



# ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

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17 MAY 2020 ~ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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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**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,

Some of the most memorable speeches in history are those where the speaker is bidding goodbye to the listeners. Perhaps it's the sadness that punctuates such events and makes them so memorable.

We can easily call to mind several examples of these farewells such as Lou Gherig retiring from baseball and declaring himself to be "the luckiest man on the face of the earth" or General Douglas MacArthur closing out his military career and telling Congress that "old soldiers just fade away" or President Ronald Reagan's farewell to the nation where, for one last time, he described America as "a shining city on a hill." These very memorable expressions are associated with significant goodbyes. They are charged with emotion and imprinted upon history.

The gospel this weekend picks up where Jesus left off last Sunday when he spoke of himself as the way, the truth and the life. We hear the continuation of Christ's final sermon from the Gospel of John which has come to be known as his "Farewell Discourse" as he speaks of his return to the Father. What must the Eleven have been thinking as Jesus spoke of leaving them again after already leaving them once in his passion and death?

Despite delivering a farewell address, however, Jesus never really leaves his followers. As he breathed the very words of this farewell, he was anticipating breathing the Holy Spirit upon them. Unlike in other famous farewells, Jesus doesn't effectively *leave us*, rather he *leaves us a part of himself* in the gift of the Paraclete.

We do not just *hear* his words, but we *feel* them breathed upon us. Many dramatic farewells throughout history may rightly be described as breathtaking, but the Farewell Discourse of Jesus can truly be called *breathgiving* as it actually ushers in a whole new beginning!

Love and prayers,  
*Father Marty*



### Knights Of Columbus Memorial Day Tribute

In these times, we may be feeling that our freedom has been compromised but before enjoying that beer or hot dog, think of those who gave their lives so that we may continue to enjoy true freedom. In fact, this Memorial Day take a minute at sunset to say a silent prayer of thanks to those who made it possible.

The Knights of Council #16544 invites you to stop by the Church beginning this Saturday the 16th and through Memorial day between 9:00 AM and 8:00 PM daily to view a special memorial display honoring past parishioners and neighbors who died while in active service to our country.

The memorial will be located on several tables in the window area at the left rear of the Church where the Christmas Nativity Scene resides. It will feature the descriptions of many heroes as well as personal items, photos, letters uniforms and other memorabilia from World War I through Iraq. *(Please respect the social distancing guidelines during this time of pandemic.)*



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

## Mass Intentions

**MON. MAY 18: EASTER WEEKDAY/ ST. JOHN I, POPE & MARTYR**

9:00 AM Al Recke by George Harig

**TUES. MAY 19: EASTER WEEKDAY/**

9:00 AM Kenneth Hunsberger by Aldene Koch & Family

**WEDS. MAY 20: EASTER WEEKDAY/ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA**

9:00 AM Robert Stranix by the Tamasitis Family

**WEDS MAY 20: VIGIL, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

7:00 PM Dori LaMonaca by Mom, Doris Yeager

**THURS. MAY 21: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

6:30 AM Thomas A. Kalejta

by St. Columbkil Knights of Columbus

9:00 AM Raymond Zaremski by Diane & Gene Bartolomeo

7:00 PM Nancy Moyer by Ralph & Sandy Vitelli

**FRI. MAY 22: EASTER WEEKDAY/ST RITA OF CASCIA**

9:00 AM John McLaughlin, Anniversary of Death,

by daughter Kathy

**SAT. MAY 23: VIGIL, SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

5:00 PM Sharon Richardson by Ralph & Sandy Vitelli

**SUN. MAY 24: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

7:30 AM Kathryn Blair by Ellen & George Fronheiser

9:00 AM Samuel Forcinio by Carl Hiryak

11:00 AM Richard Repko by James & Kathleen Hiryak



## Church Memorials Week of 17 May

The Sanctuary Candle will burn  
**For the Intentions of Pat Creevey**



Please Pray for our Beloved Deceased

**Cathy Greway**  
*Sister of Margaret Schellinger*



until we gather again in  
**WORSHIP**  
know that you are  
**MISSED**  
know that you are  
**LOVED**

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28

**Sunday:** Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

## Celebrant Schedule

**May 23 /May 24** Seventh Week of Easter

*Saturday* 5:00 PM

*Sunday* 7:30 AM

9:00 AM

11:00 AM



## Extended Hours for Private Prayer

The Church and Chapel remain open for private prayer

- ♦ Seven days a week
- ♦ 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

The Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed but as always Jesus is present in the tabernacle.

You are most welcome to come and PRAY.



Calendar

| Monday<br>May 18   | Tuesday<br>May 19 | Wednesday<br>May 20                                     | Thursday<br>May 21 | Friday<br>May 22 | Saturday<br>May 23                          | Sunday<br>May 24 |
|--|-------------------|---|--------------------|------------------|---|------------------|
|  |                   | 7:00 pm - Livestream<br>Mass followed by<br>Bible Study |                    |                  | 5:00 pm - Mass<br>Livestream on<br>Facebook |                  |
| <p><b>The Church remains open seven days a week from 9:00am to 8:00pm for Private Prayer</b><br/> <b>Father Marty continues to offer a Private Mass daily for the Mass Intentions.</b></p> |                   |   |                    |                  |   |                  |

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, ~~May 10th~~ @ 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!

**FY 19-20 through 3rd Qtr- Income/Expense Report**

**July 2019- through March 2020**

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Total Operating Income | \$755,535.00 |
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| Total Operating Expenses | \$700,497.00 |
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| Net Operating Excess / (Loss) | \$55,038.00 |
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**MONTHLY COLLECTION**

**Fiscal Year July 2019 to June 2020**

**Month: April 2020**

|                                  |                                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Last April 2019 (5 weeks)</b> | <b>This April 2020 (4 weeks)</b> |
| <b>\$56,982.75</b>               | <b>\$39,910.75</b>               |

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| <b>Includes Online: \$16,884.75</b> | <b>Includes Online: \$23,625.75</b> |
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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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Easter blessings! Thank you for your words of support and kindnesses to me personally in this difficult situation. I am particularly grateful and thankful for your generosity to our parish. Our Easter collection was budgeted for \$24,000.00 and we've collected as of April 20, 2020: **\$17,132.00**. Even though there is a shortfall I am absolutely touched by your generous spirit. I am grateful also for your continued Sunday support of the parish. As of this point, we have our bills paid. I have no idea when we will be back in church together, although I hope it will be soon. Until then, I continue to pray for all of you specifically at Daily Mass with Sister Jean and in our Saturday evening Mass at 5 pm, which you can of course access on our parish Facebook page as a live-stream or go to the Parish website at [www.stcolumbkill.org](http://www.stcolumbkill.org)

We have so much for which to pray. We pray for those who are sick and suffering from COVID19, those who care for them, and let us pray too for all scientists and laboratory workers laboring to provide a vaccine for this horrible virus and we continue to remember all of those who have died. Let us continue to pray for each other.

*With love, Father Marty*





## Praying for others changes *us*.

There's a reason we ask you to pray for people overseas.

When we pray for others, it changes us. We learn to care more about the world. Prayer is a vital way we help the poor overseas. It guides our actions. It binds us in solidarity to one another and connects us more deeply with the grace that flows from God. Think for a moment of those affected by the latest emergencies. **Please pray for them.**

Deacon Joe Petrauskas, 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.

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


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 &amp; Neighborhood

**ALL ARE WELCOME:** Join us for the Children's Rosary prayer group at our parish online. 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 **on zoom every Saturday at 10:00 A.M.** 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).



**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.

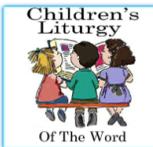
\*\*\*Daily Mass is still a part of VBS!! \*\*\*

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 today!!** Our closing ceremony for friends and family will be on Friday, June 26, 2020 at 12:30 pm.\*\*Please note that an adult volunteer is requested with all pre-K registrations



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 Ehst 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. 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). If you would like to sponsor a pilgrim you can do this on line by clicking on the specified link.



*Rediscover the Love in Your marriage!*

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. If you know anyone who could benefit from this program please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills & to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. For information contact the Family Life Center of Malvern. www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215.766.3944 or 800.470.2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## 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 See page 3 in this bulletin

If you have any questions, 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.*



Mary, Mother of God hear our prayers

**PRAYER IS POWERFUL**

## Human Concerns Ministry



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

For those at home during this shelter-in-place 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.

*Wrapped in Love*

**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 : **To Be Announced**

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](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/>

**Saint Columbkil Sunday Mass will continue to be livestreamed on facebook each Saturday at 5:00 p.m.**

You can view the Mass on our website later Saturday and Sunday

- ♦ **Parish facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/parishofstcolumbkil/>
- ♦ **Parish Website:** <https://www.stcolumbkil.org>

**Wednesdays in May: Livestream Mass at 7pm followed by Bible study at 7:40pm**

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

**Catholic Heart Work Camp Mission Trip:** Unfortunately, all summer camps for CHWC have been cancelled. As soon as camp gets back to us about refunds, we will be able to give your deposit back. If you are in great need of that deposit now, please let Heather know and we can help you out.

**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 only 8 spots left!

- Late Sign-up: (after March 1st) \$250.00
- \*\*Combo cost with CHWC: \$500.00
- \*\*Seniors are HALF PRICE for this trip only!!
- \*There will be a decision made on May 1st about our conference. Stay tuned.

**Weekly Virtual YG events:** Stay tuned for more information on a weekly schedule to help meet your spiritual needs!!!

- † Motivational Mondays
- † Testament Tuesdays
- † Worship Wednesdays
- † Team Member/Teen Thursdays
- † Fun Fridays
- † Saturday Rosary and Mass
- † Life Night Sundays



Reaching out with prayer

To all our beloved brothers and sisters of St. Columbkille parish, Prayer can be defined as talking to God, but it is much more than that. Prayer is an act of worship that glorifies God and reinforces our need for Him. Through living a life of prayer, we respond to Christ's work of salvation and communicate with the very source of and purpose for our existence.

As we continue through this very difficult and anxious time of our lives now, it has become most challenging to pray in communion with one another, in person. And although we continue to pray for one another in private or together in the family, you may feel the need to reach out to someone to pray with or for another, like we have grown accustomed to at the conclusion of Mass.

To that end, my fellow deacon brothers, Jim Kochu, Joe Paschal, and myself, wanted to extend to anyone in need of prayer, to reach out to us via phone or email and ask one of us to pray with you, not in person, but over the phone. Just send an email to one of us or leave a message on our phone with your name and phone number and a convenient time for you to pray, and we will call you.

We continue to pray for all of you and your families!

Yours in the servanthood of Christ,

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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

**Widow and Widowers Grief Support:** Our “REACH OUT” ministry was last conducted on March 8<sup>th</sup> as the time sprung forward. Little did we know that for many of us in non-essential occupations, life would cease as we know it. While it may not be evident because we are so close to the event, we have actually experienced a profound loss comparable to the loss of a loved one. Be warned, we are grieving. Our relationships to others will be challenged and suffer as a result of our “Loss”. It is important that we all recognize the symptoms of grief as we move from numbness and denial to acceptance and forbearance. As noted in our last notes, 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 with the grace of God. It is our goal to resume the “Reach Out” sessions within two weeks of the ending of the social restrictions we now face. 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.

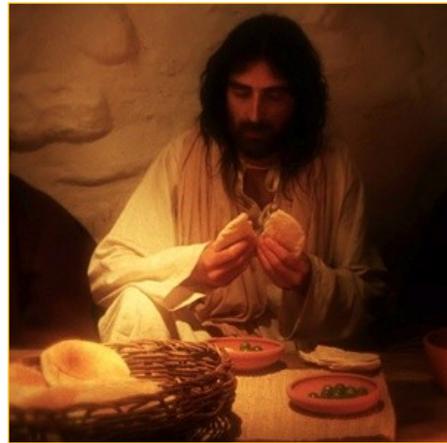
**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION ~ A JOURNEY:** We are all on a journey and life is about going on the journey, not the getting there. It is in the seeking, questioning, and dreaming in our inner knowledge that we will find the Divine and find what is holy. This is how we will discover a way, a truth, and a light. 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).

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

St. Alphonsus Liguori:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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