

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

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm #860 828-0331

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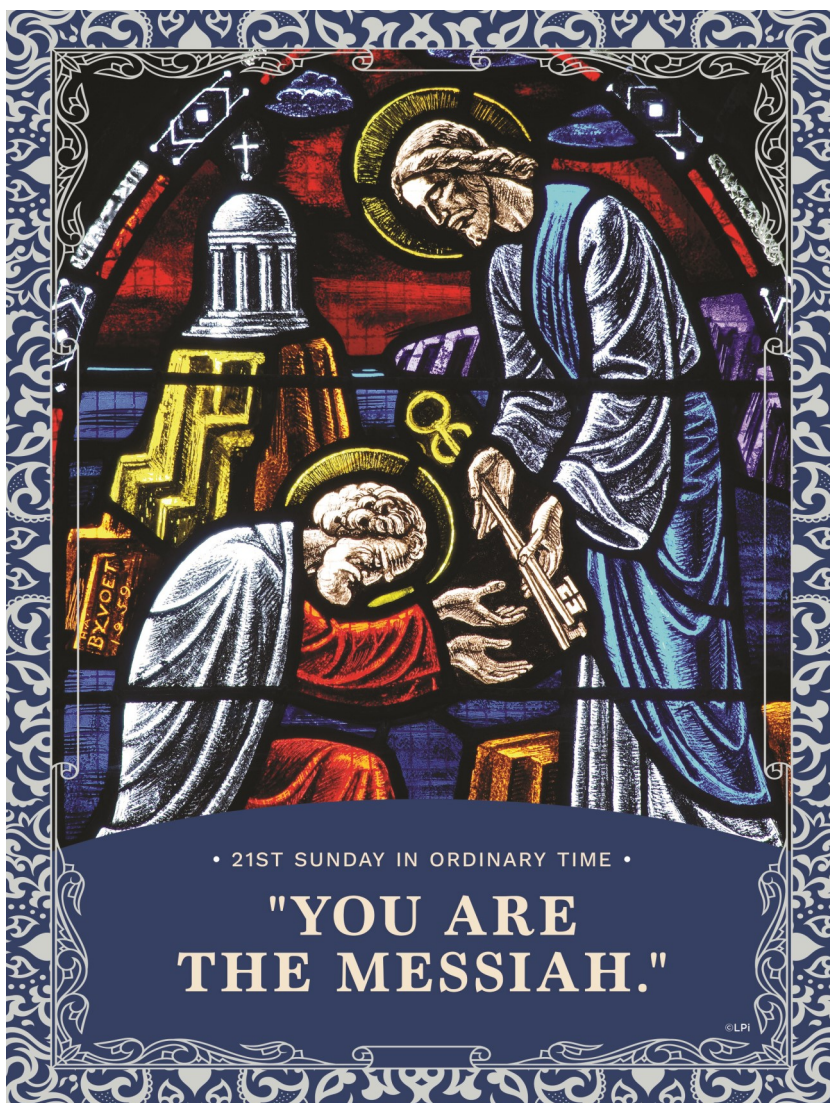
A Franciscan Family of Faith

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August 23, 2026

Twenty First 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

†**Daniel Francis Audette** Birthday Remembrance by moma
Kim by a friend
 †**Michael Jon Potash** Birthday Remembrance by all his family

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†**Michael Jon Potash** Birthday Remembrance by his family

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.

BATHROOM RENOVATIONS

Please note that for the next few weeks, the men's and women's bathrooms in the basement of the church will be under construction. The family bathroom, near the entrance to the Church Hall, will be the only bathroom available for use.



The Parish Collection for August 11-17 will be posted in next week's bulletin.

Upcoming Second Collections:

August 22/23 - Franciscan Seminarians
 August 29/30 - Columbia Earthquake Relief*

*The Archdiocese of Hartford has authorized a Second Collection to be taken next weekend, August 29/30, for a diocese in Colombia which was significantly affected by the recent earthquake. The Diocese of Quibdó, located in the Pacific region of the country; is also one of the poorest and most vulnerable areas of the country.

One of our Archdiocese of Hartford priests, Fr. Diego, has a personal connection to the Bishop of Quibdó. He received this message/request below and will serve as the bridge between our donors and the Diocese of Quibdó.

We are grateful to the Lord to share that all of our families are safe, and none of our family members were victims of the earthquake. However, the Catholic Church in Colombia has suffered significant losses, including damage to churches, and many families are now in need of assistance.

From the Archdiocese of Hartford: *We are deeply grateful for your consideration, prayers, and generosity. We believe this is an opportunity for our local Church to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Colombia during this difficult time. May God bless you and all those who are working to bring hope and assistance to the affected communities.*

Saturday, August 22, 2026 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00 pm †**Joseph Staskiewicz** by family
Sunday, August 23, 2026 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am **Douglas and Deborah Sanders**
 40th Wedding Anniversary by family
 10:00 am **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**
 12:00 pm †**Deacon Carmen Guzzardi**
 5th Anniversary Remembrance by family
Monday, August 24, 2026 St. Bartholomew
 7:00 am **Taylor Wachtarz** Happy Birthday by Erika
Tuesday, August 25, 2026 St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
 5:00 pm †**Lorraine Carling** by Greg and Clarice
Wednesday, August 26, 2026 Weekday
 7:00 am **Christine Tabaczynski** Birthday Celebration
 by Tabaczynski family
Thursday, August 27, 2026 St. Monica
 5:00 pm †**Dieter Koevari** by his sister
 †**Sharon Pacyna Skoldberg**
 by John and Mary Mezzio
 †**Dominic and †Catherine Tamburro**
 by Nancy Witz
 †**Gaetano, †Rosa and †Tony Sisti**
 by Lucia La Rosa
 †**Marcella Alipio** by family
Friday, August 28, 2026 St. Augustine
 7:00 am †**Evelyn Szczygla** by parents and family
Saturday, August 29, 2026 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00 pm †**Zbigniew Mazurek** by family
Sunday, August 30, 2026 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am †**Tadeusz Cichocki** by Cichocki family
 10:00 am **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**
 12:00 pm †**Roland** 15 Year Remembrance and
 †**Catherine** 10 Year Remembrance
 In Memory by John & Diana Bisson and Bisson family

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 22, 2026

†**Gail Parks** by Adamowicz family

Friday, August 28, 2026

†**Chris Malz** 3 Year Remembrance by Sophia Choluj

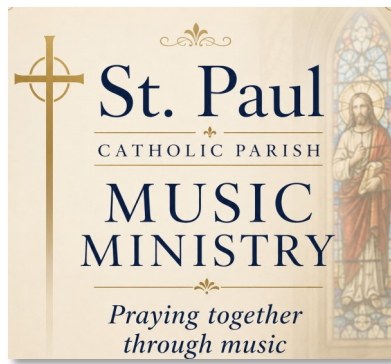
Saturday, August 29, 2026

†**Kieran Egan** by wife Margaret

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>





Update from our Director of Music & Liturgy, Eric Hoffman:

Great opportunities await those who sing God's praises!

We have many ways to participate in the Music Ministry at St. Paul Catholic Parish:

- + St. Paul Parish Choir (formerly known as the Adult Choir)
- + Contemporary Choir (formerly known as Folk Group)
- + Cantors (audition required)
- + Children's Choir
- + Instrumentalists (audition required)

The Parish Choir and Children's Choir will both practice on Tuesday evenings with the Parish Choir beginning in Sept. (after Labor Day) and the Children's Choir beginning in Oct.

For more information, see Eric after any Sunday Mass or email him at e.hoffman@stpaulkensington.org.

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY?

Our next Registration Meeting is **Monday, Sept. 14** 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.

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.

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



A Glance Ahead

TMIY! Men's Group, 7am Saturday, August 22
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 23
 Adult Confirmation Program begins Sunday, August 23
 Holy Hour, 4pm Tuesday, August 25
 Evening Rosary, 6pm at SH Wednesday, August 26
 Scripture Study Information Meeting Tues., August 25
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 30
 FF Confirmation Parent Meeting Sunday, August 30
 Women's Clothing Collection Ends Monday, August 31
 Holy Hour, 4pm Tuesday, Sept. 1
 FF Parent Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 1
 Ladies' Guild Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 2
 Evening Rosary, 6pm at SH Wednesday, Sept. 2
 Quilters & Crafters, 9am Thursday, Sept. 3
 FF Parent Meeting Thursday, Sept. 3
 First Friday Friday, Sept. 4
NO TMIY Men's Group Meeting Saturday, Sept. 5
 Children's Rosary, 10am SHC Saturday, Sept. 5
 First Saturday Saturday, Sept. 5
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, Sept. 6
 Labor Day (Parish Office Closed) Monday, Sept. 7
 Women of Faith gathering Thursday, Sept. 10
 Patriot Day Friday, Sept. 11
 Mother's Rosary, 2pm Monday, Sept. 14
 New Members Registration, 7pm Monday, Sept. 14
 Special Presentation at 7pm: :
 Human Trafficking Awareness & Prevention Sept. 15
 Berlin Fair! Sept. 17-20
 OCIA begins Sunday, Sept. 20

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

Volunteers will help with distribution on **Friday, Aug. 28** 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

Additional request: St. Clare's Pantry uses large paper grocery bags to distribute food items. We welcome you to donate any large paper grocery bags that you no longer need. They can be dropped off at the collection carts at the church entrances. Thank you!

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION MEETING & REGISTRATION

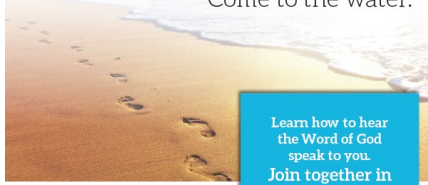
Tuesday, August 25
7:00 pm

St. Paul Church Hall
All are welcome.

STUDY TITLE:
Angels in the Bible

Bible Study

Come to the water.



Join us on Aug. 25th to learn about and/or register for our upcoming Scripture Study which will begin in September. Our 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 (starting in Feb./March) and one in the Fall (starting in Sept.) 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.

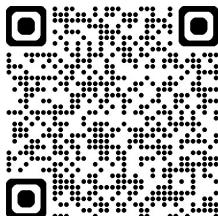
We follow the curriculum of Little Rock Scripture Study (littlerockscripture.org). It is designed to have each person do a personal reading of the assigned chapters, reflect on it with some suggested questions, and then meet with your small group to pray and share those reflections. At the conclusion 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.

Questions? Please contact
Mark Chasse at 860-944-9293
or mchasse1@comcast.net.

More info on our website and here!



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: August 30, 2026

For readings online, scan or visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/083026.cfm>

Reading 1: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading Romans 12:1-2

Alleluia cf. Ephesians 1:17-18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."



2026 Berlin Fair

Thursday, September 17
through
Sunday, September 20.

*We need your help in our
parish food booths!*

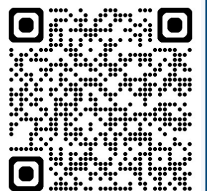


- o The Sacred Heart booth serves burgers, hot dogs, meatball grinders, sausage grinders, pasta, lobster bisque soup and more.
- o The Saint Paul booth menu includes chicken nuggets, grilled chicken salads and sandwiches, nachos with cheese and/or chili, and more.

Sign up with friends & family and have fun serving the community together!

To sign up, visit our website, scan

or click this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49A5A628A0F94-64592530-berlin#/>



For questions regarding volunteering, contact Helen deRito at 860.559.5695 (text or leave msg) or helenderito@gmail.com

St. Monica: The persistent mother of St. Augustine

On August 27, one day before the feast of her son Saint Augustine, the Catholic Church honors Saint Monica, whose holy example and fervent intercession led to one of the most dramatic conversions in Church history.

Monica was born into a Catholic family in 332 in the north African city of Tagaste, located in present-day Algeria. She was raised by a maidservant who taught her the virtues of obedience and temperance. While still relatively young, she married Patricius, a Roman civil servant with a bad temper and a disdain for his wife's religion.

Patricius' wife dealt patiently with his distressing behavior, which included infidelity to their marriage vows. But she experienced a greater grief when he would not allow their three children - Augustine, Nagivius, and Perpetua - to be baptized. When Augustine, the oldest, became sick and was in danger of death, Patricius gave consent for his baptism but withdrew it when he recovered.

Monica's long-suffering patience and prayers eventually helped Patricius to see the error of his ways, and he was baptized into the Church one year before his death in 371.

Her oldest son, however, soon embraced a way of life that brought her further grief. He fathered a child out of wedlock in 372 and a year later began to practice Manichaeism, a religion founded in the third century by the Parthian prophet Mani.

In her distress and grief, Monica initially shunned her oldest son.

However, she experienced a mysterious dream that strengthened her hope for Augustine's soul in which a messenger assured her: "Your son is with you." After this experience, which took place around 377, she allowed him back into her home and continued to beg God for his conversion.

"impossible that the son of such tears should perish."

This would not take place for another nine years, however. In the meantime, Monica sought the advice of local clergy, wondering what they might do to persuade her son away from the Manichean heresy. One

bishop, who had once belonged to that sect himself, assured Monica that it was "impossible that the son of such tears should perish."

These tears and prayers intensified when Augustine, at age 29, abandoned Monica without warning as she passed the night praying in a chapel. Without saying goodbye to his mother, Augustine boarded a ship bound for Rome. Yet even this painful event would serve God's greater purpose, as



The Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist invite you to attend a Thursday evening Holy Hour and Reflection this week.

SAINT MONICA HOLY HOUR

Saint Monica is remembered for her prayers for the conversion of her family. Saint Augustine writes of his mom's persistence in her fight for his soul.

All are invited to a Holy Hour to prayerfully support our loved ones' return to the Catholic Faith and the deepening of their relationship with our Lord.

August 27, 2026, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Saint Josephine Bakhita Parish

Saint James Church (767 Elm St., Rocky Hill)

Includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reflection offered by Sister John Mary Sullivan, FSE, Quiet Time of Prayer for Our Loved Ones, and Benediction.

Contact Gretchen Rossi, Franciscan Life Center Director of Public Relations, at 203-237-8084 with any questions.



Augustine left to become a teacher in the place where he was destined to become a Catholic.

Under the influence of the saintly Bishop Ambrose of Milan, Augustine renounced the teaching of the Manichees around 384. Monica followed her son to Milan and drew encouragement from his growing interest in Ambrose's preaching. After three years of struggle against his desires and perplexities, Augustine succumbed to God's grace and was baptized (387).

Shortly before her death, Monica shared a profound mystical experience of God with Augustine, who chronicled the event in his "Confessions." Finally, she told him: "Son, for myself I have no longer any pleasure in anything in this life. Now that my hopes in this world are satisfied, I do not know what more I want here or why I am here."



"The only thing I ask of you both," she told Augustine and his brother Nagivius, "is that you make remembrance of me at the altar of the Lord wherever you are."

St. Monica died at the age of 56 in the year 387. In modern times, she has become the inspiration for the St. Monica Sodality, which encourages prayer and penance among Catholics whose children have left the faith.

Source: ewtnvatican.com

<https://ewtnvatican.com/articles/st-monica-the-persistent-mother-of-st-augustine-who-never-gave-up-6248>

A Message from the Bishop of Parassala



Dear Parishioners,

First of all, I thank you for the support that you extended in response to the mission appeal of Sr. Kanchana in your parish. The Catholic Diocese of Parassala was established in 2017, and it lies towards the southernmost tip of India. The area of the diocese is one of the most backward in the whole of South India - economically, socially and educationally. Most families in the diocese live from unskilled daily labor. Parassala is a mission diocese in the sense that all the faithful of the diocese came to the Catholic faith in the past couple of decades.

The socio-economic backwardness of the region can be overcome only by providing the children of this region proper education and life motivation. Consequently, as a new mission diocese, we set education of our youth and children as our first pastoral priority. By the grace of God we have been able to create some substantial educational opportunities for our children and youth. But along with providing educational opportunities, it is deemed important to provide them the proper motivation in life, especially in terms of their future employment opportunities.

As a small but pertinent step in this direction, the diocese started a residential, integrated training programme for girls who completed Grade X [10] in the school. We have selected 20 girls from poor families, who are academically talented and have an aptitude to work later **in the medical field, especially as nurses**. This is because there is a rapidly growing need for medical professionals around the globe. The girls live in a hostel like facility near one of our Schools. The girls spend three years in this facility. The first two years they do primarily their 11th and 12th Grade schooling. The final year is an intensive preparatory year in view of their future employment. Basically, the program aims at:

- helping the girls for a fruitful completion of their schooling,
- providing them an orientation and training in view of their future possible employment, **especially in the medical field**. and
- attending to their integral human development.

The academic training includes, besides the higher secondary schooling, special coaching in languages. The average monthly expense of a student is around \$ 100. Thus, the total expense of a student for three years is \$ 3,600. We have in a batch 20 girls. If someone is interested in sponsoring a girl, he/she may write a check out to '**St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Eparchy in the USA**' and send it to Fr. Augustin Abraham in the following address.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Augustine Abraham
St. John Vianney Rectory
300 Captain Thomas Blvd.
West Haven, CT 06516

ST. PAUL LADIES' GUILD

Our *Welcome Back Reception and Membership Drive* will be held on **Wednesday, September 2nd** at 6:00 pm in the Church Hall. We will have our first business meeting, and small sandwiches and desserts will be served.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. Richard Branfield, Emeritus Professor of Geography at Central Connecticut State University.

Through a slideshow and discussion, Dr. Branfield will present "*Around the World in 80 Gardens*", the culmination of his career in tourism to the world's great gardens and floral kingdoms in the world.

This program kicks off what we hope will be a successful year for the Ladies' Guild as we encourage new members to join us. We hope our current members will consider inviting a friend to join them on September 2nd.

The Ladies' Guild continues to support the parish and school through its fund raising activities while providing interesting and fun evenings for its members that include time for fellowship and of course, delicious treats.

Consider coming as a one-time guest or as a new member to any of our meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month.

Food pantry donation for Sept. 2 is peanut butter and jelly.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our St. Paul Social Action Ministry is seeking parishioners who have the time and energy to help us throughout the year.

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



Father Augustine works in West Haven, CT. He can provide the tax receipt as well. Kindly mention in the check, '**for the Diocese of Parassala**'. If someone needs more information about the project or about the mode of payment, I will be happy to provide the same. I can be reached at the email address - bishop@malankarachurch.org.

Sincere thanks for the valuable support and may God bless you all.

+Thomas Mar Eusebius
Bishop of Parassala

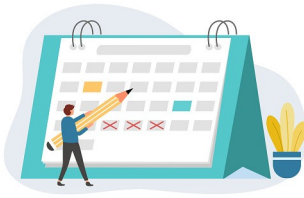
Update from our Director of Youth Ministry, Suzy Gujda:

Altar Servers: An email has been sent to all of our servers with the link to the Fall scheduling survey. If you have not completed the survey, please do so no later than Sunday, August 23rd as we will be finalizing the schedule this week for Sept., Oct. and Nov. If you have any questions or did not receive the email, please contact Suzy Gujda at s.gujda@stpaulkensington.org.

Thank you again for all you do to help our friars at Mass!

Bible Study Adventures: Our *new* Bible Study Adventures program was held last week, wrapping up on Aug. 21st. Look for an update in next week's bulletin.

Youth Ministry Core Team: Parents, if you are interested in helping with our Youth Ministry events for the upcoming year, please contact us today. We host many events for our young people all year long, some here on campus and some off-site, in order to help them build a strong foundation of faith in their lives. Email s.gujda@stpaulkensington.org.



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>.



YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

YCP Catholic network is open to professionals age 18-39. Visit their website to learn more! <https://www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org>



Upcoming Events

- o Yard Goats Baseball Game
August 22, 4:30 pm in Hartford.
- o 2nd Annual Young Adult Gala
Sep 12, 6:00 pm in Darien.



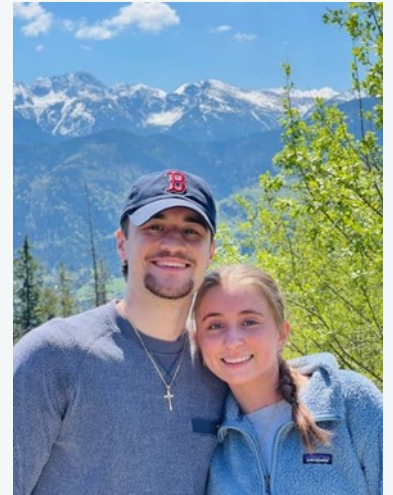
CROSSROADS 4 CHRIST

C4C is a community of Catholic young adults learning to deepen our relationship with Jesus and one another. There are chapters in New Britain, Middletown, Waterbury, Storrs and more. Ready for something more in your life? Ages 18-39. Learn more at <https://crossroads4christ.org>

CROSSROADS4CHRIST

VOLUNTEER CATECHIST SPOTLIGHT

Meet college seniors and Berlin High School alums **Allie Nawalaniec** and **Kevin Daley** who are new to the Faith Formation team this year. Both of them will graduate in December. Allie attends the University of Connecticut and Kevin attends Eastern Connecticut State University. They will co-teach a 7th grade Confirmation class.



"Hi everyone! We both had the amazing opportunity to grow up going through religious education at Saint Paul, and now we are excited to give back to the parish that has given so much to us by helping prepare the next generation for Confirmation.

Our Catholic faith is so special to both of us, and we hope to show our students how important faith can be in their own lives. We both love working with kids and are excited to build relationships with our students, help them grow in their faith, and hopefully make their religious education experience as meaningful as ours was.

Saint Paul has always been an important part of our lives. We love coming to Mass, attending parish events, volunteering, and helping out whenever we can. Teaching religious education gives us another opportunity to give back to a community that has played such an important role in shaping who we are today.

We are so excited for this new chapter and grateful for the opportunity to teach together. Most of all, we hope to create a welcoming and positive environment where our students feel comfortable asking questions, learning more about their faith, and growing closer to God as they prepare for Confirmation."

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

860-828-1934 or faithformation@stpaulkensington.org

Robin Veronesi, Director of Faith Formation

Linda Beaudoin, Administrative Assistant

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* from our Prayer List, please contact us at ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org or 860-828-0331. Please be sure to ask for permission from the person to be added. Names will remain on the list for one full month. After one month, we ask that you please renew your request. Thank you for helping us keep our Prayer List up to date.

Bobby Adamowicz
Nancy Adamowicz
Emile Albert
Amara Alice
Elaine Andrews
Lynn Cooley Bak
Zulma Barbieri
Wendy Blackmar
Cheryl Brown
Michael Vincent Bulawa
George Bushnell
Marge Bushnell
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Mark Camilleri
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Dick Dubay
Alyssa Dutkiewicz
Josefina Fernandez
Diana Fitzpatrick
Maureen Freeman
Alyssa Glaser
Donna Gray
Zofia Grochot
Linda Hannold
Carole Gable Hawrylik
Evan Hill
Joel Jakiel
Peter Jurgilewicz
Deborah Kasper
Wendy Kenzior
Adam Krzynowek
TJ Larkin



Maria Lauria
Richard Lee
Sylvia Lococo
Mary Jane Lynch
Lisa Mangiafico
Lorraine McCarthy
Nancy Motulko
Lenny Mulrooney
Ann Marie Musshorn
Our Military
Patricia O'Neill
Esther Ouellette
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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. The presentation will also cover the topics of intervention and support/assistance for victims.

Officer Mark DePinto from the Berlin Police Department, our School Resource Officer, will also be available to answer questions about BPD's involvement in prevention and intervention locally. Save the date!

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.

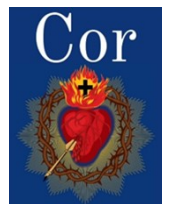
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Attention Men: Our Men's Group is starting a new session for the fall. **You are invited to join your Brothers in Christ** for these gatherings on **Saturday Mornings at 7am:**

A full schedule of events can be found on our website. (Look under Ministries or in the Parish News section.)



If you're looking to be a better husband or father, build friendships with like-minded men, be the best man you can be, or deepen your relationship with God, we invite you to join us!



Meetings begin at 7:00am. If you're up early, join us for coffee and breakfast at 6:30 as well.

To learn more, contact Bud Volz at budvolz@comcast.net.

Check out this video highlighting the upcoming session, *Apostles of the New Springtime*

<https://youtu.be/bHQMedpxHhQ?si=N3MrBH1R-1AVHCTt>

Note: There will be NO meeting on Saturday, September 5 (Labor Day weekend) or Saturday, September 19th (Berlin Fair!).



OCIA and ADULT CONFIRMATION If you are an adult who is interested in becoming Catholic OR who was baptized Catholic and received Holy Communion but have yet to be Confirmed, we currently have two programs in place to assist you.

- OCIA – Order of Christian Initiation for Adults
- ACP – Adult Confirmation Program

For more information, please complete our online inquiry form. Use the link below or scan here. —→
<https://stpaulkensington.org/adult-confirmation-ocia/>.



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA) provides individuals with the spiritual and intellectual formation and preparation that is necessary to join the Catholic Church.

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- o has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic, or
- o was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation

contact us to learn more about OCIA.

Our upcoming program will start on **Sunday, September 20**. Meetings will be held at 10:00 am in the Church Hall every Sunday from September 20th until Easter. (Easter falls on March 28, 2027.)

OCIA sessions offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Catholic Church and prepare individuals to enter full communion at Easter with the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. (There are separate sessions for children or youth). You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Raymond at 860-828-0332 or rraymond@stpaulkensington.org.

Our **ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM (ACP)** is for adult Catholics who never received the Sacrament of Confirmation for various reasons and would like to be Confirmed.

Over the past several years, St. Paul Parish has held two ACP sessions per year, one in the spring and another in the fall, each lasting for six weeks. Sessions for our six-week Fall 2026 ACP will be held on the following Sundays:

- o **August 23 and 30**
- o **September 6 and 20**
- o **October 4 and 18.**



Confirmation will take place in St. Joseph's Cathedral on October 27, 2026.

ACP is open to adult Catholics in the Archdiocese who are at least 18 years old, have been baptized and received First Holy Communion, never received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and if married, are in a valid Catholic marriage. (If married outside the Catholic Church and would like to have your marriage recognized in the Church, please contact one of the friars. The convalidation must be done prior to Confirmation.)

Meeting will be from 10 am–11 am. The specific location/meeting room will be determined based on the number of people who sign up to attend. The program will culminate with the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral in Hartford on the evening of October 27. See links above to register. Questions can be directed to Todd Cusano at tcusano@att.net.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Our Women of Faith group will return from summer break and resume meeting on **Thursday, September 10th**.



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, email us at womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org

ITALIAN NIGHT

Save the date for Italian Night!

Saturday, November 7th
Saint Paul School gym
Following 4:00 pm Mass



All proceeds from the evening will benefit the Youth Ministry of our parish.

If you would like to donate or if you are interested in helping out, 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.

BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL CLOTHING DRIVE

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



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

The following items are needed, in any size:

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| ☐ Dress Slacks
(No Jeans) | ☐ Sweaters |
| ☐ Dresses | ☐ Blazers |
| ☐ Skirts | ☐ Shoes |
| ☐ Blouses | ☐ Purses |
| | ☐ Costume Jewelry |

Also needed are **NEW and UNOPENED** socks and 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. Items can be dropped off in the labeled bins at the church entrances. The collection will run **through Monday, Aug. 31.**

Questions? Please call Cheryl Pagano at 860-218-3177 or Lynn Misteri at 860-913-5448. THANK YOU!

CLOTHES FOR POOR

Parishioner Nancy Witz coordinates an collection of clothing for the poor in our area. There is a need for the following items for the men's shelter: *Men's T-Shirts Sizes S-L and Men's Jeans/Pants Sizes 28-40.* If you can make a donation, please contact Nancy Witz at 860-604-2134. The clothes are donated to those in need on an ongoing basis.



If you have clothing items to donate and wish to leave them in the church, please be sure they are labeled with Nancy Witz's name on the bags. Many thanks for your support.

JOIN US TO PRAY THE ROSARY!

***Wednesday evening Rosary** at Sacred Heart Church. 6:00-6:30pm. **Next date: August 26.**

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: Sunday, September 13.** (Church Hall)

***Children's Rosary** 10am at SHC. **1st Saturday of the Month.** Next: **Sept. 5.** Email: cherylbattery@att.net.

***Mother's Rosary** Mondays at 2:00 pm on the Parish Green. All are welcome! We will resume in **September on the 14th.**

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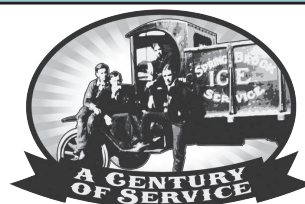
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