

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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14 May 2017

5th Sunday of Easter

"Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"



John 14: 1-12

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



"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." ... (Proverbs 31: 25-31)

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 15

8:00 AM--For the Intentions of Florence McCarty, by Pat

TUESDAY, MAY 16

8:00 AM--Betty Fronheiser, by Loretta & Mark

10:45 AM--Norman Elswick, by Bob & Winnie Houk & Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

8:00 AM--Albert Weinstein, by Anna Wetzel

FRIDAY, MAY 19

8:00 AM--Edward Liberati, by his Family

SATURDAY, MAY 20

8:00 AM--Carl Schott, by The Ferrizzi Family

4:30 PM--Amanda Binsfeld, by the Hollis family

SUNDAY, May 21

6:00 AM--People of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

7:30 AM--Albert Babilon, by Dana & Kathy Little

10:15 AM--Joe Kimmel, by His Family

*Please Pray
for the
following
members who
are in the Ac-
tive 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 and Savior. Amen."

****War Vets of Emmaus are selling Poppy's before the 4:30pm, 7:30am & 10: 15am Masses the weekend of May 20 & 21 !***

Sunday May 14 2017 Readings

6: 1-7

1 Peter 2: 4-9

John 14: 1-12

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 15	Deceased Priests
Tue:	May 16	Father Thomas Bortz
Wed:	May 17	Father Ronald Bowman
Thu:	May 18	Father Joseph Braudis
Fri:	May 19	Father Edmund Brennan
Sat:	May 20	Permanent Deacons
Sun:	May 21	Father Richard Brensinger

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Father Adam's Corner

Dear Parishioners!

So here is a question that came in for us: "When the Lord raised people from the dead He said they were sleeping, what does the mean? Were they really dead? And is there a difference between what He meant by sleep and death?" It's a good question, and certainly those whom the Lord raised were truly and certainly dead, humanly speaking. Recall that in speaking to the apostles about Lazarus, the Lord at first says that Lazarus is asleep and that He will wake him, but the apostles think he meant ordinary sleep and He finally has to tell them Lazarus is dead. Why then does the Lord say these are asleep if they are in fact dead?

Perhaps to distinguish the death of the body from the far worse kind of death, the death of the soul. The death of the body is like sleep, for even though the body will decay it is destined to be raised up again. The death of the soul is death in a more profound way. This death is absence of sanctifying grace, the loss of God's presence and life within us for all eternity, forever, and from this there is no waking, no rising again. This is the death that is hell and it is permanent, unlike the death of the body, which is not. This is great food for meditation, especially in the Easter season, when we celebrate with great joy and heightened awareness the resurrection of Our Lord. If true death is the absence of God's life within, then true life is having God's life within. This life is received by knowing Our Lord and growing in an ever-deepening love of Him.

On some other topics, our parish set of the DVD series Catholicism is missing some discs, so if anyone has borrowed these, please kindly return these to the parish office so others can begin to use them too.

Also, if anyone has some farmland, and a groundhog problem, I know a priest, and no its not me, who has run out of groundhog hunting ground and would love to come and help you out. Let me know and I'll put him in touch with you.

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	\$ 9,449.00
Net Weekly Shortage.....	-\$868.48
YTD Budget Offering.....	\$464,286.60
YTD Actual Offering Income.....	\$438,400.00
YTD Shortage.....	-\$25,886.00

Catechism on our Resurrection

204. What is the relationship between the Resurrection of Christ and our resurrection?

Just as Christ is truly risen from the dead and now lives forever, so he himself will raise everyone on the last day with an incorruptible body: "Those who have done good will rise to the resurrection of life and those who have done evil to the resurrection of condemnation" (John 5:29).

Further reading: CCC 998, 1002-1003

205. What happens to our body and our soul after death?

After death, which is the separation of the body and the soul, the body becomes corrupt while the soul, which is immortal, goes to meet the judgment of God and awaits its reunion with the body when it will rise transformed at the time of the return of the Lord. How the resurrection of the body will come about exceeds the possibilities of our imagination and understanding.

Further reading: CCC 992-1004, 1016-1018

206. What does it mean to die in Christ Jesus?

Dying in Christ Jesus means to die in the state of God's grace without any mortal sin. A believer in Christ, following his example, is thus able to transform his own death into an act of obedience and love for the Father. "This saying is sure: if we have died with him, we will also live with him" (2 Timothy 2:11).

Further reading: CCC 992-1004, 1016-1018

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

For the First time between James Gamler and Jocelyn Legere.

Youth Group (7th-12th Grades)

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Sunday, May 14th

All Holy Week Missionaries are invited to attend the Crowning of Mary Mass at 11:00am on Sunday, May 14th. Please wear your yellow t-shirts :)

Saturday, May 20th

Movie Night • 6:15 - 9:15 pm

Ehst Room ~ Dinner will be provided.

All teens are welcome to watch God's Not Dead!

Steubenville/Mission Trip Update

Please remember to turn in your Mission trip and Steubenville paperwork and money. All *Mission Trip* payments were due by May 1st (please turn in ASAP!) and all *Steubenville* money was 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.

Summer Trip t-shirt contest!

Don't forget... turn in your t-shirt contest submissions by May 8th for the Mission Trip and by May 14th for Steubenville. Guidelines...Must have included on shirt: theme of the trip somehow represented in picture and/or words; St. Columbkil; Dates of trips: Mission Trip June 18th-June 24th 2017, Steubenville July 14th-July 16th, 2017

Below are the themes:

Mission trip- "Rooted" (be rooted in Christ)

Steubenville- Elevate ("Behold, I make all things new."

Revelation 21:5)

Heather Shainline at: youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org is the Director of both our Youth Group and Young Adult Group!

ALTAR SERVERS May 20 & 21 2017

SATURDAY May 20-2017

4:30 PM—AJ Castaldi –Sarah Imhoff – Tyler Smith

SUNDAY May 21-2017

6:00 AM—Volunteer

7:30 AM—Lauren & Bethann Bauer – Victoria Hayes

10:15 AM—Theresa Patterson – Jacob Mc Menamin – Bobby Hollis

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

St. Francis Academy

668 Pine Street
Bally, PA
www.sfabally.org



May 15 – 8th Grade graduation retreat at the Shrine of

Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown.

****Burger Night** at the Main Street Pub with a percent of the proceeds benefiting our parish school. Take out or eat in, for lunch or dinner!

May 16– School Liturgy 10:45 a.m.

May 18 – Rita's Night 6-9 pm at the Boyertown Rita's.

10% of the night's proceeds coming back to our parish school

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.

Amazon Smile is another easy way to support our parish school. You can use your existing Amazon.com account **OR** log on to smile.amazon.com to shop and select St. Francis Academy, Bally as the charitable organization you wish to support. 0.5% of the eligible items purchased will come back to our school.

Youth Joke of the Week!

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'"

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Okay Ryan, you be Jesus!"

And yes, Jesus 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 21st
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. 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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

If you have anything you'd like in the bulletin, please email it to Cindy Repko at: mbs.car@comcast.net. **Information MUST be in by 12 NOON each Friday.**

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are several openings for the 2017 Bingo year. Such as Baker, Caller, Floor, Kitchen & Controller. There are 4 bingo crews which makes the obligation ONLY 3 Sundays per calendar year.

If you are interested in joining a crew or forming your own please contact: Janice Szilli 610-987-8851

PARISH STAFF

Youth Ministry - Heather Shainline:
youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org
Adult Choir - Rob Zambanini
Youth Choir—Fred Carr
Diocesan Victim Assistance Coord.
Wendy S Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC
Direct Line 800-791-9209
Diocesan Safe Environment Coord. - Sr. Meg Cole, SSJ,MS,LMFT, 610-332-0442, ext. 19