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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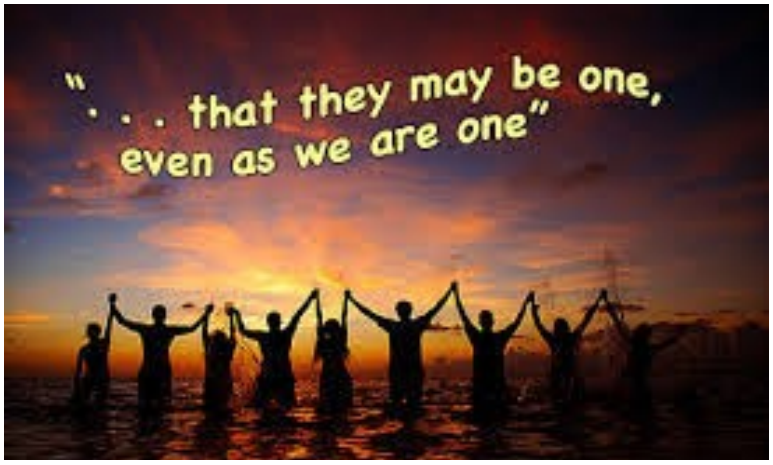
13 May 2018

7th Sunday Of Easter

"I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world…"



John 17: 11-19

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Saturday 3:15-4:00pm.

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

Dear Father, we approach your throne on behalf of the mothers whom you have entrusted with the care of your most precious little ones. We thank you for creating each mom with a unique combination of gifts and talents. We thank you for the sacrifice of self each mom gives for her children. For the late nights spent rocking a colicky infant. For the hands calloused from washing, wiping, scrubbing, mixing, backing, stirring, hugging, patting, disciplining, holding, writing, erasing, painting, and pouring.

We pray you give each mom strength. Help her to see in every mundane task the eternal, cosmic significance that you place on motherhood. Help her to understand that the most radical, world-changing events may be happening anonymously in her home. Help her to forgive those who undermine her significance.

We especially pray for single moms, who must lean solely on you for the fathering of their children. We thank you that you're big arms surround children who may never know their earthly father. We also pray for mothers and all women who never had the honor of bearing children, but whose nurturing extends to the many poor and needy who cross the threshold of their lives.
Amen.

POPPY'S FOR VETS

The War Vets of Emmaus will be selling Poppy's before all Masses the weekend of May 19th & 20th.

PRAYFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 14
6:30 PM—Celebrating the Lord's Comfort and Healing Love.

TUESDAY, MAY 15
8:00 AM—Darlene Fair, by Janet Harris

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16
8:00 AM-William Cuggy, by Matt, Mary & Eileen Coughlin

FRIDAY, MAY 18
8:00 AM-Helen Soffa, by Grant & Mary Ann Reinert
10:45 AM-John J. Barno, by The Zawidski Family

SATURDAY, MAY 19
8:00 AM—NO MASS
4:30 PM-Donald & Cassie Gehringer, by Ron, Patty & Kids

SUNDAY, MAY 20
6:00AM-People of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

7:30AM-Patricia Ray, by Carl & Eleanor Anselmo

10:15 AM-Madison O'Connor, by Beth Swerdloff

READING FOR MAY 13, 2018
Reading 1: ACTS 1:15-17, 20A, 20C-26
Reading 2: 1 JOHN 4: 11-16
Gospel: JOHN 17: 11-19

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	May 14—Fr. Dr. John Krivak
Tue	May 15—Deceased Priests
Wed	May 16—Fr. Thomas Kuller
Thur	May 17—Fr. Joseph Kweder
Fri	May 18—Fr. Patrick Lamb
Sat	May 19—Fr. Brendon Laroche
Sun	May 20—Religious Priests

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,
MAJ 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)

Steubenville Update
There is ONE spot open for our Steubenville trip in July. The dates are **July 13th to July 15th**. The cost is $240.00. This includes transportation on a charter bus, food for the entire weekend, a t-shirt and an experience you will never forget.
Heather Shainline is our Director of our vibrant Youth Group. She can be reached at: youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org

GRADES PRE SCHOOL THRU 5TH GRADE
CCD TEACHER NEEDED
A 5th Grade CCD Teacher is needed for the 2018-2019 School year. Please call Deacon Murphy at **610-845-7364.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL @ ST. COLUMBKILL
Pre-K thru 5th grade
VBS is June 25-29, 2018 Registration is due by June 1-2018.
To Register on our parish website go to:
https://stcolumbkill.org/vbs-online-registration
More info: Megan Repko: meganrepko@stcolumbkill.org

Altar Servers

SATURDAY MAY 19
4:30 PM—Mackenzie & Zach Moser

SUNDAY MAY 20
6:00 AM—Volunteer
7:30 AM—Shane Clark – Liam Cunningham -Volunteer
10:15 AM—Kayleen La Salle – Marlena Agricoli – Volunteer

Welcome Bishop Schlert!
Mass Celebrating the Lord's Comfort and Healing
Monday, May 14th 6:30 PM
Philip & Thomas Heid Matthew & Gianna Graczyk
Paul & Andrew Dalickas Maureen & Kelly Ryan

YOUTH HUMOR OF THE WEEK

A father was sitting next to his son at Mass when the priest delivered the sermon on the Prodigal Son. When he got to the point where the father sees his son returning and races out to meet him, the priest said, "Throwing wide his arms, the father said…"at which point the young boy leaned over to his dad and whispered
"YOU'RE GROUNDED FOR A MONTH!"
And Dad began to chuckle!

St. Francis Academy

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http://
www.sfabally.org/

May 13 - Happy Mother's Day!
May 14-19 - Penny Wars. Grades K-8 will be collecting pennies for Catie's Wish.
May 14 -Dress Down Day & SFA students will walk for the cause.
May 16 -Pre-K and Kindergarten are headed to the Crayola Experience in Easton.
- Art Show in the school cafeteria 7:00-8:00
May 19 - Annual CYO Track Meet Grades K through 5.

Anniversary News Update
May 20 - Our day to honor the Sisters of St. Francis and their service to our school. We'll begin with the 10:15 Mass and follow with a light reception in Fr. Schneider Hall.
June 2 - After the 4:30 Mass, there will be an "Alumni Recess" in the SFA auditorium and school yard. Get ready for kickball, four square, jump roping, etc. ALL school families are invited, alumni and present school families. Fun and fellowship!
Congratulations to Mr. Fred Carr who won the Sea Glass Art. Thanks to all participants.
Second Grade would like to give a shout out to Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Gilbert for our First Communion music. Thank you!

Reminder-Registration and re-registration for the 2018-19 school year is taking place NOW!
PK 4-yr-old program
FULL DAY Kindergarten
Grades 1-8
Any questions, please call the school **610-845-7364**.

St. Francis Academy Financial Aid - St. Francis is proud to be one of the top schools in the Diocese that is blessed to grant over $30,000! See our SFA website: www.sfabally.org. Scroll down & see the heading "Tuition & Financial Aid". Click on the link below this heading. After signing in, follow the directions for FACTS Grant & Aid. Call the school if you need help applying for financial aid. Also available is the SFA Grant for K-8.
The application can be downloaded from our website by going to the home page. Scroll down to "Announcements. Click on "read more". Send or bring in this application to school.
Please call the school office if you have family hardship and require assistance 610-845-7364.

Fr. Adam's Corner

Dear Parishioners:
Next Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost. More than a simple remembrance of what happened on the first Pentecost in the Church, our annual celebration of this day is an opportunity for us to experience a genuine renewal of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in ourselves and upon the whole Church. What do mean when we say this? The dictionary app on my computer offers these three examples of a renewal: 1. an instance of resuming an activity or state after an interruption: *a renewal of hostilities*. 2. the replacing or repair of something that is worn out, run-down, or broken: *the need for urban renewal*. and 3. (among charismatic Christians) the state or process of being made spiritually new in the Holy Spirit. Actually, I think all three of these can help us understand the renewal that can happen as we celebrate Pentecost.

So, a renewal can be the resuming of an activity after a time of interruption. How often we can set aside our spiritual practices because some other care or concern seems to get in the way. As we prepare for Pentecost we can take a look at our spiritual life, our spiritual practices. Perhaps we began something during Lent that we would have liked to continue but have already set that aside. Now is the time to ask the Holy Spirit for the grace to resume that spiritual activity and make it a consistent practice once again. A renewal can also be the repair of something worn out or run-down. At times we can all feel this way. It is part of our fallen human nature that our zeal wanes as time goes by and we can let our feelings lead us instead of leading them. As we prepare for Pentecost we can ask the Holy Spirit to recharge us, reenergize us, in our zeal for the Faith. True and lasting zeal comes not from our feelings, but rather from the Holy Spirit. The third dictionary example is very interesting. I was pleasantly surprised to see it there; however, all Christians are supposed to be charismatic, not in necessarily belonging to the movement by the same name, but insofar as all of us need to rely on the seven-fold gift of the Holy Spirit to live the Christian life and that the gifts we need to fulfill our vocation and mission in the Church come also from the Holy Spirit. These gifts come from the Holy Spirit and we need to be made "new" in these gifts. When something is new, there is a freshness about it, like the new fallen snow or that just baked loaf of bread. We are often excited about something we have that is new, we can't wait to try it out. Well, that's how our faith needs to be, for the more we come to know God the more we find He is ever "new" to us, in the best possible ways. It is the Holy Spirit who brings and keeps that "freshness" and "excitement" about our faith. So, in these days leading up to Pentecost, pray for the Holy Spirit to renew you, and the whole Church.

Pray especially to our Blessed Mother. From the moment of her conception, Mary was filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit and The Lord has chosen her to be the intercessor who always brings the Holy Spirit to us, her spiritual children.
Peace!
Fr. Adam

UPCOMING News, Events and Ministry Information

STEWARDSHIP
April 29 Collection
$6,543 + $1,052 (Parish Giving)= $7,595
May 6 Collection
$8,388 + $1,469 (Parish Giving)= $9,857

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!

USED TABLES
SFA has 25 used tables up for grab. The tables measure 30" x 96". Call the Rectory 610-845-2460 if interested.

Healing Mass at MBS
On Monday, May 14th at 6:30 PM there will be a Mass Celebrating the Lord's Comfort and Healing Love. All are invited to join The Most Reverend Alfred Schlert as celebrant and homilist. Following Mass there will be a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for confession. The evening will conclude with Benediction at 8:30 PM.

THE BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL
Please keep the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal in your prayers and thoughts. Your gift will mean so much to so many throughout our Diocese and here in our own faith community. **All payments should be made out to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.**

FOOD DRIVE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council #16745 Food Drive benefiting Boyertown Area Multi Service has begun. Final collection is the weekend of **May 27th**. Food Drive Contact Kevin C. Millet Sr. @ 484-942-7443.

BINGO Crew #1
Caller: Tessie Luft
Kitchen: Beverly Smith, Diane Gehman
Floor & Seller: Les Luft - Pam Youse
Bakers: Joan Kelsch, Norma Pekarik, Rita Heintz, Annette Moyer.

SFA NIGHT AT RITA'S IN BOYERTOWN
On Thursday, **May 24** from 6-9 pm come and enjoy Rita's and a percent of all purchases go to the school! On sale next weekend after mass, Rita's Discount Cards. Each card is $5 and entitles you to 10% off all summer! Thank you for your support.

FOR TRAVELERS
For nationwide Mass times and locations logon to:
www.Masstimes.org

Parish News and Events

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

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.

LEGION OF MARY NEWS
The active and auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary from Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, with the assistance of Bally Mennonite Church will present the Rosary for Peace in our Communities, starting at 6 PM, on May 13th. Everyone will meet at Mennonite Church. For additional information call Deacon Mike at 484-336-9849.

LOVES ONES IN THE MILITARY
A local group would like to send care packages to our Loved Ones Serving in the Military. Please call Cindy during Rectory business hours Monday – Thursday 9 AM to 2 PM or email at: mbs.car@comcast.net

CORPUS CHRISTI JUNE 3-2018
Our parish feast day, we will have a Corpus Christi Procession after the 10:15 Mass, and as this is the 275th anniversary of the school, we will process to the school, stopping at the "Old School" building, in front of the "New School" and finally having benediction there in the auditorium.

News, Ministries & Organizations

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS GRIEF SUPPORT
The next "REACH OUT" meeting is Sunday, **May 13th** at St Columbkill's Conference RM at 1 PM. The following meeting will be on **May 27th** at Most Blessed Sacrament's Schneider Hall at 1 PM. Some will find that the change of seasons is particularly stressful. Come join us to reduce that stress in many ways. For those that have lost a loved one, the thought of a New Season is challenging where they are at that time. 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.

CEMETERY CLEANUP
The cemetery crew will be discarding any unsightly neglected decorations from seasons past in preparation of Memorial Day. Anyone who wishes to save their decorations please remove them by **May 20th**.

BLOOD DRIVE
Our next blood drive is Thursday, **May 17th**, at Bally Mennonite Church from 2:30 – 7:30 PM. Contact Tammi Eccleston for an appointment. 215-679-9198 home, 610-282-1100 x 1287 work, the2@desales.edu Walk-ins always welcome.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
Paul Gehris, who died recently that he may rest in the eternal peace and love of Christ.

LOST AND FOUND
If you forgot or misplaced something at mass, check the windowsill in the back of church.

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
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Preschool Teacher—Maria Crail
Director of Religious Edu - Deacon Murphy
RCIA Coordinator—Deacon Murphy

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Youth Choir—Fred Carr
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