

**Mission Statement:** *We are a Catholic community drawing people to follow Jesus and His message of love.*



## ***St. Columbkille Parish***

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5 Mar 2017

### **1st Sunday of Lent**

**“At this, Jesus  
said to him,  
“Get away,  
Satan!  
It is written:  
*The Lord, your  
God, shall you  
worship  
and him alone  
shall you  
serve.*”**



**Matt  
4:  
1-11**

***SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION  
IS HEARD EVERY  
SATURDAY FROM  
4 P.M. TO 4:45 P.M.  
BEFORE THE  
SATURDAY  
EVENING VIGIL  
MASS***

***St. Columbkille  
Parishioners***

**NEXT YOUTH  
MUSIC  
MINISTRY MASS  
6 P.M. MASS  
Sunday Night  
March 26, 2017**

**New parishioners & Guests at St. Columbkille  
You are MOST WELCOME!!  
You can register on our website or at the Parish Office**

**Greetings to all Parents and/or Guardians of our  
St. Columbkille Preschool Students.**



### ***IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!***

**We are now preparing for our St. Columbkille  
2017-2018 Preschool Year.**

**So...if you have a child (children) who will be  
either 3 years or 4 years of age on or before**

**September 10, 2017 ..... We are Registering NOW!**

**Please use this link to register your child (children) & follow the  
instructions.**

**<https://stcolumbkille.org/preschool-registration-forms>**

**Any questions, email Adriana Segaline, our Director at:  
[preschool@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:preschool@stcolumbkille.org) or call her at 610-367-2371 x108.**

**If the rest of your  
weekend is  
hectic...slow it down  
with Mass on Sunday  
night at  
6 PM!!**

***Lent***  
**Daily Masses**  
**Monday 9 a.m.**  
**Tuesday 9 a.m.**  
**Wednesday 9 a.m. &  
7 p.m.**  
**Thursday 6:30 a.m.  
& 9 a.m.**  
**Friday 9 a.m.**  
**Stations of the Cross**  
**Each Friday 7:00 p.m.**

# PRA YFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, March 6

9:00 AM—Christopher Wambold by Ernie & Mary Ann Shirey

### Tuesday, March 7

9:00 AM – Edward Heisler by LeRoy & Mary Lou Heisler

### Wednesday, March 8

9:00 AM –Thomas Larson by Brenda & Keith Fronheiser

7:00 PM –Dominick Di Guglielmo by daughter & son-in-law

### Thursday, March 9

6:30 AM – Living and Deceased of St. Columbkil

9:00 AM – Therese Hauser by Frank and Joan Fontana

### Friday, March 10

9:00 AM –Therese Hauser by Kathy & John McCarthy

### Saturday, March 11

5:00 PM – Sabina Quinn by Antonette and Joe Fabrizio

### Sunday, March 12

7:30 AM – Patricia Adams by Renee George

9:00 AM – Bunny Slavin by Deacon Joe and Dottie Paschall

11:00 AM – Elizabeth Adukaitis by mom, Betty Botscheller

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Mon:	March 06	Msgr. Edward Sacks
Tue:	March 07	Father Edwin Sanders
Wed:	March 08	Father Frederick Sattler
Thu:	March 09	Msgr. Walter Scheaffer
Fri:	March 10	Msgr. Alfred Schlert
Sat:	March 11	Msgr. Francis Schoenauer
Sun:	March 12	Father Edwin Schwartz

## Extended Eucharistic Adoration

Hours of Adoration in our Holy Family Chapel

Mondays	10 a.m. to Midnight
Tuesdays	Midnight to Midnight
Wednesdays	Midnight to Midnight
Thursdays	Midnight to Midnight
Fridays	Midnight to 5:45 p.m..**

\*\*Benediction is held at 5:45 p.m. each Friday

## Please Pray

*For the following Intentions...*

## For Our Family Members in the Military

SPC Jeremy Larson

Jonathan Taylor

Staff Sgt. Robert Preston

1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Dana DeMartino

USN Petty Officer Joseph Scarberry, Jr.

Lance Corporal David Vogler

Sergeant Brian Weber

Sergeant Jason Emerich

Sergeant David O'Brien

LCDR Brian Blair

Sergeant Steve Lafond

USN Petty Officer Jennifer McBride

Lt. Steve Rohe

Sergeant Jesse Miele

USN Petty Officer Stephanie McBride

SPC Kyle Laskoskie

1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Eric Antonucci

Lt. Andrew Moyer, USN

Airman Josh Bartman

Airman Morghan Poitras

Corporal Joshua Taylor

USN Petty Officer Matthew R. Goldschmidt

Senior Airman Corey Kelch

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Zachary Bregovi

Lance Corporal Andrew J. Carpenter

Prayer:

***“Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts that they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord & Savior. Amen.”***

## Sanctuary Candle

Susan Kochu by the Dennin Family

## Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of Karin Frymire  
by her Mother

## Altar Flowers

Call Parish Office if interested in donating  
Flowers at Mass in honor of a loved one.

## Please Pray for deceased who are Relative s of Parishioners

Judith Bayer mother of Stephanie Burrell

And Our Parishioner William F. Dolan, Jr

## Lenten Reflections

Usually in this space we deal with a topic on Apologetics or Defending the Faith. Through the Sundays of Lent we will place here a Lenten Reflection from different Catholic Sources. ENJOY!

### Gospel for First Sunday in Lent

#### Matthew 4: 1-11

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

## Ministries and Organizations

### *Children's Liturgy of the Word Ministry*

If you are interested in Spreading the Good News to our Little Ones...this ministry is for you!

Each Sunday during 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses we have a special Children's Liturgy of the Word. Children in Grades 1 to 5 are invited to process to

Holy Family Chapel where the Word of God is proclaimed to them in language they can readily understand. There is a special homily and Prayer of the Faithful for them. This is an important part of the spiritual formation of our children.

So, if you are indeed interested, please contact: Marcia Martin at: [basscl412@gmail.com](mailto:basscl412@gmail.com)



### *Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl*

Families are the foundation of CRS Rice Bowl. From the stories we share about our own family's Lenten journey, to those we hear about our brothers and sisters in countries near and far, we are all united as members of God's family, called to pray, fast and give during these forty days before Easter.

CRS Rice Bowl can serve as the foundation to your family's Lenten journey. We know your family is busy; that's why we have prayer resources and activities to use during dinner, in the car on the way to school or whenever you have just a few moments to gather together, pause and pray. Use these holy days of Lent to respond to Pope Francis' call to deepen your family's faith life-and let CRS Rice Bowl accompany your family along the way.

Link to: <http://www.crsricebowl.org/families>



## Youth Group (7th-12th Grades)

### ***UPCOMING EVENTS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!***

**Sunday, March 12, 2017**

#### **Monthly Meeting**

**12:00 – 2:00 PM • Place TBD**

Please let Heather know if you will be attending this meeting so she can get a head count for lunch!

### ***FUNDRAISERS***

#### **Chili's Fundraiser Night!**

Thank you to all who helped support our Youth Group by having dinner at our Chili's Fundraiser Night. Hope you enjoyed the food and fellowship.

#### **Spring Newsletter**

The Spring 2017 Youth Group Newsletter will be available soon! Heather will send it to you via email and hand out a copy at our March meeting. Please note that activities may be added or removed due to attendance. Have any suggestions for activities for Youth Group? Make sure to tell Heather!

#### **Painting with a Twist Fundraiser**

Thursday, March 23rd

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Painting with a Twist ~ Royersford, PA  
Show off your inner Pablo Picasso while raising money for our summer trips! Cost is \$35 per person and \$10 of each seat sold goes to the Youth Group. Family and friends are welcome. Light snacks provided. Any questions, please contact Heather. Sign up on the website: [www.paintingwithatwist.com](http://www.paintingwithatwist.com)

### ***YOUNG ADULTS (18-34 YRS)***

More information will be coming shortly about our service project for March! Thanks for your patience!  
Next monthly meeting: **Tuesday, March 21st at 6pm in the conference room**

Heather Shainline, our Youth Group & Young Adult Group Director can be reached via email at: [youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org)

## Youth Group Trips

### ***Mission Trip***

#### **Update:**

There are still **4 spots left** and **1 chaperone spot** for our Mission Trip to Dover, DE June 18th-June 24th. This is a week long trip that will help our teens learn to be servants of God by helping others in need. Projects include: building ramps, painting houses, serving in soup kitchens, playing with children in low-income day cares, talking with the elderly who have no one else to talk with, etc. As Catholics, we are called to serve one another... why not spend the beginning of your summer vacation doing what Jesus calls us to do? If you think this is something you are called to do, please email Heather Shainline, Director of Youth Ministry, at [youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org) for more information. It will be one of the best weeks of your summer vacation!

#### **Steubenville Trip Update:**

There are **1 spot left** for our trip to Steubenville trip from July 14th-July 16th! If you are looking to strengthen your faith in God and want to build friendships rooted in our Catholic faith, than this trip is for you! Take a weekend away from home to join thousands of other teenagers like yourself in praising and worshipping God, listening to uplifting and upbeat Christian music, celebrating the Mass and witnessing a beautiful and touching Adoration of our Lord! If you are interested or want more information, please contact Heather Shainline. Must be entering 9th grade up to a graduating senior in order to go on this trip.

#### **Attention High School Seniors of Italian Descent:**

Victor Emmanuel II Beneficial Society offers a \$12,000 scholarship available to Berks Co. High School seniors living in Berks Co. and who are of Italian descent. Applications must be picked up at your local high school guidance counselor's office and returned to VE II by **March 15, 2015**. Any questions, please contact Fred Ranalli Jr. 610 678 2512.



## Message from St. Francis Academy Our Parish Elementary School



### ***St. Francis Academy***

668 Pine Street  
Bally, PA  
[www.sfabally.org](http://www.sfabally.org)

**March 5** –HSA Designer Purse Bingo

Doors open 11:30 Games begin 1:00

**March 7** – School Liturgy 10:45

**March 10** – Stations of the Cross Gr. 3 to 8 2:00pm

Dance for Gr. 6, 7, and 8 7:00-9:00

End of Second Trimester

Congrats to Miss Bauer and our SFA students. The Jump Rope for Heart raised \$2,197 for the American Heart Association. Thank you to all who participated.

Congratulations to the 2017 Science Expo winners!

**First Place**- Jacob Foley, Monica Guerin, Avianna Conklin, MaryCatherine Maloney

**Second Place**– Connor McGill, Isabela Caruso, Anthony Adamkovic, Gianna Graczyk, Elizabeth Conrad, Mary James

**Third Place**- Erin Smola, Tyler Derkotch, Olivia Kauffman, Valeria Guerin

**Honorable Mention**– Matthew Graczyk, Andrew Dalickas, Annika Snyder, Theresa Patterson, Dawson Haas-Whalen, Alayna Bialek, Zachary Moser, Faith Kriebel, Caiden McGill

### ***CYO SPRING SPORTS SIGN-UPS***

Calling all 6th - 8th graders: It's almost time for spring sports and we would like to add you to our roster!

St. Francis CYO has open registration for the following:

**Baseball: 7th - 8th grade boys\***

**Softball: 6th - 8th grade girls**

**Track & Field: 6th - 8th grade boys and girls**

All 6th through 8th grade students attending St. Francis Academy or St. Columbkil/MBS Religious Education Program are eligible.

Please send an email

to [saintfranciscyo@gmail.com](mailto:saintfranciscyo@gmail.com) by Sunday March 5th to request a registration packet.

Practices begin in mid-March. Practice and event/game schedules will be distributed by coaches.

We are in need of volunteer coaches (especially Track & Field coaches). Please consider volunteering and helping our kids learn life skills such as sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect.

**GO BOBCATS!**

## Catholic Youth Quiz

### ANSWERS from Last Week's Quiz

The Bible was written over how many years?

**Scholars believe it was written over a period of approximately 1,500 years.**

What is the earliest book written in the Bible?

**Some biblical scholars believe the Book of Job is the earliest since Job lived before Abraham.**

What is the last book written in the Bible?

**The Book of Revelation**

The first 5-books of the Old Testament are called the **Pentateuch**

Name the 5 books: **Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Leviticus, Numbers.**

Name the 7 books of the Catholic Bible that are NOT included in any Protestant Bible.

**Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Ecclesiasticus, Baruch, 1 Maccabees and 2 Maccabees**

### ***YOUTH JOKE OF THE WEEK!*** 11 yr old

Johnnie told this joke to the class. A traveler in a remote region came to a monastery and was given a bed for the night. After dinner, one of the monks stood up and said, "34" and all the other monks laughed. Then another stood up and said, "45" and they all laughed again.

The traveler asked the Father in charge of the monastery what was going on.

"Well, we've lived together in this remote place for so long that everyone's heard all the jokes so many times that we've just given them numbers. It saves time, you see."

Then the traveler asked, "Can I tell you all a joke?"

"Of course," said the Father, "We hardly ever get the chance to hear new ones."

So the traveler stood up and said, "155". There was a moment of silence and then the whole room burst out in raucous laughter. Monks were slapping each other on the back and slapping their knees.

"Oh, that was a good one," said the Father. "We hadn't heard it before."

## Father Marty's Corner

The gospel for the First Sunday of Lent is always the temptation of Jesus in the desert by Satan. Matthew, Mark and Luke all have a version of this scene. Today in Cycle A we hear from Saint Matthew whose symbol is a divine man. Matthew has Jesus led into the desert to be tempted by the devil. The evil one enjoyed tantalizing Jesus with a variety of temptations. It is really a great consolation for me to realize that even God was not free from the cunning work of the devil. I know that at times I feel very weak and vulnerable. Jesus was indeed weak but he had the ability to fight against the temptation and succeed. Note that after His challenges by Satan and His victory over the Evil One, He is ministered to by angels. This is a reminder to each of us that there will be great consolations for us if we hold fast to Jesus. So what is our desert place this Lent? What wilderness is overwhelming us? What challenges are we confronting? During this holy season set aside for a deeper life of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, may the Spirit of God who led Jesus into the desert lead us to rediscover God's presence in our lives. Let Jesus be your travelling companion through your desert and your wilderness!

Please note that two possible points of reflection for Lent could be from our recent gospels....

*LOVE YOUR ENEMIES (Mt 5:38-48)*

or

*DO NOT WORRY (Mt 6:24-34)*

## First Sunday of Lent—Gospel of Matthew 4: 1-11

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread. He said in reply, "It is written:

*One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes forth  
from the mouth of God."*

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

*He will command his angels concerning you  
and with their hands they will support you,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone."*

Jesus answered him, "Again it is written,  
*You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."*

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."

At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written:

*The Lord, your God, shall you worship  
and him alone shall you serve."*

Then the devil left him and, behold,  
angels came and ministered to him.

# STEWARDSHIP



## *Facilities Faith Lift*

Thank you for your continued support of our Facilities Faith Lift Campaign. Your support and prayers have been and continue to be vitally important to the success of our three year campaign.

### *July 1st marked our one year*

*anniversary.* We will continue to accept new pledges at any time during our campaign. Please contact Gayle at the parish office if you wish to fill out a commitment card to pledge. We have reached our \$1,000,000 goal in pledges received.... ***we are still accepting pledges!!*** Your continued generous support is appreciated.

Please don't forget your pennies for our Penny Pledge. There is a container in the Narthex to accept your pennies as you come for weekly Mass. Our next goal is \$9,000 and we are inching toward this with total deposits to date of **\$8,325.87!** At this rate we are on track to exceed our \$10,000 goal.

Please contact **Gayle Fontaine** at the parish office if you have any questions at all concerning your pledge payment.

Thank you for your continued support of our Facilities Faith Lift Campaign!

## ***THANK YOU CHILDREN!!***

We want to THANK all the children of our parish for their "stewardship" in saving their pennies and donating them to our Facilities Faith Lift.

When Jesus said in the Gospel, "Let the Children come to me" He was talking about all of you! Through your efforts we are inching our way toward our next level which is \$9,000 of pennies donated. The actual total is ***\$8,325.87!*** You are all truly doing His work here at our parish in Boyertown!



## Weekly Collections



## Fiscal Year July 2016 —June 2017

### Weekend of February 25-26

Wkly. offering necessary for Budget.....	\$13,750.00
Actual Weekly Offering .....	\$11,853.41
Net Weekly Shortage.....	<b>-\$1,896.59</b>
YTD Budget Offering.....	\$481,250.00
YTD Actual Offering Income.....	\$481,998.79
YTD Overage.....	\$748.79

Catholic Relief Services Collection total **\$2,698**  
Thank you always for your generous support!

## ***Facilities Faith Lift Prayer***

Thank you, Father, for every blessing comes from you. You gifted us with time, talent and treasure. Teach us to give time first to You. Teach us how to pray. You bestowed on us unique talents. By unifying our gifts, You connect us as one body. Teach us how to serve. Time and talent together create our treasures. Teach us how to glorify YOU with every breath of our lives. Amen!



## Parish News and Information

### OUR SENIORS GROUP

NEXT SENIOR GROUP  
MONTHLY  
MEETING 3/9/17 at 1pm.



April 27-30, 2017

Azalea Festival & Tatoo Show

Norfolk, Virginia

\$550/double \$718/single

\$100 due at sign up, balance due 3/1/17

For information about trips or to sign up  
Contact Peg Bryan at 610 754-7516 or email at  
[stcolumbseniortrips@comcast.net](mailto:stcolumbseniortrips@comcast.net)

### SENIORS GROUP

Our Parish Seniors (The Over 55 Crowd) meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Downstairs Hall. Our goal is to provide an ecumenical faith-based opportunity for Seniors to get together, enjoy one another's company, and provide support for one another in a variety of ways ranging from social opportunities such as trips to legal issues.

Contact: Donald Gilbert at 610-369-5950

### Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart

*Our Religious Sisters* have done so much for so many! Support their efforts and show your appreciation by attending the MSC Sisters **Spring into Mission Starlight Gala!** Saturday, April 9, 5:30 pm at Berkleigh Golf Club, Kutztown, PA

Celebrate our award recipients: **St. Margaret Mary Church, Parkersburg, WV** and **The Alber Family**  
No better deal for all this! Reservations \$60 pp (under 18 \$30) **To reserve your seats or support our cause,** visit [www.mscreading.org](http://www.mscreading.org); call 610-929-2802; or email: [cwhitmoyer@mscreading.org](mailto:cwhitmoyer@mscreading.org).

### St. Patrick's Day Beef & Beer at St. Teresa of Calcutta

St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish is hosting a St. Patrick's Day Beef & Beer on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the parish Education Center, 256 Swamp Pike, Schwenksville. Bring your family and friends for a fun evening featuring music by Sound Sensation DJs, buffet dinner, beer, soda, coffee and dessert. BYOB. Tickets are \$25 per person (must be 21 or older) and can be purchased at [www.stcevents.org](http://www.stcevents.org).

### Did you know?

The use of ashes goes back to the Old Testament and were used to express sorrow for sins and faults. In [Job 42:3-6](#), Job says to God: "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

YOU CAN LOOK IT UP!!

**QUESTION?** Who broke away from the Church first: Martin Luther, John Calvin or Henry VIII during the Protestant Reformation?

**Last Week's Answer:** Can you name the seven Apocryphal Books of our Bible? Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Ecclesiasticus, Baruch, 1 Maccabees and 2 Maccabees

### Fr. Marty & Sr. Jean Bowl for Babies!

The dynamic duo will once again represent St. Columbkille on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and participate in the 22nd Annual Bowlathon to Benefit Mary's Shelter and Mary's Home. Mary's Shelter and Home help homeless, pregnant, young women become independent, confident and caring new mothers. Any amount you can "spare" for this worthwhile cause would be greatly appreciated. **Stop by the table in the narthex the weekends of March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> to make a pledge OR you may place your donation (cash or check made payable to "Mary's Shelter") in the collection basket at any time in an envelope marked "Mary's Shelter Bowlathon".**

### Ministry Schedule Spring 2017

The next Ministry Schedule will begin the weekend of March 18, 2017 and run through Sunday, June 18, 2017. Please submit any unavailable calendar dates to Lisa DeSimone at [lisad@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:lisad@stcolumbkille.org), or drop a note in the collection basket, or call the church office at 610-367-2371 no later than Monday, March 6, 2017.

There will be signups in the Narthex for Holy Week, Easter Vigil and Easter.





## Parish News and Events

### *Protecting God's Children Workshop*

Our church will be hosting a Protecting God's Children Workshop on Saturday, **April 22, 2017 at 9:00 AM** downstairs in the Ehst room. Anyone who deals with children (Scout leaders, catechists, Bible School teachers, etc.) must attend a workshop one time. If you never have and need to, please register by calling the parish office at 610-367-2371.

### *Girl Scouts*

Sunday **March 12** is Girl Scout Sunday and the troop would like to invite any Girl Scouts that attend the 9:00 AM Mass and sit with the girls of the troops that meet at St Columbkil's.

### *Trivia Night*

The Boyertown Area Senior High Post Prom Committee is hosting a "Trivia Night," to help raise funds for our Post Prom. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**, right here in the basement of St. Columbkil. Get a team of your best friends together. Tickets are \$25/person. Call Kelli DeSieno @ 610-367-6791 to book your table or for any other questions. After 5:00 mass, join us for a great night out and help us provide a memorable and safe Prom night for our kids.

***Once Upon A Prom*** will be hosted by Boyertown Junior Woman's Club on **March 4,5 and March 11,12** from 12pm to 4pm at Miracles in Motion on 1145 E. Philadelphia Avenue. Girls in need of a special occasion dress are welcome to come browse our collection of over 400 dresses, in all sizes, and accessories as well. Take one home for a small donation which will benefit our community. If questions, contact Donna Haas at 610 367-7072

***St. Paul's RCC in Reading, PA***—will hold its First Annual Gala, on Sunday, **March 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Inn at Reading, 1040 Park Road., to benefit our Boiler Replacement Project. Featured speaker will be Archbishop Joseph Kurtz. Our First Annual One Family Award will be awarded to Dr. Richard Flannery. Tickets are \$50 ea. Available from the Rectory 610-372-1531 or at: stpaulsrchurch@comcast.net. Reservation deadline is Friday, March 3rd.

### ***"THANKS"***

The Human Concerns Ministry would like to thank everyone who donated to the Super Bowl Collection for the Kennedy House in Reading. A check for \$2345 was sent to the Kennedy House to assist them with their mission of serving the homeless and below poverty level individuals in their area. If you missed the collection and are still interested in making a donation, you can mail a check to: Kennedy House, 532 Spruce Street, Reading, PA 19602.

***FRIENDS OF FRANCIS GALA*** - Please support St. Francis Home for the terminally ill residents by attending the Friends of Francis Gala at the Crowne Plaza, Wyomissing on Thursday, **March 9**. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$50. For reservations please call 610-670-1050.

### ***Widows & Widowers Reach Out Ministry***

Our next **"REACH OUT"** meeting will be at MBS' Fr Schneider Hall at 1 PM on **March 12<sup>th</sup>**. We ask all to pray for the families who have lost a loved-one as they adapt to life after loss. For more information and for **anyone** who has suffered a loss of **any one** close to them, please call Deacon Mike Boyle at 484-336-9849.



## **Staff Directory**

**Pastor** - Father Martin F. Kern

**Deacons** - James Kochu, Joseph L. Paschall, Joseph Petrauskas, Michael V. Woodall, Emeritus

**Administrative Assistants** - Lisa De Simone:  
lisad@stcolumbkill.org

Along with: Mary Lou Heisler, and Joann Rivera

**Chief Financial Officer/Campaign Coordinator** -  
Gayle B. Fontaine

**Parish Visitor** - Sister Jean Wickenheiser OSF

**Parish School, St. Francis Academy** -

Deacon Thomas J. Murphy, Headmaster

**Director of Preschool**—Adriana Segaline;  
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**Director of Religious Education** - Constance J. Boyer:  
connieb@stcolumbkill.org

**Coordinators of Religious Education**

Patricia & Joseph Petrauskas

**Directors of Youth Ministry** - Heather Shainline:  
youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org

**Director of Music** - Deborah Maskrey

**Director Communications/Marketing** -

George A. DeFrehn, OFS: georged@stcolumbkill.org

**RCIA Coordinator**—Margaret Chovanes 610-248-2171

**Volunteer Coordinators**—Mary Snyder & Robert Chisholm

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Coord.** - Wendy S Krisak,  
MA, NCC, LPC Direct Line 800-791-9209

**Diocesan Safe Environment Coord.** - Sr. Meg Cole,  
SSJ,MS,LMFT, 610-332-0442, ext. 19

## **Weekly and Monthly Meetings**

- ♦ Alcoholics Anonymous meets each **Monday**  
@ 5:30 p.m. in Ehst Room
- ♦ Over-eaters Anonymous meets each **Monday**  
@ 11 a.m. in Ehst Room
- ♦ Rosary Group meets each **Monday** evening in  
Chapel at 7 p.m. during Adoration
- ♦ Men's Prayer Group meets with Deacon Jim the  
first **Tuesday** of each month at 7 p.m.
- ♦ The Shawl Ministry meets the third **Tuesday** of each  
month in the Conference Room at 10 a.m.
- ♦ The Human Concerns Ministry meets on the 1st  
**Wednesday** of each month at 7 pm in parish  
Conference Room
- ♦ Charismatic Prayer –Bible Group Meets each  
**Wednesday** @ 7 p.m. in Downstairs Hall– Info:  
Sue - 610-367-4711 or Don dondenick@comcast.net
- ♦ The Senior Group meets 2nd **Thursday** of each  
month in Downstairs Hall at 1 p.m.
- ♦ Bible Study held on **Thursday** mornings following  
the 9 a.m. Mass in the Ehst Room.  
Everyone is welcome!

## **Sacramental Life**

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession**

- Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. or any time by contacting the Parish Office

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

- 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:15 p.m.
- Baptism Prep Classes for parents and godparents are held the 2nd and  
4th Sunday of the month at 12:15 p.m. in the EHST Room.

### **Sacrament of Matrimony**

- Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance.  
All Couples must participate in the Marriage Prep Program.