

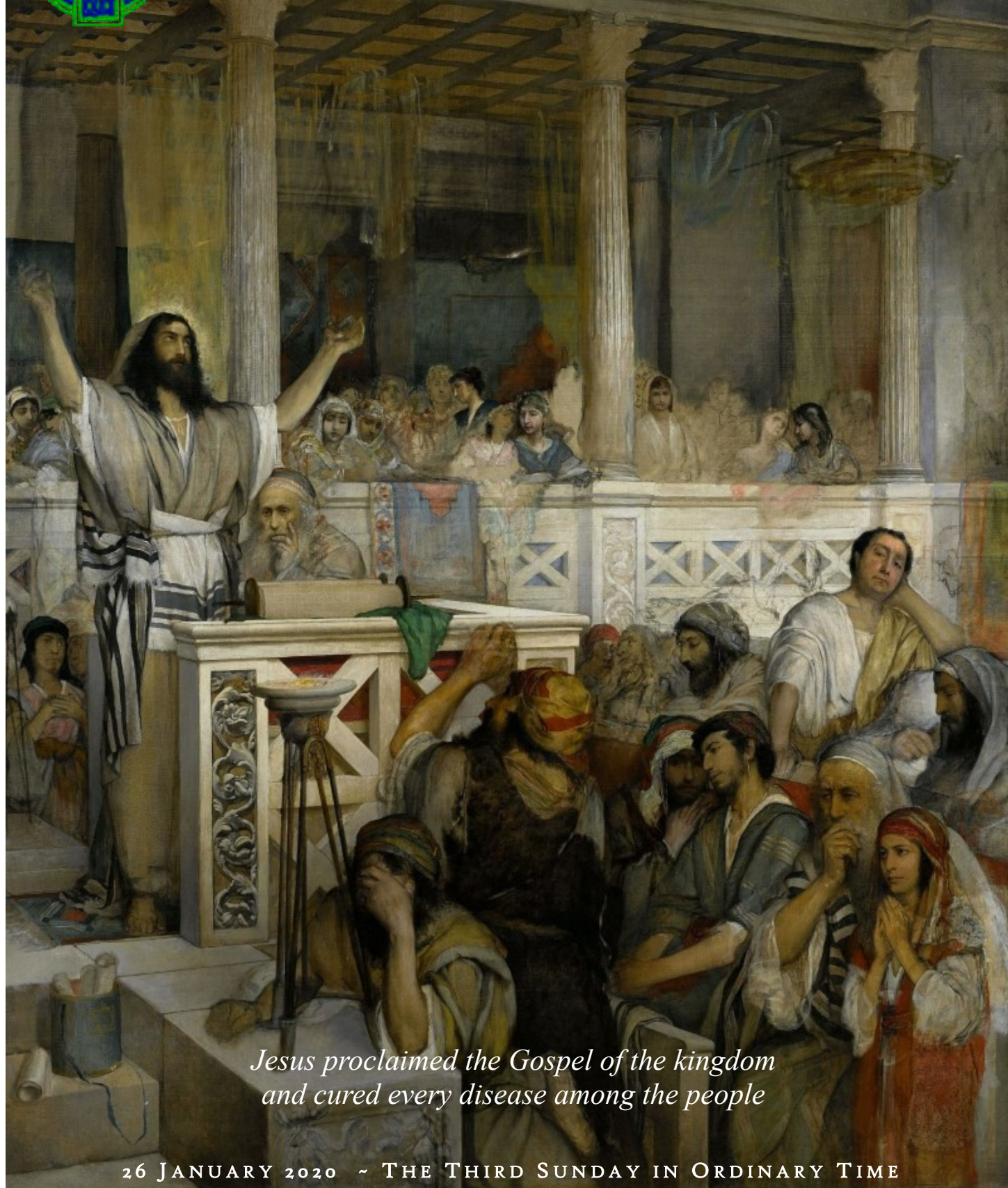


ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

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*Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom
and cured every disease among the people*

26 JANUARY 2020 ~ THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Columbkille Office

200 Indian Spring Rd. * Boyertown, PA 19512

Telephone: 610-367-2371 * Fax: 610-367-0242

Open daily 8:30a.m. — 5:30p.m.

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Weekend Assistant: Reverend Kevin Bobbin

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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
repkop@sfabally.org

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Parish Religious Education

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connieb@stcolumbkille.org

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Direct Line: 800-791-9209

Safe Environment Coordinator

Sister Meg Cole, SSJ, MS.LMFT

610-332-0442, ext 2019

Information

Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held daily in the chapel.

(See times on page 4)

Reconciliation (Confession)

Confessions are heard every Saturday from 4:00 - 4:45pm or any time by contacting the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for anointing and Communion for the sick and dying.

Baptism of Children

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered on the first 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)

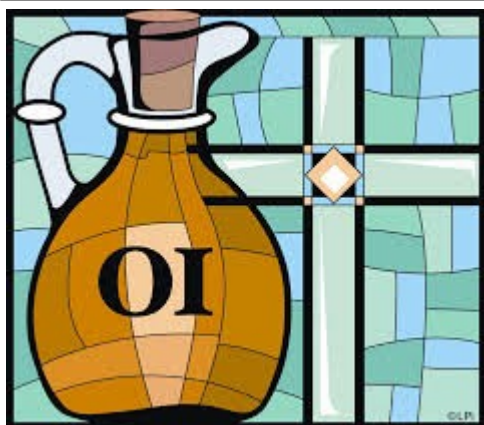
Religious instruction for elementary school students takes place on Weds & Thu -Sept through May. Please contact Connie Boyer for more information.

New Parishioners : New parishioners are most welcome, and are encouraged to register online at www.stcolumbkille.org or call the Parish Office.



Churches in Diocese taking flu precautions

In light of the heightened cases of influenza being reported in our five-county area and the January 2 change in the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Influenza Status from "sporadic" to "widespread," Diocese of Allentown Bishop Alfred Schlert has directed that the Exchange of the Sign of Peace and the Reception of Holy Communion from the Chalice be suspended in the 84 parishes of the Diocese beginning with the Vigil & Sunday Masses on the weekend of 11-12 January 2020.



**MASS WITH ANOINTING OF
THE SICK:
FEBRUARY 11
7:00 PM**

Daily Lottery tickets—play to win !

The St. Columbkille Daily Lottery tickets are on sale! And because this 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.

A great gift for Valentine's day!

Youth Group Hoagie Sale!



Youth Group is making hoagies for Super Bowl Sunday! All hoagies are \$6.00 each. This year, we are offering Ham, Turkey, Italian AND Veggie hoagies! Order forms and money are due by Sunday, January 26th. Return money and order form to any Youth Group members after Mass, Heather Shainline or the Parish office.

Thank you to Deacon Jim for helping us with our fundraiser!

Pick up for your hoagies is from 10:00-12:30pm on Sunday, February 2nd in the Old Hall downstairs.

Any questions, please contact Heather Shainline, Director of Youth Ministry at

youthgroup@stcolumbkille.org.

Mass Intentions

MON. JAN. 27: ST. ANGELA MERICI

9:00 AM Anthony & Edith DelCiotto by George Harig

TUES. JAN 28: ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

9:00 AM Tony Echavarria by Jean Schlegel

WEDS. JAN 29: THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM MaryAnn Pochily by the Wysocki Family

THURS. JAN. 30: THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM Thomas Micklar by Mark & Ann Mazziotto

FRI. JAN. 31: ST. JOHN BOSCO

6:30 AM Bud Curley by the Family

SAT. FEB. : VIGIL, FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM Those Enrolled in the Iona Memorial Fund

SUN. FEB. 2: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of St. Columbkille

9:00 AM Intentions of Sr. Beth Howe, OSF

by the Paschall Family

11:00 AM Greg Barnett by Maria Weigard & Family



Celebrant Schedule

February 1 / February 2 Fourth 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

Readings for Sunday, 26 January

Is 8:23–9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Church Memorials-Week of 26 January

The Sanctuary Candle will burn
In Loving Memory of Debbie Decker by Kathy Toth

The Bread and Wine are offered
In Loving Memory of Jack Burrell
on his 30th year anniversary by wife, Jean



The Flower arrangement is offered
In Loving Memory of Jack Burrell
on his 30th year anniversary by wife, Jean

Church Memorials 2019 and 2020

Sanctuary candle: A sanctuary candle burns in our church to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. If you wish to have the sanctuary candle in the church burn for a full week in memory of a loved one, please contact the parish office. Suggested offering: \$10.

Bread and Wine: In the early Church it was customary for the People of God to provide the bread and wine to be used at the Celebration of the Eucharist. If you wish to participate in the ancient tradition of providing the bread and wine for the Celebration of the Eucharist in the church as a memorial for your Family or your deceased loved ones. The Suggested offering: \$25.

Altar Flowers: It is an ancient custom to decorate the altar with flowers as a symbol of our praise to God and thanks for all blessings we've been given. Altar flowers may be donated in honor of/ memory of your loved ones living and deceased. Suggested offering: \$50

Monday January 27	Tuesday January 28	Wednesday January 29	Thursday January 30	Friday January 31	Saturday February 1	Sunday February 2
9am Mass 12pm- Overeaters Anonymous 5:30pm- AA 7pm- Rosary Group	9am Mass 7pm Emmanuel Music 7pm Men's Prayer Group	9am Mass 4pm PREP Class 6pm PREP Class 7:15 Charismatic Prayer Mtg.	9am Mass 9:30am Bible Study 4pm PREP Class 6pm PREP Class	9:00am Mass	9am Patriotic Rosary 9am Rosary for Vocations 10am Children's Rosary Prayer Group 11am Knights in the Morning 4pm Confessions 5pm Vigil Mass - Ignite	7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass (Hearing Impaired) 11am Mass 8am-1pm Knight of Columbus Parish Breakfast Grade 7 PREP

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased who are
Relatives of Parishioners,

Robert Sloan
Brother-in-law of Ken Kirch
Sally Ann Speicher
Mother of Patricia Ortlip



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* February 9th 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,
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!*

Stewardship

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

July 2019 through Dec. 2019

Total Operating Income	\$522,106.00
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Total Operating Expenses	\$513,400.00
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Net Operating Excess / (Loss)	\$8,706.00
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MONTHLY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year July 2019 to June 2020

Month: December 2019

Last December 2019	This December 2019
\$63,204.50	\$58,314.75
Includes Online: \$16,325.50	Includes Online: \$16,799.75

Christmas 2019: \$35,303.41 | Growing Our Faith: \$24,765

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This week we take the Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide struggling communities with relief and support and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

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!

Put your piano lessons to good use! The children's choir and the adult choir of the parish could use an accompanist. Contact Carolyn Quinn for children's choir information and Deb Maskrey for the adult choir.



PRE-SCHOOL CAITLIN NICKEL
preschool@stcolumbkill.org

Religious Education PREP
Connie Boyer, Director

Pre-School Registration is now open for the 2020-2021 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 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 for more information.

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

amazon smile

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 (sewysacki@comcast.net) or 610-310-2695 or Joanna White joan-

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.

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) is a fellowship of individuals who through shared experience, strength and hope are recovering from compulsive overeating by working our Twelve Steps. The only requirement is a desire to stop eating compulsively. Come to the Ehst room any Monday at 12 noon to 1:00pm to inquire.

* Girl Scout cookies are here. The Cadette Troop will *
* be selling cookies after all Masses this weekend *
* (January 25th and 26th). All profits from this cookie *
* sale will be used for their June 2020 trip to Niagara *
* Falls and their other activities *

St. Columbkil Boy Scout Troop will be having a fundraiser at Friendly's in Pottstown on Monday, January 20th from 5 pm to 9 pm. Please come and enjoy a delicious meal knowing you are supporting the Boy Scouts in their mission to build better citizens and leaders in the youth of our Parish.

LAOH: Our next meeting is our St. Brigid Mass on Monday, February 3rd at 6:30pm. Please bring something to share with all. All are invited to attend Mass with us! If interested in becoming an LAOH sister, please call or email Kathy Varady at 610-764-0293/ kvarady2@gmail.com. Saints Patrick, Brigid and Columbkil, pray for us!

MARRIED COUPLES – Now that the Holiday Rush is Over! - Refresh your marriage relationship on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For 2020, why not give yourselves some time together without stress? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are: CZESTOCHOWA, DOYLESTOWN, PA : February 7-9, 2020 and April 17-19, 2020 Visit our website at: <https://www.wwme-philly.org/> or contact Al & Mary Liz at Applications@wwme-philly.org or 610-449-1859.

Rediscover the Love in Your marriage!

Retrouvaille of Delaware Valley offers hope for married couples experiencing loneliness, boredom, misery, or frustration in their marriage. Couples learn valuable communications skills and rediscover intimacy. Our next program starts February 21-23 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries keep strictly confidential.

Employment Opportunity!

Position available for a part-time cook at St. Francis Center for Renewal, Bethlehem. Some weekend hours required, no late nights, hours vary from 10 – 25 hours/week. Salary based on experience. Ability to work independently to prepare and serve meals. Applicant must be flexible and possess strong people skills. If interested, please contact Carol Devine at carolwdevine@aol.com for more information.

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!! ***



Saint Francis Academy

Our celebration of **Catholic Schools Week** begins with Open House on January 26th, 11:15-1:30. Registration for the 2020-21 school year has begun! Please come to visit the classrooms, meet the teachers and share refreshments with us.



A Message from the Principal: Registration 2020—Why SFA?

Between now and the end of the month, **Saint Francis Academy** will be re-enrolling students for the 2020-2021 school year. Naturally, we work every day to validate families' decision to commit to a Catholic school education at Saint Francis.

We encourage alumni, grandparents, parents to share with their neighbors, friends, and relatives the benefits they and their children have derived from their commitment to the experiences at Saint Francis Academy. When you meet parents who are searching for more meaningful educational environments for the children; when parents share their concerns about their children being lost in the crowd at a larger school, or wanting for the focus on values and connections; when you meet people who yearn for a school that serves as an extended family, we hope you will share your thoughts on why you believe **Saint Francis Academy** is right for your child. Share the reasons that SFA has been the right place to educate your child, and a healthy, safe, and spiritual environment for your families to thrive. We thank you for your continued support, and your commitment to helping SFA to grow and to flourish for many years to come.

Jan. 27—Teachers v. Students Day

Jan. 28—Student Appreciation Day

Jan. 29—Teacher Appreciation Day Jan. 30—The Laser Show

Jan. 31—Closing Mass and noon dismissal

During the week of January 27-31, Catholic Schools Week, Mrs. Bus-sell will be holding the annual Book Fair. Parents and students are encouraged to avail themselves of this opportunity, as it is a Win-Win for the school and all members of the community.

January 31, the students will attend Mass in the morning as part of the closing events. In addition, students, teachers, and staff with then join parents and guests for Muffins with Mom, Donuts with Dad, and Treats with Teachers. School will dismiss at 12:00 pm on Friday the 31st.

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

Hoagie sales after all Masses the this weekend :

January 25 and 26

Saturday February 1st- Sunday February 2nd: YG LOCK-IN -

More details to follow but a lock-in is simple. You show up to church, you get locked in for the night. You go home the next day. Bring a sleeping bag and a toothbrush- the YLC is helping plan this overnigher! Games, food, Mass etc. will be included. Let us know if you can come!

Sunday, February 2nd : Hoagie Sale- Signup to help make and handout hoagies from 8:30am - 12:30pm.

Catholic Heart Work Camp Mission Trip: This year we're back to Virginia Beach, VA from June 14-20, 2020! 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 4 spots left! Combo cost with Steubenville is \$500.00.

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!!

Save the date.... Wonder Retreat (girls only): March 13th-15th and Holy Week Mission: April 8th-11th!

Parish News and Information

OUR SENIOR GROUP

NEXT SENIOR GROUP MONTHLY MEETING : February 13, 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 is in full swing. Thank you to those who have taken bottles. Please return the bottles to the Narthex by February 2nd with any loose change you collect. Donations support our Life initiatives such as March For Life and Mary's Shelter.

St. Valentine's Day Dinner Dance

Save the date – Saturday, February 15th @ 6PM – for our St. Valentine's Day Dinner Dance. Tickets will be on sale in the Narthex soon.

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, February 2nd



Ministries & Neighborhood

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE: In honor of Memorial Day, 2020, Fellow parishioners, Jack Budnick and Joe Richardson are working on a project to memorialize all St. Columbkil parishioners who died while at war or in active military service. If you have a family member or knowledge of any parishioner who died while serving from 1921 to the present time, please contact Jack at oceancity1@comcast.net 484-300-1157 or Joe at jrx21@windstream.net 610-367-8195.

Human Concerns Ministry

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

Winter 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.

Super Bowl Sunday: Our parish will be celebrating the Super Bowl by sponsoring a collection of non-perishable high-need items for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service pantry the weekends of January 25 & 26 and February 1 & 2. You can vote for your favorite team by depositing your items in the bin that represents your choice for Super Bowl Champs! For those undecided – there will also be a "neutral" bin. Current high-need items include: cereal, coffee, hamburger helper, tuna, crackers, instant mashed potatoes, baked beans, pancake syrup, 64 oz. shelf stable juice, kids tooth paste, shampoo, paper towels, and pull-up diapers in sizes, 4, 5, and 6. Please keep in mind that we are unable to accept expired items or home canned items. Thank you in advance for your support of this important drive.



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

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.

St. Paul's R.C. Church, Reading, will hold its Fourth Annual Gala, on Sunday, February 23, 2020, at the Inn at Reading, 1040 Park Rd., commemorating Gethsemane Cemetery's 125th Anniversary. Featured Speaker will be Very Rev. Thomas P. Bortz, Pastor, St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Reading. Our One Family Award will be awarded to English, Vietnamese and Spanish Pioneers of St. Paul's Church. Ticket price is \$50 each, available from St. Paul's Rectory 610-372-1531 or stpaulsrcchurch@comcast.net. Reservation deadline is Monday, February 10th. No tickets sold at the door.



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.

GOOD FOR THE SOUL MUSIC™ PRESENTS

DAVID KAUFFMAN

Save The Date!

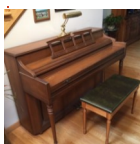


SONG & STORY

Centen Mission

March
15, 16 &
17

Available for pick-up: Kimball upright piano with hydration system, tuned regularly. No charge, but it needs to be picked up. Contact the Parish office 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
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. Columbkille Parish will be attending the International Youth Festival held in Medjugorje~July 29 - 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@stcolumbkille.org or Sue Fryer (sspence4@comcast.net). Deposit due to secure your space: \$100.00 due by **February 2, 2020** - Register on line at www.stcolumbkille.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 : The next meeting will be on January 26th at St Columbkil's Church Office Meeting Room. Starting a new year could be an uphill battle for those who face the task for the first time without their spouse. We ask all to pray for the families who have lost a loved-one as they adapt to life after loss. 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 Chovanec at margaretc@stcolumbkil.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.

FLOCKNOTE: If you would like to be notified by TEXT or EMAIL of important parish news, holy day reminders, important messages from our pastor, and special events being held at St. Columbkil this is for you. Join as many groups as you are involved with! Go to our website on the Home Page to register: www.stcolumbkil.org.

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

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

POPE JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL ACCEPTING TRANSFER STUDENTS: With the start of the second semester just around the corner, PJP is currently accepting transfer students for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. All transfer students will receive a **\$500 Grant** towards PJP Tuition for the 2019-2020 school year – and the **\$200 Application Fee** is waived! To learn more, please contact Sara Cooper, Director of Admissions at 484.975.6500, ext. 3033

