

On April 10, 2016, the Polish American Board of Education of Berks County will be awarding nine college scholarships totaling \$18,000 to Berks County high school seniors of Polish American descent. Applicants for the scholarships can obtain application forms and guidelines in the office of the guidance counselor in all Berks County high schools, in the Polish American Cultural Center in the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts, and they can be downloaded from the PABEBC website at www.pabeberks.org. Completed application forms are due no later than Saturday, March 5, 2016, to the PABEBC Scholarship Secretary, Ronald Savitski, 159 Texter Mountain Road, Wernersville, PA 19565-9442 Tel. 610.693.9792 In order to promote Polish culture and pride, the Polish American Heritage Association of Berks County will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a child or grandchild of a current member of the organization. To obtain more information and the criteria required to apply for this scholarship contact Sandy Lubas Hummel at sahummel@ptd.net or call her at 610.582.8717.

Energetic volunteer needed with a "Heart on Fire" for Jesus Christ. Your help wanted now in our Parish to order, monitor, and share, the newest and best Catholic Evangelization materials and tools. Our Goal is to awaken and transform the Hearts of others in our local community to hear the "Call" and act on it, visibly and beautifully, in accordance to God's Holy Will.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: Since such a small number of parishioners request their year-end statement, they will only be mailed to those who call to request it. If you would like yours please call the Rectory and we will be happy to mail it to you.



HOLY FATHER'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

That we may take good care of creation - a gift freely given - cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

HOLY FATHER'S EVANGELIZATION INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the people of Asia.

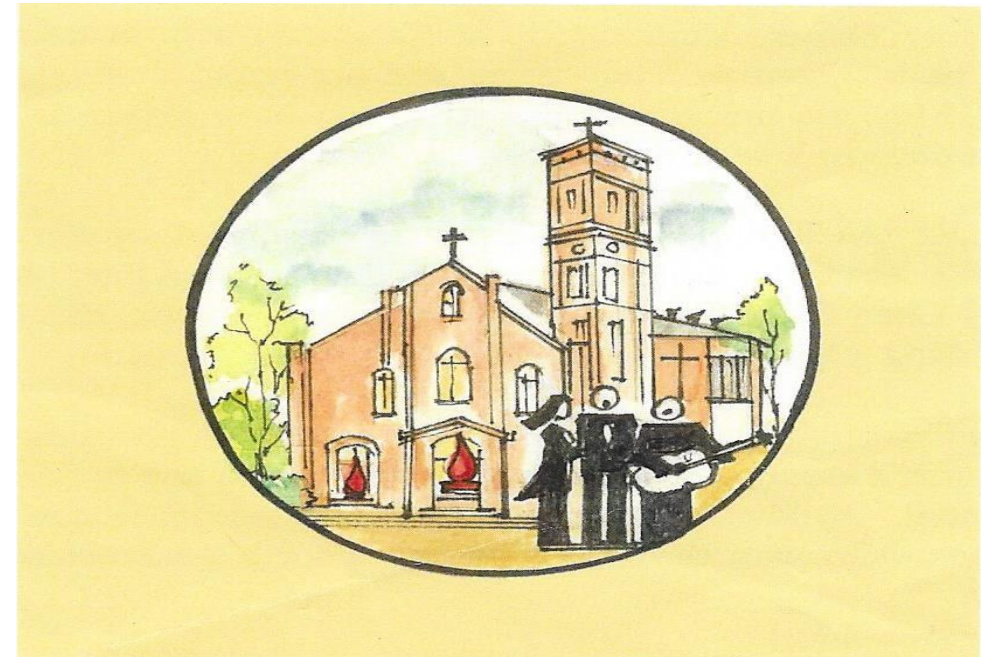
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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW - JANUARY 2016

PARISH EXPENSES: \$31,553.25 PARISH INCOME: \$28,855.94

St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church
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FEBRUARY 2016



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FEBRUARY MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, February 1st**

8:00 AM Peter DeCarlo
6:00 PM Maria

Wednesday, February 3rd

8:00 AM Dec. of George/Josephine
Filipek Families
6:00 PM Thai Nhi

Friday, February 5th

8:00 AM Ted/Trudy Wolicki
6:00 PM Giuse

Sunday, February 7th

8:00 AM Emilio Cappello
10:00 AM Liv/Dec of St. Pau's Parish
12:30 PM Paulina Altagracia Baez

Tuesday, February 9th

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

Thursday, February 11th

8:00 AM Matilda Herbst
6:00 PM Brenda Cisneros

Saturday, February 13th

8:00 AM Phaolo Chuong
4:00 PM Mario Cappello
6:00 PM Betsab Restrepo

Tuesday, February 2nd

8:00 AM Bill March
6:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, February 4th

8:00 AM Sowers/Mervine Fams.
6:00 PM Renett Gonzalez

Saturday, February 6th

8:00 AM Therese Zuchowski
4:00 PM Chester Skopek
6:00 PM Thanksgiving to Baby Jesus

Monday, February 8th

8:00 AM Matilda Herbst
6:00 PM Maria Thu

Wednesday, February 10th

8:00 AM David/Ida Spaeth
12:00 Noon Emily/Edward Rider
6:00 PM Ta On
7:30 PM Maria

Friday, February 12th

8:00 AM Martina Cabrera
6:00 PM Giuse

Sunday, February 14th

8:00 AM Liv/Dec of Holy Name Soc
10:00 AM Giuse Maria Chuong
12:30 PM Ricardo Ramos

FEBRUARY MASS INTENTIONS CONTINUED**Monday, February 15th**

8:00 AM Catherine Zunzer
6:00 PM Tien Nhan

Wednesday, February 17th

8:00 AM Martina Cabrera
6:00 PM Daminh Tu

Friday, February 19th

8:00 AM Peter Decario
6:00 PM Cac Linh Hon

Sunday, February 21st

8:00 AM Bene. of Memorial Soc.
10:00 AM Giuse Vien
12:30 PM Jessenia Castaneda

Tuesday, February 23rd

8:00 AM Charles, Sadie, Vera Spaeth
6:00 PM Ivan Soto

Thursday, February 25th

8:00 AM Jan Krzak
6:00 PM Maria Martinez

Saturday, February 27th

8:00 AM Victoria Gieringer
4:00 PM Rosaria Pati
6:00 PM Jorge Alberto Rivera Rodriguez

Tuesday, February 16th

8:00 AM Catherine Eckert
6:00 PM Erika Alvarez & Children

Thursday, February 18th

8:00 AM Deborah Krafczek
6:00 PM Anna

Saturday, February 20th

8:00 AM Vincenzo Scotto DiLuzio
4:00 PM Liv/Dec of Holy Family Soc
6:00 PM Jorge Alberto Rivera Rodriguez

Monday, February 22nd

8:00 AM Catherine Archer
6:00 PM Maria Vui

Wednesday, February 24th

8:00 AM Josephine Howard
6:00 PM Teresa

Friday, February 26th

8:00 AM Matilda Herbst
6:00 PM Ta On

Sunday, February 28th

8:00 AM Peter DeCarlo
10:00 AM Liv/Dec of St. Paul's
12:30 PM Fresolinda Rodriguez

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

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MASS will be celebrated on Sunday, February 14th, at 8:00 AM. The meeting will follow in the Rectory with refreshments.

We'd like to see some new faces. Why don't you join us after Mass and see what we are all about. All men of the Parish are invited to attend.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY DRAWING - JANUARY WINNERS:



\$60	#130	Rita Kline
\$40	#123	Margaret Impink
\$25	#191	William Cardiff
\$25	#236	Joe Webb
\$25	#186	Elizabeth Breton

HOLY FAMILY SOCIETY'S February meeting will be held on Saturday, February 20th. The meeting begins at 2:30 PM, in the Rectory. If you are interested in joining come to St. Paul's for this meeting and learn more about the Holy Family Society. Refreshments are served after the meeting. We then attend 4:00 PM Mass which is offered each month for Living and Deceased Members of Holy Family Society. This is an open invitation to all prospective new members, former active members and any ladies who want to get involved in this social and spiritual organization of our Parish.

Institute for Catechesis and Formation Course Offering — ICF 102 — Old Testament. The Bible is God's revelation of Himself to His creation, and the story of His love for us. This course will provide a brief introduction to the origin of Sacred Scripture: its source, how the Canon was formed, and the senses in which we can interpret Scripture. The remainder of the course will focus on the Old Testament: the creation of the earth and God's covenant of love with the human person, the fall into sin, and the revelation, over time, of God's plan of salvation.

Tuesdays, February 23, March 1, 8 & 15, 2016; 7—9pm, at Berks Catholic HS with Fr. Kevin Bobbin.

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK
THE MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST IS HEALTHY IN ST. PAUL'S PARISH

In the middle of January it appeared that we would be one day in the future looking back on a rare snowless winter season. But Mother Nature and Old Man Winter conspired to guarantee that we will long remember the Blizzard of '16.

The blizzard was so bad that Bishop John Barres proclaimed that the severity of the weather removed the obligation of Sunday Mass attendance for that weekend. What common sense and good judgment had probably already made clear to us our bishop made official.

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The second reading from that Sunday Mass described the Church community -- us -- as the Mystical Body of Christ.

Since the middle of last year the Mystical Body in St. Paul's Parish has been flexing its financial muscles to help install a new boiler. The Blizzard of '16 also gave us a chance to flex our physical muscles. I am most grateful to the men who came both during and after the storm to dig us out around our church property from the more than thirty inches of snow.

The Mystical Body of Christ is certainly alive and healthy in our parish.

THE FIRST FRIDAY of February is the 5th. Masses will be celebrated at 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM (Vietnamese). Confessions are heard before each Mass.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION DEVOTIONS in honor of the Sacred Heart, will be held in St.



Margaret's Church, on Centre Avenue & Spring Streets. The Holy Hour will be on First Friday, February 6th, from 8 - 9 PM. Everyone is welcome.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH enjoys the great privilege of having Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament each day, Monday thru Friday, from 8:30 A.M. until 6:00 PM. I ask all parishioners to make a commitment to keep company with our Lord. This could be either daily, weekly or monthly.

THE MASS FOR GETHSEMANE MAUSOLEUM: Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 4:00 PM

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: The National 40 Days for Life Campaign and Prayer Vigil, February 10 to March 20, 2016. Daily prayer vigil in front of Reading Planned Parenthood, 4th & Franklin Sts., from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday - Saturday. Please join with others in your parish to pray at Planned Parenthood.

LENT 2016



ASH WEDNESDAY, February 10, 2016 begins our Lenten Season. Ashes will be distributed at each of the Masses, 8:00 AM, 12 Noon, 6:00 PM (Vietnamese), 7:30 PM (Spanish).

ASH WEDNESDAY and **GOOD FRIDAY** are days of Fast. All Catholics from eighteen years of age to the beginning of their sixtieth year are bound to limit themselves to one full meatless meal and avoid food between meals. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs.

ASH WEDNESDAY and **ALL THE FRIDAYS OF LENT** are days of Abstinence. All Catholics who have completed their fourteenth year are obligated to abstain totally from meat, including poultry. Abstinence from all festive foods is encouraged on every day of Lent as part of the common discipline of this holy season.

LENTEN REGULATIONS: The Church obliges us to observe substantially the penitential days specified by the Church. The practice of penance is a part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who himself recommended it as necessary to His followers, and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting. Catholics must not lightly excuse themselves from this serious obligation.

CATHOLICS ARE ALSO encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity, SUCH AS...

ATTEND STATIONS OF THE CROSS, BEGINNING FEBRUARY 11

Thursday Evenings after the 6:00 PM Mass in Spanish
Friday Afternoons at 12:00 Noon in English
Friday Evenings after the 6:00 PM Mass in Vietnamese



LENTEN COIN FOLDERS

Available in the Church Lobby for anyone who wishes to participate. You may also pick one up at the Rectory.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Which begins on Ash Wednesday and will continue through the Lenten Season. Please participate in this wonderful program to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Your monetary donations may be placed in the basket by the offertory gifts, specifically marked for this purpose.

SPONSOR AN EASTER DINNER

By providing Easter Dinner food for families in Berks County. Cash donations are also welcome. To determine how many families can be served, please call Catholic Charities at 610-376-7144 for further information.

ST. BENEDICT R.C. CHURCH, Mohnton Lenten Taize Service, Sunday, February 28, 2016 at 6:00 PM. This will be a night of prayer and meditation through music, scripture, and silence. During the time of Lent we must think about God's biggest sacrifice; giving up His only Son's life so that we may live. This will be a night to truly meditate upon this unbelievable gift from God. You will be able to place all your worries, burdens, and problems upon the holy cross as you truly place yourself in the presence of Jesus Christ.