

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

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Weekend Mass Schedule: Sept. 12 & 13

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM.

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

Mass Schedule Sept. 14–20

Monday , Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday,

Saturday 8:00 AM.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday, 8:30 AM —6:30 PM.

Followed by Benediction.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fr. James will be available for Confession on Saturday's from 3:15 PM to 4 PM. Confessions will be heard in the Confessional. Please call the rectory to schedule an appointment if you are not comfortable using the Confessionals.

As a reminder, the Rectory is closed to visitors until further notice. If you have questions or concerns, please call the Rectory and we will do our best to get back to you as quickly as possible.



PARISH STAFF

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:00 AM Stanley & Emma Schott, by Rita & Ronnie.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:00 AM Helen Burke, by John.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:00 AM Beatrice Fronheiser & Family, by her Grandparents.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00 AM Donald Gehringer, Sr. by The Estate.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

4:30 PM: People of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

6:00 AM: Stephen & Helen Soffa, by Grant & Mary Ann Reinert.

7:30 AM: Mary Ann Conley, by Rita & Ronnie Schott.

10:15 AM: Eleanor Seroski, by Betty.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Earl Ziegler and John Hartman, who died recently, may they rest in the eternal peace and love of Christ.



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NEED TO REGISTER?

New parishioners are Most Welcome at Most Blessed Sacrament!! To register please call Cindy 610-845-2460 press 2.

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 closing etc., then this is for you. Go to our webpage at: www.mbsbally.org to sign-up.



Weekly Collection

Sunday: September 6th.

Collection for Parish use: \$8,820.00.

(includes online giving)

**Non-Parish: \$ 10.00.*

Attendance: 252.



Thank you to everyone who continues sending their weekly contributions to the Rectory and to those who have signed on with Parish Giving. During this difficult time our Parish appreciates your continued support.

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.



The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living, or deceased is a beautiful and meaningful part of our Catholic tradition.

Mass intentions may be requested for Sundays, most holidays and weekdays throughout the year.

One Mass every Sunday must be scheduled for the intentions of our parishioners known as "Pro Populo" (For the People) as required by Canon Law and diocesan statute.

Mass intentions cannot be scheduled for:

Holy Thursday, Easter, Christmas when the intentions are all "Pro Populo."

Mothers' Day when the intentions will be "all mothers of the parish, living and deceased".

Father's Day when the intention will be "all fathers of the parish, living and deceased".

If for an unforeseen circumstance a Mass cancellation occurs, the intention for the Mass will be rescheduled on the next available opening.

Our Parish has numerous openings available.

Please call Cindy 610-845-2460 to request a date.

CCD

The 2020-2021 CCD Program began today, September 13th. Please contact Carolyn Graczyk at 610-845-2460 or at cgraczyk@mbsbally.org, if your children missed the first session.

GRIEF SUPPORT

The next “**REACH OUT**” will be Sunday, September 20th at Most Blessed Sacrament’s Fr. Schneider Hall. The following meeting will be on Sunday, October 4th, at St. Columbkille’s office meeting room at 1 PM. All are welcome to participate. 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

Adoration will begin on Tuesday, September 8th after the 8 AM Mass and conclude with Benediction at 6:30 PM. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Ed or Margaret if you would like to volunteer at shorte@mbsbally.org or Margaret @ margaretc@mbsbally.org, or 610-248-2171.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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CCD TEACHERS NEEDED!

The MBS CCD program needs a Fifth Grade CCD teacher for the 2020-21 school year. The programs run from mid-September to the end of April. Please contact Carolyn Graczyk at cgraczyk@mbsbally.org if you are interested in volunteering.

ROSARY GUILD

The Rosary Guild has started meeting again 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.

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

The Blessing of Animals will take place on Saturday, October 4th after the 10:15 AM Mass, in the church parking lot. All creatures big and small are invited. Blessing of Animals is an annual tradition usually scheduled on or near the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4th).

KEEP THE TRADITION ALIVE

Calling all Cookie Bakers, The MBS Knights of Columbus are in the process of organizing crews to keep the Christmas Cookie Tradition alive. No experience needed, only lots of enthusiasm. All ages welcome. For more information or to volunteer contact Grand Knight Kevin Millet at Kmillet@mbsbally.org.

SCHEDULE CHANGE

Beginning in October, 8 AM Saturday morning Mass be celebrated once a month on First Saturday.

GREEN PHASE

Mindful that previous Orders from the Governor exempt Religious Houses of Worship, the Diocese of Allentown will continue to follow the current diocesan guidelines (Green Phase, Part I).

Green Phase – Part I Churches will be permitted “no more than 50% of their occupancy.” Most Blessed Sacrament Church maximum capacity currently is 140.

Mass attendance remains voluntary in the green phase. Those who do not feel safe, or who have compromising health conditions, should not attend. The dispensation from the Mass obligation will remain in place.

The main priority is the safety of the faithful, and the safety of priests. The faithful will be required to wear masks. Strict social distancing will be required, and ushers will help ensure that protocol.

The Church will be open weekdays from 9 AM until 7 PM for private prayer.

There will be no hymnals, to help prevent the spread of the virus. Only certain entrances and exits will be in use, and the faithful will be dismissed by pew to limit large gatherings after Mass.

Holy Water fonts will remain empty.

All Parish activities are canceled until further notice.

All Parish facilities are closed, and all events are canceled or postponed.

CHURCH BULLETINS

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.

Bulletins will only be distributed by our ushers after dismissal. Make sure to take all literature with you when exiting the Church.

THANK YOU

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank our parish for your amazing generosity with our summer food drive. The food drive was a continuous project and we made several deliveries to the Kennedy House in Reading. In all, we donated over 1000 pounds of food this summer. The Kennedy House is part of St Peter's parish and operates as a daily food bank.

THANK YOU

The Stewardship Committee wishes to thank the parishioners of MBS for their support of the July 19 Kauffman Chicken BBQ. This was our second year for the event and thanks to you the event was a sellout. We returned \$2067.00 to the church and hope to have your support for future events that help support our parish.

RCIA - WHAT IS IT?

- The initials stand for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- The program assists people to understand the Catholic Faith
- Although many participants wish to ultimately be received into full communion with the Catholic Church this is not required of participants.

Who attends?

- Unbaptized adults.
- A Non-Catholic Christian who is seeking information about the Catholic Church.
- Baptized adult Catholics who have not received first Communion or Confirmation.
- Someone who has left the Church and is thinking of returning.

An initial question and answer meeting Tuesday September 15th at 7pm. We will be meeting in the Social Hall. All are welcome. Contact Marty O'Connor, RCIA Coordinator, martyoc@mbsbally.org

ST. FRANCIS ACADEMY

Phone: (610) 845-2460

Website:

www.mbsbally.org.



St. Francis Academy

Early Learning Center

St. Francis Academy Full Day Pre-Kindergarten 4-yr-old Program and Full Day Kindergarten Program will continue and is open for registrations for the 2020-21 school year! Registration forms and information can be found on the school website www.sfbally.org

Please contact Mrs. Carolyn Graczyk at the MBS rectory office 610-845-2460 or cgraczyk@mbsbally.org for information.

Classes began August 31st at 8:30 AM.

Doors open at 8:30 AM with dismissal at 3 PM.

A note to visitors, please be extremely careful when driving into the Rectory parking lot.

PLASTIC CASH

We have a surplus of Plastic cash.

Please call the Rectory to place an order. Orders can be placed Monday through Friday 10 AM to 2 PM. Make payments by check to St. Francis Academy.

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 and .5% of your purchases will be donated to St. Francis Academy.

Keep saving those Box Tops and Redner's tapes. *hen 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.*

ALTAR SERVER UPDATE

To be an altar server is a special honor and privilege in the Catholic Church. If you are a 5th through 12th grader who has made his or her first Holy Communion and are familiar with the basic order of the Mass, please consider participating in this ministry. **Please contact Carolyn Graczyk at Cgraczyk@mbsbally.org or 610-845-2460 .**

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.

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.

The Diocese is currently scheduling Protecting God's Children and Mandated Reporter Workshops via ZOOM or GoToMeeting. If anyone is in need of either trainings, please contact Janice Woolley at jwoolley@allentowndiocese.org to register.

CEMETERY UPDATE

Fall clean - up of the cemetery will take place the week of October 11th. **Anyone wishing to save decorations please remove them by October 10, or parish maintenance will discard.**

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 take a look at the list which can be found on our website at www.mbsbally.org, and notify Cindy if any names can be removed. Thank you.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

Weekly Virtual YG events

Testament Tuesday on Zoom: Meeting ID: 869 1277 7391 and Password: bible

Saturday Rosary on zoom at 10am: Meeting ID: 488 598 630 and Password: Rosary

Youth Group Mum Sale

Help Support the Youth Group in all the amazing things that they do! Mums are from Blue Mountain Farms in New Ringgold, PA. Pick-up is after all Masses at St. Columbkille Parish on 9/19 and 9/20. Place your orders **online here:**

<https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-5595516/>

Deadline to order is September 4th.

"Back to School BBQ"

Sunday, September 13th 12:15-2:15pm at St. Columbkille Parish Grounds. All 7th - 12th graders are invited! Please sign up by emailing Heather Shainline at youthgroup@stcolumbkille.org or filling out the sign-up genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B45AAAAA2DA0F85-back>.

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