

**WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 25, 2016**

**MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH**

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**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Rev. Adam Sedar, M.A., M.Div. Pastor**

**Deacon Michael Boyle**

**Deacon Thomas J. Murphy, Principal & D.R.E.**

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 8, 877.00</b>
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MASSES	DATE	
Weekday	Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	6:30 AM
Weekend	Saturday Sunday	4:30 PM 7:00, 9:00, 10:30 AM



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24**

- 4:30 PM** Charles & Mary Louise Bauer, by Perry, Jay, Anita & Families
- 7:30 AM** Bennett, Margaret & George Melcher, by their Family
- Midnight** Stephen Grim, by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Schreiner

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**

- 7:00 AM** Donald, Donovan & Nell Newport, by Ronald & Monica
- 9:00 AM** Maria Manieri
- 10:30 AM** For the Living & Deceased Members of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 26**

**NO MASS TODAY**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27**

- 6:30 AM** Kirtman Plummer, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28**

- 6:30 AM** June Sobjak, by Buddy & Family

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29**

**NO MASS TODAY**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30**

- 6:30 AM** For the Health of Sandra Riley

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31**

- 4:30 PM** Jack Powell, by His Family

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**

- 7:00 AM** Emma & Stanley Schott, by Barbara & Carl
- 9:00 AM** Randy Fretz, by The Wensel Family
- 10:30 AM** Daniel Koury-Parker, by John & Lisa Romero

**ALTAR SERVERS**

NEW YEARS EVE	
<b>4:30 PM</b>	Matthew & Gianna Graczyk
NEW YEARS DAY	
<b>7:00 AM</b>	Volunteers
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Volunteers
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Paul & Andrew Dalikas – Anna King

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- NO MASS ON MONDAY.**
- MASS ON TUESDAY IS AT 6:30 AM.**
- LEGION OF MARY 7:30 PM TUESDAY.**
- NO MASS ON THURSDAY.**

**CHECK OUT OUR WEB PAGE AT: [www.mbsbally.org](http://www.mbsbally.org)**

**2017 CALENDARS**

Please remember to pick up your calendar on the way out of mass.

**FOR TRAVELERS**

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



**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 Muthersbaugh, 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 Stufflet, 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 Beidler, Michael Kane, Sadie Grater, Hannah Levengood, 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:**

Max Mc Cammon, father of Norma Pekarik, for Elizabeth D. Colgan mother of Sandra L. Brile, and John Cooper, brother-in law of Bill & Chris Crowthers, who died recently that they 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.**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

My prayers and best wishes for each one of you and your loved ones for a very blessed and happy Christmas. May the peace of the newborn Christ fill your hearts. We pray together that His peace may also reach more deeply into this world, into every place and into every life. Christmas reminds us that for every pain, for every evil, for every ounce of human suffering there is an answer, a remedy and that is Christ Himself. We know of course that there can be no peace where there is no justice. That is why the psalmist says "justice and peace shall kiss" (PS. 85). These words, which prophetically looked ahead into the future have now been fulfilled in the birth of our Lord. In Him justice and peace have kissed, have beautifully come together into the world and are found whenever and wherever the Gospel of Christ is accepted and lived. This begins within us, as we seek Him and follow Him, the One whom our hearts truly desire. To follow His way is to begin to allow Him to set things right within us, and so then to live and love more justly each day. From this there springs up within us the peace that only He can give. Then it follows that this radiates out from us, as we treat others justly, they may feel some of the peace within us. The sharing of real peace, being a true peacemaker, only comes when there is also justice, the setting right of all things. At the root and heart of injustice is the greatest evil of all, estrangement from God. And so the child born for us, Emmanuel, God with us, sets things right, for never more do we need to be far from Him. By His birth He has forever come near to us. Peace— Father Adam.

### 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.

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

The Apples found on our Christmas trees were donated in the memory of George Melcher by his wife Bev, son Corey and daughter Melodie Richard and their families.

### RECTORY HOURS DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

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 30<sup>th</sup> Closed.

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

As part of the 275th anniversary year we have a very special Christmas ornament for each household of members of the parish.

Because we will have many guest at Christmas Masses, we will distribute the ornaments the following weekend at the feast of the Epiphany. We are asking each household to only take one ornament to ensure that each member household gets one. Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Help us to close the 275th Anniversary Year with a celebratory Mass. The Mass will be Saturday, **January 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM.** Our parish son, Fr. Rich Brensinger will be celebrating the Mass. Did you know that Fr. Rich is related to one of the original families in our parish where Fr. Schneider celebrated Mass in their home? Find out who they are at our closing Mass. Reception to follow in Fr. Schneider hall.

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS

The Workshop for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Workshop has been rescheduled for January 14<sup>th</sup>. The Workshop will begin after the 8 AM Mass. Fr. Keith Mathur, Director of Office of Divine Worship will be the speaker.

### 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.

## ST. FRANCIS ACADEMY

No Plastic Cash sales on Christmas or New Year's Day.

Congratulations to our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade 1<sup>st</sup> trimester honor students.

**First Honors** Gr. 8-Isabela Caruso, Blandin Conklin, Marissa Keenan, Erin Smola

Gr. 7 - Monica Guerin.

**Second Honors** Gr. 8-Andrew Dalickas, Aaron Kline, Connor McGill, Hannah Millet, Annalise Santiago, Sydney Trimbur.

Gr. 7-Tyler Derkotch, Liam Gundersen, Makayla Jones, Autumn Kline, Charlotte LaMagna, Theresa Patterson, Maureen Ryan

**Honorable Mention** Gr. 8-Paul Dalickas, Jacob Foley, Matthew Graczyk  
Gr. 7-Anthony Adamkovic, Marlena Agricoli, Charles Kuter, Diego Sanchez, Annika Snyder, Benjamin Waltenbaugh.

### DESIGNER BAG BINGO

A Bingo fundraiser will be held on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. SFA Student Zachariah McLaughlin is raising funds to go to Dublin Ireland for the Irish Dance World Championships. For more information contact [www.baileysfundraising.org](http://www.baileysfundraising.org).

### WIDOW AND WIDOWERS GRIEF SUPPORT

The first "REACH OUT" for 2017 will be at MBS' 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>. 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

Today we celebrate the feast of Christmas and hear how the shepherds found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in the manger. Then they left glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.

**Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God is with us."**

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 [mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org](mailto: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!

**ON BEHALF OF FATHER SEDAR, DEACON MURPHY,  
DEACON BOYLE AND THE RECTORY STAFF WE WISH  
YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A VERY JOYOUS  
HOLIDAY SEASON.**

