

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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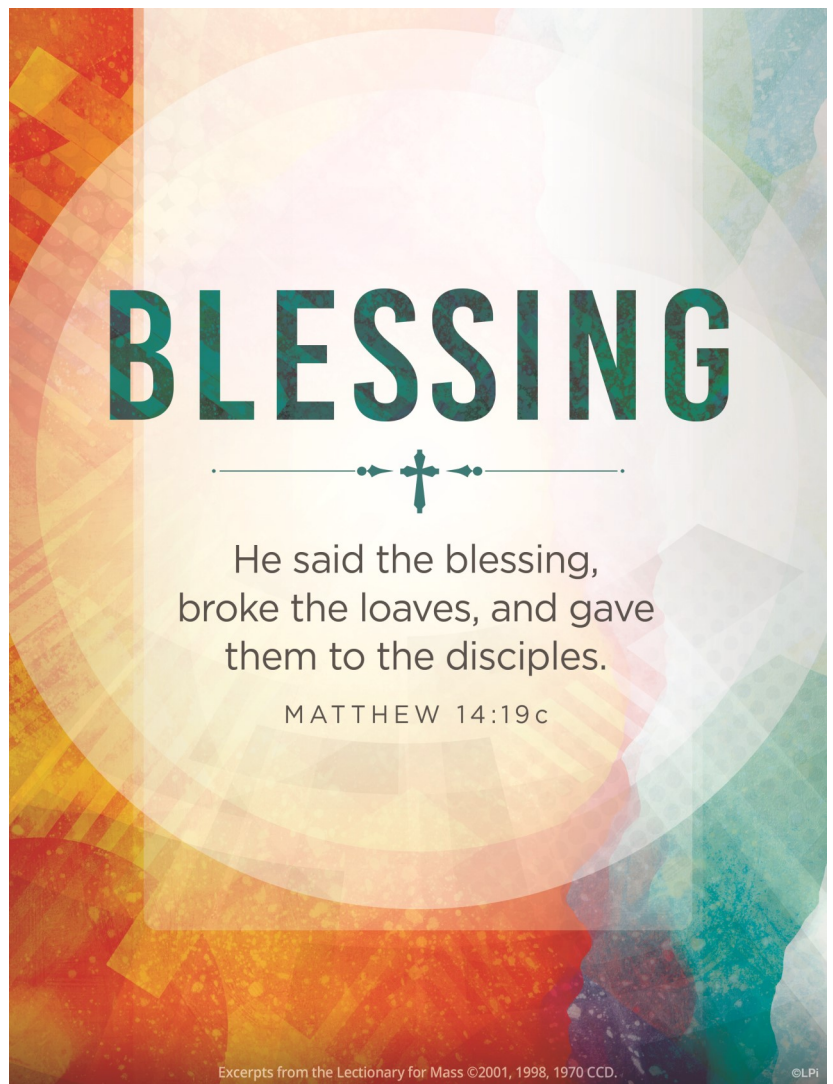
A Franciscan Family of Faith

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August 2, 2026

Eighteenth 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

†**Laura and †Fernand Brochu**

51st Anniversary Remembrance by his wife

†**Evelyn Modzelewski** by sister Mary Jane Lynch

†**Ryan McLaughlin** by Daniel McLaughlin

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

Kevin Gilleran Happy Birthday by Erika and William



†**Phyllis Davis**

†**Catherine M. Scalise**

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.

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.

	In Church	\$	8,056
	Office	\$	2,331
<u>Parish Collection</u>	<u>Online Giving</u>	\$	4,724
July 21-27, 2026	Total	\$	15,111

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>



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



Saturday, August 1, 2026 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm †**Joseph and †Verna Fiori** by Fiori family
Sunday, August 2, 2026 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**
10:00 am †**Anita T. Monahan** 9th Anniversary Remembrance by Mike Monahan
12:00 pm **William Urquhart** Happy Birthday with love by Erika

Monday, August 3, 2026 Weekday
7:00 am **Greene and Parkin Families** by John G. Hubbard family

Tuesday, August 4, 2026 St. John Vianney
5:00 pm †**Robert J. Fitzsimmons** by wife Anita and family
Wednesday, August 5, 2026 The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

7:00 am †**Gerald Vanty** by Linda and family
Thursday, August 6, 2026 Transfiguration of the Lord
5:00 pm †**Ken Stokowski** 37th Wedding Anniversary Remembrance by Maureen
†**Edith Cullen** by Theresa Zovich
†**Maria Lombardo** by Emanuele Lombardo
John Nappi, Jr. by wife
†**Dominic DeFrancesco** by wife and children

Friday, August 7, 2026 St. Sixtus II and Companions, Martyrs, St. Cajetan

7:00 am †**Vincenza Del Sesto** by Antonio Del Sesto
Saturday, August 8, 2026 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm †**Robert and †Mary McGurgan** by McGurgan family
Sunday, August 9, 2026 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am †**Harry P. Misteri** 6 Year Anniversary by Misteri / Magisano families
10:00 am †**Paul Kendrick** 1st Year Anniversary Remembrance by Michaud family
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, August 1, 2026

Living Friars, Families, Friends and Benefactors of the Franciscan Order

Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Monday, August 3, 2026

†**Souls in Purgatory** by Anna
Living and †Deceased Priests by Anna

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.

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Thursday, August 6

from oursundayvisitor.com

Many Catholics do not necessarily recollect or ponder the miraculous event in Christ's earthly life known as the Transfiguration...



The term transfiguration comes from Latin meaning, "to change or transform." A transformation involving our Savior takes place on a mountaintop, an event that glorifies the divine person of Jesus, one that is recorded in the three synoptic Gospels and by St. Peter in 2 Peter, 1:16-20.

To fully comprehend the importance of this event, it is helpful to understand the context. The timeframe is in the summer of A.D. 29, probably in what we call August. Just a few months earlier at Capernaum, Jesus had described himself as the bread of life come down from heaven (cf. Jn 6:41). Further, he has said that those who eat his body and drink his blood will attain eternal life (cf. Jn 6:54).

A large number of those listening to him could not accept the idea that he came down from heaven; wasn't he "the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother?" (Jn 6:42). They failed to believe that it was necessary to eat his body and drink his blood to gain eternal salvation; upon hearing his words, many went away.

The apostles, however, stayed with him, and later at Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asks them: "Who do you say that I am?" The apostles had been living in his presence, following him, listening to his teachings, seeing his miracles, and Peter responds to the question saying that Jesus is "The Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Mt 16:16). Jesus acknowledges that Peter's response could only be prompted by the Father and designates Peter as the leader of the Church. Next, he astounds those present saying he will soon go to Jerusalem where he will be killed and then rise on the third day. His followers couldn't grasp that such events could possibly happen if he was truly the Messiah; in fact, Peter argues, "No such thing could ever happen to you." Jesus offers a stern response: "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do" (Mt 16:22-23).

Wow, what a response, but, at the same time, Jesus recognizes the confusion among his followers. He is the bread of life, the Son of God; yet, he says he will be killed by the Jews and then rise. Anyone hearing these conversations would be confused, because we "are not thinking as God does." But the tomb will not confine Jesus. He will be resurrected, ascend to the Father and be glorified.

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A Glance Ahead

TMIY! Men's Group, 7am Saturday, August 1
Children's Rosary, 10am SHC Saturday, August 1
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 2
* Young Adult Summer Event! Sunday, August 2
Holy Hour, 4pm Tuesday, August 4
Evening Rosary, 6pm at SH Wednesday, August 5
Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord ... Thurs., August 6
Quilters & Crafters, 9am Thursday, August 6
Faith Formation Registration CLOSING Friday, August 7
TMIY! Men's Group, 7am Saturday, August 8
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 9
New Members Registration, 7pm Monday, August 10
Holy Hour, 4pm Tuesday, August 11
Young Men's Bible Study, 6pm Tuesday, August 11
Evening Rosary, 6pm at SH Wednesday, August 12
Quilters & Crafters, 9am Thursday, August 13
13th of the Month Rosary, 12pm Thursday, August 13
Feast of the Assumption Saturday, August 15
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 16
Bible Story Adventures Week! Aug. 17-21
Concert on the Green - *Downtown 6* Thurs., August 20
Scripture Study Information Meeting Tues., August 25
Special Presentation at 7pm: :
Human Trafficking Awareness & Prevention Sept. 15

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Our St. Paul Social Action Ministry
invites you to join us!*

We are seeking parishioners who have the time and energy to help us throughout the year.

*Volunteers
Needed!*

Projects sponsored by the Social Action Ministry include

- * Christmas tree angels
- * Lenten Collection
- * HomeFront project
- * St Clare Food Pantry
- * Thanksgiving Food Collection
- * Easter Basket Collection
- * and several other collections throughout the year.

We have also just started a subcommittee that is dedicated to helping the homeless. With so many initiatives, we are in need of more people to join us in our efforts to help those less fortunate than us. Actively participating in these events and initiatives is extremely rewarding, and the people that we help are always very grateful!

Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry. To sign up or to request more information, please contact Joan Baker at 860-638-8900 or jmb7000@comcast.net.

Transfiguration (continued from page 3)

Some six days after the discussions at Caesarea Philippi, Jesus furnishes clarification of his words to three of the apostles during the miracle of the Transfiguration. A miracle that happens to Jesus, not to someone else.

Jesus along with Peter and the brothers, James and John, climb up a "high mountain." The Scriptures do not name the mountain, but tradition has it as Mount Tabor. Here, he is transfigured, his divine nature revealed to the three apostles, "his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light" (Mt 17:2).

In the Gospel according to Mark, "[Jesus'] clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them" (v. 9:3). As Jesus appears in glory, so, too, does Moses and Elijah, seen by the apostles conferring with Jesus about what lay ahead for him in Jerusalem (cf. Lk 9:31). Moses represents the Old Testament laws and Elijah represents the prophecies, all manifested in Jesus.

The apostles are awestruck by this scene, and Peter wants to build three tents (tabernacles), one each for Jesus, Moses and Elijah (cf. Mt 17:4). Peter is ready to stay in this beautiful place, but he and the others must go back down the mountain. This is not unlike the soldier who goes on R&R from a combat zone. He enjoys, even relishes his time away from combat, but he has to go back. The victory still has to be won; sacrifices still have to be made.

As Peter is making his comments about the tents, suddenly a cloud appears. The cloud represents the Holy Spirit and God speaks from the cloud: "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" (Mt 17:5). God is acclaiming the divinity of Christ and also singling him out as unique from Moses and Elijah. In the words, "listen to him," God acknowledges Jesus as his messenger, the one who carries the word of God.

The Trinity: God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are here. Beholding this heavenly vision, the apostles fall to the ground in adoration and fear; when Jesus tells them to get up, no one is there except Jesus looking as always. As the four men go back down the mountain, Jesus commands them not to discuss with others what took place on the mountain until after his Resurrection.

Source Our Sunday Visitor

<https://www.oursundayvisitor.com/understanding-the-transfiguration/>

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.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: August 9, 2026

For readings online, scan or visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/080926.cfm>

Reading 1: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

Alleluia Psalm 130:5

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

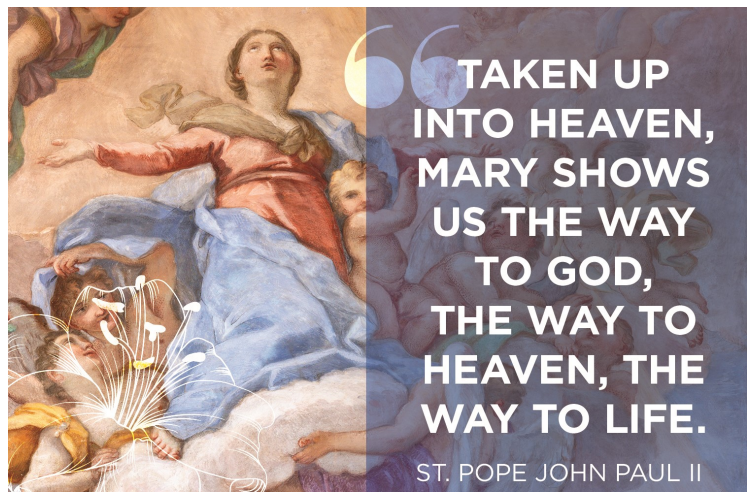
I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for his word.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

Saturday, August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, because it falls on a Saturday. The Assumption of Mary is the teaching that the Blessed Mother, "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."



Steubenville Recap from Dir. of Youth Ministry, Suzy Gujda:



The Holy Spirit came down and we were left changed.

Steubenville 2026 began with our traditional trip to the Little Sisters of the Poor St. Joseph's Residence where we spent time connecting with a few residents and playing a game with them, praying the rosary, and attending Mass together. What a meaningful experience it was to connect our youth to the lives and stories of our valued elders.

From there we proceeded to lunch at Chick-Fil-A and then to the park for games and reflection. The importance of bonding, setting our minds and hearts on being open to all that God is calling us to through this conference is essential.

Twelve teens came together on this trip as peers. They prayed together, worshiped together, and most importantly grew together as a faithful family. The Holy Spirit was working and left us all touched in a personal way. We left filled with purpose, truth, and intention. We were reminded that God calls us WORTHY and in this journey of life, it is His opinion that matters. It is God's call that we answer, and we are meant to be the light, serve one another, and be joyful in having such a loving, merciful, and good Father.

We attended several sessions of speakers, worship concerts, free play, Mass and more. However, the part of the conference that meant the most to the teens was Adoration. Over 2,000 teens filled the MassMutual Center for the Steubenville East 2026 Conference. That kind of experience of faith in this large number leaves us all changed. Now we are called to use all that we gained, live differently, and share God's truths and goodness with others.

Upon our return, we ended the trip with a Family Picnic. Our families came together and over a meal, the teens shared their take-aways. This opened the door to having their experiences shared and doing it as a parish family.

What an amazing group we had attending this year. Thank you to our chaperones, Bud Volz, John Norton, and Nikki Monsonis for their love, time, and faithfulness and to our Steubie attendees and families. May the light of the Holy Spirit and all the ways God has touched you this past weekend, continue to fuel and direct your days.



See more photos on our website!

Young Adult Summer Event—August 2nd!

Young Adult Summer Send Off is this Sunday. We look forward to seeing our College and Working Young Adults for an afternoon of fun and games, evening mass, and more!

[See details on page 6!](#)

Bible Story Adventures—More Helpers Needed!

The sign up filled up fast for our 5 days of Bible Story fun. We have a few children on the waitlist, but we **can't open up those spots unless we have all 15 volunteer helper slots filled**. Calling all young volunteers in Grade 6 and up! You are welcome and invited to help serve our younger buddies. Please consider these few evenings of service as it is a gift for everyone to be involved. 7 more volunteers needed!

Sign up here so we can open up our waitlist!
[August 17-21, Monday-Friday](#)



OUR 2026 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES

The next concert will be **Thursday, August 20 at 6:30 pm**

Join us on the Parish Green!

- o Featuring **Downtown 6**
Dynamic, energizing, versatile dance band to get a crowd on its feet!
- 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.

THANK YOU to ALL who helped make our Summer Concert on July 23rd such a great event! This was the largest crowd we've had so far. (Estimates say there were well over 400 people in attendance.) Special thanks to those who brought donations for our St. Clare Food Pantry as well.

More photos can be found on our website.

Hope to see you all again on August 20th!



YOUNG ADULTS

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS: High School Grads, College Students, and Young Workforce Adults - ALL are invited to **join us THIS SUNDAY, August 2nd starting at 3pm!** Before the summer is through, we want to spend time with YOU! Join us for games faith, and fellowship!! **RSVP & bring a friend!**

↓ **THIS SUNDAY—AUGUST 2ND!** ↓

SUMMER SEND OFF

Calling All Young Adults!

BEFORE THE SUMMER IS THROUGH & BACK TO SCHOOL & WORK YOU GO, JOIN US FOR A SUNDAY OF FIELD DAY GAMES, FAITH, & FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY AUGUST 2ND 2026
3:00 PM PARISH GREEN

RSVP HERE:

Scan for details and to sign up!



YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our Young Men's Bible Study continues! We'd love for you to join us. Take this opportunity to deepen your understanding of God's Word, grow in your faith, and connect with other Catholic men. Sessions begin at **6:00 pm** at St. Paul Church. Next: **Tuesday, 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. To learn more, email Tony deRito at tonyd433@gmail.com or visit <https://CatholicKingsmen.com>.



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

SPS hosted a concessions table at the Summer Concert on the Parish Green in July 23rd. Thank you to all of our student helpers! It was a beautiful night for our community.



Bible Study

Come to the water.

The St. Paul Scripture Study Ministry brings together parishioners in groups of eight to ten people to read, reflect on, and pray with the Scriptures so as to better discern the Word of God in our lives. The study groups are involved in two studies each year, one in the Spring (Feb./March start) and one in the Fall (Sept. start) Each study delves into either a book of the Bible or a Biblical theme and entails six to nine bi-weekly meetings that take place in the Parish Center or Sacred Heart Rectory.

We follow the curriculum of Little Rock Scripture Study (littlerockscripture.org). It is designed to have each person do a personal reading of the assigned chapters, reflect on it with some suggested questions, and then meet with your small group to pray and share those reflections. At the conclusion of each study Father Michael provides the entire group with a wrap-up summary lecture in the Church Hall. The readings at Mass take on a whole new perspective as we come to know the books' authors, their intended audience and the connections between the Old and New Testaments.

We completed our study of St. Paul's Letter to the Romans this past May and are looking forward to our Fall '26 Study on Angels in the Bible.

Angels in the Bible is a thematic study of passages in the bible about angels who are sent to accomplish God's will. Angels speak for God, direct the course of nations, and protect God's people. They worship God and deliver God's judgment. In Angels in the Bible, we will examine some of the Bible's most fascinating passages about angels, exploring their ministry on God's behalf and drawing insights for our own spiritual lives. Because angels are mediators of God's presence and action, studying angels is studying God. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayers, and access to online lectures are included. This study involves six lessons.

Information/Registration Meeting: Save the date for our Information/Registration Meeting at 7pm on **Tuesday, Aug. 25** in the Church Hall at which you can learn more, register and collect your study materials. You can also register and collect your study materials at the parish office Monday-Friday from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm from August 17-24. Look for the posters at the church entrances for dates and times of the group meetings. We welcome you to join us this fall. Contact Mark Chasse with any questions at mchasse1@comcast.net or call the parish office at 860-828-0331.

SAINT PAUL SCHOOL

Apply/learn more on our admissions page:

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

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



Kelly Esposito

Admissions Director

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BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL CLOTHING DRIVE

Our St. Paul Culture of Life Ministry will be conducting a clothing drive for the month of August, in conjunction with the Cathedral of St. Joseph's Food Pantry and Clothing Distribution Center of the Archdioceses of Hartford.

Items being collected are gently-used/launched or new business casual and professional clothing for women.

The following items are needed, in any size:

- ☐ Dresses
- ☐ Skirts
- ☐ Blouses
- ☐ Sweaters
- ☐ Blazers
- ☐ Dress Slacks
- ☐ Shoes



Also needed are NEW undergarments for women.

The donated items will be distributed to women who have been rescued from trafficking, to help them in the job interview process and in their new work lives. The items can be dropped off at the entrances to our church in the labeled bins. The collection will run from **Sunday, August 1 through Monday, August 31**. Questions? Please call Cheryl Pagano at 860-218-3177 or Lynn Misteri at 860-913-5448.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS & PREVENTION

Save the date for a special presentation sponsored by our Culture of Life and Social Action Ministries:

Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention
Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 pm

In addition to providing an overview of human trafficking, this presentation by a member of the Archdiocese of Hartford's Human Trafficking Task Force will include a prevention framework for engaging parishioners in anti-trafficking work. You will learn about the important elements of prevention and the actions parishes, ministries and individuals can take to prevent trafficking in their communities. Save the date and look for more information in upcoming bulletins.

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

FAITH FORMATION

VOLUNTEER CATECHIST SPOTLIGHT

Meet catechists
Ben and Kristen Murphy.

Ben is Deputy Chief of Police for the Town of East Windsor. Kristen has worked for 20+ years as a Team Leader with Hartford Healthcare.

Their 10th grade class, which includes their daughter Chloe, will be confirmed on Nov. 21st at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.



The Murphy Family
Thomas, Chloe, Kristen and Ben

"For 46 years I've been a practicing Catholic," says Ben. "Religious education was not something I enjoyed attending as a youth, however, in the Christian life, we all grow in our relationship with God." Kristen taught a class solo for a few years. Then Ben joined the Faith Formation team the next year and they both taught separate classes.

"Stepping out of my comfort zone, I volunteered with one goal in mind - impart that your faith is a gift, something to be cherished, protected and appreciated," continues Ben. "I had a class of all boys. We immediately bonded with sports discussions and I tried weekly to make the readings relevant to current and pertinent events in society."

Last year, the two joined forces to teach a Confirmation class. "Our children are impressionable and are at a poignant crossroad in their life," says Kristen. "It is our responsibility to bring our Lord's love and light to their eyes. The small part we play in the big picture is of great importance. Teaching and learning together and walking in our faith together has brought me much peace. It has lightened my heart and brought me closer to our Father."

If you're feeling nudged by the Holy Spirit to join our team, contact Robin or Linda for more information.

ST. PAUL PARISH FAITH FORMATION

Monday-Thursday 8am - 2pm

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

Email: faithformation@stpaulkensington.org



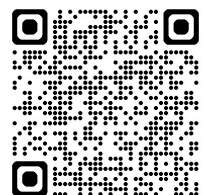
Robin Veronesi

Director of Faith Formation
(860) 828-1934 ext 320



Linda Beaudoin

Administrative Assistant
(860) 828-1934 ext 321



PRAYER REQUESTS To make a prayer request through our *Daughters of Jairus Prayer Line*, call Terry 860-828-6667 or Pat 860-305-0147 with your confidential request. Please give the first name of the person to be prayed for & 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
Judy Chicoine	Judy Pappalardo
Doug Clarke	Steven Pavano
Maureen Corr	Ada Payamis
Arlene Cotrona	Bill Petit, Sr.
Roger Coyle	Joan Pinney
Linda Cullen	Rachel Post
Lenny Cullen	Marilyn Puopolo
Jose Dagna	Nicky Ragozzino
Martin Dagna	Barbara Rich
Laurie & Scott Daniels	Christopher Roddy
Marie DeFazio	Susana Romero
Fr. Tony DeFronzo	David Salonia
Kathleen DeLisa	Dorothy Samojla
Dick Dubay	Edward Samojla
Alyssa Dutkiewicz	Shirley Sansone
Josefina Fernandez	Oscar Seipel
Diana Fitzpatrick	Raul Seipel
Maureen Freeman	Chris Sloane
Maria Geremia	Elizabeth Smulski
Alyssa Glaser	Anne Spada
Linda Grapes	Kevin Stanowski
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JOIN US TO PRAY THE ROSARY!

***Wednesday evening Rosary** at Sacred Heart Church.
6:00-6:30pm. **Next date: August 5.**
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: cheryl batter@att.net.

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.



FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

The following items are being requested at this time:
Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Peanut Butter, Jams/Jellies, Soups, Canned Fruit, Apple Sauce.

The next FoodShare distribution will be held on **August 14.**

Volunteers will help with distribution on **Fridat, Aug. 14** 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

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

7:00 am—Presentation & Discussion

It's never too late to join us! Are you looking to be a better husband or father? build friendships with like-minded men? be the best man you can be? to deepen your relationship with God? Join us! To learn more, contact Bud Volz at budvolz@comcast.net.



HELPING HANDS Our Helping Hands Ministry assists our senior parishioners with social and spiritual support. To volunteer or request assistance, contact the office at 860-828-0331 or Mark Duplin at mfduplin@outlook.com.

We have already started planning for our annual **Italian Night dinner!** This year's festivities will be held **Saturday, Nov. 7th** in the school gym following the 4:00 pm Mass.



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.

At this time, we are appealing to parishioners 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.

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

Donations for the event are currently begin accepted and can be sent to the parish center or picked up by contacting either Lynn or Betty.

RYAN LEE FOUNDATION

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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August 27, 2026

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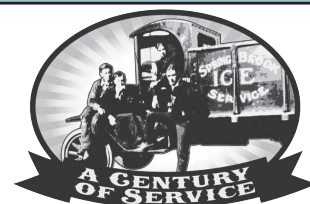
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