

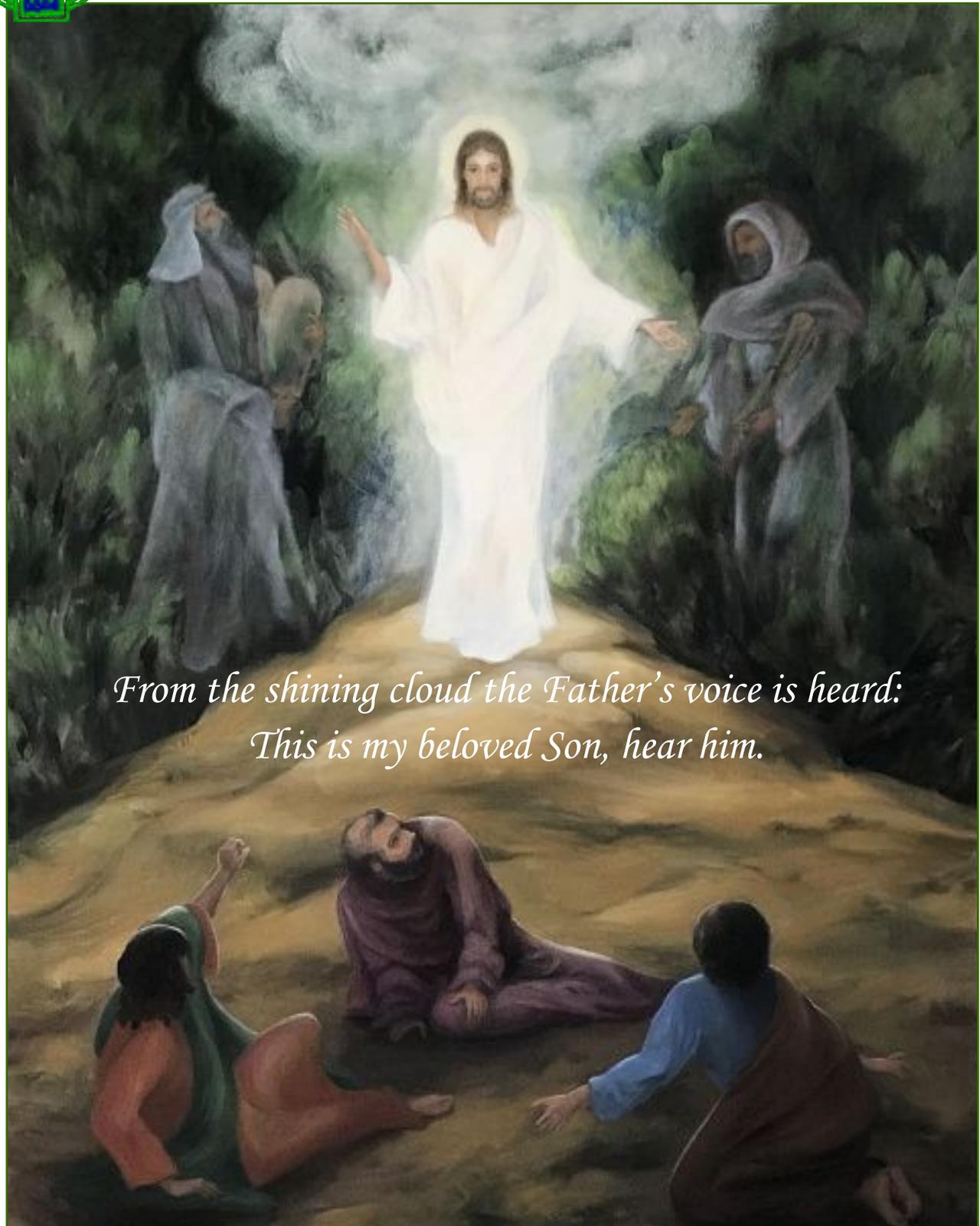


# ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

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*From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
This is my beloved Son, hear him.*

8 MARCH 2020 ~ THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**Saint Columbkil Office**

200 Indian Spring Rd. \* Boyertown, PA 19512

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Open daily 8:30a.m. — 5:30p.m.

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**Sunday Mass**

Saturday evening: 5:00p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00a.m.

**Daily Mass**

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m.

**Holydays**

Vigil Mass the day before the Holyday. 7:00 p.m.

Masses on the Holyday of Obligation:

6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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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](http://www.stcolumbkil.org) or call the Parish Office.

## Pastor's

Dear Friends,

We often hear Lent referred to as a journey: a journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter, a journey from sacrifice to rejoicing, a journey from sin and death to holiness and life. In many senses Lent truly is a journey, and even the Mass readings themselves bring us on a journey with Jesus.

Last Sunday Jesus retreated to the desert where he was tempted by Satan. We find Jesus on the move yet again this weekend but not to the desert and not alone. Rather, he ventures to the mountain top and brings three of his twelve disciples with him. Peter, James and John aren't exactly sure where they're going or why, but they journey along with Jesus nonetheless. Instead of taking their rest with the others, they must ascend a mountain.

In what has become known in Christian tradition as the Transfiguration, the disciples not only see Jesus in all of his rightful glory, but they witness the presence of Moses and Elijah as well. Jesus is revealed to them as the fulfillment of the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah). Still, more important than what they *see* on the mountain is what they *hear*: the voice of God himself declaring Jesus to be his Only Begotten Son.

Like the disciples, we don't always know where it is we're going. What's important is not *where* we're going but *with whom* we're going. As long as we're in the company of Jesus, we can be sure we are on the right path and encountering the right people along the way.

When we journey with Jesus, our doubts subside and our fears are calmed. Suddenly, we no longer ask, "Where are we going?" or "Are we there yet?" but instead declare with joy and certainty, "Lord, it is good that we are here!"

Love and prayers,  
*Father Marty*

Lord,  
it is **good**  
for us to  
be here  
Matthew 17:4

## Bowling for Babies

25 Years Helping Young Mothers and So They're  
Bowling for the Babies Again!

Our beloved Holy Roller combo of Sister Jean and Father Marty will once again be taking to the lanes to bowl for the babies. This is *Mary's Shelter 25th Anniversary Bowlathon*. You will have the opportunity to make a donation (cash or check payable to Mary's Shelter) after all the weekend Masses leading up to the bowlathon. Any amount you can spare would be greatly appreciated. You may even make a flat or per pin pledge and choose to be billed after their striking performance! Mary's Shelter saves lives, two at a time, by providing a transitional, caring, educational, spiritual and supportive housing environment for pregnant young women and their babies. On behalf of the Human Concerns Ministry, thank you for your support in helping Mary's Shelter offer help and hope for generations to come.

GOOD FOR THE SOUL MUSIC™ PRESENTS

# DAVID KAUFFMAN



**SONG & STORY**  
*Lenten Mission*

Parish Mission: 7:00pm  
March 15, 16 & 17

*"In the desert I make a river, in the wasteland I make a way: see, I make all things new" Isaiah 43:19*

## Mass Schedule

**MON. MAR. 9: SECOND WEEK OF LENT**  
 9:00 AM Howard & Anne Schultz by Howard & Pat Schultz

**TUES. MAR. 10: SECOND WEEK OF LENT**  
 9:00 AM Nicholas Cumer by the Wysocki Family

**WEDS. MAR. 11: SECOND WEEK OF LENT**  
 9:00 AM Ruthie Sullivan by Parents, Ed & Elaine Sullivan  
 7:00 PM Wilbur Robinson by Anna & John Kegel

**THURS. MAR. 12: SECOND WEEK OF LENT**  
 6:30 AM Bernice Schweikart  
 on the occasion of her 100th birthday

9:00 AM Elizabeth Adukaitis  
 by Mom, Betty Botscheller & Family  
 & for Tony Coccia, 2nd Anniversary by wife, Vivian

**FRI. MAR. 13: SECOND WEEK OF LENT**  
 9:00 AM Joyce Lanigan by Larry & Mary Alice Bernhard

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**SAT. MAR. 14: VIGIL, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 5:00 PM David DeRafelo by Gene & Nikki Rinehimer

**SUN. MAR. 15: THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 7:30 AM Phyllis Bauman by Gloria Gilbert  
 9:00 AM Vincent Perri by Charles & Ethel Manns  
 11:00 AM Peter & Mildred Orler by David & Eileen Orler



## Week of 8 March

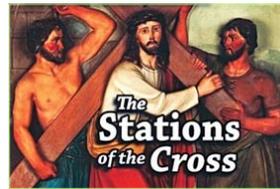
Church Memorials

The Sanctuary Candle will burn  
**In Loving Memory of Tony DiSalvio**  
 by the Fragment Family



The Bread and Wine are offered  
**In Thanksgiving for the Wedding Anniversary of**  
 Sandra & Ralph Vitelli

Friday evening:  
 6:00



Friday evening:  
 7:00

## Celebrant Schedule

**Mar. 14 / Mar. 15 Third Sunday of Lent**  
 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

Please Pray for our Recently  
 Deceased Parishioner

**Thomas Raimondi**



Calendar

Monday March 9	Tuesday March 10	Wednesday March 11	Thursday March 12	Friday March 13	Saturday March 14	Sunday March 15
9am Mass 9:30am Bible Study  12pm- Overeaters Anonymous  5:30pm- AA 7pm- Rosary Group	9am Mass  2pm Blood Drive 6:45pm SVDP Mtg 7pm Emmanuel Music  7pm Men's Prayer Group	9am Mass 7:00pm Mass  4pm PREP Class 6pm PREP Class  7:15pm Charismatic prayer	6:30am Mass 9am Mass  1pm Senior Group  4pm PREP Class 6pm PREP Class	9:00am Mass  5pm Wonder Retreat  6:00pm Simple Supper  7pm Stations of the Cross	9am Patriotic Rosary  Wonder Retreat  4pm Confessions 5pm Vigil Mass - Ignite	7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass (Hearing Impaired) 11am Mass  Wonder Retreat  6pm Grade 7 PREP 7pm Parish Mission

## 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.



**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.

## 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, March 8th @ 11 AM is our next Children's Mass.

*To date, the FFL II 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 March 8th at 11am to receive your brick and add to our structure.**

**Please remember to pray for your spiritually adopted families. In this way we may join together, pray for one another and ask for God's blessing on each other.**

**Facilities Faith Lift Prayer**

*Thank you Father,  
For every blessing comes from You.  
You gifted us with time, talent and treasure.  
Teach us to give time first to You.  
Teach us how to pray.  
You bestowed on us unique talents.  
By unifying our gifts,  
You connect us as one body.  
Teach us how to serve. Time and talent together  
create our treasures.  
Teach us how to glorify You  
with every breath of our lives. AMEN!*

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

July 2019- through December 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: February 2020

Last January 2019 (4weeks)	This January 2020 (4 weeks)
\$51,766.00	\$48,620.75
Includes Online: \$17,518.00	Includes Online: \$17,844.75

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$1,814.00 to help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).



## 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 [debm@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:debm@stcolumbkill.org) 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 [debm@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:debm@stcolumbkill.org) 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. Columbkil Preschool has offered quality education to children in Boyertown, PA & surrounding area. Our program provides learning experiences that are age and developmentally appropriate. There are approximately 30 children enrolled in the 3 & 4-year-old classes, which run from Labor Day week until the end of May. The preschool curriculum encompasses the social, emotional, physical and spiritual development of each child, while following the Pennsylvania Early Learning Standards. Our program also includes monthly physical education classes led by YMCA instructors. Visit our Preschool web page for more Information at: <http://stcolumbkill.org/preschool>. You can also register your child (children) online and pay your \$35 per child, non-refundable registration fee. For more information contact our Director, Caitlin Nickel at: [preschool@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:preschool@stcolumbkill.org) or call the parish office and leave her a message.

**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  
or Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00 am - 11:30

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

When you shop  
at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com),  
Amazon donates.

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St. Columbkil 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. Columbkil Pre-K by shopping Amazon Smile and by choosing St. Columbkil Church as your charitable organization.

## Religious Education-PREP

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.



STAY WITH US

Connie Boyer, Dir.

## Parish News & Neighborhood

**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 or [meganrepko@stcolumbkill.org](mailto: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.

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Come strengthen your faith on Wed. evenings 7:15 PM. We are open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, scripture, music, joyfully praising the Lord. Scripture based teachings are given each week to help us live our Catholic faith. Let us intercede for your needs. For more info call Sue T. 610-367-4711 or email Don @ [dondenick@comcast.net](mailto:dondenick@comcast.net).

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

## Vacation Bible School

**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!!

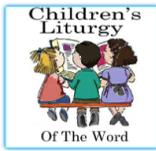
The nonrefundable registration fee is \$20 for the first child and \$15 for each additional child registered in the same family. This registration fee includes one copy of the Music CD per family. This CD will have all of the songs that the kids will be learning during VBS week. **Register early and get your copy and start learning the songs**



**OUR SENIOR GROUP**  
NEXT SENIOR GROUP MONTHLY MEETING : March 12, 2020 ~ 1PM  
Contact: Donald Gilbert: 610-369-5950



Parish News—Continued



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.

Parish Life



**Simple Suppers**

Simple Suppers will be held for each of the following preceding Stations of the Cross:

- ♦ March 13<sup>th</sup> – Knights of Columbus – Pizza & Salad
- ♦ March 20<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group – Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup
- ♦ March 27<sup>th</sup> – Parish Council – TBD
- ♦ April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Funeral Luncheon Committee – Vegetable Chili w/ Cornbread

Don't think about what to have for dinner on Friday's during lent, just head over to the simple supper. No cost to attend, but please try to sign up in the Narthex the week prior.

*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 Pilgrimage**

The group from St. Columbkil 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@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:meganrepko@stcolumbkil.org)** or Sue Fryer ([sspence4@comcast.net](mailto:sspence4@comcast.net)). If you would like to sponsor a pilgrim you can do this on line 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. If you made a pledge to Facilities Faith Lift II Capital Campaign, your statement will be sent with your regular contribution statement.**

https://kofc16544.org/

## Knights of Columbus

### THE KNIGHT'S CORNER

St. Columbkil Council #16544



#### St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Tickets on sale in the Narthex for our St. Patrick's Day celebration on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM. DJ Kerry from our Valentine's dance will be back. Roast Beef, Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potato, Cole Slaw, Chips and Beverages. Tattoos and coloring for kids of all ages.

#### Knights Breakfast

Thank you to all who attended our March breakfast. Our next breakfast will be on Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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 Church members 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: [ocan-city1@comcast.net](mailto:ocan-city1@comcast.net) 484-300-1157 or Joe at [jrx2@windstream.net](mailto:jrx2@windstream.net) 610-367-8195



## CRS Spotlight



Esther, a mother of 6, is feeling grateful today. After her home was destroyed by a landslide, she was able to replace most of what she lost thanks to funding from the US government's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA).

CRS is working to help families affected in the Bundibugyo district of Uganda. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information and to see how you can help!

*Deacon Joe Petrauskas, CRS Global Fellow*

*"I am very happy because I have been able to replace my household items. I never expected it, it's like a miracle."*

*~ Esther Kyembabazi, Uganda*

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

*Wrapped in Love*

## 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.

## What's Happening

**St. Mary Church-12th & Spruce Streets, Reading**

**NEW TIME: 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**

**Lenten Pierogi Sale is held every Friday from February 28 through & including April 3 under the Church. Sauerkraut, Cheese & Potato Pierogi at \$8.00 a dozen. Limited amount of Haluski at \$4.00 a cup**



**Personal Care Attendant(s) Needed:** One or several caring, positive-minded and dependable caregiver(s) are needed for several flexible shifts working with a kind-hearted, active wheelchair bound young man with a great sense of humor. Shifts available are: 2 Saturday mornings/month (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday/month required and one other (your choice)); 2 Sunday mornings/month (any two except the first Sunday of the month) - weekend hours are 7:30 a.m. to approximately 12 noon; and 2 Wednesday evenings/month 8pm to approximately 10:45pm. Located in Boyertown. Will train. If you or someone you know (must be 25 or older) are interested, contact Mel at 610-635-6856 for more information.

**St Benedict Prime Timers, Mohnton** - invite you and your friends to join us on May 18-20, 2020 for a trip to the Finger Lakes, New York. Cost is \$430 per person (double occupancy). Deadline for reservations is April 1, 2020. For information call Marie Blimline at 484-332-3241 or Jeanie Hauck at 610-856-7575.

**Pope John Paul II High School presents:** Beginning Friday the 13th, fall under the spell of Andrew Lloyd Weber's "The Phantom of the Opera" at Pope John Paul II High School in Royersford. Show dates: Fri. and Sat., March 13 and 14, 7 p.m.; Sun., March 15, 5 p.m.; Fri., March 20, 7 p.m.; and Sat. March 21, 1 and 7 p.m. Tickets are available at [ticketleap.com](http://ticketleap.com) and at the door.

**Berks County Holy Name Society:** 86th annual Communion Breakfast Sunday, March 15 at St Ignatius Loyola School in Sinking Spring. Mass at 9am followed by a ceremony and breakfast. Keynote: Ralph Periandi, retired PA State Police Officer. Tickets \$10-checks payable to Berks Co Holy Name. Contact Dave at 484-336-3632 for information.

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

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

**WONDER RETREAT:** Friday, March 13 to Sunday, March 15  
Theme: Wonder Woman - All girls in 7th-12th grade are invited to attend the 2nd annual Wonder Retreat. Location: St. Mary of Providence Retreat Center. Price is still \$145pp but do not let \$ be a factor in you attending. Speak with Heather if you need a sponsor. All senior girls are ½ price. Signup on the parish website! Contact Christie Edling if you have any questions at cedling@gmail.com or 610.406.8511.

**Friday, March 20:** Simple Supper- 6 to 7pm  
Stations- 7 to 8pm - Come help cook and serve a meal to those attending Stations of the Cross. On the menu is Grilled cheese, tomato soup and salad. Please join us for supper and stay for Stations!

**Saturday March 21:** DANCE OFF- 6 to 9pm  
Come challenge your peers in the game of Just Dance. There will be other games available as well as snacks and drinks.

**Sunday, March 22:** YG Meeting- 12:15 to 2:15  
Lunch provided. This meeting will be run by the YLC! Theme: How to be a Catholic Teen

**Holy Week Mission 2020:**

Wednesday, April 8 to Saturday, April 11 - Theme: Fiat  
What do you think of when you hear the word Fiat? Mary's YES, or Fiat, was an act of full surrender to our Lord, allowing him to work through her and bring Jesus into the world. What can we learn from Her? How can we use our words in a powerful way to do what God is calling us to do? In what area of your life are you being called to say "yes" to God? What stops

us from saying "yes" and surrendering ourselves to God? This year, we are digging deeper into the meaning of our own Fiat as we walk with Jesus through his Passion and Death during Holy Week. Signups are now open on the parish website!

**Catholic Heart Work Camp Mission Trip:** This year we're heading back to Virginia Beach, VA from June 14-20, 2020! There is only 1 spot 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 from July 10th to July 12th, 2020. Come for a weekend of learning about our Catholic faith, hearing talks geared towards teens and spending time praising and worshiping God through Adoration, the sacrament of Reconciliation and the Mass. A non-refundable \$50.00 deposit is needed to hold your spot. There are only 8 spots left!

-- 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!!



**LAOH:** The Irish Potato and Scone sale will be March 13-15. LAOH members: make sure to sign up for a time to sell after all Masses. If you need recipes for Irish potatoes or scones, contact Kathy.

If interested in becoming an LAOH sister, please call or email Kathy Varady at 610-764-0293/  
[kvarady2@gmail.com](mailto:kvarady2@gmail.com).

## Saint Francis Academy

**Upcoming Events**

March 8<sup>th</sup> - Designer Bag Bingo

March 11-13 COGAT Testing Grades 3, 5, and 7

**Safe2Say** Our parish school 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders were presented with information about the Safe2Say program last week. Safe2Say is a school safety tool for students, staff, parents, and communities to anonymously report unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent or criminal activities in a school entity or the threat of such activities in a school entity. **Read Across America** was celebrated last week in grades PK-8. Guest readers included Father Marty and Father Kevin, Mr. Repko, Officer Patt of the Bally Police Force and author Mrs. Cathy Fraschilla. Part of the week's celebration of the importance of reading, included celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday with dress down days and grade partner activities.

**Godspell** Grades 6-8 attended a student performance of **Godspell** at Berks Catholic High School last week. **Bully Busters Unite** is the Lehigh Valley Phantoms new anti-bullying campaign featuring the coolest mascot in school, meLvin. Our PK through Grade 4 students were introduced to four helpful tips for dealing with situations of bullying: talk to a trusted adult, don't bully back, support the bully target and

stick with your buddies. **SFA registration**

We remind our alumni, parents, teachers, volunteers, and school/parish community to direct other families to consider joining our faith-filled community, to become influenced and inspired by daily activities and conversations that strengthen and enhance the values that make a society healthy and supportive for all citizens. **Registration** for grades PK-4 full day and half day programs, Full-day Kindergarten, and Grades 1-Grade 8 for the 2020-21 school year is ongoing. Affordable tuition. Financial aid available. Forms and information can be found online or at the school. Please call for further information or to schedule a tour. **Annual Designer Bag Bingo**

**Come join us** for a fun event of bingo games, specials, raffles and door prizes, with so many ways to win! We will be featuring designer bags such as Kate Spade, Dooney & Bourke, Coach, Vera Bradley and many more. Light food and refreshments will be sold through the kitchen during the event. All proceeds go towards helping St. Francis Academy educational and capital needs. Tickets: \$25 per person. Available now through school or at the door.

Location: SFA school cafeteria Time: 11:30AM-doors open



**Widow and Widowers Grief Support**

The next “REACH OUT” will be at Most Blessed Sacrament’s Fr Schneider Hall at 1 PM on Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>; followed by St Columbkil’s Conference RM at 1 PM on Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>. On March 8<sup>th</sup> we will spring forward but it is difficult after a loss of someone close. Grief can move from numbness and denial to acceptance. Denial is not a bad thing. Hope lives there. In life, things happen to us, more is expected of us and change can only happen by us. Our “Reach Out” sessions can help us to 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 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’.

**Luck of the Irish Raffle**

200 Tickets to be sold at \$50 a piece

- ♦ First Prize: \$2500
- ♦ 2nd Prize: \$1250
- ♦ 3rd prize: \$500
- ♦ 4th prize: \$250
- ♦ 5th prize: \$250
- ♦ 6th prize: \$250



Draw: March 30, 2020 8:00pm at the Pot o’ gold celebration Retreat Center Dining Room

Party Starts at 7:00pm  
Sponsored by Donegal Square

To purchase tickets: Send check to ~  
St. Francis Center for Renewal, Attention Jan Gough  
395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem PA 18017  
For credit card purchase please call the main office at 610.867.8890.



**Saint Columbkil Parish Mission Statement**

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