



ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

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DECEMBER 9, 2018 ~ THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Parish Staff

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Sunday Mass

Saturday evening: 5:00p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00a.m.

Daily Mass

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Holydays

Vigil Mass the day before the Holyday. 7:00 p.m.

Masses on the Holyday of Obligation:

6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Parish School: Saint Francis Academy

Principal - Administrator: Mr. Philip E. Repko
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Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC

Direct Line: 800-791-9209

Safe Environment Coordinator

Sister Meg Cole, SSJ, MS.LMFT

610-332-0442, ext 2019

Information

Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held daily in the chapel.

(See times on page 4)

Reconciliation (Confession)

Confessions are heard every Saturday from 4:00 - 4:45pm or any time by contacting the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for anointing and Communion for the sick and dying.

Baptism of Children

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered on the first and third Sunday of each month at 12:15p.m. Baptism Prep Classes for parents and godparents are held the 2nd of the month at 12:15 pm in the EHST Room.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage must be made at least six months before the wedding date. All couples must participate in the Marriage Prep Program.

Visits to Sick and Homebound

Please contact Sister Jean Wickenheiser, OSF at the Parish office to arrange a visit.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA prepares adolescents and adults for Baptism and full communion in the Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Margaret Chovanes at 610-248-2171.

Religious Education (PREP)

Religious instruction for elementary school students takes place on Weds & Thu -Sept through May. Please contact Connie Boyer for more information.

New Parishioners : New parishioners are most welcome, and are encouraged to register online at www.stcolumbkille.org or call the Parish Office.

A Letter from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

On this Second Sunday of Advent, John the Baptist becomes a central figure. He is the cousin of our Redeemer who passionately proclaimed "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." John's mission was to point to Jesus and encourage the people to prepare for the Savior's coming. This season moves quickly and we generally are busier than usual. The idea focusing on Jesus and preparing to welcome Him to be born in our heart again at Christmas may be overwhelming. However, the reason for everything that we are doing centers on His birth in time. You can say Happy Holidays but the holiday is about the Nativity of the Child, Jesus. If Christmas in our lives does not reflect the birth of Christ in some way, then why bother. John knew the proper place of Jesus. May we listen to his challenge and focus on the birth of Christ.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Marty



The Office will be closed on the following days:

December 24, December 25,
December 26, December 28,
December 31 and January 1
Enjoy the Christmas Season!

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased who
is a Member of our Parish



Fran Gaspari

To all who helped make the Christmas
Craft & Food Festival a Great Success.
Thank you for our Kitchen
Crew, Bakers and Crafters.
And a special thank you to
Mrs. Rose Kern for the
delicious haluski!



"And to me, my children,
give the gift of the rosary,
the roses which I love so much."

The rosary is a beautiful way to reach out and hold our Blessed Mother's hand as she leads us lovingly to her Son. Starting December 1st we now have our very own Children's Rosary Club!! We welcome school age children of all ages. **Our club will meet the first Saturday of every month at 10 am.**

Why give one gift when you can give 28?
St. Columbkill Daily Lottery tickets are on
sale NOW! With 28 chances to win cash
prizes ranging from \$100 to \$500, you'll
want to purchase your lucky numbers as
soon as possible. Tickets are just \$20
and make the perfect Christmas gift! Pur-
chase your tickets in the Parish Office as well as
in the Narthex after all Masses. GOOD LUCK!



Mass Intentions

MON. DEC. 10: ADVENT WEEKDAY

9:00 AM Pat Nailon and Jared Pishock
by Parents and Aunt



TUES. DEC. 11: ST. DAMAS I

9:00 AM In Memory of Charles H. McNeill
on Anniversary of death by daughter, Monica Cades

WEDS. DEC. 12: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

9:00 AM Marc Tobash by the Knights of Columbus

THURS. DEC. 13: SAINT LUCY

9:00 AM Brian Holmstock by Mom and Bob

FRI. DEC. 14: ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

9:00 AM Joseph O'Brien by Mom and Dad

SAT. DEC. 15: VIGIL, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 PM Mary Anne Droege by Pat Boyer & Family

SUN. DEC. 16: THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 AM John Meade by Judy & Bob Fontana

9:00 AM Ed Boshell by Fran Boshell

11:00 AM Living and Deceased of St. Columbkille
and for Harry Calandra
by Stanley Lineberg & Family



Eucharistic Celebration

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE FOR

December 15th and December 16th

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday ~ 5:00 PM Fr. Marty Kern

Sunday ~ 7:30 AM Fr. Marty Kern

9:00 AM Fr. Marty Kern

11:00 AM Fr. Marty Kern



Church Memorials-Week of December 9, 2018



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
In Loving Memory of Mary J. Richardson
from Joe & Antonette Fabrizio

Readings for Sunday, December 9th

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;
Lk 3:1-6

Weekly Parish Calendar

Monday December 10	Tuesday December 11	Wednesday December 12	Thursday December 13	Friday December 14	Saturday December 15	Sunday December 16
12pm OA Meeting 5:30pm ~ AA Group		4pm PREP 6PM PREP	9:30am Bible Study 4pm PREP 6PM PREP	5pm Ignite Adoration Hour	9am Rosary (Patriotic) Love lights***Warming Tree	7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass (Hearing Impaired) 11am Mass
7 pm Rosary	7pm Men's Prayer Meeting	7:15pm Charismatic Prayer Group			4pm Confessions 5pm Vigil Mass-	6pm PREP 7th grade

Pray for Our Priests

Monday December 10 - Father Abraham Ha
Tuesday December 11 - Father Stephen Halabura
Wednesday December 12 - Monsignor William Handges
Thursday December 13 - Father James Harper
Friday December 14 - Monsignor Dennis Hartgen
Saturday December 15 - Deceased Priests
Sunday December 16 - Father John Hilferty

Be Not Afraid to say "yes" to Jesus. Answer his call.
Consider the priesthood.

Extended Adoration

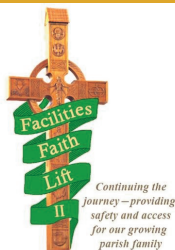
Hours of Adoration in our Holy Family Chapel

Mondays 10 :00 a.m. to Midnight
Tuesdays Midnight to Midnight
Wednesdays Midnight to Midnight
Thursdays Midnight to Midnight
Fridays Midnight to 6:00 p.m.



Stewardship

Facilities Faith Lift II Capital Campaign News



We wish to thank all of our parishioners for their generous pledges thus far to the *Facilities Faith Lift II* campaign. We are sincerely grateful for each and every one.

If you have not received a campaign packet or commitment card, please contact us at the Parish Office at 610-367-2371 and we will be glad to mail one to your family. We will continue to accept commitment cards at any time during the three years of our new campaign.

If you wish to use Parish Giving and need help setting up your pledge, please contact them directly at 1-866-307-7140 or call the office and Lisa or Gayle will be happy to assist you!

*****Please note: If you are making a FFL II Pledge payment and still have a balance on your FFL I, we will first credit your payment to your FFL I balance. Thank you.***

Our Pennies to Bricks campaign is well underway!

Our new Lego structure is "under construction" in the Narthex! We will enjoy watching our "brick foundation" grow as these three years go by! Please remember to bring in your coins to the next monthly *Children's Mass December 9th at 11am* to receive your brick and add to our structure.

Please remember to pray for your spiritually adopted families. In this way we may join together, pray for one another and ask for God's blessing on each other.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year July 2018 to June 2019

Weekend of December 1-2 2018

Weekly Offering Necessary to meet Budget	\$12,900.00
Actual Weekly Offering*	\$13,613.00
Net Weekly Overage	\$713.00
YTD Budgeted Offering	\$296,700.00
YTD Actual Offering Income	\$304,040.50
YTD Overage	\$7,340.50

* Includes Online Sunday Collections of \$2,861.00

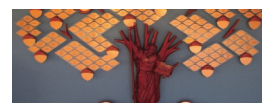
Christmas Craft and Food Fest total: \$4,506.20.

Christmas flower collection was \$1,678.00.

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!*

We'd like to invite those who have fulfilled their Facilities Faith Lift I and/or II to be part of our *Tree of Life* in the Narthex. Depending on the level of pledge fulfilled, there are leaves, acorns, doves and stones. Please call Gayle Fontaine, chairperson at 610-367-2371 to memorialize your deceased loved ones or to honor your loved ones who are living.



2018 DONATION REPORT FOR TAX STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive your family's 2018 contribution statement, please write "Send tax Statement" on your contribution envelope and place it in the collection basket as usual. You only need to do this one time on ONE contribution envelope. After receiving your request via envelope, we will begin sending out the contribution statements in mid-January.

If you made a pledge to Facilities Faith Lift II Capital Campaign, your statement will be sent with your regular contribution statement.

PRE-SCHOOL-ADRIANA SEGALINE preschool@stcolumbkill.org**Pre-School Registration
is now open for the
2018-2019 school year.**

This school year marks the 35th year that St. Columbkill 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 at:
<http://stcolumbkill.org/preschool>.

You can also register your child (children) online and pay your \$35 per child, non-refundable registration fee.

For more information contact our Director, Adriana Segaline at: preschool@stcolumbkill.org or call the parish office and leave her a message.



YOUTH GROUP (7TH-12TH GRADES) - HEATHER SHAINLINE

Monthly Adoration

Friday, January 4th • 5:00 - 7:00pm

Holy Family Chapel

Join us for an hour adoration, followed by Christmas Cookies and small group discussions.

Christmas Party/Monthly Meeting

Sunday, December 9th • 12:15 - 2:15pm

Father Quinn Hall - Wear your ugliest Christmas Sweater and be ready to write out cards for Meals on Wheels. Please bring baby items for Birthright donation.

**Hershey Park-Christmas Candylane**

Saturday, December 22nd • 4:00 - 9:00pm

We will meet at church to carpool. Tickets are \$20/each Sign-ups close on December 1st! Please have all payments in by December 1st. Pay online or send check to the office.

Ignite Mass

Monday, December 24th • 5:00 - 6:00pm

St. Columbkill Parish

What better way to celebrate Christmas Eve mass than with your fellow youth group members!

**Mission Trip 2019**

Our Mission Trip to Virginia Beach, VA from June 16th-June 22nd, 2019 IS FULL! There are no spots left at this time, however if you wish to be placed on our waiting list, please contact Heather Shainline,

Director of Youth Ministry. Want to sponsor a student? Please let Heather know. We have a few teens who could use your help!

Steubenville 2019

Signups will open soon! Stay tuned. Dates for this year's trip are July 13th-July 15th, 2019. Mark it down in your calendars!

Service Opportunities

Be sure to check out the parish website, under the Youth Ministry tab, for updated service opportunities. Have suggestions on service projects? Let Heather know! Any and all ideas will be taken into consideration.



Christmas Wafers: Christmas wafers which are imprinted with a religious design of the Christmas season, and which are traditionally shared at the main Christmas meal are available in the Parish Office. A small donation Requested.

Human Concerns Ministry

"Love Lights"

The Human Concerns Ministry will be selling "Love Lights" after all

Masses December 1-16 for \$4.00 each. Love Lights may be purchased "In Memory of a Special Loved One" or "In Honor of Someone Special." The love light dove is placed on the tree in the Narthex from the fourth Sunday of Advent through Epiphany Sunday. The person purchasing the love light receives a beautiful Christmas card that may be sent to the person they are honoring or shared with others commemorating the memory of their loved one. Proceeds from the love light sales will benefit the John Paul II Center for Special Learning.

Seeking Homebound Parishioners

Members of the Human Concerns Ministry are seeking parishioners who are homebound. Do you know of anyone who is homebound and would like a call, a card or a note, or even a visit from one of our Human Concerns Ministry members? Please call the parish office and leave their name so that they can be added to the list



Next Weekend - Buy A Cookie Tray and Combat World Hunger

Buy a \$15 cookie tray and feed 375 starving children. Our church will be selling cookie trays to support The Cookie Sale to Combat World Hunger.

These cookie trays make wonderful hostess gifts and affordable gifts for friends and colleagues. The cookie trays are only \$15 each and have 24 cookies, chocolates and are beautifully gift wrapped. Last year's sale provided food for 3.6 million children as part of a school feeding program in Haiti. Because the cookies are great tasting and the proceeds do so much good, over 57 tons of trays of cookies have been sold so far. Please buy a tray or two.

Saint Francis Academy

Dec. 10 - First Penance

Dec. 14 - Winter Dance grades 6-8

Dec. 20 - SFA Christmas Show.

Doors open at 6:15. Programs begin at 6:30. Everyone is welcome.

- Early registration for the 2019-20 school is taking place now, PK-Grade 8.

Register by Dec. 21st and receive \$25 off the registration fee. Please call the school with any questions or to schedule a tour.

- The CYO boys basketball season is underway using PIAA referees at all games this year. Games run through January. See the school website for dates and locations. Our First Grade visited PJP II High School for a Christmas Party on Dec. 7th.



Plastic Cash Sales through are Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays.

Giant A+ program Every time you use your Giant card, a percent of your purchase can be going to benefit our parish school.

To register your card go to giantfood-stores.com Create an account here and register your card number under the savings and rewards tab. Search for St. Francis Academy, Bally.

Amazon Shoppers Your purchase can benefit our parish school. Your first visit to smile.amazon.com will prompt you to choose a charitable organization. Search the drop-down for St. Francis Academy, Bally. 5% of your purchases will be donated to St. Francis Academy.

Keep saving those Box Tops and Redners tapes. When sending in the Redners cash register tapes, please send in the entire tape. Redners will not accept tapes with any portion cut off. Thank you. The proceeds help with Home & School projects.

Caregiver wanted: Looking for a part time companion to work with our daughter for five hours on Thursdays.

Please call John White at 610-468-7111.



Parish News and Information

OUR SENIOR GROUP
NEXT SENIOR GROUP MONTHLY MEETING : December 13, 2018



For more information about trips or to sign up contact Peg Bryan at 610 754-7516 or email at stcolumbseniortrips@comcast.net
Call Don Gilbert for info on joining! 610-369-5950

THE KNIGHT'S CORNER

Knights Breakfast: The next Knights Breakfast is December 9th. Santa will be coming to town and joining us for portraits with the children throughout the morning of the breakfast. Please join us for a fun time and a delicious breakfast!

Keep Christ in Christmas: Keep Christ in Christmas Ornaments and Car Magnets are here! Help keep focus on the true meaning of the season while supporting the St. Columbkil Council. Look out for our table in the Narthex after all weekend Masses.

Save the Date - Family Rosary Program: The Knights host a Rosary during every month that has a fifth Sunday. Please join us following the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, December 30th in the Holy Family Chapel. All are welcome! Come pray with us.

If you'd like to learn more about the Knights of Columbus please visit their website at:

<http://kofc16544.org>

Knights of Columbus Breakfast



Our Monthly Breakfast is moved to the **Second** Sunday in December, from 8:00 am – 12:30 pm. For Updates check-out the Knight's web site or the Knight's Corner in the Bulletin.

2nd Sunday



Our next Breakfast is on Sunday, December 9th



Ministries & Neighborhood

LAY MINISTERS: We are still in need of volunteers to greet parishioners on several weekend Masses. Please contact Lisa DeSimone at 610-367-2371 or email: lisad@stcolumbkil.org to assist in this ministry of welcome. Thank you.

Parish Council

Parish Council News: Parish Council will have an opening for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2019. If you would

like to be part of the Council or would like to nominate an individual, please contact the parish office at 610-367-2371. If you would like additional information regarding Parish Council, please contact Lori Psota, Council Chair, at 484-919-8629. Nominations will be accepted through November 7, 2018.

Caroling at Pennsburg Manor

All are welcome to be a St. Columbkil Caroler and take to the halls of Pennsburg Manor on Thursday, December 13th at 6:30pm. B.Y.O.V. (voice!) and help us spread Christmas joy to the residents! Questions: contact Candee Holzman at 484-431-2085.



church MINISTRIES

Attention all Greeters, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers: The next Ministry Schedule will begin the weekend of December 29, 2018. It will run from Saturday, December 29 through Sunday, April 14, 2019. Please submit any unavailable dates from December 29, 2018 through April 14, 2019 to Lisa De Simone no later than Friday, December 14, 2018 by either email at lisad@stcolumbkil.com, phone the church office at 610-367-2371, or drop a note in the collection basket. *Thank you for the generous gift of service to our parish.*

ANNOUNCING Something New: Foreign Missions Ministry. Starting in January 2019, St. Columbkil will begin a new ministry in our parish. Our ministry will be to supply potable water to Haiti. We will form St. Columbkil Ambassadors who will help connect people in third world communities. Please visit our table at the Christmas bazaar in December, or go to the website at www.heartforthenations.info or our website: <https://www.stcolumbkil.org/ministries-foreign-missions-1>



Welcome to our visitors and those who have been away.



'No matter who you are you belong here.'

March for Life 2019 Bus Trip: Join fellow parishioners on this prayerful pilgrimage and witness to life in Washington, DC on **Friday, January 18, 2019**. > Mass will be celebrated in our church at 6:30am before boarding the bus at 7:00am. > Return time is approximately 10:00pm. > Participants are asked to wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a bag lunch. > Cost for the trip is \$50 which includes transportation, light morning refreshments and buffet dinner at Golden Corral on the return trip. >> Students are ½ price. >> Sign-up in the church office. Payment secures your reservation. Questions? contact Candee Holzman at (484) 431-2085.

Parish Life - December

In 2013, the Parish Life Committee was formed after consolidating several committees including Family Life, Vocations and Spiritual Life. Although many people still refer to this committee as Family Life, the activities of the committee encompass more than just family activities. We aim to fill any need in the Parish that is not already covered by another committee. Every year we have regular events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Graduation Luncheon, Fish Fry and coordination of Simple Suppers. These are events that the Family Life Committee traditionally held. We have also hosted a variety of events in the past several years such as Wine Tasting, Vocations Awareness, Clergy Appreciation, Mission Support, the Padre Pio Tour, etc. Also some events we have partnered with other committees such as Tea Talks (with Youth Group) and the Picnic (with Knights).

We are happy to serve the Parish's needs, whatever they may be. We are a small committee and are looking for more help. If you have ever considered that you might like to be more involved in the Parish we would ask that you consider joining our committee. We generally meet the second Wednesday of each month, but might consider changing to accommodate schedules. We welcome new ideas. If you think you might be interested or have any questions please contact Eric McGill:

ericm@stcolumbkill.org.

Please Pray for the following Intentions: For Our Family Members in the Military

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.

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
Staff Sergeant Joshua Taylor

USMC
USN MA Second Class Petty Officer (SW) 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
CPT Joseph Patti, USA
PV2 Cole Keenan
SPC Ryan Peck
Staff Sgt Anthony DeVito



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@stcolumbkill.org



National Council of the United States
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
End Poverty Through Systemic Change

(Poor box located in the Narthex ~ helping those in need in our local community)

Find out more about us:

<http://www.svdpusa.org/Assistance-Services>



Parish News and Updates

Widow and Widowers Grief Support: The next “REACH OUT” session will be Sunday, December 9th at St Columbkille’s office meeting room at 1 PM. For those in need regardless of when your spouse has died, we provide a safe place for all widows & widowers to find that remembrance and readjustment are compatible. We ask for your prayers at this difficult time for those who have lost a loved one. 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.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION ~ A JOURNEY: We are all on a journey and life is about going on the journey, not the getting there. It is in the seeking, questioning, and dreaming in our inner knowledge that we will find the Divine and find what is holy. This is how we will discover a way, a truth, and a light. A proven way to continue this journey is through spiritual direction. If interested in exploring this process please call Kevin Martin, O.F.S., M.S. at: 610-310-7077 or Peg Choinski at 610-850-1869 or email Peg at pchoinskisd@yahoo.com. All inquiries are confidential.

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL: Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for 6 important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at **FaithHopeCharityGives.org**.

FLOCKNOTE: If you would like to be notified by TEXT or EMAIL of important parish news, holy day reminders, important messages from our pastor, and special events being held at St. Columbkille this is for you. Join as many groups as you are involved with! Go to our website on the Home Page to register: **www.stcolumbkille.org**. You may also stop receiving news at any time but signing in to your profile notifications and choosing ‘leave group’.

RCIA or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults It is not too late to join RCIA - the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and get your questions answered about the Catholic faith. We will continue to meet on Thursday evenings at 7PM in the parish office. For more information, contact Margaret Chovanec at margaretc@stcolumbkille.org or 610-248-2171.



Saint Columbkille Parish Mission Statement

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