

**WEEKEND OF MARCH 19, 2017**  
**MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH**  
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**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**Rev. Adam Sedar, M.A., M.Div. Pastor**  
**Deacon Michael Boyle**  
**Deacon Thomas J. Murphy, Principal & D.R.E.**



**SATURDAY, MARCH 18**

**4:30 PM** Betty Fronheiser, by Joe & Anna Mae Melcher

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

**6:00 AM** Albert Babilon, by George Lieb

**7:30 AM** John Cooper, by Bill & Christine Crowthers

**10:15 AM** Living & Deceased Members of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

**MONDAY, MARCH 20**

**8:00 AM** William Clement, by The Carver Family

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21**

**8:00 AM** Meg Britt, by the Estate

**10:45 AM** Carol Tinney, by The Graczyk Family

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22**

**8:00 AM** John Fronheiser, by Joe & Anna Mae Melcher

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24**

**8:00 AM** Gregory Dinnocenti, by Mike & Helen Kraynyak

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25**

**8:00 AM** Amanda Binsfeld, by Denny & Renee Heydt

**4:30 PM** Myra Nichols Greenfield, by Grace & Earl Ziegler

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26**

**6:00 AM** Eleanor Miller, by Mike & Sue Nitroy and Sons

**7:30 AM** Deceased Members of Warren & Anna Benfield Family, by their Family

**10:15 AM** Living & Deceased Members of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

**ALTAR SERVERS MARCH 24, 25, 26**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Gabrielle, Annika & Andrew Snyder
SATURDAY	
<b>4:30 PM</b>	Mackenzie & Zach Moser - Thomas Nguyen
SUNDAY	
<b>6:00 AM</b>	Autumn Kline
<b>7:30 AM</b>	Tyler Derkotch - Ryan Willing - Mikayla & Peyton Moyer
<b>10:15 AM</b>	Michael Haldeman - Robert Houk - Makayla & Alicia Jones

**CONFESSIONS:**

**Tuesday & Friday evenings 6:00 – 6:30 PM.**

**Saturday 3:15 – 4:00 PM.**

**WEEK AT A GLANCE:**

**ROSARY GUILD** Tues. morning 8:30 AM in Fr. Schneider Hall.

**LEGION OF MARY** Tues. evening at 7:00 PM.

**MASS CARDS**

To schedule a mass please stop by the Rectory office Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

**SAINT VINCENT De PAUL**

Please continue to pray for the many requests listed in Our Book of Intentions.

**EGG HUNT**

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Watch future bulletins for the date. Donations are always appreciated!

**RECTORY CLOSED** on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULES**

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

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 9,356.00</b>
<b>Repair</b>	<b>\$ 145.00</b>
<b>Bingo</b>	<b>\$ 312.70</b>



**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, 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, Kathi Donia, Veronica Babilon, Volker Kaestel, 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 Detuliis, Steve, Betty Ann Daily, Andrea Romig, Karen Davis-King, Jeremy Beidler, Michael Kane, Sadie Grater, Hannah Levenoood, Gerald Cleary, Joan Nichols, Victor Bastecki, Marie Hobson, Pat Fry, Christian Walters, Rita Meck, Mark Zigenfuse, Jackie Repko, Teresa Nethers, Carl and 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, Francesa Thaler, Nancy Grim, Tillie Sodano, Tony Rossetti, Allen Melcher, James Kennedy, Jonathan Nichols, Larry Tranovich, Jimmy McGlory, Shirley Cleary, Colton Buckley, Marge Grim, Anna Wetzel and Lillian Miller.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS:**

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

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

John Fronheiser, father of Alan Fronheiser, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Class Jordan C. Garcia, CAPT Justin Knepp, PFC Sam S. Myers, Lt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Heather Cupitt, Staff SGT Eric J. Crews, PVT Nathaniel Walters, Sr. Airman Anthony Lucarelli, MAJ Michael O'Kane, SSG Antonio Rivera, Airman 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



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**The Diocesan Website for Protection and Youth can be found online at: [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org). – Then click on the link on the left for the Protection of Youth.**

**YOUTH GROUP**

For information please contact Heather at: 484-336-9200.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

In paragraph 1131 our Catechism teaches us: "The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us. The visible rites by which the sacraments are celebrated signify and make present the graces proper to each sacrament. They bear fruit in those who receive them with the required dispositions." This a very simple yet rich definition of a sacrament. You probably learned a similar one in school or catechism class. It begins by saying the sacraments are efficacious signs. It begins with what we see and hear. The sign of each sacrament is called the matter and form of the sacrament. It is the part perceived by our senses that, like any good sign, points to something, in this case they point out to us the deeper reality not perceptible to our senses. If we take baptism for example, the matter is the pouring of the water (or the immersion in water) and the form is the words spoken by the minister: I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We see it, we hear it, we even feel it when we are the one baptized. In this action, Divine Life is being dispensed. The sign points us in this direction. After all, water cleanses, and in baptism grace washes sin away. Water can kill, it is a powerful force of nature, and in baptism, we begin to share in the death of Christ, all that is sinful is put to death. Water also means life, in so many beautiful images of creation we see life giving water. In baptism we are given new life in Christ, born into and sharing the life of the Trinity, a life that begins here and is forever. Our definition of a sacrament teaches us that each one has been instituted by Christ and entrusted to His Church. We trace not only the idea but the very matter and form of each sacrament to our Lord Himself. This is why the Church cannot change the essential elements required and necessary for each sacrament to really and validly take place. The Church has been entrusted with the sacraments, not to do with as she pleases, but to faithfully celebrate and hand on. Our definition speaks of a grace proper to each sacrament. In fact, each one, in its own unique way roots us in the Paschal Mystery of Christ, in His passion, death and resurrection. The grace of each sacrament flows from the Mystery of the Lord's Cross and unites us, each one uniquely, to His Cross, for in the Mystery of the Cross, is our salvation and life. As our journey through Lent leads us to the great celebration of the Paschal Mystery, reflect on how each sacrament roots us more deeply in this Mystery. Think about the matter and form of each sacrament and how each one gives us a share in the life of God, made accessible to us by the Cross of our Savior. Finally our definition tells us that for each sacrament to bear fruit, they must be received with the proper disposition. Minimally this means being in the state of grace, i.e., one is not aware of having committed any unconfessed mortal sins. Are we going beyond the minimum, making an act of faith each day and asking for greater faith? Are we seeking to see the face of Christ in the poor? Are we striving to forgive? Are we examining our consciences every day and asking the Lord's forgiveness? Do we keep the Lord's Day holy? Do we prepare well for each celebration of the Holy Mass and reception of Holy Communion by reflecting of the Word of God every day? These are but a few questions that we may reflect on to help dispose ourselves more readily to the gifts that God desires to give to us. The fruit of the sacraments is nothing less than sharing in the very life that is God. They offer a treasure of infinite value.

Peace-Father Adam

## FISH FRY NEWS

- ✓ Thank you to all the volunteers, patrons and bakers who made our first fish fry a success even with the snow! See you again this Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - ✓ Baked goods can be dropped off at carnival building on Thursday or Friday morning.
  - ✓ Always looking for Saturday morning help after each fish fry. This is heavy cleaning. Eighth grade and up are welcome.
- To volunteer call Margaret @ 610-248-2171 or [mchova@aol.com](mailto:mchova@aol.com).

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Warm wishes to Tom and Mary Walters who will be celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

## LENTEN SCHEDULE 2017

### Tuesday Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday beginning at Noon and closing at 6:30PM with Evening Prayer, Benediction and the Miraculous Medal Novena.  
*"Our own belief is that the renovation of the world will be brought about only by the Holy Eucharist."*  
- Pope Leo XIII

### Fridays of Lent

6PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Confessions until 6:30PM.  
6:45 PM Benediction.  
7PM Stations of the Cross.

### 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.

### LENTEN SCHEDULE AT ST. COLUMBKILL'S

Daily Mass Monday - Friday at 9 AM. And Wednesday evenings at 7 PM and Thursday mornings at 6:30 AM.

### LENTEN LUNCH OFFERINGS

Join us after the 10:15 Mass in Fr. Schneider Hall, for "Pivotal Players" by Bishop Robert Barron.

### PARISH SCHOOL NEWS: ST. FRANCIS ACADEMY

March 20 – Welcome spring!  
March 21 – School Liturgy 10:45.

Second Trimester Report Cards.

Registration for 2017-2018 school year is ongoing for Pre-Kindergarten, Full Day Kindergarten and Grades 1-8. Please call the school or visit our website, [www.sfbally.org](http://www.sfbally.org), for more information.

Mathletes Competition - On Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, the following 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders participated in a Mathletes competition at Pope John Paul II High School: *Grade 8* - Isabela Caruso, Andrew Dalickas, Matthew Graczyk, Marissa Keenan, and Hannah Millet.  
*Grade 7* - Tyler Derkotch, Monica Guerin, Liam Gundersen, Makayla Jones, and Charlotte LaMagna.

Please do not put any kind of cardboard in the paper recycling bins behind the school. Thank you.

Plastic Cash Sales through school are Mon., Wed., and Fri. and at all Sunday MBS masses. Thank you for supporting our biggest fundraiser.  
Please continue to send in Box Tops and Redners Save-a-Tapes.

### SPRING CLEANOUT

SFA Spring Used Clothing Drive will be held Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM, in the school parking lot. Any questions please call Megan at 610-730-5441 or email [mbwilson@hotmail.com](mailto:mbwilson@hotmail.com).

**PLEASE DO NOT DROP DONATIONS OFF AT THE RECTORY.**

### WIDOW AND WIDOWERS GRIEF SUPPORT

The daffodils have been struggling to come forth through frost and snow after the fake spring of last month; they should be exhausted by now. Those who have lost a loved one know the feeling and they may not be ready for Spring at all. With the help of others we can find warmth and direction to a new pathway. Our next "REACH OUT" meeting will be at St Columbkill's Conference RM at 1 PM on March 26<sup>th</sup>. The following meeting will be at MBS' Fr Schneider Hall at 1 PM on April 9<sup>th</sup>. 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

Representatives of the Knights of Columbus will be available, after all the Masses, to answer your questions about the start-up of a New Council at our Parish. All Practicing Catholic men over 18 years of age are invited to join us for our open house on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1 PM.