

QUO VADIS & FIAT DAYS VOCATION CAMPS:

The Office for Vocations, in conjunction with the Saint Andrew Committee, will be conducting its Fourth Annual Quo Vadis Vocation Camp and Second Annual Fiat Days Vocation Camp, from Sunday, July 17 to Thursday, July 21, 2016 on the campus of DeSales University. Both camps are open to young men and women from ages 14 to 18 (including the newly graduated). Registration is now open. There are a limited number of spaces available. For more details and registration material, please see our webpage at www.allentowndiocese.org. Registrations must be received by Friday, July 1, 2016.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! The Diocese of Allentown will be hosting a **Festival for Families** event at **Steel Stacks** on **Sunday, September 25, 2016**. The festivities will begin with a 5K Charity Run/Walk benefiting Catholic Charities in the morning followed by an outdoor Mass with Bishop Barres. Food, Music, Games/Activities = a FUN day for the entire family. Stay tuned! — more information to follow.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS AT ST. PAUL'S

Will be celebrated on Monday, May 30th at 8:00 A.M ONLY.
There will be **NO 6:00 PM Mass** on this day.



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

2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: In April we kicked off the Bishop's Annual Appeal and we are grateful to our parishioners who have already made a pledge of support. If you have not taken the opportunity to make a gift, you may drop off your pledge form at the parish office or place it in the collection basket.

HOLY FATHER'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR MAY:

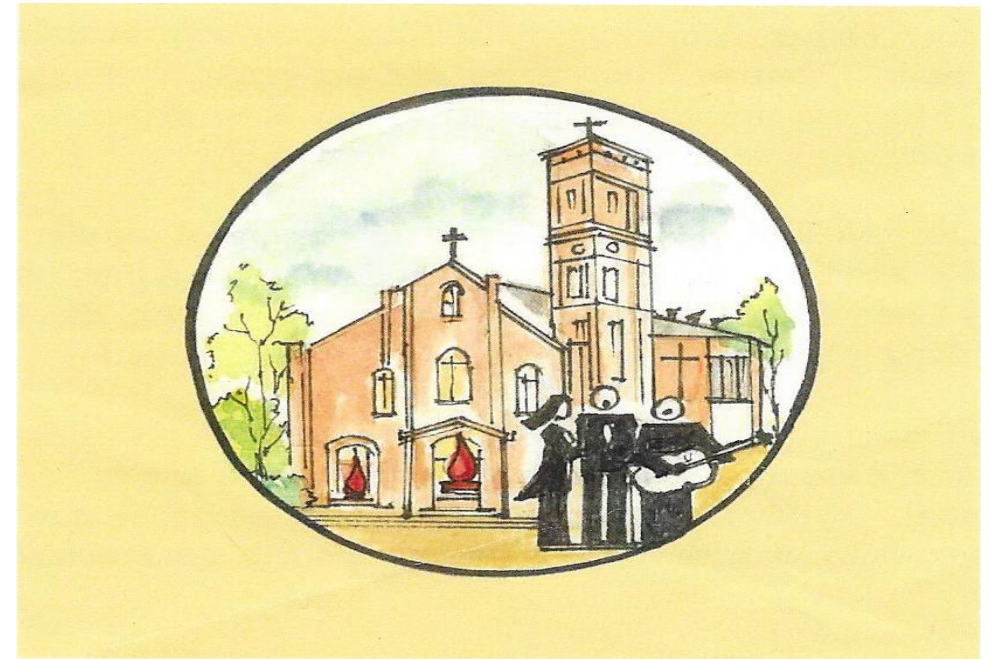
That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.

HOLY FATHER'S EVANGELIZATION INTENTION FOR MAY:

That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace.

St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church
Römisch-Katholische Kirchengemeinde St. Paulus
Iglesia Romana Catolica de San Pablo
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MAY 2016



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MAY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 1st

8:00 AM Emilio Cappello
10:00 AM Giuse Marish Chuong
12:30 PM Mercedes Tineo/Condido Rosario

Tuesday, May 3rd

8:00 AM Jean D. Serafin
6:00 PM Guadalupe Ocampo

Thursday, May 5th

8:00 AM Catherine Zunzer
12:00 Noon Bernita Skipper
6:00 PM Renett Gonzalez

Saturday, May 7th

8:00 AM Betty A. Filipek
4:00 PM Living/Deceased
6:00 PM Mothers of St. Paul's Parish

Monday, May 9th

8:00 AM Deborah Krafczek
6:00 PM Giuse

Wednesday, May 11th

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

Friday, May 13th

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving to BVM
6:00 PM Giuse

Sunday, May 15th

8:00 AM Bene. of Memorial Soc.
10:00 AM Phanxico
12:30 PM Thanksgiving to God

Monday, May 2nd

8:00 AM Sowers/Mervine Fams.
6:00 PM Giuse

Wednesday, May 4th

8:00 AM Emily/Edward Rider
6:00 PM Cac Linh Hon

Friday, May 6th

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

Sunday, May 8th

8:00 AM Living/Deceased
10:00 AM Mothers of
12:30 PM St. Paul's Parish

Tuesday, May 10th

8:00 AM H&W Josefina Najera
6:00 PM Daminh Tu

Thursday, May 12th

8:00 AM Fr. Theo/Hubert Hammeke
6:00 PM Ramon Maria Nunez

Saturday, May 14th

8:00 AM Maria
4:00 PM Victims of Ecuador & Tokyo
Earthquakes
6:00 PM Maria Teresa Betancurt

Monday, May 16th

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

MAY MASS INTENTIONS CONTINUED

Tuesday, May 17th

8:00 AM Giuse
6:00 PM Teresa Castanera

Thursday, May 19th

8:00 AM Phaolo Chuong
6:00 PM Amparo & Alejandro Kalil

Saturday, May 21st

8:00 AM Teresa
4:00 PM Liv/Decof Holy Family Soc.
6:00 PM Maria Del Carmen Sanchez

Monday, May 23rd

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

Wednesday, May 25th

8:00 AM Emily/Edward Rider
6:00 PM Giuse Maria

Friday, May 27th

8:00 AM Maria Vui
6:00 PM Tien Nhan

Sunday, May 29th

8:00 AM H&W Thomas Register
10:00 AM Phero Maria
12:30 PM Brenda Cisneros

Tuesday, May 31st

8:00 AM Sowers/Mervine Fams.
6:00 PM Guadalupe Ocampo

Wednesday, May 18th

8:00 AM Ta On
6:00 PM Maria

Friday, May 20th

8:00 AM Maria Vui
6:00 PM Anna

Sunday, May 22nd

8:00 AM Basil/Elnor Floriani
10:00 AM Mo Coi
12:30 PM Manuel Palaguachi

Tuesday, May 24th

8:00 AM Cac Linh Hon
6:00 PM Santos Armand Burnias

Thursday, May 26th

8:00 AM Matilda Herbst
6:00 PM Baltazar Munoz Gutierrez

Saturday, May 28th

8:00 AM Helen T. Slapikas
4:00 PM Daniel, Catherine &
Rev. Daniel Klink
6:00 PM Maria Francisco Diaz

Monday, May 30th

8:00 AM Liv/Dec. of St. Paul's Parish

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

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HOLY NAME SOCIETY will not have a meeting in May due to Mother's Day. The next meeting will be June 12th, after the 8:00 AM Mass, in the Rectory. All men of the parish are welcome.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY DRAWING - APRIL WINNERS:

60	#24	Patty Blessing
40	#12	Al & Sonia
25	#19	Ray Haertsch
25	#13	Jack Leary
25	#83	Roberta Gieringer



HOLY FAMILY SOCIETY will have their Annual Luncheon on Saturday, May 28, 2016. We meet at Williams Restaurant, 9th & Exeter Streets, at 11:30 AM for lunch. We will order off the regular menu at our own expense. All ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend. Reservations for this event may be made by calling Kathy Mauger at 610-374-9487. This will be the last gathering for this season. **There will be no regular meeting** for the Holy Family Society in May. The next meeting will be held in September.

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.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW - APRIL 2016

PARISH EXPENSES: \$24,856.15

PARISH INCOME: \$19,421.90

IHM Nun Run: Join us on June 4, 2016 for the IHM Nun Run, a 5K run/walk at Villa Maria House of Studies, Immaculata, PA which is across the street from Immaculata University. Start time is 8:30am. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall, the retirement home for the aged and infirmed Sisters of IHM. Donations are \$30 for individual and \$15 for a child 12 yrs. old and under. Register online: www.ihmnunrun.org, **May 27th is the last day to register.** No race day registrations.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH



In 2010, St. Paul's Parish celebrated our 150th Anniversary, and this year our neighboring parish on North Eighth Street, St. Joseph's Parish, celebrates a 125th Anniversary.

One of the highlights of this year long series of activities is a concelebrated Mass on May 1, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, with Bishop Barres as our main concelebrant. The main feast in honor of St. Joseph is celebrated on March 18, but that date this year fell on Palm Sunday Weekend.

A HISTORY LESSON

The history of the Catholic Church in Pennsylvania began when the Jesuit Missionaries came from Maryland and founded St. Joseph's Church in Willing's Alley, Philadelphia. From there these Jesuits made their way to Bally to attend to the needs of the mostly Germans in Goshenhoppen, now know as Bally. From there they made their way to Reading and founded St. Peter the Apostle Parish in 1752.

As the Catholic population in Reading continued to grow, St. Paul's Parish was founded in 1860 for German-speaking Catholics in Reading and its surrounding areas. St. Joseph's Parish was founded in 1891 because St. Peter's Parish was so far away for Catholics in north Reading, and St. Paul's sermons were in German.

As the European immigration into the Reading area began to diversify, St. Mary's Parish was founded in 1888 for Polish-speaking Catholics, SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish in 1895 for Slovak-speaking Catholics, Holy Rosary Parish in 1904 for Italian-speaking Catholics, St. Anthony's Parish in 1913 for Lithuanian-speaking Catholics and St. Anthony of Padua Parish in 1914 for Polish-speaking Catholics.

As English-speaking Catholics began to spread into the suburbs of Reading, Sacred Heart Parish was founded in 1917 in West Reading, St. Margaret's in 1920 in northwest Reading, St. Catherine of Siena in 1925 in Mount Penn, Holy Guardian Angels in 1929 in Hyde Park, St. Benedict in 1955 in Mohnton and St. Frances de Sales in 1982 in Robesonia.

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After this brief review of local Catholic Church history, I return to St. Paul's Parish and our current Boiler Capital Campaign Project. During the month of April our campaign pledges totaled \$324,054.25, and the amount collected from the pledges reached \$212,133.25.

The focus on our boiler will now share the stage with our Bishop's Annual Appeal, which is now taking place in our diocese.



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

NOCTURNAL ADORATION DEVOTIONS, will be held on First Friday, May 6th at St. Mary's Church, 12th & Spruce Sts., from 8 - 9 PM. Everyone is welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS will take place on Saturday, May 7th at 11:00 AM. Congratulations to the 64 children celebrating the Sacrament. May God bless them with His grace to be prepared to receive Him this day and always. Regular Religious Ed Classes for this morning are cancelled.



EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place each day, Monday thru Friday, from 8:30 AM until 6:00 PM. I urge everyone to spend some quiet time here at St. Paul's Church in prayer or thanksgiving with our Lord, present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Institute for Catechesis and Formation Course Offering — ICF 104 — The Sacraments. The Sacraments are intimate, personal encounters between God and His people. This course will present an overview of these signs of God's love for us, by which He makes a personal connection with us and conveys grace - His very life within us.

Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2016; 7—9pm at Berks Catholic HS with Fr. Rich Brensinger. Cost of course \$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.*

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION of our Lord is Thursday, May 5, 2016. Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 4th at 6:00 PM (Vietnamese); Thursday, May 5th at 8:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 6:00 PM (Spanish).

THE MASS SCHEDULE FOR Gethsemane Mausoleum for May is Saturday, May 21st at 4:00 PM. All are most welcome to attend these Masses.

MOTHER'S DAY is celebrated on Sunday, May 8th. Happy Mother's Day to all moms of the parish. Your Mother's Day Envelope is included in your monthly packets. Your intentions will be remembered at all Masses during May.



Lifeline of Berks County Annual Mother's Day Carnation Sale

Will be held May 7th and 8th at all weekend Masses. This event raises valuable dollars to provide services which give HOPE to the people who come through our doors looking for life-affirming options for themselves and their babies. Carnations are \$2 each. Additional donations are also gladly accepted. This is a great way to honor our Mothers, our "Lifeline" to us being here!"

Protect Your Family, Your Finances and Your Intentions:

The Catholic Senior Housing and Health Care Services, Inc. Development Department is sponsoring an Estate Planning Seminar and Breakfast on Saturday, May 7 from 9 am to 10:30 am in St. Mary's Hall at Holy Family Manor, 1200 Spring St. Bethlehem. The program will feature a presentation by Attorney and CSHHCS Board Member Timothy Duckworth about the importance of having a will to protect the things you care about. Additional presentations by Director of Development Ann Ruggiero and Michele Mullikin of the Diocese of Allentown will feature how you can support the mission of CSHHCS and Holy Family Manor without using your current income, and how you can actually receive income with a Charitable Gift Annuity.

This information is for residents, families, friends and employees of all income levels who are interested in learning how to ensure that the future holds what is important to you. Please RSVP by contacting Ann in the Development Office at 610-997-8409 or Development@CSHHCS.org. If you are unable to attend the seminar but would like more information please contact Ann for a confidential consultation.

MASS OF HEALING:

On Monday, May 9th at 6:30 PM there will be a Mass of Healing for those individuals who have experienced trauma. All are invited to join in prayer at this Mass with Bishop John O. Barres as Celebrant and Msgr. Walter Scheaffer as homilist at the **St. Columbkil Parish**, 200 Indian Spring Road, Boyertown. Following Mass there will be a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for confession. The evening will conclude with Benediction at 8:30 PM.