

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 29, 2017

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Rev. Adam Sedar, M.A., M.Div. Pastor
Deacon Michael Boyle
Deacon Thomas J. Murphy, Principal & D.R.E.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

4:30 PM Jeffrey Fresco, by The Zambanini Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

6:00 AM Thomas Forte, by Mike & Sue Nitro
7:30 AM Devin Spence, by Joe & Anna Mae Melcher
10:15 AM Jim Rapp, by Joe & Kathy

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00 AM Betty Fronheiser, by Charles & Anna Fronheiser

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

8:00 AM Joe Kimmel

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:00 AM Richard Stahl, 1st Anniversary

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:00 PM Mass of Healing

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:00 AM For Most Blessed Sacrament Memorial Benefactors
9:30 AM Thomas Gorman, by the Graczyk Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 AM Leonard Koch, 1st Anniversary
4:30 PM In Celebration of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of John & Mary Ann Vance, by the Camarata Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

6:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish
7:30 AM Rachel Henry, by Clinton & Angie Snyder
10:15 AM Max Mc Cammon, by George & Margaret Chovanes

ALTAR SERVERS FEBRUARY 4th & 5th

SATURDAY	
4:30 PM	Zane, Shae & Quinn Alderfer
SUNDAY	
6:00 AM	Volunteer
7:30 AM	Thomas & Philip Heid – Victoria Hayes
10:15 AM	Madison & Mikaela Holley – Maureen Ryan

CONFESSIONS:

Tuesday evening 6:00 – 6:30 PM.

Saturday 3:15 – 4:00 PM.

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

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

LEGION OF MARY Tues. evening at 7:00 PM.

BLESSING OF THE THROATS Friday at 8 AM, 9:30 AM & 7PM.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Please place your Catholic Relief Services envelope in the first collection basket.

WARM WELCOME

This week we welcome Father Mike Shea to our parish. Father Shea is a Vincentian Priest from the Miraculous Medal Shrine in Philadelphia. As Father Shea is with us this week, at each of the morning Masses he will have a week of prayer with our Blessed Mother and lead us in the Miraculous Medal Novena after each of the morning Masses. So please, if you can, come to the morning Masses this week and join in this special prayer to our Blessed Mother. On Thursday, father will offer a Mass with the Anointing of the Sick at 7PM. Please bring anyone who is suffering from a physical, mental or spiritual illness to receive the healing grace of Christ. Friday is the feast of St. Blasé. We will have the Blessing of throats at the 8AM Mass, the 9:30 school Mass and at a service at 7PM.=

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,839.00
Repairs	\$ 598.00



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, Kathi Donia, Veronica Babilon, Volker Kaestel, 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 Detullis, Steve, Betty Ann Daily, Andrea Romig, Karen Davis-King, Jeremy Beidler, Michael Kane, Sadie Grater, Hannah Levegood, 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, Tillie Sodano, Tony Rossetti, Allen Melcher, James Kennedy, Polly Richard, Jonathan Nichols, Larry Tranovich, Jim McGlory, Shirley Cleary and Mary Ann Blankenbiller.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS:

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Albert Babilon, and for Joe Benek, father of Gary Benek, 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:

Just a reminder that at the 4:30 and 10:15 Masses, when coming to Holy Communion, there will be extraordinary ministers at either side of the sanctuary, so if the person in front of you has gone to the center, you should move right away to the side. So far it has been pretty good and I'm sure after another week or two it will move along even more smoothly. So thanks for your patience and cooperation.

As I mentioned last week, I'd like to use this little bulletin piece each week to answer your questions on the liturgy or any question of faith. So far I have about 3 questions. If you have any just write them down and give them to me or email them.

In keeping with the above theme, this week we will look at the proper manner in which to receive Holy Communion. First let's look at our spiritual preparation. The best way to prepare is by making good use of the Sacrament of Penance. Certainly we should not receive Holy Communion if we are conscious of having committed a grave sin that has not yet been confessed. The 10 commandments are our basic guide as to what is grave matter. So if one has directly broken one of the commandments, one should then get to confession as soon as possible and not receive Holy Communion until after making a good confession. Even if one is not aware of committing a mortal sin, frequenting the Sacrament of Penance, every other month at a minimum, is an important way to prepare to receive Holy Communion. The Sacrament of Penance strengthens and intensifies the life of God within us and helps us to receive the Lord more worthily and in a way that disposes us to receive more of the gifts the Lord wants to bring to us in Holy Communion.

Remembering to keep the hour fast before receiving Holy Communion is another important part of our spiritual preparation. Making an effort to pay attention to the prayers of the Mass and reflecting on the readings are also important to our preparation as is making an examination of conscience before Mass so that we can ask forgiveness during the Penitential Rite. Also, making an act of faith in the Lord's real presence in the Blessed Sacrament is a good practice in preparation for Holy Communion.

Next week we will continue with this and look at how we are to actually receive Holy Communion.

Peace- Father Adam

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are asking for more volunteers to serve as ushers at our weekend Masses. We would like to at least have 3 or 4 taking up the collection on the floor and at least 1 in the loft, in order to move things along more efficiently. If you can help with this, please see one of our ushers before Mass. Please consider also calling the parish office and we can put you on the usher schedule. The more help the better so that the same people do not have to be on every week. Remember many hands make lighter and happier work. Thanks!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is organizing a council here at MBS. All Catholic men at least 18 years of age are invited to join. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, Family, Fraternal Service Organization built upon the principals of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. The main objectives are to strengthen parish life, support the church, and provide an organization where families can join together to share their beliefs and enjoy Christian fellowship. A Knights of Columbus council here will serve as a great compliment to our parish family. Please consider becoming a charter member of the new council here at MBS. More information will appear in future bulletins. Please mark your calendars now for our open house on April 2nd at 4 PM.

MASS CARDS

To schedule a mass please stop by the Rectory office Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTION REPORTS

Contribution reports for 2016 will be mailed out by the end of January.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS: ST. FRANCIS ACADEMY

Jan. 29 – *Catholic School Week* begins! Grandparent's activities at 12:30 and Open House 11:15-1:15 to visit the classrooms. Registration for the 2017-18 school year. Book Fair in the library.

Jan. 30 – Science Expo begins, SFA video & surprises

Jan. 31 – Student Appreciation Day

Feb. 1 – Volunteer Appreciation Day pep rally & luncheon

Feb. 2 – Brain Show assembly

Feb. 3 – Parent Appreciation Day. **Mass 9:30** Noon dismissal

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.

PLEASE NOTE: INCLEMENT WEATHER UPDATE

In the event of delays and closings at St. Francis Academy, school masses will be rescheduled for a later date.

BAKE SALE

Catherine's Courageous Cadets will be having a bake sale after 4:30 Mass on February 4th. All proceeds will go to Relay for Life.

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.

YOUTH GROUP

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

THE PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The Legion of Mary Sign-up Sheet for January and February 2017 is available on the table at the back of the church. Please select your week now and also consider if your personal needs require Our Lady in your home on a date not shown. To schedule other dates Call Deacon Mike 484-336-9849 and we will assist you with your request.

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS GRIEF SUPPORT

A widow concluded that after a year, her grief has moved from numbness and denial to acceptance. Denial is not always a bad thing. Hope lives there. In life, things happen to us, more is expected of us and change can only happen by us. Our "Reach Out" sessions can help by bringing the tools needed to meet the challenges ahead. Our next "REACH OUT" meeting will be at at MBS' Fr Schneider Hall at 1 PM on Feb. 12th. We ask all to pray for the families who have lost a loved-one as they adapt to life after loss. 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 the Gospel today Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, which embody a radically alternative vision of life and we find that God indeed calls us to blessedness.

Please continue to pray for the many requests listed in Our Book of Intentions.

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.

BLOOD DRIVE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16th

Please help with this lifesaving effort at Calvary UCC in Barto from 2:30 – 7:30 pm. Walk-Ins are always welcome, remember to bring a valid ID, to schedule an appointment call or email Tammi at 215-679-9198, 610-282-1100 x 1449 or the2@desales.edu.

