

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



## *St. Columbkille Parish*

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19 Mar 2017

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

“Come see a  
man who told  
me  
everything I  
have done.  
Could he  
possibly be  
the Christ?”



John  
4:  
5-42

**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*

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

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

**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.

**HOLY WEEK MISSION**

*Dare to Love*  
**2017**

**7th-12th graders**  
**April 12, 13-15, 2017**  
*Bring your sleeping bag to spend 2 nights in the  
parish & \$10 as a donation to the poor*

For more information or questions,  
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St. Columbkille Parish  
Most Blessed Sacrament Church

# PRA YFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, March 20

9:00 AM – Joseph “Hap” Adams by Fr. Martin Kern

### Tuesday, March 21

9:00 AM – Dominick DiGuglielmo by  
daughter & son-in-law

### Wednesday, March 22

9:00 AM – Therese Hauser by Jim & Joanne Psota

7:00 PM – Susan Kochu by Dan Giles

### Thursday, March 23

6:30 AM – Alicia Binando by Janet & Gabby

9:00 AM – Petra Javines by Marilyn Dela Rosa

### Friday, March 24

9:00 AM – Jimmy Di Cindio by Leonard & Jeanette  
Bauer

### Saturday, March 25

5:00 PM – Anthony Parente by Mimi & John Parente

### Sunday, March 26

7:30 AM – James Lumley by George &  
Ellen Fronheiser

9:00 AM – Susan Kochu by the Warren Family

11:00 AM – Josephine Rita Iatesta by the  
Spatola Family

6:00 PM – Amanda(Kincade) Binsfeld by Sharon &  
Richard Slavinski

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Mon:	March 20	Father Joseph Sheehan
Tue:	March 21	Father Raymond Slezak
Wed:	March 22	Msgr. Joseph Smith
Thu:	March 23	Father William Sneck
Fri:	March 24	Msgr. Joseph Sobiesiak
Sat:	March 25	Father Leo Stajkowski
Sun:	March 26	Father Jason Stokes

## 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

In loving memory of Dominick DiGuglielmo with prayerful thoughts & remembrances on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of his death requested by daughter & son-in-law.

## Bread and Wine

In loving memory of Dominick DiGuglielmo on his Birthday Anniversary requested by daughter & son-in-law.

## Altar Flowers

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

## Please pray for Deceased Parishioners

Thomas Ziemak & Stephanie Yura



## Lenten Reflections

FROM OUR **SUNDAY VISITOR...**

### **COMMON SENSE RULES DURING LENT!**

Up here in the northern half of the planet, where Lent coincides with the end of winter and the onset of spring, the imagery of rebirth and rejuvenation accompanying these natural events carries a powerful message: Shake off spiritual lethargy and be renewed in grace.

Unlike what happens every spring, however, spiritual rebirth doesn't take place automatically. Effort on our part is necessary. "Lent" is the name we give the deliberate process of spiritual renewal that the Church particularly emphasizes at this season.

A central part of it is the practice of self-denial through which, paradoxically, we grow in self-possession in order to give ourselves more perfectly to God. "Nothing is so likely to corrupt our hearts and to seduce us from God, as to surround ourselves with comforts," Cardinal Newman said in a sermon on self-denial. Lent is a special, though hardly exclusive, time for putting some of those comforts aside and focusing on God.

That is what things like fasting and abstinence and "giving up something for Lent" are meant to help us do. With that in mind, and without pretending to any special knowledge drawn from personal experience in these matters, let me suggest a few common sense rules for the practice of self-denial in Lent.

First of all, **don't inflict your mortifications on other people.** If doing without something makes you short-tempered with the people around you, work on controlling your temper first or else find something else you can deny yourself without becoming a pain in the neck.

In the same vein, **remember that self-denial is between you and God.** Your spiritual heroism, such as it is, shouldn't be advertised. "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them," says Jesus — specifically citing almsgiving, prayer and fasting — in the Ash Wednesday reading from Matthew's Gospel. God knows what you're doing. That is enough.

Next, **when looking for something to deny yourself, make it something in your everyday experience.**

Consider concentrating on what some spiritual directors refer to as your "predominant fault." If, for instance, your problem is laziness, try getting up 45 minutes early on weekdays in order to get to Mass. If it's a tendency to waste time, set a definite time for turning the TV on — and turning it off — and stick to it. Use the time you've gained by not sitting in front of the tube to help out around the house or maybe even read a good spiritual book.

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## Cont. Lenten Reflection

Finally, **make it a point often to remind yourself why it is you're practicing self-denial and even to pray about it.** "We have to give ourselves

really, not just in word but in deed and truth," St. Josemaria Escriva once said. And giving ourselves to God and others requires that we first possess ourselves — something that the discipline of Lenten self-denial can help us to do.

As for how to proceed, Newman calls attention to some practical possibilities: "Accept the daily opportunities which occur of yielding to others, when you need not yield . . . . Turn from ambitious thoughts, and (as far as you religiously may) make resolves against taking on authority . . . . Sell and give alms; therefore hate to spend money on yourself . . . . Shut your ears to praise . . . . Curb your tongue, and turn away your eye, lest you fall into temptation . . . . Be up at prayer 'a great while before day.'"

"So shall self-denial become natural to you, and change come over you, gently and imperceptibly," Newman adds. Kind of like winter giving way to spring during Lent.

*Russell Shaw is an OSV Newsweekly contributing editor.*

## News/Events

### ***Knights of Columbus***

Golfers and non-golfers...have fun and protect life! The Valley Forge Chapter, Knights of Columbus, is holding its 9th Annual Pro-Life Golf Tournament on **Friday, May 5, 2017**, at Twin Ponds Golf Course, Gilbertsville, PA. Event includes breakfast, lunch, banquet dinner, golf & individual/team skill prizes. Cost per golfer is \$100 per golfer. Dinner only tickets \$35 each. Sponsorship welcomed. Contact Gary Huster at 610-972-0356 or Mark Nunan at: [marknunan@dejazzd.com](mailto:marknunan@dejazzd.com). All proceeds benefit local crisis pregnancy centers.

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

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

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

**Thursday, March 23 2017**

**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)

**Sunday, March 26, 2017**

Youth Mass/Social 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Mass at 6 p.m. Music provided by our teen music ministry. Food & Fellowship in the Narthex following Mass!

**Sat. & Sun., April 8th & 9th 2017**

Easter Flower Sale • Narthex after all masses

Please sign up for one or more of the masses to help sell flowers. All proceeds go towards the mission trip and Steubenville.

**Sunday, April 9 2017**

**Monthly Meeting**

12:30pm-2pm

Location- TBD

Please let Heather know if you will be attending this meeting so she can get a head count for lunch! **Please note time change due to the Easter Flower Sale. Come help sell flowers and stay for the meeting!**

#### ***Holy Week Mission 2017***

***DARE TO LOVE***

Who? 7th-12th graders

What? Holy Week Mission

Where? St. Columbkille parish, Chestnut Knoll, Various parishes around the area

When? **Wednesday, April 12—7:00pm Commissioning of Missionaries at Mass Thursday, April 13 to**

**Saturday, April 15, 2017**

Spend 2 nights at church while praying for others, participating in many of the parish's Holy Week ser-Masses; Serving the elderly at Chestnut Knoll and learning to love one another, ourselves and Jesus! Come back for the Great Easter Vigil- we will end our Mission with a celebration after the Vigil. Registration Fee: \$10.00

**Please sign up by emailing Heather Shainline at [youthgroup@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkille.org). Registration forms will come out soon.**

## Youth Group Trips

### ***Mission Trip***

#### **Update:**

There are still **4spots 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? **Cost of the trip is \$355.00 includes meals, housing, transportation, a tee-shirt and materials for the trip.** If you think this is something you are called to do, please email Heather Shainline, Director of Youth Ministry, at [youthgroup@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkille.org) for more information. It will be one of the best weeks of your summer vacation!

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

**July 14th-July 16th**

**University of Massachusetts, Lowell Campus**

The Steubenville trip is now FULL! Please pray for the teens in our parish attending this conference. We know they will grow closer to Christ and bring back enthusiasm about our Catholic faith.

### ***Chili's Give Back Night***

Night on March 2nd. We raised **\$330.46** for our Youth Group! Thank you all so much!

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

**Next monthly meeting: Tuesday, March 21st at 6pm in the conference room**

**Heather**

**Shainline** is our

Director of the Youth Group...any questions or if you need more information for you or your teen...email her at:  
[youthgroup@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkille.org)

## 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 20** – Welcome spring!

**March 21** – School Liturgy 10:45 a.m.  
Second Trimester Report Cards

Registration for 2017-2018 school year is ongoing for Pre-Kindergarten,

Full Day Kindergarten and Grades 1-8. Please call the school or visit

our website, [www.sfabally.org](http://www.sfabally.org), for more information.

Mathletes Competition-On Thursday, March 9, the following 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders participated in a Mathletes competition at Pope John Paul II High School: *Grade 8*- Isabela Caruso, Andrew Dalickas, Matthew Graczyk, Marissa Keenan, Hannah Millet *Grade 7*- Tyler Derkotch, Monica Guerin, Liam Gundersen, Makayla Jones, Charlotte LaMagna.

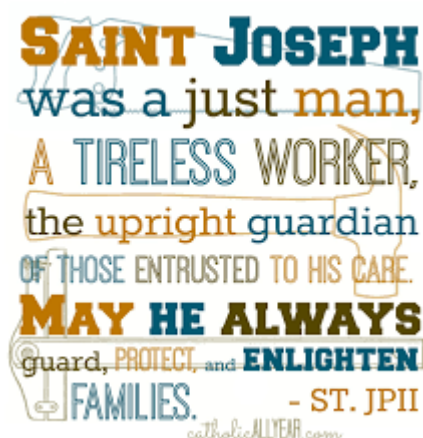
### *Attention Scouts!* -

2017 Catholic Scouting Activity

**Weekend April 21-23. Catholic Boy Scouts** who are working on their Religious Emblems are required to attend this "retreat" Activity Weekend, although Scouts do not have to be working on their award to attend, in fact we invite all Catholic Boy Scouts to come and have fun with great food, fellowship, and Mass.

Registration and info. can be found at:

[www.adccos.org/bsr.htm](http://www.adccos.org/bsr.htm). Any adults attending must have all Diocesan clearances. **Registration deadline: March 31, 2017** You can email [info@adccos.org](mailto:info@adccos.org) with any questions.



## Catholic Youth Quiz

### Answers to Woman of the Bible Quiz!

1. What woman of the Bible was the world's first mother? Gaea, Sarah, Ruth, or **Eve**
2. What woman tried to kill Elijah after he put the prophets of Baal to death? Eve, Delilah, Esther or **Jezebel**
3. What woman had her name changed by God to Sarah? Rebekah, Ruth, **Sarai** or Rebekah
4. Who became Queen of King Ahasuerus and defended her Jewish people from being destroyed? Mary Magdalene, **Ester**, Gomer or Rebekah
5. Who seduced Samson into revealing the secret of this strength? Leah, Huldah, Rebekah or **Delilah**
6. Who stayed with and took care of her mother-in-law after both of their husbands died? Salome, **Ruth**, Dinah, or Bilhah
7. Who saw the resurrected Jesus before He ascended to the Father? Rachael, Veronica, **Mary Magdalene** or Peter's wife
8. Who was the mother of John the Baptist? Dorcas, **Elizabeth**, Mary or Ruth

### YOUTH JOKE OF THE WEEK!

When my older brother, George, was very young, he always walked up to the church altar with my mother when she took communion.

On one occasion, he tugged at her arm and asked, 'What does the priest say when he gives you the bread?' Mum whispered something in George's ear.

Imagine his shock many years later when he learned that the priest doesn't say, 'Be quiet until you get back to your seat.'



## Father Marty's Corner



We celebrate this weekend the Third Sunday of Lent. Today, the nineteenth day of March is the solemnity of Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary. Since it falls on a Sunday of Lent, the feast is transferred to Monday.

I think that Saint Joseph deserves our attention. This great saint has no recorded words in the Sacred Scriptures. Like Joseph of the Old Testament, both had communications from God through dreams. In Saint Joseph's dream, he was assured that he should care for Mary and he protected her by taking her as his wife. She would have been killed if found pregnant and not married.

He led her to Bethlehem and then Egypt. He is a model husband which is part of the official title of this feast "husband of Mary". He is also a model father. God, the Father, invited Saint Joseph to mentor His only Son. He taught Him a trade and to work with His hands. My final thought on Saint Joseph, for my reflection and yours, is that he is the universal patron of the Church and the patron saint of a happy death. Remember that fact! It is presumed that he died in the presence of Jesus and Mary. May we call upon him to intercede for us in the hour of our need as well.

May he be near to us when we make our journey home.

## Third Sunday of Lent—Gospel of John 4: 5-42

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"—For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you."

At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?"

They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done." When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

# 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 March 11& 12—2017**

Wkly. offering necessary for Budget.....	\$13,750.00
Actual Weekly Offering .....	\$13,452.41
Net Weekly Shortage.....	<b>-\$297.59</b>
YTD Budget Offering.....	\$508,750.00
YTD Actual Offering Income.....	\$512,106.61
YTD Overage.....	<b>\$3,356.61</b>

## ***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 4/13/17 at 1pm.



April 27-30, 2017

Azalea Festival & Tattoo 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

### Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist Invite you to:

Father Jeremiah Shryock, C.F.R. Tuesday, March 28, 2017:

Morning Session: 9 AM — 12 Noon

Evening Session: 7PM—9PM

Morning Session includes Conference, Exposition of the Eucharist, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Mass.

Topic: "Why are you afraid?"

Evening Session includes Liturgy of the Hours, Conference, and Q & A.

Topic: "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

### POSITION OPENING-PRINCIPAL FOR 2017-2018

St. Catharine of Siena School (Grade Pre-K –8th) is seeking a dynamic and innovative educational leader with a strong commitment to academic excellence & Catholic values to serve as Principal. Those interested please visit [www.scsreading.org](http://www.scsreading.org) or [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) employment page for more information.

**Did you know?** St. Joseph, in all likelihood, was born in Bethlehem, and it is generally assumed that he died at Nazareth before Jesus began his ministry. The Bible tells us very little of Joseph, but from the early chapters of Matthew and Luke we glean that he was a carpenter by trade, a just and pious man, and a most excellent husband and father.

**QUESTION?** How do we know that St. Peter was indeed married prior to meeting Jesus?

**Last Week's Answer: Nationality of St. Patrick ?** Patrick was not actually Irish. His exact birthplace and date is not known. However it is believed he was born around 375 AD in Scotland. His parents were Calpornius and Conchessa, were Romans living in Britain in charge of the colonies. Romans are Italians!

**YOU CAN LOOK IT UP!**

### 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!

When: 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).

### Welcome New Parishioners of St. Columbkille!!

Brian and Cody Blankenbiller, John Brennan, Francis Bruno, James and Catherine Carpenter, William Corcoran, Ronald and Julia Dennis, Sean and Christi Draves, David and Jessica Fugelo, Terry Haas, James and Lisa Hogan, Javier and Jennie Luna, Jacob and Charlee Malfaro, Kyle and Megan Pezoldt, Thimios and Jacquelyn Ruby, Joseph and Tracey Stem, Martin and Joanna White, and Margaret Zvodar





## 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.

### ***Widows & Widowers Grief Group***

The daffodils have been struggling over the past weeks to come forth from the fake spring to push through frost and snow; they should be exhausted by now. Those who have lost a loved one know the feeling and they may not be ready for spring at all. With the help of others we can find warmth and direction to a new pathway. Our next "REACH OUT" meeting will be at St Columbkil's Conference RM at 1 PM on **March 26th**.

### ***Pellman Cakes and Pies***

Back by popular demand, The Fundraising Committee is selling Pellman Cakes & Pies in time for your Easter dinner. These great cakes and pies make excellent desserts to top off your dinner. You can pick up a sales packet beginning March 11th in the Narthex. Official sales will be **collected** after masses **March 18th-19th** and **March 25th-26th**. You can also turn them into the Parish Office. Checks are to be made payable to: St. Columbkil Church. Delivery set for **Saturday, April 8th**. Questions contact Erin Kovach at: [484-366-2666](tel:484-366-2666).

***An Afternoon Tea for Mothers & Daughters***— Sunday, **April 30, 2017** Penn State Health: St. Joseph Mothers and Daughters from 9 to 13 years of age! Guest speakers. Join us for an afternoon exploring God's precious gift of human fertility in a respectful, loving atmosphere, establishing a foundation for dialogue between mothers and daughters within the family. Registration is \$30 for Mom and up to 3 daughters. Online at: [www.allentowndiocese.org/nfp](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/nfp)

***The Parish Life Committee*** will be coordinating a "Parish Meetup" on **April 8th at 3:p.m. @ The Padre Pio Center**. Many have passed by many times but have never stopped in. Make this part of your Lenten experience. Sign ups coming soon. Admission to the center is free, donations will be welcome.

### ***Pope John Paul II High School*** – Open House – **Wednesday, March 29, 2017 6:30 P.M.**

Students of all ages are welcome! Come let the PJP Student Ambassadors show you around our beautiful school, as they share their experiences and answer questions that are important to you and your family. You will have the opportunity to meet our administration, teachers, and coaches. We look forward to seeing you and your family on March 29!

### ***Subs Needed for Extended Adoration***

If you're like some people who would love to come to Adoration on a regular basis, but can't for any number of reasons, please consider becoming a substitute. You can choose your own days and times of day that you might be available...example...Mon & Wed evenings from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. ...so please think and pray about this unique ministry. If interested contact George at: [georged@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:georged@stcolumbkil.org) Thank you!

***Stations of the Cross***— a beautiful way to honor Our Lord, walking with Him to Calvary. Each Friday evening at 7 p.m.



## **Staff Directory**

**Pastor** - Father Martin F. Kern

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

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

**Parish Visitor** - Sister Jean Wickenheiser OSF

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

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**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 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.