

Mission Statement: "We are called through Baptism to lead a Holy Life and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ..."



## Most Blessed Sacrament

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23 April 2017

## Divine Mercy Sunday

"Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."



John  
20:  
19-31

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

CONFESSIONS:  
Tuesday 6:00-6:30 pm.

Saturday 3:15-4:00pm.

### MBS Parishioners

A Blessed Divine Mercy Sunday  
To all parishioners of  
Most Blessed Sacrament Parish!  
St. Faustina  
Pray for us!

### Hear ye, Hear ye all Most Blessed Sacrament Parishioners!!

One of our strategic goals is to enhance communications with every parishioner.



If you would like to be notified by *TEXT* or *EMAIL* of important parish news, holy day reminders, important messages from our pastor, and special events being held at MBS, school closings, etc., then this is for you. Plus, join as many groups as you are involved with! We

are positive more groups will be added in the future.

How can I join? Just go to our website: [www.mbsbally.org](http://www.mbsbally.org). The Flocknote AD appears under the Gospel on our Home Page. Read the AD, follow the instructions and then fill out the simple form provided. It is that easy!! (provide your "cell phone" number in space provided on the form or if your home phone can receive texts...that is okay, too)

*Welcome to Flocknote!*

To all our visiting Guests...  
Know you are most welcome at MBS!

You can register as a parishioner online at our website [www.mbsbally.org](http://www.mbsbally.org)

# PRA YFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, APRIL 24

8:00 AM Carl Schott by Estate

### TUESDAY, APRIL 25

8:00 AM Teresa Brown-Groves by Estate

10:45 AM Devin Spence, by Bill & Joan Kelsch

### WEDNESDAY, April 26

8:00 AM For the Health of Sandra Riley

### FRIDAY, APRIL 28

8:00 AM George Melcher, by Beverly

### SATURDAY, APRIL 29

8:00 AM Amanda Binsfeld, by Tammi & Chris

4:30 PM Jennifer Kemmerer, by Tess & Les Luft

### SUNDAY, APRIL 30

6:00 AM Donald Gehringer, Sr., by Thomas, Megan & Abby

7:30 AM Eleanor Miller, by Jim Heffner & Family

10:15 AM People of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

## Sunday April 23, 2017 Readings

Acts 2: 42-47

1 Peter 1: 3-9

John 20:19-31

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

**LEGION OF MARY** Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM.

### MASS CARDS

To schedule a mass please stop by the Rectory office .

### PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Mon:	April 24	Father Eric Arnout
Tue:	April 25	Father George Aschenbrenner
Wed:	April 26	Father Achilles Ayaton
Thu:	April 27	Msgr. Thomas Baddick
Fri:	April 28	Msgr. Andrew Baker
Sat:	April 29	Msgr. William Baker
Sun:	April 30	Father Francis Baransky

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday of the year from  
12:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Please Pray  
for the  
following  
members



who are in the Active Military serving  
our Country.

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  
Airman Jimmy McGlory  
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.

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF ANY OF THOSE LISTED HERE ARE NOT ACTIVE MILITARY. PLEASE... Call Parish Office! Thank you!**

### Prayer:

“Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts that they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord & Savior. Amen.”

## Father Adam's Corner

Dear Parishioners!

Today is the Feast of Divine Mercy. It is a feast day not only about Our Lord, but one that He specifically asks us to observe, through the mystical experiences of Saint Faustina. Saint Faustina was a nun in the convent of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland and during the 1930's Our Lord appeared to her several times and entrusted to her the task of making His Mercy more known in the world through what has come to be called the Divine Mercy Devotion. This devotion consists of several elements, all of which were given by Our Lord Himself to Saint Faustina and are recorded in her spiritual diary. One element is the Image of Divine Mercy. This image shows how Our Lord appeared to Saint Faustina on February 22, 1931. He asked her to "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: "Jesus, I trust in You." I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and throughout the world." Another part of this devotion is the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, which Our Lord taught to Saint Faustina and asked her to encourage others to pray. Then there is this Feast of Divine Mercy. Our Lord asked her to have the Church observe the octave day of Easter, that is the Sunday after Easter Sunday as a Feast of Divine Mercy.

Our Lord said to Saint Faustina: "*My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.*"

The whole devotion began to spread through the work of Saint Faustina's spiritual directors. Eventually Pope Saint John Paul II would canonize Saint Faustina in the year 2000 and at the same time made the Sunday after Easter officially the Feast of Divine Mercy for the whole Church. On that day, Pope Saint John Paul II declared, "This is the happiest day of my life." Indeed, he had been the "Pope of Divine Mercy", bringing the message of Christ to the ends of the earth. It is important for us to remember that the message of Divine Mercy did not begin with the Lord's revelations to Saint Faustina. The message began at the dawn of humanity, when God first promised a Savior to Adam and Eve (Gn 3:15) and this message has been brought by God's messengers throughout salvation history. The message became all the more clear and concrete when the Word became Flesh (Jn 3:16) and when the Word who is the Lord Jesus proclaimed a gospel of repentance (Mk 1:15) and when He entrusted this message to His Church (Mt 28:20). The message revealed to Saint Faustina is a means for us to understand and approach the basic message of the Gospel and a way especially suited to and needed in our current moment of history. The Lord asks us to simply trust that His mercy is greater than our sins. His mercy is the healing that we need and that the world needs. He asks us to pray for the world, for everyone in the world, to pray for the conversion of hearts, beginning with our own but including everyone. Pray for this conversion while there is still time.

Peace. Father Adam

## Stewardship

Fiscal Year July 2016-June 2017  
Weekend of April 15 & April 16

Wkly. offering necessary for Budget.....	\$10,317.48
Actual Weekly Offering .....	\$ 6,836.00
Net Weekly Shortage.....	<b>-\$3,481.48</b>
YTD Budget Offering.....	\$433,334.44
YTD Actual Offering Income.....	\$411,834.00
YTD Shortage.....	<b>-\$21,500.44</b>

**Easter Collection: \$17,224.00 Thank you!**

## Did You Know?

**Did you know:** That St. Luke, one of the four evangelists, not only is credited with writing a Gospel, but also with writing the Acts of the Apostles.

**YOU CAN LOOK IT UP!**

**Question:** The Apostle Thomas was also known by another name. What was that name?

**Last Week's Answer:** **Where in Scripture did Jesus change Simon, the Fisherman's, name?** At the town of Caesarea Philippi. "**Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.** For flesh and blood\* has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. **And so I say to you, you are Peter,** and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16: 17-18)

**Catholic Quiz: Answers next week!**

1. Which apostle led Christ's church after Jesus was killed? **St. Peter**
2. Which apostle betrayed Jesus with a kiss for money? **Judas Iscariot**
3. Who was converted on the road to Damascus and later became one of the greatest missionaries in the New Testament? **St. Paul**
4. Who atoned, suffered, was crucified, and was resurrected for all mankind, making Him the Savior? **Jesus Christ**
5. Who tried to dispose of baby Jesus by making a decree that all baby boys should be killed? **King Herod**



## Youth Group (7th-12th Grades)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

#### **Mission Trip/Steubenville trip**

All spots are filled for these trips. Please hand in all Mission Trip paperwork by Tuesday, April 25th. Steubenville paperwork should be handed in as soon as possible, too. If you need to know your balance, please let Heather know.

#### **Thank you!**

A huge thank you to all those who purchased Easter flowers to help support our Youth Group! We made \$583.50!! Thank you so much for your support!

#### **Holy Week Mission 2017**

Thank you for the many prayers and donations to our teen Missionaries during Holy Week. There were many great acts of love witnessed and we cannot thank you for all of your support and love! Special thanks goes out to Megan Repko and MaryCris Guerin for helping lead this Mission. Also, a big thank you goes out to Cynthia Castaldi, Pam Kriebel, Joe Repko, Eric Parks, Sarah and Brandon Sullivan, Vicky Paone and Stephanie Burrell for helping chaperone this Mission. Lastly, thank you to Deacon Joe Petrauskas and Christie Edling for speaking to our teens and enhancing their knowledge and love for Jesus, others and themselves. This Holy Week Mission would not have been possible without ALL of your help.

#### **Sunday, April 23rd**

iWorship 6:30pm-8:30pm

Holy Guardian Angels Parish- Reading, PA

FREE EVENT! Eucharistic Adoration and prayer with other

young people from local areas, perfect if you are gearing up for Steubenville. Meet at St. Columbkil Parish at

5:30 pm, leaving promptly at 5:45. Carpooling will be arranged if needed. Email Heather to sign up!

\*\*Sign-ups close on Friday, April 21st.\*\*

#### **Sunday, May 7th**

Monthly Meeting

12-2pm in the Ehst Room

Light lunch will be provided

We will be making signs for our Car Wash coming up (Date TBD) and other activities!

### **ALTAR SERVERS APRIL 29 & 30**

#### **April 29 SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

**4:30 p.m.**

Troy Viola - Gabe & Annalise Santiago

#### **April 30 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**6:00 a.m.**

Autumn Kline

**7:30 a.m.**

Sean & Nichole Bertino - Shane Clark

**10:15 a.m.**

Adam Frank – Paul & Andrew Dalickas

## St. Francis Academy

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**April 25** – School Liturgy 10  
CYO Track K-2, 3:15-4:15

**April 26** – CYO Track Gr. 3-5, 3:15-4:15

**April 28** – The Fifth Grade class will be visiting the Constitution Center and historic Philadelphia.

**April 29** – First Holy Communion at MBS, 11 a.m.

Oh, the thrill of the hunt! Pre-K and their Sixth Grade buddies, Kindergarten and their Eighth Grade buddies enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt together. A good time was had by all!

Registration for the 2017-18 school year is ongoing for PreK-8, offering a **all day** Kindergarten program. Please call the school or visit our website, [www.sfabally.org](http://www.sfabally.org), for more information.

Thank you and please continue to save Box Tops and Redner's tapes for our school.

Plastic Cash is sold at school Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

### **KID'S LETTERS TO GOD**

Dear GOD,

Please send me a pony. I never asked for anything before, You can look it up.

Bruce

Dear GOD,

Did you mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident?

Little Johnny

Dear GOD,

Thank you for the baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy.

Little Joanie

Dear GOD,

If You watch me in church Sunday, I'll show You my new shoes.

Mickey D.

Dear GOD,

I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool!

Eugene



## ***Parish News and Events***

***EASTER EGG HUNT*** The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held today, Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> after the 10:15 mass. Prizes, Baskets, and Filled Plastic Eggs!!!!

***SFA Alums***— Alum dinner postponed until the Fall of 2017 due to scheduling conflicts.

### ***SAINT VINCENT De PAUL***

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

### ***LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST***

Bally Lions Club will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 7 AM to 12 PM at the Bally Fire Company.

### ***REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS***

The students of St Francis Academy our CCD children who will receive their First Communion on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Please pray that they may continue to grow in faith and in the love of the Lord.

### ***SACRAMENTAL LIFE***

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession  
Tuesday evenings 6:00 6:30 PM.  
Saturday 3:15 – 4 PM.

Sacrament of Baptism:  
Please contact Deacon Murphy at 610-845-7364

Sacrament of Matrimony:  
Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance.  
All Couples must participate in the Marriage Prep Program.

## ***PARISH STAFF***

**Pastor** - Father Adam Sedar  
**Deacons** - Thomas J. Murphy & Mike Boyle  
**Administrative Assistant** - Cindy Repko  
**Financial Secretary** - Sue Nitroy  
**Parish School, St. Francis Academy** -  
Deacon Thomas J. Murphy, Headmaster  
**Preschool Teacher**—Susan Stroud  
**Director of Religious Edn** - Deacon Murphy  
**RCIA Coordinator**—Deacon Murphy

## ***Ministries & Organizations***

### ***KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS***

All men and their wives and families are invited to attend an information meeting this Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12 PM in Fr. Schneider Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to learn about the Knights of Columbus, their programs, activities, and benefits. Please plan to attend. The new council which is forming at our parish needs your support to make it a success.

### ***SPRING CLEANOUT***

SFA Spring Used Clothing Drive will be held Saturday, **April 29<sup>th</sup>** from 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM, in the school parking lot. Any questions please call Megan at 610-730-5441 or email [mbwilson@hotmail.com](mailto:mbwilson@hotmail.com).

### ***FISH FRY MAGIC***

A special word of thanks to Margaret Chovanes and Chris Howerter, for coordinating our Fish Fry this year. They did a wonderful job planning, implementing, and cleaning up. Thanks to the team of volunteers who helped from early morning until the last sandwich was served. Their hard work paid off - the crowds were well fed.  
Thanks to Mark Moll and Scott La Maestra for making the delicious soups each week!  
Thanks to Deacon Murphy, the teachers and students of St. Francis Academy for allowing parking for our diners at lunchtime and use of the hall after school at dinner time.

### ***FLOWER SALE***

The yearly Parking Lot Flower sale begins this weekend. Donations from the sales will go to Mary's Shelter. Please make checks out to Mary's Shelter. Thank you for your support. For more information please call 610-702-2187.

## ***PARISH STAFF***

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**Youth Choir**—Fred Carr  
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