

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 19, 2017

MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

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ST. FRANCIS ACADEMY

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SEVENTH 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 18

4:30 PM Joshua Gehman, by His family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

6:00 AM Cindy Pennypacker, by The Smith family

7:30 AM Paul & Dolores Schultz, by Judy & Al

10:15 AM Living & Deceased Members of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:00 AM For the Health of Sandra Riley

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00 AM Fr. Joseph Campion

10:45 AM Eleanor Miller, by Jane & Jeff Keill

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:00 AM Shirley Melcher, by Buddy & Mary Ann Sobjak

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00 AM Amanda Binsfeld, by Eileen & Austin John

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:00 AM Eleanor Miller, by the Strunk Family

4:30 PM Richard Stahl, by The Pangrazi Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

7:30 AM Devin Spence, by the Wensel Family

10:15 AM For an Unborn Child

ALTAR SERVERS FEBRUARY 25th & 26th

SATURDAY	
4:30 PM	Jaime & Jennifer Wilkinson – Matthew Martin
SUNDAY	
6:00 AM	Volunteer
7:30 AM	Richard Boys – Ryan Willing
10:15 AM	Anna King – Marlena Agricoli – Kyle Kelsch

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.

SAINT 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.



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.

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,911.00
Bingo	\$ 607.50
Home Missions	\$ 859.00

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, 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. Hilfert, 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, 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 Colton Buckley.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS:

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

William Pfeifer and Amanda Binsfeld 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:

One of you asked this interesting question: We refer to the Blessed Sacrament as a "memorial" of the Lord's passion, what does this mean? Here we have to understand that we use the word memorial here not simply as remembering something that happened in the past and commemorating it. We mean something more than that. Here we use the word to mean we are actually making present now something that happened in history. Of course it is not "we" who do this, but the Holy Spirit. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in paragraphs 1363 and 1364, teaches: *In the sense of Sacred Scripture the memorial is not merely the recollection of past events but the proclamation of the mighty works wrought by God for men.—In the liturgical celebration of these events, they become in a certain way present and real. This is how Israel understands its liberation from Egypt: every time Passover is celebrated, the Exodus events are made present to the memory of believers so that they may conform their lives to them. In the New Testament, the memorial takes on new meaning. When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, she commemorates Christ's Passover, and it is made present: the sacrifice Christ offered once for all on the cross remains ever present. "As often as the sacrifice of the Cross by which 'Christ our Pasch has been sacrificed' is celebrated on the altar, the work of our redemption is carried out."*

From our understanding of the Holy Eucharist as memorial flows our understanding of the Mass as the Sacrifice of Christ. We see this in the very words of consecration, where the bread becomes His Body "given up for you" and the wine His Blood "poured out for you". It is precisely on the Cross where His Body is given and His Blood poured out. Thus the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross and the Holy Eucharist are one single sacrifice, in which Christ is both priest and victim, the one doing the offering and the offering itself.

This may lead us to ask, when we receive the Holy Eucharist, or come into the presence of the Blessed Sacrament to adore Him, are we receiving or adoring a "dead body". The answer is certainly not. It is the risen Christ who is present, though in His state as victim for our sins. The liturgy shows us this in a subtle yet profound way. Body and Blood are consecrated separately, a sign of His death, yet after the Lamb of God, a small fragment of the Sacred Host is placed in the Chalice, mingled with the Precious Blood. Thus Body and Blood reunited are a sign of the resurrection. More on this next week. Peace- Father Adam

ADORATION

Come and spend time with the Lord each week. In teaching about Eucharistic Adoration Saint John Paul II reminds us: This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus. "Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love." The Lord will be waiting for you every Tuesday from Noon until 6:30PM. Will you answer His invitation?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Calling all Old and New Volunteers for the Annual MBS Fish Fry. Mark your calendars this year's dates will be March 10th, 24th, 31st and April 7th. Volunteers needed each Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each fish fry.

We need volunteers to help on Thursdays 8 AM - 1 PM to cut vegetables, sauté onions, bread fish, sauté onions, make soup and sauté onions. Persons who love onions or have little sense of smell are preferred. Fridays 8 AM- 7 PM to help cook, clean, sell food and jolly up other volunteers. Any number of hours you can provide on Fridays are appreciated, whole days not required! :)

One or Two Drivers also needed to deliver to the local businesses during the lunchtime hours.

Saturdays 8:30 AM - 12 PM clean up. High schoolers who need service hours welcome!

A Volunteer meeting will be held February 19th following the 10:15 mass in Fr. Schneider hall. For more information call Margaret at 610-845-2600 or mchova1084@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is organizing a council here at MBS. Please mark your calendars now for our open house on April 2nd at 4 PM.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS: ST. FRANCIS ACADEMY

Feb. 20 – No School. Presidents' Day.

Feb. 21 – School Liturgy 10:45.

Feb. 22 and 28- Turn in dates for the magazine drive.

Recently 4th grade, with the help of Commander Hutchinson and an e-mission called Moon, Mars, and Beyond, found and rescued a lost space shuttle. The students had a decode transmissions, plot coordinates, and calculate the cargo needed for the rescue. Mission accomplished!

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.

ST. FRANCIS CYO - SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION

St. Francis CYO now has open registration for the following Spring sports: Baseball (7th – 8th grade boys*), Softball (6th – 8th grade girls), and Track & Field (6th – 8th grade boys and girls). All 6th through 8th grade students attending SFA or Most Blessed Sacrament/St. Columbkil CCD programs are eligible. Please send an email to saintfranciscyo@gmail.com by March 5th to request a registration packet. Practices begin in mid-March. *Please note: Baseball registration may open up to 6th grade boys if not enough 7-8th graders register, as has been the case in recent years. Please keep this possibility in mind for your 6th grade boy. We are in need of volunteer coaches (especially Track & Field coaches). Please consider volunteering and helping our kids learn life skills such as sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect.

DESIGNER BAG BINGO

Join St. Francis Academy Home and School on March 5th for a Designer Bag Bingo. Doors open at 11:30 AM. Bingo starts at 1PM.

Tickets are \$25 for 20 games with specials and jackpot games at an additional cost. Tickets can be purchased by calling Karen Kinn at 484-432-0780.

YOUTH GROUP

For information about the Youth Group please contact Heather at: 484-336-9200 or [email to: youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org).

Catherine's Courageous Cadets would like to thank all those that purchased goodies from our bake sale. We have raised over \$200 all of which is going to American Cancer Society's Relay for Life - Boyertown.

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS GRIEF SUPPORT

Grief has a voice. When it is your voice, what you are hearing is the worst grief of all. In life, things happen to us and much is expected of us. Change can only happen by our choices and by prayer which gives a voice to Gods choices. With the help of others we can catch our balance and steer in a new pathway. Our "Reach Out" sessions can help by bringing the tools needed to meet the challenges ahead. Our next "REACH OUT" meeting will be at St Columbkil's Conference RM at 1 PM on February 26th. The following meeting will be at MBS' Fr. Schneider Hall at 1 PM on March 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.

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!!