

## **NOVEMBER 17, 2019 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH**

**610 Pine Street, Bally, PA**

**Phone: 610-845-2460**

**Website: [www.mbsbally.org](http://www.mbsbally.org)**

#### **Weekend Mass Schedule:**

**Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM.**

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



#### **Mass Schedule for Week of November 11**

**Monday 6:30 PM AM.**

**Tuesday, 9:00 AM.**

**Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 8:00 AM.**

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

**Tuesday, 10:00 AM —6:00PM.**

**Followed by Benediction.**

#### **Rosary**

**Thursday evening at 7 PM.**

#### **Rectory Hours:**

**Monday-Friday 9 AM to Noon,**

**Noon to 1 PM closed, reopens at 1 PM.**

**Closing for the day at 4 PM.**

#### **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**

**RCIA Coordinator: Marty O'Connor**

**Youth Ministry: Heather Shainline**

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**Adult Choir: Rob Zambanini**

**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](mailto:mcole@allentowndiocese.org)**



## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6:30 PM Eileen Savarese, by Paul.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:00 AM Patricia Burkett, by the Graczyk Family.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:00 AM Francis J. Grim, by Bill & Joan Kelsch & Family.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:00 AM Rita Hartman, by the Strunk Family.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:00 AM Elizabeth Saladino, by the Family.

4:30 PM Carrie & Henry Grill, by their Family.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

6:00 AM Phyllis Bauman, by Mrs. Ruth Heydt & Family.

7:30 AM People of Most Blessed Sacrament.

10:15 AM Daniel Knauer, by Betty.

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## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

4:30 PM

Altar Server: Matthew Graczyk, Olivia Campbell, Breton Poster.

Lector: Diane Anderson.

EM: Jennifer & Karen Smith, Chris Howerter.

Ushers: Allan Fronheiser, John Kreuz, John Hartman

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## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

6:00 AM:

Altar Server: Volunteer.

Lector: Henry Buehner.

EM: Volunteer.

Usher: The Gehringer Family.

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7:30 AM

Altar Server: Thomas Heid, Maureen & Kelly Ryan.

Lector: Joe Schorpp.

EM: Mary Ann Sobjak, Marian Gehringer, Tony DeOliveira.

Usher: Buddy Sobjak, Ed Sobjak.

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10:15 AM

Altar Server: Hayden Shields, Marlena Agricoli, Thomas Nguyen.

Lector: Dawn Kelsch.

EM: Thomas Jacobs, Margaret Chovanes, Renee Heydt.

Ushers: Mike Bauman, Eric Kucherk.

The November 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday Collection will be in the November 24<sup>th</sup> Bulletin. Thank you for your generous support to our Parish.



## THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY BULLETIN

The Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Bulletin is due Wednesday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Rectory will be closed Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>.



November is the month when we take time to remember our loved ones who died. It is a time to pray that the souls of our deceased relatives and friends share the peace and joy of the Resurrection. Our parish Book of Remembrance is placed near the baptismal font each year. Anyone can write the names of their deceased loved ones in this book.

Please feel free to display photos of your deceased loved ones on the Remembrance table located in the back of Church.

## ROSARY GUILD

Meetings are held in Fr. Schneider Hall on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 AM.

## LEGION OF MARY

Meets 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!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

## SAVE THE DATES

December 9<sup>th</sup> The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Mass at 9 AM.

First Penance December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

\*Not a Holy Day of Obligation\*

December 13<sup>th</sup> Live Nativity at St. Francis Academy.

December 14<sup>th</sup> Parish Christmas Open House.

December 15<sup>th</sup> Vespers.

January 18<sup>th</sup> March for Life.

Lenten Fish Fry's begin in February.

Knights of Columbus Beef and Beer TBA.



## LOCAL POVERTY RELIEF COLLECTION

The annual collection will be taken up this weekend. The collection is used to support local groups and organizations that assist the poor here in the diocese. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



## WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO JOIN A SMALL PARISH FAITH SHARING GROUP FOR

**ADVENT?** Why not add a special ingredient to your Advent observance this year and join other members of the parish in small faith sharing groups to reflect on the Advent Scriptures and what they mean in our lives today? Build this into your Advent now before you get too busy!! Small groups will be formed according to time and day of preference as well as where you live geographically. You will indicate these preferences on “sign-up weekend” to be held Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> following all Masses. Sign-up sheets will be on the back table by St. Anthony. Complete the form and leave in the basket. You will be contacted with your group assignment. The groups will meet for the four weeks of Advent for approximately one hour, led by a parish member who will act as a facilitator. Keep Christ in your Christmas!! For more information call Margaret Chovanes @ 610-248-2171 or [margaretc@mbsbally.org](mailto:margaretc@mbsbally.org).

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Consider spending time here at MBS, with Our Lord in the Eucharist on Tuesdays. This is a date you'll never want to miss. Sign-up sheets in the back of church. For more information contact Ed Short @ [eds@mbsbally.org](mailto:eds@mbsbally.org) or Margaret Chovanes @ 610248-2171 or [margaretc@mbsbally.org](mailto:margaretc@mbsbally.org).

## COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the rectory if you or anyone you know might be ill, a shut-in and are unable to attend mass on a weekly basis.

## PRAY THE ROSARY

Led by the Most Blessed Sacrament Rosary Guild. All are encouraged to pray the Rosary as a group on Thursday evening at 7 PM. We will not be praying the Rosary on Thanksgiving night.

## MBS PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meet the First Friday of each month during the school year, at 1:00 p.m. in Father Schneider Hall.

## ATTENTION LECTORS

The 2020 Lector Workbooks were handed out at the Lector's meeting. If you missed the meeting extra workbooks can be found on the table in back of Church.

## YOUTH GROUP

All Youth Group meetings are held at St. Columbkille Parish. For more information contact Heather at: 484-336-9200 e-mail: [youthgroup@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkille.org).

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The St. Francis Hospice Home in Shillington, PA needs additional volunteers to help provide compassionate, loving care to its residents. Please come and shadow one of our volunteers and see if you are being called to provide this blessed ministry. For more information please contact Sandy Niehenke, manager of St Francis Home, directly at [610-898-4242](tel:610-898-4242). Thank you and God bless you.

## WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

The next “**REACH OUT**” session will be on November 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Columbkille's Church in the Office Meeting Room. From time to time, we must take stock. Clearly, it has been shown that those who participate in their recovery can see their personal growth after their loss. But we remain vulnerable to the upsurges of grief brought to us by the holiday season, anniversaries, and birthdays and the list goes on. For them the support of those who understand is most needed. 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.

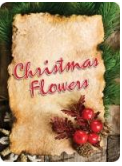
## ARE YOU NEW TO THE AREA?

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.

*families that*  
**PRAY TOGETHER**  
*stay together.*

## HOLIDAY FUND RAISER



Reminder: Troop 586 Christmas Wreath Orders from the first sale will be ready for pickup on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1 To 3 P.M. in Fr. Schneider Hall.

Order forms for Christmas Wreaths, Poinsettias, and Christmas Cacti are on the table in back of Church. Orders are due by Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. payment is due at time of placing your order. Pickup is scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> in Fr. Schneider Hall from 1 -3 PM and from 5:00 - 6:00 PM. Any questions call Bill Richard. Make checks payable to "Troop 586." Any questions call Bill Richard 610-845-2037.

## 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.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Your help is needed. Many of the requests have been on for years. We will gladly keep requested names on the list. Please look at the list and notify Cindy 610-845-2460 if any names can be removed. Thank you. The names of the sick of our parish can be found on our website [www.mbsbally.org](http://www.mbsbally.org). or in the Prayer Intention Book located at the side entrance of church.

## MASS INTENTIONS

To Schedule a Mass stop by the rectory weekdays between the hours of **9 AM- Noon Monday - Thursday.**

## FOR TRAVELERS

For nationwide Mass times and locations logon to: [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org).

## DO YOU HAVE?

Having these three legal documents - **a Will, a Living Will, and a Durable Power of Attorney** prepared by your attorney—your wishes will be fulfilled, and your assets protected for the benefit of your beneficiaries. Do it today.



## *Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession:*

Monday 6:00 to 6:20 PM.

Friday 7:30 to 7:55 AM.

Saturday 3:15 to 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 a 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.

## PICTURES

Pictures from the last photo session are on the table in the back of church. All are marked with the family name outside, please pick up your photo after Mass.

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Flu season is rapidly approaching. There are 3 actions to fight the flu virus: 1. Get the Flu Vaccine. 2. Wash hands frequently and use hand sanitizer as needed. 3. Stay home when you are sick.

**Reminder to Eucharistic Ministers:** Please remember to sanitize your hands before distributing Holy Communion.

## PARISH GIVING

Provides our parishioners with the opportunity to use Electronic Funds Transfer as an alternative method for giving. **Register on-line at [www.ParishGiving.org](http://www.ParishGiving.org).** If you have any questions, please call Parish Giving at: 1-866-307-7140.

## RESOURCE CENTER

Check out the Light House Book-Shelf for a selection of materials. The resource center is located by the Pieta side entrance of the church. You will see suggested gift donations to help cover the cost of replenishing the resource center but otherwise the material is free. Please check this out and enjoy the materials.



## **ST. FRANCIS ACADEMY**

**Mr. Philip Repko, Principal**

**Phone: (610) 845-7364**

**Website: [www.sfbally.org](http://www.sfbally.org).**



### **Upcoming Dates**

**Nov. 25** - second trimester begins.

**Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** - School Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

**Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** - First Penance 7 PM.

**Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>** - Live Nativity.

**Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>** - SFA Christmas Concert.

**Third Grade Teacher**- St. Francis Academy has an immediate need for a fulltime teacher for our third grade. Interested parties should call the school 610-845-7364.

### **WEEKLY MASS**

SFA students attend mass every Tuesday morning at the 9AM MBS parish mass. Once a month the students are lector and readers at the Mass.

### **LUNCH HELPERS**

Lunch crew helpers are needed in the cafeteria and on the recess yard. If you are free between the hours of 11:15 AM to 12:30 PM one day a week, please call SFA 610-845-7364. Moms, Dads, Grandmoms, Grandpops and anyone who loves spending time with our precious children are welcome to join our team.

**Amazon Shoppers** Your purchase can benefit our parish school. Your first visit to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) will prompt you to choose a charitable organization. Search the dropdown for St. Francis Academy, Bally. 0.5% of your purchases will be donated to St. Francis Academy.

**Giant A+ program** Every time you use your Giant card, a percent of your purchase can be going to benefit our parish school. To register your card go to [www.giantfoodstores.com](http://www.giantfoodstores.com). Create an account here and register your card number under the savings and rewards tab. Search for St. Francis Academy, Bally.

**Keep saving those** Box Tops and Redner's tapes. Last year "your tapes" generated about \$400 for the school. 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.

**Our Plastic Cash Program** is a fundraiser for our parish school. It is a dollar for dollar exchange of cash for a "gift card". You give \$50 for a gift card and receive a \$50 gift card. The school however makes a profit on each card sold, but you, the buyer, are not charged more than the face value.

Plastic Cash Sales through school are Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays.

Plastic cash is available after all weekend masses at MBS. Stop after mass with questions. It is an easy way to support our parish school without "buying anything extra".

Plastic Cash is now available at St. Columbkille after 7:30 and 9am mass. We are looking for volunteers to help sell at 5PM and 11AM. To volunteer call the school office.

### **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.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Just a reminder that all volunteers need to complete the Safe Environment paperwork. Please contact Carolyn Graczyk at 610-845-2460 if you need a packet or if there are any questions.

### **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](http://www.allentowndiocese.org), and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

