

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 Parish Kensington CT



- saintpaulparish

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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

September 6, 2026

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

LISTEN



"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."

MATTHEW 18:15

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*"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

- †**Elizabeth Bittner** by daughter Mary Ann Imundo
 †**Jackie Timko** by Susan (Drzata) and Bruce Silvestri
 †**Euclide and †Jeanne Albert** Wedding Anniversary by family
 †**Robert C. Rosol** Wedding Anniversary Remembrance by wife

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

- †**Jacqueline Timko** by Judy, Marlene and families
 †**Matthew Joseph Mattera** 10th Anniversary
 "Soul to Soul, we are one, with love" by mom and family
 †**Elsie McCormack** Birthday Remembrance by family
 †**William E. Brown** by niece

The Gift of Bread will be offered this week for

- †**Jacqueline Timko** by Judy, Marlene and families

The Gift of Wine will be offered this week for

- †**Jacqueline Timko** by Judy, Marlene and families

The Bread for the Poor will be Offered this week for

- †**Fr. Joseph** by Theresa and family



†**Sebastiano Urciullo**

†**Eugenia Irene Bauer**

*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.

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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



Saturday, September 5, 2026 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00 pm †**Gerald and †Anthony Vanty** by Vanty family
Sunday, September 6, 2026 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am †**Fr. Joseph Benicewicz** 2nd Anniversary
 by Ron and Joan
 10:00 am **Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish**
 12:00 pm †**Fr. Joseph Benicewicz** by Tabaczynski family
Monday, September 7, 2026 Weekday - Labor Day
 8:00 am †**Jacqueline Timko** Birthday Remembrance
 by Judy, Marlene and families
Tuesday, September 8, 2026 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 5:00 pm †**Theresa V. Thomas** by Jack and Florence Thomas
Wednesday, September 9, 2026 St. Peter Claver
 7:00 am †**Fr. Joe** 2 Year Remembrance by Pat Muli
Thursday, September 10, 2026 Weekday
 5:00 pm †**Chester Zapor** Birthday Remembrance
 by Sawyer / Zapor families
 †**Henry Bobrowski** by Pam and Kevin
 †**Elsie McCormack** Birthday Remembrance by family
 †**Mary Louise Doherty** 18th Anniversary Remembrance
 †**Robert Doherty & Raymond Dufresne** For Healing
 by mother Ida Procaccini and family
 †**Todd, †Scott, †June and †Don Norton**
 Anniversary and Birthday Remembrances
 by Daddabbo family

Friday, September 11, 2026 Weekday
 7:00 am †**Jennifer D'Ambrosio Vernali**
 Birthday Remembrance by mom and dad
Saturday, September 12, 2026 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00 pm †**Josephine and †Joseph Borselle**
 Anniversary Remembrance by Elaine Borselle
Sunday, September 13, 2026 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am †**Nell Misteri** 4 Year Anniversary
 by Misteri and Magisano families
 10:00 am †**Jeffrey Batter** Remembrance by Mancini's
 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:

Sunday, September 6, 2026

†**Fr. Joseph Benicewicz** by Rich

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Fr. Andres Mendoza Happy Birthday
 by John and Jeanne Wischenbart

Friday, September 11, 2026

†**William Pohlmann** 25th Anniversary Remembrance
 by Pohlmann family

Saturday, September 12, 2026

†**Great Grandma Lois** 1st Anniversary by Erika and William

Update from Fr. Michael

"Friary Renovations"

Many of you have probably heard through the grapevine that there will be some changes in the complexion of our friary community.



First, I want to express my gratitude to Fr. Mark Curesky, a familiar face here at St. Paul, who was Pastor after Fr. Herman and before Fr. Robert. After many years of full-time ministry, Fr. Mark has retired from active ministry.

Fr. Martin Kobos, another familiar face to our parish family, will also be concluding his service as a full-time Parochial Vicar.

Both Fr. Mark and Fr. Martin will continue to live here in the friary along with Fr. Raymond. While they will no longer carry the responsibilities of full-time ministry, they will continue to be an important part of our friary and parish community, sharing their wisdom, experience, stories, friendship, and support with us in many ways. I am deeply grateful for all they have given—and continue to give—to St. Paul Parish.

Taking over as our full-time Parochial Vicar will be Fr. Theodore Neculaes, who will arrive on September 8th. I am confident that you will welcome him with the same warmth, kindness, and open arms that you have shown to the friars of our community for more than 40 years.

On page four you will find a short biography of Fr. Theodore. I look forward to welcoming him with you and beginning this new chapter in the life of our parish family.

One final note: I am also grateful to our Franciscan Province of Our Lady of the Angels, which will provide for the room and board of Fr. Raymond, Fr. Mark, and Fr. Martin while they reside here at the St. Paul Friary. This arrangement allows these friars, who have given so much to the Church and to our parish, to remain part of our Parish community and to continue to share their friendship, wisdom, and support with us.

Please join me in welcoming Fr. Theodore to St. Paul Parish!



Wishing you a safe and restful Labor Day weekend!

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."
—Matthew 11:28

A Glance Ahead

First Friday Friday, Sept. 4
Final Summer Concert on the Green! 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**
Anniversary of Fr. Joe's passing Sept. 6
Labor Day (Parish Office Closed) **Monday, Sept. 7**
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1pm Tuesday, Sept. 8
Holy Hour, 4pm Tuesday, Sept. 8
FF Parent Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 8
Evening Rosary, 6pm at SH Wednesday, Sept. 9
Quilters & Crafters, 9am Thursday, Sept. 10
Women of Faith gathering, 7pm Thursday, Sept. 10
FF Parent Meeting Thursday, Sept. 10
Patriot Day Friday, Sept. 11
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Sunday, Sept. 13**
Hallow App Launch! See page 5 for details.
13th of the Month Rosary Sunday, Sept. 13
Mother's Rosary, 2pm Monday, Sept. 14
New Members Registration, 7pm Monday, Sept. 14
Holy Hour, 4pm Tuesday, Sept. 15
Human Trafficking Awareness & Prevention
Special Presentation at 7pm Tuesday, Sept. 15
Evening Rosary, 6pm at SH Wednesday, Sept. 16
Quilters & Crafters, 9am Thursday, Sept. 17
Berlin Fair Weekend! **Sept. 17-20**
NO TMIY Men's Group Meeting Saturday, Sept. 19
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Sunday, Sept. 20**
OCIA begins Sunday, Sept. 20
Save the Dates!
Italian Night ticket sales open Thursday, Oct. 1
Saint Francis Weekend -Transitus Service, Pet Blessing & Fr. Joe Memorial Walk! Details coming soon. Oct. 3/4
Blue Mass, 12pm Sunday, Oct. 18

<u>Parish Collection</u> Aug. 25-31, 2026	In Church	\$	9,599
	Office	\$	1,325
	Online Giving	\$	4,033
	Total	\$	14,957

Upcoming Second Collections:

September 13 - Maintenance and Repairs
September 27 - Catholic Elementary Schools

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>



A Message from Fr. Theodore Neculaes

I will be 47 years old on September 9, 2026. I am from Luncași, a small village in Romania, where my parents live a peaceful life. I have one sister, who works as a caregiver. Since I began serving in other countries, I have returned to Romania every summer to spend a month with my family.

If you would like to know a little about my journey as a Franciscan friar, I felt called to the Franciscan life when I was 14 years old.

I began my formation at our seminary in Romania in 1994. After my ordination to the priesthood on June 29, 2009, I served in Romania for four years.



I then spent seven years serving in Italy, where I lived and ministered in three beautiful cities: Rovereto, Padua, and Venice. It was a wonderful experience that allowed me to learn a new language, meet many people, and grow both personally and pastorally.

After returning to Romania for one year, I prepared the necessary documents to obtain a visa for the United States. In 2021, I came to the U.S. to study English in Northampton, MA. During those ten months, I lived in Holyoke, MA.

In 2022, I received an assignment to Shamokin, PA. I served as Parochial Vicar at Mother Cabrini Parish in Shamokin, Our Lady of Hope Parish in Coal Township, and St. Patrick Parish in Trevorton. I ministered in the Coal Region for a year and a half, actively participating in many aspects of parish life.

In 2024, I received a new assignment to St. Peter's Friary and Parish in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ. There I served as Parochial Vicar and was actively involved in a wide variety of pastoral ministries.

In 2026, I received a new assignment to St. Paul's in Berlin.

I have had wonderful experiences in every community where I have lived. I have been blessed to meet many Franciscan brothers and countless wonderful people. Every new assignment has been a gift from God. I am excited about this new assignment, especially because CT is known for its beautiful natural scenery and many places where I can enjoy hiking. Hiking is one of my favorite hobbies.

Since English is not my native language, I speak with a European accent. I hope you will find it easy—and perhaps even pleasant—to understand. I am happy to be here and look forward to meeting everyone.

May God be with us and give us the strength to do His will in all things.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Sept. 13, 2026

For readings online, scan or visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091326.cfm>

Reading 1: Sirach 27:30—28:7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Second Reading Romans 14:7-9

Alleluia John 13:34

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

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.

Hallow

St. Paul Parish is thrilled to announce our partnership with **Hallow**. Through prayer and meditation rooted in the Catholic faith, Hallow helps people grow closer to God and find peace, everyday. Hallow is the most popular Catholic prayer app worldwide, offering guided prayer sessions, the Rosary, sleep meditations, Lectio Divina, special challenges during Lent and Advent, community challenges, and much more.

During the weekend of September 12/13, a representative from Hallow will be here on our parish campus to share details about the app and how you can take advantage of this special resource.

Plan to take a few minutes after Mass on Saturday, Sept. 12 or Sunday, Sept. 13 to learn more about Hallow's many great features and to learn how to join our parish page!

We will have light refreshments in the Church Hall after all Sunday Masses as well. Hope to see you there!

2026 Berlin Fair
Thursday, September 17
through
Sunday, September 20.

It's almost here!

We need your help in our parish food booths! Join the fun and sign up today.

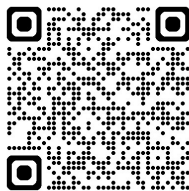
- o Our Sacred Heart booth which is located in the heart of the action in the middle of the Fairgrounds serves burgers, hot dogs, meatball grinders, sausage grinders, pasta, lobster bisque soup and more.
- o Our Saint Paul booth has both indoor and outdoor seating, and the menu includes chicken nuggets, 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 or 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

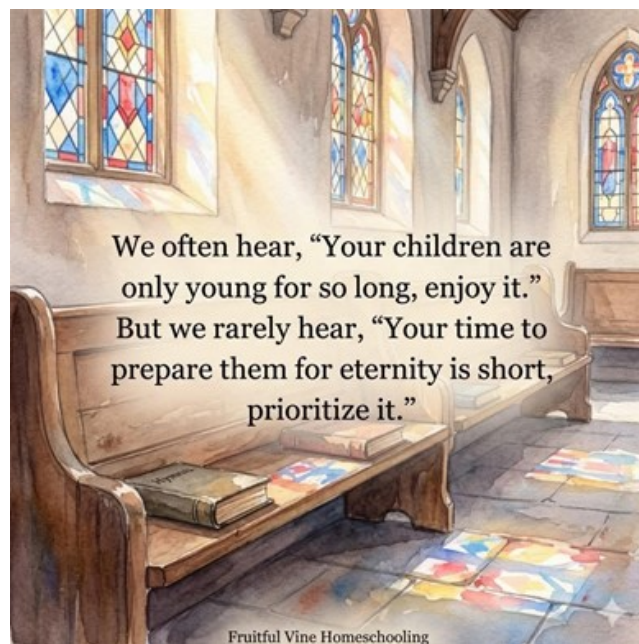


FAITH FORMATION

Our staff and volunteer catechists are hard at work preparing for classes and other events. There are 567 students enrolled this year in Grades 1-10. Parent meetings have already taken place for the First Communion and Confirmation students.

Here's what is happening in the coming weeks:

- o Tuesday, Sept. 8 and Thursday, Sept. 10 – Parent meetings for Gr. 1-2, 4-6.
- o Sunday, Sept. 13 – 9th & 10th Grade Retreat led by national Catholic speaker Monet Souza.
- o Sunday, Sept. 27 – first class for Confirmation.
- o Sunday, Oct. 4 – first class for Grades 1-6.



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

Update from our Director of Youth Ministry, Suzy Gujda:

While summer has flown by, we are excited to dive into all that is ahead this fall!

Bible Study returns this month: [Tuesdays, Sept 15](#) and [Sept. 29](#) from 6:30-7:30pm

Let's dive in to God's Word! Ever wonder what God is saying to you through the Bible? Come hang out with us as we dive into the Gospels, starting with Matthew.

We'll learn how to actually read, understand, and study the Bible, discover how God speaks to us through His Word, play some games, and enjoy snacks together!

Bring your Bible and a friend. Come ready to discover God's Word in a whole new way. No Bible Study experience needed—just come curious and ready to grow!

Don't forget your Bible! Don't have one? No problem. We will have on for your.

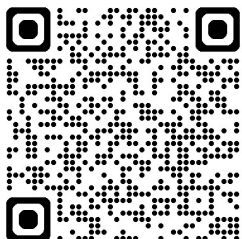
Be sure to RSVP!



Get ready to WEED & REAP again! Let's get our hands dirty and do some labor of love on the grounds of the Franciscan Life Center in Meriden on [Saturday, Sept. 19](#) from 10am-2pm (*That leaves plenty of time for the Berlin Fair that evening!*) We will tend to the garden/grounds along with the Franciscan Sisters, and share a meal when the work is done.

All you need are work clothes, garden/work gloves if you have them, and a good attitude! Only 15 spots are available. Grades 6-8 and 9-12.

Register today!



Youth Ministry KICK-OFF is here with a twist. This year, we will be holding our Youth Ministry Kick-Off event at the Father Joe Memorial Walk, [Sunday, October 4th!](#) (Save the date and stay tuned for more details!)

The Fall Altar Serving Schedule is hot off the presses. The schedule was sent out on Monday, August 31st, so if you didn't receive the email, please reach out to Suzy Gujda at s.gujda@stpaulkensington.org. (Please check your SPAM folders as well.) Thank you to all who assist our friars at each Mass!

Follow us on instagram for updates and news and invite a friend to join as well.

@saintpaulparish_youth



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE FRIENDSHIP CENTER

One of our parishioners, Gabriel Puskarz, is holding a special collection of personal-care items for the Friendship Service Center located in New Britain. The Center provides "compassionate, person-centered services for those at risk of or experiencing homelessness."



Gabriel is a student at St. Paul Catholic High School (Bristol). He is also an Altar Server (Master of Ceremonies) and our Sacristan here at St. Paul Parish.

The collection will run from this weekend, [September 5/6](#) through [Sunday, September 20](#). Please leave all donated items at the church entrances in the designated areas.

Requested items (in travel size and/or regular size):

- o shampoo, soaps, deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.
- o towels and washcloths
- o laundry detergent
- o men's and women's undergarments (new/unopened)
- o infant care items (diapers, wipes, hygiene care, etc.)

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

THE ROSARY

Join us to pray the Rosary at St. Paul Parish!



***Wednesday evening Rosary** at Sacred Heart Church.
6:00-6:30pm. **Next date:** [Sept. 9.](#)

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

***13th of the Month Rosary** at 12pm. [Sunday, Sept. 13.](#)
*Location for this month is TBD as both the Church and
Church Hall will be in use. Check next week's bulletin.*

***Children's Rosary** 10am at SHC. [1st Saturday of the
Month.](#) Next: [Sept. 5, Oct. 3.](#) Email: cherylbattery@att.net.

***Monday Rosary** Mondays at 2:00 pm on the Parish Green
All are welcome! We gather at the Pieta statue in the Prayer
Garden as weather permits. If it's raining, we move into the
church near the Blessed Mother statue. Join us for our next
Monday Rosary on [September 14th at 2pm.](#)

***Rosary Makers** Our Rosary Makers group meets on the
first Monday of each month at 1:00 pm in the Church Hall
from Sept. through June. They will resume from the summer
break on [Monday, September 14th](#) (since the first Monday
of Sept. is Labor Day). New members always welcome!

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.

The topic for our September 10th gathering will be:
How do you know when God is telling you to let go.
We will meet at 7:00pm in the Church Hall (downstairs).

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

YOUNG MEN'S GROUP

Kingsmen is a Catholic group for the young
men of St. Paul Parish. We are dedicated to
fostering authentic community, brotherhood,
and leadership among young men through
our Lord, Jesus Christ. Grounded in the belief that strong
community is essential to the formation of faithful men, we
strive to cultivate a welcoming environment where belonging
is embraced, friendships are strengthened, and meaningful
connections are formed. To learn more, email Tony deRito at
tonyd433@gmail.com or visit <https://CatholicKingsmen.com>.



BLUE MASS

Save The Date
[October 18, 2026](#)
12:00 pm Mass



Save the date for our **3rd Annual Blue Mass** to express
gratitude to our First Responders. If you would like to join the
planning committee, please contact Elaine Pavasaris:
860 463 9193 or elaine@homesweethomect.com.

SAINT FRANCIS WEEKEND

Save the Date! [Sunday, October 4th](#) is the
Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. Special
events planned for that weekend include:

- Transitus Service, a traditional Franciscan
celebration which has special significance
in this 2026 Jubilee Year! (Oct. 2)
- The Blessing of Pets (Oct. 3)
- Fr. Joe Memorial Walk (Oct. 4)
- Youth Ministry Kick Off Event (Oct. 4)



More details will be coming SOON!

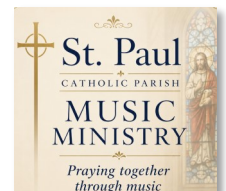
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you or someone you know is going
through a difficult time and in need of
comfort, we have prayer shawls available
for men, women and children. The women
in our group knit/crochet these beautiful
shawls and include their good wishes and prayers in each
one. There is no charge, but donations are appreciated.
If you are interested in getting a shawl or joining our group,
please call or text Jeanne Charbonneau at 860-913-9023 or
send an email to jcharb21@gmail.com. For anyone who
would like to join the prayer shawl ministry, we meet on the
[second Tuesday of the month](#) from September to June at
1:00pm in the Church Hall. It doesn't require a lot of time
and you meet many wonderful people.



Great opportunities await those who sing God's praises!
We have many ways to participate in our Music Ministry:

- + St. Paul Parish Choir
- + Contemporary Choir
- + 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.

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	Maria Lauria
Nancy Adamowicz	Richard Lee
Emile Albert	Sylvia Lococo
Amara Alice	Mary Jane Lynch
Terry Anderson	Lisa Mangiafico
Elaine Andrews	Lorraine McCarthy
Lynn Cooley Bak	Nancy Motulko
Zulma Barbieri	Lenny Mulrooney
Wendy Blackmar	Ann Marie Musshorn
Cheryl Brown	Our Military
Michael Vincent Bulawa	Patricia O'Neill
George Bushnell	Esther Ouellette
Marge Bushnell	Beverly Oraczewski
Christopher C.	Emma Pagano
Mark Camilleri	Judy Pappalardo
Janet Carroll	Steven Pavano
Pearl Casey	D. J. Pavasaris
Jonathan Cheung	Ada Payamis
Doug Clarke	Joan Pinney
Maureen Corr	Marilyn Puopolo
Arlene Cotrona	Nicky Ragozzino
Roger Coyle	Barbara Rich
Linda Cullen	Christopher Roddy
Lenny Cullen	Susana Romero
Jose Dagna	Shirley Sansone
Martin Dagna	Oscar Seipel
Marie DeFazio	Raul Seipel
Fr. Tony DeFronzo	Chris Sloane
Kathleen DeLisa	Kevin Stanowski
Alyssa Dutkiewicz	Elizabeth Smulski
Josefina Fernandez	Claire Suzuka
Diana Fitzpatrick	Pat Swent
Maureen Freeman	Angelica Szczygla
Alyssa Glaser	Gabriel Szczygla
Donna Gray	Julia Szczygla
Zofia Grochot	Lucia Teodoro
Linda Hannold	Catherine Trombley
Evan Hill	Jeffrey V.
Joel Jakiel	Steve Varano
Peter Jurgilewicz	Scott Veley
Deborah Kasper	Taylor Wachtarz
Wendy Kenzior	Lois White
Adam Krzynowek	Father Josh Wilbur
TJ Larkin	Grace Winch



Please join us 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.

School Resource Officer Mark DePinto from the Berlin Police Department, 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.

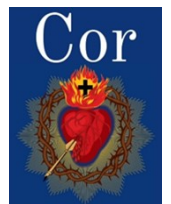
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Attention Men: Our Men's Group is starting a new session for the fall. **You are invited to join your Brothers in Christ** for these gatherings on **Saturday Mornings at 7am:**

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/bHQMdpXhHq?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 to assist you.

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

For more information, please complete our online inquiry form. Scan here → or use this link:

<https://stpaulkensington.org/adult-confirmation-ocia/>



OCIA provides individuals with the spiritual and intellectual formation and preparation that is necessary to join the Catholic Church.

Contact us to learn more if you or someone you know...

- 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

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

OCIA offers a small group setting to learn more about our Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings & 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. You are welcome to participate 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.

ACP is for adult Catholics who never received the Sacrament of Confirmation for various reasons and would like to do so.

ACP is open to adult Catholics in the Archdiocese who are 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.)



Our parish typically holds two six-week ACP sessions per year, one in the fall and another in the spring. Our Fall 2026 ACP is now underway. If you would like to learn more or to get on our list for the Spring 2027 session, click on the link above. Questions can be directed to Todd Cusano at tcusano@att.net.

SAINT PAUL SCHOOL

We're back! What a great first couple days of school for our SPS students, teachers and staff! It's wonderful to see friendships continuing to grow as our little Lions learn, play, laugh, and make special memories together.



Everyone had fun celebrating the first day of school with our special first-day glasses! Thank you to Ms. DelMartino and Mrs. Esposito for creating these fun props for our back-to-school photos and video.

Link to video: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DcjZtT-Jg1e/>



MUM SALE

SPS is hosting their annual Mum Sale fundraiser!



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<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-sps-fall-mum-sale>

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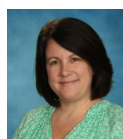
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FOODSHARE ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE

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

Volunteers are needed on **Thursday, September 10** at 9:00am to transport food items from St. Paul Church to Sacred Heart Church. Volunteers are also needed that day at Sacred Heart at 9:30 am to fill grocery bags for Friday's distribution.

The first St. Clare/Foodshare distribution at Sage Park will take place on Friday, September 11 from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm. Those volunteers are asked to arrive at the park at 11:00 am to assist in the distribution effort.

For info about St. Clare's Pantry or Foodshare Mobile program including volunteering contact Nancy Timbrell at 860-601-7866 or n.timbrell@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. **TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE OCTOBER 1ST.**

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.

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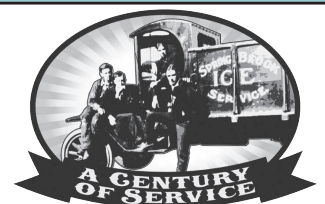
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