

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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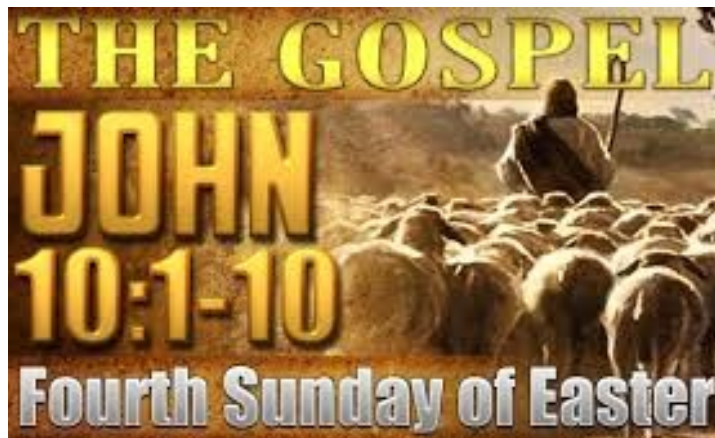
Office hours daily are from 8:30am-3:30pm

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7 May 2017

4th Sunday of Easter

"Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep."



John 10:1-10

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Saturday 3:15-4:00pm.

MBS Parishioners

ASCENSION
THURSDAY
MAY 25, 2017

Holy Day of Obligation.
Mass is at 7 PM on Wednesday, May 24th and 7:00 AM, and 9 AM on Thursday, May 25th

Hear ye, Hear ye all Most Blessed Sacrament Parishioners!!

Registration for the upcoming School Year 2017-2018 at St. Francis Academy is now ongoing!



Our parish school offers an excellent education in grades Pre-K through 8 ! We also offer a *Full-Day* Kindergarten Program!

Please call the school at: 610-845-7364 or visit our website at:

www.sfabally.org. Our headmaster, Deacon Thomas Murphy will answer any questions and provide any information you may need.

Providing not only an excellent academic curriculum, St. Francis Academy will assist you, as parents and guardians of your children, in furthering their spiritual development, in teaching them about the Good News of Jesus Christ and the love He showers on us all!

To all our visiting Guests...
Know you are most welcome at MBS!

You can register as a parishioner online at our website www.mbsbally.org

PRA YFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 8

8:00 AM Carl Schott, by Perry & Darlene Moyer

TUESDAY, MAY 9

8:00 AM Yessie Allen, by Connie Clarke

10:45 AM John Conrad, by Ralph & Lorraine

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

8:00 AM Jean Fillman, by Her Family

FRIDAY, MAY 12

8:00 AM Jack Essig, by Barb

SATURDAY, MAY 13

8:00 AM Jerry Melcher, by His Family

4:30 PM Lynne Kriebel, by Randy & Boys

SUNDAY, May 14

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

7:30 AM People of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

10:15 AM Clem Seroski, by Betty

Sunday May 7 2017 Readings

ACTS 2:14A, 36-41

1 Peter 2: 20-25

John 10: 1-10

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

LEGION OF MARY Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM.

MASS CARDS

To schedule a mass please stop by the Rectory office .

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Mon:	May 08	Father Joseph Becker
Tue:	May 09	Father Michael Beers
Wed:	May 10	Father Frans Berkhout
Thu:	May 11	Father Clifton Bishop
Fri:	May 12	Msgr. Robert Biszek
Sat:	May 13	Father Kevin Bobbin
Sun:	May 14	Msgr. Ronald Bocian

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday of the year from
12:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Please Pray
for the
following
members



who are in the Active Military serving
our Country.

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
Airman Jimmy McGlory
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.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF ANY OF THOSE LISTED HERE ARE NOT ACTIVE MILITARY.

PLEASE... Call Parish Office! Thank you!

Prayer:

“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 & Savior. Amen.”

Father Adam's Corner

Dear Parishioners!

May is the month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. It is very fitting that we honor Mary in a special way this month because May is the month when we transition through Spring into Summer. The chill of winter is once again shed and we really begin to feel the sun's warmth. The cold and damp spring rains of April gradually warm up through the month of May. Also, the plants and trees begin to fully bloom and the green buds and shoots become fully established and approach the apex of the cycle of their lives. This change through the month of May in the earth around us brings a natural sense of hope.

Likewise, Mary's presence brings us supernatural hope! For in our Blessed Mother the grace of God has come to full flower in a human being. Mary has been raised up and assumed, in body and soul, into heaven, this is the apex of human life. And so, we are filled with hope knowing that this same life, the fullness of what it means to be human and alive awaits us. Mary shows us what joy and glory is possible and is yet to come. In Mary, we see that to be fully alive is to have God's grace with us so that we share the very life of God. Even more, through Mary's presence, the warmth of our Heavenly Father's love can be felt by us and from her exalted place in heaven she lives to "mother" us along the path of true discipleship.

Our honoring of Mary this month serves to invite her to be closer to us. As we accept her care and love for us we grow in the love and life of the Lord. One of the traditions of May is to crown a statue of Mary with flowers in our parish church. This is a sign that we accept Mary as our Mother and want her protection and guidance. I would suggest doing something similar in your homes this month of May. Perhaps take an image of the Blessed Mother, a statue or an icon or picture and place it in central location in the home. Perhaps keep a few fresh flowers before it and as a family pray the rosary or some other Marian prayer each day, even just one decade of the rosary each day. In this way, accept Mary into your home in this world so that she may guide you and your family to our true home in heaven.

This weekend please give a warm MBS welcome to seminarian Philip Maas. Phil is from Centre Valley and is finishing his second year in the seminary at St Charles. He is here to speak on behalf of the Bishop's Annual Appeal which provides for the education of our seminarians. Please remember to pray for Phil and all our seminarians!

Peace. Father Adam

Stewardship

Fiscal Year July 2016-June 2017 Weekend of April 22 & April 23

Wkly. offering necessary for Budget.....	\$10,317.48
Actual Weekly Offering	\$ 8,039.00
Net Weekly Shortage.....	-\$2,278.48
YTD Budget Offering.....	\$447,091.00
YTD Actual Offering Income.....	\$429,001.00
YTD Shortage.....	-\$18,090.00

Holy Land Collection	\$346.00
Lenten Sacrifice (El Salvador)	\$3,137.00
Fish Fry	\$8,855.95
Easter Flowers	\$1,787.00
Easter Collection	\$17,224.00

Thank you for your generosity to the parish this Easter and throughout the year!

Did You Know?

Deism, another heresy, is the belief in the existence of a supreme being, specifically of a creator who does not intervene in the universe. The term is used chiefly of an intellectual movement of the 17th and 18th centuries that accepted the existence of a creator on the basis of reason but rejected belief in a supernatural deity who interacts with humankind.

Question: How many times does Our Lady speak in the Bible? Where in the Bible?

Last Week's Answer: Why are there 66 books in the Protestant Bible and 73 books in our Catholic Bible?

There were always 73 books in the Bible until Martin Luther, in his Protestant Reformation, decided to get rid of the following books: Tobit, Judith, Baruch, Wisdom, Sirach, First Maccabees, and Second Maccabees, as well as additional verses of Daniel and Esther.

In about 367 AD, St. Athanasius came up with a list of 73 books for the Bible that he believed to be divinely inspired. This list was finally approved by Pope Damasus I in 382 AD, and was formally approved by the Church Council of Rome in that same year. Later Councils at Hippo (393 AD) and Carthage (397 AD) ratified this list of 73 books. In 405 AD, Pope Innocent I wrote a letter to the Bishop of Toulouse reaffirming this canon of 73 books. In 419 AD, the Council of Carthage reaffirmed this list, which Pope Boniface agreed to. The Council of Trent, in 1546, in response to the Reformation removing 7 books from the canon (canon is a Greek word meaning "standard"), reaffirmed the original St. Athanasius list of 73 books.

Luther, also, did not like all the books of the New Testament, especially the Letter of James, Hebrews, Jude and Revelation. But he decided not to touch the New Testament. You can read more about this at: <http://www.catholicbible101.com/thebible73or66books.htm>

Youth Group (7th-12th Grades)

UPCOMING EVENTS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

The Sunday, May 7th monthly meeting has been CANCELLED. The May 20th movie night will be in conjunction with our monthly meeting. Sorry for any inconvenience!

Saturday, May 20th

Movie Night • 6:15 - 9:15 pm
Ehst Room ~ Dinner will be provided.
All are welcome to watch God's Not Dead!

May 2017 ~ Date TBD

Car Wash Fundraiser • 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Parking lot of Argento's Pizzeria
Bring a bucket, sponge and some old towels & raise money for the mission trip! We will eat lunch in Argento's afterwards.

Steubenville/Mission Trip Update-PAY YOUR BILL ONLINE. SEE HOME PAGE OF www.stcolumbkill.org
Please remember to turn in your Mission trip and Steubenville paperwork and money. All *Mission Trip* payments were due by **May 1st** and all *Steubenville* money is due by **May 8th**. There will be a mandatory meeting for both trips at the end of May and the end of June/beginning of July. Stay tuned for these dates. Any questions about the trips, should be directed to Heather Shainline.

Again...Pay your fees for these trips online at St. Columbkill's website Home Page..

Heather Shainline is our Director of the Youth Group and Young Adults Group...any questions or if you need more information email her at:
youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org

ALTAR SERVERS May 13 & 14 2017

SATURDAY May 13-2017

4:30 PM Breton Poster – Delaney Geise –
Gavin Henderson

SUNDAY May 14-2017

6:00 AM Volunteer

7:30 AM Tyler, Devon & Brayden Richard

10:15 AM Kayleen La Salle – Adam Frank –
Mary James

CCD REGISTRATION FORMS:

Register now for September 2017. Registration forms can be found in the back of the Church. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

St. Francis Academy

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668 Pine Street
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www.sfabally.org



May 8 to May 12 – Penny War. SFA Students are raising money for cancer patients. Miss Bauer is coordinating this event.

May 9 – School Liturgy 10:45 a.m.

May 10 – Art Show 7:00-8:00 p.m. Join us in the cafeteria and enjoy our students art projects.

May 12 – Dance for Grades 6, 7, 8. 7-9 PM

May 8-12 – Uniforms Swap-School cafeteria from 8:10 until 4:30 all week. Free to donate or swap uniforms.

*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.

The Plastic Cash Program allows individuals to purchase gift cards from local and national stores **at face value**. The school makes a profit on each card sold. School parents, grandparents, parishioners and friends can participate. It all benefits our parish school. *Thank you.*

Youth Joke of the Week!

Paul, a Catholic social worker, while working for 'meals-on-wheels', an organization that delivers lunches to the elderly, used to take his 4-year-old daughter, **Lois**, with him on his afternoon rounds. Lois was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the walking sticks, triangular walkers and the wheelchairs.

One day Paul found Lois staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As he prepared himself for the inevitable barrage of questions, Lois merely looked at her dad and whispered, "The tooth fairy is never going to believe this."

And God was smiling!



Parish News and Events

CEMETERY CLEANUP

The cemetery crew will be discarding any unsightly neglected decorations in preparation of Memorial Day. Anyone who wishes to save their decorations please remove them by **May 22nd**.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive is Thursday, **May 18th**, at Bally Mennonite Church from 2:30 – 7:30 PM. Contact Tammi Eccleston for an appointment. 215-679-9198 home, 610-282-1100 x 1287 work, Tammi.Eccleston@desales.edu
Walk-ins always welcome.

FLOWER SALE

The yearly Parking Lot Flower sale has begun. Donations from the sales will go to Mary's Shelter. For more information please call Chuck at 610-702-2187.

PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The Legion of Mary Sign-up Sheet for May & June is in the back of church. Select your week. Also consider having Our Lady in your home on a date not shown. call Deacon Mike 484-336-9849

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

BINGO will be held on May 19th.
The Rectory will be closed on May 25th.
The Rectory will be closed on May 29th.
Beginning June 23rd the Rectory will be closed on Friday's.
MBS Carnival July 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd

Basketball, Cheerleading, and Dance Camp

3 Great Camps: Berks Catholic will be hosting Saints Boys' Basketball, Cheerleading, and Dance Camps for grades 1-8, June 12th-16th. For more information contact Tony Balistrere at [610-374-8361](tel:610-374-8361), ext 224 or tbalistrere@berkscatholic.org. For camp information and registration forms go to www.berkscatholic.org.

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

THE BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

We are grateful to our parishioners who have already made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$300 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$50 installments. Your sacrifice and generosity to those who are less fortunate will allow the ministries of our diocese to offer services to those who need our assistance. You can make your gift online at www.FaithHopeCharityGives.org. or pick up a pledge form in the back of Church or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443.

All payments should be made to: **Bishop's Annual Appeal.**

MAY IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY!

In honor of our Blessed Mother, the Rosary will be said before the 4:30 PM Saturday Mass and the 10:15 AM Mass and after each weekday Mass during the Month of May.

If you would like guidance to learn more about our Blessed Mother and the Rosary, you are always welcome to visit us at a Legion of Mary meeting held in Father Schneider Hall on Tuesday nights at 7:00.

A Parish May Procession and Crowning will be celebrated at the **10:15** Mass on Sunday May 14th.



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
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