

**WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 5, 2017**

**MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH**

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**ST. FRANCIS ACADEMY**

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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**Deacon Michael Boyle**

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



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

**4:30 PM** In Celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> 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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

**8:00 AM** Margaret Reichart, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

**8:00 AM** Marie Nicolo, by The Eliott Family

**10:45 AM** For the Intentions of Mrs. Houk, by Trent Szilli & family

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

**8:00 AM** Franz Hirsch, by George & Ronny Babilon

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

**8:00 AM** Albert Babilon by Maria Berggoetz

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

**8:00 AM** Paul Kelsch, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**4:30 PM** Eleanor Miller, by Dave & Eleanor Ritter

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

**6:00 AM** Living & Deceased Members of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

**7:30 AM** Angela Gehringer

**10:15 AM** Jim Rapp, by Catherine Richter

**ALTAR SERVERS FEBRUARY 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**

SATURDAY	
<b>4:30 PM</b>	Matthew & Gianna Graczyk – Olivia Campbell – Katia Holmes
SUNDAY	
<b>6:00 AM</b>	Autumn Kline
<b>7:30 AM</b>	Gabrielle, Annika & Andrew Snyder – Shane Clark
<b>10:15 AM</b>	The Maloney Family

**BINGO FEBRUARY 12<sup>th</sup>**

CREW # 2	
<b>Caller:</b>	Lorraine Levitsky
<b>Controller:</b>	Janice Szilli
<b>Floor &amp; Kitchen</b>	Donna Gerhart - Wendy Miller Susan Orff
<b>Bakers</b>	Mary Ann Garber –Doreen Eidle – Barbara Stahl

**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.

**MASS CARDS**

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

**BAKE SALE**

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

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 8,929.00</b>
<b>Overseas</b>	<b>\$ 1,337.00</b>



**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 Levenoood, Gerald Cleary, Joan Nichols, Victor Bastecki, Marie Hobson, Pat Fry, Christian Walters, Rita Meck, Mark Zigenfuse, Jackie Repko, Teresa Nethers, Carl and 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.

**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:

As we continue our look at preparing for Holy Communion, one thing we should not forget is that the Eucharist is the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary, made present for us, and in which we are able to participate. Spiritually we can place ourselves on the altar. Even though I say spiritually, we should not think of this as less real. Physically we place the bread and wine on the altar that will be transformed, transubstantiated, into the True and Real Body and Blood of Christ. As the sacrifice of our Lord's Body and Blood is re-presented to the Father we offer ourselves with Him. So spiritually we are invited to place on the altar our works of charity, our sacrifices and prayers. To prepare for this, it would be most beneficial if before we come to Mass we think about what specifically we are going to place there, to be offered to our Father with the sacrifice of His Son. In fact all the activities of our life, so long as they are not sinful, and are done well, with charity and for the honor and glory of God can be offered on the altar. This gives infinite merit and meaning to even the most mundane acts, such as daily chores or little duties at work. In this we see how the Holy Eucharist really transforms our lives.

Now for the actual reception of Holy Communion, the current discipline of the Church allows the faithful to choose to receive either on the tongue or in the hand. Before approaching the priest or minister, each communicant should bow as an act of faith and adoration, and when the priest or other minister says: "The Body of Christ", should respond "Amen." If receiving in the hand, one hand should be placed on the other and extended slightly toward the priest or minister.

The fingers should not be open but closed. The communicant then places the sacred host in his or her mouth, using the hand that was on the bottom, a slight step to the side, while still facing the altar, may be permitted to do this, but the communicant is never to walk away with the sacred host. The Lord is not to be received while walking back to the pew and the sacred host (or even a part of the sacred host) is never to be kept for later or to give to someone else. Great care must be taken by the communicant who receives in the hand that should a fragment or particle of the sacred host break off that it is consumed and does not fall to the ground. Notice that the communicant is not to reach up and take the host, but rather to receive it with an open hand. We do not "take" communion, but rather we humbly receive. If one needs to hold onto someone else or hold onto a cane or walker or must hold something in one's arm's, such as a baby, then one really should receive on the tongue because it becomes very difficult to receive in the hand with proper reverence and decorum. Also, one's hands should be clean. We should also never have anything else in our mouths, such as chewing gum or lozenges, when we come to Holy Communion. The external reverence we show to the Holy Eucharist should reflect and help to increase our love, honor and devotion to the Lord truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.  
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. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4 PM.

## 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.

## PARISH SCHOOL NEWS: ST. FRANCIS ACADEMY

Feb. 7 - Liturgy 10:45.

The second & fifth graders participated in a First Communion Enrollment Ceremony. The second graders received pins as a sign of their desire to prepare for First Communion in April.

A big thank you to all who made our Catholic Schools Week so successful.

A special thank you goes out to our Home and School Association.

Please do not put any kind of cardboard in the paper recycling bins behind the school. Thank you.

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.

## THANK YOU....

.....*from Joan Nichols*

THANK YOU to all who have once again contributed so generously to the Christmas Collection for our Veterans at the Coatesville VA Medical Center. The amount realized was \$6,636 in clothing, etc. and \$1,285 in cash. Joan Nichols, Vice Regent, Lieutenant Matthew Smith Chapter NSDAR.

.....*From Boyertown Salvation Army*

The Angel Tag Program gave over 200 children toys and clothing for Christmas and 85 Families received Christmas Food boxes.

## SAINT VINCENT De PAUL

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world," he is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds.

**Be a "light" to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by giving a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.**

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.

## YOUTH GROUP

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

## THE PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The Legion of Mary Sign-up Sheet for 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 MBS' Fr Schneider Hall at 1 PM on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## BLOOD DRIVE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:the2@desales.edu).