



# ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

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WELCOMED IN  
BAPTISM

Jayden, Madison and Rosalind,  
daughters of Jeffrey & Mary Cox

Kathryn Neva,  
daughter of James & Andrea Cunningham

Meghan Elizabeth,  
daughter Keith & Laura Engle

Patrick Rylan,  
son of Sean & Nicole Ervin

Harper Mae,  
daughter of James Jr & Ashley Faust

Jocelynn,  
daughter of Dylan Lee & Andrea Patton

Holden Michael George,  
son of Michael Mattera & Krista Feather

Teagan Nicole,  
daughter of Michael & Linsey Reiseg

Samson James,  
son of Jason & Christine Smith

Justin Christopher,  
son of Justin & Theresa Stimmler

Jacob Andrew,  
son of Brandon & Sarah Sullivan

Trey,  
son of Eric and Staci Turney

Valentina Rose,  
daughter of Dustin Wagner & Kassandra Wilkinson

**Saint Columbkil Office**

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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.

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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 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.stcolumbkil.org or call the Parish Office.

*A Letter from our Pastor*

Dear Friends,

Recently I came across one of those cable channels dedicated to all things home. In this one episode a newly married couple wanted to make their first house more spectacular. You know the drill. Designers swoop in and vie for the homeowners' approval for their ideas, and it all builds up to a big reveal at the end of the 30-minute saga. In one particular episode, however, they stumbled upon something they usually don't get to see. While ripping apart the interior, they came across the home's original architectural blueprints. Game changer!

All of a sudden the existing layout and floor plan were revealed along with the identity and intentions of the architect expressed by his own hand. The otherwise impersonal characteristics of the house—dimensions, materials, door and window placement—all took on greater significance.

In today's Epistle, taken from the Letter to the Hebrews, a direct connection is drawn between the holy city that Abraham yearned to see built from the ground up and the fulfillment of his yearning: God's kingdom established by Christ. Abraham didn't get distracted by its details or fixated on how it might serve his needs. Rather, all that mattered to him was that God alone would be the architect and the builder.

Where would we be today if Abraham, our father in faith, lost trust in God's designs and instead got caught up in such things as a larger kitchen for Sarah or a two-camel garage for himself? We'd probably be sitting somewhere other than church this weekend, and the big reveal we await in Jesus would be a lot longer than a half hour away!

*Love and prayers,  
Father Marty*



## Catholic Relief Services Spotlight

You've probably heard of Human Trafficking. Most people have. But many don't know the scariest truths behind this modern form of slavery. Learn the facts and share the truth about human trafficking—with one person or many—and help break the silence for victims who are voiceless:

### 5. The real definition of human trafficking.

Human trafficking is the act of recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing or obtaining a person for compelled labor or commercial sex acts using force, fraud or coercion.

### 4. Types of human trafficking.

While sexual exploitation and forced labor are the most common forms, many others exist. They include domestic servitude, forced marriage, organ removal, and the exploitation of children for the purposes of forced begging, pornography or child labor.

### 3. Causes of human trafficking: It's complicated.

Economic, social and political factors include corruption, civil unrest, a weak government, lack of access to education or jobs, family disruption or dysfunction, lack of human rights, or economic disruptions.

### 2. It's a lucrative industry.

Forced labor generates \$150 billion in illegal profits per year. Two-thirds of that money came from commercial sexual exploitation, while the rest is from forced economic exploitation, including domestic work, agriculture, child labor and related activities.

### 1. Believe it. Human trafficking is everywhere.

Human trafficking is both a domestic and global crime, with victims trafficked within their own country, to neighboring countries and between continents. Worldwide, about 1 in 5 victims are children.

Now you know the facts. Will you break the silence? → <https://www.crs.org/stories/stop-human-trafficking>

*Mass Intentions*

**MON. AUG. 12: ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL**

9:00 AM Doris H. Holzman by Lisa DeSimone

**TUES. AUG. 13: SS. PONTIAN & HIPPOLYTUS**

9:00 AM In honor of Dolores Ondo's birthday  
by Joann Rivera

**WEDS. AUG. 14: ST. MAXIMILLIAN KOLBE**

9:00 AM Vincent D. Volpi by his Family  
7:00 PM The Oravec Family by Dick Oravec

**THURS. AUG. 15: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

6:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of St. Columbkill

9:00 AM Lois Stout by Dave & Dayle Szymanski

7:00 PM Dolores Orff by Andrew Krupiak & Family

**FRI. AUG. 16: ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY**

9:00 AM With Prayerful Thoughts & Loving Remembrance of  
Caroline DiGuglielmo on her birthday anniversary  
by daughter, Antonette & son-in-law, Joe

**SAT. AUG. 17: VIGIL, TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

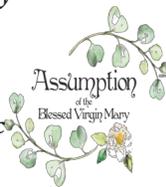
5:00 PM Mary Burke by Marty

**SUN. AUG. 18: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM Anne Hiryak by Barbara Stahl

9:00 AM Jack Aston by Bunny Hare

11:00 AM Francis Zielinski by the Family



*Readings for Sunday, August 11*

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or  
Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

*Spiritual Adoption of the unborn child*

My eyes are now wide open. I'm wondering what I will see when I am born. All of us - my mom, my dad, my grandparents, and their counselors continue to need your prayers. I weigh about 3 pounds, my eyes can produce tears, and my eyes can follow a light source. Thanks for your prayers! **"Jesus, Mary and Joseph. I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."**



*Church Memorials-Week of August 11, 2019*



The Sanctuary Candle will burn  
**In Loving Memory of Doris Holzman  
from Dan, Candee, Ryan & Brent**



The Bread and Wine are offered  
**In Honor of Dolores Ondo on the occasion  
of her 90th birthday by Fr. Marty**



The Flowers are offered  
**(8/4) In Honor of John & Linda Lignelli  
on their 50th Wedding Anniversary and  
(8/11) In Thanksgiving on the  
32nd Wedding Anniversary of Ron & Fran Nase**



August 17th & 18th Twentieth Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday ~ 5:00 PM Father Marty Kern

Sunday ~ 7:30 AM Father Kevin Bobbin

9:00 AM Father Marty Kern

11:00 AM Father Marty Kern

*Weekly Parish Calendar*

Monday August 12	Tuesday August 13	Wednesday August 14	Thursday August 15	Friday August 16	Saturday August 17	Sunday August 18
9am Mass 12pm- OA 5pm Cub Scout Fund raiser at D.Q. 5:30pm- AA 7pm- Rosary Group	9am Mass 6:45pm SVDP mtg. 7pm Men's Prayer Group	<b>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 9am Mass 7pm Vigil - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7:15 Charismatic Prayer Mtg.	6:30am Mass 9am Mass 7pm Mass 9:30am Bible Study	9am Mass 9am Ocean Retreat	9am Patriotic Rosary 4pm Scouts of Honor 4pm Confessions 5pm Vigil Mass	7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 11am Mass 2pm Cursillo



Please Pray for the Recently Deceased who are Members of our Parish,  
**William Hook & Sonja Riner**

Please pray for the Recently Deceased who are relatives of Parishioners:

**Mildred Cichocki**, mother of Joseph Cichocki  
& **Kimberly Soltes**, sister of Barbara Haberle;  
**Sharon Richardson**, sister of Joseph Richardson

*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* **September 8th 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.**

LEGION OF MARY NEWS: Members of the Legion of Mary from Most Blessed Sacrament Parish and other participants commemorated the 3<sup>rd</sup> apparition of Our Lady of Fatima on Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>. With cooperative weather we had 10 participants. We again invite all to join us on the grassy field at Quigley Chevrolet next to Rt. 100 at 2nd Street in Bally, Tuesday August 13th. We will meet to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6PM as we recognize the anniversary of the fourth apparition of Our Lady of Fatima on that day. Parking is on one side at 2nd Street. For additional information call Deacon Mike at 484-336-9849

## Stewardship

Many thanks for your continued support of our parish! You will notice our new format for publishing collections below. We will begin to publish monthly totals comparing last year and this year as of August 2019. Each month's totals will remain in the bulletin until the next month for your convenience.

### MONTHLY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year July 2019 to June 2020

Month: July 2019

Last July 2018 (5 weeks)	This July 2019 (5 weeks)
\$57,557.50	\$58,975.75
Includes Online: \$16,121.50	Includes Online: \$19,525.75

Total pennies collected for FFL II Pennies to Bricks program, including pennies in Memory of Al Recke: \$3,811.63

**July 27-28 ~ \$11,251.00 including \$2,671 in Online Collections.**

**The total collected for our Mission Cooperative was \$3,341.75.**

### 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!*



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>



**PRE-SCHOOL CAITLIN NICKEL:**

**Pre-School Registration is now open for the 2019-2020 school year.**

This school year marks the 36th 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, Caitlin Nickel at: [preschool@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:preschool@stcolumbkill.org) or call the parish office and leave her a message.



**Religious Education PREP  
Connie Boyer, Director**

Registration for the 2019-2020 PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) year is now open. Please go to the parish website--[www.stcolumbkill.org](http://www.stcolumbkill.org)-- under PREP and you will be directed to the registration form. **ALL CHILDREN IN GRADES 1 TO 8 WHO ATTEND PUBLIC SCHOOL ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM.** Any questions may be directed to Connie Boyer, the Director of Religious Education, at [connieb@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:connieb@stcolumbkill.org) or 610-367-2371. Please register soon as classes fill quickly.

**CATECHISTS NEEDED:** We have several openings on our elementary religious education staff. They include Wednesdays at 4pm, grades 2 and 5 and Thursdays at 4 pm, grades 3 and 5. More openings may develop. Is this the year you decide to share your love of Jesus and His church with our young people? If interested or just have questions, please contact our Director of Religious Education Connie Boyer at 610-367-0153 or [connieb@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:connieb@stcolumbkill.org).



**YOUTH GROUP (7TH-12TH GR) ~ HEATHER SHAINLINE**

**Oceans Retreat:** The Young Adult Ministry at St. Columbkill is having its first ever one-day retreat just for college students, including our 2019 high school graduates! College is like stepping into the ocean. Your faith can become shaky. Sometimes we fall and get knocked down. But God is our lifeboat. How do we face the ocean we are sailing into?



This retreat will take place on Friday, August 16th at St. Columbkill Parish from 9am to 9pm and the cost is only \$10 to cover the cost of your meals. Activities included are Mass, Adoration, fellowship, talks from young adults, a fire pit, etc! Sign up using this link:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showRSVPSignUp/4090b45aaaa2da0f85-oceans>

Once you sign-up, you will receive an email with more details and a payment link to pay the retreat fee. If you have any dietary needs or allergies, please contact one of the retreat leaders. Please RSVP by August 11th. Contact Heather Shainline at 484-336-9200/ [youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org) OR Andrea Wysocki at 610-331-0668/ [amwysocki@comcast.net](mailto:amwysocki@comcast.net) if you have questions!

**Steubenville 2019 Update:** Our 20th annual trip to Steubenville East was unforgettable. We had a total of 30 teens and chaperones travel to Lowell, Massachusetts to spend the weekend together to grow in faith. There

were many talks that made us think about what it means to be a young person in the Catholic faith as well as time for Confession, daily Mass, Adoration and fellowship. It is safe to say that our teens were so open to the Holy Spirit and how God wanted to work through them this weekend. We also looked awesome in our t-shirts! Although it was hot, we grew closer as a group and had a very difficult time parting ways when we got home Sunday night. Thank you all for your prayers, donations and sponsorships. I am passionate about this trip as I feel that it has helped shaped me to be the person I am today and had helped me grow closer to God each time that I have gone, starting all the way back in 2006! I want to thank the chaperones who tirelessly ministered our teens. Christie, Marlee, Adam, Megan and Joe... you were my angels last weekend. I could not have done it without ALL of you! You each bring such special gifts to our group. THANK YOU!

**Summer "Break":** Youth Group will be "off" for the summer in July and August. Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities and other fun activities. We will pick back up in September. See you then!



## Human Concerns Ministry

### Reaching out to our parishioners through "A Special Connection".

Members of the Human Concerns Committee are waiting to make "A Special Connection" with parishioners who are homebound or would just welcome a friendly phone call or a written card or note on a regular basis. If you would like to take advantage of this ministry please call the parish office and leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you. Please feel free to share this information with anyone you know who could benefit from the ministry. If you would like to become part of this ministry, please contact Ginny Sherry at 484-802-3916. Thank you.



**SAVE THE DATE: 2019 Basket Party**  
will be held Friday, October  
11th. Watch the bulletin in the very  
near future for further details.

## Saint Francis Academy



August 12- 6 PM Pre-Kindergarten parent only meeting in Father Schneider Hall. 7 PM is the Kindergarten parent only meeting in Father Schneider Hall. August 21 - New Kindergarten student Open House 6:30-7:15 PM. August 22 - New Pre-Kindergarten 4-yr-old student Open House 7 PM.

We're getting ready for the 2019-20 school year! The school has been cleaned and polished and the teachers are coming in and getting their classrooms ready. Our first day of school for grades K-8 is Monday, August 26. Pre-Kindergarten 4-year-olds start Tuesday, August 27. Both buildings open at 8:15 AM for bus and parent drop-off. The school day begins at 8:30 AM with dismissal at 3:10 PM.

Plastic Cash Summer Sales-The last day Wednesday for summer sale 8:30-9:30 AM will be August 21. Cards will continue to be available after Masses at MBS throughout the summer.

Our Plastic Cash Program is a fundraiser for our parish school. It is a dollar for dollar exchange of cash for a "gift card". You give \$50 for a gift card and receive a \$50 gift card. The school however makes a profit on each card sold, but you, the buyer, are not charged more than the face value. Plastic cash is now available after all weekend masses at MBS. Stop after mass with questions. It is an easy way to support our parish school without "buying anything extra".

MyScripWallet is ShopWithScrip's mobile website that you can use to order. ScripNow on-the-go. It's perfect for adding funds to your gas card or for ordering ScripNow during an unexpected dinner out!

To go mobile, go to [www.MyScripWallet.com](http://www.MyScripWallet.com) on your web browser on your phone and log in with your ShopWithScrip account. After set-up, you can redeem eCards right from your phone!

Summer Hours at St. Francis Academy will start the week of June 24th, Tuesday-Thursday 8-2pm.

Registration is on-going for the 2019-2020 school year, PK 4 through Grade 8. Registration forms are available at the school or on the school website. Call the school for a tour or more information.

Kindergarten - Why St. Francis Academy? Enroll now. Your child's first years of school are crucial to forming a positive attitude towards learning. At St. Francis, the full day program takes place in a loving and nurturing environment. There is no greater gift to give your child than a strong foundation of daily prayer and morals. Our teacher, Mrs. Jackie Youse, is degreed and certified. Mrs. Kathleen DiPietro is the full time classroom aide. Did you know your parish school has the highest standardized test scores in the Diocese? What about tuition? There are numerous grants available to offset the cost. Visiting our website ([www.sfabally.org](http://www.sfabally.org)) is fine to gather information but there is nothing better than visiting our school for a personal tour. You can see for yourself the care and "family" atmosphere of each classroom and activity. Call 610-845-7364 for a tour.

You're invited



A  
Fundraiser  
to support

Cub Scout Pack 545.

Hosted by Cub Scout Pack 545 & Gilbertsville Dairy Queen

**WHEN:** Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>

**WHERE:** Gilbertsville DQ

**TIME:** 5-9pm

Come join your friends and family on this day to support The Cub Scout Pack 545!!

The pack receives 20% of all sales generated from this event

Sorry, we cannot accept discounts or coupons for this event

\*\*\*Please bring this flyer with you to the event\*\*\*



[www.BeAScout.org](http://www.BeAScout.org)

Parish News and Information

**OUR SENIOR GROUP**  
**NEXT SENIOR GROUP MONTHLY MEETING : September 12, 2019 ~ 1PM**



For more information about trips or to sign up contact Virginia Shaner at 610 369-0212 or Bobbie Vinchofsky at 610 513-0493 or email at [stcolumbseniortrips@comcast.net](mailto:stcolumbseniortrips@comcast.net)

**THE KNIGHT'S CORNER**

St. Columbkil Council #16544

**Did you Know?**

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by Fr. Michael J. McGivney. At the time, he was an Assistant Pastor at Saint Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. Initially he started the organization as a way to provide support for Catholic families that were left widowed and orphaned.



**Helping Hands**

On Saturday, July 13th six of our Knights went to Helping Hands to lend our assistance by painting several rooms. Helping Hands is located in Bechtelsville and provides programs for disabled adults. This is just one of the many charitable activities we perform in the community. Maybe you can help next time.

**Interested in Signing Up**

You can easily get the ball rolling by entering your information in the following link: <http://bit.ly/Council16544>

Canasta Card Club meets every third Tuesday at 1:00 P.M. in Quinn Hall. All are welcome!

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Do you have a talent for crocheting, knitting, praying? Please consider our Prayer Shawl Ministry. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20th following the 9 am Mass in the Conference room. We provide the yarn. In 2019: Fox Chase Cancer Center - 40 Lap Blankets & Pottstown Memorial Cancer Center: 20 Lap blankets. The recipients are ever so grateful and comforted by this expression of love and support.**



Attention girls entering Kindergarten and First Grade~ The Daisy Girl Scout troop meetings are held here at St Columbkil's. Come and join the fun ! Also, looking for adults interested in helping . For information please email: [GSTROOP01221@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GSTROOP01221@GMAIL.COM) or call Marcia Martin at 610-223-2484 .



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](mailto:lisad@stcolumbkil.org) to assist in this ministry of welcome.



Altar server training for anyone interested who is in 5th grade or older will take place on Monday, September 9, 2019 and Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 PM. If you will attend, please inform Lisa in the office at 610-367-2371 or email her at: [lisad@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:lisad@stcolumbkil.org)



**ALL ARE 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. Questions, contact Megan at (610) 310-5661 or [meganrepko@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:meganrepko@stcolumbkil.org).

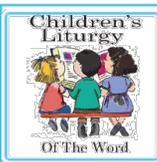
**CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING**

Come strengthen your faith on Wed. evenings 7:15 PM. We are open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, scripture, music, joyfully praising the Lord. Scripture based teachings are given each week to help us live our Catholic faith. Let us intercede for your needs. For more info call Sue T. 610-367-4711 or email Don @ [dondenick@comcast.net](mailto:dondenick@comcast.net).



*Rediscover the Love in Your marriage!*

Is your marriage going down the right road...or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in a marriage. Retrouvaille can help get you relationship back on track. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille (retro-VIE) can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes all married couples. Our next program is coimin up at the Family Life Center in Malvern ,PA August 9-11. For more information or to register, visit our website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



Children's Liturgy is held in the Chapel during the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses. When the Children are dismissed from Mass they go to the Chapel. In the Chapel, the children hear a reading of the day and the Gospel. They also sing the responses and the gospel acclamation. And they say the Creed. Children's Liturgy is for any child who is in Kindergarten - 4th grade. There is no registration needed. If a child is in Mass and wants to come - they are welcome. Children's Liturgy is also looking for adults who want to participate. Help is most needed at the 11:00 Mass. All materials and training are provided and there are always 2 or 3 adults in the Chapel. If you are interested in learning more about Children's Liturgy, please email: BASSCL412@gmail.com or call Marcia Martin at 610-223-2484

**EMMANUEL MUSIC MINISTRY**

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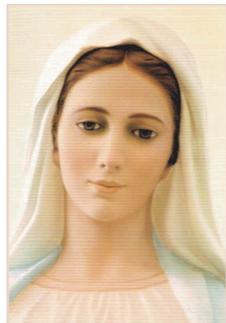
Do you play the flute, oboe, violin, cello, or other instrument? WE NEED YOU! Student or Adult, EMMANUEL needs musicians to make a joyful noise on Sundays at 11:00 Mass. Please call Kathy at 610-741-4546.



**WE ARE PLANNING THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME!!  
YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18+:  
YOU ARE INVITED!**

The young adults of St. Columbkil Parish will be attending the International Youth Festival held in Medjugorje in August 2020. This is our pilgrimage to visit our Blessed Mother who has been appearing there for the last 38 years-DAILY!! Come to an informational meeting on August 4th after the 11 am Mass in the Ehst room and learn more about Medjugorje and why this is OUR TIME to go!!

Experience the 2019 Youth Festival online by going to <https://marytv.tv> starting August 1 through August 6. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage but you are unable to attend the meeting on Aug 4, please contact Megan Repko ([meganrepko@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:meganrepko@stcolumbkil.org)) or Sue Fryer ([sspence4@comcast.net](mailto:sspence4@comcast.net)).



*Rejoice, little children, because God is merciful and loves you all with His immeasurable love and leads you to the way of salvation through my coming here!" ~ Our Lady of Medjugorje - June 25, 2018*

*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.*

AOAR Jason Almond USN  
Seaman Recruit Steve Hoffa  
SPC Jeremy Larson  
Jonathan Taylor  
Staff Sgt. Robert Preston  
Captain 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  
Captain Zachary Bregovi  
Lance Corporal Andrew J. Carpenter  
PV2 Ray Fazio  
SFC Ommannan Gonzalez  
LTJG Daniel Patti, USN  
CPT Joseph Patti, USA  
PV2 Cole Keenan  
Staff Sgt Anthony DeVito  
Sgt Amy Exum  
Sgt. Mark Bergstresser  
Sgt. Billy Beuch USA  
Matthew Psota USN Petty Officer 3



**CHILDREN WELCOME**

**To the Parents of our Young Children, may we suggest...**

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, altar servers, choir, etc.

Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

To the Members of our Parish... The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our parish is growing. Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

**Widow and Widowers Grief Support:** The next “REACH OUT” meeting is Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup> at Most Blessed Sacrament’s Schneider Hall at 1 PM. The August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at St Columbkil’s Conference RM at 1 PM. For those in need regardless of when your spouse has died, we provide a safe place for all widow & widowers to enable the true expression and reflection of their pain and find the path to a balanced life. Come join us. 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 **Faith-HopeCharityGives.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. Columbkil this is for you. Join as many groups as you are involved with! Go to our website on the Home Page to register: [www.stcolumbkil.org](http://www.stcolumbkil.org). You may also stop receiving news at any time by signing in to your profile notifications and choosing ‘leave group’.

*There’s no time like the present to begin our inquiry in the faith. If you are interested in learning more about the R.C.I.A. for yourself or someone you know, please contact Margaret Chovanes at [margaretc@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:margaretc@stcolumbkil.org) 610-248-2171 for more information.*



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