

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

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

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

March 2, 2025

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

KICKOFF WEEKEND: MARCH 1-2, 2025
2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The poster features a central cross graphic with four photographs: top (a group of people), left (a priest in vestments), right (a group of people), and bottom (a priest in vestments). In the center of the cross is the Archdiocese of Hartford logo with the motto "TRUST IN THE LORD".

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TRUST IN THE LORD

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

-Pope Francis

A Note from Fr. Michael

St. Paul Mass Reduction as of June 2025

Dear Parishioners of St. Paul,

The Mass Schedule, for years here at St. Paul, has been a blessing for many who wished to worship on a weekday or to find a Mass time on Saturday or Sunday that was workable for their schedules. However, because of the loss of Father Joseph and now we are down to 2 full time priests, we are going to reduce our Mass schedule **beginning June 1, 2025**.

Weekend Masses will be on Saturday at 4:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12 noon.

Weekday Masses will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:00 am and Tuesday and Thursday at 5:00 pm.

I know that many of you have already selected and made an offering for a given Mass on a given weekday in June and the following months of 2025. We can assure you that those Mass offerings will be honored but not necessarily on the specified date that you had previously booked.

In the weeks to come, members of our Office Staff, (Joan Vancour or Cheryl Pagano) will be calling you to see how best we can accommodate you as we rearranged and reduce our Mass schedule.

The Friars thank you so much for your care and prayers for us and for your understanding.

His Peace.

Fr. Michael



A Glance Ahead

- 2025 Archbishops Annual Appeal Kickoff..... March 1/2
- Deadline for Bible Verse Project.....Monday, March 3
- Ash Wednesday** Wednesday, March 5
- TMIY! Men’s Group Saturday, March 8
- 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
- Women of Faith Thursday, March 13
- SPS ‘Kentucky Derby’ Auction..... Saturday, March 15
- March for Life (Hartford) Wednesday, March 19
- Children’s Mass at 9am Sunday, March 16
- The Annunciation of the Lord.....Tuesday, March 25
- Knights Scholarship Deadline..... Tuesday, April 1
- Children’s Rosary at Sacred HeartSaturday, April 5

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.



Prayer for Vocations

Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd. You know each of us and you call us by name to serve you in faith.

Grant us the grace to know the path you have planned for each of us and to respond with a generous "Yes."

Make my parish and my family a place where our young people will be encouraged to answer your call to serve you and your people as a priest, deacon, or in religious life as a Sister or Brother.

We pray in particular for more Franciscan vocations and priests for the Archdiocese of Hartford. May our young men and women respond to your call with courage and zeal.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Joseph, pray for us. St. Francis, pray for us.



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

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

All Masses are at St. Paul Church

*8:45 am School Mass. All are welcome.

Please sit in the New Wing or in the rear of the Old Wing

INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†**Laura L. Kohl** by Diane Funk

†**David Symolon** Birthday Remembrance by family

The Bread for the Poor will be Offered this week for

†**Shirley Boccuzzi** by Andrea Tolomea



†**Matthew Salvatore Butera**

†**Eva D'Amore**

†**Rosemary Fox**

†**Claire Martin**

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.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

This weekend marks the start of the 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal in our parish. If you haven't already, you will soon receive a letter from Archbishop Coyne seeking your support. As Catholics in the Archdiocese of Hartford we can have a profound impact on our local communities not only spiritually, but intimately connected to it, the realm of social services and many charities and outreach services performed by, or with help from, our Church. If you would like to make a gift, please mail in your pledge card. You may also call the Appeal Office at (800) 781-2550 or visit <https://www.archdioceseofhartford.org>. Keep in mind that an early pledge will allow you to best use the monthly payment plan.



All funds contributed to the Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

A video about the AAA will be shown prior to all weekend Masses. If you missed the video and would like to watch it, visit our website or scan here: →



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

Monday, March 3, 2025 St. Katharine Drexel
 7:00 †**Robert J. Fitzsimmons** by wife Anita and children
 5:00 †**Fr. Joseph Benicewicz** by Theresa and family

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 St. Casimir
 7:00 †**Barbara Sandwell** by son Bill Sandwell
 †**Virginia B. D'Agata** by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home
 †**John G. Hubbard** Birthday Remembrance by John G. Hubbard family
 †**William Doyle** by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home
 †**Laura Kohl** by Cathy and John Simeone
 5:00 †**Donald Norton** Anniversary Remembrance by Daddabbo family

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 Ash Wednesday
 7:00 †**Gregory A. Parker** by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home
 8:45 †**Anna Dennehy** by Adamowicz family
 12:00 †**Nancy Serruta** by Ginny
 5:00 †**Benitta Palazhi** by family
 7:00 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**

Thursday, March 6, 2025 Thursday after Ash Wednesday
 7:00 †**Gerald Vanty** by Linda and family
 5:00 †**Fr. Joseph Benicewicz** by friend
 †**Helen Percival** Birthday Remembrance by Kathy Percival
 †**John Nappi, Jr.** by wife
 †**Maria Lombardo** by Emanuele Lombardo
 †**Thresten Family** by Lisa and Bill Richards

Friday, March 7, 2025 Sts. Perpetua and Felicity
 7:00 †**Charles F. Pagano, Sr.** Special Anniversary Remembrance by Cheryl
 5:00 †**Ronald Lindgren** Birthday Remembrance by family

Saturday, March 8, 2025 First Sunday of Lent
 4:00 †**Dom Criniti** Birthday Remembrance by Esther and family

Sunday, March 9, 2025 First Sunday of Lent
 7:30 †**Helen Sikorowicz** by Carol Ciaffalone
 9:00 †**Estelle A. Perry** 24th Anniversary by daughter and family
 10:30 †**Edwin Szymanoski** Birthday Remembrance by wife Rita
 12:00 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**

<u>Parish Collection</u>	In Church SP	\$	11,423
Feb 18-24, 2025	Office	\$	5,233
	Online Giving	\$	5,767
	Total	\$	22,423

Upcoming Second Collections:
 Mar 2 - Maintenance & Repairs



“Turn away from sin

and be faithful to the Gospel”

LENTE DEVOTIONS

DAILY MASS

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

WEEKEND MASS

Saturdays, 4:00pm Vigil Mass

Sundays, 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 12:00pm

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

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

Stations with Saint Paul School Students

All are welcome

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

Thursday, April 10 at 1:45pm*

*Living Stations - Saint Paul School Gym

CONFESSION

Mondays of Lent, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14

Tuesday of Holy Week, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

April 15

Saturdays

8:30am – 9:30am and 3:00pm – 4:00pm

HOLY HOUR

Mondays 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Tuesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm

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

LENTE 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.

Wednesdays of Lent

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9

7:00pm - 8:30pm

St. Paul Church

On the final Wednesday of Lent, April 9, we will host a special guest who will give a presentation on the Shroud of Turin.



The Shroud of Turin is believed to be the cloth in which Jesus’ body was wrapped after his Crucifixion. The linen sheet features the image of a man who bears the marks of flagellation and crucifixion.

Many consider the Shroud to be one of Christianity’s most important relics.

Image is from <https://www.shroudresearch.net>

Save the dates and plan to join us for these special evenings!

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.

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Lenten Collection

Our Social Action Ministry's 2025 LENTEN COLLECTION will take place from **March 5** (Ash Wednesday) to **April 14** (Palm Sunday). Please join us in our efforts to help families in need. This Collection will benefit the Prudence Crandall Center and Family Promise (both in New Britain).

Please leave all donated items at the church entrances.

PRUDENCE CRANDALL WISH LIST:

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| •Dish Soap | •Baby Wipes |
| •Laundry Detergent | •Twin/Full/Queen Size Blankets & Sheet Sets |
| •Paper Towels | •Grocery/Department Store |
| •Toilet Paper | •Gift Cards * |
| •Razors | - Stop & Shop |
| •Shave Cream/Gel | - Aldi |
| •Deodorant | - Big Y |
| •Shower Gel/Body Wash | - Target |
| •Body Lotion | - Walmart |
| •Shampoo & Conditioner | - CVS |
| •Diapers Sizes 5/6/7 | |
| •Pull-Ups | |

FAMILY PROMISE WISH LIST:

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| •Body soap/Body wash | •Shampoo & conditioner |
| •Anti-bacterial hand soap | •Disposable diapers |
| •Dish detergent | •Toilet paper |
| •Dryer sheets | •Paper towels |
| •Disinfectant wipes | •Gift cards * (for any store, gas station, restaurant) |
| •Ladies deodorant | |

*Please put gift cards in an envelope marked "Lenten Collection" and put them in the collection basket or drop off at the Parish Office.

All items must be new, unused, not expired, and in original packaging. Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support of the collections sponsored by our Social Action Ministry and for your generous contributions to Prudence Crandall and Family Promise!

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.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: March 9, 2025

For readings online, scan or visit <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/030925.cfm>



First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Verse Before the Gospel: Matthew 4:4b

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, One does not live on bread alone." Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

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 PAUL SCHOOL

Welcomed in Baptism Two of our third grade students were recently baptized by Fr. Martin. Congratulations & God Bless!
Photos from Donnelly Harris Photography.



Parents: Consider investing in a Catholic education for your son/daughter! Contact our Admissions Director today and learn how your child can receive an excellent education and so much more at Saint Paul School.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confession for 1st Year Confirmation students is Sunday, March 2 at 3:00 pm in the church.

First Reconciliation rehearsal for our third graders is Tuesday, March 4 with Fr. Michael in the church at 6:30 pm. This is a final review before they receive the sacrament on Saturday, March 8.

Our Grade 1-8 program uses the Word of Life curriculum by the Augustine Institute.

Here's what the students are learning this Sunday in class:

Grade 1: We celebrate the joy of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday and every Sunday at Mass.

Grade 2: Jesus is the Lamb of God who gives up His life for us. When God lives in us, we bring Him to others.

Grade 3: Jesus loved you so much that he was willing to give everything, even his life, for you. And he continues to share his life and love with you in the Eucharist.

Grade 4: The Holy Spirit's mission is to make us like God.

Grade 5: Through Holy Orders, God is present to His people in our bishops, priests, and deacons.

Grade 6: Jesus teaches us to practice fasting, almsgiving, and prayer.

Grades 7/8: Every loving relationship requires self-giving, whether it is a relationship with a friend, a sibling, a parent, a spouse, or God.

Since Lent begins on March 5 (Ash Wednesday), students will also be asked to consider how they'll prepare for Easter during this 40 day season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



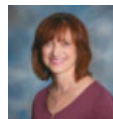
ST. PAUL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Monday-Thursday 8am - 2pm

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

St Paul Parish Religious Ed Berlin CT

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Steubenville EAST 2025!

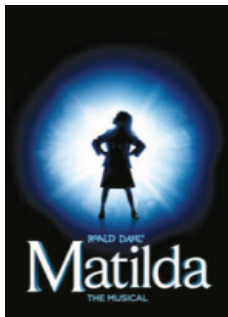


Parents, Don't let your high school student miss out on this life changing experience! The 2025 Steubenville EAST Youth Conference will be held in Springfield, MA on [July 25-27, 2025](#).

Join with our St. Paul Life Teen group for this inspirational and fun weekend! Invite a friend and sign up together!

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>



SPRING MUSICAL SEASON!

Mercy & Xavier High Schools present Matilda! For details and tickets scan the code or visit

<https://www.mercyhigh.com>

- Fri., March 7 @ 7pm
- Sat., March 8 @ 7pm
- Sun., March 9 @ 2pm



Young Catholic Professionals

YCP Central CT will host their next *Executive Speaker Series* Event on [Thursday, March 20](#) in Manchester. Enjoy light refreshments and networking along with a talk by Jack Schirra, former Program and People leader at Pratt & Whitney. Come be inspired by Jack's journey and how he has worked in witness for Christ and continues to do so even in retirement through various means of outreach in the community and Church.



Where: 45 Ludlow Rd, Manchester, CT

When: Thurs, March 20th from 7 - 9 pm

Who: All professionals from 18-39.

E-mail info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org to learn more. RSVP via QR code or at:

<https://ycp.glueup.com/event/executive-speaker-series-jack-schirra-135051/>



LIFE TEEN
Sunday, March 2

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All high school teens in grades 9-12 are welcome to join us on [Sunday, March 2](#). 6:30-8:00pm. St. Paul Church Hall.

Topic: "Dead End". This Life Night focuses on the Fall and the entrance of original sin into human history. Teens will encounter the reality that sin impacts them on a daily basis and how, even from the moment of the Fall, God was already working toward our good and unfolding a plan to draw us back to Himself. Questions? Email Josh at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org.



EDGE
Sunday, March 2

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

Topic: "Dead End". This EDGE Night focuses on the Fall and the entrance of original sin into human history. Teens will encounter the reality that sin impacts them on a daily basis and how, even from the moment of the Fall, God was already working toward our good and unfolding a plan to draw us back to Himself. Questions? Email j.kay@stpaulkensington.org.



Save the dates for our Summer 2025 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!

We have everything from bonfires and cookouts to brunch, open gyms and prayer. 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. Questions? Email Josh at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org. Scan the QR code to save the dates for these summer events!



Follow our Youth Ministry Program on Instagram!



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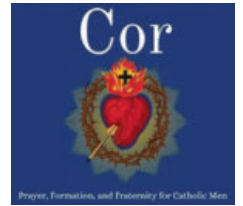
PRAYER REQUESTS

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.



COR Men's Ministry & TMIY

On each of the seven Saturdays during Lent, **all men** are invited to join our TMIY / COR groups as we explore the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.



The video presentations on Saturday mornings will take us through the Holy Land to journey with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Cross on Calvary. Each morning, we will gather in the church hall at 7:00am for a 30-minute video followed by 30 minutes of discussion. Coffee and breakfast will be available in the church kitchen at 6:30am.

Guys, if you are looking for something different to do for Lent this year, then join the men of our parish as we contemplate the Mysteries of Christ's Passion. In these seven sessions, we will rediscover the power of prayer.

Please join us for [the first session on March 8th](#) at 7:00am in the St. Paul Church Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Bud Volz: budvolz@comcast.net, 860-681-8355

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

Nancy Adamowicz

Amara Alice

Jose Arcia

Wendy Blackmar

Ernie Bourcier

Cheryl Brown

George Bushnell

Norma Cacchillo

Mark Camilleri

Janet Carroll

Doug Clarke

Roy Cooper

Arlene Cotrona

Lenny Cullen

Linda Cullen

Fr. Tony DeFronzo

Kathleen Deliman

Gloria Doyle

Judith Doyle

Dick Dubay

Alyssa Dutkiewicz

Josefina Fernandez

Bill Filomena

Maureen Freeman

Lenore Gourley

Linda Hannold

Dede Hargraves

Evan Hill

Daniel A. Hurley

Deborah Kasper

Leonard Kochanowski

John LaPenna

Maria Lauria

Jonh J. Lynch

Mary Jane Lynch

Lisa Mangiafico

Fr. Paul Mangiafico

Zbigniew Mazurek

Mehagen McRae

Janet Michaud

Nancy Motulko

Lenny Mulrooney

Dotti Nelson

Our Military

Emma Pagano

Judy Pappalardo

Nathaniel Picklesimer

Joan Pinney

Barbara Rich

Christopher Roddy

Susana Romero

Shirley Sansone

Romen Sarkis

Raul Seipel

Elizabeth Smulski

Brenda Stedman

Angelica Szczygla

Gabriel Szczygla

Julia Szczygla

Al Tee

Katherine Vandrilla

Linda Vasquez

Scott Veley

Kathleen Williams

Tracey Wilson

MEN'S RETREAT All men of our parish are invited to attend the 2025 Men's Retreat at Holy Family in West Hartford on the weekend of [March 14-16](#). 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. Details about this upcoming parish retreat can be found at <https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats>.

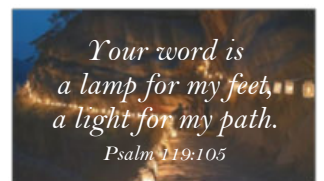
Questions? Contact Bud Volz at budvolz@comcast.net.



BIBLE VERSE PROJECT!

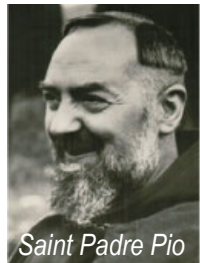
The Women of Faith would like to thank the Parishioners who made submissions to the Bible Verse Project. **Due to printing deadlines, the submission deadline is Monday, March 3rd.**

All 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. Please be sure to send in your submission by March 3rd. Our Women of Faith group is creating a beautiful booklet that includes all of your verses, psalms and testimonies. Be part of this project and help us 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 details scan the code or visit <https://stpaulkensington.org/bibleverseproject> Email womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org with any questions.



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

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.



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, March 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.

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, March 5**



FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

The following items are being requested at this time: *Mayo, mustard, ketchup, dressings, marinades, tomato sauce, cooking oil, spices, pickles, relishes, pancake syrup.*

Volunteers will transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and set up for distribution on **Thurs., March 13** at **9:30am**. Volunteers will also help with distribution on **Fri., March 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.

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**.

ALTAR SERVERS

Parents, now is a great time to encourage your child to serve in our important Altar Server ministry. A training session for all new servers will be held in the spring.



All children in the parish 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 join 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 at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org.

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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. Join us at this special Lenten gathering as Fr. Martin leads us in the Stations of the Cross.



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

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



Speakers at the Rally (12pm at the Capitol) will include: Melissa Ohden. Melissa is a Master's level prepared Social Worker and the author of two books:



You Carried Me: A Daughter's Memoir and Abortion Survivors Break Their Silence. She is the Founder and Director of The Abortion Survivors Network, the only healing and advocacy organization for abortion survivors and their families.

Melissa speaks at events around the world, inspiring audiences with her powerful life story, and she is a sought-after expert on abortion survivors.

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

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- o The CT Catholic Public Affairs Conference (CTPAC) is the public policy and advocacy office of the Catholic Bishops in CT which deals directly with elected officials. The Board of Directors of CTPAC includes the bishops of the four CT dioceses.



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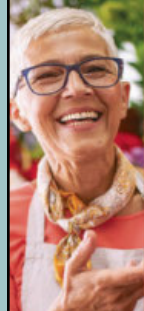
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