

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

Sacred Heart Church
48 Cottage St., E. Berlin, CT 06023

MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00pm Vigil
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm
Monday, Wednesday and Friday - 7:00am
Tuesday and Thursday - 5:00pm

All Masses are at St. Paul Church and are live streamed.
There are no regular Masses at Sacred Heart Church.

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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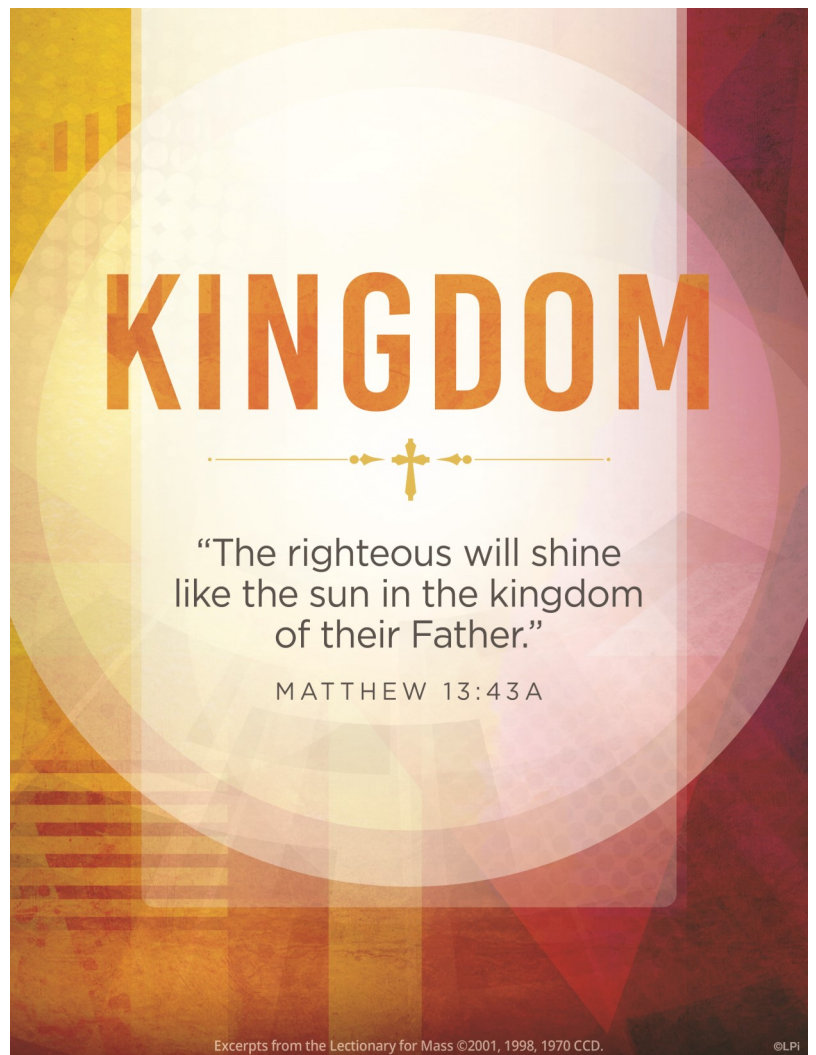
St. Paul Catholic Parish

A Franciscan Family of Faith

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

July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

-Pope Francis

INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†**Raymond J. Prey** Birthday Remembrance by sister Marjorie

†**Louis Quarti** Birthday Remembrance by daughter Linda

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†**Constance M. DiLorenzo** 106th Birthday Remembrance
with Love by Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Gionfriddo

†**Justin Longo** In Memory Of by his aunt Karen Stifel

†**Ryan Patrick McLaughlin** by father and family



†**Lewis Charles Pia**

†**Kathleen Vandrilla**

*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.

MASS INTENTIONS—3RD QUARTER 2026

The Mass Book for [Oct.](#), [Nov.](#) & [Dec. 2026](#) is now open for all intentions. To book a Mass, please call the parish office at 860-828-0331 (M-F 9am-4pm)

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.

HELPING HANDS Our Helping Hands ministry assists our senior parishioners by providing social and spiritual support. If you or someone you know is a senior who would like to receive assistance through this ministry, or if you would like to volunteer, contact the office at 860-828-0331 or call Mark Duplin at 860-977-9931 or mfduplin@outlook.com or visit us at: <https://stpaulkensington.org/ministry/helping-hands/>

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

Saturday, July 18, 2026 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm †**John and †Jeanette Duly**

by Chris and Edward Bratina

Sunday, July 19, 2026 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**

10:00 am †**Cheryl B. Murphy** 6 Month Remembrance & Birthday
by Cathy and John Simeone

12:00 pm †**Jennifer D'Ambrosio Vernali** 14 Year Anniversary
by mom, dad and sister Jessica

Monday, July 20, 2026 St. Apollinaris

7:00 am †**Joseph Machonis** by Simkulak family

Tuesday, July 21, 2026 St. Lawrence of Brindisi

5:00 pm **The Banulski Family** by Lucy Skinger

Wednesday, July 22, 2026 St. Mary Magdalene

7:00 am †**Deceased Friars, Families, Friends and
Benefactors of the Franciscan Order**

Thursday, July 23, 2026 St. Bridget

5:00 pm †**Nicholas D'Avirro** 5th Anniversary by family

†**Maria Calafiore** by Emanuele Lombardo

†**Roland Angeli** 26 Year Anniversary
by Tina and family

†**Helen, †Christopher, †Leslie and**

†**Eugene Dilzer** by Rachel Marcelino

†**Michael Lomascolo, †Pat Tucciarone and**

Lenny Bisaccia by Karen, Fil and Paula

Friday, July 24, 2026 St. Sharbel Makhluf

7:00 am †**Richard Condon** by friend

Saturday, July 25, 2026 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm †**Jacqueline Timko** by Roz and family

Sunday, July 26, 2026 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am †**Tadeusz Cichocki** by Chlastawa family

10:00 am †**Frances E. Gentile** 10th Anniversary
by wife, children and grandchildren

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

Mass will be celebrated for the intentions listed below by the Franciscan Friars Conventual at a time and location to be determined by the friars:

Saturday, July 18, 2026

†**Zofia Szczygiel** by daughter Angela

Armando & Erlinda Mendaros Wedding Anniversary by family

Sunday, July 19, 2026

†**Alfred Callegari** by family

†**Henry and †Sophie Witz** Anniversary Remembrance
by Nancy Witz

†**Chuck Pagano, Sr.** 8 Year Anniversary Remembrance
by Cheryl

Monday, July 20, 2026

Armando & Erlinda Mendaros Wedding Anniversary by family

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

†**Dominic DeFrancesco** by wife Maria

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

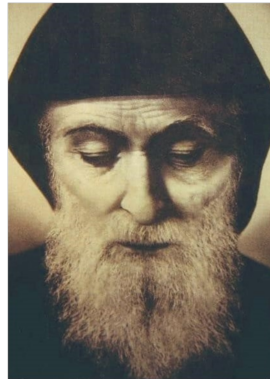
†**Gail Parks** by the Adamowicz family

ST. SHARBEL (also St. Charbel) MEMORIAL JULY 24

The Lebanese saint who unites Christians and Muslims
-from ewtnnews.com

St. Charbel Makhoul is known in Lebanon for the miraculous healings of those who visit his tomb to seek his intercession, both Christians and Muslims.

"St. Charbel has no geographic or confessional limits. Nothing is impossible for [his intercession] and when people ask [for something], he answers," Father Louis Matar, coordinator of the Shrine of St. Charbel in Annaya, Lebanon, told CNA.



Speaking in Arabic with the help of an interpreter, Matar said the shrine, which encompasses the monastery where the Maronite Catholic priest, monk, and hermit lived for nearly 20 years, receives approximately 4 million visitors a year, including both Christians and Muslims.

Matar, who is responsible for archiving the thousands of medically-verified healings attributed to the intercession of the Maronite priest-monk, said that many miraculous cures have been obtained by Muslims.

Since 1950, the year the monastery began to formally record the miraculous healings, they have archived more than 29,000 miracles, Matar said. Prior to 1950, miracles were verified only through the witness of a priest. Now, with more advanced medical technology available, alleged miracles require medical documents demonstrating the person's initial illness and later, their unexplainable good health.

One of the miracles documented by Matar at the end of December 2018 was that of a 45-year-old Italian woman. Suffering from a neurological disease, she was hospitalized after it was discovered she had tried to commit suicide by consuming acid.

In the hospital, the doctors discovered that the damage to her esophagus and intestines was so extensive, "the last way possible to cure her was believing in God and praying," Matar commented.

The woman's parents began to pray, inviting others to pray with them. A religious sister of the Maronite rite heard about the prayer request and gave them holy oil from St. Charbel. After they spread the oil on the suffering woman's stomach, chest, and head, she was cured.

This was just one of seven miracles archived that month, Matar said, calling each one "a phenomenon."

"St. Charbel is a tool to reach God," he said.

The Shrine of St. Charbel is composed of the Monastery of St. Maron, where the saint lived for 19 years with great

A Glance Ahead

TM! Men's Group, 7am Saturday, July 18
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, July 19
Mother's Rosary, 2pm Monday, July 20
Holy Hour, 4pm Tuesday, July 21
Evening Rosary, 6pm at SH Wednesday, July 22
Quilters & Crafters, 9am Thursday, July 23
Concert on the Green - *Locomotion* Thursday, July 23
Steubenville East Youth Conference Weekend . July 24-26
TM! Men's Group, 7am Saturday, July 25
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, July 26
*Friars at Chapter Meeting Week of July 27
***NO HOLY HOUR Tuesday, July 28**
Young Men's Bible Study, 6pm Tuesday, July 28
Youth "S'more of Jesus" event Wednesday, July 29
Evening Rosary, 6pm at SH Wednesday, July 29
Quilters & Crafters, 9am Thursday, July 30
Faces of the Homeless presentation Thursday, July 30
*Faith Formation Registration CLOSES Friday, July 31
Children's Rosary, 10am SHC Saturday, August 1
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 2
Young Adult Outdoor Event, 3pm Sunday, August 2
Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord ... Thurs., August 6
New Members Registration, 7pm Monday, August 10
Young Men's Bible Study, 6pm Tuesday, August 11
13th of the Month Rosary, 12pm Thursday, August 13
Feast of the Assumption Saturday, August 15
Concert on the Green - *Downtown 6* Thurs., August 20

devotion to prayer, manual labor, and contemplative silence; and the nearby hermitage where he lived a rigorous asceticism and profound union with God for the last 23 years of his life.

At the monastery, pilgrims can visit a church built in 1840, a small museum with artifacts and relics from the saint, and the site of his first grave. St. Charbel's tomb, since 1952, is located inside a special cave-like chapel built into the property.

Even while he was alive, Charbel's superiors observed God's "supernatural power" at work in his life, and even some Muslims knew him as a wonder-worker.

Deeply devoted to God's eucharistic presence, he suffered a stroke while celebrating the Divine Liturgy of the Maronite Catholic Church on Dec. 16, 1898, dying on Christmas Eve of that year. He was canonized in 1977 by Pope Paul VI.



Link to article at EWTNNEWS.COM:

<https://www.ewtnnews.com/world/middle-east/the-lebanese-saint-who-unites-christians-and-muslims>

LECTIO DIVINA

One of the best ways to prepare for Mass, to participate more fully in Mass, to read and understand the Bible in general, and to deepen your relationship with God is the practice of *Lectio Divina*.



Lectio Divina means 'Sacred Reading' or 'Divine Reading', and it is a way to pray with the Bible, the living Word of God, on a personal level. It can help you to not only understand the story but also God's message for your life.

Rather than reading the Bible from a primarily theological or historical perspective, *Lectio Divina* invites us into a personal conversation and deeper relationship with God through scripture.

The practice, which began many centuries ago, was incorporated over time into daily monastic life, but today it is recommended for all Catholics, not just for men and women in religious life.

Before you begin, select a passage from the Bible. If you're not sure where to start, try using the Gospel passage for the upcoming Sunday.

Find a quiet comfortable space—whether inside the church, outside in nature, in your home or car, or in the library, etc.

1. **PREPARE** Ask the Holy Spirit to help guide you through this reading of Scripture.
2. **READ** Read the Bible passage slowly, preferably the Gospel for the day but you may choose any passage. Put yourself in the story or scene. Ask yourself what the passage is saying. Read this same passage several times, slowly. Make a note of anything you read that sparks a reaction within you.
3. **MEDITATE** Spend a few moments in silence and try to listen for the voice of God, perhaps focusing on a particular word or phrase from the passage.
4. **PRAY** Allow the meditation to lead you to a conversation with God and to be open to His will. Don't overthink it. Just open a simple conversation with God about what's on your heart.
5. **CONTEMPLATE** Spend a few moments resting in the presence of God, and think about how you can put into practice anything you have heard or received.

If you don't have your own Bible at home, there are countless resources online. Here are a few links:

- <https://www.ewtn.com/bible>
- <https://www.biblegateway.com>
- <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: July 26, 2026

For readings online, scan or visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/072626.cfm>



Reading 1: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading Romans 8:28-30

Alleluia Cf. Matthew 11:25

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; for you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. "Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY?

Our next Registration Meeting is **Monday, August 10** at 7 pm in the St. Paul Church Hall (downstairs). Please let us know if you plan to attend by calling the office at 860-828-0331 or by emailing us at ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org.

The Parish Collection for July 7-13, 2026 will be posted in an upcoming bulletin.

ONLINE GIVING Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Paul Parish. For information about online giving, scan the code or visit:



<https://www.osvhub.com/stpaulkensington/giving/funds>

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

July 19 - Mission Co-Op

August 9 - Maintenance and Repairs

OUR 2026 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES

The next concert will be **Thursday, July 23 at 6:30 pm**

Join us on the Parish Green!

- o **Featuring Locomotion**
Nine –Piece Funk, R&B, Dance Band with Two Singers & Full Horn Section
- o Bring your own lawn chair/blanket
- o Free parking
- o Free face-painting and balloon animals
- o Free ice cream courtesy of Bright Feeds
- o **Please bring a canned or non-perishable food item for our St. Clare Food Pantry**
- *Sponsored by Manafort Brothers Incorporated and the Berlin Arts & Culture Committee.*



Hosted by St. Paul Parish in collaboration with the Town of Berlin. Donations can be payable to St. Paul Parish. Contact Bud Volz with questions at b.volz@stpaulkensington.org.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION WITH GUEST SPEAKER

Our Social Action Ministry will host a special presentation this summer focusing on homelessness in Connecticut.

Faces of the Homeless
Thursday, July 30th
6:30 pm. in the Church Hall.



The guest speaker for this event will be Rosemary Rainey, a member of the *Faces of Homelessness Speakers' Bureau*. She will provide information about homelessness, factors affecting the unhoused community in CT, and about the work *Hands On Hartford*, a local organization whose motto is "Caring in Action".



Rainey and other members of the *Faces of the Homelessness Speakers' Bureau* travel throughout the state to "share their own experiences of homelessness, dispel myths, educate audiences on the causes of homelessness, and encourage others to get involved in making positive changes in the community."

Learn more at handsonhartford.org, and we hope to see you at this special event on July 30th!

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS!

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our Young Men's Group is hosting a Bible study, and we'd love for you to join us!

Guys, this is a great opportunity for you to deepen your understanding of God's Word, grow in your faith, and connect with other Catholic men. All sessions begin at **6:00 pm** at St. Paul Church. **Tuesdays - July 28 and August 11.**

For more information or to join, please contact Tony deRito at tonyd433@gmail.com.



YOUNG MEN'S GROUP

Kingsmen is a Catholic group for the young men of St. Paul Parish. Our vision is for a future where young Catholic men are unified in faith, strengthened by brotherhood, and equipped to lead with humility, integrity, and courage, bearing witness to Christ's love in their families, parishes, and communities. To learn more, email Tony deRito at tonyd433@gmail.com or visit <https://CatholicKingsmen.com>.



YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

YCP is the nation's largest professional Catholic network, and we have two chapters in our area: 'Central CT' and 'Fairfield County'.

All professionals age 18-39 are welcome! Click or scan to visit their website and see what's happening!

<https://www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org>

Upcoming Event for YCP Central CT:

- * **Your Money. God's Mission. Building Wealth with Purpose**
- * **Friday, Jul 31, 7:00 pm—West Hartford**



CROSSROADS 4 CHRIST

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C4C is a community of Catholic young adults learning to deepen our relationship with Jesus and one another. Groups meet weekly in cities and towns across the state.

There are chapters in New Britain, Middletown, Waterbury, Storrs and more. Ready for something more in your life? Join other young Catholic adults from all over CT and meet up with us! Ages 18-39. Visit: <https://crossroads4christ.org>



Updates from Suzy Gujda, Director of Youth Ministry:

Attention all Kindergarten through 5th Grade students:

Bible Story Adventure Week is ahead! [Sign ups begin July 20 at 1:00pm](#). Be on the lookout for the link that will be shared via instagram, our parish website, and St Paul Messenger for students and Faith Formation students. Spaces are limited. The cost is free, but you must be able to attend all five evenings. Dinners will be provided each night.



Our five evenings of Bible story fun will take place from [Monday, August 17 through Friday, August 21, 5:00-6:30 pm](#). At each evening session, we will share a Bible Story, serve the children dinner, play games, and enjoy activities based on the Bible story.

Parents, enjoy a few hours together while we take care of the kids. All participants must sign up for all five days and will be partnered with older buddies. We will dive deep into the Good Book, learn about five different stories and the message God has for us. [Signups start July 20th](#). Deadline to sign up is August 1st. **All children in Grade K-5 are welcome.**

Friday, Aug. 21 will be a Family Movie Night to end the week!

Teen Helpers, age 13 and up, are still needed. Be sure to sign up and be of service to your younger buddies. Make sure you can attend all five evenings!



Calling all of our YOUNG ADULTS:

Whether you just graduated from high school, are in college, just graduated from college, or are a working professional, all young adults are invited to join our SUMMER SEND OFF event on [August 2nd](#) starting at 3:00 pm. See details below, and be SURE TO SIGN UP!

Come enjoy field games, food, music, outdoor Mass with Fr. Daniel, followed by a firepit, and time to connect with friends about work, school, faith and more.



S'more of Jesus—Wednesday, July 29th (Rescheduled)

Jesus keeps calling us back, even when the rain tries to wash us away. Although we tried to follow the forecast, the rain kept coming. We were able to move this event (from July 7) to later this month. If faith teaches us anything, it is to be flexible and trust God's plan. If you were originally signed up but can't make it on July 29th, please edit your sign up.

Some spaces are available for new sign ups.

Under the open sky, we gather with friends for S'mores fun and joyful worship.

Bring a friend!

[Grade 6 and up.](#)



FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

The following items are being requested at this time:
Cookies, Crackers, Protein / Granola Bars, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, Beans.

The next FoodShare distribution will be held on **July 31st**. Volunteers will help with distribution on **Fri., July 31** from **11:30 am to 12:15 pm** at Sacred Heart Church in E. Berlin. For transportation to FoodShare at Sacred Heart, please call the Berlin Senior Center 860-828-7006. For info about Food Pantry or FoodShare program including volunteering, contact Nancy: 860-601-7866 or n.timbrell@stpaulkensington.org

CLOTHES FOR POOR

Parishioner Nancy Witz coordinates an ongoing collection of clothing items for the poor in our local area. She notified us that there is currently a particular need for the following items for the men's shelter:



- Men's T-Shirts, Sizes Small—Large
- Men's Jeans or Pants, Sizes 28—40

If you can make a donation, please contact Nancy Witz at 860-604-2134. Clothes are donated to the homeless and poor on a regular basis. Many thanks for your support.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Our Women of Faith group will be on summer break, and we will resume meeting in September.



As we prepare to begin our sixth year together, we warmly welcome all women of the parish to join us this fall. Whether you are a returning member or considering attending for the first time, we invite you to be part of this faith filled community of prayer, fellowship and spiritual growth. *We look forward to welcoming you in September.* Should you have questions, please email us at womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org

QUILTERS & CRAFTERS The group meets weekly on Thursday mornings from 9-11am in the Church Hall. The next date is **Thursday, July 23**. If you are currently working on another project or if you have a different type of craft, you are most welcome to join us! *We also welcome anyone who would like to learn how to quilt or sew!* Questions? Please call the office at 860-828-0331 or Dottie Walker at 860-558-8770.



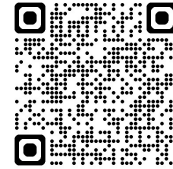
FAITH FORMATION

2026-2027 Faith Formation

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW THROUGH JULY 31

Use this link or QR code:

<https://stpaulkensington.org/faithformation>



Please be sure to meet the Registration Deadline so that we can place our book orders and ensure adequate staffing.

Thank you!

ST. PAUL PARISH FAITH FORMATION

Monday-Thursday 8am - 2pm

Website: <https://stpaulkensington.org/faith-formation>

Email: faithformation@stpaulkensington.org



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Summer is here and our kids are home.
What better time to cover them in prayer.
From vocationministry.com:

7 Prayers to Pray for Your Kids

1. That they would choose to follow Jesus
2. That they would marry a Godly spouse
3. That their thoughts be pure
4. That they would choose friends wisely
5. That they would have the courage to do what's right
6. That they would learn to manage money well
7. That they could make a difference in the world



SAINT PAUL SCHOOL

JOB OPENING - TEACHING POSITION

SPS is seeking a **3rd Grade Teacher** for the 2026-2027 school year. The successful candidate must be a certified elementary education teacher, be a collaborator and team player with our talented team of teachers, follow the Catholic mission of the school, and have a thorough knowledge of the academic and social-emotional needs of 3rd Grade students. Preference will be given to candidates who are Catholic, as the teacher will be teaching 3rd Grade Religion and Sacraments. We are a school of 265 students and growing. We are an inclusive school with a highly diverse student body and do not discriminate based on race, sex, or religious background. In order to apply, please submit a cover letter and resume to Principal Jill Conaway at j.conaway@stpaulkensington.org

Saint Paul School received great news! The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), the visiting teams, as well as the NEASC Commission on Independent Schools granted SPS an official **10-year accreditation**. The letter stated: "The Commission particularly recognizes the entire school community for its faithfulness to the Mission and its commitment to the success and growth of every student."

We commend the staff for all of their time and hard work, for all the work put into the self-study, and the welcoming environment provided during the team visits!



Join SPS for an **Under the Sea Storytime and Craft Hour** on **Tuesday, July 21st** from 9:30-10:30 am in the school library. Scan the code for more details and to sign up.



SAINT PAUL SCHOOL

Apply/learn more on our admissions page:

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

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

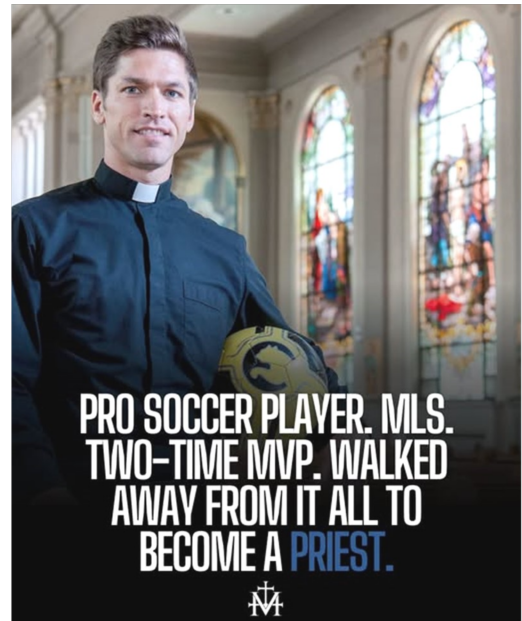


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Admissions Director

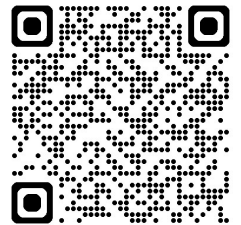
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With the World Cup capturing attention around the globe, we're reminded of a remarkable vocation story from the Diocese of Peoria. Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck played professional soccer for four seasons in Chile, was named MVP twice, and signed with the New England Revolution. He had everything he ever wanted. Then one day after practice, sitting alone in a chapel, he heard a voice deep in his heart say, "Be my priest." He did not want to hear it. He kept playing. But that voice came back every single day until he could not ignore it anymore. In 2008 he walked away from professional soccer. In 2014 he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Peoria. What hit us most was meeting his parents. They raised him in the faith. They brought him to Mass. They built the foundation that made it possible for him to hear God's voice in that chapel. Every vocation begins with a family.

From Vocation Ministry
<https://www.vocationministry.com>



JOIN US TO PRAY THE ROSARY!

***Wednesday evening Rosary** at Sacred Heart Church.
6:00-6:30pm. **Next date: July 22.**

*We also pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
Prayer booklets provided. All are welcome!*

***13th of the Month Rosary** at 12pm in St. Paul Church
Next date: **Thursday, August 13.**

***Children's Rosary** 10am at SHC. **1st Saturday of the Month.** Next: **August 1** Email: cherylbatter@att.net.

***Mother's Rosary** at 2pm, Mondays at the Prayer Garden on the Green. If it's raining or too hot, we will move inside the church.
Next date: **Monday, July 20.**



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.

PARISH PRAYER LIST To add someone or let us know that a name can be removed, call 860-828-0331 or email us at ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org. Please be sure to ask for permission from the person to be added.

Bobby Adamowicz	Maria Lauria
Nancy Adamowicz	Richard Lee
Emile Albert	Sylvia Lococo
Amara Alice	Mary Jane Lynch
Elaine Andrews	Lisa Mangiafico
Lynn Cooley Bak	Bert Martin
Zulma Barbieri	Joy Martin
Wendy Blackmar	Lorraine McCarthy
Cheryl Brown	Joyce McMillan
Michael Vincent Bulawa	Theodore Merwin
George Bushnell	Nancy Motulko
Marge Bushnell	Lenny Mulrooney
Christopher C.	Our Military
Mark Camilleri	Maxwell Norton
Janet Carroll	Patricia O'Neill
Pearl Casey	Esther Ouellette
Jonathan Cheung	Emma Pagano
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Although summer is in full swing, it's time to begin planning our annual **Italian Night dinner**. This year, the festivities will be held on **Saturday, November 7th** in the school gym following the 4:00 pm Mass.



As in the past, all proceeds from the evening will benefit the Youth Ministry of our parish, led by Mrs. Suzy Gujda. Through the generosity of our guests last year, Suzy was able to help defray the cost of the annual Steubenville retreat for our high school students. During the dinner on Nov. 7th, you will learn much more about that as well as other ways your support has benefited our Youth Ministry.

The committee is busy beginning to plan for the event. This year we are appealing to any parishioner who may own a business, or be in a position to acquire items that could be donated for our raffle, to consider making a donation, either monetary or a service representing your particular business.

Each year the proceeds from the raffle, 50/50, and Lottery wreath add to the profits from the dinner, all being used to help Suzy continue her ministry of growing our young people's spiritual, social, and personal growth.

If you are interested in helping out with the event, please contact either Lynn Misteri, (860) 913-5448 or Betty Lasker (860) 992-8390.

Donations for the evening are begin accepted and can be sent to the parish center or picked up by contacting either Lynn or Betty. More details will be forthcoming.

THAT MAN IS YOU!

All men of St. Paul Parish are invited to join with your Brothers in Christ in our Men's Group on **Saturday Mornings**:

6:30 am—Coffee and Breakfast

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It's never too late to join us! Are you looking to be a better husband or father? to build friendships with like-minded men? to be the best man you can be? to deepen your relationship with God? Join us on Saturday mornings! Email Bud Volz: budvolz@comcast.net. <https://stpaulkensington.org/that-man-is-you>



FATIMA HOLY HOUR Every 2nd Sunday of the month, a *Fatima Holy Hour* is held at St. Francis Church in New Britain from **2:00-3:00 pm** (1755 Stanley St.). This monthly gathering includes praying the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, veneration of a First Class Relic of St Faustina, Adoration and Benediction. **Sunday, August 9.** Questions? Contact St. Paul parishioner, Ken Corso at ktcorso50@gmail.com.



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→ **GOLF TOURNAMENT** Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist on **Monday, August 10th** for the 30th Annual **Franciscan Golf Classic**. Enjoy an 18-hole-tournament, hole-in-one prizes, auction items, dinner, and more at Stanley Golf Course in New Britain. Registration \$195. Call 203-237-8084 or scan/click: https://franciscanlifecenter.square.site/?blm_aid=38125#4



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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



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The Ryan Lee Foundation will host the 16th Annual **Ryan T. Lee Golf Classic** on **Friday, August 7th** at Timberlin Golf Club.



The **Foundation Dinner** on the same date will be held at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington beginning with a cocktail hour at 6:00 pm. To register, sponsor, donate or sign up for golf and/or dinner, visit <https://ryantleefoundation.org>.

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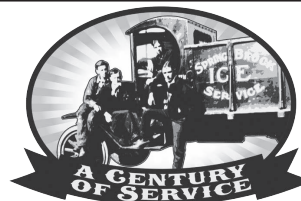
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