

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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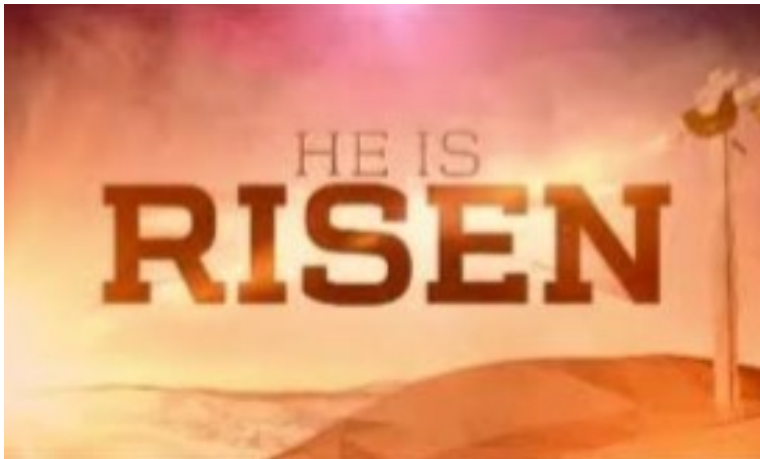
In the summer Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday.

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1 April 2018

**He is Risen!  
Easter  
Sunday  
Alleluia!**

**"They  
have taken  
the Lord  
from the  
tomb and  
we do not  
know  
where they  
have put  
Him"**



**John  
20:  
1-9**

**SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION**

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

**Saturday 3:15-4:00pm.**

### ***ONE SOLITARY LIFE by Dr. James Allen Francis***

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman.  
He grew up in still another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty.  
Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.  
He never wrote a book.  
He never held an office.  
He never had a family or owned a house.  
He didn't go to college.  
He never visited a big city.  
He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born.  
He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials but himself.  
He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him.  
His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies. And went through the mockery of a trial.  
He was nailed to a cross between two thieves.  
While he was dying, His executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on Earth.  
When he was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race, and the leader of mankind's progress.

All the armies that ever marched,  
All the navies that ever sailed,  
All the parliament that ever sat,  
All the kings that ever reigned,  
Put together have not affected the life of man on Earth as much as that

***One solitary life***

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**All Guests and New  
Parishioners  
are  
Most Welcome!  
You can register at  
our parish on line  
at:  
[www.mbsbally.org](http://www.mbsbally.org)**

**Parish Office  
is  
Closed  
And  
will  
Reopen  
on  
Thursday  
April 5th**

# PRA YFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, APRIL 2

6:30 PM—Patrick & Phyllis O’Connell, by Brad & Denise Stull

### TUESDAY, APRIL 3

8:00 AM—Robert Baumer, by Richard & Anita Gerhold

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

8:00 AM—Father John Conte

### FRIDAY, APRIL 6

8:00 AM—Most Blessed Sacrament Memorial Benefactors  
10:45 AM—Stephen Kriebel, by Joan & Bill Kelsch

### SATURDAY, APRIL 7

**NO 8 a.m. Mass Today**  
4:30 PM—Georgina Schmoyer, by The Zambanini Family

### SUNDAY, APRIL 8

6:00 AM—For the Intentions of Joseph Windish

7:30 AM—Sandy Wentzel

10:15 AM—People of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

## READINGS FOR EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 1-2018

Reading 1: ACTS 10: 34A, 37-43

Reading 2: COL 3: 1-4

Gospel: John 20: 1-9

## 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 Apr 02—Pope Emeritus Benedict  
Tue Apr 03—Bishop Alfred Schlert  
Wed Apr 04—Bsh. Emeritus Ed Cullen  
Thur Apr 05—Fr. Eric Gruber  
Fri Apr 06—Fr. Frnacis Grundowski  
Sat Apr 07—Fr. Kevin Gualano  
Sun Apr 08—Fr. Abraham Ha

## 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)

### Mission Trip- Cumberland, MD

We still have 1 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 17<sup>th</sup>-June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

## Altar Servers

### SATURDAY April 7

4:30 PM-Matthew & Gianna Graczyk – Troy Viola

### SUNDAY April 8

6:00 AM-Volunteer

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

10:15 AM-Sarah & Anthony Adamkovic-  
Giovanni Cavaliere

## YOUTH HUMOR OF THE WEEK

The Religious Ed teacher asked her 7th grade class, “What do we learn from the story of Jonah?”

Little Johnnie raised his hand, “Please call on me”, he shouted. No one else had their hand raised so she said, “Yes, Johnnie, what is your answer?”  
(Drum Roll”)

“Better to travel by trains, planes or automobiles”!

*And everyone in the class was smiling!*

## St. Francis Academy

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**April 2** - Snow Make-Up Day

**April 4** - Smile! It's Group Picture Day

**April 6** - School Liturgy 10:45

**Recently** our students and teachers enjoyed a visit from the Reading Symphony Orchestra. The group's Music in the Schools program featured brass and percussion instruments. The event was a mixture of instruction and performance.

### Anniversary News

**April** - Our Hedge Fund concludes on Arbor Day on 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.

**Congratulations** to those who earned honors for the second trimester:

**First Honors:** Gr. 8-Monica Guerin

**Second Honors:** Gr. 8-Marlena Agricoli, Liam Gundersen, Makayla Jones, Autumn Kline, Theresa Patterson, Maureen Ryan, Benjamin Waltenbaugh  
Gr. 7-Giovanni Cavaliere, Helene Freedman, Gianna Graczyk, Shawn O'Boyle

**Honorable Mention** Gr. 8-Dawson Haas-Whalen, Charlotte LaMagna Gr. 7-Alayna Bialek, Avianna Conklin, Peyton Heffner, Olivia Kauffman, Lucas Kienle, Faith Kriebel, Thomas Nguyen.

**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](mailto:mbwilson02@hotmail.com) or call or 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, FULL DAY Kindergarten and Grades 1 through Grade 8**. Any questions, please call school 610-845-7364.

## Fr. Adam's Corner

### Dear Parishioners:

A happy and blessed Easter to you and your loved ones! May the joy of the risen Christ be ever in your hearts.

All the joys and all the gifts God has showered upon us are found in the blessing of Easter. Think about some of these gifts. He has given us a marvelous creation, a universe to explore and discover. Yet without Easter it would, for all its wonder, be something that is only winding down, succumbing to decay. But because of the Easter mystery, it is heading for something greater. Think of the gift of human relationships, friendships. Were it not for Easter, these would be so brief, it would seem futile to even make the effort and attempt to forge these bonds. But because of the Easter mystery, we know that all the efforts of our love will find a home for eternity in a new way of living that does not utterly discard the bonds of friendship made here. Think of your life. What does it mean to you? How little a gift it would be, were it not for the Easter mystery which shows us that this in fact is not all there is. Our lives here are to be but a beginning. Something more is awaiting us, is offered to us in the person of the Son of God, who died for us as an offering of perfect atonement, and who rose in the very same flesh, the very same body, to lead us to that something more. In the Easter mystery all gifts and all blessings receive their fullest meaning and reach their perfection. Easter then is not just a day to be joyful, but a day that adds a lasting joy to every gift that God has given to us. Why is it a mystery?

Because its joy cannot be found apart from faith. If, in faith, we dive into the Easter mystery we find the source of this joy, the Son of the Living God, who bestows life on all who respond to His gentle voice. A voice that itself is already there, often not recognized, in all those gifts that God has given to us. In exploring the Easter mystery, we realize that at every step of the way in our lives, He was there, in every gift, in every challenge and in every cross. All good things have come from Him, and all good things lead to Him. For everything and everyone finds true fulfillment only in Him. He stands at the center all time and of all history, and permeates all time and all history.

His purpose is to bestow life, but not any kind of life, a life all aglow with the glory of the Love that is God. In the Easter mystery we find all creation is saved by Him and all creation will be glorified in Him, through the infinite power that is His life and His love. This He shares with us, to give us the joy that is His.

Peace and Happy Easter!  
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.

### ***EASTER EGG HUNT***

The Annual Egg Hunt will be held on **April 8<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:hosting@anbeducation.com). The application is online at [www.anbeducation.us](http://www.anbeducation.us).

### ***LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST***

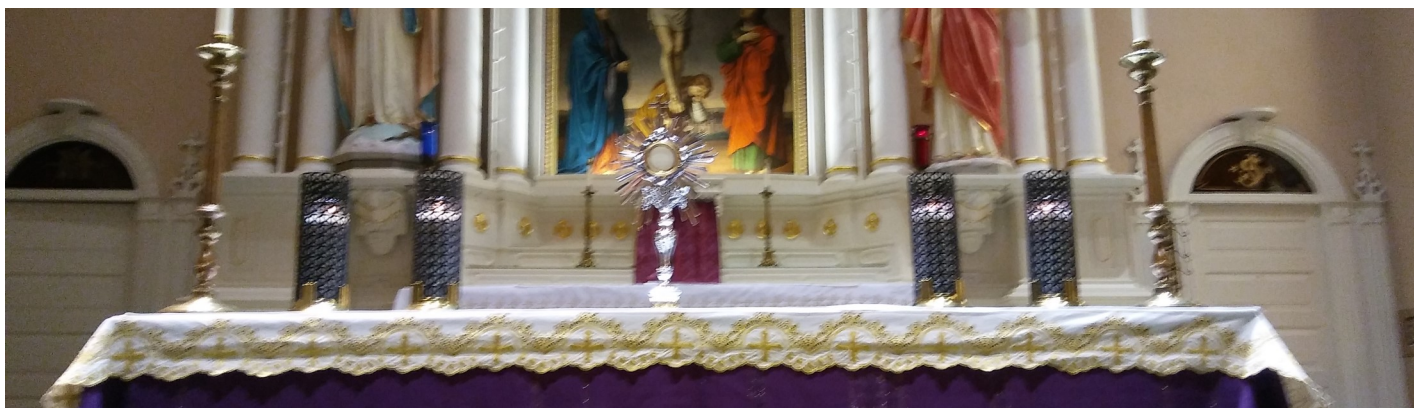
Bally Lions Club will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast Sunday, **April 8<sup>th</sup>**, from 7 AM to 12 PM at the Bally Fire Company.

### ***FISH FRY THANKS***

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who made this years Fish Fry a success and a lot of fun! Special thanks to Mark Moll and Sue Nitroy for making and donating the Manhattan and vegetable soups. Stop into the Mainstreet Pub for more of Mark's cuisine! Also to all the awesome bakers whose contributions were a sweet success. And thank you to all the people who patronized and otherwise supported our efforts!!!

### ***BERK CAREER EXPO***

Quit your Job. Live your Vocation. Did you ever consider working in our Catholic schools? The Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Allentown employ nearly 1,000 teachers in 42 schools of the five-counties we serve. In addition to a need for full-time, part-time, and substitute teachers, we also hire marketing, fundraising, and admissions professionals, administrative assistants, nurses and nurse assistants, and more! Come to the Regional Career Expo at Berks Catholic High School (955 E. Wyomissing Blvd, Reading, PA 19611) on Sunday, **April 8<sup>th</sup>** from 1:30-3pm to meet with schools and parishes that are hiring! For more information, contact Dr. Kim Fetter, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel at [kfetter@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:kfetter@allentowndiocese.org).



## *Parish News and Events*

### ***LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST***

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### ***RCIA CANDIDATES***

Please continue to pray for Anna Blankenbiller and William Wood who were received into full communion with the Church during the Easter Vigil.

### ***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, but will be removed when unsightly or within reasonable discretion of Cemetery Authorities.

### ***PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:***

Mary Kehs — that she may rest in the eternal peace and love of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

### ***BINGO***

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

***PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA:*** The Legion of Mary Sign-up Sheet for April 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.

### ***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” meeting is on **April 8th** at St Columbkil’s Conference RM at 1 PM. Easter speaks to the new spring. For those that have lost a loved one, the Easter message is to trust in our faith and to trust in others. The support of those who understand cannot be overestimated. We ask all to pray for the families who have lost a loved-one as they adapt to life after loss. For more information , please call Dn. Mike Boyle at **484-336-9849**.

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

***Diocesan Marriage Conference Together in Holiness.*** . Register now for the Diocesan Marriage Conference on Saturday **April 14, 2018**. The conference will be held at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Sinking Spring. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alfred Schlert. **Child care is available. Visit the website [www.togetherinholiness.org](http://www.togetherinholiness.org)** to learn more. For any questions call **610-289-8900 ext. 2028**.

### ***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 **[jrd-koc16745@comcast.net](mailto:jrd-koc16745@comcast.net)** or call **610-864-1163**.

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