

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



## *St. Columbkille Parish*

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18 March 2018

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”



JOHN  
12:  
20-33

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

BEFORE THE  
SATURDAY  
EVENING VIGIL  
MASS

*Hear ye! Hear ye!*



Thank you all for participating in CRS Rice Bowl this Lenten season. Your prayers and offerings will help make a real

difference in the lives of those in the world and in our own Diocese who are in most need. We will begin collecting the Rice Bowls with your offerings the week of Holy Week, beginning March 25<sup>th</sup>. A large box with the CRS Rice Bowl poster will be placed in the narthex of the church for the collection.

Thank you again for your prayers and generosity!

Deacon Joe Petrauskas, CRS Global Fellow

*St. Columbkille*  
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!

Our Last  
Lenten Simple  
Supper with  
Deacon Joe Petrauskas  
Is On Friday  
March 23rd  
At  
6 p.m.  
Followed by  
Stations of the Cross at  
7 p.m.

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# ***PRA YFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK***

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, March 19**

9:00 AM – Anna Curley by the Curley Family

**Tuesday, March 20**

9:00 AM – Gerald (Jerry) Breinich by Diane Cramsey

**Wednesday, March 21**

9:00 AM – In Loving Memory of Dominick Di Guglielmo on his Birthday Anniversary by daughter & son-in-law

7:00 PM – Mary Jean Massaro by Gail and Tony Koch & Family

**Thursday, March 22**

6:30 AM – For All the Poor Souls

9:00 AM – Arlene Casey by the Murphy & Burns Family

**Friday, March 23**

9:00 AM – David Johnston by Gail & Tony Koch

**Saturday, March 24**

5:00 PM – Susan Kochu by Barbara Eckert

**Sunday, March 25**

7:30 AM – Brenda Shueman by Ellen Boyer

9:00 AM – Frank Menta by the Payne Family

11:00 AM – Living and Deceased of St. Columbkil

*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  
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  
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  
SPC Ryan Peck*



## ***PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS***

Mon Mar 19—Fr. John Frink  
Tue Mar 20—Permanent Deacons  
Wed Mar 21—Fr. Kevin Gallagher  
Thur Mar 22—Fr. Daniel Gambet  
Fri Mar 23—Fr. Joseph Ganser  
Sat Mar 24—Fr. Angel Garcia-Almodovar  
Sun Mar 25—Fr. Andrew Gehringer

## ***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.

***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 Roger Miller by the Holzman Family  
***Bread and Wine***

With Prayerful Thoughts and Remembrance of Dominick Di Guglielmo on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Death by daughter and son-in-law

## ***Altar Flowers***

Call Parish Office if interested in honoring someone  
***Please Pray for our Deceased***  
Sarah Bilardo & Tony Coccia-Parishioners  
Mildred Fabrizio, mother of Joe Fabrizio

## Catechism of the Catholic Church

### 33. What are the symbols of faith?

The symbols of faith are composite formulas, also called "professions of faiths" or "Creeds", with which the Church from her very beginning has set forth synthetically and handed on her own faith in a language that is normative and common to all the faithful.

*Further reading: CCC 185-188, 192, 197*

### 34. What are the most ancient symbols (professions) of faith?

The most ancient symbols of faith are the *baptismal* creeds. Because Baptism is conferred "in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (*Matthew* 28:19), the truths of faith professed at Baptism are articulated in reference to the three Persons of the Most Holy Trinity.

*Further reading: CCC 189-191*

### 35. What are the most important symbols of faith?

They are the Apostles' Creed which is the ancient baptismal symbol of the Church of Rome and the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed which stems from the first two ecumenical Councils, that of Nicaea (325 A.D.) and that of Constantinople (381 A.D.) and which even to this day are common to all the great Churches of the East and the West. *Further reading: CCC 193-195*

### 36. Why does the Profession of Faith begin with the words, "I believe in God"?

The Profession of Faith begins with these words because the affirmation "I believe in God" is most important, the source of all the other truths about man and about the world, and about the entire life of everyone who believes in God.

*Further reading: CCC 198-199*

### 37. Why does one profess belief that there is only one God?

Belief in the one God is professed because he has revealed himself to the people of Israel as the only One when he said, "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord" (*Deuteronomy* 6:4) and "there is no other" (*Isaiah* 45:22). Jesus himself confirmed that God is "the one Lord" (*Mark* 12:29). To confess that Jesus and the Holy Spirit are also God and Lord does not introduce any division into the one God.

*Further reading: CCC 200-202, 228*

## Ministries & Neighborhood News

### *READINGS FOR SUNDAY MARCH 18, 2018*

Reading 1: Jerimiah 31: 31-34

Reading 2: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12: 20-33

### *Retreat with Fr. Kevin Bobbin !*

**Keys to Life: Easter Here and Now – March 23-25** at St. Francis Retreat House in Easton. This weekend retreat will feature talks by **Fr. Kevin Bobbin** and guest speaker, Fr. Bernard Ezaki, along with time for prayer, relaxation and fellowship. The cost is \$215 for the weekend. To register, send registration form to St. Anne Church, 450 E. Washington Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017 by March 12. Checks may be made out to St. Anne Church. For more information, please contact Fidelia at St. Anne Church: **610-867-5039**

### *The Pontifical Good Friday Collection*

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday).

### *NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE*

Attention all Greeters, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers

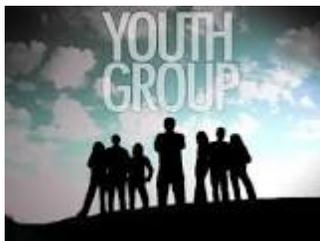
The next Ministry Schedule will begin the weekend of Saturday, April 7, 2018 and run through Sunday, July 8, 2018. Please submit any unavailable calendar dates to Lisa DeSimone at [lisad@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:lisad@stcolumbkill.org), or drop a note in the collection basket, or call the church office at 610-367- 2371 **no later than Wednesday March 21, 2018**. Sign Up for Easter Vigil and Easter will be in the Narthex.



# Ministries

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

### **UPCOMING EVENTS!**



#### **Wall O'Money Fundraiser**

This fundraiser will be up for the entire month of March. It is SUPER EASY! Take a numbered envelope from the board in the Narthex (you can't miss it!), donate the amount listed on the front, send it back to the parish office along with a prayer request and your job is done! All proceeds will go to help us on our Mission Trip in June. Thank you for your support!

#### **Sat./Sun. March 24th and 25th**

This weekend is our annual Easter Flower Sale. All flowers are from Blue Mountain Farms in New Ringgold, PA. Teens and parents—please sign up to help sell flowers after all Masses. All proceeds will go to our Mission trip in June

#### **Mission Trip- Cumberland, MD**

We still have 5 spots left for the Catholic Heart Work Camp trip in June. Please let Heather know if you would like to take one of these spots... it is a week you will never forget! We are also in need of another MALE chaperone, too. Please let Heather know if you are interested.

Dates are June 17<sup>th</sup>-June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Steubenville Trip- University of Massachusetts Lowell, MA**

Heather is still taking deposits for our annual Steubenville trip. All GRADUATED seniors are ½ price this year. If you have NEVER gone, now is the time to try a Steubenville conference out. Grow closer to Jesus and your friends on a weekend that will change your life! Contact Heather if you are still interested in attending this fun weekend.

Dates are July 13<sup>th</sup>-July 15<sup>th</sup>.



#### **Holy Week Mission 2018**

Register and pay your fee online today at:  
<http://www.stcolumbkil.org/holy-week-mission>

Join us again for our Holy Week Mission from **March 28-March 31**. This experience is for 7th to 12th graders only and space is limited so sign up TODAY. All participants will need to print off and fill out the permission and medical liability forms on our parish website. Registration fee is **\$25\* this year which includes a sweatshirt, room and board and transportation for the entire Holy Week Mission.** \*Financial aid is available to those in need upon request (please speak with any of the leaders listed below). If you have any questions, please call or text: Mary Cris Guerin 215-272-4293 Megan Repko 610-310-5661 Heather Shainline 484-336-9200 OR email your questions to [youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org).

#### ***Pope John Paul II High School Honor Roll From St. Columbkil—CONGRATS!!!!***

##### **First Honors:**

Caroline M. Frattone Class of 2018

Everett McCloskey Class of 2021

##### **Second Honors:**

Katelin Bailey Class of 2019

Anne Marie G. Frattone Class of 2019

#### ***Teen Adoration in our Holy Family Chapel***

***"Ignite Adoration Hour."*** For all teens grades 7 thru grades 12. You now have a great opportunity, weekly on **Fridays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.** to visit with Our Lord Jesus. Are you having issues with relationships; problems with your grades; find yourself arguing with your siblings or parents; feeling disconnected with your peers; experiencing anxiety about life in general? Stop in and talk with Our Lord...remember He, too, was a teenager and most likely experienced all of these feelings. Stay for 10 minutes or the entire hour. He is calling you by name!

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

### *St. Francis Academy*

668 Pine Street  
Bally, PA  
www.sfabally.org



**March 19 through 23-** ITBS testing for Grades 2 through 7.  
**March 20** - Report Cards will be distributed.  
**March 23** - School Liturgy 10:45

**Congratulations** to our HSA for another successful Designer Bag Bingo. Thank you to all the people who worked so hard to put it together. Thanks also go out to all the players who supported the event.

#### Anniversary News

**March**— Students are working on 275 Random Acts of Kindness.

**April** - Our Hedge Fund concludes on Arbor Day on April 27. The Sea Glass Art winner will be drawn.

We'll celebrate after our school Mass. Join us!

**May** - We are going to honor the Sisters of St. Francis who served our school for many years.

**June 2** - SAVE THE DATE! IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!  
Details for all these plans will be coming soon.

**We are very** happy to report that our students raised \$2,150 for the American Heart Association. It was done through the Jump Rope for Heart program organized in gym class by Miss Karen Bauer. Grades K through 8 participated.

**SFA Spring Cleanout** Our school is having a used clothing collection on Saturday, March 24 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the school parking lot. Our school receives money for every pound we collect. Please put all your donations in a tightly tied plastic bag. Contact Meghan Griech with any questions: [mbwilson02@hotmail.com](mailto:mbwilson02@hotmail.com) or call/text 610-730-5441.

**SFA lunch volunteers needed** in the Kindergarten Building and the Big School. Parents and grandparents welcome! Please call the school for more information. Thank you.

**Reminder**-Registration and re-registration for the 2018-19 school year is taking place now grades **PK 4-yr-old program through Grade 8**. Any questions, please call school 610-845-7364.

**Keep saving** those Box Tops and Redner's tapes. The proceeds help with HSA projects. Plastic cash is our biggest fundraiser. Thank you for all your support.

#### *Youth Humor of the Week*

In Dublin, Fr. O'Malley was writing the last words of his sermon in the sacristy for the Children's Mass, when Sean, the altar server asked, "Father, how do you know what to say?" Piously, Fr. O'Malley looked up at Sean and said, "Why, God tells me what to write." A little confused, Sean says, "Then why do you keep crossing things out?"

***Both God and Fr. O'Malley smiled!***

## Bible Quiz (New Quiz Next Week)

### Old Testament Quiz

In the Old Testament, who was Joseph's younger brother? **Benjamin**

What "job" did David have as a boy? **Shepherd**

Where was Moses born? **Egypt**

Who was David's best friend? **Jonathan**

Who was known as the wise King? **Solomon**

Who made a bronze snake? **Moses**

Who killed his brother? **Cain**

### *St. Columbkil Preschool*

**Registration is now open for the  
2018 - 2019 school year.**

This school year marks the 35th year that Saint Columbkil Preschool has offered quality education to children in Boyertown, PA and surrounding area.

Our program provides learning experiences that are age and developmentally appropriate. There are approximately 50 children enrolled in the 3 and 4-year-old classes, which run from Labor Day week until the end of May.

The preschool curriculum encompasses the social, emotional, physical and spiritual development of each child, while following the Pennsylvania Early Learning Standards. Our program also includes monthly physical education classes led by YMCA instructors.

Visit our Preschool web page for more information: <http://stcolumbkil.org/preschool>. You can also register your child (children) online and pay your \$35per child, non-refundable registration fee.

## Father Marty's Corner by Deacon Joe Petrauskas

### *Planting Seeds and Dying to Self*

In less than a month, us gardeners will be tilling the soil and planting seeds. Only by burying the seed in the ground and dying to its present form, will new fruit be formed. Only by listening and responding to Jesus, the Divine "gardener", do we learn that only by planting the seeds of love, does real seed blossom into beautiful fruit.

Jesus holds up the grain of wheat in today's Gospel as a symbol of hope in the wake of our own catastrophic experiences and traumatic transitions. Christ-like love demands change, risk and a certain amount of "dying," but if we are willing to risk loving and allowing ourselves to be loved, Christ promises us the harvest of the Gospel wheat: in our willingness to nurture the "grain" with our openness to God's grace and the compassion of others, there will always be second chances, opportunities to begin again, and new plantings and endless harvests.



Only by loving is love returned, only by reaching out beyond ourselves do we learn and grow, only by giving to others do we receive, only by dying do we rise to new life.

Peace!

Deacon Joe

## Fifth Sunday of Lent—John 12: 20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Jesus answered them,

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be.

The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'?"

But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.

Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder;

but others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

Jesus answered and said,

"This voice did not come for my sake but for yours.

Now is the time of judgment on this world;

now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

And when I am lifted up from the earth,

I will draw everyone to myself."

He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

# STEWARDSHIP



*Meeting the changing needs of our parish family*

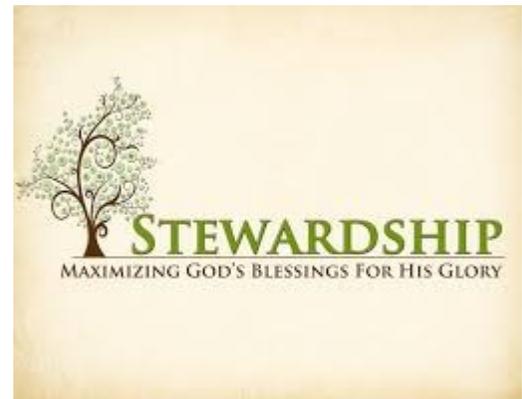
## Facilities Faith Lift

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 two 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 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!



**Fiscal Year July 1-2017—June 30-2018**

**Weekend of Mar 10 & Mar 11—2018**

Wkly. offering necessary for Budget.....	\$13,800.00
Actual Weekly Offering* .....	\$11,363.50
Net Weekly Shortage.....	<b>-\$2,436.50</b>
YTD Budget Offering.....	\$510,600.00
YTD Actual Offering .....	\$478,123.22
YTD Shortage.....	<b>-\$32,476.78</b>
<b>Growing our Faith End-Of-Year-Gifts....</b>	<b>\$29,176.45</b>
<b>Net Year-to-Date Deficit.....</b>	<b>-\$3,300.45</b>

\*Includes online Sunday Collections of \$2,237.50

## THANK YOU CHILDREN!!

Our Penny Pledge total to date is:  
**\$12,505.85! We are at 83.4% of our new goal!**  
**CONGRATULATIONS and thank you for your help in making this milestone a reality.**

**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!**



## 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 :

April 12, 2018  
In Quinn Hall at 1 PM  
NEXT TRIPS:

**1. Wednesday, April 18, 2018**  
Rainbow Comedy Playhouse  
"Whose Wife Is It Anyway"

Cost \$72/group member - \$77/guest  
Bus leaves church lot at 10:00 am (be there at 9:45)

**Money due 3/8/18**

Since the February meeting of the senior group was cancelled, sign up time for this trip is short. Please call (610 754-7516) or text me if you are **interested in going**. As **noted**, the money is due on March 8.

**2. Thursday, May 3, 2018 :**

Hollywood Casino, cost \$25/group members - \$30/guests. You will be able to sign up for this trip and others that are planned at our next meeting.

**3. Tuesday, June 12, 2018**

Sight & Sound "Jesus" show. Lunch at Shady Maple after the show. Cost is \$85 Members and \$90 for guests.

**4. Monday, July 9, 2018—Caesar's Casino in Atlantic City**

"Tribute to Latin Casino" Rebate of \$20/slots & show tix.  
Cost is \$43 members and \$48 for guests.

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

### LAOH UPCOMING TRIPS

**LAOH Casino trip to Mohegan Sun Pocono Downs  
Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Bus leaves Wal Mart Bechtelsville at 8 am return  
by 5 pm

Cost \$25 – per person

Casino gives \$25 free play and \$5 food voucher

Call Kathy 610-764-0293 to reserve seats

**LAOH Cruise/Casino trip to Atlantic City  
Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Cost \$60.00 per person

Includes a one hour cruise from Gardner's Basin along  
the fronts of skyline and 5 hours Beach and Boardwalk  
free time.

\$15 free play and \$20 food voucher at Resorts Casino

Depart Bechtelsville Wal Mart at 7:30 am

Returns by 8 pm

Call Kathy 610-764-0293 for reservations



### Did you know?

That the summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are:

\*Mass of the Lord's Supper

\*Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

\*Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

**Question:** Who are the "Sons of Thunder"?

**Last Week's Answer:** Who was Judas Iscariot?

Judas was one of the twelve original disciples of Jesus, and son of Simon Iscariot, according to the New Testament. Judas is known for the kiss and betrayal of Jesus to the Sanhedrin for 30 silver coins. His name is often used synonymously with betrayal or treason.

Though accounts of his death are varied, the traditional version sees him as having hanged himself following the betrayal, as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew. His place among the Twelve Apostles was later filled by Matthias.

*And you can look it up!*

## THE KNIGHT'S CORNER

### From our St. Columbkil Knights of Columbus Council

- ◆ Starting January 2018 the monthly breakfast will switch to the **FIRST Sunday** of every month. (except for Easter Sunday, April 1)
- ◆ The next Knights in the Morning will be in April (Date to be announced) in the Ehst Room from 11-12. Interested in knowing more about our Knights of Columbus Council? All are welcome to come and learn more.
- ◆ **Sunday April 8, 2018, THIS SUNDAY**, is our next breakfast.
- ◆ Prime Rib & Crab Cake Dinner to be held on Saturday **April 21 after the 5:00 Mass**

If you'd like to learn more about the Knight of Columbus please visit their website at:  
<http://kofc16544.org>



## Parish News and Events

***The 2018 St. Columbkil Easter Egg Hunt*** ...is just around the corner.

Save the date, **Saturday, March 31.**

Admission is free, but sign ups are required.

**Sign ups will begin after Masses each weekend starting with the March 10 & 11 weekend.**

Stay tuned for more information on our activities.

Brought to you by Parish Life.

### ***Volunteers Needed***

St. Francis Home, in Shillington, for the terminally ill residents is in need of volunteers to help with reser care. Our mission is to provide loving and compassionate care to our residents regardless of ability to pay. If you feel you would like to be a part of our St. Francis Home family, please call Nancy Schwartz with questions, at 610-670-1050.

### ***Lenten Simple Supper... Journey to Egypt! THE LAST SIMPLE SUPPER!***

Deacon Joe Petruskas will begin to unfold the Journey to Egypt during the Lenten Simple Suppers, the last one will be on **Friday, March 23th sponsored by our Human Concerns Ministry.** Meals are free...donations welcome. The simple supper meal begins at 6 P.M. Deacon Joe will present a short 15-minute talk, with slides, beginning at 6:30 P.M. followed by Stations of the Cross. **On March 23th we'll have Pizza and Salad!**

### ***Bowling for Life!***

The Human Concerns Ministry is pleased to announce that the *Holy Roller duo of Fr. Marty & Sister Jean* will once again be bowling for the babies of Mary's Shelter today, **March 18<sup>th</sup>**. You can support them by making a donation in the Narthex after all the weekend Masses in March. Any cash you can "spare" would be appreciated. Mary's Shelter provides residential and non-residential services for pregnant women and women with newborns who are in need of a supportive environment because of a lack of suitable housing or favorable family relationships.

### ***13<sup>th</sup> Annual Healing Mass & Benediction***

Worship Music Begins at 6:30 p.m. and Mass at 7 p.m. celebrated by Rev. Clifton E. Bishop, Jr. on Sunday **April 29<sup>th</sup>** at St. Catharine of Siena Church on Boyertown Pike.

### ***Widow and Widowers Grief Support***

The next "REACH OUT" meeting is at 1 PM. **on March 25<sup>th</sup> at Most Blessed Sacrament's** Schneider Hall. Grief has a voice. When it is your voice, what you are hearing is the worst grief of all. We ask all to pray for the families who have lost a loved-one as they adapt to life after loss. For more information and for **anyone** who has suffered a loss of **any one** close to them, please call Dn. Mike Boyle at 484-336-9849.

### ***Mass for Those Suffering from Addiction***

The Rev. Tadeusz Gorka, Pastor of Sacred Hearth Catholic Church in Royersford, will celebrate Mass at 11 AM for "Those Suffering from Addiction." Addiction has touch many families. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith. All are welcome!!



## ***Staff Directory***

**Pastor** - Father Martin F. Kern

**Weekend Assistant** – Fr. Kevin Bobbin

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

**Administrative Assistants** - Lisa De Simone:

lisad@stcolumbkill.org

Along with: Mary Lou Heisler, and Joann Rivera

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

**Parish Visitor** - Sister Jean Wickenheiser OSF

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

Deacon Thomas J. Murphy, Headmaster

**Director of Preschool**—Adriana Segaline;

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

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**Coordinators of Religious Education**

Patricia & Joseph Petruskas

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**Diocesan Safe Environment Coord.** - Sr. Meg Cole,

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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**  
@ 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.