

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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21 May 2017

6th Sunday of Easter

"I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you."



John
14:
15-21

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

THANK YOU TO OUR GRADUATING ALTAR SERVERS



Where do the years go? The parish is very grateful to the young women and men who have faithfully served at the Lord's Table in Grade School and High School.

Special thanks to the following youth who complete their service at the altar: Lauren Bauer, A.J. Castaldi, Tim Faust, Philip Heid, Patrick Maloney, Tyler Richard and Jaime Wilkinson.

Fr. Adam and the entire parish wish you the best in all your future endeavors and may the Good Lord bless you and keep you and remain with you always!

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 22

8:00 AM—For the Health of Sandra Riley

TUESDAY, MAY 23

8:00 AM—Ron Michnowicz, by His Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

7:00 PM—Earl Strunk, by Buddy & Mary Ann

THURSDAY, MAY 25

7:00 AM—Carl Schott, by Aunt Violet

9:00 AM—William Collom 2nd Anniversary,
by His Family

SATURDAY, MAY 27

8:00 AM—Paul & Helen Bauer, by Rita & Ronnie

4:30 PM—Earl Strunk, by His Family

SUNDAY, May 28

6:00 AM—Charles & Mary Louise Bauer, by Perry,
Jay, Anita & Families

7:30 AM—Albert Weinstein, by Buddy & Mary Ann

10:15 AM—People of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

Sunday May 21, 2017 Readings

ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14: 15-21

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 22	Father Thomas Buckley
Tue:	May 23	Father George Bur
Wed:	May 24	Father James Burdess
Thu:	May 25	Father Douglas Burns
Fri:	May 26	Father Christopher Butera
Sat:	May 27	Msgr. Albert Byrne
Sun:	May 28	Father Floyd Caesar

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 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 !

Father Adam's Corner

Dear Parishioners!

I am very happy to tell you that our diocesan administrator, Msgr. Schlert, has assigned a seminarian to our parish for his summer apostolate. Mr. John Maria, who is from St. Ignatius Parish in Sinking Spring will be with us from May 23rd until July 12th. It is always a joy to work with our seminarians and I know you will enjoy having John here with us.

Last week I was on retreat at Holy Cross Abbey, a Trappist Monastery in Berryville VA. As you may know our priests are required to make at least one retreat week every year. So, what do we do on retreat? Well, there are several different kinds of retreats, all of them providing extra time than you would usually have for prayer, reflection, reading, silence and rest. There are retreats that are "preached" retreats where a retreat director will give several conferences each day. There are directed retreats, where the retreatant meets privately with a director each day and is guided on what to meditate and reflect on each day. Then there are private retreats where the retreatant follows his or her own schedule which may or may not include common prayer times and meeting at least once with a priest for direction and confession. This is the kind of retreat I made this year. I was able to celebrate Mass and pray with the monks four times a day and the rest of the day made my own schedule of prayer and reading in the silence of the monastery. The monks chant the Divine Office and it is so beautiful and uplifting to pray with them throughout the day as they offer this prayer of praise to the Lord. While priests and religious are very familiar with the idea of making a spiritual retreat, perhaps most lay faithful are not, **but retreats are not just for priests and religious.**

In fact anyone can go and stay at the retreat house at Holy Cross Abbey and many monasteries have such retreat houses. It is part of the work of the monks to provide hospitality and spiritual relief to those who may come to visit. So...*you might consider making a retreat yourself or even with a family member or close friend. It doesn't have to be for a whole week either, it could be just a day or two. The idea of going to place set aside for prayer to take a break from the usual daily schedule of life is one that has rich rewards for us all!*

Peace- Father Adam

Stewardship

Fiscal Year July 2016-June 2017 Weekend of May 13 & 14

Wkly. offering necessary for Budget...	\$ 10,317.48
Actual Weekly Offering	\$ 9,484.00
Net Weekly Shortage.....	-\$ 832.48
YTD Budget Offering.....	\$ 474,604.00
YTD Actual Offering Income.....	\$ 449,560.00
YTD Shortage.....	-\$ 25,044.48

Apologetics-Defending the Faith

You're at a holiday BBQ and a Bible Christian neighbor who does not believe in infant baptism asks you..."Why do Catholics believe in Infant Baptism?"

Answer...First ask them..."What is Baptism?" Here is the Catholic answer.

What is baptism ?

St. Paul - baptism replaces the Jewish rite of circumcision (Col. 2,11-12) which was given to infants and made them "religiously" clean and a member of God's Chosen Race.

With the coming of the Christianity, infants were to be accorded a similar and even greater spiritual privilege - makes us Children of God and hence Christians. Any person who has not been baptized can be a candidate to receive it....infant, child or adult. Baptism is effected by either immersing the candidate fully; sprinkling with water, while reciting the following words: "I baptize thee in the name of the Father and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (St. Matt. 28,19).

In normal circumstances, Baptism is administered solemnly by one in Holy Orders;
In cases of necessity, Baptism may be conferred privately by any person who has attained the age of reason. Necessity arises where there is immediate danger of death or where there is a shortage of ordained ministers such as in missionary countries.

Yes, we Catholics believe in Infant Baptism. After all, Jesus said, "Let the children come to me!" And all of us, infants included, are indeed His children!

<http://www.catholicapologetics.info/apologetics/general/infbap.htm>

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

For the Second time between James Gamler and Jocelyn Legere.

Youth Group (7th-12th Grades)

UPCOMING EVENTS!

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! Bring \$1.00 to help our Vacation Bible School make prayer bracelets this summer!

Steubenville/Mission Trip Update

Please remember to turn in your Mission trip and Steubenville final payments. All Mission Trip payments were due by **May 1st** (please turn in ASAP!) and all Steubenville money was due by **May 8th**. Please turn your payments in as soon as possible.

Summer Trip t-shirt contest!

Don't forget... turn in your t-shirt contest submissions for Steubenville! There have been ZERO submissions for this trip. Heather is extending submissions until May 31st. Guidelines...Must have included on shirt: theme of the trip somehow represented in picture and/or words; St. Columbkil; Dates of trips: Steubenville July 14th-July 16th, 2017.

Themes

Steubenville- Elevate ("Behold, I make all things new." Revelation 21:5)

Summer Trip MANDATORY Meetings:

Mission Trip- Saturday, May 27th from 6:15-7:15 OR Sunday, May 28th from 12:15-1:15

*Please tell Heather which meeting you will be attending! If you cannot attend, you MUST schedule a meeting time with her**

Steubenville (Mandatory for first time students only- but all may attend!)- TBD Meeting will most likely be the end of June/ beginning of July!

Contact Heather with questions at: youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org

ALTAR SERVERS May 24 & 27-28 2017

WEDNESDAY May 24 Vigil of the Ascension

7:00 PM—Matthew Martin – Sara Adamkovic

SATURDAY May 20-2017

4:30 PM—Jaime & Jennifer Wilkinson – Tim Faust

SUNDAY May 21-2017

6:00 AM—Autumn Kline

7:30 AM—Philip & Thomas Heid - Tyler Derkotch

10:15 AM—Robert Houk - Makayla & Alicia Jones

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 23 – No School Liturgy

May 24 – Pre K Graduation, SFA Cafeteria 7:00 p.m.

May 25 – Ascension Thursday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
7th and 8th Grade are going to Washington D.C. to tour the Capitol and other monuments.

Grade 2 will attend a live performance of Charlotte's Web and enjoy a tea party at school after the show.

May 26 – No School Enjoy your Memorial Day weekend!

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.

Youth Joke of the Week!

A woman named Martha, a faithful Catholic and CCD Catechist finds herself in dire trouble. Her business has gone bust and she's in serious financial trouble. She's so desperate that she decides to ask God for help. She begins to pray... 'God, please help me. I've lost my business and if I don't get some money, I'm going to lose my house as well. Please let me win the lotto.' BUT... Lotto night comes and somebody else wins it.

Martha again prays.... 'God, please let me win the lotto! I've lost my business, my house and I'm going to lose my car as well.'

Lotto night comes and Martha still has no luck.

Once again, she prays, 'My God, why have you forsaken me?? I've lost my business, my house, and my car. My children are starving. I don't often ask you for help and I have always been a good servant and teacher of your little ones. PLEASE, just let me win the lotto this one time so I can get my life back in order.

Suddenly there is a blinding flash of light as the heavens open and Martha is confronted by the voice of God Himself:

'Martha, meet Me halfway on this. Buy a ticket.'

AND MARTHA HAD TO SMILE!



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**.

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:

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

MISSING DVD'S

It has come to our attention Episodes 5 through 10 of the Catholicism DVD'S are missing. If you borrowed them please return them to the rectory.

Widow and Widowers Grief Support

The next "REACH OUT" will be at the MBS' Fr. Schneider Hall at 1 PM on May 28th. With the weather being so rambunctious, we have had a tumultuous spring. But those who have suffered the loss of a loved may not notice or even care. Time to sit back and with the help of others who understand, reengage life once again. For more information and for anyone who has suffered a loss, please call Dn. Mike Boyle at 484-336-9849.

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

Bingo will be held today, May 21st. The kitchen opens at 11 AM for lunch. Bingo begins promptly at 12:30 PM. There are several openings for the 2017 Bingo year: Baker, Caller, Floor, Kitchen & Controller. There are 4 bingo crews thus, ONLY 3 Sundays per calendar year needed. No experience necessary. If you are interested in joining a crew or forming your own contact: Janice Szilli 610-987-8851.

PARISH STAFF

Youth Ministry - Heather Shainline:
youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org
Adult Choir - Rob Zambanini
Youth Choir—Fred Carr
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