

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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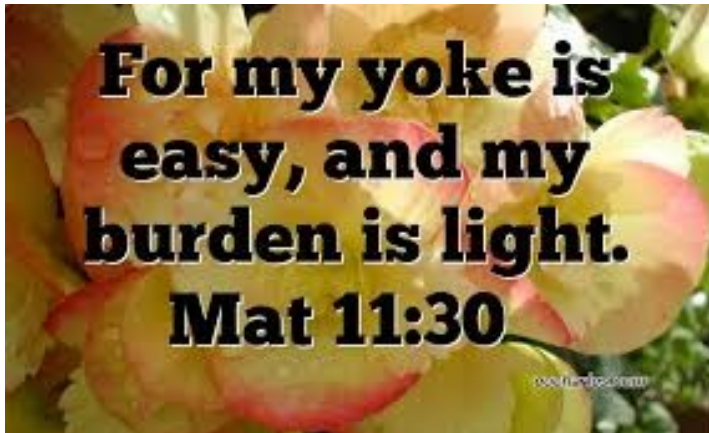
Office hours daily are from 8:30am-3:30pm

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9 July 2017

**14th Sunday
Ordinary Time**

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."



**Matt
11:
25-30**

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**

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

Saturday 3:15-4:00pm.

All Guests and New Parishioners are Most Welcome! You can register at our parish on line at: www.mbsbally.org



Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, established in 1741, is a Roman Catholic Church built and growing on the foundation of Christ's Teachings. We are called through Baptism to live a holy life and to spread the Word and values taught by Jesus Christ. Nourished by God's Word and Eucharist we are empowered to serve the needs of others through stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

We are dedicated to hospitality, education and love in our homes, parish, regional school and our entire community. Knowing that our future is in God's hands, we will continue to do His work, trusting that the Lord's graces will always shine upon us and those who come after us.

Save the date-

Friday October 13th we will host a very special presentation by Dale Alquist, president of the American Chesterton Society. GK Chesterton was one of the most influential and important figures of the last century and his writings continue to be a source of great inspiration for people today. More information will be coming soon!

PRA YFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 10

8:00 AM--Shirley Cleary, by The Diehl's

TUESDAY, JULY 11

8:00 AM--John Conrad, by Ralph & Lorraine

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

8:00 AM--Richard Stahl, by Barbara & Family

FRIDAY, JULY 14

8:00 AM--Larry Bauer, by The Bauer Family

SATURDAY, JULY 15

8:00 AM--Amanda Binsfeld, by Buddy & Mary Ann Sobjak

4:30 PM--George Melcher, by His Family

SUNDAY, JULY 16

6:00 AM--People of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

7:30 AM--Kevin Bauman, by Mom & Dad

10:15 AM--Earl & Mary Strunk, by The La Salle's

Sunday July 9, 2017 Readings

ZEC 9: 9-10

ROMANS 8: 9, 11-13

MATT 11: 25-30

LEGION OF MARY Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM.

MASS CARDS

To schedule a Mass please stop by the Rectory Office between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Mon-Thurs.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Mon:	July 10	Fr. Daniel Gambert
Tue:	July 11	Fr. Joseph Ganser
Wed:	July 12	Fr. Angel Garvia-Almodovar
Thu:	July 13	Fr. Andrew Gehringer
Fri:	July 14	Fr. Robert George
Sat:	July 15	Deceased Priests
Sun:	July 16	Fr. John Gibbons

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday of the Summer
After 8 a.m. Mass to 6:30 p.m.
followed by
Benediction and then by
Miraculous Medal Novena

*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 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,
CAPT Justin Knepp
PFC Sam S. Myers
Lt. 1st 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 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.
RCT Emily Gehringer*

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

“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 and Savior. Amen.”

Fr. Adam's Corner

From the Seminarian's Desk

July has always been a month of mixed feelings for me. As a kid, I despised school. July was therefore gloriously school-free. Strangely, my joy was offset by the uneasy feeling that, by the 4th of July, summer felt "practically over." (I don't recommend this way of thinking!)

Since my Dad passed away in July 2005, the month has acquired a wistful feeling. There are many great memories of July picnics and fishing trips, combined with those of saying goodbye. As anyone who last lost a loved one knows, mourning is gradually replaced by gratitude, and the sad memories are crowded out by the blessings. Peace and joy return.

And yet, you're never quite the same as you were before. I'm okay with that, because it is a reminder that **this is not our permanent home.**

The Lord looked down upon our fallen world of sin and sadness, and chose not to change it with the wave of a magic wand. Instead, He showed His infinite love by entering into human suffering, and conquering sin and death. He calls us to take up our cross and follow Him.

The Son of God became man, so that we would know His Father in Heaven, as truly *Our* Father. He invites us into union with Him that makes us truly the family of God. This family bond begins in this life, and by God's grace and mercy, extends into eternity.

This is known as the "*communion of saints.*" Traditionally, this communion would be expressed as the three *states* of the Church: Church Militant, Church Penitent and Church Triumphant.

The Catechism elaborates: "When the Lord comes in glory, and all his angels with him, death will be no more and all things will be subject to him. But at the present time some of his disciples are pilgrims on earth. Others have died and are being purified, while still others are in glory, contemplating in full light, God himself triune and one, exactly as he is." (CCC 954)

When we are united to Christ by grace, we are also united to His family – the souls in Purgatory and the souls in Heaven. The family that prays together, stays together – even across eternity!

There are so many blessings in this life. Enjoy them. And yet, this is not our permanent home. We are truly pilgrims here on earth. Be sure to give thanks for what you have, but take some time to ponder what He has in store for those who remain faithful, when His family is reunited with Him in Heaven.

In Christ, John

Stewardship

What is Stewardship? "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10). What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Struggling to Hear God's Voice in Your Life?

As Catholics, we know of the love and mercy of God's plan, but... in the everyday struggles of life, it sure would be nice to hear His voice. God *has* spoken to His human family, and continues to speak to us – in many ways, especially in Scripture. And yet, the Bible can be intimidating and confusing. We sometimes know many pieces of the puzzle, without fully grasping the "Big Picture."

On **Monday, July 10 at 7 to 8pm**, our seminarian John Maria will give an informal talk to explain the Big Picture of the Bible. John will provide helpful tips on how to read it, and hear God's Voice in your lives. Did you ever wonder how the Old Testament is fulfilled in the New Testament? We will only have an hour, so we will focus upon the highlights and key figures who prepared the world for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Bible is truly a Catholic Book, in which our Heavenly Father reveals His love and truth. Understanding the Big Picture will help you to apply the finer details & better hear His voice in your life. Might it be time for YOU to go deeper in your faith, and learn about Scripture? Join us Monday, July 10 at 7pm in the **Social Hall** to get started!

ST. FRANCIS CYO FALL SPORTS

We would like to add you to our Fall Sports rosters. No experience necessary. All 5th through 8th grade students attending SFA or MBS/St. Columbkil's Religious Education program are eligible. Please send an email to saintfranciscyo@gmail.com by **July 31st** if you need more information.

DIOCESAN FAMILY FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 24th, 11 am - 4pm at Steel Stacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem. The day begins with an outdoor Multi-Cultural Mass celebrated at 11am (Bring a lawn chair). The festivities will follow the Mass. No reservations are needed. For more information, call Maria at 610-289-8900, Extension 21 or email her at mloch@allentowndiocese.org. Or click on the Diocesan website where you can see pictures of last year's event www.allentowndiocese.org/familyfestival

Youth Group (7th-12th Grades)

Steubenville send-off Mass

Sunday, July 9th 11am Mass

All new students are to meet with Heather directly after Mass on the first classroom on the left upstairs. All returning students can attend as well. You will receive your tee shirts at this meeting. All outstanding balances must be paid by this meeting.

Steubenville Youth Conference

July 14-July 16

Please arrive at church on Friday at 6:30am. We will leave promptly at 7am! Continue to check your emails for updates on the trip.

LOGOS AND LAGERS *Young Adult Listening Session ---- Rome Wants to Know What You Think!* Pope Francis has dedicated the 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to be focused on the theme of "Youth [ages 16-29] Faith, and Vocational Discernment." The listening session will take place during August's *Logos and Lagers*. Join us on **August 3, 2017** from 7-8:30 p.m. at **St. Ignatius Loyola Parish**, 2810 St. Albans Dr. in Reading.

Heather Shainline at: youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org

Altar Servers

July 15 and July 16 2017

Saturday

4:30 p.m. Matthew & Gianna Graczyk – Olivia Campbell

Sunday

6 a.m. Volunteer

7:30a.m. Sean & Nichole Bertino – Victoria Hayes

10:15a.m. Theresa Patterson – Jacob McMenamin –
Bobby Hollis

Attention Students

SUMMER SERVICE HOURS

Over the summer months get a jump start on your service hours. The parish can always use extra helpers.

BINGO- the second Sunday of every month. Contact Janice at 610-987-8851.

SOUP KITCHEN July 22nd & 23rd

CARNIVAL SET-UP

Volunteers are needed to help get supplies out of storage on Monday evening, July 10th at 6 PM. Helpers are needed on Saturday, **July 15th at 9 AM** to set-up the stands. Please come and help.

St. Francis Academy

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668 Pine Street
Bally, PA
www.sfabally.org



School Summer Hours: Tue. and Thurs. 8-2

Plastic Cash summer sales- at SFA Tuesday from 9:30 -10:30 a.m. and Thursday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. *Please come to the kitchen door in the back of the school on both days.*

Please save Boxtops for Education and Redners tapes over the summer. Thank you for all your support.

Don't forget to recycle that newspaper! The bins are in the school parking lot (no cardboard or phone books, please).

Registration for the 2017-18 school year is ongoing for PreK-8, offering a *full day* Kindergarten program. Please call the school or visit our website, www.sfabally.org, for more information.

Visit us and MBS/SFA Alumni on Facebook!

YOUTH HUMOR FOR THIS WEEK

After his baby brother was baptized in church, Jeremy cried all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong?

The boy finally replied, "That priest said he wanted us to be brought up in a Christian home, but I wanted to stay with you guys."

AND...Dad was smiling!

CCD REGISTRATION FORMS

Register now for September. Registration forms can be found on table in the back of Church. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

CCD TEACHER NEEDED

A 1st Grade teacher is needed. If interested please call Deacon Murphy at 610-845-7364.



Parish News and Events

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

Office Hours Carnival week - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM, closed on Friday.
During the summer months the rectory will be closed every Friday.

SOUP KITCHEN UPDATE JULY 22nd & 23rd

Help is needed Saturday and Sunday to serve.. Monetary donations should be placed in an envelope labeled “SOUP KITCHEN” and placed in the collection basket. For more information please call Zoe Derkotch at 610-718-6077.

NEXT WEEKEND there will be a collection for Central and Eastern Europe. Please place your envelopes in the first collection. Thank you for your generous support

HAPPY SUMMER

Keep the fireworks and sparkle in your relationship with a WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

PARISH CEMETERY REMINDER

Just a reminder that according to our parish regulations; the use of shells, toys, metal designs, ornaments, glass, plastics, jars and containers, metal cases, barriers, pebbles, wooden or metal crosses, foot stones, iron furniture, concrete urns, and pedestals shall not be permitted in any plot. The cemetery authorities shall remove all. Plants, flowers and wreaths are permitted on plots at the head of the grave in acceptable temporary containers.

BINGO!!!!!!

Bingo will be held today, July 9th. If you can't stay to play Bingo you can still purchase lunch. The kitchen opens at 11 AM for lunch. Bingo begins promptly at 12:30 PM Crew 3 scheduled.

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

News, Ministries & Organizations

Widow and Widowers Grief Support

The next “REACH OUT” will be Sunday July 9th at St. Columbkil’s office meeting room at 1 PM. The following meeting will be on the July 23rd at MBS’ Fr. Schneider Hall. Come join us. Those who have lost a loved one know how important this support can be. 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

MBS Carnival July 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd. Only 17 Days until Bally Burgers!!!

The famous Bally Burger makes its comeback. Four fun-filled nights of rides, games, great food, live music and lots of socializing.

*Carnival Chance tickets will be available up until the drawing on Saturday, July 22nd Extra tickets are on the table in back of church.

*The Carnival Committee would greatly appreciate parishioners help in distributing Carnival Posters. Posters can be found on the table in back of church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

The names of the sick of our parish can be found on our website www.mbsbally.org, or in the Prayer Intention Book located at the side entrance of church. The sick are also remembered in the Intercessions at every Sunday Mass.

SALE OF FLOWERS

How about supporting a good cause and enjoying an arrangement of fresh flowers at the same time? For more information please call Chuck at 610-702-2187. Proceeds from sales goes to Mary’s Shelter.

PARISH STAFF

Youth Ministry - Heather Shainline:
youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org
Adult Choir - Rob Zambanini
Youth Choir—Fred Carr
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