

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

In the summer Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday.

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**2nd Sunday
Of
Lent**

"Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."



**Mark
9:
2-10**

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**

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

Saturday 3:15-4:00pm.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! COLEBROOKDALE RAILROAD

ALL ABOARD!

Join Peter Cottontail aboard the Colebrookdale Railroad for brunch on Saturday, March 24th at 11 AM. Chance tickets will be available after all the Masses beginning February

17th until Sunday, March 11th or at the Rectory or SFA School Office 10AM – 2 PM Monday thru Thursday.



The Lucky winner will receive 4 tickets (2 adult and 2 Children) in the Dining Car. 15 tickets for \$5 or 45 tickets for \$10. The Winning Number will

be published in the March 18th bulletin and via Flocknote.

Proceeds from this raffle will go towards the new roof behind the Museum.

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

**STATIONS
OF
THE
CROSS**

**Every Friday
Evening
During Lent
At
7 p.m.**

PRA YFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

6:30 PM—Unborn Child

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:00 AM—Donald Schmoyer, by His Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:00 AM—Eileen Savarese, by Her Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

8:00 AM—Most Blessed Sacrament Mem. Benefactors

10:45 AM—Joseph Houk, by Sharon & Dale Boyer

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

8:00 AM—People of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

4:30 PM—Theresa Harp. by the Zambanini Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

6:00 AM—Helen Lamb, by John & Teresa Carver

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

10:15 AM—Catherine & Holt Woodall, by Catherine

Readings for Sunday, February 25, 2018

GN 22: 1-2, 9A, 10-13, & 15-18

ROMANS 8: 31-34

MARK 19 2-10

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 Feb 26—Msgr Dennis Rigney
Tue Feb 27—Fr. Eugene Ritz
Wed Feb 28—Fr. Philip Rodgers
Thur Mar 01—His Holiness Pope Francis
Fri Mar 02—Pope Emeritus Benedict
Sat Mar 03—Bishop Alfred Schlert
Sun Mar 04—Bsh. Emeritus Edward Cullen

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday from 8:30am-6:30 pm
Followed by Benediction and
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,
Staff SGT, Anthony Lucarelli,
MAJ Michael O'Kane,
SSG Antonio Rivera,
Airman 1st Class Andrew Gerard,
SSgt. Michael Viola,
Douglas Philip Murray,
Staff SGT 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,
PFC USMC Emily Gehringer
ENS Alex Viola
Staff SGT Megan Crews*

“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.”

Youth Group (7th-12th Grades)

March 11th Monthly meeting- CANCELLED

Please note that the March monthly meeting is now cancelled. I apologize for any inconvenience.

Sat./Sun. March 24th and 25th

This weekend is our annual Easter Flower Sale. All flowers are from Blue Mountain Farms in New Ringgold, PA. Teens and parents-please sign up to help sell flowers after all Masses. All proceeds will go to our Mission trip in June

Mission Trip- Cumberland, MD

We still have **5 spots** left for the Catholic Heart Work Camp trip in June. Please let Heather know if you would like to take one of these spots... it is a week you will never forget! We are also in need of another MALE chaperone, too. Please let Heather know if you are interested.

Dates are June 17th-June 22nd.

Steubenville Trip- University of Massachusetts Lowell, MA

Heather is still taking deposits for our annual Steubenville trip. All GRADUATED seniors are ½ price this year. If you have NEVER gone, now is the time to try a Steubenville conference out. Grow closer to Jesus and your friends on a weekend that will change your life! Contact Heather if you are still interested in attending this fun weekend.

Dates are July 13th-July 15th.

Heather Shainline is our Director of our vibrant Youth Group. She can be reached at: youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org

Altar Servers

SATURDAY March 3

4:30 PM —Matthew & Gianna Graczyk – Ryan Willing

SUNDAY March 4

6:00 AM—Autumn Kline

7:30 AM—Devon & Brayden Richard – Zachariah Mc Laughlin

10:15 AM—Paul and Andrew Dalikas-Lucas Kienle

STATIONS OF THE CROSS MARCH 9

7:00 PM—Mackenzie & Zach Moser-Thomas Nguyen

St. Francis Academy

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<http://www.sfabally.org/>



Feb. 28 -Second collection day for magazine drive

March 2 -School Liturgy 10:45

We are happy to report that we earned \$661.75 from Redner's Save-a-Tape program in 2017. Thank you to everyone who participated. Keep those tapes coming!

SFA lunch volunteers needed. Parents and grandparents welcome! Please call the school for more information. Thank you.

Reminder-Registration and re-registration for the 2018-19 school year is taking place now grades **PK 4-yr-old program through Grade 8**. Any questions, please call school at 610-845-7364.

Mark your calendars for Home and School Association Designer Bag Bingo on March 5.

Please continue to save your Redner's receipts and BoxTops for Education for the school. Plastic cash is sold at MBS after all Sunday masses and through school on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

YOUTH HUMOR OF THE WEEK

Little Johnnie asked his CCD teacher, "Should a person be punished for something he hasn't done?"

The teacher replied, "No, certainly not!"

Johnnie said, "That's great, because I haven't done my Religious Ed homework for today!"

Only Johnnie was smiling at this one!

Fr. Adam's Corner

Dear Parishioners:

A few years ago, Robert Cardinal Sarah, the prefect for the Congregation for Divine Worship, which is the Roman congregation that oversees the Church's liturgy, encouraged every priest throughout the world to teach about and then to begin offering the Mass "ad orientem". This is Latin for "to the east" and refers to the liturgical orientation of the priest and people facing the same direction when the sacrifice of the Mass is offered. This posture represents, among other things, the priest leading the people in this great act of Divine Worship and our expectation of the Lord's return. Cardinal Sarah did not make this suggestion out of the blue. It reflects a desire that, in at least some quarters of the Church, has been growing for about 40 years or so.

I have written about this here before. Let's look at a little more history and theology. For almost the entire history of the Church this is how the Mass was offered. In fact, it also represents the posture of the Last Supper, where, according to the Jewish custom, Our Lord and the apostles would have been on the same side of the table, with Our Lord in the center. While artists may take liberty with this to symbolically emphasize different things, it seems that DaVinci got it historically accurate. From all the best research, it seems that, with a few exceptions, this is how the Mass was offered in the early Church and continued this way until the Mass was revised after the Second Vatican Council, though the Council itself never envisioned such a change. Why this changed after the Council is not entirely clear, but since then some have explained it as emphasizing the communal dimension of the Sacred Liturgy.

There are two dimensions, two aspects of the Sacred Liturgy that we must always keep in balance. These are the communal dimension, that we gather as the one People of God to celebrate this act of worship together, and the transcendent dimension, that it is not ourselves that we celebrate, but rather God and what He does for us.

There is often a tension between these two aspects of the Sacred Liturgy, as one will sometimes be emphasized to the exclusion of the other and this has led to definite liturgical abuses. While the celebration of the Mass "facing the people" or "versus populum" has been the norm for about 60 years, Mass offered "ad orientem", facing east together, has always been and continues to remain an option of the priest celebrant. It is, I believe, an option that requires further study, teaching and a slow and gradual experience. I must admit I did not used to think this, but the more I have studied and prayed about this, I do believe we need to begin to look seriously at what was the consistent practice for most of the Church's history.

To that end, in order to give our parish a little experience of this, I will offer the 8AM Mass on the remaining Fridays of Lent "ad orientem". It will be the ordinary form of the Mass, in English. I am in no way saying right now, nor is it my intention right now, that this be a permanent change, but it will give at least some in our parish an experience of Mass offered in this manner. After that, we can see where we might go from there.

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UPCOMING News, Events and Ministry Information

PASCHAL CANDLE

If you are interested in memorializing our annual Paschal Candle, please contact Cindy in our Parish Office at: 610-845-2460. The Candle is a symbol of the Risen Christ and the Light of Christ that forever overcomes the darkness of sin and death.

FISH FRY NEWS

Thanks again fish fry volunteers, bakers and patrons! We appreciate your support. Remember no fish fry this week. Then next Fish Fry is March 9th.

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Father Adam's Formed Pick of the Week is "The Problem of Evil" by Jimmy Akin. It is linked on our parish homepage, and can also be found by clicking on "Watch" and going to the Apologetics subheading.

MBS PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

THANK YOU to those who attended our first meeting for the Prayer Shawl ministry...we have nine crafters who are interested in making prayer shawls for those in our parish who need comfort, compassion and solace as they deal with physical and emotional pain in their lives.

We meet for about an hour on the **first Friday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in Father Schneider Hall**. If you are interested in helping, but unable to make the monthly meeting, please contact Sharon Hare at 610-702-2651.

If you or anyone you know is in need of a prayer shawl to help them through illness, healing, or mental or physical pain, please contact the parish office to leave your name and phone number.

SUNDAY LENTEN PROGRAM

Sunday March 4th, 11th & 18th from 11:45- 12:45 in Father Schneider Hall. Each we will look at a few selected videos from the award winning *Catholicism* video series by Bishop Robert Barron, followed by a discussion and question and answer session with Father Adam.

The Topics will be:

March 4—The Mystical Union of Christ and His Church.

March 11—Word Made Flesh, the Mystery of the Eucharist

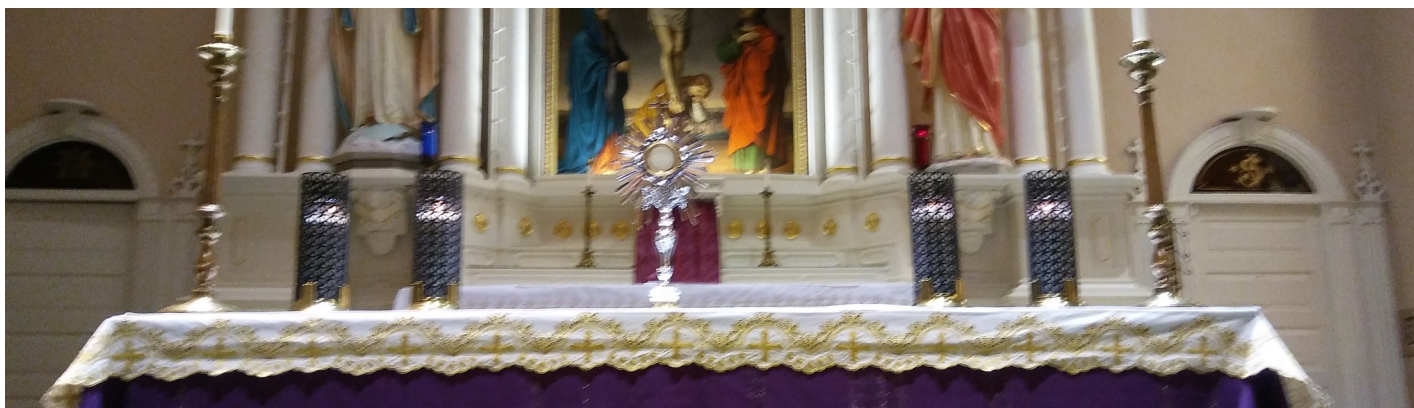
March 18—World Without End, the Last Things

(Cont'd Fr. Adam's Corner)

On each of these Fridays I will also give a little further teaching about the Mass, specifically the theology of "facing east" and how this helps us understand better the nature of the Mass itself, whether offered "ad orientem" or "versus populum". I encourage you to come if you are able and be open to perhaps gaining a further insight into the Mass or understanding something about the Mass that maybe you did not before.

Peace

Father Adam



Parish News and Events

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.

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2018 for MBS.

- Every Tuesday, 8:30 AM - 6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration. The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease. — Pope Saint John Paul II
- Stations of the Cross-Friday evenings at 7:00 PM.

The Legion of Mary will hold the Annual Acies on Sunday, March 18th at 2 PM in Holy Rosary Church, 3rd and Franklin Sts., Reading. The Acies is the great central function of the Legion in which all members re-consecrate themselves to Our Lady. All Legionaries are invited to attend. Light refreshments will follow the ceremony.

STEWARDSHIP

Collection for Feb 11...\$8,844 (\$1,134 thru Parish Giving)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BEEF & BEER

When: Saturday, March 10, 2018.

Where: St. Francis Academy Cafeteria.

Price: \$25 per person or \$45 a couple.

Tickets: 484-942-7443 or Kmillet6@comcast.net.

Buy tickets online at: mbsbally.org

PARISH STAFF

Pastor - Father Adam Sedar

Weekend Assistant - Father Kevin Bobbin

Deacons - Thomas J. Murphy & Mike Boyle

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Parish School, St. Francis Academy -

Deacon Thomas J. Murphy, Headmaster

Preschool Teacher—Maria Crail

Director of Religious Edu - Deacon Murphy

RCIA Coordinator—Deacon Murphy

News, Ministries & Organizations

WIDOW & WIDOWERS GRIEF SUPPORT

The next "REACH OUT" now scheduled for **FEB 25th** at 1 p.m. in Fr. Schneider Hall at MBS. In life, things happen to us, more is expected of us and positive change can only happen by God's working through us. Our "Reach Out" sessions can help by bringing the tools needed to meet the challenges ahead. Call Deacon Mike at: 484-336-9849

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Most Blessed Sacrament Council # 16745 regular Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in Father Schneider Hall. Men 18 years of age & older interested in the Knights of Columbus contact Joe Dusko Grand Knight email at jrdkoc16745@comcast.net or call 610-864-1163.

ADULT FORMATION OFFICE

Join us on Monday, February 26, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:30pm at P.J. Whelihan's Pub and Restaurant as **Sr. Rose Mulligan, I.H.M.** of Immaculata University explores a relic known as the **Shroud of Turin**. What is the Shroud of Turin? Where does it come from? What can relics like this tell us about Christ? These questions and more will be discussed. There is no cost to attend and no registration is required. P.J.'s is located at 1101 Rocky Road, West Lawn and they will have menus available for ordering food and drink at your expense. For questions contact the Office of Adult Formation by email at adultformation@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-289-8900 ext. 2021.

PARISH STAFF

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Youth Choir—Fred Carr

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