

MARCH 3, 2019 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

610 Pine Street, Bally, PA

Phone: 610-845-2460

Website: www.mbsbally.org

Weekend Mass

Schedule:

Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM.

Sunday: 6:00, 7:30, & 10:15 AM .

Mass Schedule for week of March 4:

Monday, 6:30PM.

Tuesday, 9 AM.

Wednesday, 6:30AM – 9AM—7PM.

Friday, Saturday, 8:00 AM.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday, 10 AM —6:30 PM.

Followed by Benediction.

Rectory Hours:

Monday-Friday 9 AM to Noon,

Noon to 1 PM closed, reopens at 1 PM.

Closing for the day at 4 PM.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Wendy S Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC

Direct Line 800-791-9209

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:

Sr. Meg Cole, SSJ,MS.LMFT,

610-332-0442, ext. 2019

mcole@allentowndiocese.org



PARISH STAFF

Administrator: Father Kevin Gualano

Deacon: Mike Boyle

Administrative Assistant : Cindy Repko

Financial Manager : Sue Nitroy

St. Francis Academy Principal: Mr. Philip Repko

Catholic Ed. Advancement Dir.: Carolyn Graczyk

Webpage: Nicole Zawidski

Pre-K Teacher: Maria Crail

RCIA Coordinator: Marty O'Connor

Youth Ministry: Heather Shainline

youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org

Adult Choir: Rob Zambanini



Weekly Collection

February 24, Sunday Collection was \$7,195.00.
Parish Giving was \$923.97.
Catholic Relief was \$1,151.94.
Thank you for your continued support.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

4:30 PM

Altar Server: Thomas Nguyen – Breton Poster –
Zach Moser

Lector: Dan Kriebel

EM: Carol & Mike Kriebel – Jeff Graczyk

Usher: Allan Fronheiser – John Hartman –
John Kreuz

6 AM:

Altar Server: Volunteer

Lector: John Carver

EM: Volunteer

Usher: The Gehringer Family

7:30 AM

Altar Server: Volunteers – Shane Clark

Lector: Lisa Romero

EM: Mary Ann Sobjak – Kim Moyer

Usher: Buddy Sobjak – Daniel Wolfe

10:15 AM

Altar Server: Kayleen La Salle – Lucas Kienle –
Erin Smola

Lector: Bob Pekarik

EM: Stan Smola – Thomas Jacobs –
Volunteer

Ushers: Mike Bauman – Eric Kucharek

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

For the First Time between Alysha Rose Gieringer
Dillon Matthew Jauch.

TO SCHEDULE A MASS stop by the rectory
between the hours of 9 AM and Noon. Monday –
Thursday.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Eucharistic Ministers and Extra Ushers are needed at
all masses. To volunteer please leave a message for
Cindy at the rectory.

INCLEMENT WEATHER UPDATE

In the event of delays and closings at St. Francis
Academy, the rectory will also be closed. All Parish
meetings and Adoration will also be canceled. Stay
home and be safe!

MONDAY, MARCH 4

6:30 PM For the Intentions of the Sedor
Family, by Mike & Sue Nitroy

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

9:00 AM Herman Shuhler, by Irvin & Rena
Henry

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30 AM Donald Gehringer, Sr., by the Estate

9:00 AM Special Intention

7:00 PM Charles & Mary Louise Bauer, by
Perry, Jay, Anita & families

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

8:00 AM Pedro Medrano-Canipa, by Connie
Clarke

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

8:00 AM For the Health of Deacon Johannes
Hellenbrand, by the Chovanes family

4:30 PM Edward D. Dougherty, by John
Hartman

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

6:00 AM Steve Soffa, by Grant & Mary Ann
Reinert

7:30 AM The Bussell Family, by Paul & Celie

10:15 AM People of Most Blessed Sacrament
Parish

Remembering our Loved Ones in the Military

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, 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 Milton, SSgt.

Michael Viola, Staff SGT J.T. Walters, MSTR SGT Jason

Robbins, 2nd LT Konrad Thaler, Midshipman Piper

Thaler, David Stavish, Capt, USN, Joseph Stavish, Cdr,

USN, SGT James O' Connor, Markus De Larantus, Navy,

LCpl USMC Emily Gehringer, ENS Alex Viola, and Staff

SGT Megan Crews, Airman First Class Elizabeth Powell,

Airman 1st Class Zachary Powell and EO Strain, Blake,

Engineer Detachment.

If a member of your family or a friend is currently serving
in the armed services, please let us know 610-845-2460.

We would like to especially pray for them and you during
these difficult times.

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2019



- ✓ Ash Wednesday, March 6th
Ashes will be distributed at the
6:30AM, 9AM & 7PM Masses.
- ✓ Every Tuesday, 10AM - 6:30PM Eucharistic
Adoration.
- ✓ Stations of the Cross Friday evenings at 7:00PM.

BIBLE STUDY

We meet each Monday night at 7PM. Drop in anytime, you are welcome! For more information contact Margaret @ margaretc@mbsbally.org or 610-248-2171.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Attention all church and school volunteers!

The Diocese of Allentown has updated their Code of Conduct. All volunteers must read the new Code of Conduct and sign the acknowledgment form. The Code of Conduct can either be read on the Diocese website at:

<https://www.allentowndiocese.org/youth-protection/diocesan-code-of-conduct> or copies will be available in the back of Church.

Acknowledgment forms will be available in the back of church or in the school office. Please return the acknowledgment forms to Mrs. Stull at SFA, the rectory, or the box at Church. Thank you for your help in completing this new Safe Environment requirement.

GUEST WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

Please consider becoming a participant in the "Guest Who's Coming to Dinner" family.

Our "kick-off" dinner this year will be held on March 23rd. @ Father Schneider Hall following the 4:30 PM Mass. For more information please contact Denise Arnold 630-217-0591.

dmgarnold@gmail.com, or Diane Anderson 610-966-4706 ora8147nge@rcn.com.

LEGION OF MARY

Meetings at Fr. Schneider Hall on Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM. (Second Tuesday meeting of the month will be in the Museum). Guests are welcome!

ROSARY GUILD

Meets in Fr. Schneider Hall on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 AM. Learn how to make Rosaries for the missions and at the same time make new friends.

FISH FRY NEWS

See you at the Fish Fry March 8th!!! 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.

We need help prepping on Thursday's, serving on Friday's and clean up on Saturday's of each fish fry. Looking for drivers and bakers! To volunteer call Margaret @ 610-248-2171 or

margaretc@mbally.org.

Mark your calendars. Other dates are March 22nd, April 5th, and 12th.

KENNEDY HOUSE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

For half a century, Kennedy House, located at 530 Spruce Street in Reading, has been serving the poor of the city. A special recognition to mark this occasion will be part of the 4:00PM Mass on Saturday, March 16th in St. Peter the Apostle Church, Reading after which a reception will be held in the church's Marciano Hall. The next day, Sunday, March 17th there will be an Open House in Kennedy House from 2:00-5:00PM. All are welcome but a special invitation is extended to volunteers and supporters past and present.

LEGION OF MARY NEWS

Ouch! Illness and injuries have removed half of our Active Members from ministry. To meet our obligations at Chestnut Knoll on Thursdays, Sanatoga Court on Saturdays, and Pennsburg Manor on Mondays, we need volunteers for two hours each day to function as a second Active Member (probationary). Ideally, we are looking for three new Active Members. The Blessed Mother points us to her Son and says, "Listen to Him!" Please open your hearts and join us in prayer on Tuesday evenings at 7PM in Fr Schneider Hall. Join Our Lady's Army.

CEMETERY UPDATE

Weather permitting Winter clean - up of the cemetery will take place the week of March 18th. **Anyone wishing to save decorations please remove them by March 17th, or parish maintenance will discard.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Most Blessed Sacrament Council # 16745 regular Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in Father Schneider Hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BEEF-N-BEER

When: Saturday, March 30th.

Where: St. Francis Academy Cafeteria.

Price: \$25 per person or \$45 a couple.

Tickets: 484-942-7443 or Kmillett6@comcast.net.

The Knights of Columbus will hold a new diaper drive for Mary's Shelter throughout Lent. Please place any donations in the green Mary's Shelter box in our vestibule at church. Our parish and school combined to donate 1500 diapers in November.

A "Warm" thank you to everyone who has donated winter coats, hats and gloves to Mary's Shelter in Reading. Since December, our parish and school, Saint Francis Academy, has combined to donate over 60 coats. Wonderful kindness and generosity.

A tremendous thank you to our Soup Kitchen team for fabulous work at the Kennedy House in Reading. The Soup Kitchen has four facets, which are: donations, cooking and two days at the Kennedy House. The response for all four facets was overwhelming as we served 345 meals to those who are less fortunate. The next Soup Kitchen weekend will be November 16th & 17th.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Our weekly bulletin is created, edited, and produced in-house and then sent to John Patrick Publishing. All articles for the bulletin need to be submitted to Cindy by 10:00 AM on the Monday before the Sunday (6 days prior) that you want the article to be published.

PRAYER SHAWL

The group meets the First Friday of each month during the school year, at 1PM in Father Schneider Hall. For more information call Sharon at 610-702-2651.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

An early beginning for the Process of Marriage Preparation is encouraged for couples who are discussing wedding plans. Contact the parish no later than 6 months in advance.

NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR A SMALL LENTEN FAITH SHARING GROUP!

Instead of giving up chocolate or coffee or.... consider joining a **small parish faith sharing group** for six weeks during Lent. For more information email Margaret @ margaretc@mbsbally.com or call Margaret Chovanes at 610-248-2171.

WHAT IS HEALING OUR CHURCH?

Bishop Schlert is introducing a program to encourage prayerful reflection and conversation about the clergy sexual abuse crisis. Healing Our Church will run for six weeks throughout the Lenten season at St. Ann's in Emmaus. Please call Dave Kirby at 610-965-2509 or Mary Helen Markowitz at 610-481-9789 to register, or if you have questions. You may also register online at www.allentowndiocese.org/HealingOurChurch.

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS GRIEF SUPPORT

The next "REACH OUT" meeting is Sunday March 10th at Most Blessed Sacrament's Schneider Hall at 1 PM. The March 24th meeting will be at St Columbkil's Conference RM at 1 PM. Grief has a voice. When it is your voice, what you are hearing is the worst grief of all. We ask all to pray for the families who have lost a loved-one as they adapt to life after loss. 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.

TUESDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

If you would like to be part of this wonderful ministry, or have questions, please contact Ed at short@mbsbally.org or Margaret @ margaretc@mbsbally.org or 610-248-2171.

FLU SEASON



If you are ill with the flu or a serious cold, it is encouraged that you stay home and rest. We will pray for you and look forward to your return to mass when you are well. You are not obligated to attend mass when you are ill. The Diocese of Allentown has asked that all parishes stop the physical extending of the Sign of Peace at all masses during the Flu season.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE AREA?

Please call the rectory 610-845-2460 to schedule an appointment to register and find out more information about MBS.

If you are moving out of the parish or if your address and phone number has changed **PLEASE** notify the rectory.

PARISH GIVING

Most Blessed Sacrament has enlisted Parish Giving to provide its members with the opportunity to use Electronic Funds Transfer as an alternative method for giving. **Register on-line at www.ParishGiving.org.**

If you have any questions, please call Parish Giving at 1-866-307-7140.

FLOCKNOTE. If you would like to be notified by *TEXT* or *EMAIL* of important parish news, Holy Day reminders, important messages from our pastor, special events being held at MBS, school closings, etc., then this is for you. Go to our webpage at: www.mbsbally.org to sign-up.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone, who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. Victim Assistance Coordinator Direct Telephone Number (800) 791-9209. To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org, and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

Sacramental Life

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession.

Monday 6:00 to 6:20 PM.

Saturday 3:15 - 4 PM.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact the rectory at 610-845-2460.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance. All Couples must participate in the Marriage Prep Program.

Anointing of the Sick & Last Rites: If you or a loved one have serious illness or are preparing for surgery, please call the parish office to have Fr. Kevin celebrate the Anointing of the Sick or if someone is near death you may ask for Last Rites.

ST. FRANCIS ACADEMY

Mr. Philip Repko, Principal

Phone: (610) 845-7364

Website: www.sfabally.org.



March 6th - Ash Wednesday Liturgy 9:00AM.

Registration is on-going for the 2019-2020 school year, PK 4 through Grade 8. Registration forms are available at the school or on the school website. Call the school for a tour or more information.

Designer Bag Bingo TODAY, Sunday, March 3 in the school cafeteria. Cost \$25. Doors open at 11:30 and bingo starts at 1pm. Tickets available at the door.

SFA students raised \$1882 for the American Heart Association's Kid Challenge. Students collected donations throughout the month of February and participated in heart pumping activities during their PE class. Thank you to everyone who made a donation.

Plastic Cash Sales through school are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Plastic Cash is available after all Sunday Masses. Thank you for supporting our biggest fundraiser.

Amazon Shoppers Your purchase can benefit our parish school. Your first visit to smile.amazon.com will prompt you to choose a charitable organization. Search the dropdown for St. Francis Academy, Bally. 5% of your purchases will be donated to St. Francis Academy.

Keep saving those Box Tops and Redner's tapes. When sending in the Redners cash register tapes, please send in the entire tape.

Redners will not accept tapes with any portion cut off. *Thank you.* The proceeds help with Home & School projects.

Catholic School Scholarship Program

Did you know that you can re-direct 90% of your state taxes to need-based scholarships for students in any of our Diocesan Schools instead of sending your money to Harrisburg? For more information call Carolyn Graczyk at 610-845-2460.

