St. Columbkill Parish

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A light of revelation to the Gentiles,
and glory for your people Israel.

2 February 2020 ~ The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Columbkill 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.

Parish School: Saint Francis Academy

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610-332-0442, ext 2019

Information

Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held daily in the chapel.
(See times on page 4)

Reconciliation (Confession)

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

Anointing of the Sick

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

Baptism of Children

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered on the first Sunday of each month at 12:15p.m. Baptism Prep Classes for parents and godparents are held the 2nd 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.stcolumbkill.org or call the Parish Office.

A Letter from Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

When a child is introduced to people for the first time, people often remark that he or she has their father's eyes or their mother's nose or even their hair or smile. These comments convey that the boy or girl is recognized as their parents' child.

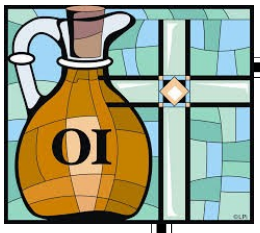
On this Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we hear about Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to the Temple in fulfillment of the Law forty days after his birth. (I know it's hard to believe that Christmas was forty days ago, but it was!) In the Gospel we hear that Simeon, upon greeting them, immediately recognized Jesus as the long awaited Messiah. He and Anna were very advanced in years and lacked good eyesight, but they were still able to see because of divine light.

Traditionally, today's feast has been accompanied by the blessing of candles to be used in church for liturgies such as Mass and even the blessing of throats which we celebrate this weekend. In the midst of the cold and darkness of winter, the warmth and light of candles hearken back to the comforting glow experienced by Simeon, the priest and Anna, the prophetess. They both knew who Jesus was by witnessing the light he brought into the Temple and, more importantly, into the world.

Simeon and Anna are wonderful examples to us. By their prayerfulness and optimism they were able to recognize the Lord, not merely with their eyes, but with their hearts.

As Christians, do we bring even the slightest glow with us when we enter a room or open our mouths to speak? Would people recognize us as God's sons and daughters? Well, we'd have a pretty good idea if, after encountering us, they might exclaim, "Oh, look! You have your Father's heart!"

Love & Prayers,
Fr. Marty



MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

FEBRUARY 11, 7:00 PM

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday, February 2, 2020 and in parishes on the weekend of February 1-2, 2020. Please pray for all those who made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Daily Lottery tickets—play to win !

The St. Columbkill 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.

A great gift for Valentine's day!

Youth Group Hoagie Sale!

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@stcolumbkill.org.

Thank you for your support of the Youth Group!

Mass Intentions

Mon. Feb. 3: Fourth week in Ordinary time
9:00 AM *Nancy Drexler by Bernie & Gail*
Tues. Feb. 4: Fourth week in Ordinary time
9:00 AM *Marie Schollenberger by George Harig*
Weds. Feb. 5: St. Agatha
9:00 AM *In Memory of the McDermott Family by Margaret McDermott*
Thurs. Feb. 6: St. Paul Miki & Companions
9:00 AM *Martha J. Tutak by Ed & Terri Goddard*
Fri. Feb. 7: Fourth week in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM *Peter Vincent Furlani by Frank & Judy Hugo*

Sat. Feb. 8 Vigil, Fifth Sunday in ordinary time
5:00 PM *Nickolaus S. Albanese by Diane & Michael Kennedy*
Sun. Feb. 9: Fifth Sunday in ordinary time
7:30 AM *Anthony Chichearo, Sr. by Ellen & George Fronheiser*
9:00 AM *Catherine & Robert Hastings by Larry & Mary Alice Bernhard*
11:00 AM *Marcia Follweiler by the Paschall Family*

Celebrant Schedule

February 8 / February 9 Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday ~ 5:00 PM Father Marty Kern
Sunday ~ 7:30 AM Father Kevin Bobbin
9:00 AM Father Marty Kern
11:00 AM Father Marty Kern

Readings for Sunday, 2 February

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Church Memorials-Week of 2 February

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 of death by wife, Jean

The Flower arrangement is offered
In Loving Memory of John (Jack) Burrell, Sr. on the 30th anniversary of death

Church Memorials-Week of 26 January

The Sanctuary Candle burned
In Loving Memory of Camillo & Mary Volpi by their family

The Bread and Wine were offered
In Loving Memory of Joseph Prinkle, Sr. by Frank & Sallie Koerbler

The Flower arrangement was offered
In Loving Memory of Donald J. Mahoney by the Roberge Family

A special 'thank you' to our parishioners and all the volunteers who contributed to the success of our 5th Annual Chili Cook-Off! Our contestants provided us with some delicious recipes and it was an enjoyable night for all who attended! We're already looking forward to next year's competition, and hope you'll be a part of it!

Monday February 3	Tuesday February 4	Wednesday February 5	Thursday February 6	Friday February 7	Saturday February 8	Sunday February 9
9am Mass 12pm– Overeaters Anonymous 5:30pm- AA 6pm Youth Monthly Adoration 7pm- Rosary Group	9am Mass 7pm Emmanuel Music 7pm Foreign Missions Mtg. 7pm Men's Prayer Group	9am Mass 4pm PREP Class 6pm PREP Class 7pm Human Concerns Mtg. 7:15 Charismatic Prayer Mtg.	9am Mass 9:30am Bible Study 4pm PREP Class 6pm PREP Class	9:00am Mass	9am Patriotic Rosary 4pm Confessions 5pm Vigil Mass - Ignite	7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass (Hearing Impaired) 11am Mass Children's Sunday Mass 12:15pm Youth Group Monthly meeting 6pm Grade 7 PREP

Please Pray for our Recently Deceased Parishioner:
Joan Wetzel

and our Relatives of Parishioners,
Marie Bono, sister of Albert DeStefano
Edwina Gass, sister of Barbara Haberle

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.***

Pennies to Bricks campaign is a great way for our children to be involved. Thank you so much for contributing your coins to help build our Lego display, which will grow as the months go by! Remember, Sunday, February 9th @ 11 AM is our next Children's Mass. *To date, the Pennies to Bricks program has brought in $4,651.63 worth of pennies!*

The grand total for both FFL I and FFL II Pennies collected so far is $17.336.47!

***Please remember to bring in your coins to the next 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 December 2019

Total Operating Income	$522,106.00
Total Operating Expenses	$513,400.00
Net Operating Excess / (Loss)	**$8.706.00**

MONTHLY COLLECTION
Fiscal Year July 2019 to June 2020
Month: January 2020

Last January 2019 (4weeks)	This January 2020 (4 weeks)
$52,129.00	$53,095.00
Includes Online: $19,219.00	Includes Online: $19,923.00

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CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it isn't too late! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information on how to give.

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

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

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.

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. Contact Megan at (610) 310-5661

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.

Camp Veritas 2020: Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. It will be held at five locations in 2020: June 29 -July 4 at Clongowes Wood College in Ireland: July 19-25 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY: July 26-Aug 1 in Emmitsburg, MD; Aug 2-7 in Lake Placid, FL and August 16-22 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro NY. Enrollment opens 1/1/2020 and enrollment price for ach week I sonly $400 per camper. Early bird rates (before 4/1/2020) are $200 and $450 after that. More details can be found at www.campveritas.com

HelpOurMarriage.org
RETROUVAILLE
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

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.

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!! ***

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 Columbkill, pray for us!

Youth Group (7th-12th Gr) ~Heather Shainline

Saturday February 1st- Sunday February 2nd
YG LOCK-IN: Our lock-in has been ***postponed*** *due to low signups. Stay tuned for more information on when it will be rescheduled!*

Sunday, February 2nd : Hoagie Sale

- For those making hoagies… please be downstairs and ready to start at 8:30am sharp! From 10-12:15, please sign up to help with orders being picked up or helping run orders up to those who cannot do stairs.
- For those picking up hoagies… You may start picking up hoagies at 10:00am. If you need assistance getting your hoagies downstairs, teens will be waiting at the top to help you!
- Thank you to EVERYONE who purchased hoagies. A huge thank you goes to Deacon Jim for always helping us out with the delicious meats and cheeses and all the ingredients! Your support means so much to us!

Sunday, February 9: YG Meeting -12:15-2:15
Theme: First Aid. Lunch provided. Bring a $5.00 donation to help support the LLS. A short presentation will be given by teens who are helping raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Sunday, February 23; YG Meeting- 12:15-2:15
Lunch provided. This meeting will be run by the YLC!

Sunday, March 8:YG Meeting -12:15-2:15
Theme: Desert-ed Life Night. Lunch provided.

Friday, March 13- Sunday, March 15: WONDER RETREAT -All girls in 8th-12th grade are invited to attend the 2nd annual Wonder Retreat. Location: St. Mary of Providence Retreat Center. More details to follow. Price is still $145pp. All senior girls are ½ price. Contact Christie Edling if you have any questions at cedling@gmail.com or 610.406.8511.

Catholic Heart Work Camp Mission Trip: This year we're heading back to Virginia Beach, VA from June 14-20, 2020! There are only 4 spots left! Combo cost with Steubenville is $500.00. Sign up today for a week of fun, service and faith!

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 worshiping our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, through Adoration, the sacrament of Reconciliation and the Mass.
A non-refundable $100.00 deposit is needed to hold your spot.
-- 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…. Holy Week Mission: April 8th-11th!

Saint Francis Academy Weekly Notes

Feb. 10th - Trip to St. Ignatius Loyola School for an Anti-Bullying Program, Grades 5-8
Feb. 14th - School Dance
March 8th - Designer Bag Bingo
SFA registration Registration for grades PK-4 through Grade 8 for the 2020-21 school year is ongoing. Forms and information are available online or at the school. Please call for further information or to schedule a tour. D.A.R.E. Graduation Feb. 5th
The 5th Grade Class at SFA has completed this program presented by the Bally Police. It gives students the tools to help them resist violence, bullying, and other risky behaviors. It provides tools for healthy and safe living. American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge
During the week of Feb. 10th, students will participate in the Heart Challenge sponsored by the American Heart Association. Students will get their heart pumping during PE class via activities like jump rope and dancing. Students will also be collecting donations for the American Heart Association. 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 February 16th . 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.

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. Columbkill Council #16544

Bottles for Life Drive: Please return your baby bottles to the Narthex if you haven't done so already. Thank you for all of your support of our Pro-Life initiatives!

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

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

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 125 th 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.

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. Columbkill 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 jrx2@windstream.net 610-367-8195.

Human Concerns Ministry

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

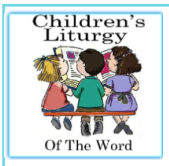
Winter can be a lonely time-but someone is waiting to reach out to you-through **"A Special Connection"!** You can begin receiving regular phone calls or written notes from a member of our ministry. Contact Ginny Sherry at 484-802-3916 to sign up for **"A SPECIAL CONNECTION"!** We will welcome the chance 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.



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.

Save The Date!

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. Columbkill 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@stcolumbkill.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.stcolumbkill.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 "REACH OUT" will be at Most Blessed Sacrament's Fr Schneider Hall at 1 PM on February 9th; followed by St. Columbkill's Conference RM at 1 PM on February 26 th . Still winter but spring may not hold the meaning for those who have lost a loved one as it once did. To spring forward is difficult after a loss of someone close. The changing seasons can be too much change in our lives at the moment but with the help of others we may catch a fresh breeze, sense a newness we have been missing. Our "Reach Out" sessions can help us to catch our breath and find our balance once more 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.

The Gala committee is asking each parish to consider selling Gala Raffle Tickets. The raffle is a great way to be included in the Gala excitement, even if you are unable to attend the actual event. (You do not need to be present to win). Whoever wins the 3 prizes, their parish will also win a monetary gift. For 1st place winner, their parish will receive a gift of $500, 2nd place winner, their parish will receive $300 and for 3rd place winner, their parish will receive $200. Tickets stubs and funds must be returned to the Diocese no later than Friday March 6th.

The annual Gala is a significant source of income to help fund all of Catholic Charities' critical programs and services such as: *Pregnancy & Parenting Support; Counseling Services; Veterans Services, Immigration Services; Soup Kitchens/Community Center-Allentown & Pottsville; Services for Older Adults.*

- **First Prize**: Two Exclusive tickets for the Broadway Preview performance on 16 March at the Longacre Theatre. This new Broadway musical is based on the life of Princess Diana. Package includes limousine service as well as pre-show reception with New York luminaries!
- **Second Prize**: Diamond Tennis Bracelet Value: $1000, *Anonymous Donor*
- **Third Prize**: Hotel Bethlehem "Getaway"! Overnight stay at the Hotel Bethlehem for two, tickets for the Hotel's Sunday Musical Brunch and $200 spending money to enjoy dinner and shopping. Value: $500 *Donated by Yocco's.*
- ***Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office. Tickets are $10 each or 3 for $20.***