

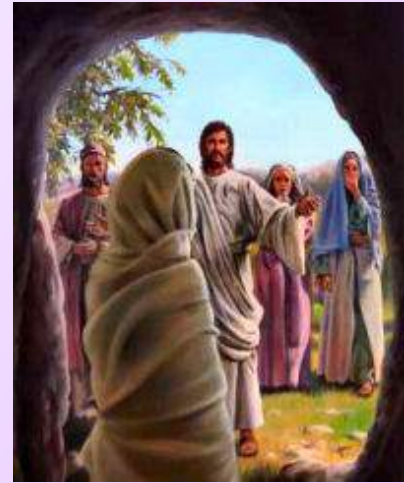
MARCH 26, 2023 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM

**Sunday 6:00 AM
7:30 AM
10:15 AM**

Confessions

Saturday 3:15PM - 4:00PM.

Penance Service April 1 at Noon.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Mon., Tues., & Wed., Fri. 8:00 AM.

First Saturdays 8:00 AM.

Adoration Tuesday 8:30 AM -6:30 PM.

Benediction 2nd Tuesday of the Month

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

Weekend Assistant: Rev. Msgr. Charles Vance,
Pastor Emeritus, St. Philip Neri, Lafayette Hill.

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Facilities Manager: Jesse Beale

Director of Religious Education: Denise Stull

PreK / Kindergarten Admin: Cheryl Howald

RCIA Coordinator: Marty O'Connor

Director of Music: Joseph DiCindio

Museum Director: Michael Miller

Sacristan: Marian Gehringer

Rectory Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 9 AM—3PM.



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Mass Intentions for the Week



Penance Service April 1st
12:00PM until last
confession heard. Several
Priests will be available to
hear confessions.

MONDAY, MARCH 27

8:00 AM: For the Health of Liza Kabanova.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

8:00 AM: Joseph Jordan, by Doug Oswald.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

8:00 AM: Barbara Schmitt, by the Howald Family.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

8:00 AM: Burton Smith, by the Smith Family.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

8:00 AM: For the Benefactors of MBS & SFCCA.

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

6:00 AM: Parishioners of Most Blessed Sacrament.

7:30 AM: Steven Bussell, by Celie & Paul Bussell.

10:15 AM: Christian Hellriegel, by His family.

Weekly Collection for March 19th.

Collection for Parish use: \$8,446.26.

(includes, online giving)

Attendance: Sunday 472.



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.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Confessions available 7:15AM -7:45AM Fridays in Lent (Not on Good Friday)

Stations of the Cross Fridays in Lent at 7PM (Not on Good Friday).

Children's Palm Sunday Procession April 2nd at 10 AM.



April 5th - 8th

Liturgies of the Sacred Triduum

The most sacred times of our lives as Catholics.

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral Wednesday, April 5th 10:30AM.

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7PM.

Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 7PM (Please note time change)

Holy Saturday Easter Basket Blessing 10AM.

Easter Vigil Mass 8PM.

Easter Sunday 6AM, 7:30AM, 10:15AM.

Weddings, Funerals, and most Sacraments are forbidden during this time as we focus on the Mysteries of our Faith.

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.

BINGO

Next Bingo, April 16th. Contact Janice Szilli 610-987-8851 for more info.

Thank you, Bingo players and volunteers the March total was \$2,863.00!

FISH FRY MAGIC Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers, bakers, Fryers Club support and everyone who patronized our efforts! See you next year! Mark your calendars, Lent begins on February 14th.

LEARNING OUR LITURGY 3: WHY DO WE VEIL IMAGES?

The practice of veiling images alerts us that something is different, it can be startling at first, but the last two weeks of Lent are a time of immediate preparation for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum. The veils are hard to miss, and they serve as a reminder to get ready!

The veiled images build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. The veils seem out of place, and even counterintuitive. It can seem strange that the crucifix is covered up during Passiontide. Through this absence of images, our senses are heightened, and we become more aware of what is missing. Similarly, the suppression of the Alleluia during Lent effectively demonstrates that we are in exile from our true Home, where the angels sing Alleluia without ceasing.

When images are unveiled before the Easter Vigil, we are reminded that we, in a sense, live in a veiled world. It is through our own death that we are able to see our true home, and the veil is lifted. Christ lifts the veil through His Resurrection.

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. John 11:25-26.

HELP NEEDED AT MASSES

Altar Servers are needed for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday Masses. Please call Cindy to volunteer.

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.

TUESDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration is every Tuesday, after the 8 AM Mass and until 6:30 PM. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Margaret Chovanes @ 610-248-2171 or mchova1084@gmail.com.



'Out of the depths I call to you O Lord: Lord hear my cry. Listen attentively to the sound of my pleading!' (Ps 129:1-2). In this, the fifth Sunday of Lent, the Church invites us to turn our attention to the realities that

are perhaps the most 'scandalous' in human experience, the death of a loved one. In this Gospel we see all those who are being supportive of Martha and Mary at the moment of their brother, Lazarus' death.

Previously called "Passion Sunday," this **Fifth Sunday of Lent** marks the beginning of Passiontide, a deeper time of Lent. This is the third Sunday of the scrutinies for the preparation of adult converts, and the final Sunday of Lent before the beginning of Holy Week. The Liturgy of the Word of this day speaks of re-creation, resurrection, and new life.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

The Most Blessed Sacrament Singers Choir could use more members. Practice on Wednesday evenings, Men's practice begins at 6:00 PM. Ladies please join us at 6:30 PM. Choir will sing Holy Thursday, Good Friday and at the Easter Vigil. Contact Director of Music, Joe DiCindio 610- 781-5688.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Six children in our second-grade class are preparing for their First Holy Communion. They will be practicing in church during their class time this Sunday as they continue to prepare for their April 15th First Communion. Please remember them in your prayers.

PARISH CEMETERY REMINDER

Just a reminder that according to our parish regulations; plants, flowers and wreaths are permitted on plots at the head of the grave in acceptable temporary containers but will be removed when unsightly or within reasonable discretion of Cemetery Authorities.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Items for the Easter Sunday bulletin, April 9th due Tuesday, March 28th.

**ST. FRANCIS ACADEMY
EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

Phone: (610) 845-7364

Website: www.mbsbally.org.

**Mrs. Cheryl Howald
Pre-K/Kindergarten Administrator.**



Friday was the Feast of St. Patrick and PreK and Kindergarten came in ready to celebrate wearing all green. After we practiced our Palm Sunday songs in the church, we went out the side door to discover a Leprechaun had been there! We followed the shamrocks and glitter to find a pot of (chocolate) gold on the steps of the old school. When we returned to school, we each had a green hat and pot of gold on our desks. Following a light lunch we enjoyed some traditional St. Patty's Day treats such as Irish potatoes and less traditional green punch and cookies.

How may our students personally pray for you? As part of our promise to say 100 Hail Mary's by the end of the school year, we invite you to send prayer requests to chowald@mbsbally.org. Each afternoon a student will choose a prayer request and we will say the Hail Mary for your special intention.

**Enrollment Workshop for prospective families at
Saint Francis Classical Catholic Academy**

Thursday, March 30th, 6:30-9:00 pm.

Learn more about enrolling your child at our school!

Discover the "Saint Francis Difference" by going to our new website: <https://sfcca.school>

While browsing, interested families and parishioners can download application forms, review tuition and financial aid policies, peruse the curriculum, and learn how to volunteer their time, talent, and treasure to our joyfully Catholic and rigorously classical school.

Any questions? Feel free to contact our Headmaster Dr. Brake at headmaster@mbsbally.org and/or 610-733-4804.

Next fall, we plan to offer instruction for all grades PreK-8. Already, we have received multiple inquiries from families with children at all varieties of grade-levels. We invite you to take a leap of faith with us next year. "If you build it, they will come!"

At SFCCA, our mission is to assist parents in the education of their children-mind, body, spirit- inspiring them with joy and wonder to better understand the truth of the Gospel, the goodness of the Golden Rule, and the beauty of God's Creation. Hence, our motto is *Veritas Bonum et Decorum*: **Truth Goodness and Beauty.**

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Thank you to all the volunteers who have submitted new or updated safe environment paperwork. Your time and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Our parish has been notified that our safe environment/background check records will be audited in October of this year. They will be looking for current background checks for our church and school employees. Volunteer records will be audited, too. If you volunteer in any way, please read the 2 updated policies on the MBS website and sign and return the acknowledgement papers. This not only shows the diocese that we are current, but that we all work together to create and maintain a safe environment. Go to the ABOUT tab and look for "safe environment". The items in green are links to the policies to read and the acknowledgement forms to sign. (Packets are also on the table in the back of church.) There are 3 or 4 items on the checklist, depending on your role in the parish. A good place to start is to read the 2 updated policies and simply sign the acknowledgement form for them. The signed forms can be placed in the rectory drop box or put in the collection basket. Thank you for all you do. Contact Denise Stull at 610-845-2460 or dstull@mbsbally.org with any questions.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will host a Financial Benefits night, March 29th, The Knights offer many financial programs available to all parishioners. Please join us for a one-hour presentation that may improve your life and peace of mind. More details to follow so save the date at 7 PM.

Upcoming Events:

1. Lenten Food Drive for Multi-Service in Boyertown. The Knights collecting donations until April 5th. Donations may be left in the vestibule in church.
2. Parish Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday, April 16th, following the 10:15 Mass. Age groups will be 4 years and under; 5 to 7 years old; and 8 to 12 years old. If you would like to help support the Easter Egg Hunt, donations of candy and small toys are welcome.

Interested in joining Most Blessed Sacrament Council # 16745? Contact Bob Houk for more information 610-462-2583.

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.

Coming up...

WONDER Retreat (young women's retreat)- More details coming soon.

Holy Week Mission- Save the date: April 5th - 8th. Theme: Real.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

A prospective groom/bride need to begin the Process of Preparation for marriage early.

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.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Please call Cindy at the rectory if you or someone you know would like to have a Prayer Shawl.



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ARE YOU NEW TO THE AREA?

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If you are moving out of the parish or if your address and phone number has changed. **PLEASE** notify the rectory.

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