

**HOLY FATHER'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR MARCH:**

That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

**HOLY FATHER'S EVANGELIZATION INTENTION FOR MARCH:**

That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS:**

FOR: **Cherie Elias** FROM: Joseph & Carmela Townsend, Patricia Arnao, Doris Concordia, Colleen Corella, Jeannette Noel, Judith & Steven Levinson,  
FOR: **Josephine Delp** FROM: Elizabeth Robinson & Patty Blessing, Jacqueline Bertolet.

**CONGRATULATIONS ARE EXTENDED TO ST. PAUL'S PARISH STUDENTS**

attending Berks Catholic who achieved the following honors for the second quater -

Distinguished Honors: Andrew Hobson, Monica Nguyen, Jovany Olivares, Mario Perez, Tariana Rivera.

First Honors: Christopher Garcia, Maggie Mistek, Linh Nguyen, Lenin Perez, Emmanuel Ramirez-Pena, Troy Tranly.

Second Honors: Luke Ha, Loc Phan.

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**FINANCIAL OVERVIEW - FEBRUARY 2016**

PARISH EXPENSES: \$37,127.99 PARISH INCOME: \$34,777.29

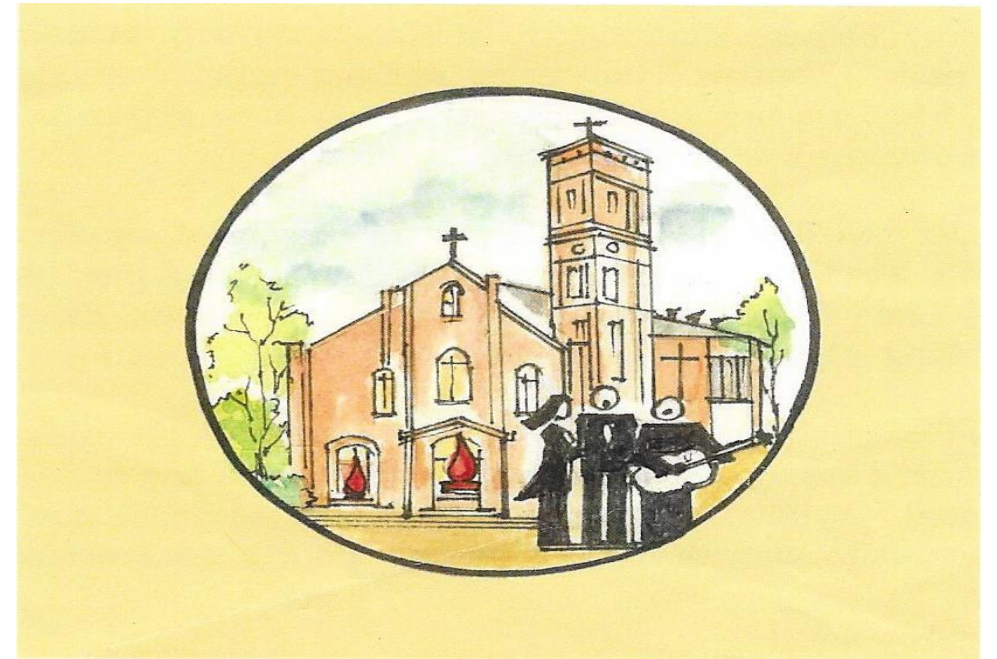
**St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church  
Römisch-Katholische Kirchengemeinde St. Paulus  
Iglesia Romana Catolica de San Pablo**

**Giáo Xứ Thánh Phao-lô**

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**MARCH 2016**



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**Assistants: Rev. Quyet Pham, Rev. Joseph Ganser**

**Deacon: Francisco Najera-Ramirez**

**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**

## MARCH MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, March 1st

8:00 AM Janet Dolan  
6:00 PM Angel Arroyo

### Thursday, March 3rd

8:00 AM Mary Richards  
6:00 PM Ramon Moronta, Jr.

### Saturday, March 5th

8:00 AM Catherine Zunzer  
4:00 PM Oksana "Sandy" Flannery  
6:00 PM Jorge Alberto Rivera Rodriguez

### Monday, March 7th

8:00 AM Eileen McCoy  
6:00 PM Guise

### Wednesday, March 9th

8:00 AM Giuse Maria  
6:00 PM Daminh Tu

### Friday, March 11th

8:00 AM Tien Nhan  
6:00 PM Maria

### Sunday, March 13th

8:00 AM Liv/Dec of Holy Name Soc.  
10:00 AM Giuse Maria Lai  
12:30 PM Thanksgiving to God

### Tuesday, March 15th

8:00 AM James Gieringer  
6:00 PM Anna

### Wednesday, March 2nd

8:00 AM Kathleen McDermott  
6:00 PM Maria

### Friday, March 4th

8:00 AM Matilda Herbst  
6:00 PM Mo Coi

### Sunday, March 6th

8:00 AM Emilio Cappello  
10:00 AM Thai nhi  
12:30 PM Jessenia Casteneda

### Tuesday, March 8th

8:00 AM Anna Mae Lynch  
6:00 PM Maria Vui

### Thursday, March 10th

8:00 AM Teresa  
6:00 PM Anna Puello

### Saturday, March 12th

8:00 AM Sowers/Mervine Fams.  
4:00 PM Helen Loeper/Pauline Stanhope  
6:00 PM Renett Gonzalez

### Monday, March 14th

8:00 AM Paul Coldren  
6:00 PM Giuse Maria

### Wednesday, March 16th

8:00 AM Maria Thu  
6:00 PM Maria

## MARCH MASS INTENTIONS CONTINUED

### Thursday, March 17th

8:00 AM Hannahoe, Impink, Johnson  
6:00 PM Irma San Martin Rodas

### Saturday, March 19th

8:00 AM Josephine Delp  
4:00 PM Liv/Dec of Holy Family Soc  
6:00 PM Thanksgiving to  
Sacred Heart of Jesus

### Monday, March 21st

8:00 AM William/Cathryn Henry  
6:00 PM Giuse

### Wednesday, March 23rd

8:00 AM Emily/Edward Rider  
6:00 PM Anre

### Good Friday, March 25th

10:00 AM Via Crucis  
3:00 PM Lord's Passion  
4:30 PM Vietnamese Stations

### Easter Sunday, March 27th

8:00 AM Easter Mass  
10:00 AM Remembrance  
12:30 PM Intentions

### Tuesday, March 29th

8:00 AM Catherine Archer  
6:00 PM Fresolinda Rodriguez

### Thursday, March 31st

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

### Friday, March 18th

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

### Sunday, March 20th

8:00 AM Bene. of Memorial Soc.  
10:00 AM Liv/Dec of St. Paul's Parish  
12:30 PM Thanksgiving to Virgin Mary

### Tuesday, March 22nd

8:00 AM Ted/Trudy Wolicki &  
Srs.- Marie, Anna, Elizabeth  
6:00 PM Maria

### Holy Thursday, March 24th

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Holy Saturday, March 26th

8:00 PM Easter Mass Remembrance  
Intentions

### Monday, March 28th

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

### Wednesday, March 30th

8:00 AM Giuse Maria  
6:00 PM Giacobe

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**BERKS REGIONAL** Holy Name Society 82nd Annual Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 20th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. There will be no meeting at St. Paul's in March. The speaker for the event will be Mr. Tony Balistrere, Principal of Berks Catholic High School. Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 AM by Father Jack Barron, SJ followed by the breakfast. Berks Catholic H.S. girls volleyball team, who won the state championship, and the football team and the girls tennis team were District III champions. Members of these teams will be represented at the affair. The cost of the ticket is \$15 payable to David Krick, 536 Walnut Tree Dr., Blandon, PA 19510.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK  
EVERYBODY IS HELPING**

During the season of Advent our religious education program at St. Paul's Parish ran a contest among our children coming on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday catechism classes. Each student was given a small cardboard coin box shaped like a church. The children brought in their boxes when they were filled and were then given another one to continue.

The amount brought in by each class weekly was divided by the number of children in the class, so that the competition was fair. The winning class was treated to two hours at Chuck E Cheese in the Broadcasting Square shopping center during their day off from school for the Martin Luther King holiday.

The winning class was Ms. Francis Zoquier's Tuesday evening 6th grade class of 19 children and the winning amount was \$334.60. Congratulations to the winning class, and thank you to all the children who participated. Thanks also to Ms. Kelley Eroh, our Coordinator of Religious Education, who counted every box and maintained a chart to show who was in the lead throughout the competition.

The total amount collected for our BOILER FUND DRIVE was \$2,340.60.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY DRAWING - FEBRUARY WINNERS:**

\$60	#133	Barry Kostival
\$40	#208	Christian Feicht
\$25	#91	Roselba Hornberger
\$25	#99	Gordon Mohr
\$25	#176	Dave Krick



**THE HOLY FAMILY SOCIETY** will continue their %Bakeless+ Cake Sale during the month of March. This has been a great way to support the Parish and still allow us to continue with our Lenten Observance -- no baking, no delicious treats to tempt us. All you have to do is place your donation in the envelope marked %Bakeless Cake Sale+, provided in the pews, and drop it in the collection basket. Or you may send or bring your donations to the Rectory at any time during the month of March. Any donation is appreciated.

**HOLY FAMILY SOCIETY** will have their monthly meeting on Saturday, March 19 2016. The meeting begins at 2:30 P.M. in the Rectory. Refreshments are served after the meeting. If you wish, you may attend the 4:00 P.M. Mass as a group. All ladies of the Parish are welcome.

**THE FIRST FRIDAY** of March is the 4th. 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 in St. Joseph's Church, on N. 8th Street. The Holy Hour will be on First Friday, March 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.



**DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME** begins on Sunday, March 13, 2016. Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 12th.

**GETHSEMANE CEMETERY MONTHLY MASS** will be celebrated on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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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



**EASTER COLLECTION ENVELOPES** along with Easter Mass Remembrance envelopes and the detailed Holy Week Schedule will be mailed out in mid-March. This is a major collection for the Parish, so please be as generous as you are able. I thank you for your constant support of St. Paul's Parish.

**LENTEN COIN FOLDERS**

Available on the Offertory Table for anyone who wishes to participate. You may also pick one up at the Rectory.

**SPONSOR AN EASTER DINNER**

By providing Easter Dinner food for families in Berks County. Cash donations are also welcome. Deadline is March 21st. To determine how many families can be served, please call Catholic Charities at 610-376-7144 for further information.

**CLEANING OF THE CHURCH** for Easter will take place on Monday, March 21st. after the 8:00 AM Mass. All who are available please come forward, your help is **greatly needed and appreciated!** Donuts & coffee will be served in the Rectory after the 8:00 AM Mass, before the cleaning begins.

**EXPOSITION OF THE Blessed Sacrament** will be suspended from Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday. We will resume Exposition on our anniversary of Daily Adoration, Easter Monday, after the 8:00 AM Mass.



**GOOD FRIDAY**, March 25th, is not only a day of abstinence, but is also a day of fast. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 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.

**BLESSING OF FOOD BASKETS**

will take place, in Church, on Holy Saturday, March 26th, at 12:00 Noon.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND** God's blessings to those who will be received into the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil and to all those who have successfully completed the R.C.I.A. course this year. May the blessings of Easter remain with you always.

**SINCERE THANKS ARE ALSO EXTENDED** to all of the Catechists who worked with them so diligently.

**11th ANNUAL PRAISE & WORSHIP AND DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:**

Please join us at the 11th Annual Healing Mass preceded by Praise and Worship Music and followed by Benediction and Healing Service. The Mass will be celebrated on April 3rd at St. Catharine of Siena Church, Boyertown Pike. Join us in praising the Lord with praise and worship music beginning at 6:30 PM and Mass at 7:00 PM. Please spread the word and we hope you can join us for the uplifting and solemn service. This Mass **DOES** count as your Sunday obligation.