

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 8, 2017
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The Epiphany of The Lord
Rev. Adam Sedar, M.A., M.Div. Pastor
Deacon Michael Boyle
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 AM Mary Bolez, by The Schadler Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

8:00 AM Antonio Manna, by Jay & Michele

10:45 AM Eileen Petticrew, by the Rosary Guild

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

8:00 AM MBS Memorial Benefactors

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

NO MASS TODAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

8:00 AM Donna Kramer, by the Estate

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00 AM Sister Agano, by John Shryock

4:30 PM Rachel Henry, by the Keill Family and Mary Lou

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

6:00 AM People of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

7:30 AM Shirley Melcher, by Joe & Anna Mae Melcher

10:15 AM Catherine & Holt Woodall, by Catherine Richter

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY	
4:30 PM	Matthew & Gianna Graczyk – Olivia Campbell
SUNDAY	
6:00 AM	Volunteer
7:30 AM	Nesiah Bertram – Sean & Nichole Bertino
10:15 AM	The Maloney's – Anna King

BINGO – JANUARY 15

CREW # 1	
Caller:	Tessie Luft
Controller:	Joanne Johnson
Floor:	Les Luft & Pam Youse
Kitchen:	Diane Gehman - Beverly Smith
Bakers	Joan Kelsch - Laurie Fretz, - Peg Strunk Jennifer Gorman - Beth LaSalle

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

BINGO will be held today, January 8th. Doors open at 11AM.

ROSARY GUILD Tues. morning 8:30 AM in Fr. Schneider Hall

LEGION OF MARY Tues. evening at 7:30 PM.

PLEASE NOTE: WIDOW AND WIDOWERS GRIEF SUPPORT SESSION SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 8TH HAS BEEN CANCELLED.



PLEASE NOTE

The Rectory will be closed Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sunday Collection	\$ 8, 393.00
Christmas	\$ 20, 005.00
New Year Day	\$ 1, 741.00

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, 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 Stuffle, The Bonner Family, J. Hilferty, Peggy Dwyer, Lauren Petrosky, Dr. Paul Newcomer, Kevin Richter, Kathleen Detulius, 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, Polly Richard, Myra Nichols Greenfield and Rev. Francis Straka.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS:

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Norman Heydt, father of Dennis Heydt and for Betty Fronheiser, mother of Allan Fronheiser, 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 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,

Beginning this week we are making a few adjustments to the weekday Liturgy schedule. Masses on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday will be at 8AM. Saturday will remain at 8AM as usual and there will be no changes to the Sunday schedule. There will be confessions on Tuesday evenings from 6-6:30 PM. The reason for these changes is that we have very low attendance during the week. Most parishes, even those much smaller in size than ours, have more attendance during the week with a later Mass time. So we will give it a try and see how it goes. Please note that also beginning this week there will be no Mass scheduled for Thursdays, as this is my pastoral day off during the week. Our nearest neighbors, St. Columbkil in Boyertown has a Thursday morning Mass at 9AM and St. Philip in Pennsburg has Mass at 8AM. Please be aware that at times when I am away, whether for vacation, retreat or continuing education, it may be necessary to cancel some Masses during the week. While I do not like to do this, the fewer number of priests available makes it a necessity. At those times, fortunately there are two other parishes only a few miles away, but it is a reminder to us to pray for more vocations each and every day. Also, to avoid confusion there will be only one weekly liturgy schedule in the bulletin. I apologize if anyone was confused this past week because Mass times were listed differently at different spots in the bulletin.

A few things looking ahead a little bit. Beginning in Lent and then continuing forward we will be having Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays. This will conclude each Tuesday evening with Benediction and the Miraculous Medal Novena. More about Adoration and the Novena will be in future bulletins and homilies. Also for Lent we will be having a Sunday catechesis or faith learning and sharing seminars beginning on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. We will be having these after the 10:15 Masses. More details will be coming soon but mark your calendar now.

Also, having consulted with several Knights, we are going to see if there is enough interest in having a Knights of Columbus Council right here in our parish. It was the vision of Father McGivney, who founded the Knights, that there be a council in every parish. I think the Knights of Columbus is the best Catholic fraternal organization in the world today. While it is a men's organization, there are many ways in which whole families can be involved in the many great activities and works of the Knights today. Much more on this also coming soon.

Next Saturday, the 14th of January we have our Workshop for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This will begin with the 8AM Mass, after which we will move to Father Schneider Hall. This workshop is also for anyone who may have been allowed and still intends to continue to bring Holy Communion to a sick relative or friend, even though you may not be on the schedule to assist at Mass. According to Church Law, the priest celebrant of the Mass may designate a layperson to act as an extraordinary minister for that Mass in case of serious need. For a layperson to act as an extraordinary minister on a regular basis, either assisting at Mass or in taking Holy Communion to the sick, that person needs to be approved by the pastor and designated by the bishop. In our diocese, pastors are to send a request for such designation to the bishop who, when granting such requests, does so for a term of three years. In requesting this designation, pastors are to make sure that those who will serve as extraordinary ministers are Catholics in good standing, are people of high moral character and are also properly instructed. Much more will be explained at our workshop, but so we all know, for anyone designated to take Holy Communion to the sick, such ministers should wait after Mass in the front pew and the priest or deacon will place the proper number of hosts into your pyx and then offer a prayer for you before you depart. All ministers should then proceed directly to the person(s) to whom they are ministering the sacrament. If you may be interested in becoming a lector or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, please call the parish office and plan on coming to the workshop.

Peace- Father Adam



ANNIVERSARY YEAR



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.

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.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS: ST. FRANCIS ACADEMY

Jan. 10 – School Liturgy 10:45.

Get ready for *Catholic Schools Week* Jan. 29-Feb. 4!

The week will start with Open House, Sunday, Jan. 29 11:15-1:15.

Watch the bulletin for more information.

Plastic Cash Sales through school are Mon., Wed., and Fri. and at all Sunday MBS masses. Thank you for supporting our biggest fundraiser.

Please continue to send in Box Tops and Redners Save-a-Tapes.

SAINT VINCENT De PAUL

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

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>.

LOST AND FOUND

If you think you lost, misplaced, or forgot something in church, check the windowsill in back of church.

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