

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



## St. Columbkill Parish

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31 Dec 2017

## Feast of the Holy Family

"Now, Master,  
you may let  
your servant go  
in peace,  
according to  
your word,  
for my eyes  
have seen your  
salvation,  
which you  
prepared in sight  
of all the  
peoples"



Luke  
2:  
22-40

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

IS HEARD EVERY SATURDAY FROM 4 P.M. TO 4:45 P.M.

BEFORE THE SATURDAY EVENING VIGIL MASS

## Happy New Year!

### A Prayer for the New Year!

*God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.*

*As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.*

(source: <https://www.loyolapress.com>)

*St. Columkill*  
All Guests and New Parishioners are most WELCOME!

Please go to our home page where you can register online to join our wonderful parish family!

December 31, 2017

Last Day to Claim a Year End Gift for Income Tax Purposes

Just go to our Home Page at [www.stcolumbkill.org](http://www.stcolumbkill.org)

Thank you for all of your love, prayers and support!

# **PRAVFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, January 1**

9:00 AM – Mary Ceil Landry by Mary Timko

11:00 AM – Ernesto and Angelina Fiore by Family

**Tuesday, January 2**

9:00 AM – Jane Conley by Bertha King

**Wednesday, January 3**

9:00 AM –Anne Yanek by Wayne and Mary Gregory

**Thursday, January 4**

9:00 AM – Ruth Pushkar by Beth Kendsersky

**Friday, January 5**

9:00 AM – Harley Hauck by St. Columbkill Senior Group

**Saturday, January 6**

5:00 PM - Living and Deceased of St. Columbkill

5:00 PM- Mary Ann Droege by the Droege Family

**Sunday, January 7**

7:30 AM - Those Enrolled in the Iona Memorial Fund

9:00 AM – Caroline Solomon by her sister,  
Mary Ceil Landry

11:00 AM – Roseann Murphy by Diane & Bob Morgan

## **PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

Mon	Jan 01—His Holiness Pope Francis
Tue	Jan 02—Pope Emeritus Benedict
Wed	Jan 03—Bishop Alfred Schlert
Thur	Jan 04—Bsp. Emeritus Ed Cullen
Fri	Jan 05—Fr. Stephen Maco
Sat	Jan 06—Fr. Peter Mainza
Sun	Jan 07—Fr. Leo Maletz

## **EXTENDED 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 6:00 p.m.

*Please Pray  
For the  
following  
Intentions...*



## **For Our Family Members in the Military**

*Seaman Recruit Steve Hoffa*

*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*

*CDR 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*

*SFC Ommannan Gonzalez*

*LTJG Daniel Patti, USN*

*1st LT Joseph Patti, USA*

*PV2 Cole Keenan*

*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 Stephanie Yura by George and Ellen Fronheiser

## **Bread and Wine**

In Honor of Hildegard Janssen on the occasion of her birthday

## **Please Pray for the Recently Deceased who are Relatives of Parishioners**

Agnes Walker mother of Mary Patti  
Louis Conte brother of Jean Burrell

## Catechism of the Catholic Church

### 583. How is it possible to address God as "Father"?

We can invoke the "Father" because the Son of God made man has revealed him to us and because his Spirit makes him known to us. The invocation, Father, lets us enter into his mystery with an ever new sense of wonder and awakens in us the desire to act as his children. When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we are therefore aware of our being sons of the Father in the Son.

Further reading: CCC [2779-2785, 2789, 2798-2800](#)

### 584. Why do we say "our" Father?

"Our" expresses a totally new relationship with God. When we pray to the Father, we adore and glorify him with the Son and the Holy Spirit. In Christ we are "his" people and he is "our" God now and for eternity. In fact, we also say "our" Father because the Church of Christ is the communion of a multitude of brothers and sisters who have but "one heart and mind" (*Acts 4:32*).

Further reading: CCC [2786-2790, 2801](#)

### 585. With what spirit of communion and mission do we pray to God as "our" Father?

Since praying to "our" Father is a common blessing for the baptized, we feel an urgent summons to join in Jesus' prayer for the unity of his disciples. To pray the "Our Father" is to pray with all people and for all people that they may know the one true God and be gathered into unity.

Further reading: CCC [2791-2793, 2801](#)

### 586. What does the phrase "Who art in heaven" mean?

This biblical expression does not indicate a place but a way of being: God transcends everything. The expression refers to the majesty, the holiness of God, and also to his presence in the hearts of the just. Heaven, or the Father's house, constitutes our true homeland toward which we are moving in hope while we are still on earth. "Hidden with Christ in God" (*Colossians 3:3*), we live already in his homeland.

Further reading: CCC [2794-2796, 2802](#)

### 587. What is the structure of the Lord's Prayer?

It contains seven petitions made to God the Father. The first three, more God-centered, draw us toward him for his glory; it is characteristic of love to think first of the beloved. These petitions suggest in particular what we ought to ask of him: the sanctification of his Name, the coming of his Kingdom, and the fulfillment of his will. The last four petitions present to the Father of mercies our wretchedness and our expectations. They ask him to feed us, to forgive us, to sustain us in temptations, and to free us from the Evil One.

Further reading: CCC [2803-2806, 2857](#)

## Ministries & Neighborhood News

### Part-Time Office Assistant

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, 640 E. Main St., Birdsboro, PA 19508

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist is dedicated to the spiritual formation of the laity with communities in PA, NJ, and VA.

Part-Time Hours: 2-3 days a week 8:30 am – 3:00 pm.  
Summer hours 1-2 days a week.

Must be proficient in Microsoft Word.  
Please email resumes to [sjn@olme.org](mailto:sjn@olme.org).

### EXTENDED ADORATION

Here at St. Columbkill we have Adoration for the following hours and days in our Holy Family Chapel

Mondays: 10:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. ( 14 hours)

Tuesdays 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. (24 hours)

Wednesdays: 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. (24 hours)

Thursdays: 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. (24 hours)

Fridays: 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (18 hours)

If interested in spending an hour with Jesus...

contact Josh Petruskas at:  
[joshp@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:joshp@stcolumbkill.org)

### MARCH FOR LIFE FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018

LOOK on our Home Page to reserve and pay online!

Now is the time to schedule your vacation day from

work if necessary, so you can join us for this

incredible pep rally for LIFE!

The day begins with Mass for the Unborn at 6:30am before boarding the bus to Washington, DC. The program on the National Mall begins at 12 noon and the March follows. Cost is \$50 per adult.

To reserve a seat go on our website Home Page find the March for Life AD and follow the instructions. Or drop your check off at the Parish Office made out to St. Columbkill Church. Questions... please contact Candee Holzman at : [484-431-2085](tel:484-431-2085).or [candeeh@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:candeeh@stcolumbkill.org).

A Paid Reservation is confirmed ONLY when your payment is received. So reserve your seat now!

### ALTAR SERVERS

Starting in 5th grade and continuing through 12th grade, our students minister at the Altar each weekend. This is an important experience for a Catholic student and a service to our parish. Altar server training is held in the fall.

Coordinated by Theodore Kochen and  
Matthew Howald

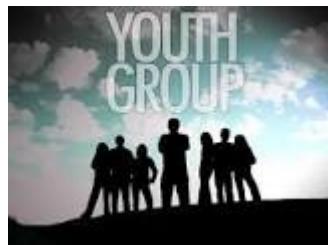
Contact Parish Secretary to schedule: Lisa De Simone  
at [610-367-2371](tel:610-367-2371)

mailto: [lisad@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:lisad@stcolumbkill.org)

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS!

The Youth Group would like to thank everyone who supported us in buying a poinsettia the first weekend of December at the Food and Craft Fest. We raised \$330.00 towards our Mission Trip in June. Thank you to all the teens and parents who helped sell the flowers, too. We sold out at the last Mass! More fundraisers will be coming up soon and if you are able to support us as we continue to raise money for our Mission Trip, we appreciate it more than you know!



### Birthright Donation THANK YOU!

Thank you to our teens and their families for donating so many baby clothes, diapers and wipes at our Christmas Party on 12/10. Birthright depends on their Christmas donations to make it the whole year to supply needs for their babies and mothers.

### Sunday, January 14th

#### Monthly Meeting

Light lunch provided. Please let Heather know if you will attend.

### Mission Trip Deposits DUE

If you are going on the Mission Trip, please turn your deposit in NOW. Deposits were due Dec. 10th.

### Winter Newsletter

Our teen council has some COOL things planned for youth group from now until March. The winter newsletter will be ready in the beginning of January. Suggestions for activities at meetings are always welcome.

### Message from your Youth Group Director

**Many blessings to you and your family during this Christmas season. I wish that you have a great start to the New Year, too. Our teens are our future and I am in awe of their faith and dedication to serving others.**

**Let us learn to be more like our teens!**

**Merry Christmas and Happy 2018!**

You can reach Heather Shainline, Our Director at:  
[youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org)

## TEEN BLOG

### How to start reading the Bible (cont.)

By Mark Hart

#### *The Construction*

Finally, let's hit four things you should remember, while reading the Bible and beyond.

1. Less is more. Don't just open up the Gospel and read until you get tired or 'for fifteen minutes' because that's what you committed to doing. Most Bibles break down the chapters into subchapters. If you began in the Gospel of Mark, for instance, you shouldn't just start in verse 1 and continue through verse 45 (the end of the chapter). Instead, take verses 1-8 and spend 15 minutes meditating on them. Take just verses 9-11 and ruminant (chew) through them. That first chapter (the 45 verses) should be broken down into about 10 different studies alone. Studying the Scriptures is not like driving across country ... it's not about how much distance you cover in a set amount of time. Enjoy the time, roll down the windows and take everything in.

2. Periods are there for a reason. The periods at the end of each sentence are almost as much a gift as the words that precede them. Each little 'dot' is an invitation to take a breath and reflect on what you just read and prayed. At each period, take a moment to envision the story that's unfolding. If you are reading about the Baptism of Jesus (Mk. 1:9-11), don't just say 'Hey cool, Jesus is getting baptized.' Go deeper. At each period, put yourself more deeply into the story ... at His baptism, where are you? Are you on the shore, on the mountain overlooking the scene or in the water right next to Christ? Is it hot out? Does the water smell bad? Is it noisy or peaceful? Let the story come alive.

(Continued Next Week)

Source: <https://lifeteen.com/blog/how-to-start-reading-the-bible>

## Young Adults (Ages 18-34)

Heather Shainline is our Director of both our Youth Group and our Young Adult Group. Our next meeting for Young Adults will be held in January 2018 . Date TBD.

**Merry Christmas! Happy 2018!!**

For information contact Heather at:  
[youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkil.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)

**Jan 3 - Happy New Year!**

\*Classes resume for Gr. Pre-K to 8.

**Jan. 5- School Liturgy 10:45 a.m.**

### Looking ahead to 2018

\*We'll continue observing our 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

\*Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from Jan. 28 to Feb. 2, 2018 Watch for details.

\*Gr. 5 through 8 will participate in a Social Studies Expo.

\*New teacher website will take place in January.

Please continue to save your Redner's receipts and BoxTops for Education for the school.

Plastic cash is sold at MBS after all Sunday masses and through school on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

**No Plastic Cash sales on the holiday weekends.**

Calling all St. Francis Academy/Most Blessed Sacrament School Alumni who are active military service members. As part of our anniversary celebration we would like to send you a small token of our thanks for your service. We need names and home addresses. Families can call school with the information.  
610-845-7364.

### Youth Humor of the Week

There is the story of the PREP Catechist who asked little Billy if he knew where Jesus dwelt at the present time, confidently expecting that he would answer: "In heaven."

"In the bathroom, at my house," replied Billy.

"Why would you say that?" inquired the shocked teacher.

Because every morning my daddy pounds on the bathroom door and says, "My Lord, are you still in there?"

**The Catechist could only smile**

### Bible Quiz (New Quiz Next Week)

1. How many apostles did Jesus have? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which book tells about the visit of the Wise men to baby Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who wrote the book of Acts? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many Gospel books are there? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who wrote the book of Revelation? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Who said, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand"? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How many times did Peter deny Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Who was shipwrecked in the New Testament? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Which New Testament book tells about Paul's conversion? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Where did Jesus grow up? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Where was Paul when he went blind? \_\_\_\_\_
12. How many wise and foolish girls were in Jesus' story? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Who wrote the most books in the New Testament? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Name one book that tells of Jesus' birth? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Who was the governor who tried Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

**ANSWERS NEXT WEEK!**

## Father Marty's Corner

Well my friends, we have navigated through Christmas but are still in the octave (the eight days following any feast.) The fact that we are in the octave means that we need to keep the celebration going. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Our chapel here at Saint Columbkill in the Creemers Center is named for the Holy Family. Father Quinn would have chosen this name. As to why he chose that title, I do not know. I asked him many questions but that was not one of them. I can surmise that Father Quinn was so taken by the growth of the parish and the number of families that were moving in that he thought it was appropriate to dedicate the chapel in the names of this very special family. I have reason to meditate on the stained glass window of the Holy Family in the chapel.



It is unique in that Jesus has a hammer, Joseph has a mallet and chisel and Mary has thread and is working a spindle. It is great to see them in action. They are often depicted in a variety of poses but not usually in action shots. It is a concrete reminder that they are not just statues but rather a real family (like ours) that had work to do. Each day they had to accomplish many tasks that were probable as mundane as our tasks. So they understand intimately our lives and our struggles. On this feast of the Holy Family we celebrate this special family and realize how they can assist us in family life by prayer and example because they lived as a family first!

## Feast of the Holy Family —Luke 2: 22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of *a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons*, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

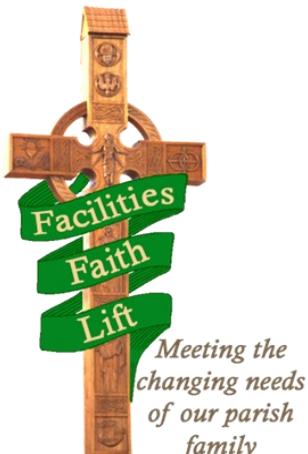
The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer.

And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

# STEWARSHIP

## Facilities Faith Lift



Meeting the  
changing needs  
of our parish  
family

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 two year anniversary.* We will continue to accept new pledges at any time during our cam-

aign. 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 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!!

Our Penny Pledge total to date is: **\$11,584.14 !!!** CONGRATULATIONS and thank you for your help in making this milestone a reality.

Father Marty announced this in September at the Children's Mass.

### Our new Penny Pledge Milestone is \$15,000.

Please continue to bring in your pennies and deposit them into the coin container in the narthex for the remaining months of our campaign.

**Every penny counts!!**

We wish to thank you for your consistent giving!



**Fiscal Year July 2017 — June 2018  
Weekend of Dec 16 & Dec 17—2017**

Wkly. offering necessary for Budget.....	\$13,800.00
Actual Weekly Offering .....	\$13,731.54
Net Weekly Shortage.....	<b>-\$ 68.46</b>
YTD Budget Offering.....	\$345,000.00
YTD Actual Offering Income.....	\$321,842.08
YTD Shortage.....	<b>-\$23,157.92</b>
Growing our Faith End-Of-Year-Gifts....	\$12,260.00
Net Year-to-Date Shortage.....	<b>-\$10,897.92</b>

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO'VE CONTRIBUTED  
AN "END-OF-YEAR-GIFT" THUS FAR!!!  
YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT ARE  
OVERWHELMING!**

### 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!

### Facilities Faith Lift New Pledges!!

Come and see our newly renovated Quinn Hall. It is awesome to watch the progress of our growing and vibrant parish family!!

Our Pledge Campaign still has a little less than a year left and if you have not pledged to this wonderful campaign we are asking you to consider doing so. In the spirit of

St. Francis of Assisi...we are begging!

There are pledge cards in the Narthex of the Church. More information to follow on this. Thank you!

## Parish News and Information

### OUR SENIOR GROUP

NEXT SENIOR GROUP  
MONTHLY  
MEETING :

January 11, 2018  
In Quinn Hall



Next scheduled trip is Jan 3-2018 to Sands Casino in Bethlehem. More info to come shortly.

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

Group is open to people 50 years of age and have paid their current membership dues.

Call Don Gilbert for info on joining!  
610-369-5950

### Mass Schedule New Years!

#### MASSES FOR NEW YEAR'S

December 31, 2017 New Year's Eve 5:00 pm

January 1, 2018 New Year's Day  
9:00 am and 11:00 am

Happy & Blessed 2018 to you  
and your families!!!



### Did you know?

That the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops states...that Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

**Question: Who is Elizabeth Ann Seton?**

**Last Week's Answer:** When does the Christmas Season end in the Church's liturgical calendar?

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him...including the fact that he was born to die for us. The Baptism of Our Lord's Feast this year is on January 8, 2018!!

*And you can look all of this up!*

### The Knights Corner

From our St. Columbkill Knights of Columbus Council



Starting January 2018 the monthly breakfast will switch to the **FIRST Sunday** of every month. **JANUARY 7TH is next breakfast!**

2. Pre-Super Bowl Party to be held on Saturday **February 3rd** after the 5:00 Mass.
3. St. Valentines Day Dance to be held on Saturday **February 17** after the 5:00 Mass
4. Prime Rib & Crab Cake Dinner to be held on Saturday **April 21** after the 5:00 Mass



## Parish News and Events

### ***3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL ST. COLUMBKIL CHILI COOKOFF – JANUARY 20TH!***

Put your chili to the test and you could win one of 4 great prizes...including the coveted CHILI PEPPER TROPHY AND CASH PRIZES! Don't have a recipe to enter but still love great chili? Purchase your ticket to attend the event and you will have the opportunity to taste some of the best chili recipes in town and vote for the best...you could win a quart of chili! There will also be craft beer and wine sampling as well as other great foods for sampling and purchase. You can listen and dance to great music provided by Scott Entertainment. Kids can enjoy the new Activity Area! Only 20 contestant spots are available so enter before it's too late! To enter, please email Mike Lineman at [michaell@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:michaell@stcolumbkil.org) or call 610.689.0755. Tickets and entries are available in the Parish Office or Narthex after all weekend masses.

### ***LOOKING FOR A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT THAT COULD BE WORTH \$500?***

Purchase St. Columbkil Daily Lottery Tickets! Each ticket is a gift that keeps giving... 28 chances to win a cash prize from \$100-\$500 during the month of February...and each ticket can win more than once! These tickets make great Christmas presents for just \$20! Only 1000 tickets being sold...get your tickets early so you can reserve your favorite numbers. Nearly \$5000 in cash prizes will be available to win. Tickets are available for purchase in the Parish Office. GOOD LUCK!

### ***Life AD Donation Coupon***

Be counted when we publish this anti-abortion/pro-life ad in the Reading Eagle on Sunday, Jan 22, 2018. The suggested donation is \$6/person, \$12/couple or family. Sandra Eidle will be in the Narthex taking Names on the weekends of December 9/10 and 16/17 or make donations (check payable to "Life Ad") into your Sunday Mass collection or mail to: St. Ignatius Loyola Rectory 2810 St. Albans Dr. Sinking Spring, Pa. 19608. Make sure your name, parish name & Phone # attached.

***Notary Public*** Lisa De Simone of our office staff is a certified notary public. She is authorized to perform the legal formalities of a notary, especially to draw up or certify contracts, deeds, and other documents for use in other jurisdictions. To contact Lisa you can call her at the Parish Office: **610-367-2371**. Or email her at: [lisad@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:lisad@stcolumbkil.org)

### ***2018 Parish Calendar***

This weekend you can pick up our **2018 Parish Calendar**. We hope you enjoy it! We'd like to thank Greg Catagnus & Catagnus Funeral Home & Cremation Center Inc. for financially sponsoring our calendar.

### ***Bible Study Group***

Our Bible Study Group here at St. Columbkil meets every Thursday after the 9 a.m. Mass in the EHST Room. Contact Margaret Chovanes at: [margaretc@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:margaretc@stcolumbkil.org) for more information. ALL ARE WELCOME!



## Staff Directory

**Pastor** - Father Martin F. Kern

**Weekend Assistant** – Fr. Kevin Bobbin

**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;

preschool@stcolumbkill.org

**Director of Religious Education** - Constance J. Boyer:

connieb@stcolumbkill.org

**Coordinators of Religious Education**

Patricia & Joseph Petrauskas

**Director 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 Coordinator**—Mary Snyder

**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. 2019

## ***Weekly and Monthly Meetings***

- ◆ Alcoholics Anonymous meets each **Monday** @ 5:30 p.m.in Ehst Room
- ◆ Over-eaters Anonymous meets each **Monday** @ Noon 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.
- ◆ Human Concerns Ministry meets on the 1st **Wed.** of each month at 7 pm in parish Conference Room
- ◆ Charismatic Prayer –Bible Group Meets each **Wednesday** @ 7:15 p.m. in Quinn Hall– Info: Sue - 610-367-4711 or Don dondenick@comcast.net
- ◆ The Senior Group meets 2nd **Thursday** of each month in Quinn Hall at 1 p.m.
- ◆ Bible Study held on **Thursday** mornings following the 9 a.m. Mass in the Ehst Room.
- ◆ Patriotic Rosary Group 2nd-3rd-4th **Saturday** of each month 9 a.m. Contact Sue Fryer 484-415-5128

## 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.