Annual Christmas Pageant held at St. Augustine Church on 12/16/17, followed by the Tree Lighting. Many enjoyed a delightful evening. The Church was packed for the Pageant which re-enacts the beautiful Christmas story.

Photos courtesy of William Ivey and Cara Pearson.
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Collections and Parish Finances
We are grateful for your generous support of our
Sacrificial Giving Program.

Report for the week of 12/27/17:
Weekly collection (St. Paul): $4,828.50
Extra: 312.00
Online Giving: 170.00
Christmas 16,954.60
Total St. Paul: $22,265.10

Weekly collection (St. Augustine): $1,027.00
Extra: 1,105.00
Online Giving: 226.00
Christmas 13,612.00
Total St. Augustine: $15,970.00

Total before Assessment $38,235.10
Chancery Assessment: 5.5%: (2,102.93)
Catholic School Assessment: 5.5%: (2,102.93)
Total Offertory $34,029.24

Parish Annual Appeal
St. Paul $79,348.00
St. Augustine 60,433.97
Total Parish Annual Appeal $139,781.97

Please take note:
All checks for donations, offertory (including Christmas), Mass stipends, etc. should conti nue be made payable to either St. Paul Church or St. Augustine Church.
Thank you.
## JANUARY 7TH LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & INTENTSIONS

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**Eucharistic Candle**

At St. Paul Church

is dedicated this week for

**Raymond Paquette**

Requested by

**Family**
Dear Parishioners:

I am very grateful to all who worked so hard to make our celebration of Christmas so special. The sanctuaries are beautifully decorated and the music was superb. Altar Servers, members of our choirs, cantors, sacristans, Readers, Ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, staff and anyone who helped in anyway all deserve our gratitude. Preparing for the Birth of Christ is a true labor of love and it is appreciated. May the blessings of Christmas continue to shine through our community and radiate beyond to all we meet.

Father Mark

Inspiration for the Week

Jesus came for everyone. No one has an exclusive claim on Christ and his birth not only transcends time and space but earthly boundaries as well. Every human being is a child of God. Jews and Gentiles alike are all coheirs, partners and members of the same body. This insight or epiphany is what we celebrate today. It also expresses our hope that one day every nation on earth will recognize and adore Jesus Christ. Jesus’ message of peace, justice, reconciliation and love are meant for everyone to hear and understand.

The ABC’s of Annulment

The Rev. John Granato, pastor of the Torrington Cluster Parishes, Torrington will host “The ABCs of Annulment” on Thursday of January 11, from 7—9 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Church Hall, 116 Grove St. Members of the Annulment Team will review the changes in the annulment process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford. Br. Larry Lussier CSC, Deacon George Frederick and Jim Tottenham make up the Annulment Team. They will help participants in writing their application in the follow-up workshop on Thursdays—January 18, 25, February 1 from 7-9 p.m. also in the church hall weather permitting.

The “ABCs of Annulment” event is open to all. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. A donation is requested to defray the cost of the associated printed materials. No registration is required. For further info, call Br. Larry@475-221-8464 or email him at lrus300@sbcglobal.net.

Pro-Life Mass with Archbishop Blair

You are invited to join Archbishop Leonard P. Blair for a Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph on Saturday, January 13, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

Refreshments and Speaker will follow Mass

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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In your prayers please remember our sick parishioners and friends:

Susan Bowhall
Sandra Cavanna
Thomas Cavanna
Anne DeNuccio
Leah & Dan Hebert
John Roncaioli
Helen Turaduate

To add a prayer intention, please contact our rectory office. Due to privacy laws we limit the requests to immediate family members only. We cannot publish names of friends. Thank you for your understanding.

Respect Life

Prayer Request
PARISH HAPPENINGS

Get your blood pressure tested!

If not treated, high blood pressure increases the risk of heart disease, stroke, dementia, kidney disease and blindness. Be aware of your body’s needs: Blood pressure screenings are being held after all Masses (at both St. Augustine and St. Paul Churches) next weekend (January 13/14). Have your blood pressure checked by one of our experienced parish nurses. It’s easy, painless, confidential….and FREE.

Please help us as we continue to assist the homeless and hungry at monthly dinners. The next dinner is scheduled for FRIDAY, JANUARY 12. As always, we are in need of food, provisions, monetary donations, and service assistance. Questions and/or concerns may be directed to Bob and Esther DeLucia (pembroke88@cox.net / 860.633.8591) or Gary Giannelli (giannelli1@cox.net / 860.633.2212).

Please consider helping in any way possible - the rewards are deep and the need is great!

Knights of Columbus Serve Dinner to the Homeless

The Knights of Columbus hosted dinner to 85 hungry men at the Immaculate Conception Homeless Shelter in Hartford last Friday night, Jan 5. The Knights served roasted pork loin, mashed potatoes with gravy, creamy corn, crisp garden salad, bread & butter, assorted desserts, cookies, fruit and milk. ‘Thank You Very Much’ for starting the New Year for these men with a good dinner and your kind act of compassion towards them.

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Paul Church
Wednesday, January 17, 2018
1:00pm to 6:15pm

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: Glastonbury to schedule an appointment.

Receive a $5 Dunkin’ Donuts card when you present to donate!

Our parish women’s retreat is just weeks away. Join other women from our parish at the newly refurbished Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center. Enjoy delicious meals you don’t have to make, participate in the sacraments, listen to conference talks, share with other women and reflect on this year’s theme, “Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace.” Relax and renew your soul. For information call: Gina at 860-432-8879 or visit www.ourladyofcalvary.net

Please join us at St. Augustine after the 7:30 a.m. Mass this weekend for Coffee and. Thanks to Marisa Howard, Barb D’Amica, and Martine Fusco for hosting this event.

If anyone is interested in hosting the Coffee & at St. Augustine’s the first Sunday of the month, please contact Frannie Doherty at 860-558-8541. This is a rewarding experience to offer to the parishioners, a time to mingle after the Mass, to see old friends and meet new ones. Families or groups of parishioners can offer the help needed. Thank You!

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Definition

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Duties include but are not limited to:

- Cleaning of bathrooms, classrooms, vacuuming & mopping floors, Removal of trash, Grounds maintenance
- Light painting, Supervising summer-help employees, Cemetery work to include, cremains burials, setting of flat markers, general maintenance

Must be able to work daytime hours and an occasional Saturday/Sunday/Holidays.

Interested Candidates may submit resumes to Melissa Lacafta at melissa@isidoreandmaria.org
SAVE THE DATE

Confirmation Retreat, 1/7

Sam Todzia will offer this year’s retreat for all Confirmation candidates on Sun. 1/7, beginning at the 11:15 Mass and lasting until 4:30pm. If you see any candidates you know, please wish them a good experience!

New Service Opportunities

Our youth ministers have put together a robust new schedule of service opportunities for teens in grades 7-12: nine in the month of January alone! Information on these events and links to sign up online can be found on the parish website under Youth > Service Opportunities. Near the end of each month, we’ll email a “Service Snapshot” with upcoming opportunities to families of registered and recently confirmed teens. To make sure you’re on this list, contact Donna Berger or Leila Mathieu.


Have you been wanting to study the Bible? This might be the right time to start. Building on our groups last fall on the Gospel of Mark and the Infancy Narratives, Jon Sozek will offer a six-week Bible study on the Gospel of Luke and Book of Acts. This is a great opportunity to explore the history of the Church and the life of Jesus. We will meet six Thursday evenings from 7-8:15pm: 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, & 2/22. Sign up on the parish website under Learn > Bible study.

FOR REFLECTION: EDITH STEIN ON THE EPIPHANY AND VOCATION

Edith Stein (1891-1942) was a German Jewish philosopher who converted to Roman Catholicism and became a Discalced Carmelite nun. She died at Auschwitz and was canonized as St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross in 1998. Her work was an important influence on the philosophy of St. John Paul II. Speaking of her own religious calling, she writes the following:

“The kings have a special meaning for us. ... Even though we already belonged to the external church, an interior impulse nevertheless drove us out of the circle of inherited viewpoints and conventions. We knew God, but we felt that he desired to be sought and found by us in a new way. Therefore we wanted to open ourselves and sought for a star to show us the right way. And it arose for us in the grace of vocation. We followed it and found the divine infant. He stretched out his hand for our gifts. He wanted the pure gold of a heart detached from all earthly goods; the myrrh of a renunciation of all the happiness of this world in exchange for participation in the life and suffering of Jesus; the frankincense of a will that surrenders itself and strains upward to lose itself in the divine will. In return for these gifts, the divine child gave us himself.

“But this admirable exchange was not a one-time event. It fills our entire lives. After the solemn hour of bridal surrender, there followed the everyday life of observance in the Order. We had to "return to our own country," but "taking another way" and escorted by the new light that had blazed up for us at those solemn places. The new light commands us to search anew. "God lets himself be sought," says St. Augustine, "to let himself be found. He lets himself be found to be sought again." ... [An] interior need prompts us to renew our vows repeatedly. ... To each authentic, heartfelt renewal of vows, the divine Child responds with renewed acceptance and a deeper union. And this means a new, hidden operation of grace in our souls. Perhaps it is revealed in an epiphany, the work of God becoming visible in our external behavior and activity noticed by those around us. But perhaps it also bears fruit that, though observed, conceals from all eyes the mysterious source from which its vital juices pour.”

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Over the past 4 years the CCA has been able to maintain its current pricing, while unfortunately costs have continued to rise. Please take advantage of our current pricing through the end of the year before the new 2018 pricing goes into effect on Jan 1st.  

For your convenience we now sell Granite Flush Markers and Monuments at all our locations!