

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 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

April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday



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

-Pope Francis

The Lord is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The following message, which was shared last year by Fr. Joe, bears repeating as we celebrate The Resurrection of Our Lord:

Today we renew our Baptismal promises. A new Paschal (Christ) Candle stands tall in the sanctuary representing Christ, the Light of the World. Let us once again resolve to live as children of the Light who have been saved and redeemed by Jesus. Let us not give into the ways of the world, but rather let us bring Christ's Light where there is darkness, hope where there is doubt, and faith where there is fear. Let us bring love and charity to replace selfishness and self-centeredness. **Let us rejoice and be glad for the Lord is Risen Alleluia, Alleluia!!**

Fr. Michael, Fr. Martin, Fr. Raymond, Deacon Don, and the entire parish staff wish all of you a very Blessed Easter and Easter Season over the next 50 days!



We extend a warm welcome to all who join us this Easter weekend! Whether you are with us every week, you are here visiting family and friends, or you have drifted from the practice of your faith, we are so glad that you are with us today. If there has been anything keeping you away from a more regular participation in the life of the parish, know that the Friars are most willing to help you however possible.

As a parish what we have to offer you each week, and indeed every day at Mass, is nothing that truly comes from us, but rather comes from Jesus himself in the Eucharist. This greatest of gifts can be received nowhere else. We gather as a worshipping community to give praise to God and thank him for his blessings. We gather not as those who have no sins, but as those traveling this life needing spiritual nourishment to reach where God is calling us to be with himself in heaven. We know we cannot do that without his help and we do so by praying with and for each other. You are invited by Jesus and us, this local worshipping community, to join us each week to be strengthened and nourished in Word and Sacrament. So once again, welcome and thank you for joining us today. We hope to see you again next week.

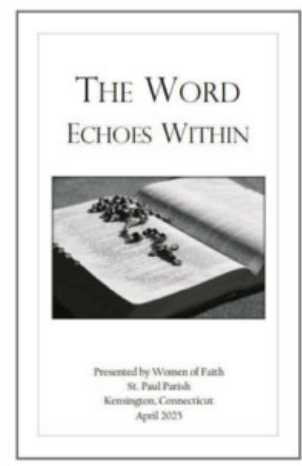
A Glance Ahead

TMIY! Men's Group	Saturday, April 19
Easter Sunday	Sunday, April 20
Holy Hour 4-5pm	Tuesday, April 22
Evening Rosary SHC 6pm.....	Wednesday, April 23
Confirmation at Cathedral	Saturday, April 26
Divine Mercy Sunday.....	Sunday, April 27
Fairwell to Josh Lifeteen/Edge Night	Sunday, April 27
HomeFront Day	Saturday, May 3
Children's Rosary at Sacred Heart	Saturday, May 3
First Holy Communion Masses.....	Sat., May 3/Sun., May 4
Pastoral Council Meeting.....	Monday, May 5
Women of Faith	Thursday, May 8
Blue Mass Committee Meeting.....	Thursday, May 8
Registration for New Parishioners	Monday, May 12
Polish Dinner	Saturday, May 24
SPS Golf Open	Monday, June 16

The Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 21.

YOUR EASTER GIFT FROM THE WOMEN OF FAITH

As you may recall, a few months ago our Women of Faith group invited parishioners to submit a favorite Bible verse, psalm, or prayer along with an explanation as to why those words resonate in a special way. The goal for this new project was to compile all of these verses, psalms, prayers and testimonies into a booklet which parishioners could enjoy and which could help foster a growth in faith and a stronger sense of community in our parish through our relationship with God.



The Women of Faith would like to thank everyone who contributed to this new project. They were pleased to receive so many submissions and such meaningful and heartfelt testimonies. All of your submissions have been compiled into a beautiful booklet: ***The Word Echoes Within***. Each family is invited to take one of these books home as an Easter gift. We hope that you will take time to read and reflect on *The Word* and how Sacred Scripture echoes within each of our hearts and within our parish community. *Alleluia!*

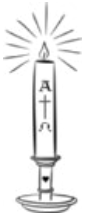
INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†**Nicoletta Barbagallo** by Rosa and Luigi Mai

Bread for the Poor will be offered this week in memory of

†**Hank and †Florence Peasley** by daughter Nancy



The 2025 Paschal Candle is sponsored
In Loving Memory of
†**Thomas and †Jeanne Higgins**
by their children
The Kurnik, Staus and Liegeot Families

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY?

Our next Registration Meeting is **Monday, May 12** 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.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS Those who have made the offering for the intention for each Mass are invited to present the bread and wine during the Offertory for that Mass. To do so, please arrive at least ten minutes before the start time of the Mass, go to the sacristy and let the sacristan know you would like to bring up the gifts. If no one comes forward by that time, others will be invited to present the gifts.

HOSPITAL VISITS Our friars will be happy to visit you or your loved one in the hospital if you kindly send a request. Call 860-828-0331 or email ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org.

TO REQUEST A LOW GLUTEN HOST Please arrive for Mass about 10 minutes early, go to the sacristy and let them know you need a low gluten host. Sit near the front of the new wing. Before Communion, look for a Eucharistic Minister to come forward with a consecrated host for you.

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.



Saturday, April 19, 2025 Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

8:00 **Intention of Celebrant**

Sunday, April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 †**Rena Monahan** 3 Years by Lynn Misteri

8:45 †**Al Rascoe** by family

10:30 **Easter Novena**

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

Monday, April 21, 2025 Monday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 **Easter Novena**

5:00 **NO MASS**

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 **NO MASS**

5:00 **Easter Novena**

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 **Easter Novena**

5:00 **NO MASS**

Thursday, April 24, 2025 Thursday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 **Easter Novena**

5:00 **NO MASS**

Friday, April 25, 2025 Friday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 **Easter Novena**

5:00 **NO MASS**

Saturday, April 26, 2025 Second Sunday of Easter

4:00 **Easter Novena**

Sunday, April 27, 2025 Second Sunday of Easter

7:30 **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**

9:00 **Mark and Mary Jane Duplin** 50th Wedding Anniversary
by the four children

10:30 †**Jean Spilka** Birthday by family

12:00 **Easter Novena**

Weekday Masses this Week - There is one weekday Mass per day this week. There will be a 7:00 am Mass on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On Tuesday the usual Holy Hour will be held at 4:00 pm followed by the 5:00 pm Mass.

Easter Memorials - In this weeks bulletin is the listing of all who donated toward our Easter Memorials that were received in time to meet the printing deadline. Any memorials received after the deadline will be printed in an upcoming bulletin. The Easter Novena Masses are for all of these intentions. **May all of our loved ones now share in the Lord's Resurrection!**

The Parish Collection amounts for April 15-21, 2025 were not available before the early bulletin printing deadline this week. The information will be posted in an upcoming bulletin.

Second Collections for May:

- May 11 - Maintenance & Repair
- May 18 - Catholic Communication Campaign

SHROUD PRESENTATION

Deacon Alan Germain, who has researched the Shroud of Turin for many years, visited our parish on April 9th for our final Wednesday evening Lenten Reflection. Deacon Alan share his extensive knowledge and insights about this mysterious artifact during an hour long presentation in the church. The event was well attended with many attendees staying afterwards to enjoy conversation, coffee and dessert in the church hall. Thanks to all who helped organize the event and to all who attended!

The Shroud 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. A recording of Deacon Alan's presentation can be found on our website.



Deacon Alan with
Fr. Michael.
Details about the
Shroud of Turin
can be found at
<https://shroud.com>



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: April 27, 2025

For readings online, scan or visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/042725.cfm>



First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Alleluia John 20:29

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe! R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

REMINDER: St. Paul Parishioners have 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.

FORMED

SAINT PAUL SCHOOL

Pictured at right:
The expression says it all!
We love seeing our students
get excited over art class!



Pictured at left:
Mrs. Rappi's Pre-K4 students
learned about Palm Sunday
last week, making their own
palm branches and acting out
the story of Jesus' entrance
into Jerusalem.



SPS is excited to announce a plan to transform areas of the school in order to make room for another preschool classroom. A short campaign is underway to raise funds over the next two months and to begin renovations this summer. Please consider making a contribution to this project. Any donation large or small will help us reach our goal. Thank you for your prayers and support! For details, scan above or visit:
<https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/preschool-addition-renovation>



SAINT PAUL SCHOOL

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

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

 Saint Paul School Kensington CT

 saintpaul.school



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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes ended on April 6.
Thank you to our 48 dedicated and faith-filled catechists
as well as our substitute catechists.

Now our staff is busy preparing for
three consecutive weekends of sacraments:
Confirmation: Saturday, April 26 at 10:00 am

Communion Masses:

Saturday, May 3 at 4:00 pm

Sunday, May 4 at 9:00 am and Noon

Saturday, May 10 at 4:00 pm

On behalf of myself, my assistant Linda and the catechists,
we wish you and your families a Blessed Easter.
Alleluia, He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!
~ Robin Veronesi, DRE



Photos are from the Children's Mass on April 6th.

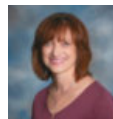
ST. PAUL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Monday-Thursday 8am - 2pm

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

 St Paul Parish Religious Ed Berlin CT

Email: religioused@stpaulkensington.org



Robin Veronesi
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(860) 828-1934 ext 320



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Steubenville EAST 2025 IS STILL HAPPENING!

The departure of our Youth Minister, Josh, does not change the plan to give our teens the opportunity to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference this summer!

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 QR Code or visit: <https://stpaulkensington.org/go-to-steubie>



"This conference opened my eyes to a life changing relationship with God."

- Charles Henriques, Senior at Berlin High School

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING—DATE CHANGE

A Spring Training session for all new servers will be held on **Tuesday, May 20th (note the date change)**, 6:30-7:30 pm.

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!* Questions? Email Josh at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org.

NBCCW 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 high school senior going into college. Each recipient must meet certain requirements outlined on the application. Applications must be requested via e-mail at nbccw2@gmail.com and must be received by **May 5, 2025**. Visit the parish website for details.



KGC SCHOLARSHIP

The Kensington Garden Club is seeking scholarship applicants among graduating high school student who reside in Berlin, E. Berlin or Kensington and who meet additional requirements. For details about this \$1,500 scholarship, visit our website or the KGC website here: <https://www.kensingtongardenclub.net/charity-fundraisers>



Life Teen/EDGE Combo Event

April 27 - Farewell Josh!



All 6-12 grade students are invited to join us on **Sunday, April 27** from 1:00-2:30pm as we say goodbye to our Youth Minister, Josh, who will be leaving his position here at the end of April and will be working as the new Associate Director of Youth & Young Adult Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Hartford.

There will be great food, games, prizes and a discussion on Divine Mercy Sunday. Invite your friends and join us for this celebration! Questions? Email Josh at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org.



Life Teen Event Sunday, May 4



All high school teens in grades 9-12 are welcome to join us on **Sunday, May 4**, 6:30-8:00pm in the St. Paul Church Hall.

Topic: "Four-Way Stop". We will explore the significance of the four marks of the Church. The goal of this Life Night is to help teens appreciate the gift of being part of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church and to instill in them a desire to reflect these marks in their own lives. Let's inspire our teens to deepen their faith and understand their unique role within the Church.

Questions? Please email Bud Volz at budvolz@comcast.net. Beginning in May, Bud will run our Life Teen Program until a new Director of Youth Ministry is hired.



See photos from our Operation Easter Lilly on page 10!

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 cook-outs 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. Scan the code to save these summer dates! Email Patrick Kennedy pkennedy1120@gmail.com with any questions.



POSTER CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Abby Georgini on winning the 2024 Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest for the State of CT!



The Monsignor Greylish Knights of Columbus Council #3675 was proud to represent four students who won at the local level and advanced to the state competition. Abby was the only artist from our parish to win at the state level. She is pictured below with Grand Knight, Bud Volz, and her sister Emma. Great job Abby!



POLISH DINNER!

Saturday, May 24, 2025

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



Tickets are available now for our annual Polish Dinner! This event helps support the charitable causes of the Knights of Columbus Council #3675.

- o Saturday, May 24, 2025
- o Saint Paul School Gym
- o 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Tickets are \$30 per person. Tables of 6 to 10 persons can be reserved. Enjoy a fun night out and authentic Polish Cuisine provided by Michael's Catering. BYOB.

Tickets are available now through

- o Tom Drzata 860-965-1373
- o Bud Volz 860-681-8355
- o Tom Sullivan 860-505-812
- o Parish Office 860-828-0331

HOMEFRONT 2025

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



HomeFront is a program that provides free repairs for low income homeowners.

Volunteers work with professionals to repair, paint and yardwork to improve property conditions.

This year's HomeFront project will take place **on Saturday, May 3rd**. All volunteers age 14 and older are welcome. Volunteers are needed that day from 7:30am to 5:00pm or any hours that fit your schedule! Any time you are able to give is appreciated! Lunch and snacks will be provided. Whether you are a skilled professional with experience in electrical, plumbing or carpentry or if you are able to do yardwork, painting or other tasks. please consider joining us.

To sign up, scan the QR code or click on the link below or contact Lynn at 860-913-5448.

<https://stpaulkensington.org/homefront>

Skilled professionals please contact

Bob Fischer: fischerwoodworking@snet.net.



Saint Paul School Annual Appeal Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the SPS 2024-2025 Annual Fund! With a goal of \$26,000, we hope to close the gap between tuition and the true cost of education. If you are able, please consider donating to help support our parish school. The Appeal deadline is June 30, 2025. We are grateful for any support you can offer. Thank you! For details, visit <https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/2024-2025-annual-appeal>

SAINT PAUL SCHOOL 36TH ANNUAL GOLF OPEN

Monday, June 16, 2025

Join us for a day of golf and fun in support of Saint Paul School!



This year's Golf Open will be held at Timberlin Golf Course.

To Register, Sponsor, Donate, or to Purchase Dinner-Only Tickets, scan the QR code below or visit <https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/golf-open>

Golf Bag Special: \$80 early registration / \$110 day-of (Includes raffle tickets, mulligans, air cannon, and beverage Cart tickets!) Your participation directly supports Catholic education, helping to cover the cost of classroom materials and building upkeep. Let's hit the course together for a great cause!



Questions may be directed to Denise Nowakowski, Director of Advancement at d.nowakowski@stpaulkensington.org.

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

Bobby Adamowicz	Deborah Kasper
Nancy Adamowicz	Leonard Kochanowski
Amara Alice	Maria Lauria
Jose Arcia	Jonh J. Lynch
Wendy Blackmar	Mary Jane Lynch
Ernie Bourcier	Lisa Mangiafico
June Brouillette	Fr. Paul Mangiafico
Cheryl Brown	Zbigniew Mazurek
George Bushnell	Mehagen McRae
Norma Cacchillo	Janet Michaud
Mark Camilleri	Nancy Motulko
Janet Carroll	Lenny Mulrooney
Doug Clarke	Dotti Nelson
Bryan Cook	Our Military
Roy Cooper	Emma Pagano
Arlene Cotrona	Judy Pappalardo
Lenny Cullen	Ada Payamis
Linda Cullen	Nathaniel Picklesimer
Martin Dagno	Joan Pinney
Marie DeFazio	Barbara Rich
Fr. Tony DeFronzo	Christopher Roddy
Gloria Doyle	Susana Romero
Judith Doyle	Shirley Sansone
Dick Dubay	Raul Seipel
Alyssa Dutkiewicz	Elizabeth Smulski
Josefina Fernandez	Brenda Stedman
Bill Filomena	Kevin Stanowski
Maureen Freeman	Angelica Szczygla
Lenore Gourley	Gabriel Szczygla
Tali Graney	Julia Szczygla
Zofia Grochot	Al Tee
Linda Hannold	Kathleen Vandrilla
Dede Hargraves	Linda D. Vasquez
Evan Hill	Scott Veley
Daniel A. Hurley	Kathleen Williams

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE!

Mother's Day Weekend: [May 9, 10 and 11](#)
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Msgr. Thomas L Greylish Council # 3675



The Flower Sale will be held at the St Paul Parish Green

- o Friday, May 9 1:00pm – 5:00pm
- o Saturday, May 10 9:00am – 5:30pm
- o Sunday, May 11 8:00am – 2:00pm

Proceeds will support Scholarships and other charitable groups within St Paul Parish and the Town of Berlin

MEN'S GROUP

The Spring Session of *TMIY* will continue through [May 3 2025](#).



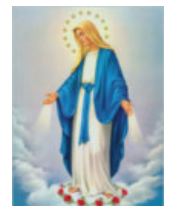
Guys, it's never too late to join us.

Our men's group meets in the St. Paul Church Hall each [Saturday morning](#) with breakfast (optional) at 6:30am and the program beginning at 7:00am. A 30-minute video is followed by 30 minutes of discussion. The program addresses the issues that men face in our modern culture, combining the best research from science with teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. Questions? Contact Bud Volz at budvolz@comcast.net or 860-681-8355 or visit our website <https://stpaulkensington.org/that-man-is-you>.



WEEKLY ROSARY AT SACRED HEART

Join us to pray the Rosary every Wednesday evening at Sacred Heart Church in E. Berlin from 6:00-6:30pm. Prayer booklets provided.



Next date: [Wednesday, April 23](#).

WOMEN OF FAITH Our Women of Faith group will host their next gathering at 7pm on [Thursday, May 8](#) 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.



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. To receive time-sensitive 'Action Alerts' and monthly newsletters from the CTPAC during the current legislative session visit <https://ctcatholic.org> or <https://action.ctcatholicpac.org>



BLUE MASS COMMITTEE MEETING



Our parish will be hosting our 2nd Annual Blue Mass and Reception on **Sunday, September 28** at the 12pm Mass.

A Blue Mass recognizes and honors the sacrifices made by those who serve in law enforcement and other emergency professions.

The first Blue Mass Committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 8** at 6:30 pm in the school library. If you would like to serve on this wonderful committee, please contact Elaine Pavasaris at bluemass@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.



NBCCW MEETING AND MASS The next meeting of the New Britain Council of Catholic Women is **Tuesday, April 29** at St. Paul Church. A Mass for the Living and Deceased members of the Council will be held at 5pm. Note that there will be a Holy Hour in progress from 4-5pm. All are welcome to come early to participate in that as well.

KGC PLANT SALE The Kensington Garden Club is hosting a Spring Plant Sale on **May 3, 2025** from 9am-1pm at the VFW, 152 Massirio Drive, Berlin. Order deadline is April 17. Order pick up is May 2 from 10am to 3pm at the VFW. For details and the order form, visit our website or the KGC website: <https://www.kensingtongardenclub.net/charity-fundraisers>

FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

The following items are being requested at this time:
Soups, Spaghetti sauce, Pasta, Canned fruits, Canned vegetables (low sodium), Beans, Spaghettios, Ravioli, Tuna

Volunteers will transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and set up for distribution on **Thurs., April 24 at 9:00am**. Volunteers will also help with distribution on **Fri., April 25 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.

WORD SEARCH

MARY
MAGDALA
TOMB
MORNING
STONE

REMOVED
PETER
DISCIPLE
BURIAL
CLOTHS

COVERED
BELIEVED
UNDERSTAND
SCRIPTURE
RISE

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ARCHBISHOP'S 2025 ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to all who have donated to the 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a donation, please prayerfully consider making a contribution. The AAA supports the programs indicated in the 2025 Appeal literature including organizations in our area that make a difference in the lives of our neighbors. No Appeal funds are used for legal fees/settlements. To learn more visit: www.archdioceseofhartford.org Thank you!



Ryan T. Lee Memorial Foundation's RY OF LIGHT CHALLENGE - April 26

Many people who knew Ryan Lee say that he was like a ray of sunshine in their day that lifted their spirits and made them feel happy inside. For his birthday, the Ryan Lee Foundation would like to remember his spirit in a way that generates what it means for someone to be a ray of light in someone's life by promoting kindness, selflessness, patience, love... On April 26 please post your pictures/videos of how you and your group accepted the CHALLENGE to #Ryoflightchallenge on facebook or twitter. After April 26, everyone can visit those sites to see all the things our community did to help us MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



Blessed Carlo Acutis will soon be Saint Carlo Acutis!

Carlo Acutis will become the Catholic Church's first millennial saint at a canonization Mass on April 27 in St. Peter's Square in Rome.

Carlo Acutis was born in 1991, in London to a wealthy Italian family, and he grew up in Milan. His precocious faith journey took off after he received First Communion at the young age of 7, and he regularly attended daily Mass, prayed the rosary and participated in eucharistic adoration.

While he enjoyed regular pastimes for his age - hiking, video games, and joking around with friends - he also taught catechism in a local parish and did outreach to the homeless. Acutis used his computer savvy to create an online exhibit about more than 100 eucharistic miracles recognized by the church over many centuries, focused on the real presence of Christ. At the age 15, Carlo fell ill. Ten days later, he died of acute leukemia at a hospital in northern Italy. His body was later transferred to an Assisi cemetery as Acutis had asked, because of his devotion to the hometown medieval saint, St. Francis.

from apnews.com

We will share more about Carlo in next week's bulletin. Also, prayer cards will be available for you to take home after Mass next weekend. Parents, this is a great opportunity to talk with your kids about this teenage saint!

Also, a special Youth Ministry event will be held on [April 27th](#). All students in grades 6-12 are invited to this event where we will learn more about Carlo and his incredible life! Don't miss this Lifeteen/EDGE event on 4/27, 1:00-2:30pm in the church

Tickets are on sale now for a new film about Carlo's life.

Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality

"In a world losing itself to screens, teenage mystic Carlo Acutis saw beyond our social media-addicted society and offered an answer—if we're willing to listen. Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality explores the life of the first millennial saint while following teens on a phone-free pilgrimage to his tomb, immersing them in his story, his passion for Christ, and a search for meaning in a digital age." For more info, scan the code below or visit <https://www.CarloAcutisFilm.com>



Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality | Official Trailer



OPERATION EASTER LILY

Our Youth Ministry program hosted a special service project on Palm Sunday, April 13th. Operation Easter Lily. Middle and high school students, along with Core Team chaperones, made personal deliveries of Easter Lilies to families in the Kensington/Berlin Community who lost a loved one in the last year.

This project was a wonderful way for our young people to live out the spiritual works of mercy and to let members of the parish community know that they are in our prayers and that we are grieving with them.

Thank you to all of our young people who helped us share hope and joy this Easter Season!



CHILDREN'S ROSARY

Join us on Saturday, [May 3rd](#) 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 cheryl batter@att.net.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



As we celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, I extend my heartfelt Easter blessings to each and every one of you in the Archdiocese of Hartford. This holy season is a time of hope, renewal, and joy—a reminder that no matter the darkness we may face in the midst of daily life, the light of Christ shines brightly, offering us the promise of eternal life.

The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our faith. It is through His victory over death that we are given new life, and with it, the strength to overcome the challenges of this world. In this time of celebration, we are reminded that God's love is unfailing and His mercy knows no bounds.

As we gather in prayer and worship, let us also reflect on the ways in which we are called to share this gift of hope with those around us, those known to us and those unknown. In a world that often seems divided, it is our calling to be instruments of peace and reconciliation, offering the love and compassion of Christ to all we encounter.

I encourage each of you to live this Easter season with a renewed commitment to faith, service, and charity. May the peace and joy of the risen Christ fill your hearts and homes, and may you carry that peace into your communities and the world.

Know that you are always in my prayers. Please keep me in yours. May God bless you and your loved ones with His abundant grace and peace this Easter and always.

With Easter joy and blessings,

× Christopher J. Coyne

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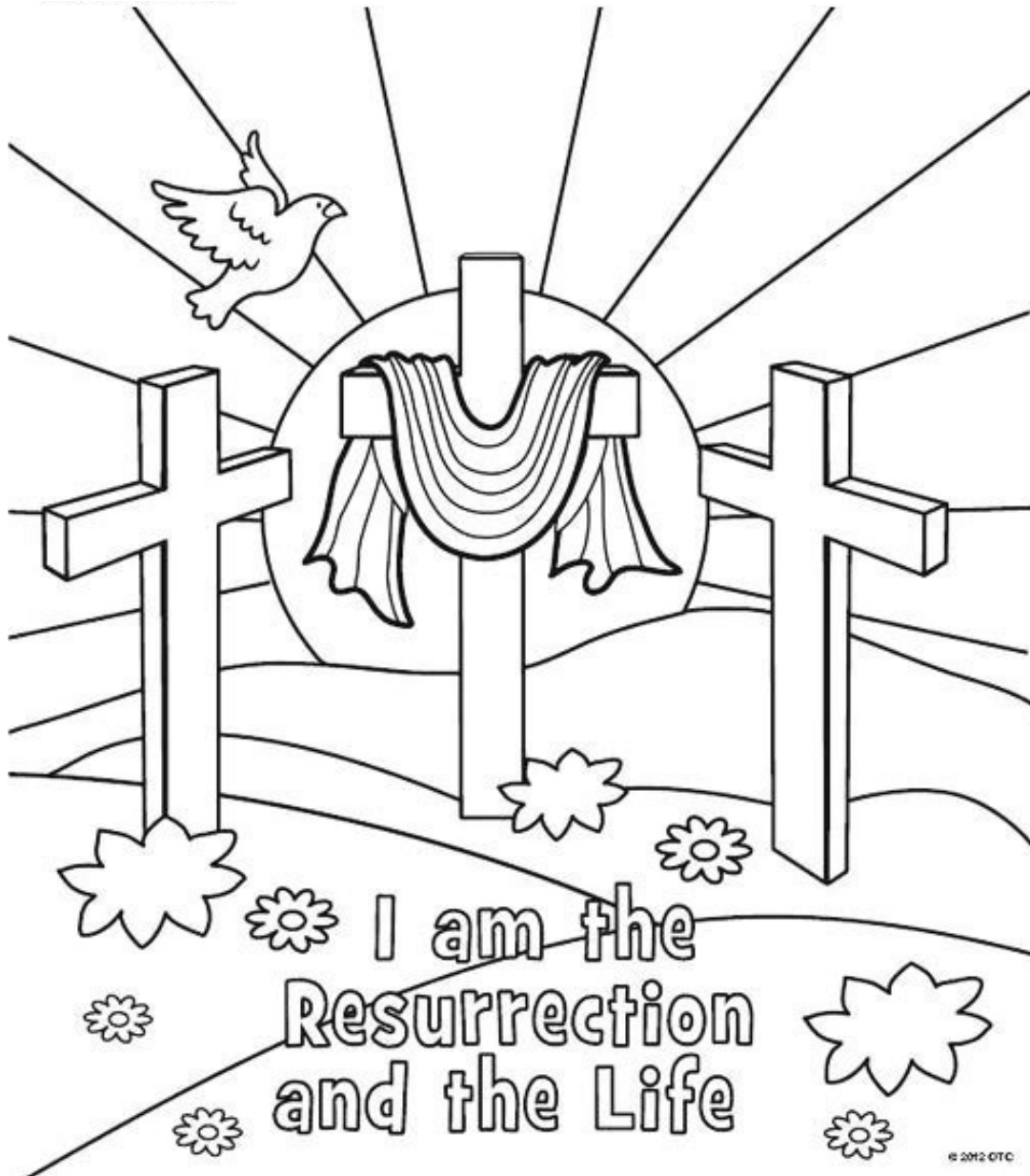
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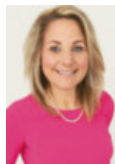
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