

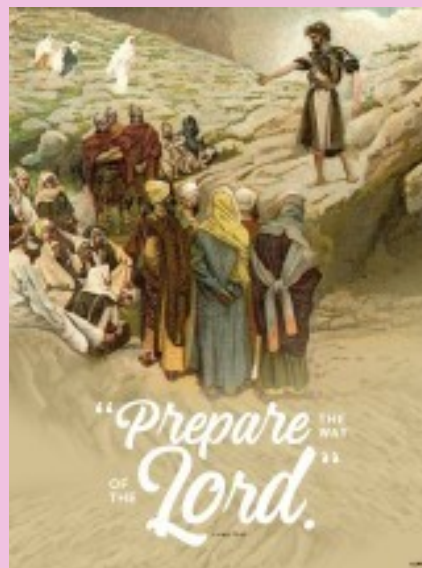
DECEMBER 5, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Weekend Mass Schedule: —December 4 & 5

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM.

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

Mass Schedule Week of December 6

Monday & Friday : 8:00 AM.

Tuesday: 6:30 PM.

Wednesday: 8:00 AM—6:30 PM.

Confession: Saturday, 3:15 to 4 PM.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday, 8:30 AM — 6:30 PM.

Followed by Benediction.

Rectory Hours

Monday—Friday 9 AM—3 PM.

Pastor: Fr. Richard James, S.T.L.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00 AM: Claire Chovanes, by Chris Howerter.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:30 PM: Catherine & Stephen Saturniewicz, by Joe and Kathy.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:00 AM: Peter James, by Christine & Stephen Schultz.

6:30 PM: For the Health of Joseph Windish, by Pat & Steve.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00 AM. Grace Ziegler, by Diane.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

4:30 PM: John & Betty Fronheiser, by Alan & Fran.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

6:00 AM: Margaret Shultz, by Christine and Steven.

7:30 AM: Peggy Bambrick, by Matthew.

10:15 AM: People of Most Blessed Sacrament Church.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Fred Paluba, who died recently that he may rest in the eternal peace and love of Christ.

Weekly Collection.

Sunday: November 21st.

Collection for Parish use: \$ 9,200.95.

(Includes online giving)

Attendance: 401.



Weekly Collection.

Sunday: November 28th.

Collection for Parish use: \$ 7,305.64.

(Includes online giving)

Attendance: 422.

PARISH GIVING

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION DECEMBER 8th

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please make note of the Mass schedule.

PLEASE NOTE MASS TIMES: Tuesday, Dec. 7th 6:30 PM, December 8th 8:00 AM & 6:30 PM.



MASSES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christmas Eve Masses

4:30 PM, 7:30 PM, 9:30 PM.

Christmas Day Masses

8:00 AM & 10:15 AM.

HELP NEEDED AT CHRISTMAS MASSES

Altar Servers are needed Christmas Eve at 9:30 PM and Christmas Morning at 8:00 & 10:15 AM.

Eucharistic Ministers are needed Christmas Eve at 7:30 & 9:30 PM Masses and Christmas morning at 8:00 AM.

Please call the rectory to volunteer.

Please note:

There is no 4:30 PM Vigil Mass on December 25th.

December 26th Masses at 6:00, 7:30 & 10:15 AM.

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Friday December 10th & 17th, 7:15 - 7:45 AM.

1st Saturday, December 4th 7:15 - 7:45 AM.

Sunday, December 19th, 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

Monday, December 20th, 12:00 - 1:00 PM.

Tuesday, December 21st, after Benediction, 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

Mary the Mother of God, is a Holy Day, but no obligation to attend when it falls on a Saturday.

December 31st No Vigil Mass this year.

January 1st Mass at 8:00 AM.

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY SERVICE

Most Blessed Sacrament hosted the Annual Community Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 24th. The annual service was sponsored by our neighboring Churches. A beautiful performance by Joint choirs from each congregation was directed by our Music director Joe Di Cindio. Offerings received will go to the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Refreshments followed the service in Fr. Schneider Hall. Special thanks to Margaret Chovanes and Chris Howerter for spending the day before Thanksgiving setting up for the social, and to Bev Smith and Susan Heid for their help the night of the Social. Thank you to everyone who provided baked goods. Leftovers were donated to Kennedy Soup Kitchen.



The New Outdoor Nativity



The new nativity set was proudly made in Pennsylvania and the Knights of Columbus have generously offered to contribute to the purchase. We are

also asking the parish for their contributions. Contributions can be made in memory of someone or simply as a Christmas gift from your family. Most Blessed Sacrament has always been a very giving Parish when presented with requests. Remember, no amount offered is too small. Thank you for your continued generosity, Father James.

Name:

In Memory of:

Gift From:

Amount:

GRIEF SUPPORT

The next **“REACH OUT”** session will be January 9, 2022, at St Columbkille’s Elizabeth Ann Seton Room at 1 PM. Please note that no meetings are scheduled for December 2021. The following meeting will be on January 23rd at MBS, Fr. Schneider Hall. Being in the grip of winter, the temptation to get down at this difficult time for those who have lost a loved one is very great. The support of those who know cannot be overestimated. For more information and **for anyone** who has suffered a loss **of any one** close to them, please call Dn. Mike Boyle 484-336-9849.

SNOW REMOVAL

Hard to believe Winter is on our doorstep, help is needed to shovel snow at the Church, Rectory, and school. Please call the Cindy at the Rectory to offer your help. Shovels are provided. Perfect Service Hour project.



ALTAR SERVERS

December 7: 6:30 PM: Madeline Short - Volunteer

December 8: 6:30 PM: Volunteers.

December 11:

4:30 PM: Matthew, Gianna, & Andrew Graczyk.

December 12:

7:30 AM: AJ Urban - Volunteer.

10:15 AM: Robert Houk - Thomas Nguyen - Russell Cunningham.

SHARE YOUR TIME AND TALENTS

Come show off your *Talents* on a Bingo crew. Crews are now forming for 2011. You can form your own crew or join a crew. We are in need of bakers, floor and kitchen help. Our *Talented* crews only work 2-3 times per year. No experience necessary. If you would like to show off your *Time and Talents* call Janice Szilli at 610-987-8851.

Holiday cookie bakers, would you share some of your heavenly cookies with Bingo? The Bingo Committee would like to treat each Bingo player with some home baked cookies. Drop off your cookies Sunday, December 19th by 11:00 AM.

PARISH VISITATION

Visitations are on hold until after the new year.

CHURCH CLEANERS

Cleaning help needed one hour every other Friday. Starting after the 8 AM mass. Light cleaning includes vacuuming, dusting, and straightening books. We need your helping hands. Call Cindy in the office to volunteer.

BIBLE STUDY

Join us Monday evenings, in Father Schneider Hall, 6:30-7:30 For more information, contact: Marty O’Connor @ martvoc@mbsbally.org. or Margaret Chovanec @ margaretc@mbsbally.org. 610-248-2171.

RAFFLE

The Stewardship Committee will be selling raffle tickets to win a beautiful painting by Julie Longacre titled **“Oh Christmas Tree.”** Tickets are \$5 each and will be sold after each weekend mass. The drawing will be held on December 19th.



MEMORIALIZE A CANDLE IN THE CHURCH

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*There are no open weeks for the
Sanctuary Candle available until 2022.*

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*Please return to the Rectory
or collection basket with payment.*

ADULT CHOIR

Join the Most Blessed Sacrament Singers Choir.
Practice on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM.
Anyone interested in playing an instrument or singing
at Christmas Eve please contact Joe DiCindio
A.S.A.P. Would love to have people utilize their
talents here at MBS.



Most Blessed Angels Choir

Short rehearsals prior to CCD Classes
from 8:45 to 9 AM on Sunday mornings.
We presently have 5 children in our
Choir, more are welcome. Most Blessed
Angels Choir will sing at the 7:30PM Christmas Eve
Mass. Parent's please encourage your child to
become a member. The children will have good
experiences learning new music. All rehearsals are
held in the choir loft.
Rehearsals as follows beginning at 8:45 AM sharp.
December 5, 12, 19.
Thank You Parents, Joe Di Cindio, Music Director.
Contact Joe at 610-781-5688.

HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES

For December 12th due Friday, December 3rd.
For December 19th due Wednesday, December 8th.
For December 26th due Wednesday, December 15th.
For January 2nd due Monday, December 20th.

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.

KEEPING THE TRADITION ALIVE

"The Knights of Columbus and dedicated bakers
have been busy keeping our Holiday Cookie program
alive.
Didn't order any yet? Don't worry you can still place
an order. Order forms are in the back of Church or
you can place an order on the MBS website. Sugar
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picked up at Father Schneider Hall after each mass.
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the support!

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The Kindergarten and PreK students learned about the first Thanksgiving, discussed what they were grateful for and enjoyed a feast together. This week the students have begun learning about Advent in religion class and lit the classroom Advent Wreath as they prepare for Jesus' birth.

A note to visitors, please be extremely careful when driving on Pine St. or coming into the school parking lot. Doors open at 8:30 AM with dismissal at 3 PM.

The school is looking for a parttime cleaner. Approximately 2-3 hours a day. Monday - Friday, after school closes for the day.

TUESDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration will begin at 8:30 AM following Mass. Concludes with Benediction at 6:30 PM. Please contact Ed or Margaret if you would like to volunteer at shorte@mbsbally.org or Margaret @ margaretc@mbsbally.org. or 610-248-2171.

MUSEUM NEWS

The museum is open after the 10:15 Mass. For more information on our beautiful Church's history or if you are looking for family history contact Michael at mikem@mbsbally.org

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.

PRAYER SHAWL

The group meets the First Friday of each month, at 1:00 PM in Father Schneider Hall. Currently, we have prayer shawls blessed and ready to distribute to those who might need one. If you know someone or yourself, can benefit from the prayer connected with this ministry, or if you would like to take part in this ministry by making prayer shawls, please call Sharon Hare at 610-702-2651.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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

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. Victim Assistance Coordinator Direct Telephone Number (800) 791-9209.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

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.

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.

CEMETERY UPDATE

Most Blessed Sacrament Cemetery has always been a serene place of beauty and we want to keep it that way. Everyone please be extremely careful when driving in the cemetery, follow the signs for one way in and one way out. Use extreme caution when backing up. Accidents do happen if you hit a tombstone, please notify the Rectory.

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