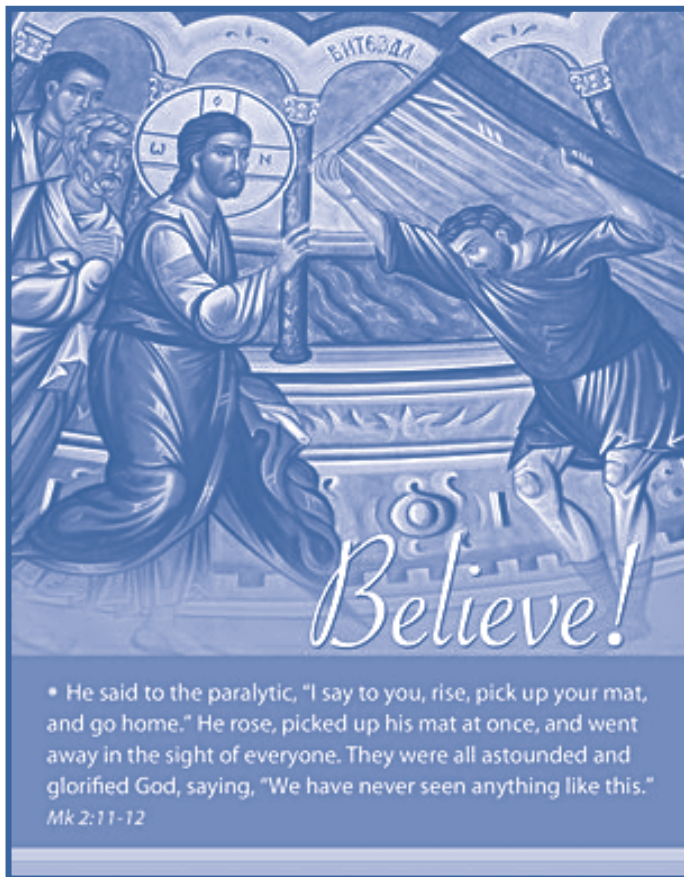


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KENSINGTON, CONNECTICUT



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday • 4:00 PM Vigil
 Sunday 7:30 AM • 9:00 AM • 10:30 AM • Noon
 Weekdays 7:00 AM • *5:00 PM (* 5:30 During Lent)
 Holy Days of Obligation 7:00 AM • 5:30 PM
 Headphones for the hearing impaired are available in the Sacristy before Mass.

ANOINTING

Please see a Friar after any Mass or call our office.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the Month, Noon to 4:45 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00-3:45 PM, or by appointment

PARISH CENTER 467 Alling Street, Kensington, CT 06037
 Weekdays 8 AM – 4 PM (860) 828-0331 Fax (860) 828-7620
 Email: OurChurch@stpaulkensington.org
 Parish Website: Stpaulkensington.org

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BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month, 1:15 PM. Register on our website. Baptism instruction is required for all first-time parents and all first-time godparents. 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the Parish Center. You must pre-register.

SPONSOR FOR BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION: A sponsor must be a Confirmed Catholic, who lives a life of faith (i.e., regular Sunday worship; if married, in a ceremony approved by the Church), and who is not the parent of the person to be baptized/confirmed. If you are registered at St. Paul and need a sponsor certificate, contact the Parish Center office.

MARRIAGES: Register on our website at least 6 months prior.

TO JOIN OUR CHURCH: 7 PM, Church Hall, 2nd Monday of the month. (Please let us know if you are coming.)

MASS INTENTIONS

SAINT PAUL CHURCH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2012

- 4:00 † Violet Wollman *by the Family*
† Rita Koziol *by Husband & Family*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2012

- 7:30 † Kate Hrenko *by Donald Hrenko & Sis Johnson*
9:00 † Nicoletta Liburdi (8th Anniversary)
by Husband & Daughters
10:30 † Apolinar Agosto, Jr. (A.J.) 1st Anniversary
by the Kurpiewski Family
† Sophie Simicik (14th Anniversary) *by the Family*
† Richard Krajewski *by the Imossi-Winger Family*
12:00 † Jacques Doyon *by the Doyon Family*
† Joseph Timko, Sr. (6th Anniversary) *by his Wife*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2012

- 7:00 † John & † Adele Hubbard *by the Hubbard Family*
5:00 No Mass

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012

- 7:00 † Michael Gaidimaskas (Anniversary Remembrance)
by Son, Algert
5:00 † Walter Krysztopik *by Bart Krysztopik*

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2012

(Mass at 7AM, 9 AM & 5:30PM, Prayer service at Noon & 7PM)

- 7:00 For the Lenten Sacrifices of our Parishioners
9:00 † Rosa Gonzalez *by Staff & Students of St. Paul School*
12:00 Prayer Service
5:30 Shelly Adamowicz (Birthday Celebration) *by Nancy*
7:00 Prayer Service

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2012

- 7:00 † Richard Krajewski
by Knights of Columbus, Council 3675
5:30 † Marianna Napolitano *by her Niece*
† Jim & † George Boucher *by Mother*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2012

- 7:00 Living & Deceased Members of St. Paul Church
5:30 † Edith R. Brochu *by Joseph & Eileen Sytulek*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2012

- 4:00 † Edward, † Timothy & † Sharon Darigis *by the Family*
† David Rusczyk (Birthday Remembrance) *by Mom*
† Donald Perreault *by the Family of Donald Perreault*
† Raymond J. Mariner *by Margaret Palowski*
† Sylvester Waznia (1 Month Anniversary)
by Friars & Parishioners
† Peter Marut, Sr. & † Peter Marut, Jr. *by Wife, Mom*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2012

- 7:30 † Stanley & † Jean Sobolewski
by Charles & Jo-Anne Sobolewski
† Deceased Members of Rosinski & Kornas Families
by Ted & Janice Rosinski
9:00 † Jean Tzetzto *by Patty Tzetzto & Children*
10:30 † Rosemary Bordonaro (30th Anniversary)
by Mr. & Mrs. Terry West and James J. Bordonaro, Jr.
† Grace Iaia *by the Iaia Family*

- † Rosa Gonzalez *by the Fischer Family*
† Richard Krajewski *by the Fischer Family*
† Norman Ayotte (Birthday Remembrance)
by Wife, Yvette

- 12:00 † Louis Fiducia (Anniversary) *by the Family*
† Richard Krajewski *by Gerald & Nancy Witz*

The Blessed Mother Candle will burn this week for

† Olga McLoughlin *by the Family*

A Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for

† Thomas Salonia (23rd Anniversary) *by his Wife Viola*

† Mary Louise Doherty

by Mother, Ida, Sisters, Brothers, Nieces & Nephews

FEBRUARY PRAYER LIST

PRAY FOR :

Elaine Andrews	Henry Brochetti	Angela Caravaca
Mary DiMugno	Anne Fields	Susanne Fracasso
Richard Fracasso	Danielle Freeman	Jeanne Higgins
Alan Joyce	James Loughlin	Lucille Luddy
Shirely Sansone	Joan Schwartz	Jonathan Sturgeon
Angelica Szczygla	Gabriel Szczygla	Diane Zanelli

END OF YEAR APPEAL—\$ 76,200 contributed!! Need: \$3,800
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Envelope Users:	\$ 12,274.00
Non-Users:	\$ 1,031.55
Online Giving:	\$ <u>878.50</u>
Total:	\$ 14,184.05



Saint Paul School thanks you for your contribution of \$ 4,498.00 to their collection last weekend. (\$4,317 + \$181 from Online Giving !)

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

There is an envelope in your packet for "Utility & Energy" for next Sunday, February 26th. There is also one for Ash Wednesday.

NO 5PM MASS: Monday, February 20th.

REST IN PEACE

† Mark Errico

Assisi Bound

All good things come to an end. As you may have heard last week, Fr. Martin and I received a call from our Provincial informing us that Fr. Martin was needed in Assisi Italy. He will assist the thousands of English speaking pilgrims that regularly go to the birthplace of St. Francis. Fr. Martin's gifts make him perfect for his new ministry assignment. He is fluent in Italian, has lived in Italy off and on for several years, he loves pasta and his warm personality will be well received by the many visitors who come to Assisi every year to learn more about St. Francis. Our loss is Assisi's gain. God Bless you, Fr. Martin, and know that you are always welcome here in Kensington. We will not forget "many are cold, few are frozen."

Fr. Provincial informed me that Fr. Raymond and I will need to hold down the Fort until Fr. Peter is ordained in August. As you can understand, this is no small task. St. Paul's is a big parish with lots of obligations, but I promised him and I promise you that we will do our best.

The Envelope Please

We have just started the long overdue process of cleaning up our census. We began taking anyone who has not used their envelopes, off the envelope list. As you might imagine, this will be a considerable saving for the parish and the environment. Over 1/2 the envelopes that we currently send out are not used. We realize that some might have stopped giving because of advanced age, simply moved away or for whatever reason choose not to use the envelopes for contributions to the parish. As we continue with this huge project, we will eventually send letters to everyone we haven't heard from in a year, asking them if they are still active members of our parish community.

The Annual Report

Next week I will give the Annual Report on the state of the parish. It will include a complete accounting of our finances, a report on new members, and a study of parish involvement. I will also present the list of the capital projects we accomplished last year and the projects we are considering for this year. There will be a report on our school and the religious education program. Our staff works very hard to produce the Annual Report and I hope they know how informative this is to you.

Finance Council Meeting last week

I met with the Parish Finance Council, a very talented group who care very much about the parish. I listen very carefully when they speak. They reviewed last year's financial reports and approved the budget for 2012. We discussed future capital projects and our options to provide more parking. They approved the financial statements which you will receive in the Annual Report. The Finance Council was pleased with our accomplishments last year.

Great News!

We just received news that our School has been reaccredited until 2016. The reaccreditation letter contained a lot of encouragement and many compliments on newly established programs. What an honor for our parish and our school. Please join me in congratulating our very dedicated teachers and administrative staff for a job very well done.

Saint Paul School News

SAINT PAUL SCHOOL ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS

PreK-3 to Grade 8

PreK-3 NEW 3-Day Traditional Program – Mornings only
Monday/Wednesday/Friday 8:30 to 12:30 PM
(with lunch in classroom)

Optional 5-day Program – Mornings only Monday thru Friday
8:30 to 12:30 PM (with lunch in classroom)

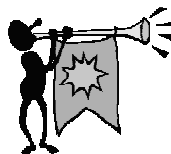
PreK-4 FULL DAY PROGRAM *Three (3) Full Days*
Monday/Wednesday/Friday 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Five (5) Full Days Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

PreK-4 HALF DAY PROGRAM Five (1/2) Days
Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM to 12:30 (lunch program)

ALL DAY Kindergarten Program 8:00 to 3:00 PM

Please check out our website: ourschool.stpaulkensington.org or call the school office 860-828-4343 for information & registration.



We are pleased to announce that the New England Association of Schools and Colleges has granted Saint Paul School continued accreditation! This is wonderful news for our school! "The commission commends the school for addressing previous recommendations and challenges while keeping the school fiscally stable. Additionally, improved faculty evaluation, a revitalized early childhood program, and "Virtue of the Month" have all had a positive impact." Please extend your congratulations to our teachers and staff for their continued hard work in making Saint Paul School a school of excellence! Laurie Pieciewicz
Principal,

SAINT PAUL SCHOOL AUCTION: SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST

Our 16th Annual Auction is 6 weeks away! A major fundraiser, this well-attended event provides opportunities to bid on a huge selection of items and promises a fun evening! Watch for details!



A TEAM SPELLING BEE - MAY 6TH FOR ST. PAUL PARISH COMMUNITY

"Bee" ready to become a part of this fun filled and unusual Team Spelling Bee aimed at supporting the education ministry of St. Paul Church. On Sunday, May 6 at 2PM in the St. Paul School gym, teams made up of various ministries in the parish, as well as educators, students. Local professionals, politicians, police, firefighters etc. will compete to claim the bragging rights to the coveted title of "St. Paul Community Team Spelling Bee Champion". Admission is free.

Each team will consist of three spellers. Costumes, team names, themes, and mascots are encouraged! Participation is \$100 per person or \$300 per team. Entry fees are fully tax deductible. Each team will confer on the spelling of a word and will write their word on a white board for the judges to see. Organize your team today! Be part of the fun! Entry forms are available at the Parish Center, Church entry ways, & online soon at stpaulkensington.org.

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....TO ST. PAUL CHURCH

REGISTRATION NIGHT 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

We warmly welcome the following members to our church: James & Mary Coleman, Maureen Tardif, William, Colleen & Camryn Fraello, Philip Verrillo and Joyce Woyasz (not pictured). Please let us know if you can attend our next registration evening on **March 12**, at 7:00PM in our church hall. Email us, Ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org, or call the office, 860-828-0331.

ST. PAUL CHOIR BEGINNING REHEARSALS

The Saint Paul Choir resumes rehearsals beginning February 23, the Thursday after Ash Wednesday. Singers are always wanted! Besides the weekly 10:30 Mass, our focus will be preparation for the upcoming Confirmation services, Easter Season, and also First Communion services. Contact our music director, Jeff Batter, at the Parish center, ext. 114, or jeffbatter@stpaulkensington.org.

EXULTATIONS!.....THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF ST. PAUL'S

All students in grade 1 through 5 can join. Please email or call Director, Diane Roncaioli (dmroncaioli41@gmail.com) or (860-828-7912) if you are interested. Rehearsals: 6:30pm to 7pm in the church hall, the last 3 in the church, beginning Thursday, March 1 and continue Thursday, March 8, Wednesdays, March 14, 21, 28, and April 4. We will sing at the 9AM Mass on Easter.

FOREVER YOUNG CLUB – MEETING & DINNER MARCH 1

Our annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner is at 6 PM in Father Carroll Hall at Sacred Heart Church. A business meeting followed by a short video program presented by Dr. Theresa Krankowski describing the work of St. Gerard Center for Life. Musical entertainment will also be provided. Cost is \$10.00 per member. For tickets call Carol Dauphin at 860-828-9964 or Dan Sabia at 860-828-3141. Donations of cereal, peanut butter, and jelly will be collected for the Berlin Town Pantry.

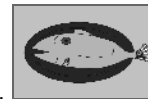
HOT STUFF COLLECTION: A HUGE SUCCESS

The Social Action Committee wishes to thank all who generously donated Hot Stuff items for our recent collection. A total of 76 bags & boxes were delivered to the Friendship Service Center in New Britain, **an amount which exceeded expectations!** Many staff people at the shelter expressed their appreciation for the kindness exhibited by the parishioners of Saint Paul Church. **GOD BLESS YOU** for your generosity and such a great response during this time of need!



ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 22

Ashes will be distributed at the 7am, 9am and 5:30 pm Masses, as well as during a prayer service at 12 noon and at 7 pm.



FASTING & REFRAINING FROM MEAT

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. "Fast" means that, if you are 18 years old or older, but under 60 years old, you may take only one full meal and two smaller meals that, taken together, do not equal one full meal. "Abstinence" means that if you are 14 years old or older, you are to refrain from meat. Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. If you are 14 years or older, you are to refrain from meat.

DAILY MASS IS AT 7:00AM & 5:30PM (NOT 5:00PM)

During Lent, the weekday evening Mass will be at 5:30 pm so people who work can get to Mass. **Begin Ash Wednesday.**

NOON MASS & LENTEN LUNCH ON WEDNESDAYS

During Lent, we will continue the tradition of offering a noon Mass on Wednesdays followed by a simple Lenten lunch in the church hall. This begins Ash Wednesday, and will continue until the Wednesday before Holy Week. (see Ladies Guild article below)

The Ladies Guild of St. Paul Church

LENTEN LUNCHEONS

The Ladies Guild will again sponsor the Lenten luncheons each Wednesday in Lent except Holy Week. The first one will be on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, after the 12:00 noon Prayer Service and will consist of soup and bread only, since it is a day of fast & abstinence. The following Wednesdays will be soup, sandwiches & desserts. All are welcome to attend.



MONTHLY MEETING IN MARCH

The Ladies Guild will hold their meeting on Wednesday, March 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. We will enjoy a Lenten Supper of soup, bread & pound cake. If you would like to make a meatless soup, please call VP Pam Bobrowski at 860-828-1024. We will be entertained by the Dance in the City performing dances of the Nifty Fifties. A short business meeting will follow. The item for the Food Pantry this month is mayonnaise. All ladies are invited.

POLISH SUPPER—MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The popular Polish Supper is coming on Saturday, April 21, 2012, after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Sponsored jointly by the Parish and the Ladies Guild, tickets at \$12 and \$5 for children under 10 may be obtained from Barbara Rival at 860-828-5632.



MOHEGAN SUN DAY TRIP—THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH

Due to overwhelming response, the bus is full. Call Rose (860-225-3966) to be put on the waiting list. We do refer to this list when there is a cancellation due to illness etc.



K **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH**
 The Msgr. Thomas L. Grelish Council # 3675 K of C/ Red Cross (St. Paul Church & Sacred Heart Church) will sponsor their annual blood drive from 1PM to 6PM in the St. Paul Church Hall. Please call the Red Cross for an appointment at 1-800-733-2767 or visit their website, www.redcrossblood.org. Indicate you are a new or repeat donor from St. Paul, Kensington, CT. **Remember, a single donation can save up to 3 lives!**

E **ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER**
 Please join us for a St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday March 17, 2012 in the St. Paul School gym. Tickets are \$12 per person and the doors open at 5:00 PM. Funds from this event will be used to replace the folding chairs in the Church and School. Donations are also welcomed and may be mailed to Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 262, Kensington CT 06037, or placed in the collection basket. For tickets, please contact Terry Lescoe (860-828-9285), Tom Sullivan (860-505-8128) or Ed Como (860-829-1258).

FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE NEWS

PLAY TIME: MONDAYS, 10AM - 12 PM, CHURCH HALL

We're thrilled you enjoyed your Monday morning gatherings in February! Our program enables mothers / caregivers to bring little ones together for self-guided socialization and open playtime. For all ages up to 5yrs. No cost, no RSVP needed. Contact Amy Kurnik at 860-224-9414 or email us with any questions, at families@stpaulkensington.org.



FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE - WE DID IT!


We had our first Parents Night Out event! What a fun night it was! With over 60 children in attendance, it was a really busy night! There was a magician, movie & popcorn, arts & crafts in our art room and our media center had plenty of board games and books for all to enjoy! The children were thoroughly entertained all evening and very well behaved - it made for a great night! I am most thankful to our assistant student helpers and the very active and dedicated committee that made the evening a huge success! Big thanks to committee members Cynthia Kobus, Maura Gaffney, Kim Downes, Katie Lewis, Liz Carroll, Sheila Rittman, Anne Henriques, Christine Cugno and Aileen Kennedy. We have many fun activities in mind for the future – if you have great ideas, come join us! Looking forward to seeing you all at future events! Amy Kurnik-Chair, Family Life Committee

LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS, OUR BULLETIN PUBLISHER


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Monday, February 20 **NO SCHOOL OR REL. ED**
 7:00am Mass
 10:00am St. Paul Play Date
 2:00pm NO Ledgecrest
 3:00pm Aftercare in the Gym **CHECK THIS**
 5:00pm NO 5 PM Mass
 7:00pm Pastoral Council

Tuesday, February 21 **NO SCHOOL OR REL. ED**
 7:00am Mass
 3:00pm Aftercare in the Gym
 5:00pm Mass **Last 5PM Mass - (It's 5:30 pm during Lent)**

Wednesday, February 22 
Ash Wednesday
 7:00am Mass
 9:00am School Mass
 12:00pm Liturgy of the Word and Ashes
 12:30pm Lenten Luncheon
 2:00pm Ledgecrest Prayer Service - Ashes
 3:00pm Aftercare in the Gym
5:30pm Mass
 6:30pm Rel Ed Grades 6 and 7/Liturgy of the Word/
 7:00pm Folk Group Rehearsal
 7:00pm Liturgy of the Word / Ashes

Thursday, February 23
 7:00am Mass
 3:00pm Aftercare in the Gym
5:30pm Mass
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
 7:00pm Prayerful Yoga
 7:00pm RCIA Meeting

Friday, February 24 
 7:00am Mass
 3:00pm Aftercare in the Gym
 3:00pm Girl Scouts
 5:00pm Possible MS dance
5:30pm Mass
 7:30pm AA Meeting

Saturday, February 25
 9:00am Rel Ed Grades 1 to 3
 10:30am Rel Ed Grades 1 - 3
 3:00pm Confessions
 4:00pm Mass

Sunday, February 26
 All day 9th Grade Retreat
 9:00am Rel Ed Pre K / K
 10:30am Rel Ed Grade 10
 12:00pm RCIA Mass, Ceremony following Mass at the Cathedral
 1:00pm 9th Grade Retreat
 1:00pm Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby

Must-Have Conversations

As a dating or engaged couple, conversation probably comes easily. The two of you enjoy talking about just anything. Just about anything that is, except ugly disagreements. It doesn't change much in marriage except there are more things to disagree about. You can't run away from prickly conversations – for long. If anything, marriage accentuates the mild differences you have while dating. They can become serious disagreements once the initial excitement of new love becomes the comfort of secure love.

Before you marry, consider “must have conversations” on these topics:

- Spirituality/Faith
- Conflict Resolution Skills
- Careers
- Finances
- Intimacy/Cohabitation
- Children
- Commitment

You've probably already talked about most of these topics – at least to some degree. Great! That should confirm your decision to marry.

But don't avoid topics that might be sensitive. This is the time to face difficult conversations and make sure you are on the same page. You don't have to agree on everything – just the important things. Use your time of courtship and engagement to explore the serious and controversial issues that are ahead of you. A marriage preparation program will help you to address these issues more thoroughly.

You may come to an impasse on an issue. That doesn't mean you aren't meant for each other. It does mean you should pause and study this issue more carefully. Perhaps it's a sign you need to consult others with experience or expertise in the area.

Enrichment

What helps a marriage grow? Many things: shared spiritual values, healthy intimacy, recreational activities—even caring for a beloved pet!

While it's easy to focus on the challenges and obstacles to married love, it's harder to identify and utilize the many opportunities for growth. Each day presents opportunities to do something positive for one's marriage, whether it's a heartfelt goodbye kiss in the morning, a shared prayer before bedtime, or a spirited game of tennis. Day by day couples build a strong marriage by recognizing and acting upon these invitations to growth.

For more great articles, log onto www.ForYourMarriage.org. You will find these articles very helpful and informative.

Leave a legacy: Remember St. Paul Church in your Will.

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IS ADDICTION A SIN?

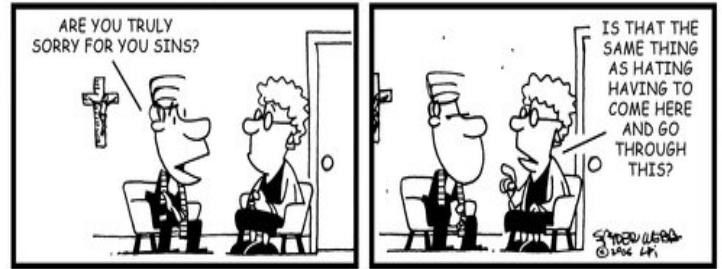
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Understanding the nature of addiction will help shed some light on the question of its sinfulness. Addiction is commonly thought to be a disease. It affects every aspect of a person's life to one degree or another and is progressive.

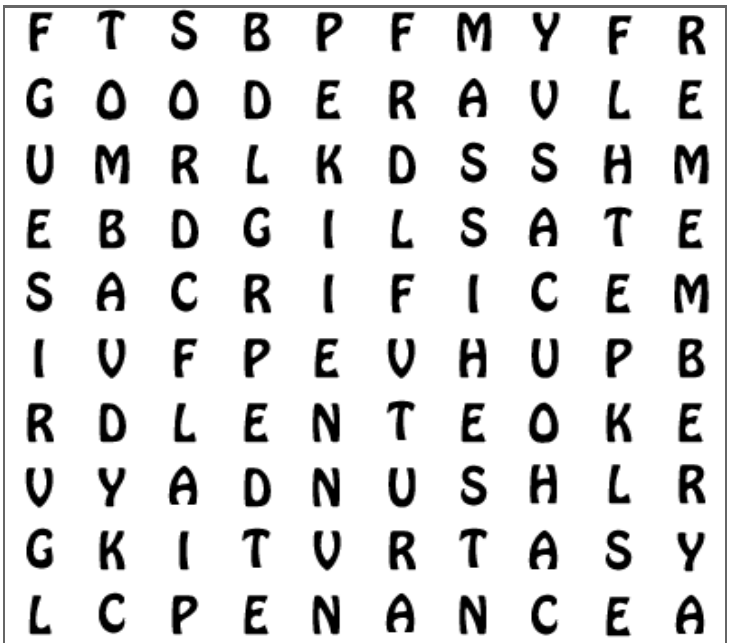
Gradually, it claims more and more control of a person's health and well-being. Even if a person is successful in managing the addiction, it is always present. It is not something that a person is cured of, but rather something that one learns to control. This being so, then the element of choice and free will is not present, a necessary factor to be guilty of sin. Therefore, the addiction itself is not a sin.

That does not excuse the addict from all responsibility for sin. Some of the activities that support addiction may indeed be sinful. For instance, if the addict steals, cheats, or robs to feed the addiction, knowing that action is wrong or serious and choosing to do it anyway, there is an element of sin present. Each case would have to be taken individually to make a better judgment.

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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