

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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**5th Sunday
Of
Lent**

"Amen,
amen, I say
to you,
unless a
grain of
wheat falls
to the
ground and
dies,
it remains
just a grain
of wheat;
but if it dies,
it produces
much fruit."



John
12:
20-33

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**

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

Saturday 3:15-4:00pm.

**HEAR YE! HEAR YE!
COLEBROOKDALE RAILROAD
ALL ABOARD!**

Join Peter Cottontail aboard the Colebrookdale Railroad for
brunch on
Saturday, March 24th at 11 AM.

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



We have a lucky
winner in
Margaret
Chovanes and
her family!!

We hope many
of you will still
join in and come
to the Brunch on
March 24th!

Food, fun and fellowship is on tap for a great event.

**STATIONS
OF
THE
CROSS**
Every Friday
Evening
During Lent
At
7 p.m.

Also on Friday's
Confessions
From
6 PM—6:30PM

PRA YFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 19

8:00 AM—Michael Dugan, by The Schreiner Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

8:00 AM—Lindsey Mc Monigle

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

8:00 AM—Dennis Weinstein, by the Smith Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

8:00 AM—Deceased Members of Warren & Anna
Benfield Family, Their Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

8:00 AM—Robert Baumer, by The Legion of Mary

4:30 PM—Paul Melcher, by Mom & Dad

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

6:00 AM—Charles & Mary Louise Bauer, by Perry,
Jay, Anita & Families

7:30 AM—Steve Kriebel, by Patsy & Phil Vanim

10:15 AM—Sis & Mary Ann Pointkowski, by Joe &
Kathy Schriener

Readings for Sunday, March 18, 2018

Reading 1: Jerimiah 31: 31-34

Reading 2: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12: 20-33

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.

PRA Y FOR OUR PRIESTS

Mon	Mar 19—Fr. John Frink
Tue	Mar 20—Permanent Deacons
Wed	Mar 21—Fr. Kevin Gallagher
Thur	Mar 22—Fr. Daniel Gambet
Fri	Mar 23—Fr. Joseph Ganser
Sat	Mar 24—Fr. Angel Garcia-Almodovar
Sun	Mar 25—Fr. Andrew Gehringer

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)

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

Altar Servers

SATURDAY MARCH 24
4:30 PM—Thomas Nguyen – Sarah Imhoff

SUNDAY MARCH 25
6:00 AM—Autumn Kline
7:30 AM—Gabrielle, Annika & Andrew Snyder
10:15AM—Paul & Andrew Dalickas –Kyle Kelsch

YOUTH HUMOR OF THE WEEK

In Dublin, Fr. O'Malley was writing the last words of his sermon in the sacristy for the Children's Mass, when Sean, the altar server asked, "Father, how do you know what to say?"

Piously, Fr. O'Malley looked up at Sean and said, "Why, God tells me what to write."

A little confused, Sean says, "Then why do you keep crossing things out?"

Both God and Fr. O'Malley smiled!

St. Francis Academy

St. Francis Academy
610 Pine Street
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<http://www.sfabally.org/>



March 19 through 23- ITBS testing for Grades 2 through 7.
March 20 - Report Cards will be distributed.
March 23 - School Liturgy 10:45

Congratulations to our HSA for another successful Designer Bag Bingo. Thank you to all the people who worked so hard to put it together. Thanks also go out to all the players who supported the event.

Anniversary News

Mar- Students are working on 275 Random Acts of Kindness

Apr— Our Hedge Fund concludes on Arbor Day April 27
The Sea Glass Art winner will be drawn.
We'll celebrate after our school Mass. Join us!

May - We are going to honor the Sisters of St. Francis who served our school for many years.

June 2 - SAVE THE DATE! IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!
Details for all these plans will be coming soon.

We are very happy to report that our students raised \$2,150 for the American Heart Association. It was done through the Jump Rope for Heart program organized in gym class by Miss Karen Bauer. Grades K through 8 participated.

SFA Spring Cleanout Our school is having a used clothing collection on Saturday, March 24 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the school parking lot. Our school receives money for every pound we collect. Please put all your donations in a tightly tied plastic bag. Contact Meghan Griech with any questions: mbwilson02@hotmail.com or call/text 610-730-5441.

SFA lunch volunteers needed in the Kindergarten Building and the Big School. Parents and grandparents welcome! Please call the school for more information. Thank you.

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 610-845-7364.

Keep saving those Box Tops and Redner's tapes. The Proceeds help with HSA projects. Plastic cash is our biggest fundraiser.

Thank you for all your support.

Fr. Adam's Corner

Dear Parishioners:

I hope you noticed this past weekend our new Image of Divine Mercy, which is at the Altar of Our Blessed Mother for the rest of Lent and for the Feast of Divine Mercy. The image was purchased through donations to our memorial fund. The devotion to Divine Mercy is one of the Lord's most powerful and significant gifts to the Church in our time. This devotion was given to the Church by Our Lord through his appearances to St. Faustina and the work of Pope St. John Paul II. Saint Faustina was a nun in the convent of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland and during the 1930's Our Lord appeared to her several times and entrusted to her the task of making His Mercy more known in the world through what has come to be called the Divine Mercy Devotion. This devotion consists of several elements, all of which were given by Our Lord Himself to Saint Faustina and are recorded in her spiritual diary. Pope St. John Paul II canonized St. Faustina and helped to promote the message of mercy contained in her spiritual writings through his support of the Divine Mercy Devotion. The essential aspects of this devotion are the Image of Divine Mercy, a prayer called the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Feast of Divine Mercy, which is the Sunday after Easter, and a daily observing of the Hour of Mercy, which is 3PM, the hour our Lord died on the Cross.

The Image of Divine Mercy. This image depicts how Our Lord looked when he appeared to Saint Faustina on February 22 1931. He asked her to "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and throughout the world." On the image we can see the Lord's wounds in His Hands and Feet. We see He is pointing to His Sacred Heart, from which are coming forth rays of red and white light. The red rays represent the blood that flowed from His pierced side on the cross and the blood itself represents the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The white or pale rays represent the water that flowed from His pierced side and the water itself represents the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. The grace of salvation, gained for us by Our Lord on the Cross is constantly being offered to the world as a gift of His Mercy, which we can receive in the sacrament of His Church, but which require our trust in Him. Through the sacraments we have access to the Heart of Our Lord, which burns with love for us. By devotion to this Image we show our recognition of our need for God's mercy, our acceptance of Jesus as the Son of God, our Lord and Savior, our belief in the passion, death of resurrection of Christ as the work of our salvation and our faith in the sacraments of His Church as the means by which He pours forth His mercy on the world. Through the Divine Mercy Devotion Our Lord also invites us to offer ourselves with Him for the salvation of the world. It is a precious image and I hope you will enjoy having one in our Church.

Peace!
Fr. Adam

UPCOMING News, Events and Ministry Information

PAPER RETRIEVERS.

Please DO NOT drop off paper in or around the Paper Retrievers. The program is no longer in service.

FORMED.ORG

Father Adam's Formed Pick of the Week is "Trials of St. Patrick" It is linked on our parish homepage, and can also be found by clicking on "Listen."

FISH FRY THANKS

Our final fish fry will be on **March 23rd**

A special word of thanks to all who continue to make our Friday Lenten Fish fry a great success. The team of volunteers, organizers, fryers, servers, and cooks who serve our parish so well. Also, to those who made donations to keep the costs down and the bakers of our parish. Please come with your appetites and a friend. Call in orders at 610-248-2171.

LENTEN SACRIFICE ENVELOPE????

You may have noticed two additional envelopes in your packet. This is our parish's annual Lenten Collection to help a Mission supported by Tillie Sodano in Central America over the years.

EASTER FLOWER SALE

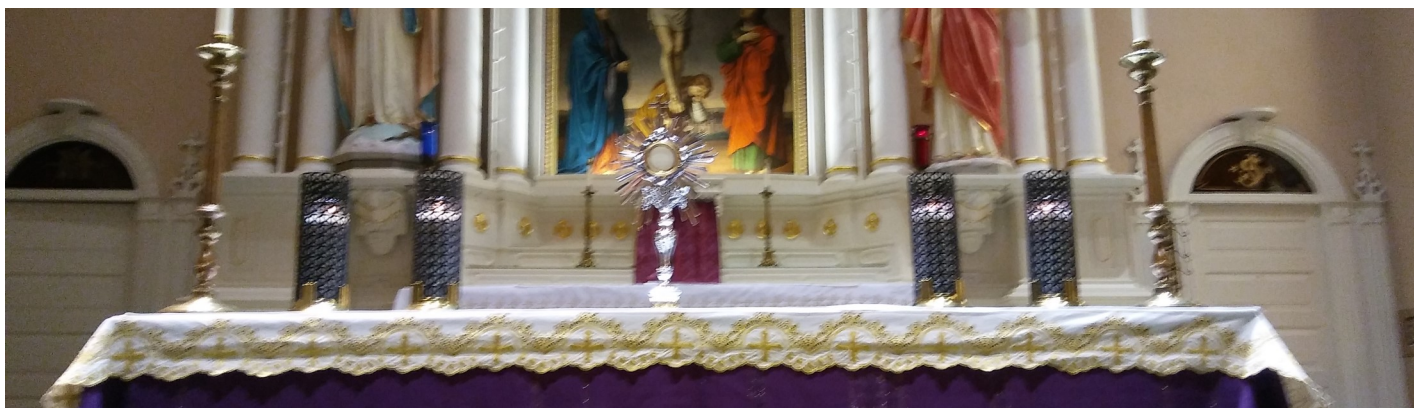
Cub Scout Pack 586 Reppert's Easter Candy orders will be ready for pickup on **March 22nd** from 6:30 – 7 PM in the Scout room.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Egg Hunt will be held on April 8th after the 10:15 mass. Infants thru teens are invited. Volunteers are needed to fill the eggs and to help at the egg hunt. Donations of plastic eggs are greatly needed plus the goodies filling the eggs such as; individual wrapped candy, prizes, prize baskets, individual snack packs, sport drinks and juice boxes. Drop off donations in bin found in the vestibule of church or for pick-up call Cindy at 267-377-9948.

AnB Education, a non-profit travel exchange agency for international high school students, needs loving host families with an empty bedroom, who are looking to give back and experience another culture inside their very own home. A generous monthly stipend is provided. Call AnB Education 267-263-2481 or email hosting@anbeducation.com. The application is online at www.anbeducation.us.

Bus trip to Museum of the Bible – Sat., April 14th – Cost: \$57/person. Call SPN Catholic Family Life Center at 215-679-2237 for details.



Parish News and Events

MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CEMETERY UPDATE

Weather permitting parish maintenance Winter clean - up of the cemetery will be done the week of March 19th. Anyone wishing to save decorations please remove by March 18th.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary will hold the Annual Acies on Sunday, **March 18th** at 2 PM in Holy Rosary Church, 3rd and Franklin Sts., Reading.

ALL ABOARD! AND THE WINNER IS...

Father Adam picked the winning number # 4356908 for brunch aboard the Colebrookdale Railroad on Saturday, March 24th. Claim your tickets please call the Rectory.

LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Bally Lions Club will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast Sunday, April 8th, from 7 AM to 12 PM at the Bally Fire Company.

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

Confessions Mon Tue Wed 5:30-6:30 PM

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7PM
Adoration 8-10PM
Night Prayer 10PM

Good Friday- Divine Office of Tenebrae 9AM
Confessions 11AM-12Noon
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3PM
Stations of the Cross 7PM

Holy Saturday Blessing of Food Noon-12 PM

Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection 8PM Holy Saturday
Easter Sunday Masses 6AM- 7:30AM- 10:15 AM

News, Ministries & Organizations

WIDOW & WIDOWERS GRIEF SUPPORT

The next "REACH OUT" meeting is Sunday **March 25th** meeting will be at **Most Blessed Sacrament's Schneider Hall at 1 PM**. Grief has a voice. When it is your voice, what you are hearing is the worst grief of all. Come join us. 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**.

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**.

KEYS TO LIFE-EASTER HERE AND NOW

March 23-25 at St. Francis Retreat House in Easton. This weekend retreat will feature talks by **Fr. Kevin Bobbin** and guest speaker, Fr. Bernard Ezaki, along with time for prayer, relaxation and fellowship. The cost is \$215 for the weekend. To register, send registration form to St. Anne Church, 450 E. Washington Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017 by March 12. Checks may be made out to St. Anne Church. For more information, please contact Fidelia at St. Anne Church: **610-867-5039**.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 11, 2018—\$7,586.00
Plus an Additional \$954.00 Online Collections
TOTAL COLLECTED = \$8,540.00

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