

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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2 July 2017

**13th Sunday  
Ordinary Time**

**"..and  
whoever does  
not take up  
his cross  
and follow  
after me is  
not  
worthy of  
me."**



**Matt  
10:  
37-42**

**SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION**

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

**Saturday 3:15-4:00pm.**

**Parishioners of MBS**

**Please note:  
Morning Mass on  
Tuesday  
July 4, 2017  
Will be at  
9 a.m.**

**Please join us!**



Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, established in 1741, is a Roman Catholic Church built and growing on the foundation of Christ's Teachings. We are called through Baptism to live a holy life and to spread the Word and values taught by Jesus Christ. Nourished by God's Word and Eucharist we are empowered to serve the needs of others through stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

We are dedicated to hospitality, education and love in our homes, parish, regional school and our entire community. Knowing that our future is in God's hands, we will continue to do His work, trusting that the Lord's graces will always shine upon us and those who come after us.

**Save the date-**

**Friday October 13th** we will host a very special presentation by Dale Alquist, president of the American Chesterton Society. GK Chesterton was one of the most influential and important figures of the last century and his writings continue to be a source of great inspiration for people today. More information will be coming soon!

# PRA YFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, JULY 3

8:00 AM--Kathy Shryock, by John

### TUESDAY, JULY 4

9:00 AM--For Our Nation

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

8:00 AM--Loretta & Thomas Schreiner, by Joe & Kathy

### FRIDAY, JULY 7

8:00 AM--MBS Memorial Benefactors

### SATURDAY, JULY 8

8:00 AM--Celebration of Victor & Veronica Diehl's 67th  
Wedding Anniversary

4:30 PM--Eleanor Miller, by Anna Wetzel

### SUNDAY, JULY 9

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

7:30 AM--M. Rita Bealer, by Buddy & Mary Ann Sobjak

10:15 AM--Kimberly Conrad, by the Wensel Family

## Sunday July 2, 2017 Readings

2 KGS 4:8-11, 14-16A

ROMANS 6: 3-4, 8-11

MATT 10: 27-42

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

### **MASS CARDS**

To schedule a Mass please stop by the Rectory Office  
between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Mon-Thur

### **PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

Mon:	July 03	Bsp. Emeritus Edward Cullen
Tue:	July 04	Father Bernard Ezaki
Wed:	July 05	Msgr. Victor Finelli
Thu:	July 06	Father Robert Finlan
Fri:	July 07	Msgr. Robert Forst
Sat:	July 08	Father John Frink
Sun:	July 09	Father Kevin Gallagher

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Every Tuesday of the Summer

After 8 a.m. Mass to 6:30 p.m.

followed by

Benediction and then by

Miraculous Medal Novena

*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 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,  
CAPT Justin Knepp  
PFC Sam S. Myers  
Lt. 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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.  
RCT Emily Gehringer*

**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 self-  
less acts that they perform for us in our time  
of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our  
Lord and Savior. Amen.”**

## Fr. Adam's Corner

### *From the Seminarian's Desk*

As we look at the stark claims of Jesus, we can see that it is impossible to see Him as *merely* a great man. Christ insisted He alone is “the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

He made many bold statements, including the command with which He began His public ministry: “**Repent.**”

The Son of God became man, so that mankind can be reconciled and restored to communion with God. The misery of our alienation is so desperate that only He could heal it, at great cost: His passion and death on the Cross.

With that in mind, it's clear that we cannot ever trivialize the problem of sin. And yet, we must never minimize the enormity of His mercy. He offers it to us as a free gift, yet there is one condition: We must desire it. We must repent.

There are moments of repentance that are dramatic, but more often, true repentance is an ongoing project. Thank God, He gave to His Church the great sacrament of Penance, which we commonly call Confession.

Consider this: Throughout the Bible, there are only two instances where *God breathes* upon men. The first occurs in Genesis, where God breathes life into the first man. The second occurs where the Risen Christ breathes the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, saying “whose sins you forgive are forgiven them....” (John 20:22-23)

Interesting, isn't it? The first was when God gave life, and the second is when He equips His apostles (the first priests) to forgive sin, and restore sinners to new life!

But, why do we stay away? Well, it can be painfully humbling! And of course, perhaps that was the Lord's point. We must *humbly* confess our serious sins to a priest. In return however, we hear the words of God's forgiveness out loud. We can let it go, and begin again.

And so, how long has it been since your last confession? Don't be afraid. You will be welcomed home by the Father, through His priest.

Please consider returning to the regular practice of confession. To assist in examining your conscience and preparing for confession, some helpful guides can be found on the back table of the church.

Our Savior died to restore lost souls to communion with the Father, and priests devote their lives to this ministry. If you've been away from the sacrament, it's time to come home.

**In Christ, John**

## Stewardship

### Fiscal Year July 2016-June 2017

#### Weekend of June 24 and 25

Wkly. offering necessary for Budget...	\$ 10,317.48
Actual Weekly Offering .....	\$ 7,514.00
Net Weekly Shortage.....	<b>-\$ 2,803.48</b>
YTD Budget Offering.....	\$ 526,191.48
YTD Actual Offering Income.....	\$ 492,655.00
YTD Shortage.....	<b>-\$ 33,536.48</b>

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### ***Morning of Recollection***

On Saturday, **July 8 from 8:45 to 11:45am**, our seminarian John Maria will lead a morning of recollection in the social hall for all interested parishioners. There will be three short talks – on Jesus, His Church and Life in Christ- each followed by time for Q&A and discussion. The morning will end with a period of Eucharistic Adoration, concluding by 11:45am. Set this one morning aside to nourish your mind and renew your soul! Check next week's bulletin for more details.

##### ***Struggling to Hear God's Voice in Your Life?***

As Catholics, we know of the love and mercy of God's plan, but... in the everyday struggles of life, it sure would be nice to hear His voice. God *has* spoken to His human family, and continues to speak to us – in many ways, especially in Scripture. And yet, the Bible can be intimidating and confusing. We sometimes know many pieces of the puzzle, without fully grasping the "Big Picture."

On Monday, July 10 at 7 to 8pm, our seminarian John Maria will give an informal talk to explain the Big Picture of the Bible. John will provide helpful tips on how to read it, and hear God's Voice in your lives. Did you ever wonder how the Old Testament is fulfilled in the New Testament? We will only have an hour, so we will focus upon the highlights and key figures who prepared the world for our Lord, Jesus. The Bible is truly a Catholic Book, in which our Heavenly Father reveals His love and truth. Understanding the Big Picture will help you to apply the finer details & better hear His voice in your lives. Might it be time for YOU to go deeper in your faith, and learn about Scripture? Join us Monday, July 10 at 7pm in the Social Hall to get started!

##### ***ST. FRANCIS CYO FALL SPORTS***

We would like to add you to our Fall Sports rosters. No experience necessary. All 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students attending SFA or MBS/St. Columbkil's Religious Education program are eligible. Please send an email to [saintfranciscyo@gmail.com](mailto:saintfranciscyo@gmail.com) by **July 31<sup>st</sup>** if you need more information.

## Youth Group (7th-12th Grades)

*Thank you to each and every parishioner for praying and for supporting our Youth Group and its Mission Trip! It was a huge success!*

### Steubenville participants

Please turn your final payments in. These were due last month. You can go to our website and make payments there, too!

### Summer activities

More activities will be added as the summer continues! Have suggestions? Please let Heather know. Summer newsletters will be available soon.

Heather Shainline: [youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org)

## Altar Servers

**July 8 and July 9 2017**

### SATURDAY

4:30 PM—Breton Poster – Delaney Geise – Matthew Martin

### SUNDAY

6:00 AM—Volunteer

7:30 AM—Devon & Brayden Richard – Bethann Bauer

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

## Attention Students

### ***SUMMER SERVICE HOURS***

Over the summer months get a jump start on your service hours. The parish can always use extra helpers.

**BINGO-** the second Sunday of every month. Contact Janice at 610-987-8851.

### **MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CARNIVAL**

July 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. Call Tammi Eccleston at 610-282-1100 ext. 1449 or 215-679-9198 or email [the2@desales.edu](mailto:the2@desales.edu) to volunteer your services.

**SOUP KITCHEN** July 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

## St. Francis Academy

### ***St. Francis Academy***

668 Pine Street  
Bally, PA  
[www.sfabally.org](http://www.sfabally.org)



### **School Summer Hours: Tue. and Thurs. 8-2**

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](http://www.sfabally.org), for more information.

### Plastic Cash News

Summer sales at school- 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.

***Visit us and MBS/SFA Alumni on Facebook!***

### **YOUTH HUMOR FOR THIS WEEK**

**A local Catholic Church was badly in need of a coat of paint.** So the new pastor decided he'd do the job himself. But all he had was one bucket of paint. So he got a bunch of buckets and some water, and he thinned the paint enough to cover the entire church. Then he spent all day painting. That night it rained—very hard—and washed all the paint off.

Father was quite discouraged and asked God, 'Why...why God, did you let it rain and wash off all my hard work?'

To which God thundered his reply, 'Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!'

And the new pastor had to smile!

### ***CCD REGISTRATION FORMS***

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

### ***CCD TEACHER NEEDED***

A 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teacher is needed. If interested please call Deacon Murphy at 610-845-7364.



## ***Parish News and Events***

### ***PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Rectory closed July 4th.***

Also, during the summer months, the rectory will be closed every Friday.

### ***BINGO!!!!!!***

Bingo will be held July 9<sup>th</sup>. Crew Three is scheduled to work. The kitchen opens at 11 AM for lunch. Bingo begins promptly at 12:30 PM. Help is always appreciated. No experience necessary.

### ***SOUP KITCHEN UPDATE JULY 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.***

Help is needed Saturday and Sunday to serve.. Monetary donations should be placed in an envelope labeled "SOUP KITCHEN" and placed in the collection basket. For more information please call Zoe Derkotch at 610-718-6077.

### ***WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR ENVELOPES?***

It has come to the attention of the rectory office our contribution envelopes were lost in the mail. The company who handles the mailing has assured us there was a glitch. In the event you do not receive your envelopes please place your offering in another envelope with your name and if known your envelope number. Thank you for your patience.

### ***2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL***

Our total Goal for Most Blessed Sacrament is \$68,289.78. Pledges/One time Gifts: \$52, \$165.17. Average Gift: \$296.25. Number of Donors: 175. Number of registered families 956. Participation Rate of Parish: 18.41%. Please consider giving to this appeal. Remember every gift counts, no gift is too small. More info at: [www.FaithHopeCharityGives.org](http://www.FaithHopeCharityGives.org). Thank you!

## ***News, Ministries & Organizations***

### ***Widow and Widowers Grief Support***

The next "REACH OUT" will be Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Columbkil's office meeting room at 1 PM. The following meeting will be on the July 23<sup>rd</sup> at MBS' Fr. Schneider Hall. Come join us. Those who have lost a loved one know how important this support can be. 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

### ***MBS Carnival July 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Only 17 Days until Bally Burgers!!!***

The famous Bally Burger makes its comeback. Four fun-filled nights of rides, games, great food, live music and lots of socializing.

\*Carnival Chance tickets will be available up until the drawing on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> Extra tickets are on the table in back of church.

\*The Carnival Committee would greatly appreciate parishioners help in distributing Carnival Posters. Posters can be found on the table in back of church.

### ***HEAVENLY CHURCH CLEANERS***

Thank you to the awesome church house cleaners for all your work in getting the church ready for the carpet cleaners: Henry and Rosemary Buehner, Erich and Susan Schroeger, Bev Smith, Jim, Judy and Benjamin Kennedy, Denise Naughton, Mary Stevenson and Edward Short.

### ***PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:***

The names of the sick of our parish can be found on our website [www.mbsbally.org](http://www.mbsbally.org), or in the Prayer Intention Book located at the side entrance of church. The sick are also remembered in the Intercessions at every Sunday Mass.

### ***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

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**Youth Ministry** - Heather Shainline:  
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**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