



ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

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Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2: 10-11

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2: 10-11



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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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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 Sunday 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,

This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, known also as the Feast of the Three Kings or in other parts of the world, especially in certain European countries, as Little Christmas.

On Christmas Day itself Jesus is born into his humble surroundings in Bethlehem to strictly local observers mostly of the Jewish faith, but it is through the Epiphany that this blessed event is extended beyond those relatively few people and shared universally with the rest of the world—Jews and Gentiles alike. Ironically, this would render it not so “little” a Christmas after all since the coming of the Lord is shared with the rest of the nations on the face of the earth through the events of the Epiphany.

The very famous, although historically mysterious, trio of travelers from the orient represents people of other countries, cultures, languages and religions. While Christ is born into the traditions of Judaism, he is the Lord of all people and Savior to every man and woman of any or even no prior faith.

We refer to the three devoted sojourners as kings, astrologers, seers or magi. However, no title is probably more commonly used than that of “wise men.” Nor is any other title more fitting, for it is through their wisdom and discernment that they were able to find Jesus. They were wise enough to see through Herod’s scheming, wise enough to recognize God’s promptings in a star, wise enough to keep searching, wise enough to approach the newborn king with proper homage and supplication and wise enough to take their experience back east with them and share it.

It is in the spirit of those three ancient and ever-wise witnesses whom we remember today that I close by saying: *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas!*

Love & Prayers,
Father Marty



ANSWERED PRAYERS JULY- DECEMBER 2019

WE PRAISE & THANK THE LORD for the following answered prayers through the intercession of St. Columbkil Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting and the Mass Prayer Teams Ministry in 2019:

- ♦ Brother-in-law's triple bypass surgery was successful, doing very well.
- ♦ Cousin diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer has greatly improved with treatments and many prayers and is now all clear !!
- ♦ After a very troubled pregnancy, nieces baby was born perfectly healthy.
- ♦ Woman's kidney function greatly improved, dialysis no longer needed.
- ♦ After two failed surgeries, friends third surgery finally worked, and he is doing very well.
- ♦ Brother-in-law doing well after heart valve replacement, out dancing once again.
- ♦ Wayward son attended a bible study while incarcerated and has accepted Jesus as his Lord and Saviour.
- ♦ Niece recovered from stomach and intestinal surgery, actually had the colostomy reversed, doing very well now.
- ♦ Cousin recovered from debilitating depression, finally feeling happy again.
- ♦ Family was able to find a rental home at a lower rate that also accepted pets.
- ♦ Friend who was on life support in the ICU for 8 days is now released from the hospital, doing kidney dialysis only twice week but continuing to improve every day.
- ♦ Brother's back surgery with placement of plates and screws was successful, able to stand straight now and improving every day.
- ♦ Sister who had knee replacement is doing very well, finally walking with no pain.



Please feel free to come forward to the **Prayer Teams** after Mass. All requests are strictly **confidential**. You can also write your prayer petitions in the **Book of Intercession** on the table in the Narthex. They are included in the **Prayer of The Faithful at all Masses and interceded for at the Wednesday 7:30 PM, Prayer Meetings where all are welcome to come and join us!** Please let the Prayer Teams know, or leave a note with Lisa at the parish office when your prayers are answered so together we can praise and thank the Lord! Thank you!

Mass Intentions

MON. JAN. 6: ST. ANDRE BESSETTE
 9:00 AM Jeannette McCreesh by Jack & Linda Lignelli
TUES. JAN 7: ST. RAYMOND OF PENTAFORD
 9:00 AM Robert Logan by Bernie Famiglietti
WEDS. JAN 8: CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
 9:00 AM Nikolaus Botscheller by wife, Betty & Family
THURS. JAN. 9: CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
 9:00 AM Al Recke by Mary Ann Doerk
FRI. JAN. 10: CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
 9:00 AM Thomas Walters by Antonette & Joe Fabrizio

SAT. JAN. 11: VIGIL, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
 5:00 PM James Mort by wife, Pat & Family
SUN. JAN. 12 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
 7:30 AM Louise Yacovelli by the Payne Family
 9:00 AM Louis Martini by Jack & Linda Lignelli
 11:00 AM Beth Riggins by the Wancio Family

Priest Schedule

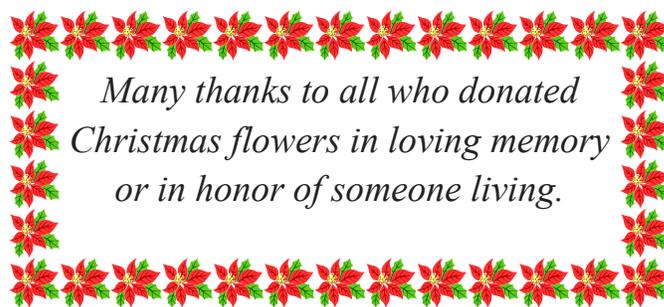
January 4 / January 5 **Baptism of the Lord**
 Saturday ~ 5:00 PM Father Marty Kern
 Sunday ~ 7:30 AM Father Marty Kern
 9:00 AM Father Marty Kern
 11:00 AM Father Marty Kern

Readings for Sunday, 5 Jan.

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Church Memorials-Week of 5 January

The Bread and Wine are offered
**In Honor of Dan & Candee Holzman on their
 25th Anniversary by Joseph & Antonette Fabrizio**



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

Monday January 6	Tuesday January 7	Wednesday January 8	Thursday January 9	Friday January 10	Saturday January 11	Sunday January 12
9am Mass 12pm- OA 5:30pm- AA 6pm Youth Monthly Adoration 7pm- Rosary Group	9am Mass 7pm Emmanuel Music 7pm Foreign Mis- sions 7pm Men's Prayer Group	9am Mass 4pm PREP Class 6pm PREP Class 7:15 Charismatic Prayer Mtg.	9am Mass 9:30am Bible Study 1pm Senior Group 4pm PREP Class 6pm PREP Class	9am Mass	9am Patriotic Rosary 4pm Confessions 5pm Vigil Mass - Ignite	7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass (Hearing Impaired) 11am Mass Grade 7 PREP

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.

Extended Adoration

Hours of Adoration in our Holy Family Chapel

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



Stewardship

Facilities Faith Lift II Capital Campaign News

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

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

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

Our Pennies to Bricks campaign is well underway! Our new Lego structure is "under construction" in the Narthex! We will enjoy watching our "brick foundation" grow as these three years go by! Please remember to bring in your coins to the next monthly Children's Mass January 12th 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

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

July 2019 through Sept 2019

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

Fiscal Year July 2019 to June 2020

Month: November 2019

Last November 2018 (4 weeks)	This November 2019 (4 weeks)
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\$50,627.50	\$51,984.55
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Includes Online: \$16,907.50	Includes Online: \$17,694.75
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Christmas Flowers: \$1,848.00

Growing Our Faith - End of Year Building Fund donations needed: We are in need of financial support to replace the HVAC System on the 2nd floor of the 29 year old Creemer's Center building in conjunction with the two boilers in the basement.

Our FFL II Capital Campaign is currently serving the intentions of our parishioners through their pledges with the replacement of the roofs of the church, Quinn Hall, Rectory and Creemer's Center buildings, as well as the construction of an exterior Porte-Cochere.

We appreciate and are grateful for all donations from our parish families, and ask you to give as your means will allow to the Growing Our Faith end-of-year donation to support our additional building needs.

Please donate by using the envelopes provided in the Church pews, the Parish Office, or via credit/debit/EFT draft online using this link: <https://www.paritygiving.org/ParishGiving.html>?

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Thank you for your continued generosity, and may God Bless you and your family this Christmas season!

PRE-SCHOOL CAITLIN NICKEL
preschool@stcolumbkill.org

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 & 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 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. Columbkill 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 for more information.

St. Columbkill Pre-K is now participating in the Amazon Smile Program!

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon-Smile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

Please support St. Columbkill Pre-K by shopping Amazon Smile and by choosing St. Columbkill Church as your charitable organization. Click on amazon smile below.



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, January 21st** following the 9 am Mass in the Conference room. **We provide the yarn.**

In 2019: Fox Chase Cancer Center - 80 Lap Blankets & Pottstown Memorial Cancer Center: 50 Lap blankets. The recipients are ever so grateful and comforted by this expression of love and support.

Wrapped in Love 

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.

Vacation Bible School 2020

SAVE THE DATE: 22-26 June 2020

Vacation Bible School is held in the summer for one week for children in Pre-K** through 5th grade.

***Daily Mass is still a part of VBS! ***

We will have a special teaching Mass on Monday at the end of our first day of VBS. Then on each of our remaining days (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday), we will begin our VBS experience with daily Mass in the main church at 9, followed by our regular VBS schedule. Each day will end 12:30 pm. Attendance to Mass is optional for the children. Children may be signed in with their groups before the start of Mass or after the conclusion (please do not interrupt Mass to sign in your children.) All are welcome to attend Mass with us!!

The nonrefundable registration fee is \$20 for the first child and \$15 for each additional child registered in the same family. This registration fee includes one copy of the Music CD per family. This CD will have all of the songs that the kids will be learning during VBS week. Register early and get your copy and start learning the songs today!! Our closing ceremony for friends and family will be on Friday, June 26, 2020 at 12:30 pm.**Please note that an adult volunteer is requested with all pre-K registrations

<https://www.stcolumbkill.org/vbs-online-registration>



Pro Life March

The bus is reserved...are you coming?! March for Life 2020 Bus Trip. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for this prayerful pilgrimage and "Pep Rally for Life" in Washington, DC on Friday, January 24, 2020. Mass for the Unborn will be celebrated in our church at 6:30am before boarding the bus at 7:15am. Return time is approximately 10:00pm. Participants are asked to wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a bag lunch. Cost for the trip is \$50 which includes transportation, light morning refreshments and buffet dinner at Golden Corral on the return trip. Students are 1/2 price. Please sign-up in the church office. Questions? Contact Candee Holzman at (484) 431-2085.

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



5th Annual Chili Cook-Off is Around the Corner

WANTED! The best chili in town! Do you think you have the secret recipe for the best? Put your chili to the test at the 5th Annual St. Columbkil Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, January 25, 2020! In addition to your chance to win the coveted 1st Place Chili Pepper Trophy and cash prize, you can dance to great music and enjoy beverages and an assortment of food and desserts. Only 20 contestant spots are available and they go quickly! Enter before it's too late by contacting Todd Bowers at tbowe@spring-ford.net or 610-960-0196.



Saint Francis Academy

Our celebration of *Catholic Schools Week* begins with Open House on January 26th.

Registration for the 2020-21 school year has begun! Please come to visit the classrooms, meet the teachers and share refreshments with us. More information about the week will follow.



Congratulations to those who earned honors for the first trimester: *First Honors*- Gr. 8 Valeria Guerin, Kelly Ryan Gr. 7 Bryan Mellen, Deacon Waltenbaugh. *Second Honors*- Gr. 8 Allyson Bosler, Caiden McGill, Zachariah McLaughlin Gr. 7 Jason Krum *Honorable Mention*-Gr. 8 Liam Cunningham, Mary James, Alicia Jones, Cristina Plata-Padilla, Jack Reinhart, Trent Szilli, Brayden Richard Gr. 7 Mirabella Cavaliere, Connor Gilvie.

D.A.R.E. Program at SFA had two special four-legged visitors. Two K9 officers and their handlers with the Berks County sheriff's office visited recently. Deputies Sarah Felts and Chris Gorel and their K9 partners, Vito and Rizzo, showed off their skills to a crowd of fifth-graders. The students watched as the dogs followed orders and commands. The presentation was part of the school's DARE program, which aims to keep kids away from drugs. The school said it hopes the visit inspired students to make good decisions.

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

Monthly Bingo in St. Francis Academy cafeteria. Next bingo is January 19th. 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.

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

Sunday, January 5th: Monthly Meeting 12:15-2:15 in the hall downstairs Lunch provided. Bring in the new year by bringing a NEW friend to Youth Group!

Saturday, January 18th MOVIE NIGHT!

Come join the Youth Group as we watch a Christian based movie! Movie TBD. Admission is FREE and there will be food to purchase (pizza, soda, popcorn, etc.). Please let Heather or Adam know if you can make it!

Hoagie Sale: Youth Group will be selling hoagies after all Masses the following dates: 1/18, 1/19, 1/25 and 1/26. Hoagie pickup will be 2/2 from 11:30-1:00pm in the downstairs hall. YG members are needed to help sell hoagies AND to help make them on 2/2. See signup Genius to pick your times.

Catholic Heart Work Camp Mission Trip: 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 6 spots left! Combo cost

with Steubenville is \$500.00. See the website for more pricing details and to pay your deposit now!

Steubenville 2020 Registration is OPEN! This year, we will travel to Steubenville EAST which is now located at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, RI. Our teens and chaperones spend a weekend long trip learning about our Catholic faith, hearing talks geared towards what teens are facing in the world today and spend time praising and worshipping our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, through Adoration, the sacrament of Reconciliation and the Mass.

Ready to sign up? Please visit our parish website under the Youth Ministry Tab" OR email Heather! A non-refundable \$100.00 deposit is needed to hold your spot. Total Trip cost: \$240.00 -- Early Bird Special (NOW to February 1st) \$225.00 -- Regular pricing (February 1st to March 1st) \$240.00

-- Late Sign-up: (after March 1st) \$250.00

**Combo cost with CHWC: \$500.00

**Seniors are HALF PRICE for this trip only!!



Parish News and Information

OUR SENIOR GROUP
NEXT SENIOR GROUP MONTHLY MEETING : January 9 2020 ~ 1PM

Contact: Donald Gilbert: 610-369-5950

Trip: Tuesday, 11 February 2020

Wind Creek (Sands). The bus leaves at 9:00 a.m.

Cost: \$25 (members) \$30 (guests)

Package: \$25 slot play

Contact: Virginia Shaner at 610-504-3402



THE KNIGHT'S CORNER

St. Columbkil Council #16544



Bottles for Life Drive

Our baby bottle drive will run through February. Baby bottles are available in the Narthex after Mass for you to take home and fill with loose change. Donations will support our Life initiatives such as March For Life and Mary's Shelter. Did You Know?

The Knights of Columbus were 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.

Resolve to become a Knight

Are you a Catholic man? ... or do you know someone that might be interested in becoming a Knight? The next Knights in the Morning will be Saturday, February 1st in the Knights Room from 11-12. Come and join us for some coffee and light refreshment and learn more about the activities of our Council. All are welcome!

If you would like to learn more about our Knights of Columbus Council, please visit our

website: <https://kofc16544.org/>

Knights of Columbus Breakfast



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



Our next Breakfast is on
Sunday, January 5th



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 (sewysocki@comcast.net or 610-310-2695) or Joanna White (joannawhite416@gmail.com or 267-252-9993).

Human Concerns Ministry

Are you homebound-or-would just welcome a friendly "Hello"?

The holidays can be a lonely time-but someone is waiting to reach out to you-through "A Special Connection"! You can begin receiving regular phone calls or written notes from a member of our ministry. Contact Ginny Sherry at 484-802-3916 to sign up for "A SPECIAL CONNECTION"! We will welcome the chance to brighten your days!! Feel free to share this with anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

Attention all Greeters, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers:

The next Ministry Schedule will begin on the weekend of February 15, 2020.

It will run from Saturday, February 15 through Sunday, May 17, 2020. Please submit any **unavailable dates** from February 15 to May 17, 2020 to Mariane Fragment no later than Friday, January 11th by either email at marianevf@stcolumbkil.org, phone the church office at 610-367-2371, or drop a note in the collection basket. Thank you for your generous gift of service to our parish.

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.

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



Leapin' Lottery !

The St. Columbkil Daily Lottery tickets are on sale! And because this upcoming year is a leap year, you can give your loved one 29 chances to win from \$100 to \$500...and the best part is they can win more than once! Tickets are \$20...that's just 68 cents a day! Tickets are on sale in the Parish Office. Get them now before your lucky number is taken. **GOOD LUCK in 2020!**



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

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



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.

*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



Medjugorje~ still a few spots open

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 or Sue Fryer (sspence4@comcast.net). Deposit due to secure your space: \$100.00 due by December 1st - Register on line at 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.



2019 DONATION REPORT FOR TAX STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive your family's 2019 contribution statement, please write "Send tax Statement" on your contribution envelope and place it in the collection basket as usual. You only need to do this one time on ONE contribution envelope. After receiving your request via envelope, we will begin sending out the contribution statements in mid-January. If you made a pledge to Facilities Faith Lift II Capital Campaign, your statement will be sent with your regular contribution statement.

Widow and Widowers Grief Support : We ask for all to pray for the families who are searching for the meaning of the Holidays without their loved ones. Our “Reach Out” sessions can help by bringing the tools needed to meet the challenges ahead. 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 Chovanes at 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. 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.

LAOH (Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians)

Our annual Christmas party was a great time. Thank you to all that came. A “Congratulations” goes out to our 2019 LAOH Sisters of the Year: Eileen Edling, June Kelly, Mary Ellen Kirch and Ellen Macy. These Irish sisters were recognized at our party for their dedication to the LAOH!

The next LAOH meeting will be Monday, January 6th at 7pm in the KOC room. If interested in becoming an LAOH sister, please call or email Kathy Varady at 610-764-0293/ kvarady2@gmail.com. Saints Patrick, Brigid and Columbkill... pray for us!



Saint Columbkille Parish Mission Statement

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