

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



St. Columbkille Parish

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2 Apr 2017

**5th Sunday
of
Lent**

**“JESUS
WEPT.”**

Jesus Wept

John 11:35

**John
11:
1-45**

**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***

Holy Week Schedule

April 8 Confessions 3:30pm-4:30pm

April 9: Passion Sunday

Saturday Vigil Mass--5:00 pm
Sunday--7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am

April 10--Monday of Holy Week

Mass--9:00am
Confessions--4pm to 5:30pm

April 11--Tuesday of Holy Week

Mass--9:00am
Confessions--6pm to 7:30pm

April 12--Wednesday of Holy Week

Mass--9:00am & 7:00pm
Confessions--4pm to 5:30pm

The Sacred Triduum Schedule

April 13--Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer--9am
Mass of the Lord's Supper--7pm
Adoration in our Holy Family
Chapel 8 pm to Midnight.

April 14--Good Friday

Morning Prayer--9am
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion-3pm
Stations of the Cross--7pm

April 15--Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer--9am
Blessing of Easter Food--11am
Great Easter Vigil Mass--8pm
*no confessions on Holy Saturday

April 16--Easter Sunday

All Masses are in Main Church:
7:30am, 9am, 10:30am & Noon

**Please bring your
CRS
Rice Bowl
Container
with your donations
inside
to Mass on
April 9, 2017
Passion Sunday
(Palm Sunday)**

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, April 3

9:00 AM – Therese Hauser by Suzy Cook & Family

Tuesday, April 4

9:00 AM – Rory J. Rodgers by the St. Columbkille
Council #16544 Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, April 5

9:00 AM – Dominick and Alex Dorazio by Antonette &
Joe Fabrizio

7:00 PM – Susan Kochu by St. Columbkille Prayer Shawl

Thursday, April 6

6:30 AM – John and Elizabeth McDonnell by
Deacon Howard & Pat Schultz

9:00 AM – Shirley Melcher by Ellen & George
Fronheiser

Friday, April 7

9:00 AM – Gertrude Toffling by mom, Betty
Botscheller

Saturday, April 8

5:00 PM – Marlene Fisher on First Anniversary of
Death by Dolores Ondo & Marci Follweiler

Sunday, April 9

7:30 AM – Francis Zielinski by Family

9:00 AM – First Wedding Anniversary of Sarah &
Brandon Sullivan by Charlene, Tony
and Andrea Wysocki

11:00 AM – Therese Hauser by the Dennin Family

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Mon:	April 03	Bsp. Emeritus Ed Cullen
Tue:	April 04	Father James Torpey
Wed:	April 05	Msgr. James Treston
Thu:	April 06	Father James Ward
Fri:	April 07	Msgr. Robert Wargo
Sat:	April 08	Msgr. Anthony Wassel
Sun:	April 09	Father Joseph Whalen

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

1st 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

1st 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

2nd Lieutenant Zachary Bregovi

Lance Corporal Andrew J. Carpenter

PV2 Somer Leanne Guhl -1st Calvary Division

PV2 Ray Fazio

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

Angeline Leap by Judy and Robert Chisholm

Bread and Wine

For the Intentions of the kind Parishioners who provided transport services, in appreciation Helene Keenan

Altar Flowers

Call Parish Office if interested in donating

Flowers at Mass in honor of a loved one.

Please pray for Deceased Relatives of Our Parishioners

Charles D. Baxter father of Anita Muehleisen

Kathryn Spence mother of Joan Sartor

Lenten Reflection

April 2, 2017

Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

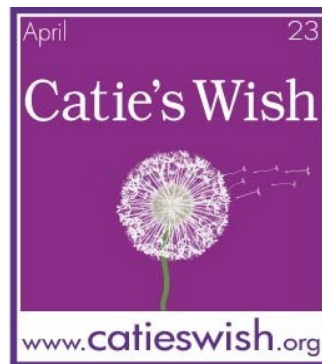
With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

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. All proceeds benefit local crisis pregnancy centers.

More News/Events



Pray for a Cure for Pediatric Cancer

For the past 8 years, St. Columbkille PREP classes have been supporting Catie's Wish in a prayerful and colorful way. The students color postcards for kids with cancer who are receiving treatment at St. Jude

Children's Research Hospital.

The outreach is in memory of Catie O'Brien, a former parishioner. Catie lost her battle with an extremely rare form of brain cancer in January 2009 at the tender age of 7, but her legacy lives on through Catie's Wish Foundation, whose mission is to "*eradicate pediatric cancer through prayer and research.*"

Catie's wish was to treat everyone at St. Jude each year on her birthday: April 23rd. Millions of dollars have been raised since 2009 and millions of prayers have been offered as well.

Please join our PREP students in remembering Catie on what would be her 16th birthday this year by coloring April 23rd purple on your calendar and praying for a cure for pediatric cancer. Together in prayer, we can make a difference and make Catie's Wish of a world without cancer a reality.

To help us reach our goal of one million prayers, please visit <http://www.catieswish.org/praytoday/> and log your prayers today!

Youth Group (7th-12th Grades)

UPCOMING EVENTS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

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

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 9th

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! We will be having chicken bites this time! **Please note time change due to the Easter Flower Sale. Come help sell flowers and then stay for the meeting!**

Holy Week Mission 2017

DARE TO LOVE

Who? 7th-12th graders

What? Holy Week Mission

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

When? **Wednesday, April 12**

7:00pm Commissioning of Missionaries at Mass.

Thursday, April 13th to Saturday, April 15th- Spend

2 nights at church while praying for others, participating in many of the parish's Holy Week services/ 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.

How much? Registration fee is \$10.00.

Please register by going to

<http://http://stcolumbkil.org/holy-week-mission>

*Any parishioner wishing to donate food or money for our Missionaries, please email
Heather Shainline at:
youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org

Youth Group Events

Mission Trip

Update:

There are still **3 student spots left** and 2 chaperone spots (one MALE and one FEMALE) 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. The cost of the trip is \$355.00 and includes all meals, housing, transportation, a t-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@stcolumbkil.org for more information. Please note that you must be entering 8th grade up to a graduating senior in order to go on this trip.



YOUNG ADULTS (18-34 YRS)

Next monthly meeting: April 18th from 6-7pm in the Conference Room

April Activity: Spiritual event- TBD

Heather Shainline is our Director of the Youth Group and Young Adults Group...any questions or if you need more information email her at:
youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org

Message from St. Francis Academy Our Parish Elementary School



St. Francis Academy

668 Pine Street
Bally, PA
www.sfabally.org

April 4 – School Liturgy 10:45

CYO Track for K-2 begins.

April 5– Smile! Group Picture Day.

CYO Track for Gr. 3-5 begins.

April 6 – Dori Hoch, author of Easter Bunny Brothers will be visiting Grades Pre-K, K, 1, and 2.

April 7 – Gr. 4 trip to the Lehigh Valley Zoo

Gr. 5 will visit Burnside Plantation in Bethlehem

Stations of the Cross for Grades 3 to 8.

Last week our SFA Gloria Singers, under the direction of Mrs. Harris, performed in a concert with other school groups at Berks Catholic High School.

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, for more information.

Congratulations to our students who earned honors in the second trimester:

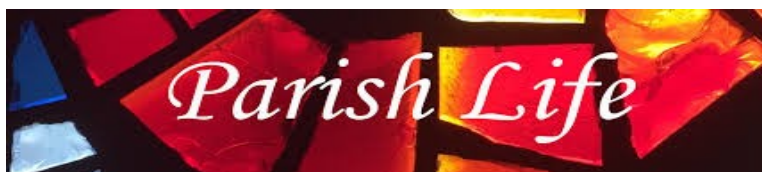
First Honors Gr. 8-Isabela Caruso, Blandin Conklin, Marissa Keenan, Erin Smola Gr. 7-Monica Guerin

Second Honors

Gr. 8-Matthew Graczyk, Aaron Kline, Hannah Millet, Annalise Santiago, Sydney Trimbur Gr. 7-Anthony Adamkovic, Tyler Derkotch, Liam Gundersen, Autumn Kline, Charlotte LaMagna, Theresa Patterson, Maureen Ryan, Benjamin Waltenbaugh

Honorable Mention

Gr. 8-Connor McGill Gr. 7 Marlana Agricoli, Makayla Jones, Charles Kuter, Annika Snyder.



Parish Life Committee

The **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will occur on **Holy Saturday 11:30am on church grounds**. Admission is FREE but you must sign up in the Narthex.

We sponsor this event and it is supported by our Youth Group and the Knights of Columbus council. The Knights will host a craft activity before the event.

Catholic Youth Quiz

Bible Quiz! Answers next week!

Mothers in the Bible

1.) Who was the mother of Joseph and Benjamin?
Lydia, Keturah, **Rachel**, or Anna

2.) Who was the mother of King Solomon?
Bathsheba, Dinah, Jezebel, or Bilhah

3.) Who was the mother of Ishmael?
Leah, Rebekah, **Hagar** or Rachel

4.) Who was the mother of Samuel?
Deborah, Esther, **Hannah** or Eve

5.) Who was the mother-in-law of Ruth?
Naomi, Lydia, Julia or Huldah

6.) Whose mother placed him in an ark of bulrushes? Joseph, **Moses**, David or Paul

7.) Which disciple did Paul commend for having the same faith his mother had?
Timothy, Barnabas, John Mark, or Luke?

8.) Who instructed her daughter to ask for the head of John the Baptist?
Herodias, Salome, Jezebel, Judas' wife

9.) Whose mother got him a wife from Egypt?
Jacob, Isaac, **Ishmael**, or Moses

10). Since Jesus is also, God, does He really have a mother? If yes, Who and How can this be? **Mary is Jesus' Mother**. We believe that Jesus is God AND Man. **Scripture tell us that He was born of Mary in Bethlehem of Judea. Mary is the Mother of God!**

YOUTH JOKE OF THE WEEK!

Joey arrived at Sunday PREP class late. His teacher knew that Joey was usually very punctual and that his mom had him there every Sunday, so she asked him if anything was wrong.

Joey said no, that he had been going fishing but his dad told him that he needed to go to church.

His teacher was very impressed and asked the lad if his dad had explained to him why it was more important to go to church than to go fishing?

Joey replied, 'Yes he did. Dad said he didn't have enough bait for both of us.'

And St. Peter the Fisherman was smiling!!!!

Father Marty's Corner

Today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent. It is the final week before we enter into Holy Week. Our gospel from John is the story of the resurrection of Lazarus from the dead. I am always taken by one specific line from this gospel., *And Jesus wept.* What a clear sign of the humanity of Jesus. Jesus knows our pain and sorrow because He felt it Himself. After this display of emotion, the scriptures tell us that Jesus was perturbed.



He then commands that the stone be taken away, says a prayer to His Father and cries out for Lazarus to come out. And he does! This great act encouraged belief in Jesus among the Jews who were surrounding Martha and Mary in their grief. This gospel will hopefully strengthen our faith and belief in the midst of our challenges.

Jesus is the resurrection and the life. He promises us everlasting life. May we embrace the hope which the raising of Lazarus provides for us all.

Fifth Sunday of Lent John's Gospel 11: 1-45

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." 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. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And **Jesus wept.** So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me."

And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in 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 **\$8,638.12!** 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 ***\$8,638.12!*** You are all truly doing His work here at our parish in Boyertown!



Weekly Collections

Fiscal Year July 2016 —June 2017

Weekend of March 25 & 26—2017

Wkly. offering necessary for Budget.....	\$13,750.00
Actual Weekly Offering	\$13,565.41
Net Weekly Shortage.....	-\$184.59
YTD Budget Offering.....	\$536,250.00
YTD Actual Offering Income.....	\$539,094.43
YTD Overage.....	\$2,844.43

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 SENIOR GROUP

**NEXT SENIOR GROUP
MONTHLY
MEETING 4/20/17 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**

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

FALL 2017 CRUISE -A nine-night New England and Canada cruise is planned for September 28-October 7, 2017 to support the building of St. Francis Home for the terminally ill which is being built in Shillington. Father Philip Rodgers is on the Board of Directors, and invites you to join him on this fund-raising cruise. We will be sailing on *Anthem of the Seas*, Royal Caribbean. Cruise departs from Bayonne, NJ. Makes stops at New England and Canadian ports. What a spectacular way to see the fall foliage. Come and learn more about this very popular cruise. For information call the parish office 610-856-1006.

AOH Next Trip

Mohegan Sun Casino trip
Sunday May 7th
Leaves Bechtelsville Walmart 8 am returns by 5 pm
cost \$25
Casino pkg - \$25 free play and \$5 food voucher
call Kathy 610-764-0293 or Joann 610-367-5576

Did you know?

That at the Mass on Holy Thursday morning the bishop, joined by the priests of the diocese, gather at the Cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass. This Mass manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop.

QUESTION? After the death of Judas, how did the Apostles choose his replacement?

Last Week's Answer: Who was the "treasurer" of the Apostles?
Even though Matthew was a tax collector and Peter was head of the Apostles...**Judas was the Treasurer. John 13: v.29**
"Since Judas kept the money bag, some thought that Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the feast," or to give something to the poor."

And you can look all of this up!!!

LENTEN ART SHOW

On Palm Sunday and throughout Holy Week, St. Columbkil will host an art show on the Life and Passion of Christ. Artist and parishioner, Michelle White, will display charcoal drawing and oil paintings as a personal meditation on Christ and His suffering. Please join us for the opening on Palm Sunday, **April 9th**, with coffee and donuts in the downstairs hall.

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

Matrimony: A calling to forgive! "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. The next program in your area begins on the weekend of April 21 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Another weekend will be held in August. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.



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.

Boyertown Soccer Club: JK Memorial Field Casino Night (in honor of Jacob Karnchanaphati who was a member of St. Columbkille) Come join us for what will be a fantastic night of family, friends and community. **Friday, May 12th** at Sunnybrook Ballroom in Pottstown 7pm to 11 pm. Tickets are \$60 including \$500 voucher, Buffet Dinner and 2 Drink Tickets. Questions, contact Mr. Sean Brennan: fundraising@boyertownsoccerclub.net

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

The Parish Life Committee

*See our display in the Narthex with intentions printed for various groups on the back of foam eggs. Take one or more & pray from them during the remainder of Lent.

*We are having a "Parish Meetup" on **April 8th @ 3:00pm** at the Padre Pio Center. Signups in the Narthex. Admission is free, donations are welcome.

Widows and Widowers Support Group - The next "REACH OUT" will be at the MBS' Rectory Conference RM at 1 PM on **April 9th**. We have heard that "Time waits for no man," while it can be lost, it should be spent wisely. Time weighs most heavily on those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. The support of those who understand can help to find meaning and hope for the future. For more information please call Dn. Mike Boyle at 484-336-9849.

12th Annual Mass- Benediction & Healing Service preceded by Praise & Worship Music.

The Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Clifton E. Bishop, Jr. on **April 30, 2017** at St. Catherine of Siena Church on Boyertown Pike. **Music event begins at 6:30 p.m. with Mass at 7 p.m.** Please spread the word. The Mass does count for your Sunday obligation.

1st Annual St. Columbkille Golf Outing

This event will be held **June 10th** at Twin Ponds Golf Course! It will include an event-opening lunch followed by a 1PM shotgun start. Refreshments served throughout the day. Following a great day of golf, a delicious dinner and refreshments will be served. Great prizes for various contests will be awarded. Don't miss a great day of fun and comradery. If you don't have a foursome, you can join another team. Contact Mike Pishock at mike.pishock@yahoo.com

Senior Group—April's Meeting has been changed to April 20th



Staff Directory

Pastor - Father Martin F. Kern

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

Administrative Assistants - Lisa De Simone:
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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

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Director Communications/Marketing -

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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.