



# ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

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We can have  
hope  
because God  
is faithful  
and will keep  
the promises  
He made to us.  
Our hope  
comes from God.

Romans 15:12-13

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**Saint Columbkil Office**

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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**

**Principal - Administrator:** Mr. Philip E. Repko

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**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 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 Reflection from Deacon Jim Kochu

When I awoke this morning at 4:18 A.M., I realized it was way too early to start my day so I WAITED in bed as I said my morning prayers of thankfulness for being given another opportunity to serve the Lord our God and His people under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

After my daily walk and recitation of the rosary, I WAITED as the Keurig brewed my first cup of coffee for the day. I WAITED as the water filled the laundry machine to clean my clothes. I WAITED for my laptop to fire up so I could begin this reflection. Seems a very sizeable amount of time in each of our days is spent in WAITING, whether we realize it or not. The question I pose to us all is "What is it that we are truly WAITING for?"

For our young people it could be that great day of surprise and gift giving. For those a bit older it could be for the day to come when we are finally able to get our drivers learning permit or our first job so we have money to buy "things." I know these three events were always near and dear to my heart and I'm not much different than us all.

Today we once again begin the season of Advent, the four week period of WAITING and preparation that has been observed since around the fourth century. At first this preparatory time was used for new believers to be baptized and for all believers to look forward to Jesus' return in glory. As time progressed, the emphasis on the Second Coming and baptism remained, while a new emphasis on Jesus' FIRST coming as a baby grew.

Today Advent is much more about celebrating Jesus' first coming rather than anticipating His Second Coming. Still the church calls us to use this time to prepare for Christmas as well as renewing our desire for Jesus' return in glory.

With this double goal of celebration and anticipation in mind, let us view Advent as a season of hope, hope that the baby born in Bethlehem will indeed return one day and usher in God's Kingdom here on earth. Hope helps us step out and believe in what is not visible. Hope is God's grace to accept that there is a certain amount of mystery to our faith, while allowing us to be confident that God is ever present and actively at work in our lives and in our world.

Matthews Gospel tells us today to "stay awake and alert... you must also be prepared...for at an hour...the Son of Man will come." As we WAIT throughout these next four weeks in anticipation of His Second Coming as well as for the Christmas miracle to once again unveil itself upon our world with all it's magic, glitter and wonder, may we keep in touch with the true GIFT that we will all be awarded upon our completion of our personal WAITING, the gift of seeing Jesus face to face.

God's Divine Blessings to all throughout this Season of waiting...may your lives be fulfilled through His Presence!

Deacon Jim



St. Columbkil Parish - Quinn Hall

Christmas Crafts and Food Festival

◆ Saturday, December 7th: 10am ~ 6pm

◆ Sunday, December 8th: 8am ~ 1pm

Beautifully Handcrafted Items

Mrs. Kern's Famous Haluski

Scrumptious Christmas & Assorted Cookies

Any questions, call Leona @ 484-529-5423



**CRS Spotlight**

All children should be able to grow and thrive. The U.S. has been a leader in addressing global poverty and providing life-saving aid to millions of children worldwide, but children globally are still at risk of not being able to reach their full potential due to poverty, conflict, forced displacement and malnutrition. For children who have seen the devastation of war in their communities or been forced to flee their homes due to violence, their development is impacted severely due to the trauma and stress. You can help lead the way to a solution that helps children overseas not only to survive but thrive. How? By urging your Representative to support the Global Child Thrive Act (H.R. 4864). The Global Child Thrive Act (H.R. 4864) will mandate integrating Early Childhood Development activities into U.S. government-funded international programming for children. Early Childhood Development activities include helping children to play, exploring colors, music and nurturing care from parents and caregivers. Your voice will make a difference in helping refugee children, and all children, reach their God-given potential. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) to send an email to your Representative today!

**Mass Intentions**

**MON. DEC. 2: ADVENT WEEKDAY**  
 9:00 AM *Barbara Goldberg* by *Antonette & Joe Fabrizio*  
**TUES. DEC. 3: ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**  
 9:00 AM *Debbie Ford Pruitt* by *Tim & Terry*  
**WEDS. DEC. 4: ST. JOHN DAMASCENE**  
 9:00 AM *Brigid McGill* by *Linda & John Harte*  
**THURS. DEC. 5: ADVENT WEEKDAY**  
 9:00 AM *Thomas Walters* by *Jack & Linda Lignelli*  
**FRI. DEC. 6: ST. NICHOLAS**  
 9:00 AM *Allen R. Chapman* by *Peter Lawlor*  
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**SAT. DEC. 7 VIGIL, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
 5:00 PM *Anne Hiryak* by *St. Columbkil Senior Group*  
**SUN. DEC. 8: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
 7:30 AM *Theresa Crawford* by *Paul & Regina Zielinski*  
 9:00 AM *Michael Rudy* by *Kathy & Ron*  
 11:00 AM *Living & Deceased of St. Columbkil*

**Priest Schedule**

**December 7/December 8** *Second Week of Advent*  
 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*



**Readings for Sunday, 1 Dec.**

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

**Church Memorials-Week of 1 December**



The Sanctuary Candle will burn  
**In Loving Memory of Francis Gaspari**  
 by *Helene & Jerry Keenan*



The Bread and Wine are offered  
**In Loving Memory of Francis Gaspari**  
 by *Helene & Jerry Keenan*



**Advent Prayer**

Our Lord, who was born in a manger, and walked this earth, you understand our challenges. Please shine your light on those things that take away our hope this season. Bring new birth in our hearts so love may grow within and spread to those around. With your light shining upon us, may we penetrate the darkness of our world, offering gifts of patience, kindness and justice to those our world has forgotten. In honor of the Christ-child. Amen.

Monday December 2	Tuesday December 3	Wednesday December 4	Thursday December 5	Friday December 6	Saturday December 7	Sunday December 8
9am Mass  12pm- OA  Parish Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday  5:30pm- AA 6pm Youth Monthly Adoration 7pm- Rosary Group	9am Mass  1pm Seniors Christmas Dinner  7pm Emmanuel Music 7pm Foreign Missions 7pm Men's Prayer	9am Mass  4pm PREP Class 6pm PREP Class  7pm Human Concerns Ministry  7:15 Charismatic Prayer Mtg.	9am Mass 9:30am Bible Study  4pm PREP Class 6pm PREP Class  6pm RCIA	9am Mass	9am Patriotic Rosary 9am Rosary Vocations 10am Christmas Craft & Food Festival 10am Children's Rosary 11am Knights in A.M. 4pm Confessions 5pm Vigil Mass—Ignite	Second Sunday Advent 7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass (Hearing Impaired) 11am Mass  8am Christmas Craft & Food Festival  6pm Grade 7 PREP

**Calling All Carolers!**  
 All are welcome to bring smiles to the residents of Pennsburg Manor by caroling through the halls on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. No singing experience required – just a desire to bring joy to the residents! Meet in the manor lobby at 6:30pm. Santa will be joining us once again!

 CAROLING

**Extended Adoration**

**Hours of Adoration in our Holy Family Chapel**

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



## Stewardship

### Facilities Faith Lift II Capital Campaign News

We wish to thank all of our parishioners for their generous pledges thus far to the *Facilities Faith Lift II* campaign. We are sincerely grateful for each and every one. If you have not received a campaign packet or commitment card, please contact us at the Parish Office at 610-367-2371 and we will be glad to mail one to your family. We will continue to accept commitment cards at any time during the three years of our new campaign.

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

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

***Our Pennies to Bricks campaign is well underway! Our new Lego structure is "under construction" in the Narthex! We will enjoy watching our "brick foundation" grow as these three years go by! Please remember to bring in your coins to the next monthly Children's Mass December 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.**

#### ***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*

## Stewardship

### MONTHLY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year July 2019 to June 2020

Month: October 2019

Last October 2018 (4 weeks)	This October 2019 (4 weeks)
\$52,869.50	\$50,898.75
Includes Online: \$18,696.50    Includes Online: \$19,460.75	

### 1st Qtr FY 19-20 - Income/Expense Report

July 2019 through Sept 2019

Total Operating Income	\$237,494.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$241,030.00
Net Operating Excess / (Loss)	-\$3,536.00

#### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Give in thanksgiving. "The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic Education." Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.

**Prayers for Priests, Deacons, Vocations:** Please kindly remember in your prayers all of the living and deceased priests and deacons of our Diocese. Please also pray for our seminarians and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

#### **Serran Prayer for Vocations**

O God, who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, St. Joseph her spouse, St. Junipero Serra and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ, to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations**

O God, you have constituted your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal priest for the glory of your majesty and the salvation of mankind: grant that those whom he has chosen ministers and dispensers of his mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**PRE-SCHOOL CAITLIN NICKEL**  
[preschool@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:preschool@stcolumbkill.org)

**Pre-School Registration is now open for the 2019-2020 school year.** This school year marks the 36th year that St. Columbkil Preschool has offered quality education to children in Boyertown, PA & surrounding area. Our program provides learning experiences that are age and developmentally appropriate. There are approximately 30 children enrolled in the 3 & 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.

**We still have a few spots left:**

**PreK 3:** Monday & Wednesday: 9:00 am - 11:30 am  
 or Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 am - 11:30 am

**PreK 4:** Monday, Wednesday & Friday:  
 9:00 am - 11:30 am (Full)  
 or Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00 am - 11:30 am

**Preschool Substitute Teacher Needed:** St. Columbkil Preschool is looking to hire a substitute teacher to work on an as needed basis. Weekday hours would be 8:45-12:00. Clearances must be obtained through the Diocese. Please contact Caitlin Nickel at [preschool@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:preschool@stcolumbkill.org) for more information.

**YOUTH GROUP (7TH-12TH GR)**

**CHWC- REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!!**

This year we're back to Virginia Beach, VA from June 14-20, 2020! No two experiences are the same so sign up even if you went with us last year. A \$100.00 non-refundable deposit is needed to hold your spot. Please visit the parish website to sign up or email Heather. Cost is \$385.00pp. There are only 8 spots left! See the website for more pricing details.

**Saturday, December 7th and Sunday, December 8th Poinsettia Sale**

Please help sell poinsettias during the Food and Craft Fest and after all Masses. Please let Heather know what times you can help out by filling out the sign up genius that was sent out.



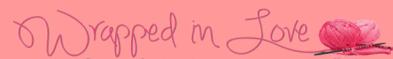
**Religious Education PREP**  
 Connie Boyer, Director

Religious Education classes for grades 1 to 6 have begun. If you still need to register your children, go to our website under PREP and register ASAP. All children in public school are expected to attend.



**ALL ARE WELCOME:** Join us for the 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@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:meganrepko@stcolumbkill.org).

**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, December 17th** following the 9 am Mass in the Conference room. **We provide the yarn.**



**Christmas Gift Wrapping Available!**  
 Come have your gifts wrapped by the Youth Group during the Christmas Craft and Food Festival on December 7 and 8 to raise money for a water treatment plant in the Dominican Republic. Donations will be accepted for gift-wrapping

## Human Concerns Ministry

### WARMING TREE GIFTS

The Human Concerns Ministry is again sponsoring the annual "warming tree" November 30 through December 15. You may help to keep our neighbors warm this winter by bringing new, unwrapped gifts to put on or under the tree in the Narthex. The items will be distributed to area families in need by the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. New items needed include baby sleepers, pajamas, mittens, gloves, socks, blankets, sweatshirts, sweatpants, snow pants, or other warm clothing. Thank you for sharing your love with your neighbor!



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



## 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 Ehst 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.

## Saint Francis Academy Weekly

**Upcoming Dates** Dec. 9 - School Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

**First Penance** 7:30 PM Dec. 10- **School confessions** Dec. 13 -**Live Nativity** Dec. 19 - SFA **Christmas Concert** 6:30 in the school cafeteria

SFA cafeteria/hall is available to rent. Please call the school for information and availability.

**Plastic Cash** is now available at St. Columbkille after 7:30 and 9am mass. We are looking for volunteers to help sell at 5pm and 11am.

**S.T.E.M. Class**- Literacy Connection-Balloons Over Broadway by Melissa Sweet tells that true story of Tony Sarg who invented the helium balloons that became the corner stone of the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in New York. Students in K-8 will plan, design, and create their own balloon.

Fifth grade is creating a personal timeline based on the book The Hundred Penny Box by Sharon Bell Mathis. Memories from each year of their life are scrapbooked for their timeline and literary elements such as figurative language are incorporated. They rough draft, edit, include a form of figurative language, and write their story.

**Monthly Bingo** in St. Francis Academy cafeteria. Next bingo is December 15th. Doors open at 11 with the first game at 12:30pm. Good food and great fun for all! Gift certificates available. Volunteers are always needed.

**Giant A+ program** Every time you use your Giant card, a percent of your purchase can be going to benefit our parish school. Last year "your Giant card use" generated over \$1000 for the school. To register your card go to giantfood-



**NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP:** Our parish is planning a bus trip to New York City on Thursday, December 12, 2019. We will attend the Christmas Show at Radio City and have dinner at Carmine's, a well-known Italian restaurant located in Central Park. The dinner will include two appetizers, one pasta, two entrees, two desserts and unlimited soft drinks and iced tea. We will also have some free time. The cost for all this is \$195.00 per person. If interested, please call Lisa @610-367-2371 or email lisad@stcolumbkille.org.



**Life AD Donation:** Be counted when we publish this Pro Life Ad in the Reading Eagle on the anniversary of Roe v Wade.

Sandra Eidle will be in the Narthex on Sunday, November 30, 2019 and December 1, 2019 and December 14 & December 15, 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 to include your name, Parish name & Phone



## Parish News and Information

**OUR SENIOR GROUP**  
NEXT SENIOR GROUP MONTHLY MEETING : January 13, 2020 ~ 1PM



**December 3rd:** St. Columbkil Senior Christmas Dinner at 1:00pm. Must Sign up by November 22nd. Sandra Gilbert (610) 369-5950



### THE KNIGHT'S CORNER

St. Columbkil Council #16544

#### Consecration to the Holy Family

The Knights will be facilitating a program called Consecration to the Holy Family during this Christmas season. There will be an announcement December 7th/8th and information distributed in the following weeks, leading up to the event on the weekend of December 28th/29th. The goal of the program is help strengthen families and revitalize parishes.



#### Keep Christ in Christmas

Keep Christ in Christmas bumper magnets and ornaments will be on sale soon.

#### Military Family Members Away for the Holidays

Is a member of your family in the military and stationed away from home for the holidays? We would like to honor them with a card and keep them in our prayers. Please send their name and address to EricM@stcolumbkil.org

If you would like to learn more about our Knights of Columbus Council, please visit our **website:** <https://kofc16544.org/>

## Ministries & Neighborhood



### Young Families group starting at St. Columbkil!

The Young Families group will strive to provide support and fellowship for families with young children ages 0 to 5. This group is for families at any point in their faith journey and will include activities such as group dinners, play dates, spiritual activities and more. Events will take place both during the week and on weekends, and families can participate in as many or as few activities as they would like. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Sarah Sullivan ([sewyssocki@comcast.net](mailto:sewyssocki@comcast.net) or 610-310-2695) or Joanna White ([joannawhite416@gmail.com](mailto:joannawhite416@gmail.com) or 267-252-9993).

### 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).

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

### 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.



## 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, December 1st**



Here Comes Santa Claus at the

**Knights of Columbus**

December Breakfast



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

*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  
SPC Cole Keenan  
Staff Sgt Anthony DeVito  
Sgt Amy Exum  
Sgt. Mark Bergstresser  
Sgt. Billy Beuch USA  
Matthew Psota USN Petty Officer 3  
Pvt. Kellie O'Brien



**Children's Choir** If you have a child who would like to join the Children's Choir, please contact Carolyn Quinn at carolynsings4@gmail.com Practices are Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:00. The children's choir sings once a month at the Children's Mass.

**IGNITE:** The youth of our church have been singing/praising at Mass once a month during the school year for the past 3 years. Ignite was started by a student and her friends. We are inviting anyone who enjoys more contemporary music to join this year! Masses are once a month on Saturday night at 5:00. Along with one rehearsal per month on the Sunday before the Mass. Please join us today at 12:15pm for our first rehearsal! Let's keep this going!! Please Contact Carolyn Quinn at carolynsings4@gmail.com



**What is the big deal about Medjugorje?**



The young adults of St. Columbkil Parish will be attending the International Youth Festival held in Medjugorje--July 27 - August 8, 2020. This is our pilgrimage to visit our Blessed Mother who has been appearing there for the last 38 years-DAILY!! If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage, please contact Megan Repko [meganrepko@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:meganrepko@stcolumbkil.org) or Sue Fryer ([sspence4@comcast.net](mailto:sspence4@comcast.net)). Deposit due to secure your space: \$100.00 due by December 1st - Register on line at [www.stcolumbkil.org](http://www.stcolumbkil.org) and click on the link. If you would like to sponsor a pilgrim you can do this on line as well by clicking on the specified link.

**New Room Options** Available Starting at \$2,315 at Sacred Heart Villa! Located in Muhlenberg, Sacred Heart Villa offers a full range of services from independent to enhanced Personal Care. Call to join us for a tour and come see our newly available room options starting at \$2,315 today! 610.929.5751 [www.sacredheartvillapa.org](http://www.sacredheartvillapa.org)



*St. Francis Center for Renewal  
Christmas Vespers 2019  
Saturday, December 21 | 7:00 PM  
Sunday, December 22 | 2:00 & 7:00 PM  
White House Chapel, Monocacy Manor  
395 Bridle Path Road Bethlehem  
610.867.8890*

*Prefreshments to Follow  
Pretreat Center Dining Hall  
Freewill Offering*



**Widow and Widowers Grief Support :** From time to time, we must take stock. Clearly, it has been shown that those who participate in their recovery can see their personal growth after their loss. But we remain vulnerable to the upsurges of grief brought to us by the holiday season, anniversaries, and birthdays and the list goes on. For them the support of those who understand is most needed. 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.

**R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** If you or someone you know would like more information about the Catholic faith or if you are a baptized Catholic but have not received your first Communion or Confirmation RCIA is tailored for you.! Contact Margaret Chovanec at [margaretc@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:margaretc@stcolumbkill.org) or 610-248-2172 with questions or concerns.

**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](mailto:pchoinskisd@yahoo.com). All inquiries are confidential.

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

You may also stop receiving news at any time by signing in to your profile notifications and choosing 'leave group'.

**Parish Council News -** Parish Council has openings available for 2020. The term is three years. Please consider this important service to our parish. If interested, please contact Council Chair, Lori Psota, at 484-919-8629 or the parish office at 610-367-2371.

### Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

- The Christmas dinner will be held on Sunday, December 15th at the Carriage House at 12:30pm. Cost is \$25.00pp.
- If interested in becoming a member, please call or email Kathy Varady at 610-764-0293/ [kvarady2@gmail.com](mailto:kvarady2@gmail.com) Saints Patrick, Brigid and Columbkil... pray for us!



## Saint Columbkil Parish Mission Statement

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