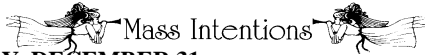


WEEKEND OF JANUARY 1, 2017
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Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
Rev. Adam Sedar, M.A., M.Div. Pastor
Deacon Michael Boyle
Deacon Thomas J. Murphy, Principal & D.R.E.

MASSES	DATE	
Weekday	Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	6:30 AM
Weekend	Saturday Sunday	4:30 PM 7:00, 9:00, 10:30 AM



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

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

6:30 AM Deceased Members of the Leroy Koch Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

10:45 AM John Conrad, by Ralph & Lorraine

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

6:30 AM Jerry Melcher, by his Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

NO MASS TODAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

NO MASS TODAY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 AM William Mulroony, by Amanda Svetlak

4:30 PM Richard Stahl, by the Pangrazi Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

6:00 AM People of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

7:30 AM Joseph & Millie Sobjak, by Buddy & Family

10:15 AM Barney Repko, by Mike & Cindy & Family

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY	
4:30 PM	Troy Viola - Gabe & Annalise Santiago
SUNDAY	
6:00 AM	Autumn Kline
7:30 AM	Annika & Gabrielle Snyder - Ryan Willing
10:15 AM	Lucas Kienle - Robert Houk - Erin Smola



THE WEEK AHEAD

THE RECTORY IS CLOSED ON MONDAY.

MASS ON TUESDAY IS AT 10:45 AM.

LEGION OF MARY 7:30 PM TUESDAY.

MASS ON WEDNESDAY IS AT 8:00 AM.

NO MASS ON THURSDAY OR FRIDAY.

CHECK OUT OUR WEB PAGE AT: 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



Sunday Collection	\$ 10, 111.00
Repairs	\$ 469.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 1, 469.00
Christmas	\$ 19, 553.00

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, Jarrod 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 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 Beidler, Michael Kane, Sadie Grater, Hannah Levengood, Gerald Cleary, Joan Nichols, Victor Bastecki, Marie Hobson, Pat Fry, Christian Walters, Rita Meck, Mark Zigenfouse, 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, Rita Heintz, and Polly Richard.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS:

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

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 2nd 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 1st Class Jordan C. Garcia, CAPT Justin Knepp, PFC Sam S. Myers, Lt. 1st Class Heather Cupitt, Staff SGT Eric J. Crews, PVT Nathaniel Walters, Sr. Airman Anthony Lucarelli, MAJ Michael O'Kane, SSG Antonio Rivera, Airman 1st 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, 2nd 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.



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The Diocesan Website for Protection and Youth can be found online at: www.allentowndiocese.org. - Then click on the link on the left for the Protection of Youth.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

As we begin a new year be assured of my prayers for all of you each day. I hope this year is a year of blessings and peace for all of us. I also want to thank all of you who sent me Christmas cards and gifts. Words can't express just how much your generosity and kindness means to me and not only at Christmas but each and every day.

As we celebrate a new year, we begin so beautifully with the Holy Day of Mary, the Mother of God. We ask the intercession and protection of Our Blessed Mother, that this year will be one in which all the people of the earth may know more deeply and without doubt the love of Christ for us all. May Mary, the Holy Mother of God and our Mother, help us in being channels of His love and truth, that all people may know the freedom and joy that only Christ can bring.

On another note, you will notice when you call the rectory that we have a new phone system. Please be patient as the staff and I become familiar with this. We know that this will help us to serve you and the needs of our parish better. Peace— Father Adam



BLESSING AT EPIPHANY

As we celebrate the coming of the Magi, it's a Catholic custom for families to bless their home. Families are encouraged to trace crosses, the initials of the Magi and the numeral of the year over the doorway with chalk: **20 + C + M + B 17** the crosses stand for the title "saint" before each name. Legend names the Magi: Casper, Melchior and Balthasar. At the time of the reformation the Protestants who loved the custom changed the initials to mean (in Latin) May Christ bless this house, *Chritus Mansionem Benedicticat.*

Sign of the Cross.

Head of Household: *"Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.*

All: *Blessed be God forever.*

Reader: *John 1:1-3.14*

All: *Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Church will remain decorated until the end of the Christmas season on January 9th, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Recall the meaning of our German Christmas decorations:

The Apples: symbols of the sin of Adam and Eve, our First Parents.

The Lights: Jesus Christ is the light of the World, our Lord and Savior.

Evergreen Trees: Symbols of Everlasting Life given to us by Jesus Christ. (Traditionally in Germany, small white wafers or white crocheted ornaments are also placed in the tree, symbolic of the Eucharist, our food on the journey to eternal life.)

As part of the 275th anniversary year we have a very special Christmas ornament for each household of members of the parish. The ornaments will be distributed 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 14th 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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS

The Workshop for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Workshop has been rescheduled for January 14th. 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 New Year's Day.

Jan. 3 – Classes resume.

School Liturgy 10:45.

DESIGNER BAG BINGO

A Bingo fundraiser will be held on January 14th 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.

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS GRIEF SUPPORT

The first "REACH OUT" for 2017 will be at MBS' at 1 PM on January 8th and the following meeting will be at St. Columbkil's Conference RM at 1 PM on January 22nd. 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 is the feast of Mary, Mother of God. Like Mary may we always treasure the events in our life and reflect on them in our heart. 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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

An early beginning for the Process of Marriage Preparation is encouraged for couples who are discussing wedding plans. Contact the parish no later than 6 months in advance. Call the rectory and set up an appointment with Father Adam.

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.

YOUTH GROUP

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

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

