

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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14 Jan 2018

**2nd Sunday  
Ordinary Time**

**SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION**

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

Saturday 3:15-4:00pm.

"John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God."



**John  
1:  
35-42**

**HEAR YE! HEAR YE**

**MARCH FOR LIFE FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018**

***Date to reserve your seat has been extended!***

LOOK on our Home Page to reserve and pay online!

The day begins with Mass at St. Columbkil 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 and follow the instructions at: [www.mbsbally.org](http://www.mbsbally.org).

All Guests and New Parishioners are

**Most Welcome!**  
You can register at our parish on line at: [www.mbsbally.org](http://www.mbsbally.org)



Bible Study Group Resumes  
Next Meeting  
Monday  
January 15th  
Fr. Schneider Hall

Check your email for more Information!

**Parish Office Closed  
On  
Martin Luther King Day**

**Monday  
January 15, 2018**

Or drop your check off at the Parish Office made out to St. Columbkil Church. Questions at this late a date... please contact Candee Holzman at: 484-431-2085.or [candeeh@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:candeeh@stcolumbkil.org).

# PRA YFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

6:30 PM—John & Betty Fronheiser, by Allan, Fran & Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00 AM—Frank J. Smith, by The McKeon's

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

8:00 AM—Betty Walsh, by John

10:45 AM—Joseph Houk, Sharon & Dale Boyer

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

7:00 AM—Meg Britt, by The Estate

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

8:00 AM—Albert Babilon, by wife, children & Grandchildren

4:30 PM—Georgina Schmoyer, by Dave & Eleanor Ritter

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

6:00 AM—Stephen Soffa, by Perry, Darlene & Family

7:30 AM—People of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

10:15 AM—For the Health of Mercedes & Bill Rogers, by Matt, Pam, Diane & Amanda

Readings for Sunday, January 14, 2018

1 SAMUEL 3:3B-10, 19

1 COR 6:13C-15A, 17-20

JOHN 1: 35-42

**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-Thurs.

**PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

Mon Jan 15—Fr. Robert McConaghy  
Tue Jan 16—Fr. Edward McElduff  
Wed Jan 17—Fr. John McGinley  
Thur Jan 18—Fr. Timothy McIntire  
Fri Jan 19—Sick and Infirm Priests  
Sat Jan 20—Fr. Kenneth Medve  
Sun Jan 21—Msgr. Raymond Merman

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Every Tuesday from 8:30am-6pm  
Followed by Benediction and  
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)

### Sunday, January 14th

Monthly Meeting 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. (approximate)  
Light lunch provided. Please let Heather know if you will attend.

### January Dental Hygiene Drive

Youth Group is collecting toothbrushes, large tubes of toothpaste, bottles of mouthwash and containers of dental floss for Boyertown Multi-Service. Believe it or not but Food Stamps do not cover dental hygiene products! Drop off your items in the Narthex until the end of January!

### Sunday, January 28th

Ice Skating at Center Ice in Oaks- 2-4pm  
Sign-ups and payment are due by January 21st. If you need a ride or are meeting at the ice rink, please let Heather know by this date also.

### Sat./Sun. February 10th and 11th

Youth Group will be having a Valentine's Day Bake Sale after all Masses in the Narthex.  
Teens: Please sign up to help make and sell baked goods. All baked goods should be handmade. All proceeds will go to the Mission Trip in June.

### Sunday, February 11th

Happy Valentine's Day!!  
Monthly Meeting - 12:30—2:00 pm  
Light lunch provided. Let Heather know if you will be coming. Finish selling goodies upstairs then come on down! Please note the time change above!

## Altar Servers

### SATURDAY JANUARY 21

4:30 PM—Mackenzie & Zach Moser –Olivia Campbell

### SUNDAY JANUARY 22

6:00 AM—Volunteer

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

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

## St. Francis Academy

### St. Francis Academy

610 Pine Street  
Bally, PA  
19503

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



**Jan. 15**—No school Martin Luther King holiday

**Jan. 17** – Liturgy 10:45 AM.

Get ready for Catholic Schools Week! Sunday, Jan. 28 to Friday, Feb. 2.

Grandparents' Day/Open House

Science Expo

Student Day

Brain Show

Registration for 2018-19 school year

Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad

More details to follow.

Plastic Cash Sales through school are Mon., Wed., and Fri. and at all Sunday MBS masses. Thank you for supporting our biggest fundraiser.

Please continue to send in Box Tops and Redners Save-a-Tapes.

Registration continues for the 2017-18 school year, 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.

### PLEASE NOTE:

#### INCLEMENT WEATHER UPDATE

In the event of delays and closings at St. Francis Academy School masses will be rescheduled for a later date.

## YOUTH HUMOR OF THE WEEK

A Dad was at Mass with his three young children, including five-year old, Betsy. As usual, they sat in the very front pew so the children could see and hear the Mass.

At this particular Mass, the priest was administering the Sacrament of Baptism. Betsy was fascinated, watching intently as the priest uttered the words and poured water over the infant's head.

Then, with a quizzical look on her face, five-year old Betsy turned to her father and asked, "Daddy, why is the priest brain-washing that baby?"

*And Dad is still smiling at that one!*

## Fr. Adam's Corner

### Dear Parishioners:

This year we concluded our Christmas season on a Monday, and so we did not get to celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on a Sunday. However, this Feast is so significant that we should not overlook it. The event of our Lord's baptism in the river Jordan offers an abundance of rich food for contemplation and understanding of our faith.

First we see that it is another "Epiphany", a manifestation, where God as a Trinity of Persons, is made known. As our Lord is baptized, the Holy Spirit is seen descending on Him in the form of a dove and a voice from heaven, the voice of God the Father, is heard proclaiming that this Jesus is His own beloved Son.

This event marks the beginning of our Lord's public ministry. Certainly as the Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, He is never apart from the Father and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit descends upon Him to anoint His human nature to carry out His mission. If we look to the Old Testament, we see that it is priests, kings and prophets who are anointed. This is precisely why our Lord's human nature is anointed, for as He now inaugurates the New Covenant, He becomes our High Priest, the one who finally and forever is able to offer the one sacrifice that can redeem humanity and all creation. He becomes 'The' Prophet, the only one who perfectly reveals God to us. He becomes the eternal and universal King, who shepherds His people into the safe pastures of His unending Kingdom.

All of this begins at the river Jordan and is further illuminated as we look at the figure of John the Baptist. John's father is a temple priest, recall it is while he is performing his temple duties that it is revealed to him that he will have a son. John therefore would also have been a temple priest, inheriting this from his father. But John does not exercise his priestly role in the temple. Instead he goes out into the desert and comes to the river Jordan. Why? Because the Old Covenant is about to give way to the New. It is there at the Jordan, instead of the temple, that he performs the ritual washings that make one fit to serve in the temple. His baptisms were preparing for the new temple and the new temple worship that was about to begin. The new temple of the New Covenant is Lord Jesus Himself. The old temple was the place of meeting with God, the Lord now fulfills that more perfectly, for in His very person, He forever unites humanity and divinity. The temple was the place of ritual sacrifice, yet these sacrifices had no power to really take away sin, to finally repair the breach between humanity and God. In the New Covenant this is now accomplished, again in the very person of Our Lord, who as our High Priest, offers Himself as the sacrifice. In the New Covenant we enter the Temple, not a building, but the very Body of Christ, through His sacrament of Baptism, and we become living "Temples of His Spirit". As we enter the Temple that is the Body of Christ, we are given a share in His priesthood, so that we can become part of His eternal sacrifice of Himself. In the Holy Eucharist, offered by those men who share in the priesthood of Jesus Christ through Holy Orders, all the baptized are able to also share, by offering themselves with Christ, in the priesthood of the New Covenant. The Temple worship of the New Covenant literally takes place within each of the Baptized members of Christ.

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## UPCOMING ADVENT & CHRISTMAS INFORMATION AND OTHER NEWS

### ***CHILDREN'S LITURGY, WE SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH OUR KIDS.***

We're looking for assistance. Want to help? It's fun and rewarding. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Call, Bill Choinski 610-766-0163 or email: [bchoinsk@yahoo.com](mailto:bchoinsk@yahoo.com).

### ***BINGO NEWS UPDATE***

Bing is the THIRD Sunday of the month starting in 2018. Volunteers are needed, no experience necessary. Contact: Janice Szilli 610-987-8851.

### ***BINGO Crew #1 JANUARY 21***

**Caller:** Tessie Luft

**Kitchen:** Beverly Smith, Diane Gehman

**Floor & Seller:** Les Luft - Pam Youse

**Bakers:** Joan Kelsch, Norma Pekarik, Rita Heintz, Annette Moyer.

### ***THE PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA***

The Legion of Mary Sign-up Sheet for January and February 2018 is available on the table at the back of the church. Please select your week now and also consider if your personal needs require Our Lady in your home on a date not shown. To schedule other dates Call Deacon Mike 484-336-9849 and we will assist you with your request.

### ***KNOW SOMEONE SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION***

Mass for Those Suffering From Addiction Saturday, January 27, 2018 Saint Eleanor Church 11:00 am Celebrant: Fr Christopher Moriconi Confession 10:00 am Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament 10:00—11:00 am Mass 11:00 am. All are invited Addiction has touched far too many families and taken away far too many of our loved ones. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith.

### ***CONT'D FROM FR. ADAM'S CORNER***

No longer do we offer animals in sacrifice, but we offer our very selves. In the New Covenant, those who share in the priesthood of Christ through Holy Orders, facilitate the exercise of the priesthood of all the baptized. The priesthood of the New Covenant is more perfect than the Old, for many reasons, one of them being that it is not only something done externally, but also reaches into our very selves, happens within each of us as we offer our lives with the sacrifice of Christ made present on the altar when His ordained priests offer the Holy Eucharist. Next week we will look a little more at what happens at the altar.

Peace!

Fr. Adam.



## *Parish News and Events*

### ***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.

### ***RETROUVAILLE***

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you to learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. **The next program begins on the weekend of February 16<sup>th</sup> at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** Additional weekends will be held in April and August. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

### ***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  
**Weekend Assistant** - Father Kevin Bobbin  
**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**—Maria Crail  
**Director of Religious Edn** - Deacon Murphy  
**RCIA Coordinator**—Deacon Murphy

## *News, Ministries & Organizations*

### ***WIDOW & WIDOWERS GRIEF SUPPORT***

The next "REACH OUT" will be Sunday **Jan 14<sup>th</sup>** at 1 PM in Most Blessed Sacrament's Schneider Hall. The next meeting will be on Sunday **Jan 28<sup>th</sup>** at Saint Columbkil's meeting room at 1 PM. For those in need regardless of when your spouse has died, we provide a safe place for all to find that remembrance and readjustment are compatible. All are welcome to participate. For more information, please call Dn. Mike Boyle at 484-336-9849.

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### ***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 email at [jrdkoc16745@comcast.net](mailto:jrdkoc16745@comcast.net) or call 610-864-1163.

### ***YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION REPORTS***

Contribution reports for 2017 will be mailed out by January 31, 2018.

***Collection on January 7, 2018—\$9,629***

### ***PARISH STAFF***

**Youth Ministry** - Heather Shainline:  
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**Adult Choir** - Rob Zambanini  
**Youth Choir**—Fred Carr  
**Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator**  
Wendy S Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC  
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