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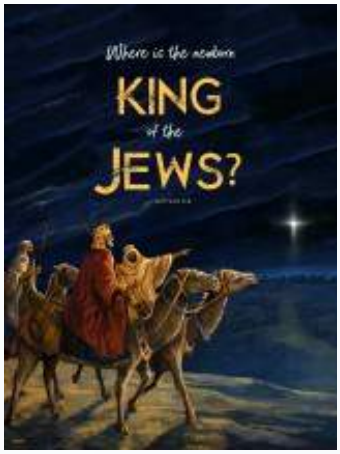

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	**4:30 PM**
Sunday	**6:00 AM**
	7:30 AM
	10:15AM

Confessions

Saturday 3:15PM - 4:00PM.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Week of January 9

Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri.

8:00 AM.

First Saturday 8:00 AM.

Rectory Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 9 AM—3PM.

Pastor: Fr. Richard W. James, S.T.L.
Weekend Assistant: Rev. Msgr. Charles Vance, Pastor Emeritus, St. Philip Neri, Lafayette Hill.
Administrative Assistant: Cindy Repko
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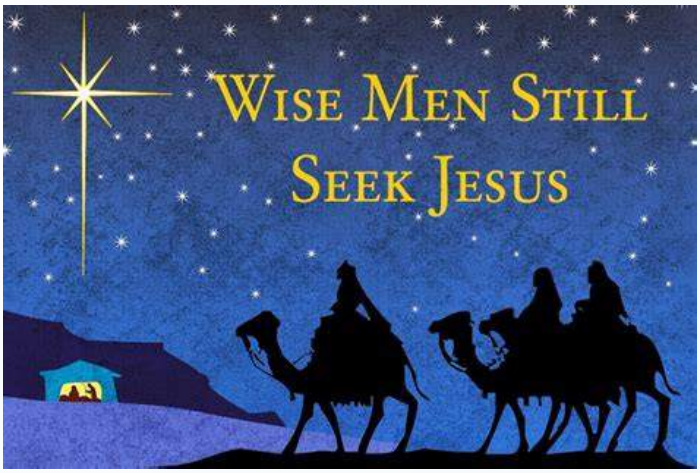

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Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JANUARY 9
8:00 AM: Kate Anderson, by the Howald Family.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10
8:00 AM: William Brian Mc Cullough, by Ed Lawlor.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11
8:00 AM: Sandy Leary, by Connie Clarke.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13
8:00 AM: Deceased Members of the Le Roy Koch Family.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14
4:30 PM: Deacon Michael Boyle, by Mike & Helen Kraynyak.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15
6:00 AM: Parishioners of Most Blessed Sacrament.
7:30 AM: Richard H. Gorman, by the Strunk Family.
10:15 AM: Vincenzo Chiaro, by Brad & Donna Ibach.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, who died recently, that he may rest in the eternal peace and love of Christ.

A LITTLE BIT OF TRIVIA
Did you know there were 30 Family Registrations, 8 Baptisms, 21 First Communions, 12 Confirmations, 2 Adults were received into the church, 6 Weddings and 29 Funerals held at Most Blessed Sacrament Church in 2022?

COMMUNION CALLS
If someone you know from the parish is ill or homebound, and would want to receive Communion, please contact Diane Anderson. Email address: dianelanderson1028@gmail.com Phone# 610-730-4196.

BEST WISHES
On behalf of the parish, we thank Sue Nitroy, for her years of faithful service as Finance Manager.

WELCOME
Please join Father James and staff in welcoming Mr. Paul Charlton to the role of Finance Manager.

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.

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.

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.

PARENTS:
Are wedding plans taking place in your household?
Encourage the prospective groom/bride to begin the Process of Preparation for marriage early. Our church wants this marriage to be happy and successful. Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance. Call the rectory and set up an appointment with Father James at 610-845-2460.

WEATHER UPDATE
In the event of delays and closings at St. Francis Academy Early Learning Center, the rectory will also be closed. Mass will still be celebrated. Adoration will not be held. All evening meetings also cancelled.

BLESSING AT EPIPHANY

The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2nd and 8th.

As we celebrate the coming of the Magi, it's a Catholic custom for families to bless their home. Families are encouraged to trace crosses, the initials of the Magi and the numeral of the year over the doorway with chalk: "20 † C † M † B † 23", the crosses stand for the title "saint" before each name. Legend names the Magi: Casper, Melchior and Balthasar. At the time of the reformation the Protestants who loved the custom changed the initials to mean (in Latin) May Christ bless this house, *Christus Mansionem Benedicticat.*

- Sign of the Cross.

- Head of Household: *"Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.*

All: *Blessed be God forever.*
Reader: *John 1:1-3.14*

- All: *Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

The names of the sick of our parish can be found on our website www.mbsbally.org.

CHURCH CLEANERS

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:

December 25th: $25,103.62
Attendance: 681.
January 1st: $13, 673.91.
Attendance: 415.

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.**

PARISH VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Parish Volunteers – The Diocese has **updated** their Sexual Abuse Policy and Code of Conduct. Please watch for information regarding these new polices to read and how sign the accompanying acknowledgement forms. Thank you for all you do for the parish. For those volunteers who do not provide care of or supervise children, the 4 requirements remain the same:
Read and sign the Diocese Sexual Abuse Policy, Diocese's Code of Conduct, Diocese's Child Protection Services Law and Complete the Protection God's Children Online Program. Contact Denise Stull at 610-845-2460 or dstull@mbsbally.org for more information.

TUESDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration is every Tuesday, after the 8 AM Mass and until 6:30 PM. Volunteers are needed.
The Adoration ministry is looking for a few more committed adorers to join the Tuesday weekly schedule. Specifically, we are looking for someone to be the second person for the 10:30-11:30 hour or 12:30-1:30 and 5:30-6:30 hour. If you would like to join any of these hours or another hour, please contact Margaret Chovanes @ 610-248-2171 or mchova1084@gmail.com
Thank you for helping us keep this ministry strong!

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Mrs. Cheryl Howald
Pre-K/Kindergarten Administrator.

Catholic Schools Week

Sunday, January 29th - Open House 11-12:30.
Monday, January 30th - Teddy bear picnic, canned food drive for Preston's pantry.
Tuesday, January 31st - pizza and ice cream lunch.
Wednesday, February 1st - grandparent tea party.
Thursday, February 2nd - movie and popcorn day.
Friday, February 3rd -muffins with mom, donuts with dad, tasty cakes with teachers.

FUTURE OF OUR PARISH SCHOOL

We are pleased to announce the expansion of our parish school to preK-2 under a classical Catholic education model will open in the fall of 2023. Please stay tuned for more news about the school and pray for this worthy endeavor—especially asking for Fr. Bally to pray and intercede for us. If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more at this stage, please contact George Chovanes at: gichova@gmail.com.

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 mamiller@dejazzd.com.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Contact Joe DiCindio 610- 781-5688.
Adult Choir Most Blessed Sacrament Singers.
Children's Choir Most Blessed Angels.

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.

PRAYER SHAWL
The group meets the First Friday of each month during the school year, at 1:00 p.m. in The Old School. For more information call Sharon at 610-702-2651.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
2023 is here and so is our first Soup Kitchen weekend. We will have our next Soup Kitchen weekend on Saturday and Sunday, January 14-15.

The menus will be Rigatoni with meat sauce and Beef Stew. We have had huge success with both of these hearty meals.

OUR NEEDS:
Volunteers. Best number is between 7 and 10 helpers each day. Time frame is 9:30 to 1 PM.

FOOD:
20 pounds of Rigatoni
20 pounds of ground beef
Large bottles or cans of tomato sauce
Any sized cans of beef stew
Small rolls and crackers
Cookies. Lots of cookies
Iced Tea mix
Lemonade mix
Butter spread
Cans of Fruit Cup
Coffee
Powdered creamer

There will be a drop-off night on January 10th, in Father Schneider Hall from 6 to 7PM. You may also leave donations in the vestibule of church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Classes resume January 8th.

Contact Denise Stull at 610-845-2460 or dstull@mbsbally.org with any questions. Class calendar on our parish website under the religious education tab.

BINGO NEWS —– YOUR TIME AND TALENTS ARE NEEDED..... Come show off your Talents on a Bingo crew. You can form your own crew or join a crew. We need bakers, floor, and kitchen help. Our Talented crews only work 2-3 times per year. No experience necessary. To volunteer please call Janice at 610-987-8851. Next Bingo is on January 15th. Doors open at 11:30am. Bingo starts at 1:00pm.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS
All Youth Group meetings are held at St. Columbkill Parish. For more info contact Heather at: 484-336- 9200, youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org.

Next Youth Group meeting: New Year, New You!
Sunday, January 8th from 11:00-1:00pm in Iona Hall. Lunch will be provided. All 6th – 12th graders are invited to attend! Bring a friend!

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