

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



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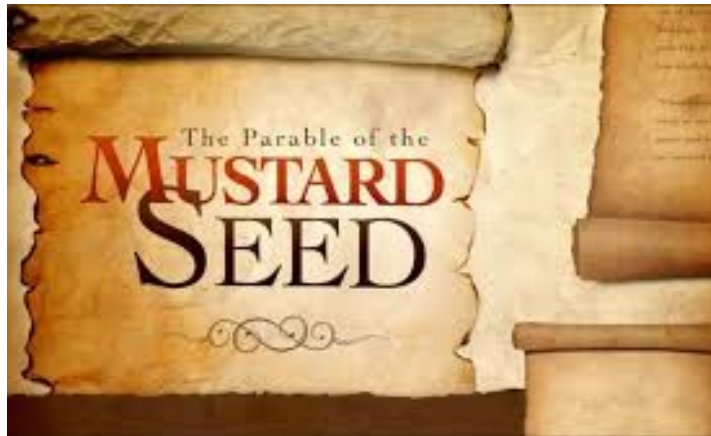
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23 July 2017

**16th Sunday
Ordinary Time**

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field."



**Matt
13:
24-43**

**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**

BISHOP-ELECT SCHLERT'S ORDINATION/INSTALLATION



In celebration of the Ordination and Installation of Bishop-elect Alfred Schlert as the Fifth Bishop of Allentown, the Diocese will be having two liturgical services:

Solemn Vespers at which the Bishop-elect will make a Profession of Faith and the Oath of Fidelity is scheduled for Wednesday, August 30 at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena in Allentown (1825 Turner Street, Allentown, PA. 18104). This event is open to the public. As the Allentown Fair will be occurring, all parking will be at St. Thomas More Church (1040 Flexer Avenue, Allentown, PA. 18105). Continuous shuttles will be running beginning at 5:00 PM. Light refreshments in the Parish Activity Center will follow and everyone will have a chance to greet the Bishop-Elect.

The Mass of Ordination will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena on Thursday, August 31 at 2:00 PM. Because of space limitations at the Cathedral, attendance at this event is by invitation only. The Ordination/Installation will be broadcast live on Service Electric and Blue Ridge Cable TV locally. Efforts are underway to have it broadcast nationally as well. It will also be livestreamed on the Diocesan Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/DioceseofAllentown

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 24

8:00 AM--Gerald Cleary, by Buddy & Mary Ann Sobjak

TUESDAY, JULY 25

8:00 AM--Francis Janoski, by Christine Walters

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

8:00 AM--Pete Duklis, by Diane & Robert Virus

FRIDAY, JULY 28

8:00 AM--Bert Van Anglen, by Joe & Kathy

SATURDAY, JULY 29

8:00 AM--Mary Bolez, by The Schadler Family

4:30 PM--Douglas Matthew Minner, by Mom & Dad

SUNDAY, JULY 30

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

7:30 AM--Jerry Melcher, by His Family

10:15 AM--People of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

Sunday July 23, 2017 Readings

WISDOM 12: 13, 16-19

ROMANS 8: 26-27

MATT 13: 24-43

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 24	Father Kevin Gualano
Tue:	July 25	Father Abraham Ha
Wed:	July 26	Father Stephen Halabura
Thu:	July 27	Msgr. William Handges
Fri:	July 28	Father James Harper
Sat:	July 29	Msgr. Dennis Hartgen
Sun:	July 30	Father John Hilferty

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
all in our Armed
Services*



*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,
Staff SGT Eric J. Crews,
Sr. Airman Anthony Lucarelli,
MAJ Michael O'Kane,
SSG Antonio Rivera,
Airman 1st Class Andrew Gerard,
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,
Markus De Larantus, Navy,
RCT. Emily Gehringer*

“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

Dear Parishioners:

First, my thanks to everyone who worked so hard at the parish carnival. Your dedication this year and for many of you, over so many years, is beautiful and is greatly appreciated. It is a monumental undertaking and your generosity makes it a great success.

One of my favorite current Catholic writers is Father Dwight Longenecker. In a recent article he wrote about what it is like to be a priest hearing confessions. It is an insight I think all of us priests would agree with. Below is an excerpt from his article.

Peace- Father Adam

“Let me tell you something from my side of the confessional screen.

Hearing confessions is not easy. Its actually hard, often tiresome work.

Often the confessions are poorly prepared, badly informed or full of all the tricks we've come to spot which allow people to confess while still retaining their dignity. You know the euphemisms, the generalities, the circumlocutions. I don't care. I'm glad they're there.

They say every question is a good question. I say every confession is a good confession.

There is something else. Almost always when I am weary, maybe a bit fed up, maybe a bit tired of the same old stuff something happens.

The door will open and a child will make the most beautiful and simple confession.

Or maybe the door will open and I will hear, “Bless me Father for I have sinned. I have not been to confession nor Mass for forty years and I would like to come home.”

At that point I get out the Kleenex on my side of the screen.

At that point I am the Father of the prodigal son...

...and that is a very sweet and precious privilege indeed.

Stewardship

Sunday's Collection was \$8,259. 00 for July 16th.

UPCOMING EVENTS-PARISH INFORMATION

BOYERTOWN AREA MULTI-SERVICE, INC.

During the summer months the Pantry shelves at Multi-Service are always lighter. Anyone wishing to donate items may drop them off at **Boyertown Area Multi-Service**, 200 Spring Street, Boyertown, PA 19512, at the back door anytime during regular business hours: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Please ring bell at back door and someone will assist you. Donations can also be dropped off at church.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

Belated 92nd Birthday Wishes to **Joseph Dickinson and Chester Fillman**.

Mary Kehs will celebrate her 93rd Birthday on August 1st and **Gertrude Snyder** will celebrate her 92nd Birthday on August 4th.

WHY SHOULD WE REGISTER AT MBS?

Parish registration is necessary to receive the Sacraments, to receive sponsor letters, and to register your children at St. Francis Academy. Registration can be done online just log-in to the Parish Web page at www.mbsbally.org.

Please notify the rectory if you are moving out of the parish.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Most Blessed Sacrament Council # 16745 will meet on Tuesday August 8th at 7:30 PM in Father Schneider Hall. Men over the age of 18-years old interested in the Knights of Columbus please contact Joe Dusko, Grand Knight, by email jrdkoc16745@comcast.net or call [610-864-1163](tel:610-864-1163)

SFA- CYO - FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION

St. Francis CYO now has open registration for Cross Country (5th – 8th grade boys and girls) and Volleyball (5th – 8th grade girls). All 5th through 8th grade students attending SFA, MBS or St. Columbkil CCD programs are eligible. Please send an email to: saintfrancis-cyo@gmail.com by August 11th for more info or to request a registration packet. Practices begin mid-August.

Youth Group (7th-12th Grades)

Mini-golf at Waltz Golf Farm

TENTATIVE DATE-Tuesday, July 25th
7:00pm to approx. 9:00pm

Meet at Waltz's Golf Farm for a night out with Youth Group! Bring approximately \$8 with you for your admission to mini-golf. If you want ice cream, bring money for that as well. Anyone who needs a ride should let Heather know no later than Friday, July 21st. Chaperones are needed to drive teens to Waltz as well as stay at the golf farm. Please let Heather know if you are attending and if you are meeting there. youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org

Reading Fightin' Phils Night

August 24th...Tickets are only \$10.

You can purchase them on the website's home page or on the Youth ministry Page: www.stcolumbkill.org

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.

Altar Servers

July 29 and July 30 2017

SATURDAY

4:30 PM Troy Viola – Matthew & Gianna Graczyk

SUNDAY

6:00 AM--Volunteer

7:30 AM--Ryan Willing – Shane Clark – Grace & Joshua Spaar

10:15 AM--Matthew Haldeman – Sara & Anthony Adamkovic

CCD 2017-2018

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.

St. Francis Academy

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668 Pine Street
Bally, PA
www.sfabally.org



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**).

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

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 explaining the commandment to honor your father and mother, a Religious Education teacher asked her class if there was a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters.

Betty, the oldest in her family (she had five younger brothers) immediately answered, "Thou shalt not kill."

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.

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 News and Events

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

During the summer months the rectory will be closed every Friday.

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 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.

1957 MBS CLASS REUNION

Looking for members of the Class of 1957. Why??? We are having a Class Reunion Luncheon. Join us at The Fairways at Brookside Rec Room, 2628 -B Rolling Green Drive, Macungie on August 2, 2017 from Noon to 4 PM. For more information please contact Bunny Hare 610-367-9377. Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU

The Handmaids of the Sacred Heart are so grateful for the generous donation our parish sent to them. The Lenten Sacrifices Collection for El Salvador collected \$3,433.00. The donation will help support programs of food distribution, clean water, building homes and education for those living in the darkest shadows of poverty. Most gratefully, The El Salvador Mission Office.

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 23rd at MBS' Fr. Schneider Hall at 1 PM. The following meeting is on the August 13th at St Columbkil's conference room. 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, more is expected of us and change can only happen by us. All are welcome! Those who have lost a loved one know how important this can be. For more information please call Dn. Mike Boyle at [484-336-9849](tel:484-336-9849).

CARNIVAL

Thank you to all who worked to make our Annual Carnival a huge success. Thank you to the committee, volunteers, and benefactors who were so generous. You are the greatest (and so are Bally Burgers). Also, thanks to our boy scouts and cub scouts who clean up each night after the carnival. To one and all, thank you!

BREAKDOWN OF STANDS

Volunteers are needed to break down the stands on Monday evening, July 24th and if an extra day is needed Tuesday evening, July 25th at 6 PM. Thank you to the group who came out to setup.

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.

PARISH STAFF

Youth Ministry - Heather Shainline:
youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org
Adult Choir - Rob Zambanini
Youth Choir—Fred Carr
Diocesan Victim Assistance Coord.
 Wendy S Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC
 Direct Line 800-791-9209
Diocesan Safe Environment Coord. - Sr. Meg
 Cole, SSJ,MS,LMFT, 610-332-0442, ext. 19