

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 11, 2016
MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH
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Third Sunday in Advent
Rev. Adam Sedar, M.A., M.Div. Pastor
Deacon Michael Boyle
Deacon Thomas J. Murphy, Principal & D.R.E.

MASSES	DATE	
Weekday	Monday, Wed. & Friday	6:30 AM
	Tuesday & Thursday	7:00 PM
Weekend	Saturday	8:00 AM, 4:30 PM
	Sunday	6:00, 7:30, 10:15 AM
Confessions	Tuesday & Thursday	6:40 PM
	Saturday	3:15 PM – 4:00 PM

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,543.00
Repairs	\$ 718.00



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

4:30 PM Sue Zambanini, by The Zambanini Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:00 AM Elmer & Anna Gilbert, by Ronald & Monica Gilbert

7:30 AM Parishioners of Most Blessed Sacrament

10:15 AM Jim & Marie Rapp, by Joe & Kathy

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

6:30 AM Jack Essig, by Barbara

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

10:45 AM Joseph Houk, by SFA Faculty

7:00 PM Leonore Bauman, by Legion of Mary

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:30 AM Most Blessed Sacrament Memorial Benefactors

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

NO MASS TODAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:30 AM Rachel Henry, by Buddy & Mary Ann Sobjak

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 AM Louis & Connie Angelucci, by Maria

4:30 PM Kate Nuelle, by Pam Benjamin & Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:00 AM Stephen & Helen Soffa, by Grant & Mary Ann

7:30 AM In Celebration of the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Paul & Barbara Yost

10:15 AM William & Helen Grill, by Ruth Ann

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY	
4:30 PM	Sara Imhoff – Gavin Henderson – AJ Castaldi
SUNDAY	
6:00 AM	Volunteer
7:30 AM	Mikayla & Peyton Moyer – Grace Spaar
10:15 AM	Sara & Anthony Adamkovic - Robert Houk

THE WEEK AHEAD

- ✓ CCD Sunday morning 9 – 10 AM.
- ✓ **The Rectory will be closed Monday, December 12th**
- ✓ **LEGION OF MARY 7:30 PM Tuesdays.**
- ✓ **No Mass on Thursday.**

BINGO NEWS

Today is your last chance to play Bingo in 2016. Thanks to all the volunteers and players for their continued dedication this past year. In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us. Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Alicia Wurster, Helen Ragone, Tara Wyman, Eric Hoehl, Ron Myslak, Ed Kugent, Jason Michael, Lucy Riebling, Toby Minner, Romana Kemp, Jarrid Keller, Donald Minner, George Showers, Lisa Derocher, Leroy Shaw, Eleanor Larson, Marcy Marks, Bradley King, Ed Hurys, Julianna Di Pietro, Francis "Fritz" Henry, Bill and Rita Stephens, William Pfeifer, Albert Weinstein, Sr., Margaret Kuhn, Dan Bauer, Brian Kelly, Elizabeth Klocek, Grace Ziegler, Ilene Herrlinger, Yvonne Watts, Brandon Dubble, Charlene Long, Matthew Palmer, Liz Rotondo, Bill Eliasson, Gail Russell, Joe Bintner, Richard Slavinski, Thomas Rymal, Joseph Neill, Bonnie Bowman, A.E. Hill, Jennifer Sivco, Chris Stavinski, Mike Sobjak, Emalyn Faith Moyer, Phillip MacKelvy, Tony, Brian Muthersbaugh, Rudy Freimann, Maria Rossi, Albert Babilon, Kathi Donia, Veronica Babilon, Volker Kaestel, Cynthia Pennypacker, Jennifer Farrey, Miranda MacKenzie Richard, Frances Jacobs, Ryan Gerhold, Russell Reigner, Cathy Heimbach, Christian, Linda Seiber, Mary Burns, Michael Furey, Mary Lou Stufflet, The Bonner Family, J. Hilferty, Peggy Dwyer, Lauren Petrosky, Dr. Paul Newcomer, Kevin Richter, Kathleen Detulius, Steve, Betty Ann Daily, Andrea Romig, Emily Brumbach, Karen Davis-King, Jeremy Beidler, Michael Kane, Sadie Grater, Hannah Levengood, Gerald Cleary, Joan Nichols, Victor Bastecki, Marie Hobson, Pat Fry, Christian Walters, Rita Meck, Mark Zigenfuse, Jackie Repko, Teresa Nethers, Barbara Schott, C. Simes, Jay Bauer, Karen Baker, Joanne Mathias, Louisa Frey, Jon Strain, Robert Strain, Robert Baumer, Tammy Hubickey, Michael McCormick, Eileen Daulerio, David Henry, Kelly Barry, Richard Bauman, Michael Quigley, Frances DeMedio, Karen Waldron, Earl Ziegler, Carol Minner, Christine Chesney, Mel Mundy-Williams, Dennis Weinstein, Anna Mae Melcher, David Farrell, Francesca Thaler, Nancy Grim, Karen Buler-Baker, Tillie Sodano, Tony Rossetti, Eleanor Miller, Allen Melcher, James Kennedy and Rita Heintz.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS:

Sr. Joseph, Dennis Fronheiser, Francis S. Henry, and Betty Saladino.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Antonio Manna, who died recently, that he may rest in the eternal peace and love of Christ.

Remembering our Loved Ones in the Military

Please keep in your prayers:

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, Airman 1st Class Jordan C. Garcia, CAPT Justin Knepp, PFC Sam S. Myers, Lt. 1st Class Heather Cupitt, 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.

If a member of your family or a friend is currently serving in the armed services, please let us know 610-845-2460. We would like to especially pray for them and you during these difficult times.



For tips and resources to strengthen your marriage, visit

www.foryourmarriage.org.

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The Diocesan Website for Protection and Youth can be found online at: www.allentowndiocese.org. – Then click on the link on the left for the Protection of Youth.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

To continue from last week: what God does for us at the Holy Mass (and in all the sacraments) is something we cannot do for ourselves. Of course what God does is done for us, and yet we must remember that it is not done without us, that is, without our participation and cooperation. This is why what we do at Mass is not unimportant. In fact, all that we do should become a help to the opening of our minds, hearts and souls to the action of God. This is part of the reason why the liturgy of the Church, especially the Mass, demands our very best. It demands the very best in what we do and in what we provide for the celebration of the sacraments. In the liturgy we are able to offer God our worship, our sacrifices, indeed our very self and we are able to do this, not of our own initiative but because of the Lord's grace through the activity of the Holy Spirit. The liturgy then grants us a closeness, an intimacy with God. This intimacy makes the liturgy truly sacred and bestows upon it a great dignity and majesty that calls for the very best of us, it calls for us to put forth the highest quality we can possibly provide, for we should want to give nothing less than that to God. So take for example the altar furnishing and the priestly vestments. They should be the best we can provide. This does not mean they should be a wasteful extravagance, but rather they should have a noble dignity and not be commonplace. These things are not for the enjoyment of the priest either, but should express our reverence and regard for the true nature of the liturgy of the Lord's Church. So if what we provide as a community calls for our very best, this is also true for each of us as individuals. Each one of us ought to sing our very best, respond and pray and even dress our very best. None of this should distract us from the action of God, nor ever be the sole or central focus of our attention. All of this, all that we do and all we provide for the sacred liturgy, should lead us to a greater awareness of the Lord's presence and activity in the celebration of the Holy Mass. We will continue our reflections on the sacred liturgy in two weeks after Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Until then, enjoy the celebration of those Holy Days. Peace—Father Adam

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS

On December 17th a mandatory Workshop for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors will be held. The Workshop will begin after the 8 AM Mass. Fr. Keith Mathur, Director of Office of Divine Worship will be the speaker.

Do you feel a call to serve the Lord in His Church in a new and exciting way? Why not inquire about becoming a lector or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion? Our parish is looking for new parishioners to serve the Lord at the altar. Why not you? Applicants need to be Catholics in good standing and should be registered as parishioners for 2 years. Extraordinary ministers need to be confirmed Catholics and be at least 18 years of age. Lectoring would be a great way for our youth to give of themselves in service to the Lord. If interested please call the parish office 610-845-2460.

HELP NEEDED AT CHRISTMAS MASSES

Altar Servers are needed Christmas Morning at 7:00 & 9:00.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND USHERS are needed Christmas morning at 9 & 10:30 AM. Please call the rectory to volunteer.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, December 17	3:00 - 4:00 PM
Sunday, December 18	9:30 -10:00 AM
Tuesday, December 20	6:00 - 6:45 PM
Thursday, December 22	6:00 - 6:45 PM
Friday, December 23	4:00 - 5:00 PM

HISTORY FACTS

The Sisters of Saint Francis taught here for 109 years from 1884 to 1993.

The new History Book of Most Blessed Sacrament Church, by Ronald Thren and Michael Miller, is available for purchase in the museum after the 10:15 Mass. The cost is \$20.

COLLECTION for Retired Religious will be held the weekend of December 11th. Please place your envelope in with the general collection.

AN INVITATION

The German's from Geinsheim, our sister parish, wanted to inform us that the town plaza is being named for Fr. Theodore Schneider. The dedication of the plaza will be Sunday, May 14, 2017 and "the Americans" are welcome to come and celebrate. If you are interested in attending please contact Margaret @ mchova1084@gmail.com by December 17th.

VESPERS

Mark your calendars, Saturday, December 17th at 6:30 PM Berks Catholic High School will be singing vespers here at MBS! All are welcome to hear the festive music and singing!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS WISH PROGRAM

Thank you to everyone who has taken a child's name and returned your gift. Some of the **Gifts going to** Boyertown Multi-Service or Boyertown Salvation Army have not been returned. Please drop off your gift by Monday, December 12th. After the 12th please deliver the gift directly to Multi-Service or Salvation Army. **DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT.**

A LOCAL FAMILY THIS CHRISTMAS

Return Gifts for our local family by December 11th. **Please gift wrap presents and** attach Wish Card to the outside of the present.

"CHRISTMAS PROJECT – MARY'S SHELTER"

Collection for Mary's Shelter, Reading, ends December 11th. A donation box will be in the vestibule beginning, December 3rd.

ST. FRANCIS ACADEMY

Dec. 12 – First Penance for Second Grade 7:00 PM.

Dec. 13 – School Liturgy 10:45 AM.

Report cards will be distributed.

Dec. 15 – SFA Annual Christmas Pageant 7:00. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

Dec. 16 – Gr. 3 and 4 will visit the Boyertown Planetarium.

Plastic cash, always handy for the holidays. Wawa shorti hoagie coupons (no expiration)-\$5 available all year in the school office. Make great stocking stuffers!

WIDOW/WIDOWER GREIF SUPPORT

The next "REACH OUT" session will be on December 11th at St. Columbkil's Church in the Office Meeting Room also at 1 PM. All are welcome. We ask for prayers for the families who are searching for the meaning of the Holidays without their loved ones. All come to recognize that Grief has a voice and when it is your voice, what you are hearing is the worst grief of all. The support of those who understand is most needed. The Reach Out sessions can help sort out and validate these complicated issues. 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.

HOSPITAL CONFIDENTIALITY

Parishioners are encouraged to let the parish know when they are in the hospital, nursing home or other medical care facilities. Due to the laws on confidentiality hospitals will not release information to the parish unless a patient requests parish notification.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP: FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017

St. Columbkil Church invites you to join their bus trip to the March for Life. Cost is \$50 per person which includes morning refreshments, bus transportation and buffet dinner on the return trip. Participants are asked to dress warmly and bring a bagged lunch. To reserve a seat, please contact Lisa in the parish office at 610-367-2371 or Candee Holzman at 484-431-2085 or candeeh@stcolumbkil.org.

YOUTH GROUP

For information about the Youth Group please contact Heather at: 484-336-9200 e-mail mailto: youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org.

