



# ST. COLUMBKILLE PARISH

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**Saint Columbkille Office**

200 Indian Spring Rd. \* Boyertown, PA 19512

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Open daily 8:30a.m. — 5:30p.m.

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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**

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**Coordinators of Religious Education**

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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](http://www.stcolumbkille.org) or call the Parish Office.

## A Letter from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We hear in today's gospel how the whole story began. Luke says: *After all the people had been baptized [by John] and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.* So, for us, Jesus showed the way by being baptized. We are also reminded that the Holy Spirit is given to us in Baptism as the Spirit was given to Jesus as well. The scene had to be quite exciting for all those who had the privilege of seeing this happening right before their eyes. Curiously, the Rite of Baptism near the beginning of the ceremony says: *My children, the Christian community welcomes you with great joy.* The scene for us today is still very exciting because we are able to see God at work in the community through this initial Sacrament of Initiation. Let us not take for granted our life of faith and how it began in the simple gesture of pouring water and the Trinitarian formula. Our lives are changed forever. We are grateful for Jesus leading the way.

With love and prayers,  
Fr. Marty



### Correspondence from the Office for Divine Worship



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#### MEMORANDUM

4 January 2019

The Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

TO: All Parishes, Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians  
FM: Reverend Keith A. Mathur, Director *(Signature)*  
RE: Suspension of the Sign of Peace/Reception of the Chalice  
CC: Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, D.D., J.C.L.  
Reverend Monsignor David L. James, V.G.  
Mr. Matt Kerr

In light of the heightened cases of influenza being reported in our five-county area and the 2 January 2019 change in the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Influenza Status from "sporadic" to "widespread," His Excellency, Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, directs that the Exchange of the Sign of Peace and the Reception of Holy Communion from the Chalice be suspended beginning with the Vigil and Sunday Masses on the weekend of 12-13 January 2019. This suspension will be in effect until the incidence of influenza subsides in our region.

As a pastoral provision, His Excellency allows the option for the Exchange of the Sign of Peace to be exercised for funeral Masses or wedding Masses, if the pastor/administrator deems it appropriate. The Reception of Holy Communion from the Chalice is only permitted for priests and deacons during this temporary suspension.

In those parishes where the Reception of Holy Communion is commonly given under both Forms, please use this as a catechetical moment to reinforce the Church's constant teaching that the entire Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ is present in the Sacred Host and that the reception of either species is sufficient to receive the graces of the Holy Eucharist, provided one is in the state of grace.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter and for your dedicated priestly ministry to the people entrusted to your care.



Please Pray for our Recently  
Deceased Parishioner,  
Jack Aston

Please Pray for our Recently Deceased  
who are Relatives of Parishioners:  
Joanne Comport, Mother of Jim Comport  
Barbara Collins, sister of George Harig  
Laura Szamboti, niece of Gus Szamboti

Why give one gift when you can give 28?  
St. Columbkille 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. JAN. 14: FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM Robert Leimes by Jerry & Colleen Bonmer

### TUES. JAN 15: FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM Intentions of William & Mary Jo Cunningham  
by Ed & Theresa Hauser

### WEDS. JAN. 16: FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM Richard Toth by Pam Vargo

### THURS. JAN. 17: ST. ANTHONY

9:00 AM John H. Kern on the eighth anniversary of death  
by Father Marty

### FRI. JAN. 18: FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

6:30AM Catherine Greway by Jack & Linda Lignelli

### SAT. JAN. 19: VIGIL, THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM Albert Storti, by Albert & Linda DeStefano

### SUN. JAN. 20: THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM Eleanor Myers by Aldene Koch & Family

9:00 AM Patricia O'Neill by Deacon Joe Petrasukas

11:00 AM Cathy Heimbach by brother Bill & Wife



## March for LIFE

### We need YOU to make it a go! March for Life 2019

Bus Trip: The March for Life is right around the corner and we need your commitment asap! Join this prayerful pilgrimage and "Pep Rally for 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. Please sign-up in the church office or online asap so we can make it a go!

Questions? contact Candee Holzman at (484) 431-2085.

*If you cannot attend but would like to sponsor a seat for someone else to do so, financial blessings are welcome! Prayers for the unborn and for our pilgrims are appreciated as well!*



## Church Memorials-Week of January 13, 2019




The Sanctuary Candle will burn  
**In Loving Memory of Richard T. Toth**  
by daughter, Kathy

## Readings for Sunday, January 13th

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## Weekly Parish Calendar

Monday January 14	Tuesday January 15	Wednesday January 16	Thursday January 17	Friday January 18	Saturday January 19	Sunday January 20
12pm OA Meeting  5:30pm AA Meeting  7pm Rosary Group	9:30am Shawl Ministry  1pm Canasta	4pm PREP 6pm PREP  7pm Parish Council	9:30am Bible Study  1pm Senior Group  4pm PREP 6PM PREP	 <b>MARCH for LIFE</b>	9am Rosary (Patriotic)	7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass (Hearing Impaired) 11am Mass
7 pm Rosary	7pm Men's Prayer Meeting 6:45pm SVDP	7:15pm Charismatic Prayer Group		5pm Ignite Adoration Hour	4pm Confessions 5pm Vigil Mass-	6pm PREP 7th grade

## Pray for Our Priests

Monday January 14- Monsignor Robert Kozel

Tuesday January 15 - Deceased Priests

Wednesday January 16 - Father Daniel Kravatz

Thursday January 17 - Father Dr. John Krivak

Friday January 18 - Father Thomas Kuller, S.J.

Saturday January 19 - Father Joseph Kweder

Sunday January 20 - Permanent Deacons

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

## Extended Adoration

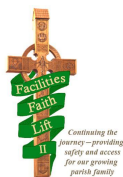
### Hours of Adoration in our Holy Family Chapel

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*

**January 13th 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.

**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!

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year July 2018 to June 2019

Weekend of December 22-23 2018

Weekly Offering Necessary to meet Budget	\$12,900.00
Actual Weekly Offering*	<b>\$19,414.00</b>
Net Weekly Overage	<b>\$6,514.00</b>
YTD Budgeted Offering	\$335,400.00
YTD Actual Offering Income	<b>\$348,277.00</b>
YTD Overage	<b>\$12,877.00</b>

\* Includes Online Sunday Collections of \$8,320.00

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year July 2018 to June 2019

Weekend of December 29-30 2018

Weekly Offering Necessary to meet Budget	\$12,900.00
Actual Weekly Offering*	<b>\$10,946.00</b>
Net Weekly Shortage	<b>-\$1,954.00</b>
YTD Budgeted Offering	\$348,300.00
YTD Actual Offering Income	<b>\$359,223.00</b>
YTD Overage	<b>\$10,923.00</b>

\* Includes Online Sunday Collections of \$2,516.00

Solemnity Collection was \$2,865.00

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year July 2018 to June 2019

Weekend of January 5-6 2018

Weekly Offering Necessary to meet Budget	\$12,900.00
Actual Weekly Offering*	<b>\$13,472.00</b>
Net Weekly Overage	<b>\$572.00</b>
YTD Budgeted Offering	\$361,200.00
YTD Actual Offering Income	<b>\$372,695.00</b>
YTD Overage	<b>\$11,495.00</b>

\* Includes Online Sunday Collections of \$3,801.00

## 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](mailto:preschool@stcolumbkill.org)**Pre-School Registration  
is now open for the  
2018-2019 school year.**

This school year marks the 35th year that St. Columbkille 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](mailto:preschool@stcolumbkill.org) or call the parish office and leave her a message.



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

**Monthly Meeting:** February 10th • 12:15 - 2:15pm  
Old Hall (downstairs)

**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! Stay tuned for

**Steubenville 2019:** Signups are NOW OPEN! Total cost for the trip is \$240.00 per student, unless you are participating in the Mission Trip. Right now, Heather is only taking deposits. Please send in a \$50.00 nonrefundable deposit in or pay online to hold your spot. Graduated SENIORS are half price (\$120.00)! This trip is open to students going into 9th grade and 2019 graduates. Invite your friends!!! The dates for this year's trip are July 12th-July 14th, 2019 and the location is at the University of Massachusetts's Lowell campus. Mark it down in your calendars! Any questions, please let Heather know

**Sponsors:** If you would like to sponsor a student on one of our summer trips, please contact Heather and she can help you out! There are many teens looking for assistance



going on these trips. What a wonderful gift it would be this Christmas season to help a teen grow closer to Christ!

**Clearances:** If you are a chaperone or a teen that will be 18 on or before the summer trips, you must have your clearances. Please start them NOW. If they are not completed, you will not be able to attend the trips. Contact Heather or Lisa in the office to get your paperwork started.

**Youth Group is looking for Service:** If you or someone you know needs help with ANYTHING (babysitting, small projects around the house, cleaning up, grocery shopping, etc.), please contact Heather Shainline. There are many teens looking to assist others and looking for service hours.

**January-June Newsletter:** The Winter/Spring calendar will be out soon... Thank you to the Teen Council for their suggestions and dedication to the Youth Group. They have been an amazing voice for our teens and have helped steer where Youth Group has been going. Thank you Nick, Gia, Anne Marie, Hope and Mary!

## Human Concerns Ministry

### 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 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

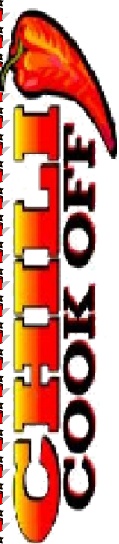
**Life AD Donation Coupon:** Be counted when we publish this anti-abortion/pro-life ad in the Reading Eagle on the anniversary of Roe v Wade. Sandra Eidle will be in the Narthex on Sunday, January 12/13, 2019. The suggested donation is \$6 person, \$12/couple or family, or mail to: St. Ignatius Loyola Rectory 2810 St. Albans Dr. Sinking Spring, Pa. 19608. Make sure your name, parish name & Phone # attached.

*Thanks*

Thanks to your generosity and support, our Cookie Sale to benefit the people of Haiti was a great success! We raised \$3,160.00 which will feed over 7900 people. God bless you for your spirit of giving at Christmas!

### 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for January 26, 2019!! Are you IN??

**WANTED! The best chili in town!**  
**TICKETS ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES and in the Parish Office.** Do you make the best chili around? Put your skills to the test at the 4th Annual St. Columbkil Chili Cook-Off. In addition to your chance to win the coveted 1st Place Chili Pepper Trophy and a cash prize, you can listen and dance to great music, sample beverages and treats, and purchase other delicious food items. This is always a fantastic fun-filled night, so mark your calendars for **January 26, 2019 (snow date March 16)**. Only 20 contestant spots are available and they fill up quickly! To reserve your spot, e-mail or call Todd Bowers at **tbowe@spring-ford.net or 610.960.0196**.



## Saint Francis Academy

Jan. 15- School Liturgy 10:45

Jan. 18 - Second Trimester Progress Reports  
Catholic Schools Week begins with an Open House January 27<sup>th</sup>

11-1:30 . All are welcome to visit the classrooms, meet the teachers, and enjoy light refreshments. Registration is ongoing. Watch the bulletin and school website for all the special activities! CYO boys varsity basketball season ends in January and the developmental team begins their season! Games run through March. The school website lists game information.

The Home & School Association is in need of a refrigerator/freezer. If you have one you'd like to donate, please contact the school or H & S at [sfahs@gmail.com](mailto:sfahs@gmail.com).

**Thank you.**

**Plastic Cash** Sales through school are Mondays, Wednesdays, 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](http://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](http://smile.amazon.com) will prompt you to choose a charitable organization. Search the dropdown for St. Francis Academy, Bally. 5% of your purchases will be donated to St. Francis Academy.

**Keep saving those** Box Tops and Redner's 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 Brownie Girl Scouts (grades 2-3)** will be selling cookies after all the Masses next weekend. Cookies are \$4.00 and all profits from the sale go locally to the girls. There is also an opportunity to donate cookies to our military. Besides earning money for their activities, they also learn new skills such as money management and gain confidence.

**CAN you help?** Do you know that St. Columbkil's Boy Scout Troop recycles aluminum cans as a fundraiser? We have a very active troop and this is one way we raise funds to support camping trips, advancements and other activities for our scouts. The collection trailer is right next to the dumpster in the parking lot.

## Parish News and Information

**OUR SENIOR GROUP**  
**NEXT SENIOR GROUP MONTHLY MEETING:** February 14, 2019 ~ 1PM



For more 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

### THE KNIGHT'S CORNER

**Baby Bottles for Life:** Now through Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> we are distributing baby bottles in the Narthex for you to take home and fill with loose change. Please bring them back in when they are full (no later than February 17<sup>th</sup>). The funds raised will support our Council's Pro-Life efforts for the unborn and their mothers and all who support them.

**Ultrasound Program:** This is one of the Pro-Life program our Council is supporting. Save lives by helping abortion-minded women to choose life by viewing their unborn children on ultrasound machines at pro-life pregnancy centers. For more information see: <http://www.kofc.org/en/programs/life/ultrasound-program.html#/>

**The Knights Breakfast:** Thank you for all who attended our January Breakfast with yummy strawberry pancakes!



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

<http://kofc16544.org>

### Knights of Columbus Breakfast



Our Monthly Breakfast is the **FIRST** Sunday of the month, from 8:00 am ~ 12:30 pm. For Updates check-out the Knight's web site or the Knight's Corner in the Bulletin.



Our next Breakfast is on  
 Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>



## Ministries &amp; 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@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:lisad@stcolumbkill.org) to assist in this ministry of welcome.

We are excited to share that we have started a Children's Rosary prayer group at our parish. This prayer group allows participation of children of all ages, although the target ages are from 4-14. Younger children and siblings are encouraged to come as well. This is a unique opportunity for the children of our parish to come together to

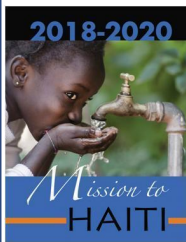


pray. Adults are welcome and encouraged to come to the Children's Rosary. They are the special "guardian angels" of this movement. Meetings will be held the first Saturday of each month in the Chapel at 10:00 AM. No prior knowledge of the Rosary is needed and rosaries and prayer books will be provided. Hope you can join us. If you have questions please contact Megan at (610) 310-5661 or

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

### ANNOUNCING Something New: Foreign Missions Ministry at Saint Columbkille

Please join us for coffee and donuts on Sunday, January 13 at 10 AM in Quinn Hall, after the 9 AM Mass, for a brief presentation on a new church ministry. We are starting up again to deliver ceramic water filters in Central America and the Island of Haiti. We need your help and invite you to join us.



**Who?** All parishioners can join between 12-99  
**What?** Foreign Missions Ministry to deliver water to the poor  
**Where?** Haiti ~ Guatemala ~ Nicaragua  
**Why?** High mortality rate among infants, children under 5, the elderly  
**How?** Ceramic water filters  
**When?** 2019 and into the future

Please come and learn all the details.  
 There are many jobs and many hats.



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>



**CRS Spotlight** Yemen, the poorest country in the Middle East, is devastated by war, hunger and a cholera crisis. Conflict and a lack of aid has triggered a humanitarian disaster, leaving 70 percent of the population in need of assistance and children facing acute malnutrition. Hunger is on the rise, and basic services like education, water, health and sanitation have deteriorated. Parents in Yemen are now facing their worst nightmare: seeing their children grow weak from hunger and watching as a deadly cholera epidemic unfolds around them. Through its partner Islamic Relief, Catholic Relief Services is providing food, water and more. Can you imagine watching your child die because there is no food or medicine to give them? Please visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) if you are able to donate to Yemen relief and help families suffering through this crisis. *Deacon Joe Petruskas*, CRS Global Fellow



*Do you have a talent for crocheting, knitting, praying? Please consider our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 15th, following the 9a.m. Mass in the Conference room. We provide the yarn.*

#### **BERKS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS**

1/24/19- Step Up Day : 8th graders spend the day at Berks Catholic and get a real feel of what it's like to Be A Saint, please contact Mrs. Smith for more information. 610.374.8361 ext.244

1/27/19- Open House: It's a great time to Be A Saint! Come see our new John R. Post Learning Center which features a new STEM Lab, expanded, cafeteria, new classrooms, college and career counseling suite and collegiate style learning commons. Come experience the energy of our community.

St. Philip Neri Catholic Family Life Center - Call for details: 215.679.2237

7-8 pm True Reformers Series:

♦2/5 St. Charles Borromeo ♦2/12 St. Teresa of Avila ♦2/19 St. Francis de Sales~ 7-8 pm ♦2/26 St. Teresa of Avila's Manner of Prayer

#### **MOTHER OF MERCY HOUSE DONATIONS FOR JANUARY 16 DELIVERY**

Request for non-perishable items: 1) Dry cereal; 2) Pasta and sauce; 3) Peanut butter and jelly.

Drop off Mon-Fri 8:30am-3:30pm at CFLC, 26 E. 6th St., East Greenville (phone ahead 215.679.2237); before/after Mass in vestibule donations box at St. Philip Neri Church, 1325 Kliner Rd., Pennsburg; or phone 215.679.2237 and we will be happy to pick up your donation.

#### *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



• The Pregnancy Loss Support Group: is open to all women who have lost a child during pregnancy. For information on meetings, please contact Melissa Haines at 267-481-5332 or [Melissa.haines86@gmail.com](mailto:Melissa.haines86@gmail.com) ~ Saint Theresa of Calcutta

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Do you enjoy working with people? Are you retired with a few daytime hours available? Gethsemane Cemetery and St. Mary's Cemetery are looking for part-time funeral attendants.

Duties include, but are limited to: directing funeral traffic, assisting families with directions, setting up chapel services and masses, and assisting families at the graveside. Please stop by the Gethsemane Cemetery office, on Kutztown Road, for an application and details. Thank you and have a blessed New Year.

Anne M. Padinske, Gethsemane Cemetery  
610-929-2613 [anne@gethsem.com](mailto:anne@gethsem.com)

St. Francis Academy 275th Anniversary book is available. The cost is \$28, postage paid. Contact Mike Kraynyak at 610-505-1014 or [kraynyak@comcast.net](mailto:kraynyak@comcast.net) to order.



**Widow and Widowers Grief Support:** The next “REACH OUT” will be Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup> at Most Blessed Sacrament’s Schneider Hall. The following meeting will be on Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup> 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. All are welcome to participate. 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 set up 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](mailto: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.*