


**WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 18, 2016**  
**MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH**  
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**Fourth Sunday in Advent**  
**Rev. Adam Sedar, M.A., M.Div. Pastor**  
**Deacon Michael Boyle**  
**Deacon Thomas J. Murphy, Principal & D.R.E.**

MASSES	DATE	
Weekday	Monday, Wed. & Friday	6:30 AM
	Tuesday & Thursday	7:00 PM
Weekend	Saturday	8:00 AM, 4:30 PM
	Sunday	6:00, 7:30, 10:15 AM
Confessions	Tuesday & Thursday	6:00 – 6:45 PM

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		\$ 718.00
		\$ 409.25



Mass Intentions


**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Alicia Wurster, Helen Ragone, Tara Wyman, Eric Hoehl, Ron Myslak, Ed Kugent, Jason Michael, Lucy Riebling, Toby Minner, Romana Kemp, Jarrid Keller, Donald Minner, George Showers, Lisa Derocher, Leroy Shaw, Eleanor Larson, Marcy Marks, Bradley King, Ed Hurys, Julianna Di Pietro, Francis "Fritz" Henry, Bill and Rita Stephens, William Pfeifer, Albert Weinstein, Sr., Margaret Kuhn, Dan Bauer, Brian Kelly, Elizabeth Klocek, Grace Ziegler, Ilene Herrlinger, Yvonne Watts, Brandon Dubble, Charlene Long, Matthew Palmer, Liz Rotondo, Bill Eliasson, Gail Russell, Joe Bintner, Richard Slavinski, Thomas Rymal, Joseph Neill, Bonnie Bowman, A.E. Hill, Jennifer Sivco, Chris Stavinski, Mike Sobjak, Emalyn Faith Moyer, Phillip MacKelvy, Tony, Brian Muttersbaugh, Rudy Freimann, Maria Rossi, Albert Babilon, Kathi Donia, Veronica Babilon, Volker Kaestel, Cynthia Pennypacker, Jennifer Farrey, Miranda MacKenzie Richard, Frances Jacobs, Ryan Gerhold, Russell Reigner, Cathy Heimbach, Christian, Linda Seiber, Mary Burns, Michael Furey, Mary Lou Stuffed, The Bonner Family, J. Hilferty, Peggy Dwyer, Lauren Petrosky, Dr. Paul Newcomer, Kevin Richter, Kathleen Detuliis, Steve, Betty Ann Daily, Andrea Romig, Karen Davis-King, Jeremy Beidke, Michael Kane, Sadie Grater, Hannah Levensgood, Gerald Cleary, Joan Nichols, Victor Bastecki, Marie Hobson, Pat Fry, Christian Walters, Rita Meck, Mark Zigenfuse, Jackie Repko, Teresa Nethers, Barbara Schott, C. Simes, Jay Bauer, Karen Baker, Joanne Mathias, Louisa Frey, Jon Strain, Robert Strain, Robert Baumer, Tammy Hubickey, Michael McCormick, Eileen Daulerio, David Henry, Kelly Barry, Richard Bauman, Michael Quigley, Frances DeMedio, Karen Waldron, Earl Ziegler, Carol Minner, Christine Chesney, Mel Mundy-Williams, Dennis Weinstein, Anna Mae Melcher, David Farrell, Francesca Thaler, Nancy Grim, Karen Buler-Baker, Tillie Sodano, Tony Rossetti, Allen Melcher, James Kennedy and Rita Heintz.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS:**

Sr. Joseph, Dennis Fronheiser, Francis S. Henry, and Betty Saladino.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

 The Blankenbiller and Gincley families on the loss of their grandson and nephew, Devin Spence, this past week. Also, keep in your prayers Eleanor Miller and her family. May they find strength in one another knowing they are in the company of the angels and saints in heaven. And Father Joseph Campion who died recently that he may rest in the eternal peace and love of Christ.

**Remembering our Loved Ones in the Military**

**Please keep in your prayers:**

ISSN Keith Essig, SGT Jeffrey Ferry, CPT. Kevin Bergan, SGT Brad Kline, USMC 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Peter C. Fisher, SPC Daniel Saylor, CPL Matt Renner, PSC Derrick Avant, SPC Michael Greaves, SGT Vince Sodano, Chief Noah W. Ziegler, MAJ Jeremy Bushyager, SGT Eddie Pierce, Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Jordan C. Garcia, CAPT Justin Knepp, PFC Sam S. Myers, Lt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Heather Cupitt, Staff SGT Eric J. Crews, PVT Nathaniel Walters, Sr. Airman Anthony Lucarelli, MAJ Michael O'Kane, SSG Antonio Rivera, Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Andrew Gerard, PVT Daniel Walters, Sr. Airman Michael Viola, Douglas Philip Murray, Sr. Airman J.T. Walters, Lt. Justin Hazlett, MSTR SGT Jason Robbins, CPT Tylara Romero, 2<sup>nd</sup> LT Konrad Thaler, Midshipman Piper Thaler, David Stavish, Capt, USN, Joseph Stavish, Cdr, USN, SPC James O' Connor.

If a member of your family or a friend is currently serving in the armed services, please let us know 610-845-2460. We would like to especially pray for them and you during these difficult times.



**SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR**

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The Diocesan Website for Protection and Youth can be found online at: [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org). – Then click on the link on the left for the Protection of Youth.

**ALTAR SERVERS**

CHRISTMAS EVE	
4:30 PM	Matt Martin – Matthew & Gianna Graczyk
7:30 PM	Tyler Richard – Grace Spaar – Annika Snyder
Midnight	Lauren & Bethann Bauer
CHRISTMAS DAY	
7:00 AM	Volunteers
9:00 AM	Volunteers
10:30 AM	The Wilkinson Girls
NEW YEARS EVE	
4:30 PM	Matthew & Gianna Graczyk
NEW YEARS DAY	
7:00 AM	Volunteers
9:00 AM	Volunteers
10:30 AM	Volunteers

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- ✓ CCD Sunday morning 9 – 10 AM.
- ✓ LEGION OF MARY 7:30 PM Tuesdays.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

We enter the final week of Advent, a final week to prepare to celebrate again the birth of the Messiah. Amidst all the hustle and bustle that this week can bring, here are three things we can keep in mind as a final preparation: 1. Reflect again on Is. chapter 11, specifically keep in mind this part of verse 6, "a little child shall lead them." He comes as a little child. Surely he will grow to be a man, but he comes as a child, an infant, a baby. Consider what is required for us to be led by a little child. First and foremost humility! To be a seeker of the Lord and the way of the Lord, to be a disciple, requires humility. Think about what this means each day this week. 2. He comes that we can have eternal life. He is not born in Bethlehem so that we can decorate our homes and have a big meal and maybe a family reunion. None of these are bad things, in fact they are quite good. But think about why He is born. And if we are blessed to have a big family get together for Christmas, then think of that as representing the true reunion that awaits us in the Kingdom of God. That blessed reunion is why He was born for us. That true and perfect and unending reunion required Him to sacrifice Himself for us. 3. He was born in poverty. He was, and remains, one with the poor. In this final week of Advent, what can we do for the poor among us? Have we remembered them in our gift giving?

I pray that all of you will have a truly blessed Christmas!

Peace- Father Adam

## HELP NEEDED AT CHRISTMAS MASSES

Altar Servers are needed Christmas Morning at 7:00 & 9:00.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND USHERS** are needed Christmas morning at 9 & 10:30 AM. Please call the rectory to volunteer.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, December 18 -- 9:30 -10:00 AM

Tuesday, December 20 -- 6:00 - 6:45 PM

Thursday, December 22 -- 6:00 - 6:45 PM

Friday, December 23 -- 4:00 - 5:00 PM

## Christmas Eve Masses

4:30 PM Vigil Mass, 7:00 PM Songs of Christmas, 7:30 PM

Mass of Christmas (Especially for families with Children)

## Christmas Day Masses

11:30 PM Christmas Carols, 12:00 AM Midnight Mass

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, & 10:30 AM

## **Mary, Mother of God (Holyday of Obligation)**

**New Years Eve** - 4:30 PM

## New Years Day

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM.

## **RECTORY HOURS DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**

Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> Closed.

Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> Closed.

Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> 9AM – 2 PM.

Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> 9AM – 2 PM.

Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> 9AM – 2 PM.

Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup> Closed.

Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> Closed.

## HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES:

✓ for December 25<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

✓ for January 1<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

## **HISTORY BOOK**

The new History Book of Most Blessed Sacrament Church, by Ronald Thren and Michael Miller, is available for purchase in the museum after the 10:15 Mass. The cost is \$20.

## **WELCOME VISITORS**

A special word of welcome to all visitors and pilgrims worshipping with us here in our historical parish church. We hope you enjoy your trip to Bally. The town was named after our former pastor Augustus Bally, S.J.

## **AN INVITATION**

The German's from Geinsheim, our sister parish, wanted to inform us that the town plaza is being named for Fr. Theodore Schneider. The dedication of the plaza will be Sunday, May 14, 2017 and "the Americans" are welcome to come and celebrate. If you are interested in attending please contact Margaret @ [mchova1084@gmail.com](mailto:mchova1084@gmail.com) by December 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **SNOW SHOVELERS**

Helpers needed to shovel snow at the rectory, church and school. Please contact Cindy at the rectory 610-845-2460 for more information.

## **ST. FRANCIS ACADEMY**

Dec. 22 – School Christmas Mass 10:00 AM

*Our SFA family wishes everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

Plastic cash, always handy for the holidays. Wawa shorti hoogie coupons (no expiration)-\$5 available all year in the school office. Make great stocking stuffers!

## **WIDOW AND WIDOWERS GRIEF SUPPORT**

The first "REACH OUT" for 2017 will be at MBS' Fr. Schneider Hall at 1 PM on January 8<sup>th</sup> and the following meeting will be at St. Columbkil's Conference RM at 1 PM on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Starting a new year could be an up-hill battle for those who face the task for the first time without their spouse. We ask all to pray for the families who have lost a loved-one as they adapt to life after loss. Our "Reach Out" sessions can help by bringing the tools needed to meet the challenges ahead. For more information and for **anyone** who has suffered a loss of **any one** close to them, please call Dn. Mike Boyle at 484-336-9849.

## **SAINT VINCENT De PAUL**

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.

**During this Advent Season please continue to pray for the many requests listed in Our Book of Intentions.**

## **HOSPITAL CONFIDENTIALITY**

Parishioners are encouraged to let the parish know when they are in the hospital, nursing home or other medical care facilities. Due to the laws on confidentiality hospitals will not release information to the parish unless a patient requests parish notification.

## **WORD OF THANKS**

Anna Mae Melcher would like to thank Father Adam and the parish for their prayers, get well and birthday cards, sent to her during her illness.

## **MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP: FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017**

St. Columbkil Church invites you to join their bus trip to the March for Life. Cost is \$50 per person which includes morning refreshments, bus transportation and buffet dinner on the return trip. Participants are asked to dress warmly and bring a bagged lunch. To reserve a seat, please contact Lisa in the parish office at 610-367-2371 or Candee Holzman at 484-431-2085 or [candeeh@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:candeeh@stcolumbkil.org).

## **YOUTH GROUP**

For information about the Youth Group please contact Heather at: 484-336-9200 e-mail [youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org).

## **DON'T FORGET**

As Roman Catholics we began our celebration of Christmas on December 25<sup>th</sup> and continue to celebrate Christmas Day for 8 days (octave). Christmas hymns, carols and festivities are appropriate until the end of the Christmas season on January 9<sup>th</sup> (Baptism of the Lord). Try to celebrate the whole season of Christmas!

## **FOR TRAVELERS**

Free ministry to traveling Catholic. For nationwide Mass times and location at [www.Mastimes.org](http://www.Mastimes.org)