



ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

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18 AUGUST 2019 ~ THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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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Safe Environment Coordinator

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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.stcolumbkille.org or call the Parish Office.

A Letter from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

There's a catch phrase used by the American Red Cross regarding lifesaving in and around the water: Reach. Throw. Row. Go. These four words are the protocols to follow when rescuing someone in danger of drowning.

The first method is to reach out with a long hooked rescue pole. When that's not possible, then you should throw out a life ring. Your next recourse would be to row a rescue boat out to the victim. If none of these is possible, only then would you engage in the most drastic measure of all: go. This is the last resort because diving into the water subjects the rescuer to the same perils facing the victim. These might include riptides, dangerous depths, cross-currents and even sea predators.

This weekend we find Jeremiah trapped in a cistern. King Zedekiah dispatches men to pull him up because he fears the prophet will die. In the Letter to the Hebrews we are reminded that God didn't just reach out with an object or toss us a line. Rather, he entered fully into our sea of danger by becoming one of us. In today's Gospel, Jesus yearns for his baptism. Put another way, Jesus desires to enter into the waters that threaten to drown us, whereby not only saving us, but doing so in the most self-sacrificing and meaningful way.

Down the shore, on lakes or at swimming pools this time of year we find reassurance in signs reading: LIFEGUARD ON DUTY. All the more then should we find peace knowing that Jesus is always on duty with his saving protection. For without him, we'd be a shallow people treading deep waters where the only sign posted may as well read: SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK!

Love and prayers, Father Marty

Children & Sunday Mass

As summer draws to a close, we have some wonderful things to look forward to, one being the return of our Children's Sunday Mass.

The Children's Sunday Mass is held at 11:00 AM on the second Sunday of the month from September through June. It is a wonderful opportunity for families to attend Mass together and for our children and youth to serve!!

Anyone, age 5 years or older, can be a greeter or gift bearer. Anyone who is at least 10 years old can be an usher. Anyone who has received the Sacrament of the Eucharist can be a lector.

Our first Children's Sunday Mass will be on Sunday, September 8th at 11:00 AM. At that time we will also have NEW sign-up sheets for all the various ministries. Some of our participants may choose different ministries than they had originally signed up for, so we will be asking **everyone to sign the new sign up sheets**. Sister Jean and Megan Repko will be available before and after Mass to answer any questions you might have about the positions.

It is our hope that you will come to the 11:00 Mass with us on September 8th and experience the amazing energy that our children bring to our parish.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Megan Repko @ 610-310-5661 or megan-repko@stcolumbkil.org or Sister Jean @ 610-367-2371 or srjean@stcolumbkil.org



Annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass: The Annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass Celebration will be held on Sunday, September 15, 2019 at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena. 1825 West Turner St., Allentown, PA 18104 at 3:00 PM. We cordially invite couples celebrating 1-5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or 60 plus years of marriage to this special event. Please register online at www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass or refer to the A.D. Times for a registration form or request a form by email at MFLF@allentowndiocese.org. The form must be completed and returned to the Office of Marriage & Natural Family Planning, 2121 Madison Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18017. The registration deadline is September 9, 2019. Questions, call 610-289-8900 ext. 2021.

Mass Intentions

MON. AUG. 19: ST. JOHN EUDES

9:00 AM Barbara Sullivan

by the Monday Morning Counters

TUES. AUG. 20: ST. BERNARD

9:00 AM Charles McNeill by Monica Cades

WEDS. AUG. 21: ST. PIUS X

9:00 AM Caroline DiGuglielmo on 12th Anniversary of death by Daughter, Antonette & Son-in-law, Joe.

THURS. AUG. 22: THE QUEENSHIP OF

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00 AM Sister Martina Revak, osb by Benedictine Sisters

FRI. AUG. 23: ST. ROSE OF LIMA

9:00 AM Doris Holzman by Al & JoAnn Recke

SAT. AUG. 24: VIGIL, TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM Antonette Williams on the anniversary of her birthday, by granddaughter, Antonette & husband, Joe

SUN. AUG. 18: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM Stella Dombrowski by Charles & Paulette Tesno

9:00 AM Douglas Knight by the Wysocki Family and Benjamin Rizzuto by the Wysocki Family

11:00 AM Francis Gaspari by Mike & Nancy Northrup



Readings for Sunday, August 18

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Spiritual Adoption of the unborn child

I am continuing to grow and now weigh about 3 ½ pounds. My lungs and digestive track are nearly mature, but I don't really want to be born yet though since the last few weeks are very important for my development. I can track moving objects with my eyes and when I blink and my eyes respond to light and dark. Please remember me in 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."*

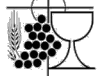


Church Memorials-Week of August 18, 2019

The Sanctuary Candle will burn
In Loving Memory of Caroline DiGuglielmo on birthday anniversary by Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren - forever in our hearts



The Bread and Wine are offered
In Loving Memory of Al Recke by Quigley Bus Service



The Flowers are offered
In Loving Memory of the Deceased Members of the St. Columbkil LAOH by the LAOH



August 24th & 25th Twenty-first Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday ~ 5:00 PM Father Marty Kern

Sunday ~ 7:30 AM Father Marty Kern

9:00 AM Father Marty Kern

11:00 AM Father Marty Kern

Weekly Parish Calendar

Monday August 19	Tuesday August 20	Wednesday August 21	Thursday August 22	Friday August 23	Saturday August 24	Sunday August 25
9am Mass 12pm- OA 5:30pm- AA 7pm- Rosary Group	9am Mass 9:30am Shawl Ministry Meeting 1:00pm Canasta Card Club 7pm Men's Prayer Group 7pm Knights of Columbus Mtg.	9am Mass 7:15 Charismatic Prayer Mtg.	9am Mass 9:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Preschool Parent Night	9am Mass	9am Patriotic Rosary 4pm Confessions 5pm Vigil Mass	7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 11am Mass 2:00pm Curcillo



Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. *You can never love her more than Jesus did.*

~ St. Maximilian Kolbe.

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.

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.

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

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!*

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, & other documents for use in other jurisdictions. Contact Lisa at 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>



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. 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://stcolumbkille.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@stcolumbkille.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.stcolumbkille.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@stcolumbkille.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@stcolumbkille.org.

REGISTER

YOUTH GROUP (7TH-12TH GR) ~ HEATHER SHAINLINE**Upcoming events to put in your calendar NOW:**

First meeting/Welcome Picnic- September 8th

Abbeyfest- September 21st

Miracle of Christmas at Sight and Sound Theater- November 30th

**Families Invited to The 4th Annual Monocacy Farm Food Festival**

BETHLEHEM, PA – Monocacy Farm Project will host The 4th Annual Monocacy Farm Food Festival, a family-friendly event for the whole community. The festival will feature local food and artisan vendors, fun children's activities and crafts, tractor demos, face painting, environmentally friendly toys with Bob Swaim, chef demos, workshops, petting zoo, farm tours, live music, great raffles and much more. The first 100 individuals/families will receive a free bag with exciting goodies inside. **WHEN:** Sunday, September 29th, 2019 from 11AM until 4PM **WHERE:** 395 Bridle Path Rd. Bethlehem, PA 18017 **For entry,** a donation of \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family is suggested. Free parking is available. All proceeds benefit The Monocacy Farm Project.

We are a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization Check us out on: www.facebook.com/events/873521286342021/

12TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT to benefit **St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Church** to be held on Friday, September 20 beginning at 11:00 A.M. at Blackwood Golf Course, Douglassville. Held rain or shine. Cost: \$85.00 per golfer (includes lunch, post-play banquet, refreshments throughout the day and prizes); \$25.00 per guest for banquet only. For more information or to register, call Kathy at the parish office (610-326-5127) or email contact@sgsm62.org.



Holy Family Manor is happy to announce that our 15th annual golf outing will be held on October 11, 2019 at the Bethlehem Golf Club. We hope you will join us as a participant, volunteer or sponsor! Please contact Kristine Evina at: kevina@cshhcs.org or call 610-865-5595 ext 409, if you would like any additional information. Would you like to donate an item for our raffle? Items in need are: sports items, event tickets, gift cards...get creative, we are thankful for any item donated! On behalf of the residents at Holy Family Manor, we thank you for your support. You are an important member of our community and we thank you for all that you do.

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.

In May of 2018, Preston Dray ran a food drive for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service as a school project. He raised 45 pounds of donations. Preston's life was cut short in a flash flood incident on July 11, 2019, along with that of his mother, Pamela Snyder and his unborn baby sister, Evelyn. Inspired by his selflessness, we are collecting donations for a food drive.

***Benefits the food pantry of the Boyertown Area Multi-Service ***

The following NON-FOOD items are needed items:

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| ♦ 3 in 1 kids sham-poo/conditioner/body | ♦ Napkins |
| ♦ All-purpose spray | ♦ Paper plates |
| ♦ Body wash | ♦ Paper towels |
| ♦ Broom/Mop | ♦ Sandwich/Snack/Quart/Freezer bags |
| ♦ Clorox wipes | ♦ Shampoo/Conditioner |
| ♦ Deodorant | ♦ Sponges |
| ♦ Diapers/Wipes | ♦ Tampons |
| ♦ Dish/Hand soap | ♦ Toilet paper T |
| ♦ Dishwasher pods | ♦ rash bags |
| ♦ Disposable bowls/Plastic ware | ♦ Unscented bar soap |
| ♦ Fabric softener/sheets | ♦ Windex |
| ♦ Laundry detergent | |
| ♦ Mouth wash | |

Please let me know if you have any questions. 610-310-0872 ~Charlene Wysocki

Saint Francis Academy



August 21 - New Kindergarten student Open House 6:30-7:15 PM. August 22 - New Pre-Kindergarten 4-yr-old student Open House 6:30-7:15 PM. August 27 - Dairy Queen Fundraiser Noon-9PM The Gilbertsville DQ will donate 20 % of the proceeds of the day to SFA. You must present the school flyer or show it on your phone (see SFA facebook page) Thanks for your support! UPCOMING DATES October 4th - SFA Annual Golf Outing November 9th -Christmas Bazaar 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 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!

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) 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.

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

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 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 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



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.

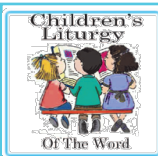
CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

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.



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. For more information or to register, visit our website at 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

EMMANUEL MUSIC MINISTRY: 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.

MUSIC CORNER

Adult Choir - Yes, there is an adult choir that sings many Sundays at the 9am Mass! We concentrate on Advent, Christmas and Lent seasons, as well as Easter, Mother's Day and Pentecost, and a few other Sundays for good measure. No audition, no need to read music! We practice many Sundays after the 9am Mass. Once and done for the week! Come check us out in the Ehsst room (downstairs)! Contact Deb Maskrey at gm_2522@comcast.net for a schedule or with any questions.

Cantors/Leaders of Song - our ranks have dwindled with the graduation of many of our youth cantors, and we need to increase the number of cantors for scheduling. Support is available by means of practice sessions with the organist/accompanist. This is a great opportunity for youth grades 7 and up to serve the parish community. It is also a great opportunity for parents to set the example for children by serving as a leader of song. Contact Deb Maskrey at gm_2522@comcast.net with questions or for more information, or chat with one of our current cantors!

Substitute Organist/Accompanist - Sometimes one or the other of our organists needs to be away on a weekend, thus creating the need for a substitute. If you play piano, why not use your talent to also serve our parish community? As for the organ, you don't need feet to play! The adult choir could also use an accompanist! Contact Deb Maskrey at gm2522@comcast.net for more information.



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



YOUTH GROUP & LAOH THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS ~ SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE, LANCASTER PA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH
DEPART - BECHTELSTVILLE WALMART
2:45 PM

RETURN - 11:00 PM (APPROX)
FAMILY STYLE DINNER - 4:15 TO 5:30
FULTON STEAMBOAT INN

SHOW-7:00 PM
COST - \$125.00 ADULT
\$78.CHILD 3-12

PAYMENT IN FULL DUE BY
OCTOBER 23RD
NO REFUND AFTER OCTOBER 28TH

ASK ABOUT SETTING UP
PAYMENT PLAN

RSVP - HEATHER - (484-336-9200
EMAIL-

YOUTHGROUP@STCOLUMBKILL.ORG
RSVP - KATHY (610-764-0293)
EMAIL - KVARADY2@GMAIL.COM

Widow and Widowers Grief Support: The next “REACH OUT” meeting is Sunday August 25th. The meeting will be at St Columbkille’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. 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 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 Chovanec at margaretc@stcolumbkille.org 610-248-2171 for more information.



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