



# ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE *Lord's* PASSION

Prepare  
Reflect  
Rejoice

5 APRIL 2020 ~ PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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### Saint Columbkil Office

200 Indian Spring Rd. \* Boyertown, PA 19512

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Open daily 8:30a.m. — 5:30p.m.

**Pastor:** Reverend Martin F. Kern

**Weekend Assistant:** Reverend Kevin Bobbin

### **Deacons:**

James Kochu, deaconjim2015@stcolumbkil.org

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### Parish Staff

**Pastoral Associate:** Sister Jean Wickenheiser, OSF  
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**Director of Music:** Deb Maskrey-debm@stcolumbkil.org

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**Director of Pre-School:** Caitlin Nickel,  
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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

**Director of Religious Education**

Constance J. Boyer

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**Coordinators of Religious Education**

Patricia & Joseph Petruskas

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### **Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator**

Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC

Direct Line: 800-791-9209

### **Safe Environment Coordinator**

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS

610-871-5200, Ext. 2204

## 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.

# Corner Pastor's

Dear Friends,



Recently one of the governors was briefing the media regarding his state's procedures and preparedness in response to the current situation. He noted that it was Saturday but only knew so because his alarm clock announced it as such when he woke up. Otherwise, he maintained, he might not have known for sure since all of the days lately seemed the same.

Maybe you have been feeling this way yourself lately and might even need a reminder that Passion Sunday is upon us. Normally, we would recreate the scene where Jesus is welcomed into Jerusalem with great fanfare and excitement. This year, however, there is no congregation being gathered, no Hosannas being sung, no palm branches being waved. Yet the Gospel of Christ's triumphant entry and sorrowful Passion is still proclaimed, and with this proclamation Holy Week begins.

Whether you hear it streamed by internet, broadcast on television, spoken over the radio or just read at home yourselves, the Paschal Mystery is proclaimed yet again! We hear it as a reminder of what is to come leading up to Easter. This weekend the Church reminds us of Christ's kingship, and we respond by acknowledging the majesty of his ineffable love.



Passion Sunday 2020 may have crept up on us like just another day in a long line of days lately, and Jerusalem may not be recreated at church this year, but it is recreated within our homes instead. As we strain our sights from within our kitchens and living rooms watching for the triumphant entry of Jesus, let us focus on our procedures and preparedness as citizens of Jerusalem.

May we dare not forget to wash our hands for the umpteenth time and then raise them—empty as they may be—in praise and welcome as we excitedly wave our palms nonetheless!

Love and prayers,  
*Father Marty*

## 5 April – Passion Sunday

Mass will be livestreamed on the [Parish](#)

[Facebook page](#): **Saturday, 4 April – 5:00 pm**

(Mass will also be viewable on Parish webpage  
Later Saturday evening/Sunday Morning)

## **The Church remains open from 9:00am to 8:00pm for Private Prayer**

6 April – Monday of Holy Week

7 April – Tuesday of Holy Week

8 April – Wednesday of Holy Week

## THE SACRED TRIDUUM WILL BE LIVESTREAMED

**9 April – Holy Thursday – 7:00 pm**

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

[Livestreamed on St. Philip Neri facebook page:](#)

**10 April – Good Friday – 3:00 pm**

Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

[Livestreamed on St. Columbkil facebook page:](#)

**11 April – Holy Saturday – 7:00 pm**

The Great Easter Vigil

[Livestreamed on St. Philip Neri facebook page:](#)

**12 April – Easter Sunday – 11:00 am**

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

[Livestreamed on St. Columbkil facebook page:](#)

## PLEASE READ: INFORMATION ON VIEWING THE PROFESSIONALLY LIVESTREAMED COMBINED SERVICES FOR THE SACRED TRIDUUM

9 APRIL - 7PM HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER WILL BE LIVESTREAMED ON ST. PHILIP NERI, PENNSBURG

FACEBOOK PAGE:

<https://www.facebook.com/stphilipnericatholicparishpennsburg/>

10 APRIL - 3PM GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD WILL BE LIVESTREAMED ON ST. COLUMBKILL FACEBOOK PAGE:

<https://www.facebook.com/parishofstcolumbkil/>

11 APRIL - 7PM THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL WILL BE LIVESTREAMED ON ST. PHILIP NERI, PENNSBURG, FACEBOOK PAGE

<https://www.facebook.com/stphilipnericatholicparishpennsburg/>

12 APRIL - 11AM EASTER SUNDAY MASS OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD WILL BE LIVESTREAMED ON ST. COLUMBKILL

FACEBOOK PAGE.

<https://www.facebook.com/parishofstcolumbkil/>

## Mass Intentions

### MON. APR. 6: MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

9:00 AM Catherine Morley by Amy Baker

### TUES. APR. 7: TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

9:00 AM Mary Rudy by Kathy & Ron

### WEDS. APR 8: WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

9:00 AM Mary Ceil Landry by the Estate

7:00 PM DeSimone & Dorazio Families

by Antonette & Joe Fabrizio

### THURS. APR 9: THE LORD'S SUPPER—HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 PM The Deceased Pastors of St. Columbkil Parish

Fr Bernard Creemers, Msgr. John Auchter,

Fr. Richard Ford, Fr. Robert Quinn

### FRI. APR 10: GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

3:00 PM LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

### SAT. APR 11: VIGIL, EASTER VIGIL OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

x:00 PM Living and Deceased of St. Columbkil

### SUN. APR 12: EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

7:30 AM Easter Flower Memorials

9:00 AM Easter Flower Memorials

11:00 AM Easter Flower Memorials

## Church Memorials Week of 5 April

The Sanctuary Candle will burn  
*In Loving Memory of Joanie Wetzel*  
by Gene & Nikki Rinehimer



## CRS Rice Bowl Lenten Story

Jesus liked to share meals with friends. Time and again in Scripture, we see Jesus at a table, talking with friends and strangers alike. He invites everyone to have a place at the table, to know that they belong and to have their hunger met. The last days of his life were no different.

During the Last Supper, Jesus challenged his disciples to help others. When he washed their feet, he was reminding them that they were called to serve those in need.

We hear Jesus's command to feed the hungry, whether he is multiplying loaves and fish for a crowd of thousands, or simply breaking bread with friends. Jesus invites us to share what we have with all people—our global human family.

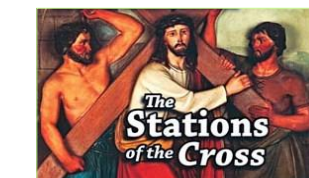
We have spent these 40 days of Lent learning about families who are both very different and yet, in some ways, very similar to our own. We have thought about food and how it affects many different parts of our lives—from our health to our ability to go to school and learn. And we've thought about what it means to be hungry in our world today and how we can—and should—respond.

As we prepare for Easter, take some time as a family and talk about what you have learned from these stories and activities, and what Trinh, Yvone, and Maria Ana and their families have taught you.

Their stories of hope, celebrate the many lives our Lenten journey has touched. What we did for Lent changes lives—both in our community and in our world.

*Blessings to you and your families!*

Deacon Joe Petruskas, CRS Global Fellow



Friday evening  
(pray together at home)

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday:** Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

**Saturday:** a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22;

b) Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11;

c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18;

d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13;

e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;

f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or

Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;

h) Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

i) Mt 28:1-10

Monday April 6	Tuesday April 7	Wednesday April 8	Thursday April 9	Friday April 10	Saturday April 11	Sunday April 12
The Church remains open from 9:00am to 8:00pm for private prayer			<div>Easter Triduum</div> <div>    </div> <div>                     Holy Thursday                     Good Friday                     Easter Sunday                 </div>			



## 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 \$4,812.63 worth of pennies!**

The grand total for both FFL I and FFL II Pennies collected so far is \$17,497.47!

**Please remember to bring in your coins to the next Children's Mass May 10th 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

In light of the restricted celebration of Holy Week due to the Covid19 pandemic, Pope Francis has authorized the transfer of the annual Collection for the Holy Land to another date. Usually this collection is taken up on Good Friday. The Holy Father has authorized its transfer this year to Sunday, September 13, 2020. This is the Sunday closest to the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

**Bring Lent to life!**

Dear St. Columbkille family,  
First and foremost, I am praying for you and your families during this very difficult time. The Sunday before Ash Wednesday when I spoke with all of you in my homily on "entering the wilderness" of Lent, I was not anticipating just how difficult a journey this would be! As I will reflect on the readings through Holy Week, I will be reminded, again, that the path to the Resurrection on Easter morning, is through Calvary... and the Cross. We will get through this difficult time and, once again, celebrate Mass... Together!  
I want to thank all of you who are participating in the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl this Lent. Your prayers, sacrifices, and donations will go a long way to help those around the world, and in our own diocese, in most need (particularly now), to help address poverty, hunger, and malnutrition.

The CRS Rice Bowl boxes will be collected whenever we get back together again after Easter.

On behalf of Catholic Relief Services, I thank you!

**Peace and Blessings!**

**Deacon Joe Petruskas, CRS Global Fellow**



## Pre-School-Caitlin Nickel

**Pre-School Registration is now open for the 2020-2021 school year.** This school year marks the 36th year that St. Columbkille 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://stcolumbkille.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@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:preschool@stcolumbkille.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 am

**Preschool Substitute Teacher Needed:** St. Columbkille 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@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:preschool@stcolumbkille.org) for more information.

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

## Religious Education-PREP

Religious Education classes are suspended until further notice.



STAY WITH US

## 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@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:meganrepko@stcolumbkille.org). **To be Announced**



**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 Eht room any Monday at 12 noon to 1:00pm to inquire. **To be Announced**

### 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). **To be Announced**

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

## 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! \*\*\*

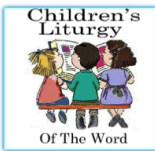
We will have a special teaching Mass on Monday at the end of our first day of VBS. Then on each of our remaining days (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday), we will begin our VBS experience with daily Mass in the main church at 9, followed by our regular VBS schedule. Each day will end 12:30 pm. 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**





## Music Corner



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. **TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**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.

**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 Ebst room (downstairs)! Contact Deb Maskrey at debm@stcolumbkill.org for a schedule or with any questions. **To Be Announced**

**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 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.



*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  
Andrew Fronheiser, Lt. Air Force



## 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@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:meganrepko@stcolumbkill.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.



**Calling all cleaners!!!**  
*It's that time again. It's time to Spring clean the church for Easter.*

*We are looking for people to come between 10:00 and 1:00 on Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4? We will be washing the church floor, polishing the pews, dusting, etc.*

*Please contact me if you are able to help, even for a half hour. **To Be Announced***

*Many hands make light work!*

**Charlene Wysocki (610) 310-0872**

## Knights of Columbus



### THE KNIGHT'S CORNER

St. Columbkil Council #16544

If you would like to learn about our Knights of Columbus Council, visit our website:

<https://kofc16544.org/>

#### 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: [oceancity1@comcast.net](mailto:oceancity1@comcast.net) 484-300-1157 or Joe at [jrx2@windstream.net](mailto:jrx2@windstream.net) 610-367-8195

*Thank You, Jack Budnick and Joe Richardson.*



#### K of C Scholarship

The St. Columbkil Knights of Columbus Council will once again provide a graduating high school senior with a \$1,500 Parish Service Scholarship. Any graduating high school senior who is planning to attend any type of post-secondary schooling is encouraged to apply for the scholarship.

Applications will be available beginning **April 2, 2020** with a submission deadline of **May 1, 2020**.

*More info to come in the Knight's Corner or our web site.*



## Human Concerns Ministry



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

For those at home during this self isolation it can be a very 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.

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**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, To Be Announced** following the 9 am Mass in the Conference room. We provide the yarn and support.

#### OUR SENIOR GROUP

**NEXT SENIOR GROUP MONTHLY MEETING :** May 14, 2020 ~ 1PM **TBA**

Contact: Donald Gilbert: 610-369-5950



## Resources to keep connected

- ♦ The Parish Office is closed until further notice  
Staff are working from home to continue to serve you and will respond to phone messages, emails, etc during regular business hours: 610-367-2371 .
- ♦ Flocknotes will go out with the updates—[sign up here](https://stcolumbkilparish.flocknote.com/)  
<https://stcolumbkilparish.flocknote.com/>
- ♦ For those with internet access-our website  
[www.stcolumbkil.org](http://www.stcolumbkil.org)
- ♦ [www.ad-today.com](http://www.ad-today.com) Diocese of Allentown latest news and updates—*Daily Mass with Bishop Schlert*
- ♦ Here are some alternative ways of "being" at Mass. EWTN, the network with Catholic-themed programming, televises two live Masses each Sunday at 8 a.m. and 12 noon. Below are the channel numbers for EWTN on cable services in the Diocese:
  - ♦ Service Electric Lehigh Valley: Channel 18 or 54
  - ♦ RCN in the Lehigh Valley: Channel 326
  - ♦ Xfinity in Berks County: Channel 52
  - ♦ Blue Ridge Cable in Carbon County: Channel 42

- ♦ Service Electric in Schuylkill County: Channel 21
- ♦ EWTN streams the 8 a.m. Mass live online at [ewtn.com/tv/watch-live](http://ewtn.com/tv/watch-live). You can listen to the Mass live on SIRIUS/XM, or at [ewtn.com/radio/listen-live](http://ewtn.com/radio/listen-live).

Also of note: Magnificat is making its online version temporarily available to everyone free at this link:

[www.magnificat.com/free](http://www.magnificat.com/free)

- ♦ Bishop Robert Barron daily Mass online at <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

**Mass for Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion** will be livestreamed from St. Columbkil Church on Saturday evening at 5:00. You can view the Mass on our website later Saturday and Sunday. Father Marty received communication from the Diocese stating that no Palm is to be distributed this Palm Sunday.





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

### Holy Week Mission 2020

Wednesday, April 8 to Saturday, April 11

Theme: Fiat

Our Holy Week Mission is STILL A GO! We have transformed this mission into a FAMILY mission. All families, teens and parishioners are invited to attend with us this year!

We will be using a virtual platform to deliver our activities and spiritual events during Holy Week. In order to participate you will need access to a device such as a phone, tablet or computer. We will be using the following platforms: Zoom, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and various Google apps.

We ask that you register at <https://stcolumbkil.org/holy-week-mission> in order to get access to all of our activities. The teen's registration allows the whole family to participate! There is a \$30 registration fee that covers the cost of a themed tshirt and sweatshirt that will be available for you via a drive thru pick-up at the church. If each family member would like a tshirt and sweatshirt, they must each pay the \$30 fee. If you cannot afford the registration fee, please speak directly to Heather.

If you are not interested in attending, but would like to sponsor a teen to help cover the cost of the t-shirts and sweatshirts that have already been purchased, please go to the "PAY HERE" link on the youth ministry tab of our website under "Family Holy Week Mission." Enter in the memo: sponsor a teen.

If you have any questions please call or text:

Mary Cris Guerin 215-272-4293

Megan Repko 610-310-5661

Heather Shainline 484-336-9200

or email your questions to [youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org)

### Catholic Heart Work Camp Mission Trip:

This year we're heading back to Virginia Beach, VA from June 14-20, 2020! We have 1 spot open! Combo cost with Steubenville is \$500.00. Sign up today for a week of fun, service and faith! \*As of 3/30/20, CHWC still expects to run camp. Heather will be in touch with you about our plan for St. Columbkil.

### Steubenville 2020:

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. A non-refundable \$50.00 deposit is needed to hold your spot. There are 8 spots left! \*As of 3/30/20, Steubenville conferences are still expected to run!

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

\*\*Combo cost with CHWC: \$500.00

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

### Prayers

If any teen is in need of prayers, please feel free to contact Heather Shainline and any of the Core team to set up a virtual prayer session! We are here for you during this time! We love you all! [youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org)

### LAOH

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



# HOLY WEEK MISSION

## fiat 2020

### 7th-12th graders

### April 8-10, 2020

For more information or questions,  
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## Saint Francis Academy

**A message from our Principal** We are in the process of focusing our attention on recruitment efforts for the upcoming school year.

While we strongly encourage parents who have not yet registered to complete the process soon, we are also hoping that your recommendations will prompt parents who are seeking a safe, faith-based environment for the children to consider St. Francis Academy. We have added academic support, STEM, and Algebra I classes this past year, and have also sought to increase community activities like Trunk or Treat and the upcoming Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. All of us are ever-ready to promote our school, but

parents who provide testimonials are profoundly more convincing than most ad campaigns. Please share with prospective parents those experiences that have made SFA the right choice for your family. *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.

**Monthly Bingo in St. Francis Academy cafeteria.** To be Announced



### NOTES FROM MULTI-SERVICE

Dear Friends,

This is a challenging time. Please know, you are not alone. Our staff, board, and volunteers are here to help you! We are working tirelessly, every day, to ensure we can meet the needs of our community. If you or someone you know is struggling with food access, please call us. We will make sure this community does not go hungry. Our responsibility is to support our community, now more than ever. Our following essential services are still operational: Meals on Wheels. Home bound elderly and disabled individuals are still receiving their meals thanks to our loyal troop of volunteers!

"Grab and Go" meals for seniors. Hot meals are available Monday through Friday from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Please call Mel at 610-367-2313 to reserve your meal. Preston's Pantry (our community food pantry). Food pickups are available by appointment. If you are experiencing food insecurity, please contact us.

Case Management. Services will continue uninterrupted. Ricketts Center meal distribution. Boxed breakfast and lunch meals served to students, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

Multi-Service special events through May have been postponed, including: Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Wellness Expo, The Ricketts Center Open House, and the 2nd

Annual Preston's Pantry Project.

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We Love Our Volunteers!

We are so grateful for our amazing volunteers who are willing to help in any way! In addition, so many individuals new to Multi-Service have reached out to offer their time to help those in need. Thank you for being part of a wonderful community of individuals who immediately think of what they can do to help others during a time of crises. Thank you for making this world a better place and for giving us all the hope and love we need to weather this storm!

**Widow and Widowers Grief Support:** 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@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:margaretc@stcolumbkill.org) or 610-248-2172 with questions or concerns.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION ~ A JOURNEY:** We are all on a journey and life is about going on the journey, not the getting there. It is in the seeking, questioning, and dreaming in our inner knowledge that we will find the Divine and find what is holy. This is how we will discover a way, a truth, and a light. A proven way to continue this journey is through spiritual direction. If interested in exploring this process please call Kevin Martin, O.F.S., M.S. at: 610-310-7077 or Peg Choinski at 610-850-1869 or email Peg at [pchoinskisd@yahoo.com](mailto:pchoinskisd@yahoo.com). All inquiries are confidential.

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

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

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*Saint Columbkille Parish Mission Statement*

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



The Knights of Columbus Council will once again provide a graduating high school senior with a \$1,500 Parish Service Scholarship. Any graduating high school senior who is planning to attend any type of post-secondary schooling is encouraged to apply for the scholarship. Submission deadline: May 1, 2020



## St. Columbkille Knights of Columbus Council #16544 Parish Service Scholarship

The St. Columbkille Knights of Columbus Council #16544 Parish service Scholarship is a \$1,500 scholarship awarded to a parishioner graduating from high school who matriculates to any post-secondary institution of learning. The scholarship will be based on "service to the Parish" through participation in activities that benefits Parish life and enables the student to grow as a Catholic.

NAME OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION \_\_\_\_\_

### **SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA**

1. The student applicant must be an active member of the parish of St. Columbkille, Boyertown, PA and be eligible to graduate from their high school.
2. The deadline date for submission of the application is **MAY 1, 2020**. All stated criteria must be met by the student applicant to be considered for the award.
3. The student applicant must be a member of the Parish who regularly attends Mass and participates in various Parish ministries and groups.
4. Consideration will be given for participation in Parish sponsored activities during grades 7 thru 12. Community service that is not part of a Parish activity will not be considered.
5. Parish sponsored activities that will be considered are: altar server, usher, greeter, lector, cantor, attendance at Youth Group meetings, Youth Group Teen Council, Vacation Bible School aide, Ignite, participation in the Holy Week Mission, Steubenville and Summer Mission. The student applicant's noted participation in these activities will be verified with the respective activity sponsor.
6. The student applicant will be required to write an essay of not more than two (2) typed, double-spaced pages using a 12-point font. The essay must also be submitted with the application by **MAY 1, 2020**.

### **ESSAY**

As per the instructions noted in "Scholarship Criteria #6" above, write an essay addressing one of the following topics and submit on a separate sheet of paper.

1. In your own words, explain what you think a Catholic teenager, living in the year 2020, can you do to promote the Catholic faith?
2. What has your involvement in parish activities taught you about your responsibilities as a Catholic?
3. What are the difficulties facing an active teenage Catholic in the year 2020? How has your involvement in Parish activities helped you deal with them,?

**ON THE REVERSE SIDE PLEASE INDICATE, BY GRADE, WHICH PARISH ACTIVITIES YOU PARTICIPATED IN.**

Please mark an X in each box that represents your participation, by year, in the noted activity.

GRADE	7	8	9	10	11	12
Altar server						
Usher						
Greeter						
Lector						
Cantor						
Attendance at Youth Group Meetings						
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