

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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11 Mar 2018

**4th Sunday
Of
Lent**

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. "



**John
3:
14-21**

**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.**

**Also on Friday's
Confessions
From
6 PM—6:30PM**

PRA YFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 12

6:30 PM-John & Betty Fronheiser, by Allan , Fran & Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

8:00 AM-Leonard Pennypacker, by the Smith Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

8:00 AM-James Hartman, by Connie Clarke

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

8:00 AM-Loretta Schreiner, by the Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

8:00 AM-People of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

4:30 PM-Marie Rapp, by the Schreiner Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

6:00 AM-Brian Holmstock, by The MBS Rosary Guild

7:30 AM-George Di Cicco, by Lou & Mary Ann Fragment

10:15 AM-Deceased Members of the LeRoy Koch Family, by Priscilla Melcher

Readings for Sunday, March 11, 2018

2 CHRONICLES 36: 14-16, 19-23

EPHESIANS 2: 4-10

JOHN 3: 14-21

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	Mar 12—Fr. John Extejt
Tue	Mar 13—Fr. Bernard Ezaki
Wed	Mar 14—Fr. Joseph Favole-Mihm
Thur	Mar 15—Deceased Priests
Fri	Mar 16—Msgr. Victor Finelli
Sat	Mar 17—Fr. Robert Forst
Sun	Mar 18—Fr. John Frink

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

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

Altar Servers

SATURDAY March 17
4:30 PM—Mackenzie & Zach Moser – Anna Mae Foley

SUNDAY March 18
6:00 AM—Volunteer
7:30 AM—Shane Clark – Liam Cunningham - Volunteer
10:15 AM—Theresa Patterson – Hayden Shields – Bobby Hollis

STATIONS OF THE CROSS MARCH 23
7:00 PM—Devon & Brayden Richard - Liam Cunningham

YOUTH HUMOR OF THE WEEK

Mrs. Smith, a CDD teacher for 20 years goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Easter Cards that she's mailing to family, friends and colleagues.

She says to the clerk behind the counter, "May I have 60 Easter Stamps? The clerk asks, "What denominations?"

Mrs. Smith replies in a frustrated tone, "O my God, has it come to this? Okay give me 12 Methodist, 5 Presbyterian, 11 Episcopalian and 32 Catholic."

And the Post Office Clerk laughed out loud!

St. Francis Academy

St. Francis Academy
610 Pine Street
Bally, PA
19503

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



March 12 - HSA
General Assembly Meeting 6:30 PM

March 16 - No School Liturgy this week.
Confession for Gr. 2 thru 8

Anniversary News

Mar— Students are working on 275 Random Acts of Kindness

Apr— Our Hedge Fund concludes on Arbor Day April 27
The Sea Glass Art winner will be drawn.
We'll celebrate after our school Mass. Join us!

May - We are going to honor the Sisters of St. Francis who served our school for many years.

June 2 - SAVE THE DATE! IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!
Details for all these plans will be coming soon.

We are very happy to report that our students raised \$2,150 for the American Heart Association. It was done through the Jump Rope for Heart program organized in gym class by Miss Karen Bauer. Grades K through 8 participated.

SFA Spring Cleanout Our school is having a used clothing collection on Saturday, March 24 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the school parking lot. Our school receives money for every pound we collect. Please put all your donations in a tightly tied plastic bag. Contact Meghan Griech with any questions: mbwilson02@hotmail.com or call/text 610-730-5441.

SFA lunch volunteers needed in the Kindergarten Building and the Big School. 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 610-845-7364.

Keep saving those Box Tops and Redner's tapes. The Proceeds help with HSA projects. Plastic cash is our biggest fundraiser.
Thank you for all your support.

Fr. Adam's Corner

Dear Parishioners:

One of the most important things we need to do everyday is to pray. I'm sure that statement is not shocking and might seem so obvious that it doesn't need to be said. Yet I fear we do not realize what it can mean, what can happen when we devote ourselves to daily prayer. In daily prayer we become present to God who is always present to us and we converse with God and are formed by Him through this experience. How much more fruitful is prayer before Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament! To say it is prayer on steroids would not be stating enough the power of Eucharistic Adoration. In the Blessed Sacrament the Lord waits for us. He waits for us to come to Him so that He may bestow on us His richest and choicest blessings. There, in His real and sacred presence, He desires us to make reparation for all the sins committed in the world today, so that these blessings may be poured out not only on us when we are in His presence, but upon all for whom we pray while before Him, for every soul we bring to His Sacred Heart, which remains open for us, accessible to us, in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

This is why Pope St. John Paul II said the world needs Eucharistic Adoration. There is no telling how many souls may be saved by our giving of ourselves in Eucharistic Adoration, nor how many may be lost by our refusal to offer our presence before His Presence. When St. Faustina was praying before Jesus in the Holy Eucharist He showed her a vision. Each time a person entered the chapel and visited Jesus exposed in a monstrance, she saw His Divine Rays of Love and Mercy burst forth and encircle the world and everyone in it with graces and blessings! Through Eucharistic Adoration Jesus unleashes His rays of healing upon us, our families and the whole world. To St. Faustina the Lord said: "[A]dore in the Most Blessed Sacrament My Heart, which is full of mercy." and "I desire that (Eucharistic) Adoration take place for the intention of imploring Mercy for the world". This should not surprise us for the Lord calls us as His disciples to take part in His work of salvation, for ourselves and for others, indeed for the whole world. He wants to bestow infinite grace and mercy through His presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament by our offering of ourselves, our time, our lives, before Him.

As you know we have Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday. How many of us have time, could make the time to offer a half hour or an hour to the Lord each Tuesday. Do not refuse Him and He will never refuse you. Will you commit some time to pray in His presence each week? Will you become "an adorer" of the Most Blessed Sacrament for the conversion and salvation of the world? Make this commitment today. It is a personal commitment between you and the Lord. Also realize, that whenever we come into the presence of Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament, our Blessed Mother is also with us. It will be Mary, the Holy Mother of God, and the mother of all believers, your spiritual mother, who will guide you and be praying with you. If you would make this commitment to the Lord, then trust and ask Mary for her motherly aid in teaching you how to pray in the presence of her Son. She will not fail you and the time you will give will be the most blessed, joyful and fruitful experience of your life.

Peace!
Fr. Adam

UPCOMING News, Events and Ministry Information

MBS PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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.

FORMED.ORG

Father Adam's Formed Pick of the Week is "Lectio:Prayer". It is linked on our parish homepage, and can also be found by clicking on "Watch" and going to the Apologetics subheading.

SUNDAY LENTEN PROGRAM

Sunday March 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 11—Word Made Flesh, the Mystery of the Eucharist
March 18—World Without End, the Last Things

LENTEN SACRIFICE ENVELOPE????

You may have noticed two additional envelopes in your packet. This is our parish's annual Lenten Collection to help a Mission supported by Tillie Sodano in Central America over the years.

EASTER FLOWER SALE

Boy Scouts are taking orders for Easter Flowers. All orders and money are due by March 11th.

EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held **April 8th**. Watch future bulletins for the date. Donations are appreciated!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Mar 11 - Tired of winter? Wishing it was spring? SHAKE OFF THOSE WINTER "BLAHS" and put the freshness of romance back into your relationship on a **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or go on-line at www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

OFFICE OF ADULT FORMATION presents a teaching and exposition of **Sacred Relics** on **Monday, March 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm** in the church at **St. Catharine of Siena, Reading**. For any questions email the Office of Adult Formation at adultformation@allentowndiocese.org or call **(610) 289-8900, Ext. 2021**.

AnB Education, a non-profit travel exchange agency for international high school students, needs loving host families with an empty bedroom, who are looking to give back and experience another culture inside their very own home. A generous monthly stipend is provided. Call AnB Education 267-263-2481 or email hosting@anbeducation.com. The application is online at www.anbeducation.us.



Parish News and Events

MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CEMETERY UPDATE

Weather permitting parish maintenance Winter clean - up of the cemetery will be done the week of March 19th. Anyone wishing to save decorations please remove by March 18th.

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.

LEGION OF MARY

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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Servers, Lectors and Ushers are needed. Please call Cindy to volunteer at Parish Office.

BINGO CREW # 3

Caller: Nettie Snyder
 Controller: Dawn Kelsch
 Floor: Monica Witman and Cecelia Yerger
 Kitchen: Jennifer Gorman – Beth LaSalle – Peg Strunk
 Bakers Kathy Little - Jennifer Gorman – Beth LaSalle – Peg Strunk

News, Ministries & Organizations

WIDOW & WIDOWERS GRIEF SUPPORT

The next “REACH OUT” meeting is Sunday **March 11th** at St Columbkil’s Conference RM at 1 PM. The **March 25th** meeting will be at Most Blessed Sacrament’s Schneider Hall. Grief has a voice. When it is your voice, what you are hearing is the worst grief of all. Come join us. 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**.

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**.

KEYS TO LIFE-EASTER HERE AND NOW

March 23-25 at St. Francis Retreat House in Easton. This weekend retreat will feature talks by Fr. Kevin Bobbin and guest speaker, Fr. Bernard Ezaki, along with time for prayer, relaxation and fellowship. The cost is \$215 for the weekend. To register, send registration form to St. Anne Church, 450 E. Washington Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017 by March 12. Checks may be made out to St. Anne Church. For more information, please contact Fidelia at St. Anne Church: **610-867-5039**.

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