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... Always be grateful
... Never forget*



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Memorial Day

24 MAY 2020 ~ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saint Columbkille Office

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Sunday Mass

Saturday evening: 5:00p.m.

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

Daily Mass

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Holydays

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

Masses on the Holyday of Obligation:

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

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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.stcolumbkille.org or call the Parish Office.

Pastor's

Dear Friends,

Remembering Pope Saint John Paul II

"Do not be afraid to go out on the streets and into public places, like the first apostles who preached Christ and the Good News of salvation in the squares of cities, towns and villages. This is no time to be ashamed of the Gospel. It is the time to preach it from the rooftops!" (1993 World Youth Day Address in Denver Colorado)

This past Monday, May 18, 2020, the world celebrated the birth date of Pope Saint John Paul II. In my own reflection on this great saint, I must admit that I did not truly recognize the great gift given to the world by his life until after he died. Karol Wojtyła would be known as a world changer. He would be the first non-Italian elected pope in more than 400 years, his papacy lasting 27 years.

There are so many highlights of this great man's life, but the one that rises to the top for me was his ability to form community and ministering to young people. He saw the future of the Church to be in the nurturing of faith in young adults. World Youth Day was born in Rome in 1985 and has continued to this day at locations around the world. John Paul used the gatherings to challenge young people to know Jesus in a deep and personal way.

To know Jesus in a deep and personal way begins with prayer. From the Acts of the Apostles, "All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer." More now than ever it is important to stay focused on our prayer lives during this time of isolation. Pray for one another and pray that the gifts that you received from the Holy Spirit at your Confirmation (Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, Fear of the Lord) continue to strengthen you to go out and share the Good News of Christ resurrected, by all that you think, say, and do!

Peace and blessings!

Deacon Joe Petruskas



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 invite you to stop by the Church 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 or view a Presentation of this Memorial on the website:

www.stcolumbkill.org or <https://kofc16544.org/>

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.

Video Presentation of this special memorial display on website click image below.



View photo album by clicking image above



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

<https://kofc16544.org/>

Mass Intentions

**MON. MAY 25: EASTER WEEKDAY/ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE,
ST. GREGORY VII; ST. MARY MAGDALENE DE PAZZI**

9:00 AM R. Terrence Poor by Marty

TUES. MAY 26: ST. PHILIP NERI

9:00 AM Living & Deceased of the Parish

WEDS. MAY 27: EASTER WEEKDAY/ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

9:00 AM Mary Ceil Landry by the Estate

THRS. MAY 28: EASTER WEEKDAY

9:00 AM Dr. James Mason by Jack & Linda Lignelli

FRI. MAY 29: EASTER WEEKDAY

9:00 AM Charles W. Kerls by Fr. Marty Kern

SAT. MAY 30: VIGIL, PENTECOST

5:00 PM Eileen Parmalee by Frank & Joan Fontana

SUN. MAY 31: PENTECOST SUNDAY

7:30 AM Kathryn Blair by Mary Lou & LeRoy Heisler

9:00 AM Living and Deceased of the Parish

11:00 AM Paul Hiryak, Sr. by the Family



Church Memorials Week of 24 May

The Sanctuary Candle will burn
*For the safe and healthy delivery
of a baby girl*



Please Pray for our Beloved Deceased

Dina DeStolfo
Mother of Diane Kennedy



Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab;
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn
17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl
3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Celebrant Schedule

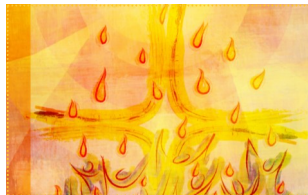
May 30 / May 31 Pentecost Sunday

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 May 25 | Tuesday May 26 | Wednesday May 27 | Thursday May 28 | Friday May 29 | Saturday May 30 | Sunday May 31 |
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| Happy Memorial Day | | 7:00 pm - Livestream Mass followed by Bible Study | | | 5:00 pm - Mass Livestream on Facebook | |
| The Church remains open seven days a week from 9:00am to 8:00pm for Private Prayer Father Marty continues to offer a Private Mass daily for the Mass Intentions. | | | | | | |

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**

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| 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**

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| Last April 2019 (5 weeks) | This April 2020 (4 weeks) |
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| \$56,982.75 | \$39,910.75 |
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| Includes Online: \$16,884.75 | Includes Online: \$23,625.75 |
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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

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



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 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 for more information.

When you shop
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Amazon donates.
amazon smile

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.



Parish News & 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.



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 Ehsst 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. **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.

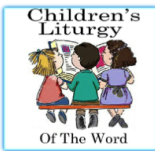
***Daily Mass is still a part of VBS! ***

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 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** 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.



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A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

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 details on page 3 in this bulletin

Thank you to Joe Richardson & Jack Budnick!

Jack at: oceancity1@comcast.net 484-300-1157 or

Joe at jrx2@windstream.net 610-367-8195



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/)
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- ♦ For those with internet access-our website
www.stcolumbkil.org
- ♦ 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. You can listen to the Mass live on SIRIUS/XM, or at 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

- ♦ 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](http://www.stcolumbkil.org)

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

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



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

Catholic Heart Work Camp Mission Trip/Steubenville Conference

Unfortunately, all summer camps for CHWC and all Steubenville conferences for the summer have been cancelled. Our deposits have been kept for next year and will hold your spot for next year's camp and/or conference. If you are in dire need of your deposit back, please let us know and we can work something out. You will receive more information regarding deposits and next year's trips in the next few weeks.

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

- † Motivational Mondays: Check out our Facebook and Instagram pages for motivational quotes by our Core team and YLC members!
- † Testament Tuesdays: Join Father Kevin Bobbin at 7pm every Wednesday on Zoom for a bible study! Meeting ID: 869 1277 7391 and Password: bible
- † Worship Wednesdays: A favorite praise and worship song is posted on our social media platforms; Mass at 7pm; Bible study at 7:45 on Facebook and virtual Adoration at <https://www.facebook.com/blessedisshenetwork>.
- † Team Member/Teen Thursdays: Check out our Instagram story and see if you can guess who our mystery guest is! Then, at 8pm, join Christie LIVE on Instagram to see who the mystery guest is! The video will be posted after the video is complete.
- † Fun Fridays: Join Heather for a virtual GAME NIGHT at 9pm via google meet: <https://meet.google.com/eon-qwbh-okp>
- † Saturday Rosary and Mass: Join Heather for a virtual GAME NIGHT at 9pm via google meet: <https://meet.google.com/eon-qwbh-okp>
- † Life Night Sundays: Join the Core team at 12:15 via zoom for small groups and a teaching about our faith that will help us dig deeper into our relationship with God! Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 898 2697 7933 and Password: youthgroup

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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Lord
Teach
us
to pray
Luke 11:1

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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 is still on hold. But today many more are experiencing the loss of their employment. Some are being called back to work. Until then we are faced with elements of a major loss in our lives. For many our job also defined who we are. That being said, our identities are the second loss. The impact on our family can be devastating. Just like a profound loss. We may be grieving. Two most surefire spin-offs of grief are anger and broken relationships. It is a factor in relocation, death, divorce and other major losses. It is suggested that one can make the assumption and never be wrong: If you have experienced grief, there is someone you need to forgive. And of course there is the possibility that someone needs to forgive you. But that’s their task. Hold Jesus in your heart and hear Him forgive those who nailed Him to the cross. For us we may need to do this every day until we succeed in sustained and accomplished forgiveness. 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 or 610-248-2172 with questions or concerns.

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.

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.





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 Petruskas, CRS Global Fellow

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