

MEN AND WOMEN:
DO YOU FEEL CALLED

To enter into a deeper relationship with God?
The Secular Carmelites of West Reading would like to invite you to
please come and see what we are all about.
Sunday, April 17th and Sunday May 15th, at 1:00 PM
Sacred Heart Chapel, West Reading, PA.
Questions contact Arlene Kunstek 610-921-1515 or Theresa Pauley
610-462-6886 - or just show up!



Gethsemane Cemetery's Annual Memorial Day Mass
will be held on Monday, May 30th, 2016 at 10:00AM.
Everyone is welcome and Mass will be held rain or shine

REMEMBERING YOUR CHURCH: Please consider designating St.
Paul's Church in your last will and testament so that the blessings the Lord
has given you will continue to build his Kingdom.

HOLY FATHER'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR APRIL:

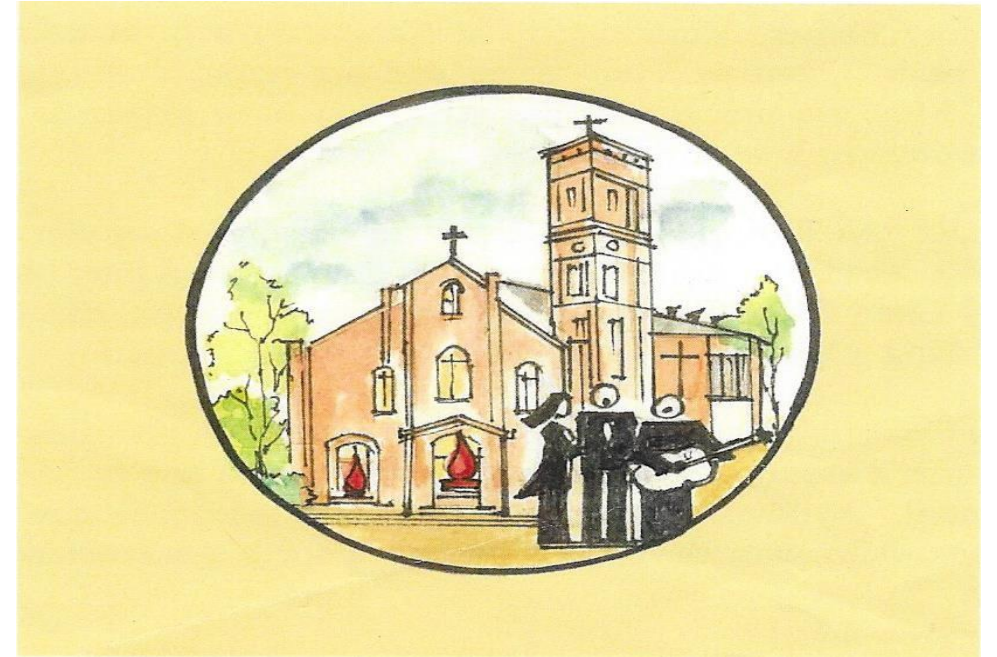
That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.

HOLY FATHER'S EVANGELIZATION INTENTION FOR APRIL:

That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus
Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church
Römisch-Katholische Kirchengemeinde St. Paulus
Iglesia Romana Catolica de San Pablo
Giáo Xứ Thánh Phao-lô
**** 151 North Ninth Street ****
Reading, Pennsylvania 19601-3613

APRIL 2016



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Coordinator Religious Ed: Ms. Kelley Eroh

Parish Ministry: Sr. Isabel Sell, I.H.M. and Sr. Maria Kane, I.H.M.

Victim Assistance Coordinator: Ms. Wendy Krisak, DIRECT NO. 800-791-9209

Safe Environment Coordinator: Sr. Meg Cole, SSJ,MS,LMFT 610-332-0442 X19

APRIL MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, April 1st

8:00 AM Anna E. Nickolas
6:00 PM Maria

Sunday, April 3rd

8:00 AM Emilio Cappello
10:00 AM Giuse Maria Lai
12:30 PM Thanksgiving to God

Tuesday, April 5th

8:00 AM Leo/Anna Koppenberg
6:00 PM H&W Rex Munson

Thursday, April 7th

8:00 AM Bernita M. Skipper
6:00 PM Concepcion Suarez

Saturday, April 9th

8:00 AM H&W Anastasia
4:00 PM Louisa Loeper
6:00 PM Odalis Pereira

Monday, April 11th

8:00 AM Hannahoe, Impink, &
Johnson Families
6:00 PM Thai Nhi

Wednesday, April 13th

8:00 AM Mary Richards
6:00 PM Daminh Tu

Friday, April 15th

8:00 AM Helen Slapikas
6:00 PM Daminh

Saturday, April 2nd

8:00 AM Anne Marcincin
4:00 PM Josephine Delp
6:00 PM Miguelo Rodriguez

Monday, April 4th

8:00 AM Sowers/Mervine Fams.
6:00 PM Cac Linh Hon

Wednesday, April 6th

8:00 AM Mary/John Koharchedk
6:00 PM Giuse

Friday, April 8th

8:00 AM Mrs. Anna Hill
6:00 PM Teresa

Sunday, April 10th

8:00 AM Liv/Dec of Holy Name Soc.
10:00 AM Augustino
12:30 PM Anna Puello

Tuesday, April 12th

8:00 AM Betty A. Filipek
6:00 PM Francisco Belen

Thursday, April 14th

8:00 AM Catherine Zunzer
6:00 PM Vicenta & Ines DePaula

Saturday, April 16th

8:00 AM Franklin D. Goss, Sr.
4:00 PM Liv/Dec of Holy Family Soc.
6:00 PM Oralia Tolentino

APRIL MASS INTENTIONS CONTINUED

Sunday, April 17th

8:00 AM Bene. of Memorial Soc.
10:00 AM Laurenso
12:30 PM Renett Gonzalez

Tuesday, April 19th

8:00 AM Kohl/Levandowski Fam.
6:00 PM Iliani Zalsuela

Thursday, April 21st

8:00 AM Matilda Herbst
6:00 PM Catherine Zunzer

Saturday, April 23rd

8:00 AM Fracol Family
4:00 PM Chester Skopek
6:00 PM Alejandro Baez

Monday, April 25th

8:00 AM Mary Davis
6:00 PM Daminh

Wednesday, April 27th

8:00 AM Cac Linh Hon
6:00 PM Maria

Friday, April 29th

8:00 AM Basil Floriani
6:00 PM Giuse

Monday, April 18th

8:00 AM Bernita Skipper
6:00 PM Maria

Wednesday, April 20th

8:00 AM Anna Mae Lynch
6:00 PM Giuse

Friday, April 22nd

8:00 AM Maria Vui
6:00 PM Rosa

Sunday, April 24th

8:00 AM Cherie Elias
10:00 AM Dominico Dong
12:30 PM Jessenia Casteneda

Tuesday, April 26th

8:00 AM Richard Gilbert
6:00 PM Teresa

Thursday, April 28th

8:00 AM Cac Linh Hon
6:00 PM Ventura Mederos

Saturday, April 30th

8:00 AM
4:00 PM Damiel, Catherine, &
Rev. Daniel Klink
6:00 PM H&W Alex Adame

H&W Stands for Health & Well-Being of a Living Person

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HOLY NAME SOCIETY monthly meeting will take place on Sunday, April 10th after the 8:00 AM Mass. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

HOLY NAME SOCIETY DRAWINGS:



MARCH WINNERS:

\$60 #121 George Sproesser
\$40 #84 Dennis Goda
\$25 #165 Dr. Yvonne Yurichko
\$25 #144 Matt Lloyd
\$25 #127 Ann Jackloski

EASTER WINNERS:

\$60 #239 Mike Borst
\$40 #49 George Christ
\$25 #75 Lois Flannery
\$25 #144 Matt Lloyd
\$25 #127 Ann Jackloski

HOLY FAMILY SOCIETY will have their monthly meeting on Saturday, April 16, 2016. The meeting begins at 2:30 PM in the Rectory. Refreshments are served after the meeting. If you wish, you may attend the 4:00 PM. Mass as a group. All ladies of the Parish are welcome.



HOLY FAMILY SOCIETY will hold a Shoo-Fly Pie Sale on the weekend of April 18-19, 2015 at all Masses. Pies are from Wixon's Bakery and sell for \$4.00 each.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR: The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator confidential telephone number is 1-800-791-9209.

“GOODBYE,” TO ICE AND SNOW AND “HELLO” TO GRASS AND FLOWERS

Winter has finally loosened its icy grip on our bodies and on our heating systems. Although this past winter was relatively mild overall, our new boiler was put to the test several times when temperatures were at their wintry lowest levels. Getting into April allows us to breathe a sigh of relief now that ice and snow are gone and that we are now ready for grass and flowers (and Spring allergies) to brighten up our local landscape.

Lent and Easter came early this year. We are the same people today as we were on Ash Wednesday, but we have added new growth – like the new buds on a tree. Our Lenten testing has brought us to new Easter growth. “If you die with Him, you will rise with Him,” as St. Paul reminds.

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

Our boiler capital campaign continues to grow at a steady pace. During the month of March our campaign pledges rose to almost \$325,000, and the amount collected from the pledges passed the \$200,000 mark. Until now, our campaign efforts have been largely internal as we have maintained our fund-raising focus on the English, Vietnamese and Spanish members of St. Paul's Parish family. During the month of April we will be directing our efforts to individuals and businesses beyond our parish family.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW - MARCH 2016

PARISH EXPENSES: \$20,719.58

PARISH INCOME: \$16,765.00

THE FIRST FRIDAY of April is the 1st. Masses will be celebrated at 8 AM and 6 PM (Vietnamese). Confessions are heard before each Mass

NOCTURNAL ADORATION DEVOTIONS in honor of the Sacred Heart will be held on First Friday April 1st, at Holy Guardian Angels Chapel, from 8 to 9 PM. All are welcome.



THE DATE FOR APRIL MASS AT GETHSEMANE MAUSOLEUM

Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 4:00 PM.
All are welcome to attend!

DAILY EXPOSITION: St. Paul's Parish will mark the seventeenth anniversary of daily exposition of our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. Our Lord speaks to us each unmistakably: "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will refresh you." Mt. 11:28. "Let us go off to a place where we will be alone and you can rest a while." Mk. 6:31. "Could you not watch with me for even one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, the flesh is weak indeed." Mt. 26:41-42. Christ's invitation to us and its urgency could not be plainer. He alone will compensate us for the consolation we offer Him for His abiding presence, friendship and love. This is a great blessing to our parish family and to each of us individually.

Mariawald (Mary of the Woods) Renewal Center in Shillington, PA

is a ministry of the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood. It is designed as a place for retreat and renewal. Facilities are available for private and group retreats. For private use the daily rate is \$20 which includes lunch or \$15 without meals. Overnight accommodations are available. The center is set in a beautiful rural area of Berks County. For more information, contact mariawaldcenter@gmail.com or phone 610-777-0135. Address is 1094 Welsh Road, Reading P. 19607

Institute for Catechesis and Formation Course Offering - ICF 103 - New Testament. This course picks up the story of God's plan of salvation with an introduction to the Gospels, Apostolic preaching and the origins of the Church, concluding with the conversion, preaching and travels of St. Paul. Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2016; 7-9pm at Berks Catholic HS with Fr. Dan Kravatz. Cost: \$30. To register visit www.allentowndiocese.org/icf. *ICF Courses are meant for any adult Catholic looking to grow deeper and learn more about the Faith. There are no prerequisites for these courses.*

OUR LADY'S MISSIONARIES OF THE EUCHARIST INVITE YOU TO:

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2016 11 AM — 2 PM

Principal Celebrant for Holy Mass and Homilist: The Most Reverend John O. Barres
Conference Presenter: Sister Joan Noreen

Divine Mercy Sunday will include Conference, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Devotions, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

To register contact: Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, 640 E. Main St., Birdsboro, PA 19508; olme@olme.org ♦ 610-582-3333 ♦ www.olme.org

ALL ARE WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND! YOUR GENEROUS DONATION WILL BE DEEPLY APPRECIATED

DIVINE MERCY MASS SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD 3:00 PM

At Holy Rosary Church

3rd & Franklin Streets Reading, PA 19602

Beginning at 3:00 PM

(A Plenary Indulgence may be obtained)

Mass fulfills Sunday obligation.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Refreshments in Hall after Mass.

For information, please call 610-373-5579

NOVENA FOR THE DIVINE MERCY BEGINS ON GOOD FRIDAY AND ENDS ON DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY.



ST. FRANCIS HOME for the terminally ill is under construction. This home is being built in the Shillington area, and will serve those in Berks County in the very near future. Please consider attending their Spring Fundraiser at the Crown Plaza on Thursday April 14, starting at 5:30 PM. For more information or reservations please call Nancy Schwartz at 610-670-1050. All proceeds will benefit St. Francis Home.

Don't miss out on the 6th Annual Reading/Berks March for Life on April 24, 2016! The theme this year is Pro-Life...Pro-Action. The March begins at Berks Catholic H.S., 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, with pre-rally music by the Berks Catholic Choir at 1:30 PM followed by the Rally at 2 PM with the March commencing at 3 PM. Donations of baby items are requested for crisis pregnancy centers. All are welcome to gather for a peace filled, prayerful March. "Love is the Measure of All Holiness"— Msgr. Felix Losito.