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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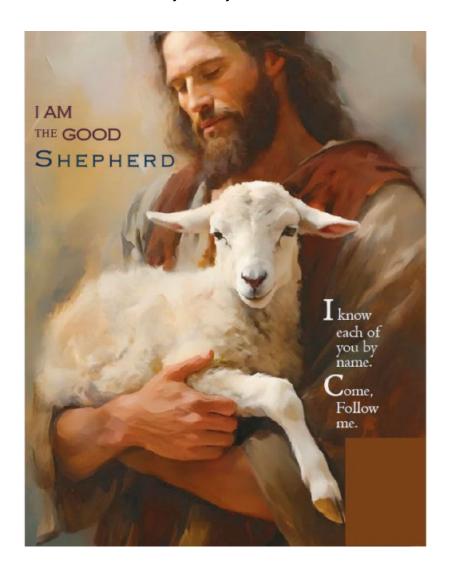
A Franciscan Family of Faith

St. Paul Church - 485 Alling St, Kensington CT 06037 Sacred Heart Church - 48 Cottage St, East Berlin CT 06023

May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations



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

PARISH NEWS

Today, the 4th Sunday of Easter, is World Day of Prayer for Vocations, also known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. The purpose of this special day is to publicly celebrate vocations to ordained ministry and religious life in all its forms. It is also a particular day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life so that their will be sufficient "Good Shepherds" to lead the people of God. "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood and religious life.

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.

Please join us in celebrating our friars this weekend!

Fr. Raymond, Fr. Michael and Fr. Martin:

Thank you for responding to God's invitation to the priesthood and for your dedication and selfless service to the people of God and especially to our St. Paul parish family.



A Glance Ahead

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Since the Archdiocese of Hartford began praying the Prayer for Priestly Vocations, we've had:

- 119 new phone calls from men interested in discerning a vocation to the priesthood.
- A class of 5 new men entering seminary in 2024, the largest class in almost 20 years!
- 11 men applying to begin formation in 2025, the largest class in many decades!
- 77 parishes have started a Parish Vocations Committee (including St. Paul Parish).
- Over 500 nominations through the Called by Name program.
- 22 men in formation for the permanent diaconate.
- 31 young women have begun discerning a vocation to religious and consecrated life!

The numbers above are from Hartford Priest: https://www.hartfordpriest.com







INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†Genevieve Stachelek Anniversary Remembrance by family

†Theresa Chmielewski by Theresa and family

†Rita Dupuis

Mother's Day Remembrance by Bev, Jody, Robin and Loretta

†Barbara Brochetti

5 Year Anniversary by Linda Laviana and family

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

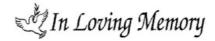
†Peter Lavery Birthday Remembrance by family

†Pamela Carey by Cindy and Dan Wagner

William Urquhart Anniversary by Erika Gilleran

The Bread for the Poor will be Offered this week for

†Clara Barberini and †Catherine Criniti by Esther Criniti



†Judith Ann Rao

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.

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.

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, May 10, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:00 **†Anne Gay** by family

Sunday, May 11, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day

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

9:00 Mother's Day Novena

10:30 Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish

12:00 **†Leon Supinski** by Kowalczyk family

Monday, May 12, 2025 Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, St. Pancras

7:00 Mother's Day Novena

5:00 **†Genevieve Stachelek** Anniversary Remembrance

by family

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 Our Lady of Fatima

7:00 †Hubbard and †Sylvester Families

by John G. Hubbard family

†Remy Martula by wife and children

8:45 Students of Saint Paul School

5:00 Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 St. Matthias

7:00 †Lucille, †Rose and †Vincent Micacci

by Anthony Micacci

5:00 Mother's Day Novena

Thursday, May 15, 2025 St. Isidore

7:00 Mother's Day Novena

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

†Eugenio Ricciardi by Emanuele Lombardo

†Souls in Purgatory by Emanuele Lombardo

†Peter Lavery Birthday Remembrance by family

Frs. Michael, Martin and Raymond by a parishioner

Friday, May 16, 2025 Easter Weekday

7:00 †Deceased Friars, Families, Friends

and Benefactors of the Friars

5:00 Mother's Day Novena

Saturday, May 17, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 18, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 Mother's Day Novena

9:00 **†Louis Dubay** by Ron and Joan Vancour

10:30 Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish

12:00 †Ada and †John Armstrong by Arlene Cotrona

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.

Happy Mother's Day to all moms!

May the Lord bless you abundantly and for those who have gone before us, may they now be at peace.

May our Blessed Mother, to whom this month is dedicated, intercede for all of our moms living and deceased.



A Prayer for Mothers

Heavenly Father, thank you for your special gift of mothers and for the example of Your unconditional love they share with their children.

Lord, today we pray that you will protect and guide mothers everywhere; that you will grant them Your wisdom in loving and teaching their children.

Today, may children everywhere remember the warm caresses and whispers in the night; the tears dried, band-aids placed, the hugs and kisses, and the laughter too. Thank you for the mothers who played with us and prayed with and for us.

Today, may we remember Mom's beauty when we were young and her loveliness discovered as we aged.

Lord, today draw especially close the mothers who are alone, for whatever reason, and grant them Your comfort, Your Peace. And for the children who are alone, because of distance, death, or indifference, may any good memories flood their minds. And if they're not good memories, may forgiveness burst forth from their hearts and revive in them long lost joy.

Today as we honor, celebrate, or simply reflect on the woman who raised us, we thank you, Lord, for Life and for Mom!

We make our prayer through Mary's son, Jesus.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: May 18, 2025

For readings online, scan or visit

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/051825.cfm

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 *I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.*

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a

Alleluia John 13:34 R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Parish Collection	In Church SP	\$ 11,182
April 29-May 5, 2025	Office	\$ 2,183
	Online Giving	\$ 5,449
	Total	\$ 18,814

Second Collections for May:

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

In the bulletin today is the listing of all who donated toward the Mother's Day Memorials. Any memorials received after the May 5th deadline will be printed in a future bulletin. The nine Mother's Day Novena Masses, from Sunday, May 11 through Monday, May 19 are for all of these intentions.

REMINDER: NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS JUNE 1ST

Beginning June 1. 2025, the Mass Times will be as follows:

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4pm Vigil

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:00am Tuesday* and Thursday at 5:00pm

All Masses are at St. Paul Church

*Holy Hour will continue to be held on Tuesday evenings from 4:00pm-5:00pm.

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 May, it will remain on the list through the end of June.) 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** June Brouillette Cheryl Brown George Bushnell Mark Camilleri Janet Carroll Doug Clarke Bryan Cook **Roy Cooper** Karen Cote Arlene Cotrona Lenny Cullen Linda Cullen Martin Dagno Marie DeFazio Fr. Tony DeFronzo Gloria Doyle Judith Doyle Dick Dubay Alyssa Dutkiewicz Josefina Fernandez Bill Filomena Maureen Freeman Tali Graney Zofia Grochot Linda Hannold 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 Nancy Motulko Lenny Mulrooney Dotti Nelson **Our Military** Emma Pagano Judy Pappalardo Steven Pavano Ada Payamis Nathaniel Picklesimer Joan Pinney Barbara Rich Christopher Roddy Susana Romero Shirley Sansone Raul Seipel Elizabeth Smulski Kevin Stanowski Brenda Stedman Angelica Szczygla Gabriel Szczygla Julia Szczygla Al Tee Kathleen Vandrilla Linda D. Vasquez Scott Velev Clifford White Kathleen Williams

TJ Larkin



Sistine Chapel photo credit: Vatican Media

Prayer for Pope Francis and the Election of a New Pope

Lord, as the Church enters this time of transition. we ask for the guidance of Your Holy Spirit. Pour forth Your wisdom upon the College of Cardinals as they gather to discern Your will for the successor to the Chair of St. Peter.

Grant them clarity of mind, purity of heart, and courage of spirit, that they may choose a shepherd after Your own heart, one who will lead Your flock with wisdom, holiness, and love.

May the new pope be a faithful witness to Your truth, a compassionate minister to all in need, and a unifying presence in our divided world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

> Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. St. Peter, pray for us. All holy men and women, pray for us.

> > Source: https://thecatholiccrusade.com

13th of the Month Rosary - This Week A faithful group of parishioners gathers at noon on the 13th of each month to pray the Rosary in St. Paul Church. All are welcome to join them, especially for the next Rosary gathering at 12pm on Tuesday, May 13th,

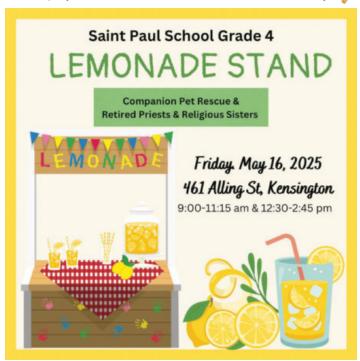


during this Month of Mary and on the Anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. Please join us!

SAINT PAUL SCHOOL



Stop by our 4th Grade Lemonade Stand This Friday!



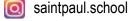
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Apply/learn more on our admissions page: https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/admissions



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

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860-828-4343 x113
admissions@stpaulkensington.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This weekend and last weekend, 85 of our 3rd graders are receiving (received) their 1st Holy Communions. We are so happy to welcome them, their parents, godparents, grandparents and indeed all those visiting our parish to join in the celebration of this very important occasion.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, bless these children. May their First Holy Communion be their first step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist. We ask Jesus to give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to Him for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. May their hands, extended to receive Our Lord, inspire all of us to cherish even more this most sacred Sacrament.



Group photo of the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, May 3. Fr. Martin was the celebrant. Photo credit: Lynn Ginolfi.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Sebby Sorrentino, who generously volunteers his time each year to take First Communion photos free of charge for the families. Visit our website to see the full photo album.

Registration for the 2025-2026 Religious Ed program will open in mid-July.

ST. PAUL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Monday-Thursday 8am - 2pm

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

St Paul Parish Religious Ed Berlin CT Email: religioused@stpaulkensington.org



Robin Veronesi

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



Linda Beaudoin Administrative Assistant

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YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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



Life Teen/EDGE Combo Event

May 18 - A Social Night with a theme on Marian Apparitions



All 6-12 grade students are invited to join us on Sunday, May 18th from 6:30-8:00pm for a social night on Marian Apparitions. The goal of the night is to encourage

teens to pray (1) more frequently and (2) in communion, two themes common to Marian apparitions. There will be great food, games and prizes. Invite your friends and join us for this celebration!



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

Life Teen/EDGE Combo Event

June 1 - End of the Year Celebration!



All 6-12 grade students are invited to join us on Sunday, June 1st from 1:00-2:30pm for a fun gathering to celebrate the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

The event will be held in the St. Paul Church Hall* and we will have pizza and make-your-own sundaes!

*Note the location change. To avoid any unexpected weather -related issues, the event has been moved from the Parish Green to the Church Hall

Invite your friends and join us for this celebration! Questions? Email Bud Volz at budvolz@comcast.net.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

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! Please call the parish office if you have any questions.

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Paul Parish & the Town of Berlin are once again teaming up to plant and tend to a garden plot in the Hatchery Brook Community Garden on Orchard Road in Berlin.



The vegetables that are grown are

distributed through both the Town Food Bank and through our parish St. Clare Food Pantry. Volunteers are needed to help get our garden started this season! This is a beautiful way to serve others and a fun way for Confirmation Students to complete a Service Event! All parishioners are welcome!

- Cleanup Date: Wednesday May 14th at 5:30 pm
- Planting Date: Saturday May 17th at 9:00 am

The location is the Hatchery Brook Community Garden at 685 Orchard Road. Tools will be provided. Please bring garden gloves if you have them. If you have any questions, please contact Krista Hilbie at hilbie@comcast.net or Nancy Kennure at kennmdk@comcast.net

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. Our first event will be on Tuesday, May 20th -Welcome Home Bonfire from 6:30-8:00pm on the Parish Green! This summer 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. Scan the code to save these summer dates! Email Patrick Kennedy

(pkennedy1120@gmail.com) with any questions.





FILM REVIEW!

A group of young men from our parish recently went to see the new film about the life of Carlo Acutis. a young man from Italy who died at the age of 14 and who will soon be declared a saint.

Below is a recap of the film by parishioner Tony deRito who organized the group outing.

Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality

The Carlo Acutis film had everyone in attendance glued to the screen. Carlo became relatable and inspiring to all of us while watching this film. The way Carlo chose to navigate the modern world while maintaining his holiness and his love for the Eucharist was very inspiring.

The film tackled how technology is changing our fundamental understanding of what it means to be human. This aspect of the film was captured by following a group of students as they took a pilgrimage to Italy to visit Carlo's tomb.

The students went on this pilgrimage without any of their technology. This allowed them the opportunity to dive deep into Carlo's way of thinking.

The students were totally transformed by the end of their pilgrimage. As they saw Carlo laying in his tomb wearing a sweatshirt, jeans and sneakers, as if he were to get up and speak to them, they saw Carlo as their friend and as someone who they wanted to be more like.

The beauty of the Catholic faith as Carlo saw it was front and center in the film especially, and most importantly for Carlo, the Eucharist. The film also tackled the reality of loneliness among so many young people in our current generation even though they are more connected than ever to the modern world through technology. A powerful and real image is portrayed of how young people are searching for meaning in a world of technology that incorporates algorithms meant to isolate them.

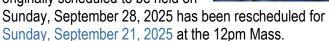
So many young people crave real purpose in their lives today. The movie clearly points out the solution to this problem, as Carlo saw it; being holy and becoming a saint.



Learn more at: https://carloacutisfilm.com

BLUE MASS DATE CHANGE!

Please note that the Blue Mass originally scheduled to be held on



Save the date and look for details in upcoming bulletins.



Image from hartfordpriest.com

MEN'S GROUP

Celebrate Easter with our TMIY/Cor Men's Ministry.

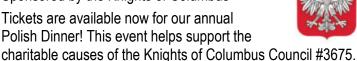




All men are invited to join our TMIY/Cor group on Saturday mornings as we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. Our Lord commissioned us to spread the Good News that death has been defeated by our Lord through His Resurrection. Each week, a presentation helps us to deepen our faith, expand our prayer life, and share the Grace of God with other men. We meet each Saturday morning in the St. Paul Church Hall at 7:00 am for a 30-minute video followed by a discussion for 30 minutes.

You are also welcome to enjoy coffee and breakfast with us in the kitchen at 6:30am. Questions? Contact Bud Volz at budvolz@comcast.net or 860-681-8355.

POLISH DINNER! Saturday, May 24, 2025 Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



Please join us on Saturday, May 24, 2025 in the Saint Paul School Gym from 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 by Michael's Catering. BYOB. Tickets available now through

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

ROSARY & REFRESHMENTS AT SACRED HEART



All are welcome to join our growing group of parishioners who gather every Wednesday evening to pray the Rosary from 6:00pm to 6:30pm at Sacred Heart Church in E. Berlin.

On Wednesday, May 14th, in celebration of honoring the Blessed Mother during this month of May, a social gathering including refreshments will be held in the Sacred Heart Church Hall after the Rosary. (Prayer booklets are provided for the Rosary.)

All are welcome to join us in prayer and in fellowship.

FCODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

The following items are being requested at this time: mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, dressings, marinades, oil, spices, pickles, relishes, pudding/jello.

Volunteers will transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and set up for distribution on Thurs., May 22 at **9:00am**. Volunteers will also help with distribution on Fri., May 23 at **10:30am** at Sacred Heart Church.

For transportation to FoodShare at Sacred Heart, please 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.



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.

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.

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 timesensitive 'Action Alerts' and monthly newsletters from the CTPAC during the current legi-



letters from the CTPAC during the current legislative session visit https://ctcatholic.org or https://action.ctcatholicpac.org

A Message from the CT Catholic Public Affairs Conference Friday, May 2, 2025: Thank You to those who contacted their Representatives on HB 7213. The bill was successfully amended to remove the sections that would have deleted the abortion regulations in our state. This would not have been possible without your support. You were heard.

For all the details visit ctcatholicpac.org.

PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE

Do you know someone who is going through a difficult time and in need of comfort? Perhaps they are mourning the loss of a loved one, suffering through medical issues or dealing with



depression. The St. Paul Prayer Shawl Ministry has a variety of shawls available; they are appropriate for men, women and children. The women in the Ministry knit/crochet these beautiful shawls and include their prayers and good wishes in each one. There is no charge for the shawls but donations are appreciated. If you are interested in getting a shawl, contact Jeanne Charbonneau: 860-913-9023 or jcharb21@gmail.com

Mother's Day Flower Sale **This weekend!**



At the Parish Green and after all Masses in the rear parking lot.

Proceeds will support scholarships and other charitable initiatives within St. Paul Parish and the Town of Berlin.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Msgr. Greylish Council #3675

Mother's Day Flower Sale



May 9, 10 & 11, 2025 St. Paul Parish Green

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



MEN'S HOLY HOUR

Sunday, May 18, 2025 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm St. Paul Church

Come and spend an hour with our Lord!



Annual Archdiocesan Mass of Remembrance

All are welcome to attend the Annual Archdiocesan Mass of Remembrance on Wednesday, May 21 at 5:30 pm at Saint Anthony Parish, 4 Union City Road, Prospect. The celebrant is Fr. Glen Dmytryszyn, Director of the Respect Life Ministry. This Mass is a time to remember our children who have died from any cause. The causes are numerous, but the resulting emotions of pain, longing, and sorrow are the same. Please join us in praying for children who have died by miscarriage, illness, abortion or any cause, and for their families. More information can be found at prolifeministry.org.

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 (Incl. raffle tickets, mulligans, air cannon, and beverage Cart tickets!) Questions may be directed to Denise Nowakowski, Director of Advancement at d.nowakowski@stpaulkensington.org.



Saint Paul School Advancement Update Thank you, St. Paul Parishioners, for your

Thank you, St. Paul Parishioners, for your continued support of Saint Paul School.



Annual Fund: We've raised \$15,300 toward our \$26,000 goal to help bridge the tuition gap.

Auction: Raised \$63,000 - thank you!

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The Fr. Joseph Benicewicz Memorial Scholarship continues his legacy of faith and dedication to Catholic education. In addition, a PreK3 classroom renovation is planned to better serve our youngest students.

Learn more:

https://www.ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/advancement-support

SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT

Thanks to many kind donations, we are steadily making our way to fully funding our classroom renovation project this summer! The addition of another Pre-K3 classroom is becoming a reality, and we are so excited! Renovations are set to begin in mid-June. We have now registered a second class of 15 Pre-K3 "Little Lions", increasing our enrollment next year to 272 students! We still need your help to offset the cost of this project. No donation is too big or too small! Please consider donating to the renovation project by scanning the QR code or clicking the link below. Thank you for your support of this exciting renovation as we continue Growing in Faith at Saint Paul School! God Bless!

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Mercy High School President Alissa DeJonge proudly announces 3rd Quarter Honor Roll for the 2024-2025 academic year:



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HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY

- Begin by making the Sign of the Cross.
- Holding the crucifix pray the Apostles' Creed.
- 3. On the first bead pray the Our Father.
- Pray one Hail Mary on the next three beads for an increase in faith, hope and charity.
- On the next bead pray the Glory Be.
- Before praying the next set of ten beads (called a 'decade'), state the first mystery, imagine the event, and meditate on it. Then pray 1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's and the Glory Be. Fatima Prayer is optional.
- Repeat until the five decades are prayed.
- 8. Pray the Hail, Holy Queen.
- 9. Finish by making the Sign of the Cross

The Joyful Mysteries (Mondays and Saturdays)

- The Annunciation of the birth of the Lord to Mary by the archangel Gabriel
- The Visitation of Our Lady with St. Elizabeth, the mother of St. John the Baptist
- 3. The Nativity of Our Lord
- 4. The Presentation of the Christ Child in the Temple
- 5. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

The Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays)

- 1. The Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane
- 2. The Scourging of Jesus
- 3. The Crowning with Thorns
- 4. The Carrying of the Cross
- The Crucifixion

The Luminous Mysteries (Thursdays)

- 1. The Baptism of Our Lord in the River Jordan
- The Self-Manifestation of Our Lord at the Wedding at Cana
- 3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
- 4. The Transfiguration of Our Lord
- 5. The Last Supper, when the Eucharist was Instituted

The Glorious Mysteries (Wednesdays and Sundays)

- 1. The Resurrection
- 2. The Ascension
- 3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
- 4. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 5. The Coronation of the Blessed Mother



The Sign of the Cross: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen

Apostles' Creed: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as is was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Fatima Prayer O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary, Pray for us oh holy mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

> "There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."

> > -Sr Lucia of Fatima

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All professionals age 18-39 are welcome!

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Networking Happy Hour
Thomas Hooker Brewery in Bloomfield
May 29, 2025 at 6:30 pm



YCP Fairfield County

YCP Fairfield County's Next Event: Mastering the Art of Influence Jun 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm in Norwalk.



NBCCW MEETING

The New Britain Council of Catholic Women will hold its May meeting at St Jerome's in New Britain on May 22 at 1pm. We will be saying the Blessed



Rosary together. Refreshment will follow. All women of St. Paul Parish are welcome to attend If you have any questions, please email the NBCCW at nbccw2@gmail.com

ENDERS ISLAND Upcoming programs at Saint Edmund's Retreat at Enders Island in Mystic include a 'Day of Recollection: Star of the Sea' retreat on May 14 focused on deepening your connection to the Blessed Mother and "Relics of the Saints - A Day of Exploration, Veneration, Transformation" on June 4. For details, visit our website, or enders.is/programs or call 860.536.0565x0.

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