

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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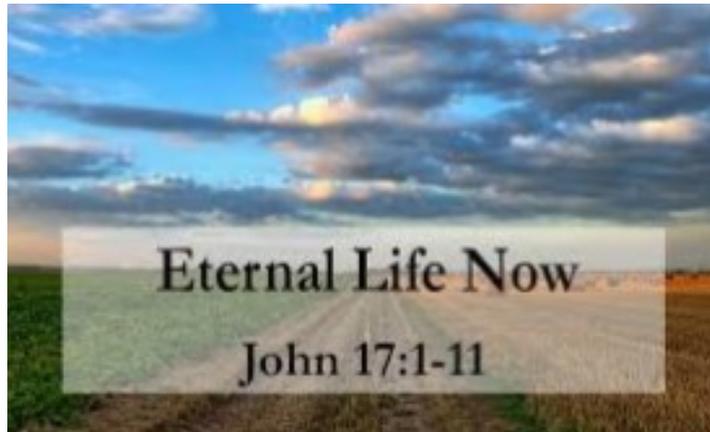
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28 May 2017

7th Sunday of Easter

"And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."



John
17:
1-11

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Saturday 3:15-4:00pm.

MBS Parishioners

MEMORIAL DAY

This weekend let us all remember those men and women who have served and are serving our country in the military this Memorial Day.

From Valley Forge thru our present age, we owe a debt of gratitude to these courageous individuals, some of whom, have paid the ultimate sacrifice that we might all live in FREEDOM!

Let us thank them, their families and Our Lord for their willingness to serve others at all costs.

Happy Memorial Day!
Morning Mass 9 a.m.
Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2017

Office will reopen for business on Tuesday, May 30, 2017!



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 29

9:00 AM--John Fronheiser, by Charles & Anna Fronheiser

TUESDAY, MAY 30

8:00 AM--Richard Stahl, by Aunt Violet

10:45 AM--Eleanor Miller, by SFA- HSA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

8:00 AM--Special Intention, by Pat

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

7:00 AM--Donald Gehringer, Sr., 1st Anniversary

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

8:00 AM--Betty & John Fronheiser, by Allan, Fran & Family

4:30 PM--Patricia Farina, by her Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

6:00 AM--Donald Gehringer, Sr., by Tom & Rita

7:30 AM--People of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

10:15 AM--Carl Letterhouse, by Doreen & Bruce Eidle & 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!

“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.”

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 29th is Memorial Day. Mass is scheduled for 8 AM. Please come and remember the men and women who gave their lives in service to our country.

The rectory will be closed Monday, May 29th and will reopen Tuesday, May 30th.

Sunday May 28, 2017 Readings

Acts 1: 12-14

1 PETER 4:13-16

John 17: 1-11

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 29	Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan
Tue:	May 30	Father E. Michael Camilli
Wed:	May 31	Deceased Priests
Thu:	June 01	His Holiness Pope Francis
Fri:	June 02	Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
Sat:	June 03	Bsp. Emeritus Edward Cullen
Sun:	June 04	Msgr. John Camp

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!

As you know on May 7th we had the Extraordinary Form Mass, the traditional Latin Mass, here in our parish. While both forms of the Mass are the same in what essentially happens, therefore one is not greater than the other, there is a difference in how it happens. From the traditional Latin Mass we can learn much about the nature of the Mass that can help us appreciate what the Mass is when offered in the Ordinary Form. Here are some of the things I observed during the Latin Mass. The first is that the priest leads the people as both face east in prayer. We'll look at that in future reflections.

Another thing I noticed is there are more moments of silence. The priest says many of the prayers in a low voice or even inaudibly. The faithful's participation is more interior than exterior. To participate the faithful need to know what is happening during the Mass. We can certainly apply this to the Ordinary Form Mass as well. Even though most of the prayers are spoken out loud, how much the better will be the faithful's participation if aware of the meaning of all the signs and gestures and of the words that are spoken.

I also observed a greater closeness of the priest with the altar in the Latin Mass. The altar is a symbol of the Lord Himself. As I celebrate the Mass I feel a special closeness with the Altar and this has continued to grow over time. It is hard to express in words, but as a priest I feel drawn to the altar. You may notice that at the Mass in the Ordinary Form, the priest reverences the altar by kissing it at the beginning and end of Mass and also we bow to the altar during the Mass. We may also incense the altar. In the Extraordinary Form, the priest also leans on the altar while saying the words of consecration. It is reminiscent of St. John leaning on the chest of Our Lord during the Last Supper. It is a beautiful symbol of the closeness with the Lord in that moment. There is also something beautiful about ascending the three steps up to the altar. In the Scriptures God is so often met on a mountain. The crucifixion was on the Hill of Calvary. The priest going up to the altar of God, reminds us he is going to meet God and offer sacrifice for us.

One of the most notable differences between the Ordinary and Extraordinary Forms is the rite of Communion. Communion is the high point of the Mass and the Extraordinary Form really emphasizes the sacredness of this moment. Each communicant comes forward and kneels (if physically able) and the priest and assisting server comes to each one. The server places the patten under the communicant's chin and the priest makes the sign of the cross over the communicant with the Sacred Host and says, in Latin, "May the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve your soul for life everlasting. Amen." The priest then places the Sacred Host on the communicant's tongue. How beautiful and truly moving is this manner of receiving Holy Communion! Sadly, I believe, the Ordinary Form, with its communion line, quick prayer, and option to receive in the hand fails to help the faithful grow in devotion to and belief in the real presence of Christ and also fails to express that this is the high point of the Mass. While I believe someday we will return to the Communion Rite of the Extraordinary Form, there are a few things we can do in the Ordinary Form right now to help make this better. We can slow down and take our time receiving Holy Communion. We can make a good and deliberate act of reverence to the Blessed Sacrament. We can make an act of faith before receiving and pray after Mass a prayer of thanksgiving. We'll look more closely at this in future reflections as well. *(see bottom of next column)

Stewardship

What is Stewardship? "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10). What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

221. In what way is the Father the source and the goal of the liturgy?

Through the liturgy the Father fills us with his blessing in the Word made flesh who died and rose for us and pours into our hearts the Holy Spirit. At the same time, the Church blesses the Father by her worship, praise, and thanksgiving and begs him for the gift of his Son and the Holy Spirit.

Further reading: CCC [1077-1083](#), [1110](#)

222. What is the work of Christ in the liturgy?

In the liturgy of the Church, it is his own paschal mystery that Christ signifies and makes present. By giving the Holy Spirit to his apostles he entrusted to them and their successors the power to make present the work of salvation through the Eucharistic sacrifice and the sacraments, in which he himself acts to communicate his grace to the faithful of all times and places throughout the world.

Further reading: CCC [1084-1090](#)

223. What is the work of the Holy Spirit in the liturgy?

The very closest cooperation is at work in the liturgy between the Holy Spirit and the Church. The Holy Spirit prepares the Church to encounter her Lord. He recalls and manifests Christ to the faith of the assembly. He makes the mystery of Christ really present. He unites the Church to the life and mission of Christ and makes the gift of communion bear fruit in the Church.

Further reading: CCC [1091-1109](#), [1112](#)

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

For the **Third time** between James Gamler and Jocelyn Legere.

*Overall I hope that having the experience of the Extraordinary Form Mass in our parish will help all of us to understand and appreciate the Mass more and lead to a deeper love for this, the Lord's greatest gift to us and our most fitting act of worship.

PEACE! FATHER ADAM

Youth Group (7th-12th Grades)

UPCOMING EVENTS!

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.

THERE IS ONE SPOT OPEN FOR A TEEN ON OUR MISSION TRIP IN JUNE! PLEASE EMAIL HEATHER ASAP IF INTERESTED!

Summer Trip t-shirt contest!

Don't forget... turn in your t-shirt contest submissions for Steubenville! 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. Columbkille; Dates of trips: Steubenville July 14th-July 16th, 2017

Theme

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 in the Ehst room OR Sunday, May 28th from 12:15-1:15 in a classroom upstairs.

Please tell Heather which meeting you will be attending! If you cannot attend, you MUST contact her to get trip details and get your forms signed!

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

Youth Group T-shirts

If anyone would like to order the grey Youth group t-shirts, Heather will be putting an order in soon. T-shirts are \$10.00 each. Please let her know by May 31st what size you would like! Email Heather if you need to know what they look like. Contact Heather at: youthgroup@stcolumbkille.org

ALTAR SERVERS June 3 & 4, 2017

SATURDAY June 3

4:30 PM—Zane, Shea & Quinn Alderfer

SUNDAY June 4

6:00 AM—Volunteer

7:30 AM—Braden Turner—Victoria Hayes—
Ryan Willing

10:15 AM—Maureen & Kelly Ryan—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
Bally, PA
www.sfabally.org



May 29 – Memorial Day No School.

May 30 – School Liturgy 10:45 AM.

Principal's Reading Challenge 1:30 PM.

Come and experience Deacon Murphy performing nostalgic songs of the 60s & 70s!

June 1 – CYO Award Assembly Gr. 5-8.

Piano Recital – Miss Lance's Students 7:00 PM.

June 2 – A day of fun:

Field Day – Games organized by Miss Bauer.

Hustle for Muscle organized by our Home & School Assoc.

Dairy Day – A cool, sweet competition between students and teachers.

Picnic Day – Lunch outside on blankets and beach towels.

Plastic Cash News

- No sales at MBS on Sunday, May 28

- No sales through school Friday, June 2

- Last day sold through school is Monday, June 5
Summer sales at school start Tuesday, June 13. Enter through the kitchen door off the side parking lot. Tuesdays 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Thursdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. Last summer sale day is August 17. These dates are subject to change based on volunteer availability.

*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!

Six-year old Angie and her four-year old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said,

"See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."



Parish News and Events

FLOWER SALE

Donations from the sales will go to Mary's Shelter. For more information please call Chuck at 610-702-2187. Thank you for all your support. To date Spring Flower sales have raised \$350.

PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The Legion of Mary Sign-up Sheet for June is in the back of church. For more info call Deacon Mike 484-336-9849.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- *The Rectory will be closed on May 29th.
- *During the Summer the Rectory will be closed on Friday. Summer schedule begins June 23rd.
- *MBS Carnival July 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd.

PARISH CEMETERY REMINDER

Just a reminder that according to our parish regulations plants, flowers and wreaths are permitted on plots at the head of the grave in acceptable temporary containers, but will be removed when unsightly or within reasonable discretion of Cemetery Authorities.

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.

News, Ministries & Organizations

THE BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.

All payments should be made out to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

For June 11th due by June 2nd by noon.
 For June 18th due by June 9th at noon.
 For June 25th due by June 15th at noon.
 For July 2nd due by June 16th at noon.
 Please email your info to Cindy Repko at:
mbs.car@comcast.net.

Widow and Widowers Grief Support

The next "REACH OUT" will be at the MBS' Fr. Schneider Hall at 1 PM on May 28th. For more information 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 unless a patient requests parish notification.

PARISH STAFF

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