MARCH 24, 2019 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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 25

Monday, 6:30PM.

Tuesday, 9 AM.

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 8:00 AM.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday, 10 AM —6:30 PM.

Followed by Benediction.

Stations of the Cross

Friday at 7PM.

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

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St. Francis Academy Principal: Mr. Philip Repko

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Webpage: Nicole Zawidski

Pre-K Teacher: Maria Crail

RCIA Coordinator: Marty O'Connor

Youth Ministry: Heather Shainline

youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org

Adult Choir: Rob Zambanini

MONDAY, MARCH 25
6:30 PM Warren & Anna Benfield, by their Family
TUESDAY, MARCH 26
9:00 AM For the Health of John Coble, by SFA Staff & Students
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27
8:00 AM Suzan Constantine, by Mark & Beverly Smith
FRIDAY, MARCH 29
8:00 AM Mary Lou Stufflet, by The Strunk Family
SATURDAY, MARCH 30
8:00 AM Herman Shuhler, by George & Joseph Chipakitis
4:30 PM Anna Ashworth, by Sharon & Dale Boyer
SUNDAY, MARCH 13
6:00 AM Burton Smith, by his Family
7:30 AM Lawrence & Marie Fronheiser, by the Edward Fronheiser Family
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.

March 10, Sunday Collection was $ 6,821.00
Parish Giving was $685.19
Thank you for your continued support.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30
4:30 PM
Altar Server: Thomas Nguyen-Olivia Campbell-Breton Paoter
Lector: Dan Kriebel
EM: Mike & Carol Kriebel-Char McHugh
Usher: Allan Fronheiser – John Hartman – John Kreuz

SUNDAY, MARCH 31
6 AM:
Altar Server: Volunteer
Lector: Henry Buehner
EM: Volunteer
Usher: The Gehringer Family

7:30 AM
Altar Server: Robert Houk-Shane Clark-Joshua Spaar
Lector: Joe Shorrp
EM: Bob Houk-Mary Ann Sobjak-Kim Moyer
Usher: Buddy Sobjak-Daniel Wolfe

10:15 AM
Altar Server: Erin Smola-Gio Cavaliere-Marlena Agricoli
Lector: Bob Pekarik
EM: Stan Smola-Matthew Brile-Volunteer
Ushers: Mike Bauman – Eric Kucharek

BANNS OF MARRIAGE
For the Third Time between Amy Schoellkopf and Joshua O'Brien.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
Mary Lou Stufflet and Elizabeth Saladino, who died recently, that they may rest in the eternal peace and love of Christ.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BEEF N BEER

When: Saturday, March 30th. 7PM-11PM.
Where: St. Francis Academy Cafeteria.
Price: $25 per person or $45 a couple.
Tickets: 484-942-7443 or Kmillet6@comcast.net.

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.

EASTER SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE:
Thursday, April 11th at 8AM.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Egg Hunt will be held on April 28th 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.

PRAYER SHAWLS

The MBS Prayer Shawl Ministry is continuing to grow with the addition of **lap robes in patriotic colors** for veterans at the Coatesville facility. Donations of red, white and blue yarn would be most appreciated. They can be placed in the box in the back of church marked "Prayer Shawl Ministry ."

We are continuing to make **prayer shawls** and have a supply available. Please contact Sharon at 610-702-2651 if you or someone you know can benefit from the prayers, comfort, compassion and solace they offer. **Thank you** to all those who have helped us in the past. We appreciate your kindness and generosity.

FISH FRY

Thanks again fish fry volunteers, bakers and patrons! We appreciate your support. Remember no fish fry this week. The next Fish Fry is April 5th please contact Margaret @ 610-248-2171 or margaretc@mbally.org.

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2019

- ✓ Every Tuesday, 10AM - 6:30PM Eucharistic Adoration.
- ✓ Stations of the Cross, Friday evenings at 7:00PM.

LENTEN SCHEDULE AT ST. COLUMBKILL'S

Daily Mass Monday - Friday at 9 AM. And Wednesday evenings at 7 PM and Thursday mornings at 6:30 AM.

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.

TROOP 586 FUNDRAISER

Extra order forms for the Easter candy and flower sale can be found on the table in back of Church.

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.

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.

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.

LEGION OF MARY

Meetings are held every Tuesday, evening at 7:00 PM in Father Schneider Hall.

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.

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.

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.

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS GRIEF SUPPORT
The next "**REACH OUT"** meeting is March 24th at St. Columbkill's Conference RM at 1 PM. Grief has a voice. 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.

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.

SFA 275th ANNIVERSARY BOOKS
Those wishing to purchase a book can do so for $25. Checks only. Make checks payable to "Most Blessed Sacrament Parish."

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.

Congratulations to those students who received awards for their Religion Epos projects: Gr.8 Christianna Fraschilla 1st, Avianna Conklin 2nd, Thomas Nguyen 3rd.
Gr. 7 Caiden McGill 1st, Valeria Guerin 2nd, Kelly Ryan 3rd.
Gr. 6 Jason Krum 1st, Colleen Burr 2nd, Yana Alderfer 3rd.
Gr. 5 Sarah Bertino & Michael Whetstone 1st, Jack Schreiber 2nd, Katherine James 3rd.

Grade 4 students have each created their own websites for their PA social studies research projects.

Our 5th Grade teacher has been nominated for "giving joy". It is a nationwide contest, nclgivingjoy.com., with a cruise as a prize. Please see the MBS and SFA website for information, AND VOTE!

To celebrate Pi Day, Mr. Kramer, SFA's 7th Grade teacher was "pi"ed in the face last week by the 5th, 6th, 7th , and 8th grade student who memorized the most digits in the number PI.

Thank you for support for designer bag bingo! It was a big success raising over $6000. The Home and School Association is very grateful for everyone's support!

Registration is on-going for the 2019-2020 school year, Pre-K 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.

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.

Kindergarten – Why St. Francis Academy?
Your child's first years of school are crucial to forming a positive attitude towards learning. At St. Francis,
the full day program takes place in a loving and nurturing environment. There is no greater gift to give your child than a strong foundation of daily prayer and morals. Our teacher, Mrs. Jackie Youse, is degreed and certified. Mrs. Kathleen DiPietro is the full time classroom aide. Did you know your parish school has the highest standardized test scores in the Diocese? What about tuition? There are numerous grants available to offset the cost. Visiting our website (www.sfabally.org) is fine to gather information but there is nothing better than visiting our school for a personal tour. You can see for yourself the care and "family" atmosphere of each classroom and activity.

SFA Pre-K Meeting Today's Challenges & Affordable, Too! Enroll now.
The Pre-Kindergarten 4-year-old Program, at St. Francis Academy, gives parents the opportunity to choose three options for their child's first formal learning experience.

1. A traditional three-day program from 8:30 to 12:00.
2. An expanded five-day program from 8:30 to 12:00.
3. A full day program from 8:30-3:30, 3 days or 5 days a week.

The mornings are designed for academic structures. The afternoon sessions include academic structures and extended activities. Our teacher is Mrs. Maria Crail. She is a degreed and certified teacher. Mrs. Crail is joined by Mrs. Renee Heydt as her experienced aide. Please call the school office
610-845-7364 for inquires and registration forms or download a form from www.sfabally.org.

YOUTH GROUP
Holy Week Mission 2019
More information for the 3rd annual Holy Week Mission will be out shortly. This year's theme is "*Reckless*" and the dates are April 17th-April 20th. Please login to youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org. to sign up!