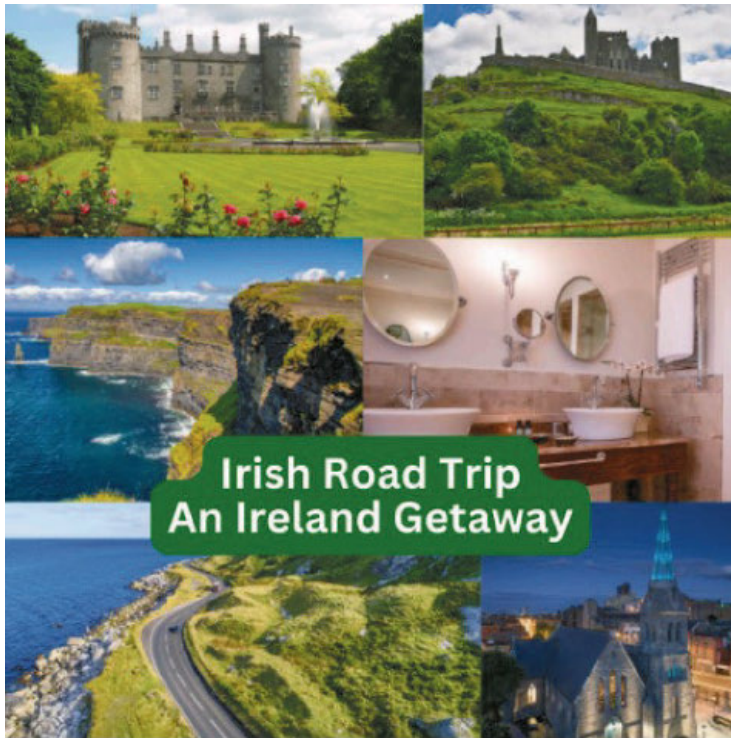
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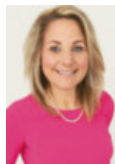
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