

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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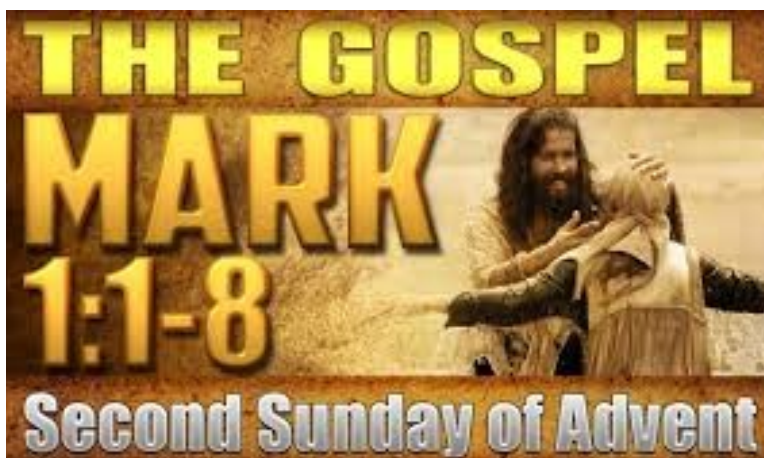
In the summer Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday.

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10 Dec 2017

**Second Sunday
Of
Advent**

"A voice of
one crying
out in the
desert:
"Prepare
the way of
the Lord"



**Mark
1:
1-8**

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**

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

Saturday 3:15-4:00pm.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!!

MBS & St. Columbkil joint Bus Trip to Washington D.C.

MARCH FOR LIFE FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018

LOOK on our Home Page to reserve and pay online!

Payments MUST be made by December 19, 2017.

Now is the time to schedule your vacation day from work if necessary, so you can join us for this incredible pep rally for LIFE!

All Guests and New
Parishioners
are

Most Welcome!
You can register at
our parish on line
at:

www.mbsbally.org



The day begins with Mass for the Unborn at 6:30am before boarding the bus to Washington, DC. The program on the National Mall begins at 12 noon and the March follows.

Cost is \$50 per adult .

To reserve a seat go on our website Home Page find the March for Life AD under this week's Gospel and follow the instructions. Or drop your check off at the MBS Parish Office made out to St. Columbkil Church. Questions... please contact Caitie Cho at: caitiecho22@gmail.com OR Candee Holzman at : 484-431-2085 or candeeh@stcolumbkil.org.

A Paid Reservation is confirmed ONLY when your payment is received. If not enough seats are sold, the

trip will be cancelled. So reserve your seat now!

**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.

PRA YFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:30 p.m.-Jack Essig, by Barbara

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

8 a.m.—Margaret Schultz by Steven & Christine Schultz

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

8 a.m.-Henry & Dorothy Buehner

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

8 a.m. Irene Pennypacker, by her Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

8 a.m.-Intentions of Deacon Michael Boyle, by George & Margaret Chovanes
4:40 p.m.-John Conrad, by Ralph and Lorraine

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

6 a.m.-Helen & Stephen Soffa, by Grant & Mary Ann

7:30 a.m. —People of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

10:15 a.m.-John Piccotti, by Jim & Maureen Sangiorgio

Sunday December 10, 2017 Readings

ISAIAH 40: 1-5, 9-11

2 PETER 3: 8-14

MARK 1: 1-8

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	Dec 11—Msgr. Thomas Koons
Tue	Dec 12—Father Robert Kosek
Wed	Dec 13—Father David Kozak
Thur	Dec 14—Deceased Priests
Fri	Dec 15—Msgr. Robert Kozel
Sat	Dec 16—Fatehr Daniel Kravatz
Sun	Dec 17—Father John Krivak

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday of the Year
After 8 a.m. Mass to 6:00 p.m.
followed by
Benediction and then by
Miraculous Medal Novena

**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,
Staff SGT, Anthony Lucarelli,
MAJ Michael O'Kane,
SSG Antonio Rivera,
Airman 1st Class Andrew Gerard,
SSgt. Michael Viola,
Douglas Philip Murray,
Staff SGT 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,
PFC USMC Emily Gehringer
ENS Alex Viola*

“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.”

Youth Group (7th-12th Grades)

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Sunday, December 10th

Monthly meeting/Christmas Party!

12-2pm...Bring donations for Birthright- check out an email coming soon with items needed. Come dressed in the holiday spirit- prize for the most creative attire! We will also be making Christmas cards that will be distributed to Meals on Wheels with Boyertown Multi-Service plus other fun, festive activities! Please sign up to bring something to eat/drink.

Caroling: Date and time TBD!

More information or questions, contact Heather at:
youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org

HOLIDAY FUND RAISER

The Troop & Cub Scouts from Pack 586 of MBS church are taking orders for Christmas Wreaths, Poinsettias, and Christmas Cacti. Orders for this sale are due on December 3rd and will be ready for pick-up on December 15th. Order forms are on the table in the back of Church.

Altar Servers

SATURDAY-December 16

4:30 PM-Mackenzie & Zach Moser -Giovanni Cavaliere

SUNDAY –December 17

6:00 AM-Volunteer

7:30 AM-Grace & Joshua Spaar - Liam Cunningham

10:15 AM-Theresa Patterson – Hayden Shields – Bobby Hollis

YOUTH HUMOR OF THE WEEK

After the 1st grade CCD class sang some carols, little Betsy commented, “Wasn’t it good of the shepherds to put on clean clothes when they went to see baby Jesus?”

The CCD teacher inquired, “What do you mean...why would you say that?”

Betsy explained, “Well, we just sang, “While the Shepherds Washed their Socks by Night,” didn’t we?”

And the Baby Jesus was smiling!

St. Francis Academy

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610 Pine Street
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<http://teacherweb.com/PA/SFA/Home/sdhp1.aspx>



Dec. 11 - First Penance 7:30 MBS Church

Dec. 12 - 1st Trimester Report Cards

Dec. 14 - Our Annual Christmas Concert under the direction of Miss Lance.

Doors open at 6:30PM. Show begins at 7:00 PM

SFA 275 Anniversary Update

*Have you seen our new St. Francis statue? Check it out.

*In honor of our anniversary, we are raising money to give our school a landscape makeover which will include a new home for our Blessed Mother statue. We are calling it our “Hedge Fund”. We have a goal of \$6,000. We have earned \$2,123.67 so far. (The students raised the first \$293.67) Watch your mail for information on how you can become a donor too.

*Commemorative apparel,, Christmas ornaments, water bottles, and notecards are also available for purchase. Order forms will be in your mailing. Please call school with any questions.

*We are working on a Christmas gift project for our alumni active military service members. If you know someone, please call school at 610-845-7364. We need home addresses.

*Think Spring- We are planning a big alumni party.

Please continue to save your Redner’s receipts and BoxTops for Education for the school. Plastic cash is sold at MBS after all Sunday masses and through school on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Children's Choir & Youth-Teen Choir:

Choir Practices for both choirs is Fridays from 3:30 PM till 4:30 PM in the church choir Loft. Contact Fred Carr at 610-845-2923.

Fr. Adam's Corner

Dear Parishioners:

Continuing our thoughts from last week, we see that everything about the sacred liturgy has meaning and significance, even our posture and the direction we face. Facing east reveals the cosmic significance of the liturgy, for the direction of the rising sun becomes a sign of the rising of the Son of God and a sign of His return. Creation becomes a sign, a kind of icon of its creator. To face east when we pray together reminds us of who we are, of what we are doing and the nature of the Sacred Liturgy. In the earliest days of the Church, even before grand churches were built, on the east wall of the places where the Christians gathered to celebrate the liturgy, a cross was placed. The cross was seen as a sign of the returning Christ, for He is to return under the sign of the cross. It is also a sign of His saving passion, which includes His resurrection.

So, everything that face east signifies, is also signified in the image of the cross. These two images were fused together in the Sacred Liturgy of the early church. When the priest and people face the same direction at Mass, they are not facing the altar, nor the tabernacle, they are facing the cross, which takes in, encompasses, the cosmic meaning of facing east. When at Mass the priest faces the people at the altar, as is common today, this expresses one aspect of the liturgy, that we form a community; however, this posture poses the danger of leading us to think our congregation is a closed circle, that we are carrying on a conversation with ourselves, when in fact we in dynamic conversation with the Lord and that we not a static community but are on a pilgrimage to our returning Lord.

Looking at the cross, letting this image give focus and direction to our prayer fills us with longing and hope for the day of the Lord's return. Today it seems we have too easily forgotten that the Sacred Liturgy involves the entire cosmos. We are praying and praising God in unity with all of His creation, of which we are at the head. We are offering the sacrifice of the cross as a service for all of His creation which is redeemed by the saving action of Christ made present and offered to the Father at the Church's Sacred Liturgy.

Peace
Father Adam

STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 2 & 3
\$11,243.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

UPCOMING EVENTS-PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

COLLECTION for Retired Religious will be held this weekend of December 10th. Please place your envelope in with the general collection.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve Masses
4:30 PM, 7:00 PM & 9:30 PM
Christmas Day Masses
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM.

THE PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA:

The Legion of Mary Sign-up Sheet for December 2017 is available on the table at the back of the church. Please select your week now. For a date not shown, call Deacon Mike 484-336-9849.

PARKING LOT FLOWER SALE

Thank you to everyone who bought flowers this year. Special thanks to Kelly Wolfe, Marilee, Katrina, Mary, Ben and Jimmy. Because of the continued generosity of the parish a check for \$2,588.00 was sent to Mary's Shelter. Next Spring will be our last year selling flowers on Mother's Day. Please, if anyone is interested in taking over our work call Chuck at 610-702-2187. God Bless you and Thank you, Chuck Kimmel.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Most Blessed Sacrament Council # 16745 regular Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in Father Schneider Hall. Men 18 years of age & older interested in the Knights of Columbus contact Joe Dusko Grand Knight by email at jrdkoc16745@comcast.net or call 610-864-1163.

ROSARY GUILD

Tuesday morning 8:30 AM in Fr. Schneider Hall.

USHER NEEDED

An usher is needed for 4:30 Mass on Saturday's. To volunteer please leave a message for Cindy at the rectory or see one of the ushers at Mass.



Parish News and Events

MARY'S SHELTER FOR CHRISTMAS

Watch future bulletins for items most needed. A collection will take place between **December 3rd and December 17th**. Items can be left in the church vestibule. *Thank you.*

BINGO NEWS

Today is your last chance to play Bingo in 2017. Thank you to all the volunteers and players for their continued dedication this past year.

HELP NEEDED AT CHRISTMAS MASSES

Altar Servers are needed at the following masses Christmas Eve at 4:30, 7:00 & 9:30 PM.
Christmas Morning at 8:00 & 10:00 AM.
Eucharistic ministers and Ushers are needed Christmas Eve 7:00 & 9:30 PM. Christmas morning 10 AM.
Please call the rectory to volunteer.

HEAVENLY CLEANERS

Helpers needed to clean the church every other Thursday morning at 10:15. To volunteer call Susan at: 610-967-1243

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.

News, Ministries & Organizations

WIDOW & WIDOWERS GRIEF SUPPORT

The next “REACH OUT” will be Sunday, December 10th at St Columbkil’s office meeting room at 1 PM.

No meeting is scheduled for December 24th. For those in need regardless of when you spouse has died, we provide a safe place for all widow & widowers to find that remembrance and readjustment are compatible. All are welcome to participate. For more information and for anyone who has suffered a loss of any one close to them, please call Deacon Mike Boyle at 484-336-9849.

MISSION PROJECT

How great a thing for us to help send Bennett Schurr on this exciting mission and help bring the light of Christ to the people of Peru. If you were unable to make a donation at Mass last weekend there is still time to donate to Ad Gentes Mission website in his name.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY we share the Gospel with our kids. We're looking for assistance. Want to help? It's fun and rewarding. The 3rd Sunday of the month. Call, Bill Choinski 610-766-0163 or email bchoinsk@yahoo.com

PARISH STAFF

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