

Mission Statement: "We are called through Baptism to lead a Holy Life and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ..."



Most Blessed Sacrament

20 Aug 2017

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

In the summer Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday.

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**20th Sunday
Ordinary Time**



"O woman,
great is your
faith!
Let it be done
for you as
you wish."

**Matt
15:
21-28**

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**

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

Saturday 3:15-4:00pm.

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

We are privileged to welcome Dale Ahlquist to speak at SFA auditorium, Friday evening October 13. Watch the bulletin for more details.



So who is Dale Ahlquist?
Dale is President of the American Chesterton Society, and publisher of Gilbert Magazine. He is both the creator and host of the EWTN TV series, "The Apostle of Common Sense". The show explores issues through the eyes of one of the greatest philosophers and theologians of the 20th century, **G.K. Chesterton**.
Dale is the author of four books as well as the editor of eight books by G.K. Chesterton. Dale is considered one of the leading Chesterton scholars

in the world.

Dale is also the co-founder of Chesterton Academy High School near Minneapolis & is recognized as one of the top 50 Catholic Schools in the U.S.A.

Chesterton quotables:

"Fallacies do not cease to be fallacies because they become fashions."
– ILN, 4/19/30

"What embitters the world is not excess of criticism, but an absence of self-criticism." – Sidelights on New London and Newer New York

**All Guests and New
Parishioners
are
Most Welcome!
You can register at
our parish on line
at:
www.mbsbally.org**

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

AnB Education is looking for host families for our international students attending Berks Catholic High School. A generous stipend is provided.

Call AnB Education 267-263-2481 or email: hostfamily@anbeducation.com.
The application is online at: www.anbeducation.us.

PRA YFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

6:30 PM--For the Health of Joseph Windish

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

8:00 AM--Paul Sobjak, Jr., by His family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00 AM--Jeanette Miller, by Buddy & Mary Ann Sobjak

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

8:00 AM--Mary Lee Davis, by Lytton Davis

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

8:00 AM--Eleanor Miller, by Kim Moyer & Family

4:30 PM--People of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

6:00 AM--Donald Gehringer, Sr., by Randy, Marie & Family

7:30 AM--George Moose, by Tim, Jo & Cory

10:15 AM--Charles & Marguerite Reichart, by Doreen & Bruce Eidle & Family

*Please Pray for
all in our Armed
Services*



*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,
Staff SGT Eric J. Crews,
Sr. Airman Anthony Lucarelli,
MAJ Michael O'Kane,
SSG Antonio Rivera,
Airman 1st Class Andrew Gerard,
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,
Markus De Larantus, Navy,
RCT. Emily Gehringer*

Sunday August 20, 2017 Readings

ISAIAH 56: 1, 6-7
ROMANS 11: 13-15, 29-32
MATTHEW 15: 21-28

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-Thurs.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Mon:	Aug 21	Father Wayne Killian
Tue:	Aug 22	Msgr. Nevin Klinger
Wed:	Aug 23	Fr. G. Jose Kochuparambil
Thu:	Aug 24	Msgr. Thomas Koons
Fri:	Aug 25	Father Robert Kosek
Sat:	Aug 26	Father David Kozak
Sun:	Aug 27	Msgr Rober Kozel

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

“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.”

Fr. Adam's Corner

Dear Parishioners:

You may or may not follow sports, may or may not follow Nascar, but if you do you saw the little dustup recently over driver Kevin Harvick's comments about Dale Earnhardt Jr. For those who don't know Dale Jr. is far and away that sport's most popular driver and he is retiring at the end of this season. Harvick commented that Dale Jr's lack of success on the track has stunted the growth of Nascar. Again, for those who don't know, while Dale Jr. has won a good number of races, he has not won many in the past ten years and he has never really contended for the championship. Many have called for Harvick to apologize for his harsh and mean-spirited statements. So, what is my problem with all this and why I am writing about it here? I think it represents yet another example of how many people do not want to hear or accept the truth when it may be unpopular. It also represents our societies inability to make distinctions. Harvick made a conclusion based on two facts. Fact one: Dale is far and away Nascar's most popular driver and his celebrity even reaches outside the sport. Fact two: he has not been even close to being the most successful driver on the racetrack in the past ten years. So, it is not huge leap in logic to conclude that had Dale Jr. been battling for championships these past ten years, the sport would have seen an explosion of growth. His success or lack of it is certainly not the only factor in Nascar's growth or lack of growth. Still, for Dale Jr's legion of fans, and I'm one of them, it may be disappointing, but its likely the truth that Nascar would be bigger had Dale Jr won a lot more. We also have to make distinctions.

A comment, an opinion, about performance is not necessarily a personal insult and shouldn't be taken as such. Now I know this is a small and comparatively unimportant event. But it is an example. This same kind of failure to accept unpopular truth and the same kind of failure to make distinctions is rampant in our society at all levels, especially when it comes to all the truly important issues of our times. It is very rare today that in public discourse two people, or entities, can discuss differing opinions without one side or the other being labeled mean, uncaring or even evil. A prime and important example: The Church is in the vanguard of teaching the unpopular truth of the meaning and purpose of our human sexuality. The Church makes the distinction between an act which is sinful and the sinner who is a child of God and so deserves to be loved enough to be told the truth and must be called to live according to the truth. Yet the Church is constantly vilified and hated. Why? Because the Church speaks an unpopular truth to a society that increasingly rejects the truth.

PEACE!
Fr. Adam

Stewardship

Sunday's Collection was 8,591.00 for Aug 13th
Bingo Donation \$443.00

UPCOMING EVENTS-PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process through which adults are fully initiated into the Catholic Faith Community. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic or finding out more about the Catholic faith, please call Deacon Murphy at 610-845-7364.

1st Annual SFA Scholarship Fund Golf Outing SPREAD THE WORD!!!!

We will be holding our **First Golf Outing** to support a scholarship fund for the students of St. Francis Academy on Monday, October 2 at the Butter Valley Golf Port.

Shotgun starts at 12:30pm rain or shine. Lunch, prizes and raffles begin at 4:30 pm. 100% of proceeds fund student scholarships.

Individual golf package \$70, foursome \$260 includes course fees, green fees, and dinner. See the back table info/registration forms or contact Karen Kinn, fund-raising chair at 484-432-0780 or sfafund@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Banns of marriage for the First Time for Julia Heid and Vincent D'Angelo.

LEGION OF MARY NEWS

On July 9, 2017 the Curia of the Legion of Mary for the Allentown Diocese announced the appointment of Steve Schultz to President of the LOM Praesidium at Most Blessed Sacrament Church. Employed full time at Solar Technology Inc. in Allentown, Steve found the time to be an active member of Mary, The Immaculate Spouse of the Holy Spirit Praesidium of the Legion of Mary in 2014. Started in 2010 Steve prayed the rosary during the Monday evening rosary at Saint Columbkil Church and continues to pray the rosary daily. In March 2015 he took the promise, as a formal active member of the Praesidium, and he subsequently served as Secretary of the Praesidium prior to being selected Praesidium President by the Curia. The Praesidium is blessed and grateful for the exceptional skills, energy and devotion Steve exhibits.

Youth Group (7th-12th Grades)

Welcome Picnic

Sunday, August 20th

12 Noon to 2pm

Location-Church Hall Downstairs

Before you go back to school, come and find out what youth group is all about! Please bring a side dish, drink or dessert with you- the main dishes, silverware/plates/napkins will be provided. Meet new friends before going back to school, play some games and learn about what fun things are coming up in the fall. OH... don't forget to bring something to tie-dye! Parents and families may come the LAST half hour, from 1:30-2:00 to grab a bite to eat, meet Heather and sign a medical release form!

Reading Fightin' Phils Night

August 24th

Tickets are only \$10.

You can purchase them on our website's home page or on the Youth ministry Page: www.stcolumbkill.org

Contact Heather at: youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org

Altar Servers

AUGUST 26 & 27

SATURDAY

4:30 PM—Troy Viola - Olivia Campbell – Sarah Imhoff

SUNDAY

6:00 AM—Autumn Kline

7:30 AM—Sean & Nichole Bertino - Shane Clark

10:15 AM—Madison & Mikaela Holley – Kyle Kelsch

Student Announcements

CCD REGISTRATION FORMS

CCD BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 17TH AT 9 A.M.

If your children are not registered do so immediately.

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

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Confirmation will be held Tuesday, **November 21st at 4:30 PM.** The sacrament will be held at St. Columbkil Parish in Boyertown with Bishop-elect Schlert presiding.

St. Francis Academy

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668 Pine Street

Bally, PA

www.sfabally.org



Aug. 23rd – Pre-K “Open

House” 6:30-7:15.

Aug. 24th– Kindergarten “Open House” 6:30-7:15.

Aug. 29th - First Day for Gr. K-8.

Aug. 30th–First Day for Pre-K.

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.

Plastic Cash Sales through school are Tuesday 9:30-10:30 AM and Thursday 5:30-6:30 PM, and at all Sunday MBS masses. Summer sales at school - Enter through the kitchen door off the side parking lot. Last summer sale day is Aug. 17th.

Thank you for supporting our biggest fundraiser.

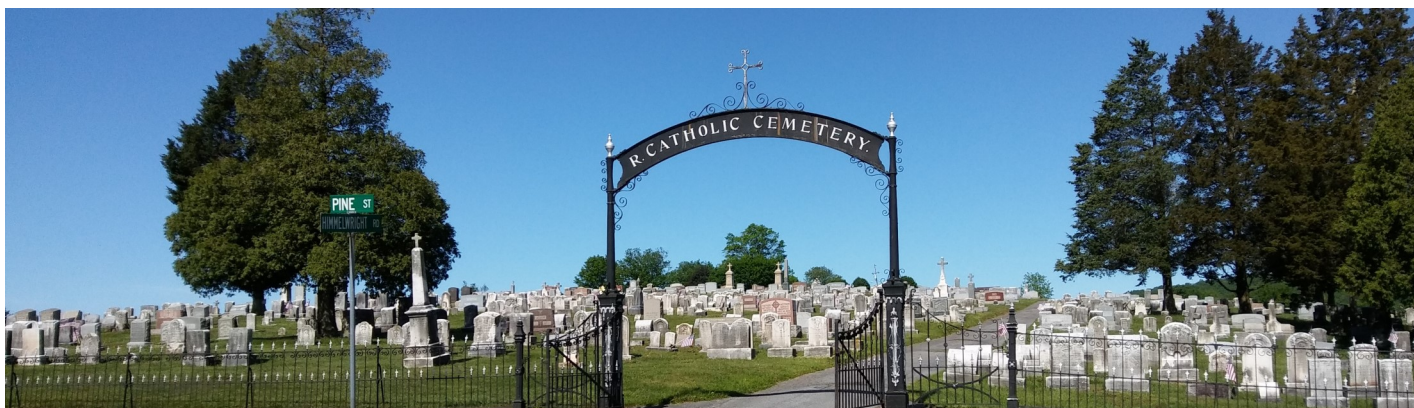
Visit us and MBS/SFA Alumni on Facebook!

YOUTH HUMOR FOR THIS WEEK

Here are a couple of snippets from some Catholic Students discussing what they learned in Religious Education...

Little Alex: “After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New Testament. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn.” [I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, 'Close the door! Were you born in a barn?' It would be nice to say, 'As a matter of fact, I was.']

Little Emma: “During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Republicans. Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him.”



Parish News and Events

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

During the summer months the rectory will be closed every Friday.

SALE OF FLOWERS

How about supporting a good cause and enjoying an arrangement of fresh flowers at the same time? For more information call Chuck at 610-702-2187. Proceeds from sales go to Mary's Shelter.

PARISH CEMETERY REMINDER

Just a reminder that according to our parish regulations; the use of shells, toys, metal designs, ornaments, glass, plastics, jars and containers, metal cases, barriers, pebbles, wooden or metal crosses, foot stones, iron furniture, concrete urns, and pedestals shall not be permitted in any plot. The cemetery authorities shall remove all. Plants, flowers and wreaths are permitted on plots at the head of the grave in acceptable temporary containers.

DO YOU HAVE?

Having these three legal documents – **a Will, a Living Will, and a Durable Power of Attorney** prepared by your attorney—**your** wishes will be fulfilled and your assets protected for the benefit of your beneficiaries. Do it today.

The Annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass Celebration

Will be held on Sunday, **September 17, 2017**, at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1875 West Turner St., Allentown, PA 18104 at 3:00 PM. Invited are couples celebrating five, twenty-five, forty, fifty, sixty or sixty plus years of marriage to this special event. Register online at <http://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass> or refer to the A.D. Times for a registration form or request a form through email at MFLF@allentowndiocese.org or by calling 610-289-8900 ext. 2028 The form must be completed and returned to the Office of Marriage & Natural Family Planning, 2121 Madison Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18017. The deadline for registration is September 8, 2017.

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

Widow and Widowers Grief Support

The next "REACH OUT" will be **Sunday August 27th** at MBS' Fr Schneider Hall at 1 PM. The next meeting will be on the **September 10th** at St Columbkil's office meeting room. Most people underestimate the length and severity of their grief. At times our expectations are unrealistic and assistance is insufficient. Our Reach-Out sessions can help. All are welcome to participate. 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

The names of the sick of our parish can be found on our website 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.

ST. COLUMBKILL LAOH SCONE & TEA PARTY

Ladies of Irish Catholic Heritage are invited to a Scone and Tea party to meet members of LAOH at St. Columbkil Parish on **September 11th** at 7 PM. RSVP Kathy at 610-764-0293 or Joann at 610-367-5576.

"Keep Your Eyes Fixed on Jesus"

St. Francis Center for Renewal is delighted to once again offer our popular Annual Autumn Women's Retreat, **September 8th – 10th**. Facilitator is Fr. John Krivak. Offering: \$175 PP SNG OCC - \$165 PP DBL OCC Deposit: \$80. Check-in begins at 6:00 PM; First Session begins at 7:30 PM. To Register call 610.867.8890 www.stfrancisctr.org.

LOST AND FOUND

If you forgot or misplaced something at mass, check the windowsill in the back of church.

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
 Direct Line 800-791-9209
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