#### **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

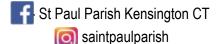
#### **HOLY HOUR**

Tuesdays 4:00-5:00pm

Baptisms: 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month Baptism Instruction: 3rd Wednesday of the month

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

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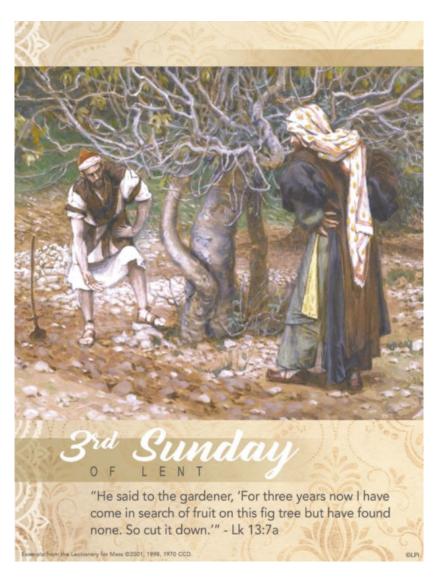
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# † St. Paul Catholic Parish

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 23, 2025
Third Sunday of Lent



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

#### **PARISH NEWS**

On the First Sunday of Lent, March 9, Archbishop Christopher Coyne presided over the 2025 *Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion* liturgy at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. Of those preparing for the Sacraments this Easter, 188 of the elect (formerly known as catechumens) and 283 candidates from 45 parishes participated in the liturgy. During the ceremonies, individuals from St. Paul Parish were among those who expressed their desire to enter the Catholic Church and receive the Easter sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

St. Paul's was proud to present three candidates who will receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. Pictured L to R: Steve Powers, Surrogate Sponsor; Rebecca Greaney, Sponsor; Brooks Ellis, Candidate; Ella Ellis, Candidate; Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne, Archbishop of Hartford; Julia Schaff, Candidate; Derrick D'Amato, Sponsor; Cheryl Batter, Catechist.



Prayer from the Archdiocese of Hartford:
Almighty, most beloved Father, graciously guide these elect of the Church and grant that, faithful to the calling they have received, they may be built up into the kingdom of Your

Son and be sealed



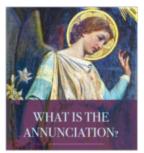
with the promised Holy Spirit. Look upon these candidates, and grant that, faithful to the gifts already received in Baptism, they may be more fully conformed to the Death and Resurrection of Christ, Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

#### A Glance Ahead

TMIY! Men's GroupSaturday, March 22
Third Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 23
Mercy Monday (Confessions) 7pmMonday, March 24
The Annunciation of the LordTuesday, March 25
Holy Hour 4-5pmTuesday, March 25
Evening Rosary SHC 6pm Wednesday, March 26
Lenten Reflection SPC 7pm Wednesday, March 26
Stations of the Cross SPC 7pm Friday, March 28
Knights Scholarship DeadlineTuesday, April 1
Saint Paul School Open House Wednesday, April 2
Children's Rosary at Sacred HeartSaturday, April 5
Children's Mass at 10:30amSunday, April 6
Palm SundaySunday, April 13
Lenten Collection DeadlineSunday, April 13
Registration for New Parishioners Monday, April14

#### The **Feast of the Annunciation**

(Tuesday, March 25) is one of the most important in the Church calendar. It celebrates the Incarnation of Our Savior - the Word made flesh in the womb of His mother, Mary - and it is a principal Marian feast. The biblical account of the Annunciation is in the



first chapter of the Gospel of St. Luke, which describes the news given to Mary that she was to become the mother of the Incarnation of God, and records the "angelic salutation" of Gabriel to Mary, 'Hail, thou who art highly favored. The Lord is with thee.'

This is the origin of the repeated 'Hail Mary' prayer of the Rosary and Mary's response to God's will, 'Let it be done to me according to thy word.' Her exultant hymn, the Magnificat, found in Luke 1:46-55, has been part of the Church's liturgy of the hours, at Vespers (evening prayer), and has been repeated nightly in churches, convents and monasteries for many centuries. The significance of this Christian feast on Western culture is made clear from the fact that New Years Day used to be celebrated on March 25.

This feast is a good time to recall the inestimable value God places on human life... that He loved us so much that He chose to become one of us -- to take on our humanity so completely that he "became flesh"... and that God became "like us in all things except sin" at the moment of His conception.

Source: https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/feast-of-the-annunciation-10461

#### **INTENTIONS**

#### **Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for**

**†Lena M. Brown** by her niece

#### †Donald Laviana

21 Year Anniversary Remembrance by Linda Laviana and family

#### The Gift of Wine will be offered this week for

#### †Rich Waskiewicz

Birthday Remembrance by Diane and family



**†Irene Fiore** 

†Eldon H. Fongemie

**†Jose Luis Hernandez** 

**†Bernadina Rivera** 

**†Maria Schmidt** 

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.

<u>HOSPITAL VISITS</u> 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, March 22, 2025 Third Sunday of Lent

4:00 **†Robert Fiori** by Fiori family

Sunday, March 23, 2025 Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 Emma Pagano by Cheryl

9:00 Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish

10:30 **†Joan DiMinno** by Joyce

12:00 **†John Brian Gaffney** Birthday Remembrance by family

Monday, March 24, 2025 Lenten Weekday

7:00 **†Olga McLoughlin** by Pat Muli

5:00 **†Piotr Balcarek** by wife

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 The Annunciation of the Lord

7:00 **†Robert Loss** by Karen and Stephen Henry

**†Pamela Carey** by Paul Kristopik

†Rita Beaulieu by St. Paul Ladie's Guild

**†Alice Elain Tralli** by Berlin Memorial Funeral Home

8:45 **†Gail Schaeffer** by Holzinger family

5:00 **†Marcy Remour** by Lisa and Bill Richards

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 Lenten Weekday

7:00 **†Joan K. DeBlasio** by family

5:00 **†Piotr Balcarek** and **Barbara Kraul** For Health by Ewa

Thursday, March 27, 2025 Lenten Weekday

7:00 **†Dolores Petcavage** by Rich and Joanne

5:00 **John Nappi, Jr** by wife

**†Souls in Purgatory** by Emanuele Lombardo

**†Andrew Napierkowski** by Dan and Lori St. Jarre

**†Raymond Fritz** by Ginny

**†Mary Pelkey and †Rita Waluk** by Greg and Clarice

Friday, March 28, 2025 Lenten Weekday

7:00 †Deceased Friars, Families, Friends

and Benefactors of the Friars

5:00 **†Theresa Chmielewski** by Roz

Saturday, March 29, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00 **†William Madrak** 1st Anniversary by John and Ann Frigeri

Sunday, March 30, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish

9:00 **†Donald Klos** 35th Anniversary by wife and family

10:30 **†Vincenzo Pappalardo** by Rosetta Pappalardo

12:00 **†Vilma Legnani** 1st Year Anniversary by family

#### INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY?

Our next Registration Meeting is Monday, April 14 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.

Parish Collection Mar 11-17, 2025	In Church SP Office Online Giving	\$ \$ \$	10,607 2,288 4.257
	Total	\$	17,152

#### LENTEN



#### **DEVOTIONS**

#### **HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

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 Mass: Sunday, April 6 at 10:30am

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 7:00pm March 21, 28, April 4, 11 and 18

Stations with Saint Paul School Students. All are welcome 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 24, 31, April 7, 14

Saturdays: 8:30am – 9:30am and 3:00pm – 4:00pm Tuesday of Holy Week, April 15: 7:00pm – 8:00pm

#### **HOLY HOUR - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Mondays 7:00pm - 8:00pm Tuesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm

#### LENTEN REFLECTIONS

On each Wednesday of Lent, our friars will host evenings of reflection with video presentations, discussions and prayer.

Wednesdays of Lent, 7:00pm - 8:30pm March 26, April 2, 9

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

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

#### ABSTINENCE AND FASTING DURING LENT

Catholics age 14+ are obliged to abstain from eating meat on all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on 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.

#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: March 30, 2025

For readings online, scan or visit

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/033025.cfm

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Verse Before the Gospel: Luke 15:18

I will get up and go to my Father and shall say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

**Gospel:** Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable: "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again: he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."





#### Lenten

#### Collection

Our Social Action Ministry's 2025 LENTEN COLLECTION is underway and will continue until April 13 (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:

- Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Razors
- Shave Cream/Gel
- Deodorant
- •Shower Gel/Body Wash
- Body Lotion
- •Shampoo & Conditioner
- •Diapers Sizes 5/6/7
- •Pull-Ups

- Baby Wipes
- •Twin/Full/Queen Size
  Blankets & Sheet Sets
- Grocery/Department Store
- Gift Cards \*
  - Stop & Shop
  - Aldi
  - Big Y
  - Target
  - Walmart
  - CVS

#### FAMILY PROMISE WISH LIST:

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

\*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.

<u>LENTEN CONFESSION</u> Our friars offer many opportunities for you to go to Confession during Lent. See page 4. If the days/times here at St. Paul are not convenient for you, visit our website for schedules at other churches in our deanery. A Guide to Confession can also be found on our website, and here: <a href="https://ascensionpress.com/blogs/articles/how-to-go-to-confession-a-step-by-step-quide-for-everyone">https://ascensionpress.com/blogs/articles/how-to-go-to-confession-a-step-by-step-quide-for-everyone</a>

#### WELCOME NEW KNIGHTS

The Knights of Columbus Monsignor Greylish Council #3675 welcomed three new members in March: Jay Fazzino, Vinny Fazzino and Tony Kane.

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, open to all Catholic men age 18 and older, please contact Bud Volz at 860-681-8355 or budvolz@comcast.net. You can also visit www.KofC.org or the Knights page on our parish website: https://stpaulkensington.org/knights-of-columbus.



#### **COR Men's Ministry & TMIY**

On each Saturday 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 7:00 am for a 30-minute video followed by 30 minutes of discussion. Coffee and breakfast will be available in the kitchen at 6:30am.

**Guys,** if you are looking for something different to do for Lent this year, **it's not too late** to join the men of our parish as we contemplate the Mysteries of Christ's Passion. Join us for these Saturday morning sessions as we rediscover the power of prayer. If you have any questions, contact Bud Volz at budvolz@comcast.net or 860-681-8355.

#### CT CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

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.

Connecticut Catholic Conference

To receive the *often-time-sensitive* 'Action Alerts' and monthly newsletters from the CTPAC during the legislative session visit



https://ctcatholic.org or https://action.ctcatholicpac.org

#### YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

This year's theme is: "Consumed". Registration is OPEN! Available spaces will be on a first come, first serve basis. Sign up today!, To learn more, scan the





#### **Knights of Columbus Scholarship**

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.

#### **NB Council of Catholic Women Scholarship** The New Britain Council of Catholic Women will

award \$1500 to an 8th grader going to a Catholic high school and \$1500 to a to a high school senior going into college. Each recipient must be a parishioner within the Council's parishes and meet certain requirements outlined on the application. The application must be requested via e-mail at nbccw2@gmail.com. The completed application and attachments must be received at the same e-mail address by May 5, 2025. No hard copies accepted. Scholarships will be awarded at the banquet in June, 2025.

#### MERCY HIGH SCHOOL—HONOR ROLL

President, Alissa DeJonge proudly announces 2nd guarter Honor Roll for Mercy High School. Congratulations and keep up the great work!

- \*Kaitlin Bertolami Highest Honors Grade 10
- \*Rachel Hart Honors Grade 09
- \*Ruby Kuselias High Honors Grade 09
- \*Grace Szeghy High Honors Grade 11
- \*Emery Tarry Honors Grade 09



#### **EDGE**—Sunday, March 23

All middle school teens in grades 6-8 are welcome to join us on Sunday, March 23, from 1:00-2:30pm in the St. Paul Church Hall.

Topic: "Focus Mode"

The goal of this Edge event is to teach middle school youth about The Third Commandment and reflect on the difference between work and toil, and accept the gift of rest. Questions? Email Josh at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org.

#### LIFE TEEN—Sunday, April 6

All high school teens in grades 9-12 are welcome to join us on Sunday, April 6, from 6:30-8:00pm in the St. Paul Church Hall.

Topic: "Cross My Heart"

This Life Night aims to help teens understand and appreciate the mystery of redemption through Jesus's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. By discussing the events of Jesus's Passion and the profound impact of his Resurrection, this Life Night highlights the transformative power of God's love and the promise of eternal life. Teens explore how they can participate in this mystery through the sacramental life of the Church, particularly the Eucharist. Questions? Email Josh: j.kay@stpaulkensington.org.

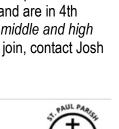
**ALTAR SERVERS** A training session for all new servers will be held in the spring (May). All children in the parish who have received their 1st Holy Communion and are in 4th grade and up are invited to join, including middle and high school students! If your child would like to join, contact Josh at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org.

COLLEGE LIFE Save the dates for our Summer 2025 College Life Events! Spanning May-August all young adults, ages 18-23, are welcome 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. Email Josh at i.kay@stpaulkensington.org with any questions. Scan the code to save these summer dates!





#### SAINT PAUL SCHOOL

**SPS OPEN HOUSE!** Save the date for our Spring Open House: Wednesday, April 2. Parents will have the opportunity to take a tour during the school day, between 9:00-11:00 am, to see our classrooms in action.



Our Kindergarten students had fun making shamrocks during art class last week in celebration of St. Patrick's Day!

Their eyes were smiling....









## 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





**Kelly Esposito** Admissions Director 860-828-4343 x113 admissions@stpaulkensington.org.

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Catherine Sullivan and Stefanie Stanek's first grade class made prayer journals during class to help reinforce the importance of prayer, especially in the season of Lent.





The final two classes for Grades 1-8 are:

Sunday, March 30 and Sunday, April 6.

The next Children's Mass is Sunday, April 6 at 10:30 am.

#### ST. PAUL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Monday-Thursday 8am - 2pm

Website: <a href="https://stpaulkensington.org/religious-ed">https://stpaulkensington.org/religious-ed</a>

🛂 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 <u>add</u> someone to our Monthly Prayer List OR if you would like to let us know that a name can be <u>removed</u>, 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 <u>one full month</u>. (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 Martin Dagno Fr. Tony DeFronzo Gloria Doyle Judith Doyle Dick Dubay Alyssa Dutkiewicz Josefina Fernandez Bill Filomena Maureen Freeman Lenore Gourley Zofia Grochot Linda Hannold **Dede Hargraves** Evan Hill Daniel A. Hurley Deborah Kasper Leonard Kochanowski

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 Ada Payamis Nathaniel Picklesimer Joan Pinney Barbara Rich Christopher Roddy Susana Romero Shirley Sansone Raul Seipel Elizabeth Smulski Brenda Stedman Kevin Stanowski Angelica Szczygla Gabriel Szczygla Julia Szczygla Al Tee Kathleen Vandrilla Scott Veley Kathleen Williams

#### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

St. Paul Parish invites parishioners to participate in the Spring "New Day" Bereavement Support Group to be held in the Church Hall on Tuesday evenings beginning on April 8. The program offers a supportive atmosphere of care and understanding for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Brochures with registration information are available at the church entrances. More details will be posted in next week's bulletin. Please call the Parish Office with any questions.

#### LADIES' GUILD APRIL MEETING

The next meeting of the St. Paul Ladies Guild will take place on Wednesday April 2 in the St. Paul



Church Hall. The gathering will begin at 6:00 pm. (Note the time change from 6:30 pm. This will allow members to attend the Lenten Reflection at 7:00 pm.) We will have a business meeting and refreshments.

Food Bank Contribution: canned fruits and vegetables.

#### **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 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.

NBCCW MEETING The New Britain Council of Catholic Women will hold its March meeting on Thursday, March 27 at 12:45 pm at St. Jerome. (Note the earlier time.) The featured speaker will be from Live Well, an organization which seeks to prioritize the wellbeing and autonomy of all people through its innovative approaches to brain health and dementia care. All women of our parish are welcome to attend. If you have questions or would like to learn more about the NBCCW, please email nbccw2@gmail.com.

#### ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL (AAA)

The 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Our goal is to engage our entire parish family in this year's Appeal and to pray for the success of the Appeal, both here at St. Paul Parish and across the Archdiocese. All funds contributed to the AAA are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, found here: <a href="https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/">https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/</a>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements. Please respond as generously as your means allow.





WOMEN OF FAITH Our Women of Faith group will host their next gathering at 7pm on Thursday, April 10 in the St. Paul Church Hall. All women are most welcome to gather with us to share our Faith, Fellowship and Friendship. Questions? Email womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org.

**HELPING HANDS** Our Helping Hands Ministry assists our senior parishioners, providing companionship, as well as social and spiritual support. We typically provide help to parishioners 75 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.

#### **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 26.

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

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 now through April 30 and see how studying the Bible can change your life! To learn more or to register, call Judy Kostelni, Director, at 860-242-5573 or visit https://www.NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com

#### 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. 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 email Patrick Hyjek at p.hyjek@stpaulkensington.org.

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The For Your Marriage online resource can help strengthen and bless your marriage.



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## FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

The following items are being requested at this time: Juice, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, iced tea, and miscellaneous beverages.

Volunteers will transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and set up for distribution on Thurs., March 27 at 9:30am. Volunteers will also help with distribution on Fri., March 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.

#### **PARISH CALENDAR**

#### Sat Mar 22, 2025

6:30am TMIY - SPH

8:30am Confessions

10:00am Funeral +Schmidt

11:30am Funeral +Parker

3:00pm Confession

#### Sun Mar 23, 2025

9:00am RE Confirmation class-SPS

10:15am Adult Confirmation Class

1:00pm EDGE - SPH

5:00pm Young Men's Ministry - SHC & Hall

6:30pm Helping Hands Mtg - SPH

#### Mon Mar 24, 2025

8:45am Parish Staff Meeting

10:00am Ladies Guild Mtg - SPH

6:00pm Boys Varsity Bball End of Season Party (Gr 7&8)

7:00pm Mercy Monday Confession/Holy Hour - SPC

#### Tue Mar 25, 2025

8:45am All School Mass -

Feast of the Annunciation

4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration

6:30pm Adult Choir - PCLL

#### Wed Mar 26, 2025

6:00pm Rosary - SHC

7:00pm Lenten Reflection - SPC

#### Thu Mar 27, 2025

9:00am Quilters - SPH

2:00pm Gr 3-5

Stations of the Cross

6:00pm Exultations - SPC

7:00pm RCIA - PC1

#### Fri Mar 28, 2025

11:45am FoodShare SHC

6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal-

Gustafson/Mozzicato SPC

7:00pm AA Meeting - SPH

7:00pm Stations of the Cross -

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#### Sat Mar 29, 2025

6:30am TMIY - SPH 8:30am Confessions

8:30am NE Catholic Youth Tourn

10:00am Funeral

+Urso

1:00pm Wedding-

Gustafson / Mozzicato

3:00pm Confession

#### Sun Mar 30, 2025

7:45am RE Gr. 1-8

Session 1-SPS/SG

9:15am RE Gr. 1-8

Session 2 -SPS/SG

10:45am RE Gr. 1-8

Session 3 -

SPS/SG

#### Overcoming Anxiety

A Program of the Franciscan Life Center in Meriden

The Franciscan Life Center is offering a six-week Anxiety Workshop beginning Wednesday, March 26 and ending April 30, 2025. Time: 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Presenter: Thomas Finn, Ph.D., clinical psychologist on staff.

Topics include Understanding the biology of fear and anxiety, Controlled breathing and relaxation techniques, Psychological roots of anxiety reactions, Assertive communication, and Thinking patterns that trigger anxiety and how to change the patterns. Cost: \$50 per session. For more information or to register visit flcenter.org or call 203-237-8084.

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Attention Young Adults: YCP has two local chapters: YCP Central CT and YCP Fairfield County.



Both are very active and have some great events coming up! All professionals from 18-39 are welcome.

YCP Central CT: Next event - Thurs., April 5, New Haven. YCP Fairfield Co.: Next event - Fri., April 11, Norwalk

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