

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



Most Blessed Sacrament

18 Feb 2018

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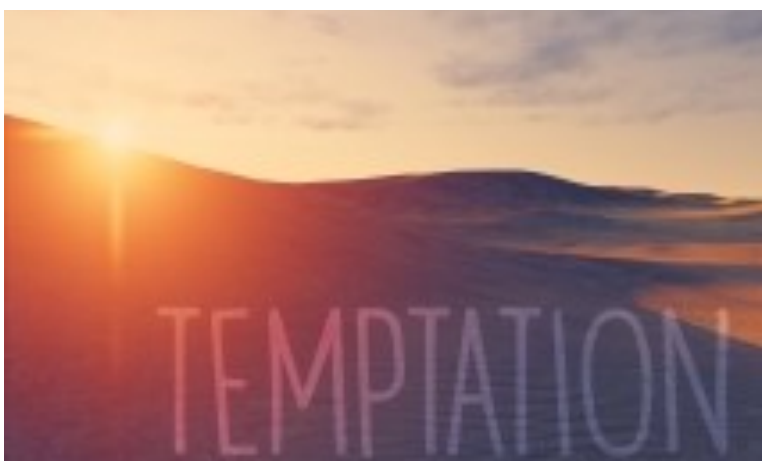
Office hours daily are from 8:30am-3:30pm

In the summer Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday.

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**1st Sunday
Of
Lent**

**"This is the
time of
fulfillment.
The
kingdom of
God is at
hand.
Repent, and
believe in
the gospel."**



**Mark
1:
12-15**

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**

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

Saturday 3:15-4:00pm.

Lenten Parish Mission

FEBRUARY 18- 21 2018

7 PM PRAYER SERVICE EACH EVENING

CONFESSIONS 6 PM-6:30 PM EACH EVENING

MASS AT 8 AM EACH MORNING

*In a real sense the Lenten road to Easter is a
microcosm of our pilgrimage to eternity!*

Our Restless Hearts Need God's GPS

From Here to Eternity!

with Fr. Denis Wilde, OSA, Associate
Director – Priests for Life

All Guests and New
Parishioners
are

Most Welcome!

You can register at
our parish on line
at:

www.mbsbally.org

Daily Themes:

Sunday-Where is that GPS when I need it? Our destiny is mapped with the compass of Conscience and Creed.

Monday- That GPS is handed on to us! Our Church lavishes Sacraments to set our eternal bearings.

Tuesday- People of Life leave no one by the wayside! All lives matter – born and unborn –rescued, welcomed and revered on the Way.

Wednesday- Our Life, Our Sweetness and Our Hope! Our Lady points us to her Son, the Way on our journey, Who in turn offers Truth and Life forever!

- ◆ Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament all day Tuesday
- ◆ Wine and Cheese social Wednesday after the last service

**STATIONS
OF
THE
CROSS**

**Every Friday
Evening
During Lent
At
7 p.m.**

PRA YFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

6:30 PM—For the Intentions and Healing of the
Kriebel Family, A Friend

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:00 AM—Virginia Adams, by Chris & Sealy

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00 AM--Michael & Anna Sain, by The Estate

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00 AM—Gerald Cleary, by Joan & Bill Kelsch
10:45 AM--Newton Longacre, by SFA Home & School

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:00 AM—Stephen Grim, by Mr. & Mrs. Allan
Fronheiser
4:30 PM—People of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6:00 AM—Marlyn Christman, by the Carver Family

7:30 AM—David Farrell, by Mariellen Van Anglen

10:15 AM—Stephen Soffa, by Les & Tess Luft

Readings for Sunday, February 18, 2018

GN 9: 8-15

1 PETER 3: 18-22

MARK 1: 12-15

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 Feb 19—Religious Priests
Tue Feb 20—Fr. Alexander Pocetto
Wed Feb 21—Fr. Robert Potts
Thur Feb 22—Fr. James Prior
Fri Feb 23—Fr. Thomas Prior
Sat Feb 24—Msgr. Stephen Radocha
Sun Feb 25—Msgr. James Reich

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday from 8:30am-6:30 pm
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
Staff SGT Megan Crews*

“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!!

Friday, February 23rd

BEAR CREEK: Tubing, Skiing & Snow Boarding
5:00—10:00 pm

For those who have signed up, please meet in the Narthex at St. Columbkil Parish by 4:45pm. We will leave promptly at 5pm. Please let Heather know if you need a ride or if you are meeting us there. Tubing does not start until 7pm, however everyone is welcome to join us for the entire time. Food is available to purchase at Bear Creek.

March 11th Monthly meeting- CANCELLED

Please note that the March monthly meeting is now cancelled. I apologize for any inconvenience.

Sat./Sun. March 24th and 25th

This weekend is our annual Easter Flower Sale. All flowers are from Blue Mountain Farms in New Ringgold, PA. Teens and parents-please sign up to help sell flowers after all Masses. All proceeds will go to our Mission trip in June

Mission Trip- Cumberland, MD

We still have **5 spots** left for the Catholic Heart Work Camp trip in June. Please let Heather know if you would like to take one of these spots... it is a week you will never forget! We are also in need of another MALE chaperone, too. Please let Heather know if you are interested.

Dates are June 17th-June 22nd.

Heather Shainline is our Director of our vibrant Youth Group. She can be reached at:
youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org

Altar Servers

STATIONS OF THE CROSS February 23

7:00 PM—Alicia & Makayla Jones—Delaney Geise

SATURDAY Feb 24

4:30 PM —Annalise Santiago - Thomas Nguyen –
and Anna Mae Foley

SUNDAY Feb 25

6:00 AM—Autumn Kline
7:30 AM—Grace & Joshua Spaar - Shane Clark
10:15AM—Madison & Mikaela Holley – Kyle Kelsch

STATIONS OF THE CROSS MARCH 2

7:00 PM-Grace & Joshua Spaar - Zachariah
McLaughlin

St. Francis Academy

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www.sfbally.org/](http://www.sfbally.org/)



Feb. 19– WE HAVE SCHOOL-Snow make-up day!

Feb. 21 - First Collection Day for Magazine Drive

Feb. 23 - School Liturgy 10:45

Anniversary News Coming soon- a date for an alumni celebration.

Thank you for the great response to our 275th anniversary mailing. We have sent information to both parishioner and non-parishioner alumni whose addresses we have thanks to our data base or family members who called us. We'd love to hear from any alumni that we missed but we need names and current addresses. We're trying to get our information out to as many people as possible. Our 275th is a milestone for all of us to celebrate.

Reminder-Registration and re-registration for the 2018-19 school year is taking place now grades ***PK 4-yr-old program through Grade 8***. Any questions, please call school at 610-845-7364.

Mark your calendars for Home and School Association Designer Bag Bingo on March 5.

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.

YOUTH HUMOR OF THE WEEK

The CCD teacher said, "Now Betsy, I want you to memorize this Bible verse, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Betsy said, "Yes, but I already know this one. My dad says he has always used that as his motto in business."

The teacher deeply impressed said, "Oh, how noble of him! And what business is he in?"

Betsy smiled proudly and said, "He's a professional prize fighter...a boxer!"

And the teacher could only smile :)

Fr. Adam's Corner

Dear Parishioners:

During this season of Lent we pay more attention to spiritual practices that hopefully are already part of our lives as disciples of Our Lord, namely, prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These are primarily spiritual disciplines, with obvious physical components. To pray we need to physically give time in silence to the act or art of praying. To fast we actually must refrain from something, be it food, drink, social media, television or some other actual thing. To give alms is to actually give money or actually perform some work of charity. The spiritual is never lived out in isolation of our physical selves. To be human is to be a composite of body and soul. While we can speak of these two aspects of self individually we cannot live one apart from the other. Our nature is a union of body and soul. This may seem obvious, yet sometimes we forget this in that we forget that all we do physically affects not only our bodies but our souls, and so our whole self, as well.

Our souls are not trapped within our bodies, but rather are the essence of who we are and actually contain our physical self. Our souls give life to our bodies in a more than merely biological way. Our soul were created directly by God and united with our bodies at the moment of conception, the moment we truly came to life as a unique human person.

When we sin in our bodies, through physical actions, we diminish the life force of our soul, insofar as we diminish God's grace within us. When we perform virtuous and holy actions in our bodies, through real physical actions, we increase the life-force of our souls as we grow in God's grace. This effect in the soul is also felt in the body. Sin causes both spiritual and physical sickness. When the Life of God, His grace, increases in the soul, so also the body suffers less from stress and enjoys greater health because of the peace and joy that is filling the soul. Great holiness has a bodily effect. Some of the saints, whose bodies remain incorrupt after death bear witness to this effect. This is not to say we will never get sick if we are holy, for eventually our bodies succumb to the mortality that is the wage of sin. This is what makes death so frightening and traumatic, it is the tearing apart of our created nature, the separation of what is meant to be united, what has made us who we are, the union of our bodies and souls.

Now, because of the effects of sin, we all must pass through death, but now we do so sharing in Our Lord's death. For us He has conquered physical death so that it is no longer a thing to be feared. He has faced down the greatest of our human fears, the fear of death, because He has gone through it and conquered it, making it the way to something more. Truly if we share in His death we can share in His victory, in His resurrection, a permanent reuniting and glorious re-creation of body and soul together. In His resurrection we become more than we are now, our whole self glorified, made immortal and transformed. Lent is a time to get really healthy through and through by growing in holiness according to our true nature, by doing those practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, and doing them in such a way that we put our whole self into them and so increase the life of God in our souls and thus prepare both soul and body for the glorious reunion that awaits.

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UPCOMING News, Events and Ministry Information

PASCHAL CANDLE

If you are interested in memorializing our annual Paschal Candle, please contact Cindy in our Parish Office at: 610-845-2460. The Candle is a symbol of the Risen Christ and the Light of Christ that forever overcomes the darkness of sin and death.

FISH FRY NEWS

See you at the Fish Fry February 23rd!!! Bring your friends and your appetites. Baked goods can be dropped off at carnival building on Thursday or Friday morning.

Extra menus available at the back of Church for you to take to your workplace. Delivery available to local businesses for the lunch orders.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need more volunteers to serve as ushers at our weekend Masses. We need 3 or 4 taking up the collection on the floor and at least 1 in the loft. If you can help, please see one of our ushers before Mass. You can call the parish office, too. Remember many hands make lighter and happier work.

Bingo Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed, no experience necessary. Contact: Janice Szilli 610-987-8851.

BINGO CREW # 2

Caller: Lorraine Levitsky
Floor: Help needed
Kitchen: Donna Gerhart - Wendy Miller
Bakers: Mary Ann Garber - Doreen Eidle -
Barbara Stahl

PLEASE PRAY

For Joe Frank Romero, the father of Dave Romero, who died recently, that he may rest in the eternal love and peace of Christ.

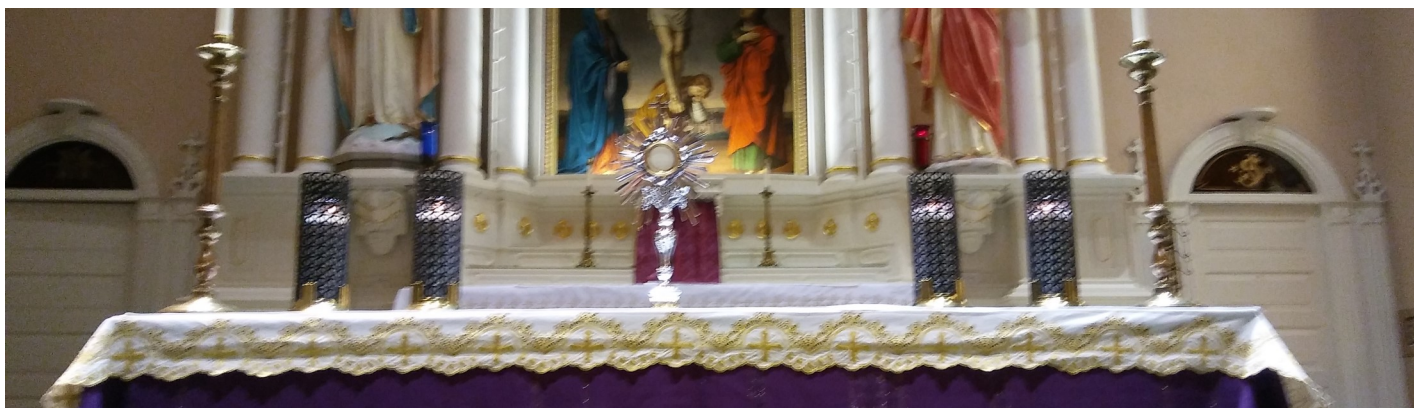
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My Formed "pick of the week" is an audio presentation The Body and Blood of Christ by Dr. Scott Hahn.

To find go to the Listen tab and click on Talks, then scroll through the Sacraments heading. If you have not yet been to the Formed website, just go to formed.org and sign in using our parish code 6MT3PW.

From there you can create your own access login and password.

**Peace -
Father Adam**



Parish News and Events

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.

BIBLE STUDY

All are welcome to join us for Bible study on Monday evenings in Fr. Schneider Hall from 7-8:15 PM beginning **The next meeting will be February 26, 2018, and on March 5, 2018**

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2018 for MBS.

- Every Tuesday, 8:30 AM - 6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration. The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease. — Pope Saint John Paul II
- Stations of the Cross-Friday evenings at 7:00 PM.

COLEBROOKDALE RAILROAD

Join Peter Cottontail aboard the Colebrookdale Railroad for brunch on Saturday, **March 24th at 11 AM**. Chance tickets will be available after all the Masses beginning February 17th until the drawing on March 18th or at the Rectory 10AM – 2 PM Monday thru Friday. The Lucky winner will receive 4 tickets (2 adult and 2 Children) in the Dining Car. An arm length of tickets for \$5 or 2 arm lengths for \$10. Proceeds from this raffle will go towards the new roof behind the Museum.

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 Edu - Deacon Murphy
RCIA Coordinator—Deacon Murphy

News, Ministries & Organizations

WIDOW & WIDOWERS GRIEF SUPPORT

The next **“REACH OUT”** now scheduled for **FEB 25th** at 1 p.m. in Fr. Schneider Hall at MBS. In life, things happen to us, more is expected of us and positive change can only happen by God’s working through us. Our “Reach Out” sessions can help by bringing the tools needed to meet the challenges ahead. Call Deacon Mike at: 484-336-9849

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 or call 610-864-1163.

KINIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BEEF & BEER

When: Saturday, March 10, 2018.
 Where: St. Francis Academy Cafeteria.
 Price: \$25 per person or \$45 a couple.
 Tickets: 484-942-7443 or Kmillet6@comcast.net. Buy tickets online at: mbsbally.org

LENTEN SCHEDULE AT ST. COLUMBKILL’S

Daily Mass Monday - Friday at 9 AM. During Lent, an additional mass will be celebrated on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM and Thursday mornings at 6:30 AM.

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 to the parish unless a patient requests parish notification.

PARISH STAFF

Youth Ministry - Heather Shainline:
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Adult Choir - Rob Zambanini
Youth Choir—Fred Carr
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